

# Hong Leong Smart Growth Fund (HLSGF)

Sep 2019

## 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.

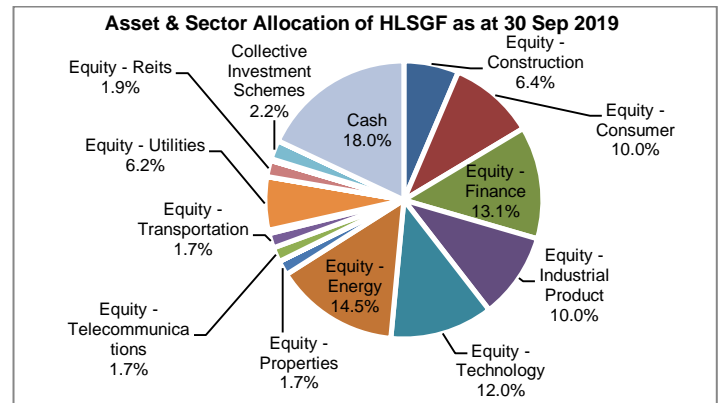
### 4. Target Market

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 (30/9/2019)	: RM1.8086
Fund Size (30/9/2019)	: RM217.3mil
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

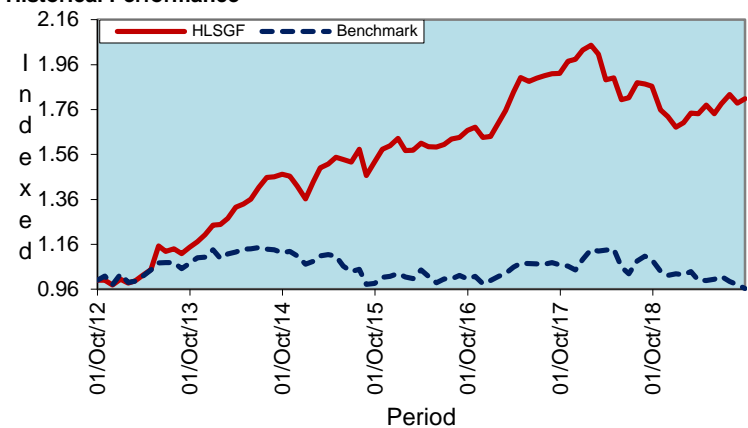
Fund management charge of underlying Collective Investment Scheme(s) is part of Fund Management Fee as stated in table above. There are no additional charges being charged to the Policy Owner. The Company reserves the right to change the Fund Management Fee (% p.a.) by giving the Policy Owner ninety (90) days prior written notice.



## Top 5 Holdings for HLSGF as at 30 Sep 2019

	%
1. TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	6.2
2. YINSON HOLDINGS BHD	5.3
3. DIALOG GROUP BHD	4.2
4. PENTAMASTER CORP BHD	3.9
5. HONG LEONG FINANCIAL GROUP BHD	3.4
<b>Total Top 5</b>	<b>23.0</b>

## Historical Performance



	YTD	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HLSGF	7.55%	1.10%	-2.96%	8.51%	22.90%	80.86%
Benchmark*	-6.31%	-1.75%	-11.67%	-4.15%	-14.21%	-3.61%
Relative	13.86%	2.85%	8.71%	12.66%	37.11%	84.47%

Source: Bloomberg

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

Asian equities made a comeback in September alongside major global equities. Global equities reversed some of August losses amid renewed expectations of US-China trade talks and G-3 monetary policy easing. Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities were helped particularly by a rebound in the Technology sector, with markets anticipating a stabilization in memory prices, stronger-than-expected iPhone demand resulting from competitive pricing and accelerated 5G-related demand, coupled with Huawei's drive to localize its supply chain. However, markets lost momentum later in the month following a drone attack on Saudi's oil facilities and political uncertainty stemming from an impeachment inquiry launched against US President Trump.

The MSCI Asia ex-Japan gained 1.5% through the month and outperformed the MSCI ASEAN (-0.91%) by 2.41%. The outperformers led by Korea (+4.8%), India (+3.6%), Taiwan (+2.0%), Hong Kong (+1.3%) and Australia (+1.3%), while underperformers were Indonesia (-2.5%), Philippines (-2.5%), Malaysia (-1.8%) and Thailand (-1.1%). All Asia ex-Japan currencies finished higher against USD in September. The largest appreciation was recorded by the Indian Rupee (+1.5%), the Korean Won (+1.0%) and the Taiwan Dollar (+0.9%). Brent prices soared 14% following the attack on Saudi oil facilities but settled down over the month amid assurances of a speedy capacity restoration. Brent finished the month 1.1% higher.

Locally, Malaysia exports expanded 1.7% year-on-year (YoY) in July compared to contraction of 3.4% YoY in June. The trade balance printed a surplus of RM14.3 billion in July, up from a surplus of RM10.5 billion in June. Malaysia's industrial production expanded 1.2% YoY in July, down from 3.9% YoY in June. KLCI declined 1.8% month-on-month (MoM) to end at 1,584 points. MYR strengthened 0.4% MoM to 4.19, while 10Y MGS was flat at 3.32%. Net equity outflows has moderated to RM0.5 billion compared to August's net outflows of RM2.6 billion, bringing the 9M19 net outflows to RM7.8 billion.

While major central banks have moved towards easing bias providing the necessary liquidity support, the Federal Open Market Committee cut the target range for Fed Funds Rate by 25 basis points (bps)—as almost universally expected—to 1.75% from 2.0%. The Fed said the cut is aimed at shoring up the U.S. economy amid concerns about slowing global growth and trade wars. Asian equity markets are expected to remain volatile in the near term due to the on-going US-China trade tension impacting the already weaker global growth outlook.

Locally, Malaysia's 2Q19 GDP growth of 4.9% was better than expected. Rising external headwinds in the form of elevated US-China trade tensions and decelerating global growth mean domestic fiscal and monetary policies should be adopting an easing bias to support domestic growth. On the monetary front, Bank Negara (BNM) delivered one 25 bps interest-rate cut in May, to 3.0%. This was in line with continuing rate reductions by global central banks and contained domestic Consumer Price Index. The FTSE Russell announced that Malaysia bonds will remain on the watch list for another 6 months, which is a relief for investors. All eyes are on the 2020 Budget announcement on 11th October. We continue to maintain a defensive stance and will focus on stock selection to outperform amid the volatile market. We are positive on selective stocks in the technology, construction, oil and gas and REITs sector.

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## Actual Annual Investment Returns for the Past Seven (7) Calendar Years

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Benchmark</b>	2.8%	10.5%	-5.7%	-3.9%	-3.0%	9.5%	-5.9%
<b>HLSGF- Gross</b>	3.3%	27.8%	11.8%	23.1%	2.3%	27.1%	-16.8%
<b>HLSGF - Net</b>	1.6%	24.1%	9.3%	19.8%	0.6%	23.5%	-17.0%

Net returns are adjusted for tax and fund management fees.

Those are the actual returns in the past seven (7) 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 pre-defined risk scenarios and the necessary action to be taken if the potential losses exceed the Company's risk tolerance level.

## Basis of Unit Valuation

- 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.
- 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.
- The maximum value of any asset of any fund shall not exceed the following price:
  - The last transacted market price at which those assets could be purchased or sold on the business day before the valuation date; or
  - 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.
- 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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Performance</b>	33.3%	32.7%	19.1%	14.1%	26.4%	9.3%	20.9%	-0.1%	25.8%	-18.1%

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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.

$$\frac{\text{Unit Price}_t - \text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}{\text{Unit Price}_{t-1}}$$

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.

**THIS IS AN INSURANCE PRODUCT THAT IS TIED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS, AND IS NOT A PURE INVESTMENT PRODUCT SUCH AS UNIT TRUSTS.**

### **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.