

# PRULink Asia Equity Fund

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Features of Fund	
Investment Objective	<p><b>PRULink Asia Equity Fund</b> is a fund that aims to maximise long-term total return by investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies, which are incorporated, or have their area of primary activity in Asia Pacific ex-Japan. The Asia Pacific ex-Japan region includes but is not limited to the following countries: Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, People's Republic of China, India, Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand. The fund may also invest in depository receipts [including American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depository Receipts (GDRs)], debt securities convertible into common shares, preference shares and warrants.</p>
Investment Strategy & Approach	<p><b>Investment Strategy</b></p> <p>The fund achieves its objective by investing in a collective investment scheme primarily the Eastspring Investments – Asian Equity Fund managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. The <b>PRULink Asia Equity Fund</b> may invest in any other funds or sub-funds managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited or any other fund managers to be determined from time to time.</p> <p><b>Investment Approach for Eastspring Investments – Asian Equity Fund</b></p> <p>The investment process is a valuation, research-driven approach with disciplined portfolio construction at the core. The primary focus is on stock selection, which has consistently proven to be the major source of excess returns. There are two key steps in the process: Stock selection and Portfolio construction. The research and valuation work focuses on understanding the long term drivers of value of the companies followed. Portfolio construction is a distinct activity from stock selection with the explicit objective of maximizing returns for a given risk budget. The review and feedback process ensures portfolios stay “true to label” to the beliefs and investment process and also that portfolios are compliant with client mandates, in practice as well as in spirit.</p>
Asset Allocation	<p>The Fund invests up to 100% of the Fund's NAV in the Target Fund(s) determined by the Fund Manager. The balance of the Fund's NAV will be invested in liquid assets.</p>
Performance Benchmark	<p>MSCI Asia ex Japan Index</p> <p><i>For more information on benchmark kindly refer to <a href="http://www.msci.com">www.msci.com</a></i></p>
Fund Manager	<p>Eastspring Investments Berhad (531241-U)</p>

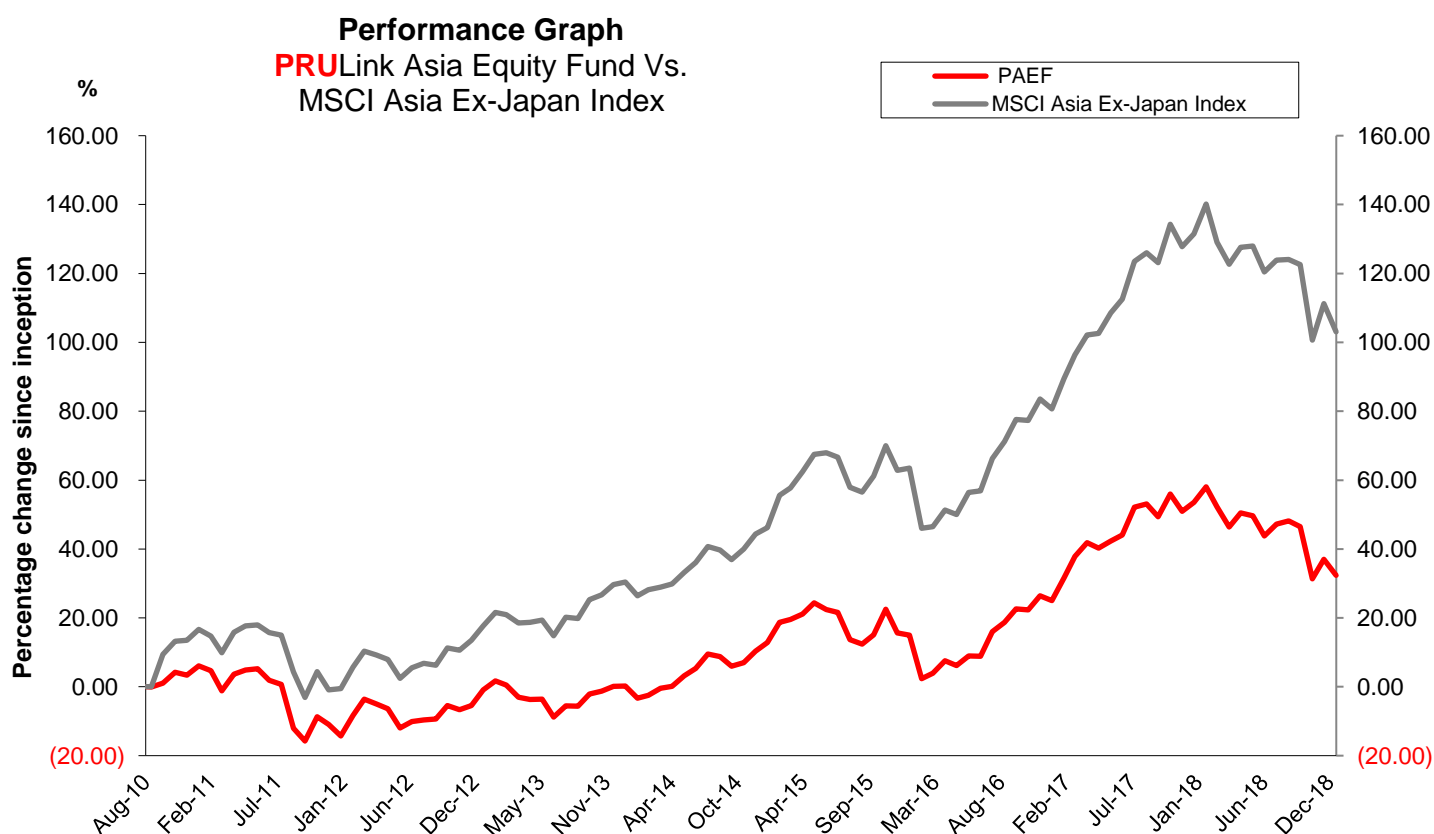
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## Fees & Charges

Fund Management Charge	1.50% p.a.
Other Charge, if any	Nil

## Fund Performance



**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 Asia Equity Fund	Benchmark MSCI Asia ex Japan Index
2010	6.07% *	9.29% *
2011	-19.21%	-14.73%
2012	15.65%	18.37%
2013	1.11%	10.77%
2014	12.63%	12.11%
2015	1.91%	11.82%

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2016	8.69%	10.56%
2017	22.81%	28.12%
2018	-13.79%	-12.29%

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

Sources: Lipper IM and Bloomberg, 31 December 2018

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:

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

### Additional disclosure for PRULink Asia Equity Fund

PRULink Asia Equity Fund invests in the Eastspring Investments – Asian Equity Fund.

The fund manager of Eastspring Investments - Asian Equity Fund is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

Management fees may be charged at the Fund and/or Target 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 Target Fund(s) levels. Target Fund(s) with investment strategies to invest in Exchange Traded Funds (“ETF”) or other Collective Investment Schemes may incur additional expenses at the Target Fund(s) level which is taken as part of the investment strategy considerations to deliver the fund performance.

Year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Net Performance	-14.47%	39.35%	6.01%	-15.59%	7.84%	-3.91%	22.41%	-20.75%	20.56%	79.23%

Note: The above return is for Eastspring Investments – Asian Equity Fund (Class D)

Returns are based on third party unit price, net of fees with dividends reinvested, if any, and reported in USD.

Source: Eastspring Singapore, 31 December 2018

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## Investment Risks

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:

### Emerging Markets Risk

The Target Fund is investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies, which are incorporated, listed in or have their area of primary activity in emerging markets. Potential investors should be aware that investments in emerging markets may involve, due to the economic and political development process which some of these countries are undergoing, a higher degree of risk which could adversely affect the value of investments. Among other things, investment in emerging markets involves risks such as the restriction on foreign investment, counterpart risk, higher market volatility and the illiquidity of the companies' assets depending on the market conditions in the emerging markets.

Moreover, companies may be subject to considerably less state supervision and less differentiated legislation. Investors would have to take into consideration that trading volume in emerging markets may be substantially less than in the world's leading stock markets and may have to be conducted at unfavourable prices. To manage and mitigate this risk, the Investment Manager will apply standards to endeavour that quality investments are purchased.

### Portfolio Risk

The Target Fund is intended for investors who can accept the risks associated with investing primarily in the securities of the type held in the sTarget Fund. Investors in equities will be subject to the risks associated with equity and equity related securities, including fluctuations in market prices, adverse issuer or market information and the fact that equity and equity-related interests are subordinate in the right of payment to other corporate securities, including debt securities.

In addition, investors should be aware of the risks associated with the active management techniques that are expected to be employed by the Target Fund. An investment in the Target Fund does not constitute a complete investment program. Investors may wish to complement an investment in the Target Fund with other types of investments.

### Currency Risk

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

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

### Derivatives Risk

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

The Target Fund Manager(s) or its 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

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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 Target Fund Manager(s) or its Sub-Fund Manager(s) has the necessary controls for investments in derivatives and have in place systems to monitor the derivative positions for the Target Fund(s) or its Sub-Fund(s). The Target Fund Manager(s) or its 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 Target Fund Manager(s) or its Sub-Fund Manager(s) does not want to also take the currency risk associated with these underlying assets, the Target Fund(s) or its 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 Target Fund(s) or its Sub-Fund(s).

## **Political and/or Regulatory Risks**

The value of the assets of the Target Fund may be affected by uncertainties such as political developments, changes in government policies, changes in taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which an investment may be made. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which an investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets. Foreign ownership restrictions in some markets may mean that corporate action entitlements in relation to the Target Fund are invested into may not always be secured or may be restricted.

## **Market Risk**

Market risk refers to potential losses that may arise from changes in the market prices of the investments. The changes may be specific to the individual security or its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market or a combination of all. It may be caused by various factors among others are movement of interest rates, volatility of the stocks, foreign exchange rates and share prices. This risk may be mitigated by investing in a well-diversified portfolio of securities from different market sectors helps mitigate this risk so that the collapse of any one security or any one market sector would not impact too greatly on the value of the fund.

## **Counterparty Risk**

The Target Fund will be exposed to credit risk on the counterparties with which it trades. The Fund will be subject to the possibility of the insolvency, bankruptcy or default of a counterparty with which the Target Fund trades, which could result in substantial losses to the Target Fund.

## **Small Companies Risk**

Investment in securities of smaller companies can involve greater risk than that normally associated with larger, more established companies. In particular, smaller companies have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent for their management on a limited number of key individuals.

## **Charges to Capital Risk**

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Where the investment objective of a Fund is to treat the generation of income as a higher or equal (in the long term) priority to capital growth, all or part of the fees and charges, net of the attributable tax effect, may be charged against capital instead of against income and may constrain capital growth of the Fund.

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

## Risk Management

The Fund Manager has the following risk management and compliance controls in place to manage the risks:

### **a) Pre-Trade Compliance**

Where possible, all Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI) activities and exposures are monitored with a pre-trade compliance system across the entire business. Rules and investment guidelines are set up in the system as far as possible allowing potential breaches to be immediately identified before a trade is executed. An escalation process is in place to ensure relevant parties are informed when a potential issue occurs.

### **b) Portfolio Risk**

The Fund Manager utilises quantitative techniques to determine the suitability of utilising FDIs. The investment team utilises a number of tools to carry out portfolio construction and to conduct risk analysis including risk/return characteristics. The investment team identifies, manages and monitors investment risks with the aim of achieving the objectives of the Sub-Funds.

### **c) Counterparty Risk**

The Fund Manager has credit risk management and control procedures for assessing, monitoring and limiting credit and counterparty risk across all asset classes and client bases. Reviews of counterparties are performed on a regular basis to assess any changes in credit worthiness and the ability to meet their contractual obligations.

### **d) Risk Oversight**

In addition, The Fund Manager has an independent investment risk team that works with each investment team to ensure that the necessary risk controls and metrics of the risks are in place. The investment risk team reports to the regional risk committee whose principal role is to ensure that the business units operate within the risk management policies and frameworks laid out.

The Fund Manager will ensure that the risk management and compliance procedures and controls adopted are adequate and that it has the necessary expertise to control and manage the risks relating to the use of FDIs.

The Fund Manager may modify the risk management and compliance procedures and controls adopted from time to time as it deems fit and in the interest of the Sub-Fund.

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## Other Info

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target Market</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policyholders who seek high capital appreciation.</li><li>• High risk tolerance.</li><li>• Long term investment horizon.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basis &amp; Frequency of unit Valuation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unit pricing is done daily.</li><li>• The Unit Price of a particular <b>PRULink</b> Global Fund on any Valuation Date shall be equal to the Fund Value divided by the number of Units in issue on Valuation Date.</li><li>• The Fund Value is the value of all the assets of a particular <b>PRULink</b> Global Fund after the deduction of expenses for managing, acquiring, maintaining and valuing the assets of that fund, tax (if any) or other statutory levy incurred by the Company on investment income or capital gains on the assets of the fund and any accrued or anticipated income.</li><li>• The Company shall value the various <b>PRULink</b> Global Funds at the close of each business day (Valuation Date). However, as the value of the <b>PRULink</b> Global Funds' investments in various shares, fixed interest securities and money market instruments region at the close of a particular Valuation Date will only be known a business day later, the determination by the Company of the Unit Price of a <b>PRULink</b> Global Fund in respect of a particular Valuation Date shall only be conducted and made known to the Assured 2 business days later (T + 2).</li><li>• 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 cancellation of units.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exceptional circumstances</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Company shall not be bound to redeem and convert on any Valuation Day more than 10% of any <b>PRULink</b> Global Fund outstanding on such Valuation Day.</li><li>• The Company 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.</li><li>• The Company 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 Assured upon any request for top-up, switching, redemption or withdrawal to/from any such <b>PRULink</b> Global Fund.</li></ul> <p>The list of exceptional circumstances above are not exhaustive, please refer to your policy document for further details.</p>

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