# **ASEAN EQUITY FUND**

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### **FUND FACTS**

ISIN Code	MYU9200AA005	
Bloomberg Ticker	SSBWAEF MK	
Currency	Ringgit Malaysia (MYR)	
Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index	
Fund Inception Date	07 February 2014	
Retail Launch Date	25 January 2017	

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

September proved to be considerably trickier for equity investors, compared to the prior two months in the third quarter of 2021. Solvency worries about China's largest property developer China Evergrande emerged, sparking concerns of another Lehman-style global financial crisis just as Federal Reserve officials signaled a readiness to begin tapering, possibly before the end of the year. Sentiment further worsened by spiking energy prices which caused global power shortages, especially in China, where a significant manufacturing shutdown could further impact global supply chain disruptions, pushing up inflation and encouraging earlier-thanexpected tightening of monetary policy.

Against this backdrop, emerging markets continued to lag. For the third quarter, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index was down -8.09%, Asia Pacific declined -4.32%, and ASEAN rose 0.60%. Year-to-date through September 30, 2021, the MSCI EM Index fell -1.25%, Asia Pacific rose 0.60%, and ASEAN declined -1.07%. In addition to the market worries described above, a relatively slower (albeit improving) rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and more direct exposure to slower Chinese economic growth and regulatory impact continued to plague emerging markets.

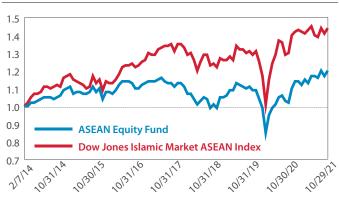
For the third quarter of 2021, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI, the JCI, the PSE Composite, and the SET indices rose 1.76%, 5.38%, 1.11% and 2.13% respectively in local currency terms. FTSE Straits Times Index fell -0.21% for the same period. Year-to-date through September 30, 2021, the KLCI and the PSE Composite were down -2.07% and -1.08%, while FTSE Straits Times, JCI, and SET were up 10.62%, 7.10%, and 13.83% respectively.

In this type of investing environment, we remain convinced that our bottom-up investing approach—focused on finding companies with solid fundamentals, sound growth prospects, and reasonable valuations—should continue to deliver resilient investment performance compared with macro-based or other investment styles. As sustainability and Islamic-focused investors, we also are well positioned to capitalize on growing ESG awareness across global investors.

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION (as at 29 October 2021)

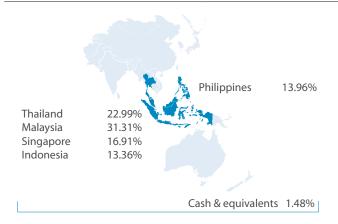
Communications	15.72%		
Consumer Discretiona	ry 14.96%		
Consumer Staples	13.12%		
Technology	12.32%		
Health Care	11.27%		
Financials	10.82%		
Industrials	10.00%		
Fixed Deposits	6.32%		
Utilities	3.14%		
Materials	0.86%		
Cash and equivalents	1.48%		
Source: Saturna Sdn Bhd	Sector weiahtinas a	re sho	wn as a percentaae of Fund assets.

## COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE



Source: Bloomberg

#### COUNTRY ALLOCATION (as at 29 October 2021)



Source: Saturna Sdn Bhd Country weightings are shown as a percentage of Fund assets.

<b>COMPARATIVE RETURNS</b> <sup>1</sup> (as at 29 October 2021)	Since Inception	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Fund	2.36%	2.25%	4.98%	17.44%	6.51%	1.23%
Benchmark	3.54%	1.59%	-5.10%	10.58%	5.34%	3.05%

Source: Bloomberg, Saturna Sdn Bhd

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<sup>1</sup> Including Dividends

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### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The ASEAN Equity Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of *Shariah*-compliant equities across the ASEAN region. Asset allocation decisions are made after a review of fundamental and macroeconomic trends in the Southeast Asian economies. At least 70% of the Fund's NAV is in *Shariah*-compliant equities in ASEAN countries, and up to 30% of the Fund's NAV is in Islamic liquid assets including Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits with Islamic financial institutions.

The Fund follows a value-oriented investment style, favouring companies with potential for earnings growth. The Manager analyses economic growth rates, interest rates, inflation, currencies, and government policies. Stock selection criteria include improving fundamentals and solid growth potential at reasonable valuations. Generally, the Fund invests for the long-term, with annual portfolio turnover not expected to exceed 30%.

#### **TARGET INVESTORS**

The Fund is suitable for investors who are looking for:

- · An ASEAN Shariah-compliant equity portfolio
- · Capital gains of the units
- · Diversification and exposure to the ASEAN equity markets
- A long-term investment outlook

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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Disclaimer: Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Fund's Prospectus (dated 12 February 2018 for ASEAN Equity Fund) and its Product Highlights Sheet, obtainable at our offices and our website, before investing. The prospectus has been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia who takes no responsibility for its contents. Investors should also consider the fees and charges involved. The price of units and investment returns may go down as well as up. Past performances of the Fund are not an indication of the Fund's future performances. Units will only be issued upon receipt of the application from accompanying the prospectus. There are risks involved with investing in unit trust funds. Some of these risks associated with investments in unit trust funds are market risk, non-compliance risk, performance risk, equity securities risk, operational risk, price level risk, large and midsize company risk, concentration risk, country risk, political risk, currency risk, active investment risk, and reclassification of Shariah status risk. For further details on the risk profile of the Fund, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the prospectus.





#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (as at 29 October 2021)

Wilcon Depot	6.64%
KCE Electronics PCL	5.20%
UMS Holdings	4.13%
AEF Affin Short-Term Mudharabah	4.10%
Chularat Hospital PCL	3.85%
Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Keluarga	3.68%
ComfortDelGro	3.55%
Manila Electric	3.14%
Plan B Media Public Company	3.06%
Ace Hardware Indonesia	3.05%
Telkom Indonesia	3.04%
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Source: Saturna Sdn Bhd Security weightings are shown as a percentage of Fund assets.

#### **SUMMARY OF KEY TERMS**

Fund Size (29-OCT-2021)	MYR 13.5 million
Minimum Investment	MYR 2,000
Minimum Increment	MYR 200
Type of Product	Open-ended (Unit Trust Fund)
Fund Category	Shariah-Compliant Equity
Fund Type	Growth
Domicile	Malaysia
Term	Daily Liquidity
Target Region	ASEAN
Manager	Saturna Sdn Bhd
Trustee	SCBMB Trustee Berhad
Shariah Advisor	Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd
Auditor	Crowe Malaysia PLT
Tax Agent	Crowe KL Tax Sdn Bhd
Administration Fee	0.25% Per annum of the NAV of the Fund
Distribution Fee	Up to 0.25% Per annum of the NAV of the Fund (on a reimbursement basis)
Trustee Fee	0.05% Per annum of the NAV of the Fund
Performance Fee	10% of the change in gross asset value that cumulatively increases or decreases, excluding subscriptions and redemptions, for each day in the financial year
No Direct Fees or Charges	No charges for Sales, Redemption, Transfer, or Switching

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