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# Product Highlights Sheet Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund

(formerly known as CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity Fund)

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# The Manager

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This Product Highlights Sheet only highlights the key features and risks of this unlisted capital market product. We recommend that you read this Product Highlights Sheet together with the Replacement Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds) dated 31 December 2019 and its supplementary (if any). You are advised to request, read and understand the Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds) before deciding to invest.

## Brief Information on Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund

Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund is a Shariah-compliant equity fund issued by Principal Malaysia. The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income while complying with Shariah investment criteria, through investments in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan region.

This is neither a capital protected nor capital guaranteed fund.

# **Product Suitability**

The recommended investment timeframe for this Fund is five (5) years or more. This Fund is suitable for investors who:

- have a long-term investment horizon;
- want a portfolio of investments that adhere to the Shariah principles;
- want a well diversified portfolio of Asia Pacific ex Japan regional equities; and/or
- seek capital appreciation over long-term.

# **Key Product Features**

Fund Category/Type	Equity (Shariah-compliant) / Growth
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Islamic Index for performance comparison purpose only.
Investment policy and principal investment strategy	The Fund is predominantly an equity fund which invests through securities of companies domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan. 'Significant operations' means major businesses of the company. For example, the Fund can invest in a company with significant business and/or operations in Thailand but listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The threshold for 'significant operations' would be if more than 25% of total group revenue derives from countries in the emerging and developed markets of Asia Pacific ex Japan. The calculation would be based on the most recent financial reports released by the companies (e.g. interim and annual reports). Between 70% to 98% (both inclusive) of the Fund's NAV can be invested in Shariah-compliant equities, Shariah-compliant warrants, Islamic options, participation in Islamic CIS which are permitted under the SC Guidelines. Up to 30% of the Fund may also invest into Sukuk and Islamic Deposits. For this Fund, the investments in Sukuk must satisfy a minimum rating requirement of at least a "BBB3" or "P2" rating by RAM or equivalent rating by MARC or by local rating agency(ies) of the country of issuance; or "BB" by S&P or equivalent rating by any other international rating agencies. The Fund will also invest at least 2% of the Fund's NAV in Islamic liquid assets.
Launch date	2 June 2006
Financial year-end	30 April
Distribution policy	Regular distributions are not the focus of this Fund. Distributions, if any, are at our discretion.
Manager	Principal Asset Management Berhad.
Sub-Manager (foreign portion)	Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset Management (S) Pte. Ltd)
Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad
Shariah Adviser	Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd
Solicitors	Soon Gan Dion & Partners

## **Key Risks**

General risks of investing in a unit trust fund						
Returns not guaranteed	The investment of the fund is subject to market fluctuations and its inherent risk. There is <b>NO GUARANTEE</b> on the investment returns, nor any assurance that the fund's investment objective will be achieved.					
General market environment risk	Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the fund's NAV.					
Inflation risk	This is the risk that your investment in the unit trust fund may not grow or generate income at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. This would reduce your purchasing power even though the value of the investment in monetary terms has increased.					

Financing risk	This risk occurs when you obtain financing to finance your investment. The inherent risk of investing with money obtained from financing includes you being unable to service the financing payments.
Manager's risk	This risk refers to the day-to-day management of the fund by the manager which will impact the performance of the fund, e.g. investment decisions undertaken by the manager as a result of an incorrect view of the market may adversely affect the performance of the fund.
Reclassification of Shariah status risk	This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the SAC of the SC, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices or Shariah-compliant securities. If this occurs, we will take the necessary steps to dispose such Shariah-compliant securities. There may be opportunity loss to the fund due to the fund not being allowed to retain the capital excess gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. In the event that the Shariah non-compliant securities are disposed at a price lower than the investment cost, it may adversely affect the value of the fund. Thus, it may cause the NAV of the fund or price of units to fall.
Specific risks of the Fund	
Stock specific risk	Prices of a particular stock may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies such as adverse financial performance, news of a possible merger or loss of key personnel of a company. Any adverse price movements of such stock will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.
Country risk	Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the laws or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the Fund's NAV.
Currency risk	As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. Any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.
Risk associated with investment in warrants and/or options	There are inherent risks associated with investments in warrants and/or options. The value of warrants and/or options are influenced by the current market price of the underlying securities, the exercise price of the contract, the time to expiration of the contract and the estimate of the future volatility of the underlying security's price over the life of the contract. Generally, the erosion in value of Shariah-compliant warrants accelerates as it approaches its expiry date. Like securities, we will undertake fundamental research and analysis on these instruments with an aim to mitigate its risks.
Credit and default risk	The Fund will be exposed to a certain degree of credit and default risk of issuers or counterparties when the Fund invests in Sukuk and/or place Islamic Deposits. Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the securities issuers or counterparties and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer or counterparties may impact the value as well as liquidity of the investments. In the case of rated Sukuk, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk that a securities issuer or counterparties either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the investments. This could adversely affect the value of the Fund. We aim to mitigate this risk by performing bottom-up and top-down credit research and analysis to determine the creditworthiness of its issuers or counterparties, and impose investment limits on exposures for issuers or counterparties with different credit profiles as a precautionary step to limit any loss that may arise directly or indirectly as a result of a defaulted transaction.
Interest rate risk	Interest rate risk refers to the impact of interest rate changes on the valuation of Sukuk and Islamic money market instruments. When interest rates rise, Sukuk and Islamic money market instruments prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the Fund's investment in Sukuk and Islamic money market instruments. In managing the Sukuk, we take into account the coupon rate and time to maturity of the Sukuk with an aim to mitigate the interest rate risk. As for Islamic money market instruments, the typical tenor of these instruments are less than 12-month maturity and unlike Sukuk, any change to interest rate will only have a minor impact to the prices of these instruments.
Risk associated with investing in CIS	Since the Fund may invest into Islamic CIS, there is a risk of concentration into Islamic CIS, in which the Islamic CIS's management company has absolute discretion over the Islamic CIS's investment technique and knowledge, operational controls and management. In the event of mismanagement of the Islamic CIS and/or the management company, the NAV of the Fund, which invests into those Islamic CIS would be affected negatively. Should the situation arise, we will seek for another Islamic CIS that is consistent with the objective of this Fund.

**Note:** Please take note that if your investments are made through an IUTA via a nominee system of ownership, you would not be deemed to be a Unit holder under the Deed and as a result, you may not exercise all the rights ordinarily conferred to a Unit holder (e.g. the right to call for Unit holders' meetings and the right to vote at a Unit holders' meeting).

## **Fees & Charges**

Application Fee	Up to 5.00% of the NAV per unit.
Withdrawal Fee	Nil.
Switching Fee	Switching is treated as a withdrawal from the Fund and an investment into another Principal Malaysia Fund. You will be charged a Switching Fee equal to the difference (if any) between the Application Fees of these two (2) funds. In addition, we may impose a RM100 administrative fee for every switch.
Transfer Fee	A maximum of RM50.00 may be charged for each transfer.
Management Fee	Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.07% per annum of the NAV of the Fund.
Other charges payable directly by you when purchasing or withdrawing the units	Any applicable bank charges and other bank fees incurred as a result of an investment or withdrawal will be borne by you.
Expenses directly related to the Fund	Only expenses that are directly related to the Fund can be charged to the Fund. Examples of relevant expenses are audit fee and tax agent's fee.

**Note:** All fees and charges are subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties as may be imposed by the government or other authorities (if any) from time to time. As a result of changes in any rule, regulation, directive, notice and/or law issued by the government or relevant authority, there may be additional cost to the fees, expenses, charges and/or taxes payable to and/or by the Fund or you as disclosed in the PHS.

Despite the maximum Application Fee disclosed above, you may negotiate with us or our Distributors for lower fee or charges. However, you should note that we or our Distributors may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, accept or reject your request and without having to assign any reason, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor, a group of investors or investments made via any digital platform) without prior notice to you. If you invest via EPF-MIS (where available), you may be charged an Application Fee of up to 3.00% of the NAV per unit, or such other rate as may be determined by the EPF. We may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, waive or reduce the amount of any fees (except the Trustee Fee) or other charges payable by you in respect of the Fund, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor, a group of investors or investments made via any digital platform) and for any period or periods of time at our absolute discretion.

#### **Transaction Information**

Minimum initial	Non-RSP	: RM500 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.			
investment#	RSP	: RM500 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.			
Minimum additional	Non-RSP	: RM200 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.			
investment	RSP	: RM200 or such other amount as we may decide from time to time.			
Minimum withdrawal	400 units or such	other number of units as we may decide from time to time.			
Minimum balance	500 units or such	other number of units as we may decide from time to time.			
Switching	amount for a swit  For switching  the mini  the mini  the With  For switching  the mini  the case	g out of the Fund: imum withdrawal applicable to the Fund; imum balance required for the Fund, unless you are withdrawing from the Fund in			
Transfer	Transfer of unit holdings is allowed but this is subject to such terms and conditions as ma stipulated in the Deed. However, we may allow or refuse any transfer of unit at our absorbiscretion.				

## Cooling-off period

Six (6) Business Days from the date the application form is received and accepted by us or our Distributors from the first time investor. However, Principal Malaysia's staff and person(s) registered to deal in unit trust of Principal Malaysia or any of our Distributors are not entitled to the cooling-off right.

In addition, if you have invested via the EPF-MIS (where available), your cooling-off right is subject to EPF's terms and conditions.

**Note:** You may request for a lower amount or number of units when purchasing units (or additional units) or withdrawing units, which will be at our sole and absolute discretion. However, you should note that we may, for any reason at any time, where applicable, accept or reject a lower amount or number of units and without having to assign any reason, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor, a group of investors or investments made via any digital platform) without prior notice to you. We may also, for any reason at any time, where applicable, reduce the minimum balance, either generally (for all investors) or specifically (for any particular investor, a group of investors or investments made via any digital platform) without prior notice to you. For increase in the number of units for minimum withdrawal and minimum balance, we will require concurrence from the Trustee and you will be notified of such changes before implementation.

YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT.

## **Valuations**

We will value the Fund for a Business Day on the next Business Day (T+1) by 4:00 p.m. This is to cater for the currency translation of the foreign securities/instruments to the Fund's base currency. Currently, the currency translation is based on the bid exchange rate quoted by Bloomberg or Reuters at UK time 4:00 p.m. on the same day (Malaysian time 11:00 p.m. or 12:00 a.m.),or such other time as stipulated in the IMS. The NAV per unit for a Business Day is available on our website at http://www.principal.com.my after 5:30 p.m. on the following Business Day (T+1).

Please refer to the "Unit Pricing" section of the Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds) for more information.

#### **Avenues to Exit This Investment**

To exit from this investment, you may withdraw from the Fund, switch out of the Fund or transfer your unit holdings to other investors. You may withdraw your investment at the NAV per unit of the Business Day.

Withdrawals can be made from the Fund by completing a withdrawal form and sending it to the relevant Distributor or our head office. There is no restriction on the frequency of withdrawals. The amount that you will receive is calculated by the withdrawal value less the Withdrawal Fee, if any. You will be paid in RM within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the complete withdrawal request. You will have to bear the applicable bank fees and charges, if any.

For more information on the withdrawals, switching, transfer facility and cooling-off period, please refer to the "Transaction Information" chapter of the Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds). For more information on the fees and charges incur when you exit from this investment, please refer to "Fees, Charges and Expenses" chapter of the Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds).

#### **Fund Performance**

## Average total return of the Fund

FYE: 30 April 2019 in % 1-Year		1-Year 3-Year 5-Year		10-Year	Since inception	
Fund	(3.22)	29.10	48.65	104.44	81.77	
Benchmark	(3.71)	40.29	53.29	132.75	77.29	

**Note**: All performance figures have been extracted from Lipper.

#### Annual total return of the Fund

FYE: 30 April, in %	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Fund	(3.22)	11.37	19.77	(6.28)	22.86	5.58	6.43	(13.10)	3.15	36.54
Benchmark	(3.71)	12.80	29.16	(6.94)	17.43	9.71	2.40	(9.23)	9.90	39.58

**Note**: All performance figures have been extracted from Lipper.

<sup>\*</sup> The minimum initial investment for the EPF-MIS (where available) shall be RM1,000 (or such other amount as may be determined by EPF) or as per the amount stated under the minimum initial investment column, whichever is higher. Please note that there may be changes to the status of the eligibility of the Fund under the EPF-MIS from time to time. Please refer to our website at <a href="http://www.principal.com.my">http://www.kwsp.gov.my</a> for updated information.

The Fund achieved a return of -3.22% in the financial year under review, outperforming the benchmark by 49 basis points ("bps"). In the last 3 and 5 years, the Fund has underperformed the benchmark 11.19% and 4.64% respectively. Since inception, the Fund has outperformed the benchmark by 448 bps.

## Basis of calculation and assumptions made in calculating the returns

Percentage growth	=	NAV on that day – NAV of previous day	Average return	total	=	Total returns of the years under review	
		NAV of previous day				Number of years under review	

#### Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR")

FYE: 30 April	2019	2018	2017
Fund	0.84	1.40	1.29

The Fund's PTR has increased slightly from 1.29 times to 1.40 times during the financial year due to more trading activity.

#### Distribution

FYE: 30 April		2019	2018	2017
Fund	Gross distribution per unit (Sen)	2.01	4.50	-
Fund	Net distribution per unit (Sen)	2.01	4.50	-

The Fund distributed a total net income of RM35.17 million to unit holders for the financial year ended 30 April 2019. As a result, the NAV per unit dropped from RM0.8558 to RM0.8357 on 17 May 2018.

#### PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

## Contact for Further Information / Complaint

- (i) You may contact our Customer Care Centre at (03) 7718 3000. Our Customer Care Centre is available between 8:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (Malaysian time) on Mondays to Thursdays and between 8:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. (Malaysian time) on Fridays (except on Selangor public holidays) or you can e-mail us at <a href="mailto:service@principal.com.my">service@principal.com.my</a>.
- (ii) Alternatively, you may also contact:
  - (a) Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):

via phone to
 via fax to
 via e-mail to
 i 03-2282 2280
 i 03-2282 3855
 i info@sidrec.com.m

via e-mail to : info@sidrec.com.my
 via letter to : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)

Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar No.5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1, 59000 Kuala Lumpur

(b) SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

via phone to : 03-6204 8999
via fax to : 03-6204 8991

via e-mail to : aduan@seccom.com.my

via online complaint form available at www.sc.com.my

via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office

Securities Commission Malaysia

No 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Bukit Kiara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

(c) Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia's Complaints Bureau:

via phone to : 03-2092 3800via fax to : 03-2093 2700

via e-mail to : complaints@fimm.com.my

• via online complaint form available at <a href="www.fimm.com.my">www.fimm.com.my</a>

via letter to : Legal, Secretarial & Regulatory Affairs

Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia

19-06-1, 6th Floor Wisma Tune

No. 19, Lorong Dungun Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

# **Appendix: Glossary**

Application Fee - Preliminary charge on each investment.

Bursa Malaysia - Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

Business Day - Mondays to Fridays when Bursa Malaysia is open for trading, and/or banks in Kuala Lumpur and/or

Selangor are open for business.

**Note:** We may declare certain Business Days to be a non-Business Day for the Fund, if the Fund's investment in foreign markets (if any) which are closed for business or suspended is at least 50% of the Fund's NAV. This information will be communicated to you via our website at **http://www.principal.com.my**. Alternatively, you may contact our Customer Care Centre at 603-7718

3000.

CIS - Refers to collective investment schemes as defined under the SC Guidelines.

Deed - The principal deed and all supplemental deed in respect of the Funds made between us and the Trustee,

in which Unit holders agree to be bound by the provisions of the deeds.

Distributor - Any relevant persons and bodies appointed by Principal Malaysia from time to time, who are responsible

for selling units of the Fund, including Principal Distributors and IUTAs.

EPF - Employees' Provident Fund.

EPF-MIS - EPF's Members Investment Scheme.

Fund or iDY-APDE - Principal Islamic Asia Pacific Dynamic Equity Fund. (formerly known as CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity

Fund).

IMS - Investment Management Standards issued by the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia.

Islamic Deposit - As per the definition of "Islamic deposit" in the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013.

**Note:** To exclude Islamic structured deposits.

IUTA - Institutional Unit Trust Scheme Adviser.

Management Fee - A percentage of the NAV of the Fund that is paid to us for managing the portfolio of the Fund.

MARC - Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad.

Trataysian rating corporation bernad.

Master Prospectus (Islamic Funds)

Refers to the disclosure document issued by us describing the details of the Fund.

NAV - Net Asset Value.

NAV of the Fund - The NAV of the Fund is the value of all Fund's assets less the value of all the Fund's liabilities, at the point

of valuation. For the purpose of computing the annual Management Fee (if any) and annual Trustee Fee (if any), the NAV of the Fund should be inclusive of the Management Fee and Trustee Fee for the relevant

Refers to Product Highlights Sheet; the disclosure document issued by us that contains clear and concise

day.

NAV per unit - The NAV of the Fund divided by the number of units in circulation, at the valuation point.

Principal Distributors

PHS

Sukuk

- Refers to the unit trust consultants of Principal Malaysia.

Principal Malaysia or the Manager

- Principal Asset Management Berhad (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asset management Berhad)

information of the salient features of the Fund.

RAM - RAM Rating Services Berhad.

RM or MYR - Malaysian Ringgit.
RSP - Regular Savings Plan.
S&P - Standard & Poor's.
SAC - Shariah Advisory Council.

SC - Securities Commission Malaysia.

SC Guidelines - Guidelines on Unit Trust Funds issued by the SC.

Shariah - Islamic law, originating from the Qur'an (the holy book of Islam), and its practices and explanations rendered by the prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and ijtihad of ulamak (personal effort by qualified Shariah scholars to determine the true ruling of the divine law on matters whose revelations are not explicit).

Sub-Manager - A fund management company/asset management company that assumes all/or part of the investment function role of the Manager.

 Refers to certificates of equal value which evidence undivided ownership or investment in the assets using Shariah principles and concepts.

**Note:** For local Sukuk, it must also comply with Shariah principles and concepts endorsed by the SAC of SC.

Switching Fee - A charge that may be levied when switching is done from one (1) fund to another.

Transfer Fee - A nominal fee levied for each transfer of units from one (1) Unit holder to another.

Trustee Fee - A percentage of the NAV of the Fund that is paid to the Trustee for its services rendered as trustee of the

Fund.

UK - United Kingdom.

Unit holder - The registered holder for the time being of a unit of the Fund including persons jointly so registered.

Withdrawal Fee - A charge levied upon withdrawal under certain terms and conditions (if applicable).

Note: Unless the context otherwise requires,

- words importing the singular number should include the plural number and vice versa;
- reference to any rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, directives, notices, legislation or statutes in this PHS shall be reference to those rules, regulations, guidelines, standards, directives, notices, legislations or statutes for the time being in force, as may be amended, varied, modified, updated, superseded and/or re-enacted, from time to time;
- time, day or date disclosed in this PHS shall be a reference to that time, day or date in Malaysia; and
- reference to "days" in this PHS will be taken to mean calendar days.

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