

# Islamic ASEAN Equity Fund - A Class Accumulation Units

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## Investment objective

The fund aims to provide investors with capital growth over the medium to long term through investments in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) assets, including equities. All investments made by the Fund will be compliant with Shariah Investment Guidelines.

## Index

Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index\*

## Fund facts

Fund size	\$10.0m
Base currency	USD
Fund domicile	Ireland
UCITS qualifying	Yes
Pricing	Daily
Dealing	10am Dublin
SFDR Categorisation	Article 6

## Unit class facts

Launch date	13 Apr 2012
Currency	USD
Minimum investment	US\$1,000
Management fee(s)	1.50% pa
Income distribution	Accumulated

## Performance (%)

	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund Cumulative Net	0.80	7.36	-6.42	-6.42	-9.69	-11.09	-4.83
Index Cumulative	-0.28	3.46	-10.22	-10.22	-2.23	-6.08	-3.29
Fund Annualised Net	0.80	7.36	-6.42	-6.42	-3.34	-2.32	-0.49
Index Annualised	-0.28	3.46	-10.22	-10.22	-0.75	-1.25	-0.33

## 12-month rolling return (%)

Jan 18 - Dec 18	Jan 19 - Dec 19	Jan 20 - Dec 20	Jan 21 - Dec 21	Jan 22 - Dec 22
-11.88	11.72	-2.06	-1.47	-6.42

## Risk analysis

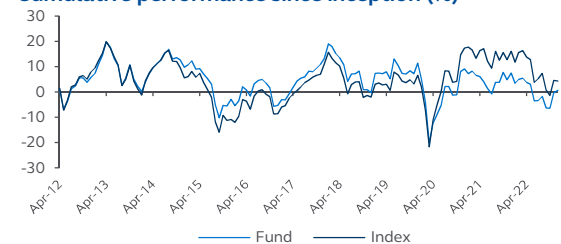
	3YR	5YR
Information Ratio	-0.5	-0.2
Alpha	-2.8	-1.3
Tracking Error	5.4	4.7
Standard Deviation	17.1	15.3
Beta	0.9	0.9

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Source: Fund Administrator: BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) DAC since February 2011, performance data prior to this date is sourced from PGI and/or its affiliates; and the Index.

Data: From December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) prices of the last Irish business day of the month. For Funds not open for dealing on this day this will be an indicative NAV. The performance data shown is net of fees and other charges but excludes any potential entry/exit charges- as such the return an investor receives may be lower. Prior to December 2018, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's month-end market close prices. (See performance note for further details.)

## Cumulative performance since inception (%)



## Fund analysis

	Fund	Index
Active Share	54.8	-
Price/Earnings	20.6	20.0
Price/Book	3.0	2.9
Div Yield Wtd Avg	2.8	3.0

Any yields quoted on the fact sheet are calculated at portfolio level gross of tax and expenses.

## Top 10 holdings (%)

	Fund
Airports Of Thailand Pcl	7.6
Singapore Telecommunications	6.7
Telkom Indonesia Persero Tbk	6.2
Advanced Info Service-Nvdr	4.8
Bangkok Dusit Med Service	3.8
Ptt Explor & Prod Public Co	3.6
Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd	3.3
Kalbe Farma Tbk Pt	2.8
Home Product Center Pcl	2.5
Westports Holdings Bhd	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.8</b>
No. of holdings	49

## Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund
Malaysia	32.1
Thailand	27.0
Indonesia	16.6
Singapore	9.4
Philippines	0.8
Cash	14.0

## Top 5 stock overweights/underweights (%)

	Difference
<b>Overweight</b>	
Advanced Info Service-Nvdr	4.8
Airports Of Thailand Pcl	3.3
Bangkok Dusit Med Service	2.2
Malaysia Airports Hldgs Bhd	2.1
Westports Holdings Bhd	2.0
<b>Underweight</b>	
Chandra Asri Petrochemical	-1.8
Energy Absolute Pcl	-2.4
Goto Gojek Tokopedia Tbk Pt	-2.5
Advanced Info Service Pcl	-2.8
Delta Electronics Thai Pcl	-3.9

## Sector allocation (%)

	Fund
Communication Services	23.9
Industrials	15.9
Health Care	12.4
Materials	7.8
Information Technology	6.1
Consumer Staples	5.5
Energy	5.3
Consumer Discretionary	4.3
Financials	3.3
Utilities	1.4
Cash	14.0

**Fund codes**

ISIN	IE00B56MXK54
Lipper	68160527
SEDOL	B56MXK5
Valoren	18625628

**Registration**

Brunei, Ireland, Singapore, Switzerland, UAE and UK

Not all unit classes are registered in the listed countries, please contact your sales representative for more details. In Singapore, the Fund is registered as a Restricted Scheme for institutional investors and relevant persons defined in the SFA.

**Fund overview**

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek capital growth over the medium to long term. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing principally in the equity securities and equity related securities comprising depository receipts of companies that are domiciled or with their core business in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region. The Fund may also invest in securities listed on markets outside of the ASEAN region, provided the companies are domiciled in, or their core business is conducted in the ASEAN region.

**Organisation**

Principal Islamic acts as a global partner to institutional global investors, providing a range of Islamic investment portfolios to suit differing needs. We offer separately managed portfolios for institutions and collective investments. The joint venture between Principal Islamic and Principal Financial Group allows Principal Islamic to leverage on the strong global Islamic credentials of Principal Islamic while Principal Global Investors (the asset management arm of Principal Financial Group) lends its expertise in global asset management. Headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Principal Islamic is strategically located in the world's first country with a complete Islamic financial system operating in parallel to the conventional banking system. This allows the firm to leverage on Malaysia's comprehensive Islamic financial infrastructure and its adopted global regulatory, legal and Shariah best practices.

**Risk warnings**

- There are specific risks associated with investments in emerging markets, including legal, political and fiscal instability, settlement, liquidity, currency, accounting standards and custodial risk
- There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.
- This shareclass is unhedged. Unhedged shareclasses are exposed to greater risk and volatility.
- Equity markets are subject to many factors, including economic conditions, government regulations, market sentiment, local and international political events, and environmental and technological issues that may impact return and volatility. There is a risk that an investment will decline in value.
- The potential for profit is accompanied by the possibility of loss.
- There are specific risks associated with investments in emerging markets, including legal, political and fiscal instability, settlement, liquidity, currency, accounting standards and custodial risk
- Leverage can magnify losses as well as gains.
- The Fund's investments may be in currencies other than US Dollars. The value of an investment may fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates between currencies or the possible imposition of exchange control regulations.
- Whilst depository receipts are traded on recognised exchanges, there may be other risks associated with such instruments to consider - for example the shares underlying the instruments may be subject to political, inflationary, exchange rate or custody risks.

**Performance note**

\*Index disclosure: The Fund is actively managed and aims to outperform the Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index\* (the "Index"). The portfolio manager may reference the Index as part of the investment management process, and it is also considered as part of the investment risk monitoring process. In addition, the majority of the Fund's investments will be in securities that are components of the Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index\*. However, the portfolio manager maintains full discretion to select investments for the Fund in line with the above investment policy and with prior approval from the Shariah Advisor.

This document presents the performance of this particular unit class of the Fund from the date of inception of the unit class in its unit class currency, as specified on the front page. Prior to 31st December 2018, the data performance calculations reflect the month-end market close prices of the Fund's assets. After 1 January 2019, the performance data shown is based upon the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) prices of the last Irish business day of the month. For Funds not open for dealing on this day this will be an indicative NAV. As a result, it is possible that the stated performance and the actual investment returns available to investors will differ.

Outperforming the Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index is not specifically included in the objective for the Fund, and the figures shown in the table are provided as a comparison only. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. All figures are stated in USD unless otherwise noted. Investments do not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup>Advisory refers to non-discretionary fund management services. Patrick Chang is the Chief Investment Officer of Principal Asset Management Berhad, and provides advice, which the Fund Managers may consider in making their investment decisions.

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The Investment Objective as stated in this document is a summary, please refer to the supplement for full details of the Investment Objective and Policy of the Fund.

The interest rate used is a general economic indicator that will have an impact on the management of the Fund regardless whether it is a Shariah-compliant Fund or otherwise. It does not in any way suggest that the Fund will invest in conventional financial instruments. All the investments carried out for the Fund are in accordance with Shariah requirements.

Unless specified in this document, the strategy does not:

- promote environmental or social characteristics in a way that meets the specific criteria contained in Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2088 ("SFDR"); nor
- have sustainable investment as its objective in a way that meets the specific criteria contained in Article 9 of SFDR.

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