

# PRUlink Japan dynamic fund

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## Features of Fund

### Investment Objective

**PRUlink** Japan dynamic fund ("The Fund") aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing in a Sub-Fund called Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic MY Fund (RM Hedged-class), which feeds into the Eastspring Investments - Japan Dynamic Fund managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

The Fund provides exposure to investments in securities of companies, which are incorporated, listed in or have their area of primary activity in Japan.

The Fund may also invest in any other funds with similar objective that may become available in the future.

### Investment Strategy & Approach

The Target Fund in the Sub-Fund is called Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic Fund (class A, currency JPY) which aims to generate long-term capital growth through a concentrated portfolio of equities, equity-related securities, bonds, and currencies. The Target Fund will invest primarily in securities of companies, which are incorporated, listed in or have their area of primary activity in Japan. The Target Fund may also invest in depository receipts including American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depository Receipts (GDRs), convertible bonds, preference shares, warrants and fixed income securities issued by Japan entities.

The Investment Manager of the Target Fund, Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited screens a wide investment universe to form a concentrated portfolio of Japanese companies that are typically trading on low valuations relative to their history and the market. The Sub-Fund aims to achieve sound capital growth over the long term.

The Investment Manager applies disciplined and rigorous fundamental analysis during the selection process to ensure a high level of conviction around the valuation for each of the companies held in the Target Fund.

The Investment Manager adopts a value approach to investment. The Target Fund owns shares in companies that have cheap valuations relative to the likely trend returns they will generate over the medium to long term. The companies are quite often out of favor with the market for one reason or another. The Sub-Fund's investment approach therefore tends to be contrarian in nature.

The Target Fund is managed with a high Active Share which is consistent with a truly active management style where high conviction investment bets are taken without consideration of a benchmark. Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in an Investment Manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index.

### Asset Allocation

The Fund invests up to 100% of the Fund's NAV in the Sub-Fund(s) determined by the Fund Manager. The balance of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets.

### Performance Benchmark

MSCI Japan Index (net dividend basis) (RM Hedged)

*For more information on benchmark kindly refer to [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).*

### Fund Manager

Eastspring Investments Berhad (531241-U)

## Fees & Charges

### Fund Management Charge

Up to 1.5% p.a.

### Other Charge, if any

Nil

Please note that **PRUlink** global funds are not Shariah-compliant funds and the investment performance of the funds is not guaranteed.

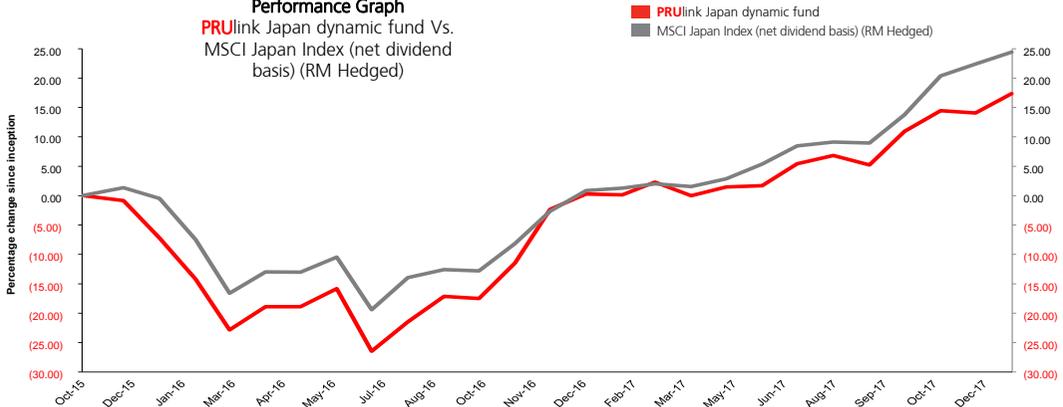
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## Fund Performance

### Performance Graph

PRUlink Japan dynamic fund Vs. MSCI Japan Index (net dividend basis) (RM Hedged)



Notice: The graphs are included for illustrative purposes only. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.

Year	Actual Performance PRUlink Japan dynamic fund	Benchmark MSCI Japan Index (net dividend basis) (RM Hedged)
2015	-7.20%*	-0.48%*
2016	8.05%	1.36%
2017	17.03%	23.34%

\*Fund Performance is from fund launch date until year end of the same year (non- annualised return).

Source: Lipper IM and Bloomberg, 31 December 2017

Notice: Past performance is not an indication of its future performance. This is strictly the performance of the investment / underlying funds, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums paid of the investment-linked insurance product.

### Basis of calculation of past performance:

$$= \left( \frac{\text{Net Asset Value For Year } n}{\text{Net Asset Value For Year } n-1} - 1 \right) \%$$

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## Additional disclosure for PRUlink Japan dynamic fund

PRUlink Japan dynamic fund invests in Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic MY Fund which is feeding into Eastspring Investments– Japan Dynamic Fund.

The Fund Manager of Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic MY Fund is Eastspring Investments Berhad while the Investment Manager for Eastspring Investments – Japan Dynamic Fund is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

Management fees may be charged at the Fund and/or Sub-Fund(s) level. Please note that you will be charged a maximum of 1.50% p.a., being the combined annual fund management charge at the Fund and Sub-Fund(s) levels. Sub-Fund(s) with investment strategies to invest in Exchange Traded Funds (“ETF”) or other Collective Investment Schemes may incur additional expenses at the Sub-Fund(s) level which is taken as part of the investment strategy considerations to deliver the fund performance.

The fund performance of the Sub-Fund, Eastspring Investments Japan Dynamic MY Fund since inception, 6 July 2015 by currency classes as at 31 December 2017 are as follows:

Period	3-month	6-month	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since Inception (6 July 2015)
Basis	Non-Annualised		Annualised			
Net Performance	6.25%	12.36%	18.60%	N/A	N/A	23.44%

The performance of the Target Fund, Eastspring Investments – Japan Dynamic Fund as at 31 December 2017 is as follows:

Period	3-month	6-month	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since Inception (4 November 2014)
Basis	Non-Annualised		Annualised			
Net Performance	6.15%	12.23%	18.17%	12.61%	N/A	12.48%

Note: The above return is for Target Fund class A and the currency in JPY.

Source: Bloomberg, 31 December 2017

### Basis of calculation of past performance:

$$= \left( \frac{\text{Net Asset Value at end of Year } n}{\text{Net Asset Value at end of Year } n-1} - 1 \right) \%$$

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## Investment Risks for PRUlink Japan dynamic fund

The Fund is subjected to investment risks including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. The value of the units may fall as well as rise. In addition, the Fund is subjected to specific risk including and not limiting to:

### General Risk when Investing in the Fund

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk refers to potential losses that may arise from adverse changes in the market conditions. Market conditions are generally, affected by, amongst others, economic and political stability. If the market which the Fund invests in suffers a downturn or instability due to adverse economic or political conditions, this may adversely impact the market prices of the investments of the Fund.

#### **Risk of Non-Compliance**

This risk arises from non-compliance with laws, rules and regulations, prescribed practices and the management company's internal policies and procedures, for example, due to oversight by the management company. Such non-compliance may force the management company to sell down the securities of the Fund at a loss to rectify the non-compliance and in turn affect the value of investors' investment in the Fund. To mitigate this risk, the Fund Manager has put in place internal controls to ensure its continuous compliance with laws, rules and regulations, prescribed practices and the Fund Manager's internal policies and procedures.

#### **Inflation risk**

This risk refers to the likelihood that an investor's investments does not keep pace with inflation, thus resulting in the investor's decreasing purchasing power even though the investment in monetary terms may have increased.

#### **Currency Risk**

The Fund is denominated in MYR, while the Sub-Fund(s) may be denominated in other currencies. The performance of the Fund may be affected by movements in the exchange rate between the USD and the Sub-Fund(s)'s denominated currency. Where applicable, a currency hedge or a currency hedged class of fund may be used to minimise currency risk.

#### **Derivatives Risk**

Derivatives may potentially be used to hedge against any risk that may be derived from investing in the Sub-Fund(s), such as, but not limited to, currency risk.

### Specific Risks when Investing in the Sub-Fund

#### **Fund Management of the Target Fund Risk**

While the Fund Manager will exercise due skill and care in selecting the Target Fund, it does not have control over the management of the Target Fund and there is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be met. This may affect the value of the policyholders' investments in the Fund.

The Target Fund may change its objective and become inconsistent with the objective of the Fund. In such instances, the Fund Manager will replace the Target Fund with another collective investment scheme which the Fund Manager considers to be more appropriate in meeting the objective of the Fund. Such change would require the policyholders' approval.

#### **Country Risk**

The Sub-Fund invests in the Target Fund which is domiciled in Luxembourg. Any adverse changes in the Luxembourg's economic fundamentals, social and political stability, currency movements and foreign investments policies in Luxembourg may have an impact on the prices of the securities that the Target Fund invests in and consequently may also affect the Fund's NAV.

#### **Currency Risk**

The Sub-Fund(s)'s underlying investments may be denominated in their local currency, which may differ from the Sub-Fund(s)'s currency of denomination. The performance of the Sub-Fund(s) may be affected by movements in the exchange rate between the local currency of its underlying investments and the Sub-Fund(s)'s denominated currency.

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## **Derivatives Risk**

The Sub-Fund Manager(s) may invest in derivatives which will be subject to risks. While the judicious use of derivatives by professional investment managers can be beneficial, derivatives involve risks different from, and, in some cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional securities investments. Some of the risks associated with derivatives are market risk, management risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and leverage risk. Investments in derivatives may require the deposit or initial margin and additional margin on short notice if the market moves against the investment positions. If no provision is made for the required margin within the prescribed time, the investment may be liquidated at a loss. Therefore, it is essential that such investments in derivatives are monitored closely.

The Sub-Fund Manager(s) has the necessary controls for investments in derivatives and have in place systems to monitor the derivative positions for the Sub-Fund(s). The Sub-Fund Manager(s) does not intend to use derivatives transactions for speculation or leverage but may use them for efficient portfolio management and/or risk management. Currency risk is simply one of the market risks which the fund will be exposed to and can be hedged using derivatives such as FX forwards/futures. Often the underlying currency risk may be taken on as a result of buying an underlying equity or bond. If the Sub-Fund Manager(s) does not want to also take the currency risk associated with these underlying assets, the Sub-Fund(s) may use Forward Foreign Exchange contracts to hedge any currency risk derived from holdings of non-base currency positions. Essentially this use of currency forwards is to hedge currency risk in the Sub-Fund(s). The use of FX forwards for this hedging activity does then raise additional operational and guideline risks and these are addressed in the attached detailed description of our derivatives risk management and usage procedures, of which currency hedging is a subset.

## **Specific Risks when Investing in the Target Fund**

### **Single Country Risk**

The Target Fund invests primarily in equities, equity-related securities of companies which are incorporated, listed in or have their area of primary activity in Japan. Therefore, any changes in Japan's economic fundamentals, social and political stability, currency movements and foreign investments policies may have an impact on the prices of the securities that the Target Fund invests in, which in turn affect the net asset value of the Target Fund. Exposure to a single country, may also increase potential volatility of the Target Fund due to the increased geographical concentration risk as they are less diversified geographically compared to funds investing in the regional or global markets.

### **Counterparty Risk**

The Target Fund will be exposed on credit risk of the counterparties with which the Target Fund trades particularly in relation to fixed income securities, options, futures, contracts and other financial derivative instruments that are invested for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. In the event of insolvency, bankruptcy or default by such counterparty, this could result in substantial losses to the Target Fund.

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*The above should not be considered to be an exhausted list of the risks which potential policyholders should consider before investing in the Fund. Potential policyholders should be aware that an investment in the Fund may be exposed to other risks of exceptional nature from time to time.*

## Risk Management

### Target Fund:

The monitoring of investment guidelines and restrictions is primarily achieved through the Charles River Trading System (CRTS). The investment guidelines are set up in CRTS for pre-trade and batch monitoring.

On a pre-trade basis, orders which appear to have breached the investment guidelines cannot be sent for execution without the compliance team's investigation and approval. Such approval is only given when it is confirmed that the execution of such an order / trade will not result in any genuine breaches of investment guidelines. On a batch monitoring basis, the compliance team uses the CRTS to check that the portfolio's day-end positions are within the investment guidelines. An escalation process is in place to ensure relevant parties are informed when a potential issue or breach occurs.

Compliance officers run daily guideline checks on all portfolios using CRTS. The system enables the compliance team to conduct daily pre and post-trade checks to ensure compliance with client investment guidelines and restrictions.

At an investment level, risk monitoring and control is integrated into the investment process with the responsibility for portfolio risk management ultimately resting with the portfolio manager. Portfolio risk management begins with ensuring that as investors we deeply understand the stocks that we are holding on behalf of our clients. We strongly believe that a portfolio is more than a collection of good ideas. There is a focus on the make up and allocation of the portfolio's risk budget. We want to allocate the majority of the risk budget to stock specific risk. All other risk factors (country, sector, size, etc.) are normally residuals.

The overall risk profile of the portfolio is monitored monthly by the Portfolio Strategist using Axioma. It analyses a wide range of risk characteristics to identify any unintended risks introduced into the portfolio. This risk analysis forms an input into the portfolio construction process and is a tool which assists in determining a level of risk consistent its investment mandate and objectives. The risk budget of the portfolio is focused on stock selection as the primary source of added value.

By clearly identifying both intended and unintended risk, the Fund Manager also aims to construct the portfolio such that intended stock-specific risk can be matched against forecast returns for stocks, with all unintended risks minimised.

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## Other Information

- Target Market

This Fund is suitable for policyholders who:-

- Seek capital appreciation;
- Want to participate in Japan market;
- Have high risk tolerance;
- Are comfortable with the volatility and risk of a fund that invests in a single market; and
- Adopt a long-term investment horizon

- Basis & Frequency of Unit Valuation

- Unit pricing is done daily.
- The Unit Price of a particular PRUlink global fund on any Valuation Date shall be equal to the fund value divided by the number of units in issue on Valuation Date.
- The fund value is the value of all the assets of a particular PRUlink global fund after the deduction of expenses for managing, acquiring, maintaining and valuing the assets of that Fund, tax or other statutory levy incurred by Prudential Assurance Malaysia Berhad ("Prudential") on investment income or capital gains on the assets of the Fund and any accrued or anticipated income.
- The valuation date shall be the date as determined by Prudential from time to time, but not less frequently than once a day, for the purpose of determining unit prices.
- Prudential shall value the various PRUlink global funds at the close of each business day (Valuation Date). However, as the value of the PRUlink global funds' investments in various shares, fixed interest securities and money market instruments at the close of a particular Valuation Date will only be known a business day later, the determination by Prudential of the Unit Price of a PRUlink global fund in respect of a particular Valuation Date shall only be conducted and made known to the policyholder 2 business days later (T + 2).
- To recoup the cost of acquiring and disposing of assets, a transaction cost adjustment may be made to the fund value to recover any amount which the Fund had already paid or reasonably expects to pay for the creation or cancelled of units.

- Exceptional circumstances

- Prudential shall not be bound to redeem and convert on any Valuation Day more than 10% of any PRUlink global fund outstanding on such Valuation Day.
- Prudential reserves the right in exceptional circumstances (for example, when there is an unusually high volume of sale of investments within a short period) to defer the switching or withdrawal of units and the surrender of the policy for a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date of application.
- Prudential may suspend unit pricing and policy transaction if any of the exchanges in which the Fund is invested is temporarily suspended for trading. In such event, notice for suspension may be published and may be communicated to the policyholder upon any request for top-up, switching, redemption or withdrawal to/from any such PRUlink global fund.

The list of exceptional circumstances above are not exhaustive, please refer to your policy document for further details.