# Hong Leong Smart Growth Fund (HLSGF)

## Mar 2018

#### **Fund Features**

## 1. Investment Objective

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

## 2. 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.

### 3. 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.

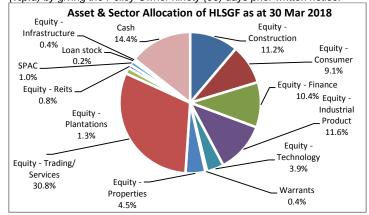
### 4. Target Market

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

## **Fund Details**

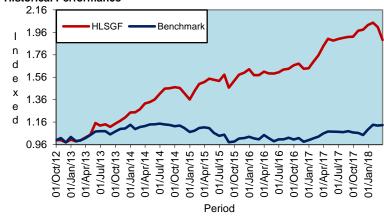
Unit Price (30/3/2018)	: RM1.8924
Fund Size (30/3/2018)	: RM252.8mil
Fund Management Fee	:1.50% p.a.
Fund Manager	:Hong Leong Assurance Berhad
Fund Category	: Equity
Fund Inception	:01 Oct 2012
Benchmark	:FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index
	(FBM KLCI)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:Daily

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 '	10 Holdings for HLSGF as at 30 Mar 2018	%
1.	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.1
2.	MALAYAN BANKING BERHAD	3.9
3.	DIALOG GROUP BHD	3.5
4.	YINSON HOLDINGS BHD	2.8
5.	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	2.6
6.	GABUNGAN AQRS BHD	2.5
7.	LBS BINA GROUP BHD	2.5
8.	FRASER & NEAVE HOLDINGS BHD	2.3
9.	GLOBETRONICS TECHNOLOGY BHD	1.9
10.	SUNWAY BERHAD	1.9
	Total Top 10	29.0

#### Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLSGF	-6.56%	-5.67%	2.95%	24.71%	85.17%	89.24%
Benchmark*	3.71%	0.39%	7.09%	1.79%	11.48%	13.40%
Relative	-10.27%	-6.06%	-4.14%	22.92%	73.69%	75.84%

Source: Bloomberg

## Market Review, Outlook & Strategy relevant to Target Fund

Global equities declined in March as investors concerns grew amid indications of potentially higher inflation and tighter monetary policy, as well as the implementation of aggressive trade protectionism measures from the US, which could potentially escalate into a US-China trade war. The correction began in early March as US President Trump imposed tariffs on steel and aluminium imports, after announcing levies on up to \$60bn in Chinese goods, to which the Chinese government responded with planned tariffs on more than 100 American goods. US also faced a massive sell down in tech stocks as a data privacy scandal engulfs Facebook, prompting speculation on a regulatory crackdown on antitrust concerns.

Asian equities dropped in line with global trend while the FOMC raised benchmark interest rate by 25bps, marking the sixth increase since the start of monetary policy tightening. The PBOC also lifts short-term interest rates, following the Fed's move of rate normalization. The national people's congress approved merging China Insurance Regulatory Commission with the China Banking Regulatory Commission, while Yi Gang has been appointed as the new PBOC governor, as part of a sweeping reshuffle of China's cabinet cementing President Xi Jinping already strong influence.

Domestically, the local market closed marginally positive, up 0.4% m/m as foreign net selling eased compared to February. The KLCI continued to outperform the FBM100, FBMS, and small caps, which saw a correction of 0.6%,-1.5% and -11.2% respectively for the month of March. BNM kept its OPR unchanged at 3.25%, as Feb CPI came in soft and Saudi Aramco confirms RAPID investment via the establishment of two JVs along with Petronas.

## **Market Outlook & Fund Strategy**

As US-China trade war looms ahead, expect investors to focus on Trump's tariff tantrums. Fortunately, Trump's tax cuts may trigger some optimism in the next reporting season. Given the unprecedented surge in volatility for the first quarter, the expected strong earnings may provide a much needed catalyst to restore investor confidence.

Closer to home, BN will soon unveil its manifesto, prompting the much anticipated GE14, with polls pointing towards a status quo outcome. Risk aversion in the local market remains high, with the small cap index down 12.87% YTD while blue chips and other large-cap defensives remain steady. While the market could remain lackluster in the short term due to election uncertainty, we remain positive on Malaysia post-election as the country should benefit from strong fundamentals, improving commodity prices and currency, rising FDI, China's Belt Road Initiatives, railway construction awards and GLC transformations.

Stock picking remains key for outperformance. We are cautiously optimistic and continue to be selective towards stocks with stable earnings, growing momentum, as well as quality high yielders.

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

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
I eai	2013	2014	2013	2010	2017
Benchmark	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%
HLSGF- Gross	27.8%	11.8%	23.1%	2.3%	27.1%
HLSGF - Net	24.1%	9.3%	19.8%	0.6%	23.5%

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 non-exhaustive list of risks 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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Performance	26.4%	9.3%	20.9%	-0.1%	25.8%



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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.