

# 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>The Fund seeks to invest primarily in investment funds [Target Fund(s)] to achieve the investment objective. The Target Fund(s) will be monitored to assess the performance, processes, styles and positioning. The allocation to, or the Target Fund(s) may change if it is deemed unsuitable to meet the Fund's objectives.</p> <p><i>Note: Refer to additional disclosure for details of the Target Fund(s).</i></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>The benchmark may vary based on the underlying Target Fund(s). The Fund benchmark is:</p> <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>

## Fees & Charges

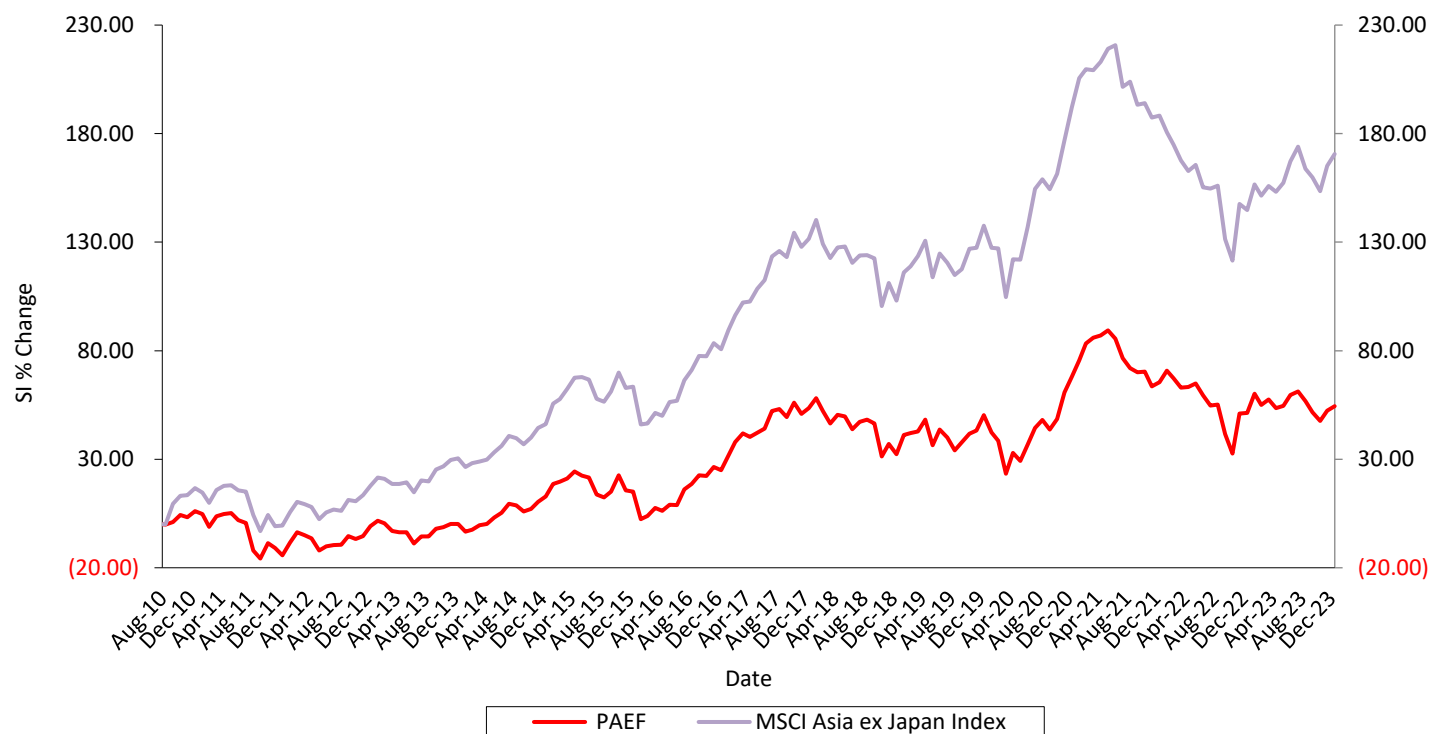
Fund Management Charge	1.50% p.a.
Other Charge, if any	Nil

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## Fund Performance

PRULink Asia Equity Fund Vs. MSCI Asia ex Japan Index



**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
2014	12.63%	12.11%
2015	1.91%	11.82%
2016	8.69%	10.56%
2017	22.81%	28.12%
2018	-13.79%	-12.29%
2019	13.58%	16.97%
2020	11.79%	22.96%
2021	-1.51%	-1.32%
2022	-8.56%	-15.06%
2023	2.00%	10.55%

Sources: Lipper IM and Bloomberg, 31 December 2023

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.

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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

Since the launch of the Fund to 15 July 2022, PRULink Asia Equity Fund has invested into Target Fund called Eastspring Investments – Asian Equity Fund managed by Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

Effective from 16 July 2022, the Fund's investments will be reallocated into the Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific ex-Japan Target Return Fund ["Target Fund"] which is managed by Eastspring Investments Berhad and JPMorgan Funds - Asia Growth Fund A (acc) - USD ["Target Fund"] which is managed by JP Morgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited.

Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific ex-Japan Target Return Fund ["Target Fund"] aims to provide capital appreciation by investing at least 75% of its total assets in equities and equity-related securities, such as ADRs, rights issues and warrants, which are domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region. The Target Fund's investments may also include liquid assets up to 25% of its total assets.

The fund performance for the underlying Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific ex-Japan Target Return Fund as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Performance	-0.50%	-7.84%	2.26%	26.94%	20.04%	-15.61%	18.84%	-1.78%	8.24%	0.4%*

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

Source: Lipper IM and Bloomberg as at 31 December 2023

JPMorgan Funds - Asia Growth Fund A (acc) - USD ["Target Fund"] aims to provide long term capital growth by investing at least 67% of its total assets in a portfolio of growth biased equities of companies that are domiciled, or carrying out the main part of their economic activity, in an Asian country (excluding Japan), including emerging markets. The Target Fund will invest in approximately 40-60 companies and may invest in small capitalisation companies. The Target Fund may be concentrated in a limited number of securities, sectors or markets from time to time.

The Target Fund may invest in China A-Shares through the China-Hong Kong Stock Connect Programmes.

The fund performance for the underlying JPMorgan Funds - Asia Growth Fund A (acc) - USD as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Performance	-0.30%	-24.15%	-7.88%	34.3%	26.3%	-12.5%	48.2%	4.2%	-8.9%	-2.5%

Note: The above return is for the Target Fund which is denominated in USD.

Source: J.P.Morgan Asset Management as at 31 December 2023

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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.

### Investment Risks for PRULink Asia Equity 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 Risks 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.

##### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk refers to two scenarios. The first scenario is where an investment cannot be sold due to unavailability of a buyer for that investment. The second scenario is where the investment is thinly traded. Should the investments in the Target Fund(s) be thinly traded, this may cause the Fund to dispose the investment at an unfavorable price in the market and may adversely affect investor’s investment. This risk may be mitigated through stringent security selection process.

##### **Inflation Risk**

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

##### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is a general risk affecting conventional funds. This is so even though conventional funds only invest in investments that are in accordance with the mandate. The reason for this is because a high level of interest rates will inevitably affect corporate profits and this will have an impact on the value of both equity and debt securities. This risk is crucial in a bond fund since a bond portfolio management depends on forecasting interest rate movements. Prices of bonds move inversely to interest rate movements therefore as interest rates rise, the prices of bond decrease and vice versa. Furthermore, bonds with longer maturity and lower profit rates are more susceptible to interest rate movements.

##### **Credit / Default Risk**

Bonds are subject to credit / default risk in the event that the issuer of the instrument is faced with financial difficulties, which may decrease their credit worthiness. This in turn may lead to a default in the payment of principal and interest.

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## **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 securities of the Fund at a loss to rectify the non-compliance and in turn may adversely 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.

## **Concentration Risk**

This is the risk of a fund focusing a greater portion of its assets in a smaller selection of investments. The fall in price of a particular equity and / or fixed income investment will have a greater impact on the funds and thus greater losses. This risk may be minimized by the manager conducting even more rigorous fundamental analysis before investing in each security.

## **Management Company Risk**

The performance of the Fund depends on the experience, expertise and knowledge of the management company. Should there be lack of any of the above qualities by the management company, it may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

## **Currency Risk**

The Fund is denominated in MYR, while the Target Fund(s) may be denominated in other currencies. The performance of the Fund may be affected by movements in the exchange rate between the MYR 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.

## **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.

## **Portfolio Risk**

The Fund is intended for investors who can accept the risks associated with investing primarily in the securities of the type held in the Fund. Investments 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. Likewise, investments in fixed income securities will be subjected to the risks associated with debt securities including credit and interest rate risk, and the additional risks associated with high-yield debt securities, loan participations and derivative securities. In addition, investors should be aware of the risks associated with the active management techniques that are expected to be employed by the Fund.

## **Specific Risks when Investing in the Target Fund(s) or its Sub-Fund(s) (collectively to be known as "Target Fund(s)")**

### **Security Risk**

Adverse price movements of a particular security invested by the Target Fund(s) may adversely affect the Target Fund(s)'s net asset value. The Target Fund Manager(s) strives to mitigate the impact of a particular security risk through portfolio diversification, which will help spread the element of risk.

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## **Fund Management of Target Fund(s) Risk**

While the Fund Manager will exercise due skill and care in selecting the Target Fund(s), it does not have control over the management of the Target Fund(s) and there is no guarantee that the investment objectives will be met. This may result in policyholders suffering losses in their investments in the Target Fund(s).

The Target Fund(s) may change its objectives and become inconsistent with the objective of the Fund. In such instances, the Fund Manager will replace the Target Fund(s) with another collective investment scheme which the Fund Manager considers to be more appropriate in meeting the objective of the Fund.

## **Errors in Calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Target Fund(s)'s Risk**

There is a possibility there are errors in calculation of the net asset value of the Target Fund(s). In the event such errors occur, the net asset value of the Target Fund(s) will be affected hence, the Target Fund(s) will comply with the rules set forth in the relevant regulatory provisions applicable to the Target Fund(s). Compensation, if any, paid by the Target Fund(s) (subject to the laws of the jurisdiction in which such Target Fund(s) is domiciled), will be credited to the Fund as and when compensation is received.

In view of the foregoing, policyholders must be aware that there are circumstances where neither the Target Fund(s) nor the Fund Manager will be bound to compensate final beneficial owners.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk here refers to two scenarios. The first scenario is where the allocated liquidity of the Target Fund(s) is insufficient to meet redemption needs. The second scenario is where the Target Fund(s) is thinly traded. Should the investments in the Target Fund(s) be thinly traded, this may cause the Target Fund(s) to dispose the investment at an unfavorable price in the market and may adversely affect investors' investment. This risk may be mitigated through stringent security selection process.

## **Concentration Risk**

Target Fund may invest a large portion of its assets in a limited number of securities, issuers, industries, sectors, or within a limited geographical area which likely to result in more volatility and carry a greater risk of loss than a Fund that invests more broadly. When the Target Fund is concentrated in a particular country, region, or sector, its performance will be more strongly affected by any political, economic, environmental or market conditions within that area or affecting that economic sector.

## **Countries or Foreign Securities Risk**

This risk is associated with investments in securities listed or domiciled in countries other than the country of domicile. Any changes in the economic fundamentals, social and political stability, uncertainty or changes in countries' official currencies, currency movements and foreign investments policies in these countries may increase the volatility in asset values, liquidity and default risk which may have an impact on the prices of the securities that the Target Fund(s) invests in and consequently may affect the net asset value of the Target Fund(s). Investments in certain markets may be restricted or controlled. In some countries, direct investments in securities may be prohibited and restricted due to regulatory requirements. These limitations may increase transaction costs and adversely affect a security's liquidity and the price in connection with the security. The Target Fund Manager(s) will monitor and observe the developments in these countries where assets of the Target Fund(s) are allocated. In addition, the Target Fund Manager(s) will also employ a systematic investment process, which includes regular review, to manage and mitigate this risk.

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## **Specific Sectors Risk**

Where investment is made in one or in a limited number of market sectors, Target Funds may be more volatile than other more diversified Funds. The companies within these sectors may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources, or may depend on a limited management group. Such Target Fund may also be subject to rapid cyclical changes in investor activity and / or the supply of and demand for specific products and services. As a result, a stock market or economic downturn in the relevant specific sector or sectors would have a larger impact on the Target Fund that concentrates its investments in that sector or sectors than on a more diversified Fund. There may also be special risk factors associated with individual sectors.

## **Currency Risk**

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

## **Charges to Capital Risk**

The Target Fund(s)'s charges and expenses are taken from the capital, in whole or in part, resulting in possible constraint of capital growth.

## **Restrictions on Foreign Investment**

Some countries prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on investments by foreign entities. There may also be instances where a purchase order subsequently fails because the permissible allocation to foreign investors has been filled, depriving the Target Fund(s) of the ability to make its desired investment at the time.

## **Derivatives Risk**

The Target 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 Target 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). The Target 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) does not want to also take the currency risk associated with these underlying assets, the Target 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).

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## **Risks Associated with Investments via Stock Connect**

The relevant rules and regulations on Stock Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the Target Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the Target Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.

*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**

### **Forecasting Risk**

Potential risks are taken into consideration in the process of sector allocation and stock selection based on analysis on various key factors such as economic conditions, liquidity, qualitative and quantitative aspects of the securities.

### **System Control**

Risk parameters are set internally for each fund, depending on client's risk profile. These risk parameters include limits of issuer bet, group issuer, sector rating and issue size of the securities held in the portfolio.

A front-end office system is in place to monitor portfolio risks, serving as an auto filter for any limitations or breaches.



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Other Info	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target Market</li></ul>	<p>This Fund is suitable for Policyholders who:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are seeking high capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon.</li><li>• Have high risk tolerance.</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 this 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 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.</li><li>• Prudential 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 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 <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 this 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>• Prudential 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>• 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.</li><li>• 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 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>