

Manulife Investment Shariah Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund

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Manulife Investment Shariah Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund has been certified as Shariah-compliant by the Shariah adviser appointed for the Fund

This product highlights sheet only highlights the key features and risks of this Fund. Investors are advised to request, read and understand the prospectus of the Fund before deciding to invest.

Brief Information on the Product

1. What is the Fund about?

The Fund is a Shariah-compliant equity fund that aims to provide long-term capital appreciation through investments in Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities of companies in the Asia-Pacific ex Japan region.

Note: Any material change to the Fund's investment objective would require unit holders' approval.

Product Suitability

2. Who is the Fund suitable for?

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- wish to invest in a diversified portfolio of stocks listed in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region;
- seek Shariah-compliant investments;
- are willing to accept a higher level of risk; and
- have a long-term investment horizon (a period of at least 5 years).

Key Product Features

3. What am I investing in?

Fund Category	Equity (Shariah-compliant)
Investment Strategy and Policy	<p>The Fund will invest 70% to 98% of its net asset value ("NAV") in a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities of companies domiciled in/ listed in or having significant operations* in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region (despite being listed outside the region), including but not limited to Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, with emphasis on high growth potential and/or undervalued Shariah-compliant securities relative to their assessed true value. Islamic money market instruments are only used to maintain liquidity position and also as a short-term alternative should the Shariah-compliant equity markets become extremely volatile. The Fund may invest in these investments directly or via Islamic collective investment schemes.</p> <p>The Fund is actively managed based on research fundamentals in meeting the investment objective of the Fund.</p> <p>The investment process of the Fund employs both qualitative and quantitative analysis in identifying potential companies for investment. In doing so, the Manager adopts a bottom-up approach which relies on fundamentals research - the fundamentals are assessed from a broad range of criteria including the company's growth and value profile, its cash-flow generation ability and its management.</p>

	<p>The Manager may take a temporary defensive view in attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political or any other conditions by reducing the Fund's investments in Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities to lower than 70%, but not less than 50% of the Fund's NAV.</p> <p>*Significant operations mean the revenue, earnings, production facilities, assets and/or investments of a company are based in/ derived from the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region. The level of significance will be determined by the Manager on a case-by-case basis based on his/ her research and judgement.</p>						
Asset Allocation	<table> <tr> <th><u>Asset Class</u></th><th><u>Allocation (% of the Fund's NAV)</u></th></tr> <tr> <td>Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities</td><td>70% to 98%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Islamic liquid assets</td><td>Minimum 2%</td></tr> </table>	<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Allocation (% of the Fund's NAV)</u>	Shariah-compliant equities and Shariah-compliant equity-related securities	70% to 98%	Islamic liquid assets	Minimum 2%
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Performance Benchmark	<p>FTSE Shariah Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index</p> <p>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. The performance benchmark information is available at www.manulifeim.com.my.</p>						
Base Currency	Ringgit Malaysia (RM)						
Currency Class	RM Class						
Launch Date	16 January 2008						
Financial Year End	30 September						
Distribution Policy	Distribution of income, if any, is incidental.						

4. Who am I investing with?

Manager	Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad
Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad
Shariah Adviser	ZICO Shariah Advisory Services Sdn Bhd

Key Risks

5. What are the key risks associated with this Fund?

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. For example, investment decisions undertaken by the Manager, as a result of an incorrect view of the market or any non-compliance with internal policies, investment mandate, the deed, relevant law or guidelines due to factors such as human error or weaknesses in operational process and systems, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

Market 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.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the Fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the Fund and investments of the unit holders will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices.

Loan or Financing Risk

This risk occurs when investors take a loan/ financing to finance their investment. The inherent risk of investing with borrowed/ financed money includes investors being unable to service the loan repayments/ financing payments. In the event units are used as collateral, an investor may be required to top-up the investors' existing instalment if the prices of units fall below a certain level due to market conditions. Failing which, the units may be sold at a lower NAV per unit as compared to the NAV per unit at the point of purchase, towards settling the loan/ financing.

Please note that loan/ financing is discouraged.

Suspension/Deferment of Redemption Risk

The Manager may, in consultation with the Trustee and having considered the interests of investors, suspend the dealings in units of the Fund due to exceptional circumstances such as when the market value or fair value of a material portion of the Fund's assets cannot be determined. No application will be dealt with when suspension of dealing in units are triggered and this will limit the unit holder's right to freely redeem their units in the Fund.

For the purpose of liquidity risk management, the Fund may defer redemption to the next business day if the total net redemption received is more than 10% of the NAV of the Fund on a particular business day. When such redemption limit is triggered, it may jeopardise the Fund's ability to meet unit holders' redemption request and may lead to a delay in repayment of redemption proceeds to investors. Unit holders who are impacted by deferment of redemption are subject to the risks inherent to the Fund which unit holders invested in until the redemption request is processed.

Stock Specific Risk

Prices of a particular Shariah-compliant 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 Shariah-compliant stock will adversely affect the Fund's NAV.

Concentration Risk

Concentration risk occurs when a portfolio is overweight on a particular security, sector or asset class. In a scenario where the Fund invests a substantial portion of its assets in securities within a particular sector, it may be subject to greater price volatility or adversely affected by the performance of the securities of that particular sector. The risk may be mitigated through the diversification process that the Manager will employ in the management of the Fund.

Country Risk

Investments of the Fund may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, the deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the Fund. This in turn may cause the NAV of the Fund or prices of units to fall.

Currency Risk

As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments. Investors should be aware that if the currencies in which the investments are denominated depreciate against the base currency, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund in the base currency and vice versa. Investors should note that any gains or losses arising from the fluctuation in the exchange rate may further increase or decrease the returns of the investment.

Risk Considerations for Investing in Islamic Hedging Instruments and Shariah-compliant Warrants

The Manager may use Islamic hedging instruments such as Islamic swap, Islamic forward and Islamic futures to hedge against certain risks such as adverse movements in currency exchange rates or interest rate. This involves special risks, including but not limited to the risk of loss from default by the counterparty, typically as a consequence of insolvency or failed settlement.

The Manager will only enter into hedging transactions where the counterparty is a financial institution with a minimum long-term credit rating of investment grade (including gradation and subcategories) rated by any domestic or global rating agency. In the event where the counterparty's or issuer's rating falls below the minimum required or it ceases to be rated, the Manager will liquidate its position within 6 months or sooner, unless the Trustee considers it to be in the best interest of investors to do otherwise.

To mitigate these risks, all investment in Islamic hedging instruments will be closely monitored or efforts will be taken to unwind such positions if there is material adverse change to the counterparty or issuer.

Subject to the permitted investments of the respective Fund, the Fund may purchase Shariah-compliant warrants. The Fund may also hold Shariah-compliant warrants which arise from the Fund's holdings in Shariah-compliant equities and such Shariah-compliant warrants are limited to those which can be converted into new shares. A Shariah-compliant warrant gives the Fund the right but not the obligation to subscribe to the underlying securities of the issuing company at a pre-determined price (exercise price), quantity and expiry period. It will expire and its value diminishes if it is not exercised by the expiration date or it is out-of-the-money (the exercise price is higher than the current market price of the underlying securities). Prices of Shariah-compliant warrants are extremely volatile and it may not always be possible to dispose all in a short period of time.

Reclassification of Shariah Status Risk

This is the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant securities in the portfolio of Islamic Fund may be reclassified to be Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the securities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, the Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose of such securities. There may be opportunity loss to the Islamic Fund due to the Islamic Fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant securities. The value of the Islamic Fund may also be adversely affected in the event of a disposal of Shariah non-compliant securities at a price lower than the investment cost.

Fees and Charges

6. What are the fees and charges involved?

Charges when buying units of the Fund

Sales Charge	Distributors	Maximum Sales Charge*
	Unit Trust Consultant	Up to 6.50% of NAV per unit of the Fund
	Manager	
	Institutional Unit Trust Scheme Adviser ("IUTA")	Up to 5.50% of NAV per unit of the Fund
	Employees Provident Fund ("EPF") Sales	Up to 3.00% of NAV per unit of the Fund
	EPF via i-Akaun (Member)	Up to 0.50% of NAV per unit of the Fund
	*The sales charge is non-negotiable. However, the Manager may at its discretion charge a lower sales charge from time to time.	

	Note: The list of funds qualified under the Employees Provident Fund – Members Investment Scheme (“EPF-MIS”) is available on our website at www.manulifeim.com.my or EPF’s website at www.kwsp.gov.my and will be updated as and when EPF revises the list.
Redemption Charge	Nil
Switching Fee	Subject to the conditions on switching as set out in the prospectus of the Fund.
Transfer Fee	RM3.00 per transfer

Fees incurred when investing in the Fund

Management fee	1.75% per annum of NAV of the Fund
Trustee fee	0.06% per annum of NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees, but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges)

All fees and charges (e.g. sales charge, switching fee, transfer fee, management fee, trustee fee and any other relevant fees and/or charges), where applicable, may be subject to any tax that may be introduced by the government of Malaysia from time to time.

Minimum initial investment	
Walk-in/ Hardcopy application	RM2,000
Online application	RM200
Minimum additional investment	
Walk-in/ Hardcopy application	RM1,000
Online application	RM100
Cut-off time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.00 p.m. for walk-in transactions or any other time that may be determined by the Manager, and 4.00 p.m. for online transactions*.

*Online transactions include purchase of units and switching between fund/ class denominated in RM only. Online transactions are not applicable for redemption of units currently. You may refer to our online tool for latest updates.

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

Valuation and Exiting from Investment

7. How often are valuations available?

The valuation of the Fund is carried out daily at the end of the business day. Funds with exposure to foreign investments shall be valued at or before 5.00 p.m. on the next business day (or T+1) because of the time difference between Malaysia and the country(ies) where the funds invested in. The NAV per unit of the Fund will be published upon valuation conducted. However, delay may occur in updating the NAV per unit of the Fund. The latest prices will be available on the Manager’s website at www.manulifeim.com.my or FIMM’s website. Alternatively, unit holders may contact the Manager’s Customer Service Hotline.

8. How can I exit from this investment and what are the risks and costs involved?

Redeeming an investment

Unit holders may redeem part or all of their investments at any time by completing a “Redemption Form” which is available from 8.45 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the office of the Manager and its branches. There is no redemption charge levied on the redemption of units. Redemption proceeds will be paid within seven (7) business days from the date on which the redemption request is received by the Manager at or before the cut-off time.

Unit holders should note that redemption limit or suspension of dealing in units of the Fund may be imposed as part of liquidity risk management. These circumstances may lead to delay in payment of redemption proceeds to you. For more information, please refer to the Transaction Information section of the Fund’s prospectus.

Minimum redemption amount	500 units
Minimum holding/ balance	1,000 units
Cut-off time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.00 p.m. for walk-in transactions or any other time that may be determined by the Manager, and 4.00 p.m. for online switching.

Cooling-off period

The cooling-off period is only applicable to any individual investing for the first time in any unit trust funds managed by the Manager and excludes staff of the Manager and persons registered with a body approved by the SC to deal in unit trusts. You have the right, within six (6) business days from the day of the receipt by the Manager of your application form, to call for a withdrawal of your investment. The money invested will be refunded to you subject to the conditions as set out in the prospectus of the Fund. In the case of an investment via EPF-MIS, the cooling-off is subject to EPF's terms and conditions (if applicable).

Withdrawal proceeds will only be paid to you once the Manager has received the cleared payments for the original investment.

For purchase/ redemption transaction made with IUTAs, the transaction is subject to the terms and conditions of the respective IUTAs. Also, if you invest in units through an IUTA which adopts the nominee system of ownership, you will not be considered as a unit holder under the Fund's deed, and you may consequently not have all the rights ordinarily exercisable by a unit holder (for example, the right to call for a unit holders' meeting and to vote thereat, and the right to have your particulars appearing in the Fund's register of unit holders).

Fund Performance

9. Average Total Return for Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024

Basis of calculation

Average Total Return = Annualised Total Return
= $[(1 + \text{Total return for the period})^{(\text{Actual no. of days in a year} \div \text{No. of days during the period})} - 1] \times 100\%$

Returns in RM (%)	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Manulife Investment Shariah Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund	5.02	(0.82)	5.88	5.76
Benchmark	11.24	(0.43)	6.50	6.59

10. Annual Total Return for Financial Year Ended 30 September

Basis of calculation

Annual Total Return = $\frac{(\text{NAV}_t - \text{NAV}_{t-1})}{\text{NAV}_{t-1}}$ NAV_t denotes NAV at the end of the period.
NAV_{t-1} denotes NAV at the beginning of the period.

Returns in RM	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Manulife Investment Shariah Asia-Pacific ex Japan Fund	7.78	6.83	16.57	4.24	(6.01)	10.99	22.91	(17.76)	12.94	5.02
Benchmark	6.84	10.97	23.15	1.69	(6.90)	10.39	25.71	(21.02)	12.36	11.24

For the financial year ended 30 September 2024, the Fund's return increased by 5.02 %, compared with its benchmark return which increased by 11.24%.

Note: The benchmark was changed from Dow Jones Islamic Market Asia-Pacific ex-Japan Index to FTSE Shariah Asia Pacific Ex-Japan, India and Pakistan Index effective 1 January 2009 following the termination of service agreement with Dow Jones & Company Inc. On 10 Aug 2020, the benchmark was changed to FTSE Shariah Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index, to better reflect the Fund's broader investable universe.

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

11. Portfolio Turnover Ratio and Income Distribution per Unit

Financial Year End (FYE)	2022	2023	2024
Portfolio Turnover Ratio ("PTR")	0.34	0.53	0.36
The PTR for FYE2024 is 0.36 times and was lower than FYE2023 mainly due to the decrease in trading activities.			
Gross distribution per unit (sen)	-	-	3.26
Net distribution per unit (sen)	-	-	3.10
Distribution was reinvested into additional units in the Fund at the NAV per unit on the distribution date.			

Contact Information

12. Who should I contact for further information or to lodge a complaint?

- i) For internal dispute resolution, you may contact us:

Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad

13th Floor, Menara Manulife
No. 6, Jalan Gelenggang
Damansara Heights
50490 Kuala Lumpur.

Customer Service Hotline : 03-2719 9271
General Line : 03-2719 9228
Email : MY_CustomerService@manulife.com
Website : www.manulifeim.com.my

- ii) If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):

Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)

Level 25, Menara Takafu Malaysia
No. 4, Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur.

Phone : 03-2276 6969
Email : info@sidrec.com.my

- iii) Even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC, you may also direct your complaint to the SC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

Consumer & Investor Office
Securities Commission Malaysia
No. 3, Persiaran Bukit Kiara
Bukit Kiara
50490 Kuala Lumpur.

Phone : 03-6204 8999 (Aduan Hotline)
Fax : 03-6204 8991
Email : aduan@seccom.com.my
Online complaint form available at www.sc.com.my

- iv) Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FiMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

Legal, Secretariat & Regulatory Affairs
Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia
19-06-1, 6th Floor, Wisma Tune
No. 19, Lorong Dungun
Damansara Heights
50490 Kuala Lumpur.

Phone : 03-7890 4242 (Press 3)
Fax : 03-2093 2700
Email : complaints@fimm.com.my
Online complaint form available at www.fimm.com.my