

### **Manulife** Investment Management

# Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus\* Fund

Unlocking exceptional growth potential with up-and-coming Shariah-Compliant Companies

Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Malaysia 2023 Winner

> Best Equity Malaysia Small & Mid Cap Fund Over 3 Years, Malaysia Islamic Funds

Source: Refinitiv 2023

Qualified under the EPF Members' Investment Scheme 2023/2024

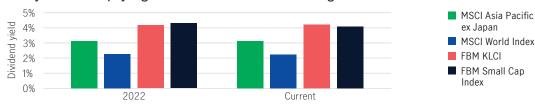
\*The word "Plus" is used in the fund's name as the fund has a similar investment strategy as Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Fund with a wider universe via exposure to the Asia Pacific region.

# Why this Fund?

### Malaysia: An ideal shelter in stormy markets

A large number of corporates in the Malaysian stock market, including small-to-mid cap companies, offer high dividend yields, which cushion stock performance during economic downturns or uncertain times

#### Malaysian stocks pay higher dividend relative to other regions



Source: Bloomberg, Manulife Investment Management, as of 29 March 2023. The above information may contain projections or other forward-looking statements regarding future events, targets, management discipline or other expectations. There is no assurance that such events will occur, and the future course may be significantly different from that shown here. Past performances are not an indication of future performances.

### Uncovering hidden gems to propel growth

Size doesn't matter, growth does.

Venture beyond traditional large-cap stocks to uncover hidden gems with strong long-term growth potential in the small-to-mid cap space. Small-to-mid-cap companies offer stronger returns over the long-term due to their high growth potential.

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## Small- to mid-cap companies returned better average annual returns over 10 years than larger caps

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average annual return
FBM KLCI	10.54%	-5.66%	-3.90%	-3.00%	9.45%	-5.91%	-6.02%	2.42%	-3.67%	-4.60%	-1.04%
FBM Small Cap Index	36.71%	-4.20%	6.04%	-7.71%	15.87%	-33.74%	25.36%	9.89%	1.25%	-5.30%	4.42%

Source: Bloomberg, Manulife Investment Management, as of 24 March 2023. Past performances are not an indication of future performances.

### Capitalising on structural investment trends

We have identified several structural investment trends, which can be used to anchor our investment strategies and help navigate challenging market conditions.

The investment trends are *deglobalisation/supply chain substitution, tech/digitalisation* and *climate change*.

Many small-to-mid cap companies in Malaysia can potentially benefit from these investment trends, including a number of newly listed ones. These companies are potential longer term, structural winners for Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus\* Fund ("the Fund").

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#### **Capturing regional investment opportunities**

The Fund can invest up to 30% in Asia-Pacific markets, providing geographical diversification while potentially enhancing the alpha return.

This allows the Fund to capture regional investment opportunities, especially in light of China's economic reopening.

### **Key fund information**

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	Name of the fund	Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Plus* Fund ("The Fund")						
		*The word Plus is used in the Fund's name as the Fund has a similar investment strategy as Manulife Investment Shariah Progress Fund with a wider universe via exposure to the Asia-Pacific region.						
	Fund category	Equity (Islamic)						
	Base currency	RM						
	Investment objective	The Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing primarily in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities of small to medium sized companies.						
	Investor profile	The Fund is suitable for investors who:  • seek capital appreciation over the long-term;  • have a high risk appetite; and  • prefer Shariah-compliant investments.						
	Investment policy and strategy	market capitalisation compani comprise of Malaysian Shariah of companies domiciled in/ lis	8% of its net asset value (NAV) in a diversified portfolio of small to medium es which comply with Shariah requirements. The Fund's investments will mainly accompliant equities and up to 30% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant equities ted in or have significant operations* in the Asia-Pacific region, including but Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam.					
		For domestic investments, the Fund will invest in Malaysian Shariah-compliant equities which are not a constituent of the FBMKLCI at point of purchase.						
		*Significant operations mean the revenue, earnings, production facilities, assets and/or investments of a company are based in/derived from the Asia-Pacific region. The level of significance will be determined by the Fund Manager on a case-by-case basis based on his/her research and judgement.						
	Performance	FTSE Bursa Malaysia MidS Cap Shariah Index (obtainable via Bursa Malaysia's website: www.bursamalaysia.com).						
	benchmark	Note: The performance benchmark above is only used as a reference for investment performance comparison purpose. The risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of this performance benchmark.						
	Sales charge	Distribution channels UTC Manager IUTA EPF# #Employees Provident Fund Membre	Sales charge (as a % of NAV per Unit of the Fund) Up to 5.50% Up to 5.50% Up to 5.50% Up to 0.50% with i-Akaun (Member) otherwise 3.00%					
	Annual management fee (as a % p.a. of NAV)	#Employees Provident Fund – Members Investment Scheme (EPF-MIS)  Up to 1.50%						
	Annual trustee fee (as a % p.a. of NAV)	Up to 0.06% (which include local custody fee but excludes foreign custodian fees and charges, if any)						
	Minimum initial investment	RM1,000						
	Minimum additional investment	RM100						
	Distribution policy	Income distribution (if any) is i	ncidental					
		Note: For details, please refer to the	Fund's Master Prospectus.					

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