# Hong Leong Smart Growth Fund (HLSGF)

# Apr 2017

#### **Fund Features**

#### **Investment Objective**

The primary objective of the fund is to provide investors with steady longterm capital growth at moderate risk.

# **Investment Strategy & Approach**

The strategy is to provide investors an access into a diversified portfolio of growth stocks listed on Bursa Malaysia and/or in any foreign stock exchanges that offer potential capital appreciation at moderate risk. The fund may feed into collective investment schemes that meet the fund's objective. At inception, HLSGF will invest by feeding into Kenanga Growth Fund ("Target Fund") with the option to increase the number of funds or replace the Target Fund in future. The Target Fund's assets are actively invested in a diversified portfolio of Malaysian equity and equity-related securities of companies with sustainable business model that is trading at a discount to its intrinsic value.

### **Asset Allocation**

Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund's equity exposure is expected to range from 75% to 95% of the Target Fund's NAV with the balance in money market instruments, fixed deposits and/or cash.

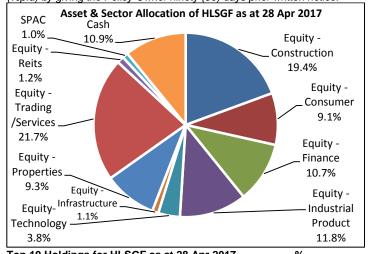
# **Target Market**

This fund is suitable for investors who have long term investment time horizon and have a moderate risk profile with tolerance for short-term

#### **Fund Details**

Unit Price (28/4/2017)	: RM1.9028
Fund Size (28/4/2017)	: RM232.8mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.50% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	:01 Oct 2012
Benchmark	:FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index
	(FBM KLCI)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (%p.a) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice



TOP 1	U Holdings for HLSGF as at 28 Apr 2017	%
1.	Tenaga Nasional	3.2
2.	Sime Darby Berhad	2.9
3.	LBS Bina Group	2.8
4.	Ekovest	2.7
5.	Press Metal	2.7
6.	Yinson Holdings	2.6
7.	Salutica	2.4
8.	Genting Malaysia	2.3
9.	CIMB Group	2.3
10.	Gabungan AQRS	2.0
	Total Top 10	25.9

#### Historical Performance

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	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	YTD	Since Inception
HLSGF	3.51%	19.38%	42.07%	16.00%	90.28%
Benchmark	1.61%	5.70%	-5.53%	7.69%	7.59%
Relative	1.91%	13.68%	47.60%	8.31%	82.69%

Market Review, Outlook & Strategy relevant to Target Fund
Global markets generally rose in April, driven by US and European earnings results, fluctuating oil prices, an outline on US President Trump's tax reform proposal and geopolitical issues in Syria and North Korea. Investors grew cautious on the meeting between US and Chinese leaders, and the first round of the French presidential elections, which saw centrist candidate Emmanuel Macron making it through to the second round. The Dow Jones Industrial Index rallied 1.3% in April on the back of strong corporate earnings in spite of an underwhelming tax proposal, a lower than expected 1Q GDP and a bipartisan agreement deal narrowly avoiding a government shutdown, as investors poured in US\$14bn into US equities. Asian markets performance in April was mixed as MSCI Asia ex Japan (USD) gained 2.1%. In local currency terms, outperformers were Philippines (+4.8%), Jakarta (+2.1%), Korea (2.1%), Hong Kong (2.1%) and Malaysia (1.6%). In Malaysia, the FBM Small Cap beat the market with 3.4% gain vs the FBM100 (2.1%) KLCI (+1.6%), and FBM Shariah (+1.3%). MYR ended the month as the best Asian currency performer against the USD at (+1.19%) as selected Asian currencies rose against US dollar, Fed rate hike assumptions are and political uncertainty in the UK receded. Outperformers were chalked by Indian Rupees (+0.9%), Taiwan dollar (+0.5%), Philippine Peso (+0.2%). Underperformers were led by Thailand Baht (-0.7%) and Korean Won(-1.7%) respectively. On the commodities front, Brent oil price fell 2.5% to settle at US\$49.3/barrel on higher stock level as rising output from Libya and the US countered OPEC-led production cuts aimed at clearing a supply glut. Meanwhile, CPO price declined 5.2% to RM2508/tonne over worries about global oversupply of edible oils.

# Market Outlook & Fund Strategy

The global economy being in a matured stage of the growth cycle is susceptible to an unpredictable Black Swan event although the threat of an imminent global recession has receded. While the Brexit process could be a source of volatility, the threat of Frexit appears to be diminishing. Donald Trump's unpredictability and protectionist leanings are also a key risk. With the Fed meeting expected to leave rates unchanged, investors are likely to focus on the upcoming French elections result on 7 May as Le Pen and Macron spar ahead of run-off.

Stock picking remains key for outperformance. We continue to advocate a defensive portfolio strategy and prefer companies driven by resilient earnings with exposure to selective themes like USD beneficiaries (exporters), beneficiaries of rising foreign direct investment, GLC reform/restructuring plays, domestic consumption and infrastructure.

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# Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Five (5) Calendar Years

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Benchmark	2.8%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%
HLSGF- Gross	3.3%	27.8%	11.8%	23.1%	2.3%
HLSGF - Net	1.6%	24.1%	9.3%	19.8%	0.6%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past five (5) years, or since inception if shorter, and are strictly the performance of the investment-linked fund. Thus, the returns are not earned on the actual premium paid of the investment-linked product.

The fund was only launched on 1 October 2012. The actual investment returns are calculated based on unit price from 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2012.

#### **Investment Risks**

All investments carry risks. Policy Owners must be prepared to accept certain degree of risk associated with this investment. The following are the detailed explanation of the risk associated to this fund.

#### 1. Market Risk

Market risk stems from the fact that there are other economy-wide perils, which threaten all businesses. It is mainly caused by uncertainties in the economy, political and social environment.

#### 2. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund invested cannot be readily sold and converted into cash. This may arise when the trading volume is low and/or where there is a lack of demand for the security.

#### 3. Credit Risk

This refers to the possibility that the issuer of a security will not be able to make timely payments of interest or principal repayment on the maturity date. The default may lead to a fall in the value of the funds.

#### 4. Interest Rate Risk

The level of interest rates has an impact on the value of investments. Any increase in rates will lead to a fall in the value of securities, thus affecting the value of the funds.

### 5. Country Risk

The foreign investment of a fund may be affected by the political & economic conditions of the country which the investments are made.

# 6. Currency Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuation in foreign exchange rates will have an impact on the value of the funds.

# 7. Concentration Risk

This risk is associated with a feeder fund whereby the investments of such fund are not diversified. A feeder fund invests mainly into another collective investment scheme.

# **Risk Management**

The Company has in place its Authorized Investment Framework which forms part of the Risk Management process. The authority framework will cover the nature and scope of the investment authority that is exercisable by various parties in managing the Company's investments. Besides this, sensitivity and stress testing is conducted to inform the Company's management the profit & loss profiles of their investments under different predefined risk scenarios and the necessary action to be taken if the potential losses exceed the Company's risk tolerance level.

# **Basis of Unit Valuation**

- 1. The assets of every fund are to be valued to determine the value at which units of a particular fund can be liquidated or purchased for investment purposes.
- 2. The unit price of a unit of a fund shall be determined by the Company but in any event shall not be less than the value of fund of the relevant fund (as defined below), divided by the number of units of the given fund in issue on the business day before the valuation date, and the result adjusted to the nearest one hundredth of a cent.
- 3. The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
  - a) The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
  - b) In the case of securities for which market values are not readily available, the price at which, in our Investment Manager's opinion, the asset may have been purchased on the business day before the valuation date;

plus any expenses which would have been incurred in its acquisition.

4. To ensure fair treatment to all unit holders, the cost of acquiring and disposing of assets is recouped by making a transaction cost adjustment to the net asset value per unit.

# **Exceptional Circumstances**

The Company reserves the right to defer the payment of benefits (other than death benefit) under this Policy for a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date the payment would have been normally effected if not for intervening events such as temporary closure of any Stock Exchange in which the fund is invested which the Company, in its discretion, may consider exceptional.

# **Target Fund Details**

Kenanga Growth Fund is an Equity fund managed by Kenanga Investors Berhad. The past performance of this fund is as follows:

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Performance	14.1%	26.4%	9.3%	20.9%	-0.1%



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# **Basis of Calculation of Past Performance**

The historical performance of the fund is calculated based on the price difference over the period in consideration compared to the older price of the period in consideration.

Unit Price<sub>t</sub> – Unit Price<sub>t-1</sub>
Unit Price<sub>t-1</sub>

For the underlying Target Fund, past performance is calculated after adjusting for distribution and/or additional units, if any.

#### Others

Hong Leong Smart Growth Fund is managed by Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (HLA). Any amount invested in this fund is invested by HLA on behalf of Policy Owner in equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instrument/s. If the financial institutions and/or corporations issuing the equity, fixed income, collective investment scheme, foreign asset, derivatives and money market instruments defaults or insolvent, the Policy Owner risks losing part or all of his/her amount that were invested into the instruments on his/her behalf by HLA.

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#### Disclaimer

Policy Owner must evaluate your options carefully and satisfy yourself that the investment-linked fund chosen meets your risk appetite. Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. The intention of this document is to enable Policy Owner to better understand the fund features and details in order to assist Policy Owner to making an informed decision. This document shall not be construed as professional advice on investment choices.