



## FUND FACTS

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

## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Malaysia market direction is likely to remain uncertain, with worries over inflation and interest rates — as well as the possibility of a global recession — continuing to have outsized effects on sentiment. On the domestic front, things could finally be looking up. After undergoing three prime ministers in four years, investors are likely to react positively to the new government, which seems to enjoy very strong Parliamentary support and a somewhat stable policy agenda.

Like Malaysia, market direction in Singapore is likely to continue to be influenced by movements in global inflation, interest rates, and economic growth. Any resolution to the conflict in Ukraine will also affect sentiment, as would the successful execution of China's post-COVID economic reopening. For the Philippines, the silver lining of the weaker peso is that it boosts demand from the two most important sources of domestic purchasing power in the economy: remittances and revenues from the business outsourcing industry. For 2023, the World Bank raised the Philippines' gross domestic product (GDP) forecast to 5.7%.

Going forward, the general election in May 2023 could move the market. The Thai economy is likely to be one of the biggest regional beneficiaries of China's recent reopening, given the importance of the tourism industry for the nation.

The Indonesian stock market has remained resilient, with help from the post-pandemic economic rebound and the windfall benefits of the commodity boom. Bank Indonesia projects solid national economic growth in 2023 between 4.5-5.3%, underpinned by private consumption, investment, and positive export performance against a backdrop of global economic moderation. On the political front, the next presidential election will be held in February 2024. From a valuation standpoint, the Index trades at 14.2x consensus 12-month forward earnings, compared with the 10-year historic average of 15.1x.

In this type of environment, companies that could do well are those with secular growth drivers and the ability to navigate higher inflation, interest rates, and potentially recessionary conditions. Stock selection will become even more important for the success of any equity portfolio.

This fits well with Saturna's bottom-up investing approach, which is focused on finding companies with solid fundamentals, strong competitive positions, positive free cash flows, sound growth prospects, and reasonable valuations. Our firm has a sustainability and *Shariah*-compliant focus, which prioritizes companies with low debt and a penchant for doing right by their stakeholders. These characteristics should enhance portfolio resilience under most market conditions.

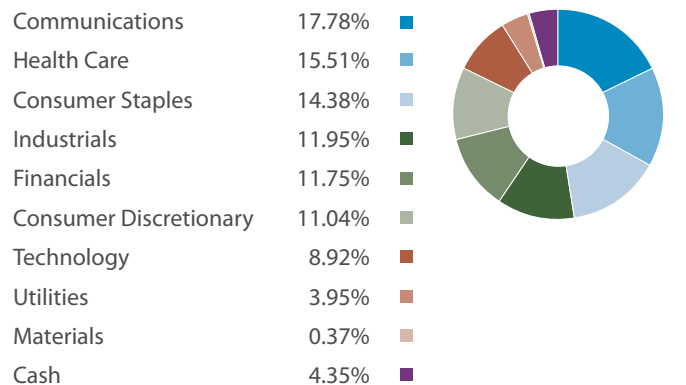
## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(as at 28 February 2023)

	Since Inception	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
<b>Fund<sup>1</sup></b>	1.57%	-1.43%	0.96%	-0.13%	5.31%	0.77%
<b>6.00% Per Annum Annual Return</b>	n/a	0.50%	1.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
<b>Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN TR</b>	3.54%	-1.88%	-5.10%	-5.16%	5.58%	0.68%

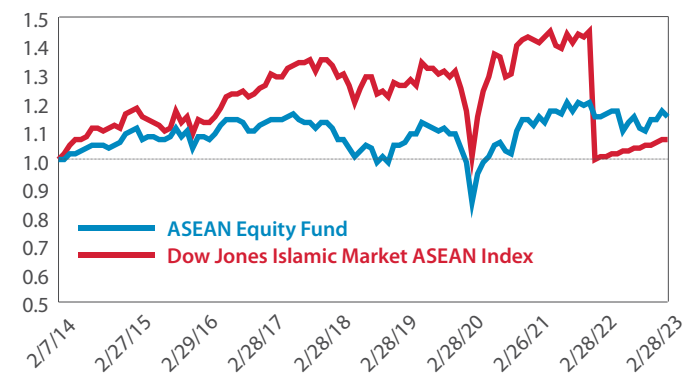
Source: Bloomberg, Saturna Sdn Bhd

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (as at 28 February 2023)



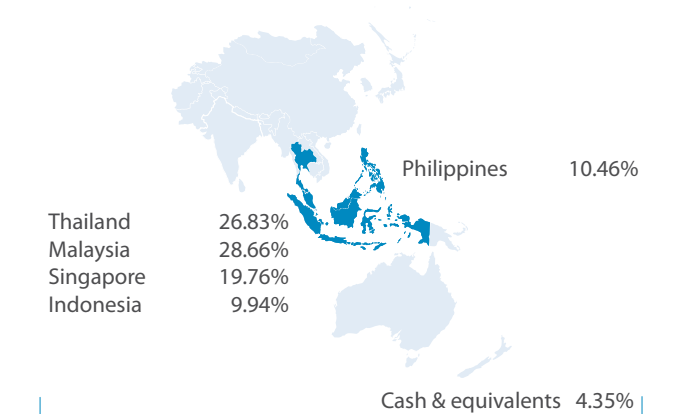
Source: Saturna Sdn Bhd Sector weightings are shown as a percentage of Fund assets.

## COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE



Source: Bloomberg

## COUNTRY ALLOCATION (as at 28 February 2023)



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



## 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 which 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 mid-size 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 28 February 2023)

Airports Of Thailand	4.23%
Delfi LTD	4.16%
Manila Electric	3.96%
Plan B Media Public Company Foreign	3.89%
Wilcon Depot	3.87%
TIME dotCom Bhd	3.85%
Chularat Hospital PCL	3.77%
Venture Corp. Ltd.	3.59%
KPJ Healthcare	3.56%
Telkom Indonesia	3.45%
ComfortDelGro Corp. Ltd.	3.41%

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

## SUMMARY OF KEY TERMS

<b>Fund Size (28-FEB-2023)</b>	MYR 21.53 million
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	MYR 2,000
<b>Minimum Increment</b>	MYR 200
<b>Type of Product</b>	Open-ended (Unit Trust Fund)
<b>Fund Category</b>	<i>Shariah</i> -Compliant Equity
<b>Fund Type</b>	Growth
<b>Domicile</b>	Malaysia
<b>Term</b>	Daily Liquidity
<b>Target Region</b>	ASEAN
<b>Manager</b>	Saturna Sdn Bhd
<b>Trustee</b>	SCBMB Trustee Berhad
<b>Shariah Advisor</b>	Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd
<b>Auditor</b>	Crowe Malaysia PLT
<b>Tax Agent</b>	Crowe KL Tax Sdn Bhd
<b>Administration Fee</b>	0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
<b>Distribution Fee</b>	Up to 0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (on a reimbursement basis)
<b>Trustee Fee</b>	0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
<b>Performance Fee</b>	10% of the change in gross asset value that cumulatively increases or decreases, excluding subscriptions and redemptions, for each day in the financial year
<b>No Direct Fees or Charges</b>	No charges for Sales, Redemption, Transfer, or Switching