

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

# MAYBANK ASIAPAC EX-JAPAN EQUITY-I FUND ("the Fund")

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### 1. What is Maybank AsiaPac ex-Japan Equity-I Fund?

The Fund is Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd's first regional Shariah-compliant equity fund. The Fund aims to achieve capital growth through investing in Shariah-compliant equities issued by companies whose businesses are in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets.

### 2. Product Suitability

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- wish to gain exposure to the Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets and other markets such as the United States of America and United Kingdom markets;
- seek capital growth through an Islamic fund; and
- have a long term investment horizon.

*\* Long term means a period of more than 5 years.*

### 3. Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term by investing in Shariah-compliant equities.

### 4. Key Product Features

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| <b>Fund Type</b>   | Growth.  |
| <b>Fund Category</b>   | Equity (Shariah-compliant).  |
| <b>Performance Benchmark</b>   | MSCI AC Asia Pacific Islamic ex-Japan Index.<br><i>(Source: Bloomberg)</i><br><i>Note: The risk profile of the Fund is different from the risk profile of the performance benchmark.</i>   |
| <b>Investment Strategy</b>   | To achieve the Fund's objective, the Fund will invest between 70% to 98% of the Fund's NAV in Shariah-compliant equities issued by companies whose businesses are in Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets. The External Investment Manager will also invest between 2% to 30% of the Fund's NAV in Islamic liquid assets including Islamic money market instruments and placement in Islamic deposits.<br><i>Note: Please refer to section 3.5 in the prospectus for further details.</i> |
| <b>Launch Date</b>   | 8 January 2014.  |
| <b>Manager</b>   | Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd.  |
| <b>External Investment Manager</b>   | Maybank Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd.  |
| <b>Trustee</b>   | TMF Trustees Malaysia Berhad.  |
| <b>Shariah Adviser</b>   | Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd.   |
| <b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>  | RM1,000 or such other lower amount as determined by the Manager from time to time.   |
| <b>Minimum Additional Investment</b>   | RM100 or such other lower amount as determined by the Manager from time to time.   |
| <i>Note: The Manager's distributors may set a lower minimum initial and/or additional investments than the above for investments made via the distributors subject to their terms and conditions for investment.</i> |  |

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| <b>Minimum Units Held</b>     | 500 Units or such other lower number of Units as determined by the Manager from time to time.                |
| <b>Distribution of Income</b> | Distribution, if any, is incidental and will be made from the realised income and realised gain of the Fund. |

## 5. Asset Allocation

| <b>% of the Fund's NAV</b> | <b>Asset Type</b>  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Between 70% - 98%          | Shariah-compliant equities   |
| Between 2% - 30%           | Islamic liquid assets including Islamic money market instruments and placement in Islamic deposits |

## 6. Key Risks

### Specific Risks

#### Company specific risk

Specific risks to Shariah-compliant securities issued by a company apply as there are adverse conditions or negative sentiments which a company can be uniquely exposed to, be it from the view of management issues, deteriorating business fundamentals or losing competitiveness. As a consequence, the price of Shariah-compliant securities issued by such company might fall and subsequently affect the Fund's performance. The impact of a specific company may be reduced as the Fund invests in a wide portfolio of investments consisting of Shariah-compliant securities issued by different companies thereby spreading the element of this risk through diversification.

#### Credit and Default risk

Credit risk relates to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the Islamic money market instruments, and their expected ability to make timely payment of profit and/or principal. Any adverse situations faced by the issuer may impact the value as well as liquidity of the Islamic money market instruments. In the case of rated Islamic money market instruments, this may lead to a credit downgrade. Default risk relates to the risk that an issuer of an Islamic money market instrument either defaulting on payments or failing to make payments in a timely manner which will in turn adversely affect the value of the Islamic money market instruments. This could adversely affect the value of the Fund.

Islamic deposits that the Fund has placed with financial institutions are also exposed to default risk. If the financial institutions become insolvent, the Fund may suffer capital losses with regards to the capital invested and profit foregone, causing the performance of the Fund to be adversely affected. Placements of Islamic deposits with financial institution will also be made based on prudent selection.

#### Profit rate risk

Profit rate risk refers to the impact of profit rate changes on the valuation of Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits. When profit rates rise, Islamic money market instruments' prices generally decline and this may lower the market value of the Fund's investment in Islamic money market instruments. The reverse may apply when profit rates fall.

Profit rate fluctuations also affect the Islamic deposits' returns of the Fund. Profit rates offered by the financial institutions will fluctuate according to the overnight rate policy determined by Bank Negara Malaysia and this has direct correlation with the Fund's investment in Islamic deposits. The Fund's future reinvestment in Islamic deposits will benefit from the higher profit rate and in the

event of falling profit rates, the Fund's future investment in Islamic deposits will be reinvested at lower profit rates which in turn will reduce the Fund's potential returns.

#### 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 law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. For example, if the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in issuers located in a single country, a limited number of countries, or a particular geographic region, it assumes the risk that economic, political and social conditions in those countries or that region may have a significant impact on the Fund's investment performance. This in turn may cause the NAV of the Fund or prices of Units to fall.

#### Risk of investing in emerging markets

The Fund may invest in emerging markets which exhibit lower levels of capital market development. Generally, the returns in emerging markets are more volatile than those in developed markets resulting in higher investment risk that may affect the Fund's growth. Since emerging markets are undergoing constant changes, it is almost impossible to utilize historical information to analyse the relationship between events and returns. Also, in many emerging markets, accounting standards are not as comprehensive resulting in additional uncertainty as to the quality of information contained in a company's financial statements. Naturally, this makes it even more difficult than usual to forecast a company's rate of growth. In addition to comprehensive research analysis, the Manager attempts to mitigate the risks of investing in emerging markets through diversification across various countries.

#### Currency risk

This risk is associated with investments that are quoted and/or priced in foreign currency denomination. The investment values are all subject to currency translation risk between RM and foreign currencies. Investors should be aware that when foreign currencies move unfavorably against the RM, investments denominated in foreign currencies may suffer currency losses in addition to capital gains/losses, this will have an adverse effect on the NAV of the Fund and vice versa. In order to mitigate this risk, the Manager may diversify the investment across different currencies.

#### Reclassification of Shariah status risk

This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in the Fund may be reclassified as Shariah non-compliant in the periodic review of the equities by the Shariah Advisory Council of the SC, the Shariah Adviser or the Shariah boards of the relevant Islamic indices. If this occurs, the Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose such equities. There may be opportunity loss to the Fund due to the Fund not being allowed to retain the excess capital gains derived from the disposal of the Shariah non-compliant equities. The value of the Fund also may be adversely affected in the event of a disposal of Shariah non-compliant equities at a price lower than the investment cost. Please refer to "Shariah Investment Guidelines" section in the prospectus of the Fund for details on the treatment of gains and losses as a result of the reclassification of Shariah non-compliant securities.

Please note that the Shariah Adviser has been appointed for the Fund, who would be responsible to advise the Manager to ensure that the Fund is managed and administered in accordance with Shariah principles.

***Investors are reminded that the risks listed above may not be exhaustive and if necessary, they should consult their adviser(s), e.g. bankers, lawyers, Shariah advisers, stockbrokers or independent professional advisers for a better understanding of the risks.***

*For more details, please refer to section 3.6 in the prospectus for the general and specific risks of investing in the Fund.*

*Note: If your investments are made through an IUTA (“Distributor”) which adopts the nominee system of ownership, you would not be deemed to be a Unit Holder under the deed and as a result, your rights as an investor may be limited. Accordingly, we will only recognise the Distributor as a Unit Holder of the Fund and the Distributor shall be entitled to all the rights conferred to it under the deed.*

## 7. Fees and Charges

This table describes the charges that you may **directly** incur when you buy or sell the Units of the Fund:

| <u>Charges</u>           | <u>%/RM</u>   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Sales Charge*</b>     | : Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit of the Fund will be imposed by the Manager. |
| <b>Redemption Charge</b> | : No redemption charge will be imposed on Unit Holders.                       |
| <b>Switching Fee**</b>   | : A switching fee of RM10.00 per switch will be imposed on Unit Holders.      |
| <b>Transfer Fee***</b>   | : A transfer fee of RM10.00 per transfer will be imposed on Unit Holders.     |

*Note:*

\* (1) The Manager reserves the right to waive or reduce the sales charge from time to time at its absolute discretion. (2) Investors may also negotiate for a lower sales charge. (3) All sales charges will be rounded up to two (2) decimal places and will be retained by the Manager.

\*\* (1) The Manager reserves the right to waive the switching fee. (2) In addition to the switching fee, the Unit Holder will have to pay the difference in sales charge when switching from a fund with lower sales charge to a fund with higher sales charge.

\*\*\* (1) The Manager reserves the right to waive the transfer fee. (2) The Manager reserves the right to decline any transfer request if such transfer will expose the Manager to any liability and/or will contravene any law or regulatory requirements, whether or not having the force of law.

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

This table describes the charges that you may **indirectly** incur when you buy or sell the Units of the Fund:

| <u>Charges</u>        | <u>%/RM</u>   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Management Fee</b> | : Up to 1.50% per annum of the NAV of the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly to the Manager.  |
| <b>Trustee Fee</b>    | : 0.06% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), accrued daily and paid monthly to the Trustee. |

*Note: All fees, charges and expenses stated herein are exclusive of any taxes or duties as may be imposed by the government or other authorities from time to time. The Unit Holder and/or the Fund (as the case may be) are responsible to pay the applicable amount of tax in addition to the fees, charges and expenses stated herein.*

## 8. Valuation of Investment

The Fund is valued once every Business Day after the close of the market in which the portfolio of the Fund is invested for the relevant day but not later than the end of next Business Day.

As such, the daily price of the Fund for a particular Business Day will not be published on the next Business Day but will instead be published two (2) Business Days later (i.e., the price will be 2 days old).

Unit Holders will be able to obtain the Unit price of the Fund from [www.maybank-am.com.my](http://www.maybank-am.com.my). Alternatively, the Manager's client servicing personnel can be contacted at 03-2297 7888.

## 9. Exiting from Investment

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| Submission of Redemption Request  | The cut-off time for redemption request shall be at <b>4.00 p.m.</b> on a Business Day.<br><i>Note: The Manager's distributors may have an earlier cut-off time for receiving applications in respect of any dealing in Units. Please check with the respective distributors for their respective cut-off time.</i> |
| Payment of Redemption Proceeds    | Redemption proceeds will be paid within seven (7) Business Days from the date the redemption request is received by the Manager.  |
| Remittance of Redemption Proceeds | The Manager shall remit redemption proceeds to the account held in the name of the Unit Holder(s).  |

## 10. Fund Performance

### i. The average total returns of the Fund

Note: Basis of calculation and assumption made in calculating the returns:

$$\text{Performance return} = \frac{\text{NAV } t - \text{NAV } t-1}{\text{NAV } t-1}$$

$$\text{Annualised performance return} = (1 + \text{performance return})^{\left(\frac{\text{number of period per year}}{\text{total no. of periods}}\right)} - 1$$

NAV t refers to NAV at the end of the period.

NAV t-1 refers to NAV at the beginning of the period.

| As at 31 January | 5 years | 3 years | 1 year | Since Inception |
|------------------|---------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| Fund             | 1.70    | 4.45    | (6.19) | 5.24            |
| Benchmark        | 1.65    | 4.99    | (6.90) | 6.08            |

### ii. The annual total return of the Fund as at 31 January

|           | 2015* | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020  | 2021   | 2022   | 2023   |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Fund      | 4.56% | -4.20% | 23.67% | 17.20% | -5.37% | 0.87% | 28.35% | -5.36% | -6.19% |
| Benchmark | 9.33% | -9.37% | 29.33% | 21.92% | -9.73% | 3.88% | 28.71% | -3.41% | -6.90% |

Note: \*11-months period from 23 February 2014 (commencement date)

The total return of the Fund is based on the following calculation:

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| Capital return = | $\frac{\text{NAV per unit at the end of the period}}{\text{NAV per unit at the beginning of the period}} - 1$ |
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| Income return = | $\frac{\text{Income distribution per unit}}{\text{NAV per unit on ex-date}}$ |
| Total return =  | $(1 + \text{Capital return}) \times (1 + \text{Income return}) - 1$          |

### 1-Year Fund performance review

The Fund registered a total return of -6.19 against its benchmark's return of -6.90, thus outperformed the benchmark by 0.71%.

### III. Portfolio turnover ratio ("PTR")

Portfolio turnover is a measure of the volume of trading undertaken by a fund in relation to the fund's size.

| PTR for the financial year ended 31 January 2021 | PTR for the financial year ended 31 January 2022 | PTR for the financial year ended 31 January 2023 |
|--|--|--|
| 1.06   | 0.53   | 0.74*  |

\* The Fund's PTR decreased due to lower trading activities during the current financial year.

### IV. Distribution

|                             | Year ended 31 January 2021 | Year ended 31 January 2022 | Year ended 31 January 2023 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Gross distribution per Unit | RM0.10                     | RM0.08                     | RM0.04                     |
| Net distribution per Unit   | RM0.10                     | RM0.08                     | RM0.04                     |
| Cash or Units               | Units                      | Units                      | Units                      |

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

## 11. Contact Information

### I. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact:

#### Clients Servicing Personnel

Tel : 03-2297 7888  
 Fax : 03-2715 0071  
 Email : mamcs@maybank.com.my  
 Website : www.maybank-am.com

### 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):

- a. via phone to : 03-2282 2280
- b. via fax to : 03-2282 3855
- c. via email to : info@sidrec.com.my
- d. 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

III. You can also direct your complaint to the SC even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:

- a. via phone to the Aduan Hotline at : 03-6204 8999
- b. via fax to : 03-6204 8991
- c. via email to : [aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)
- d. via online complaint form available at : [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)
- e. via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office  
Securities Commission Malaysia  
3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara  
Bukit Kiara  
50490 Kuala Lumpur

IV. Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM)'s Complaints Bureau:

- a. via phone to : 03-7890 4242
- b. via email to : [complaints@fimm.com.my](mailto:complaints@fimm.com.my)
- c. via online complaint form available at [www.fimm.com.my](http://www.fimm.com.my)
- d. via letter to : Legal, Secretarial & Regulatory Affairs  
Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia  
19-06-01, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wisma Tune  
No. 19, Lorong Dungun  
Damansara Heights  
50490 Kuala Lumpur

## 12. Appendix: Glossary

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| “Business Day”                | means a day on which Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad is open for trading.   |
| “External Investment Manager” | refers to Maybank Islamic Asset Management Sdn Bhd (Registration No.: 201301012623 (1042461-K)).   |
| “Fund”                        | means the Maybank AsiaPac ex-Japan Equity-I Fund.  |
| “IUTA”                        | means a corporation registered with Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia and authorised to market and distribute unit trust schemes of another party.                    |
| “Manager”                     | means Maybank Asset Management Sdn Bhd (Registration No.: 199701006283 (421779-M))   |
| “NAV”                         | means Net Asset Value, the total value of the Fund's assets minus its liabilities at the valuation point.  |
| “SC”                          | means the Securities Commission Malaysia.  |
| “Shariah Adviser”             | means Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd (Registration No.: 200501007003 (684050-H)).   |
| “Unit or Units”               | means an undivided share in the beneficial interest or right in the Fund and a measurement of the right or interest of a Unit Holder in the Fund and means a unit of the Fund. |
| “Unit Holder”                 | means the person for the time being who is registered pursuant to the deed as a holder of Units including a jointholder.   |