

A Prudential plc company

# ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY MY FUND **MARCH 2024**



ALL DATA AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Launch Date: 21 July 2005

Fund Category/Fund Type: Equity/growth

Fund Size: RM48,784,156.26 Initial Offer Price: RM0.5000 NAV per Unit: RM0.6673 EPF Investment Scheme: Nil

ISIN No: MYU940000AL8

FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

Annual Management Fee: Up to 1.50% of the NAV per annum

Annual Trustee Fee

Up to 0.07% of the NAV per annum, subject to a minimum of RM18,000 per annum (excluding foreign custodian fees and charges)

Sales Charge: Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit

Redemption charge: Nil

Redemption Payment Period: Seven (7) business days

#### TRANSACTION DETAILS

Minimum Initial Investment: Lump Sum: RM1000\* Regular Investment: RM100\*

Minimum Additional Investment: Lump Sum & Regular Investment: RM100\* \* The Manager reserves the right to change the minimum amounts stipulated above from time to time

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Income Distribution Policy: Incidental

Fund	NAV	۲٠

	NAV	Date
52-Week High	0.7021	06-03-2023
52-Week Low	0.6235	31-10-2023

#### **FUND MANAGER**

Eastspring Investments Berhad

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks to provide medium to long-term capital growth.

#### **ASSET ALLOCATION\***



1.	Information Technology	28.10%	8. Real Estate	5.00%
2.	Financials	12.08%	9. Telecommunication Services	4.21%
3.	Industrials	11.95%	10. Technology	3.90%
4.	Cash & cash equivalents	9.58%	11. Utilities	3.60%
5.	Consumer Discretionary	7.05%	12. Materials	2.34%
6.	Consumer Staples	5.41%	13. Energy	1.65%
7.	Health Care	5.13%		

<sup>\*</sup> as percentage of NAV

#### **COUNTRY ALLOCATION\***



2.	Taiwan, Province of China Korea, Republic of	13.53%	8. Thailand	7.65% 6.18%
4.	China Singapore	12.27%	9. Indonesia 10. Hong Kong	4.71% 4.15% 2.25%
	India Malaysia		11. Philippines 12. Macau	2.25%

<sup>\*</sup> as percentage of NAV

#### **TOP HOLDINGS\***

1.	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	7.42%	4.	CSL Limited	2.72%
	Co., Limited		5.	Sats Limited	2.38%

2. Samsung Electronics Co., Limited 5 25% 3. SK Hynix Inc. 4.02%

\* as percentage of NAV

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific Equity MY Fund - Since Inception (SI) Return Vs Benchmark



The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested

- Eastspring Investments Asia Pacific Equity MY Fund

Source: Lipper for Investment Management. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Benchmark

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#### PERFORMANCE TABLE

	1 month	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Fund	3.67%	0.20%	1.65%	0.83%	-16.35%	-4.70%	33.66%	78.88%
Benchmark *	4.84%	6.42%	2.75%	11.53%	-4.34%	33.24%	117.37%	294.77%
Lipper Ranking	23 of 31	19 of 31	20 of 31	18 of 30	12 of 25	18 of 21	14 of 17	n.a.

Lipper Fund Category: Equity Asia Pacific Ex-Japan

#### LIPPER LEADERS RATING (OVERALL)

Total Return	Consistent Return	Preservation	Lipper Leaders Key
3	3	2	Lowest 1 Highest 5

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Lipper Leader ratings are derived from highly sophisticated formulas that analyse funds against clearly defined criteria. Each fund is ranked against its peers based on the metric used (such as Total Return or Expense), and then the top 20% of funds in that ranking receive the Lipper Leader designation. Lipper Leaders measures are not predictive of future performance, but they do provide context and perspective for making knowledgeable fund investment decisions.

#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

The Fund achieved a return of +3.67% in February 2024, underperformed the benchmark by 1.17%. The underperformance was due the underweight position in Hong Kong and China markets which saw strong recovery.

In February, the MSCI Asia Pacific ex Japan (MXAPJ) index posted a positive return of 4.33% (USD terms). Notably, the North Asia markets outperformed its peers. The HK/ China markets recouped the losses in January as sentiment improved on the back of strong LNY travel data and news of the "national team" (state-backed fund houses) supporting the market by purchasing onshore ETFs. Korea market also improved by close to 6% attributed to the government's Value-Up program that is gaining traction. Taiwan's outperformance was driven by global optimism surrounding the Al theme. Singapore market underperformed the regional peers in February largely driven by weaker than expected results. During the month, the reported US inflation data (CPI and PPI) exceeded market expectations, consequently, market expectations for the first Fed rate cut was pushed back to June. As a result, US 10-year bond yields moved higher by 34 bps mom and drove the DXY stronger by 0.9%. Oil prices rose again during the month by 2.3% mom as risks of transportation disruptions remain. Foreign flows tracked by Bloomberg showed Korea led the inflow (US\$6.1b), followed by Taiwan (US\$3.4b), Indonesia (US\$0.6b) and Malaysia (US\$0.3b).

## OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual Fund Performance (%)	10.72	3.93	-1.35	-15.34	4.97
Annual Benchmark Performance (%)	18.30	20.50	0.57	-12.74	11.99
Date/Distribution (RM)	-	-	-	-	17 Mar, 0.0211
Distribution Yield (%)	-	-	-	-	3.16

Source: Distribution and Distribution Yield are sourced from the fund's Annual Report. Fund and Benchmark for current year are based on Year to Date (YTD) figures which is sourced from Lipper for Investment Management. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 29 February 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 14.5 and is classified as "High" (Source: Lipper). "High" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 10.995 but not more than 14.525. The VF means that there is a possibility for the Fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF.The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision. The VF for the Fund may be higher or lower than the VC, depending on the market conditions. The Fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC.

Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Eastspring Investments Master Prospectus dated 15 July 2017, the Eastspring Investments First Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 February 2018, the Eastspring Investments Second Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 31 October 2018, the Eastspring Investments Third Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 2 January 2019, the Eastspring Investments Fourth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 August 2019, the Eastspring Investments Fifth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 1 Doctober 2021, the Eastspring Investments Sixth Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 15 December 2021, the Eastspring Investments Eighth Supplementary Master Prospectus is dated 2 February 2024 (collectively, the "Prospectuses"), as well as the Fund's Product Highlights Sheet ("PHS") before investing. The Prospectuses and PHS are available at offices of Eastspring Investments Berhad or its authorised distributors and investors have the right to request for a copy of the Prospectuses and PHS

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<sup>\*</sup> Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index (MSCI AC APxJ Index)
Fund performance and Lipper ranking are sourced from Lipper for Investment Management and benchmark is from www.msci.com, 29 February 2024. Performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") to NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.