

# Equity Fund

## Features of Fund

Investment Objective	The Fund is an investment vehicle that enables investors to capitalise on the dynamic broad-based growth through equity investments in various sectors of the Malaysian economy that are listed on Bursa Malaysia.		
Investment Strategy & Approach	<p>To meet its investment objective, the Fund Manager will invest at least 50% of the Fund’s assets in equities and equity-related securities.</p> <p>The Fund’s investment strategy aims at achieving long-term risk-adjusted returns by exploiting potential inefficiencies in the capital markets through intensive, disciplined and consistent research. The Fund adopts a combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches. The top-down approach examines global and local macro-economic factors such as interest rate trends, inflation rates, supply demand trends, commodities trends and industry outlook and trends. As for the bottom-up approach, the Fund Manager evaluates securities of the companies based on those companies individual attributes such as earnings/cash generation capabilities, growth drivers/ opportunities, scalability of business models, management’s strengths/ track records and valuation gaps. Emphasis is also given to portfolio diversification and using proper risk management to maximize long term risk-adjusted returns. In addition, any active and frequent trading strategy will depend on investment opportunities.</p> <p>The Fund may invest in collective investment schemes provided it is consistent with the investment objective of the Fund.</p>		
Asset Allocation	Type of Asset	Tactical Range (% of Fund’s NAV)	
		Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)
	Equity	50	95
Target Market	It is suitable for investors who seek medium to long-term capital appreciation and are able to tolerate short-term volatility.		
Performance Benchmark	<p>FTSE Bursa Malaysia Top 100 Index (Total Return Net of Tax)</p> <p>The benchmark is only used as a reference for performance gauge purpose. The Fund is not managed against the composite benchmark.</p> <p>Further information on benchmarks can be obtained from <a href="http://www.bursamalaysia.com">www.bursamalaysia.com</a></p>		
Fund Manager	Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad (formerly known as Manulife Asset Management Services Berhad)		
Launch Date	10 July 2000		

## Fees & Charges

Fund Management Charge	1.50% per annum of Net Asset Value
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## Fund Performance

**Notice: Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance**

Year	Actual Performance	Benchmark
2010	23.53%	21.76%
2011	4.70%	1.94%
2012	12.30%	9.60%
2013	19.92%	11.39%
2014	-1.18%	-6.17%
2015	-3.31%	0.04%
2016	-4.65%	-0.43%
2017	13.16%	14.94%
2018	-10.26%	-5.92%
2019	0.73%	0.29%

Source: Bloomberg

This is strictly based on the performance of the investment-linked fund and not the returns earned on the actual premiums paid of the investment-linked plan.

## Equity Fund (continued)

### Additional Disclosure

#### Derivatives Contract

- Investments in derivatives for the purpose of hedging of the risk exposures of the Fund are permitted subject to the requirements stipulated in the Revised Guidelines on Derivatives for Licensed Insurers.
- Derivatives such as FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Futures, FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Options, warrants, transferable subscription rights, and call warrants listed on Bursa Malaysia may be used for hedging purposes.
- No borrowing or leveraging for non-hedging purposes without the prior approval of the Company.

### Risks

Please refer to the Appendix for the risks involved and the risk descriptions.

### Risk Management

During times of adverse financial markets, economic and/or political conditions including extraordinary events, the Fund Manager may temporarily depart from the above Tactical Range by reallocating the Fund's investments into more defensive instruments such as cash, money market and/or other fixed income instruments, provided always that the Fund Manager shall notify the Company of such tactic. This temporary defensive measure is to help mitigate adverse impact to the value of the Fund.