

A Prudential plc company

# ASIA SELECT INCOME FUND FEBRUARY 2024



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#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Launch Date: 18 November 2005

Fund Category/Fund Type: Balanced/growth and

income

Fund Size: RM45 124 815 63 Initial Offer Price: RM0.5000 NAV per Unit: RM0.7622 EPF Investment Scheme: Nil

ISIN No: MYU940000AM6

#### 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 and a maximum of RM350,000 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:
At least once a year, subject to the availability of income

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	NAV	Date
52-Week High	0.7843	14-06-2023
52-Week Low	0.7484	26-10-2023

# **FUND MANAGER**

**Eastspring Investments Berhad** 

# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks to provide a stable income stream and an opportunity for capital appreciation by investing primarily in a portfolio of Malaysian investment grade fixed income securities and a collective investment scheme primarily the Eastspring Investments - Dragon Peacock Fund, which invests in equities and equity-related securities of corporations which are incorporated in, or listed in, or operating principally from, or carrying on significant business in, or derive substantial revenue from, or whose subsidiaries, related or associated corporations, derive substantial revenue from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and India.

#### ASSET ALLOCATION\*



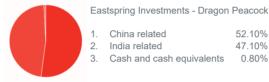
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24.98% 11.76% 11 15%

38.28% 5. NR(LT) 7 22% 6. Cash & cash equivalents 4.84%

7. AA3 1.77%

## **COUNTRY ALLOCATION\***



China related 47.10% 2. India related Cash and cash equivalents 0.80%

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

**Equity Holdings** 

1. Eastspring Investments - Dragon Peacock Fund

38.28%

**Bond Holdings** 1. CIMB Group Holdings Berhad 11.15% 2. Public Islamic Bank Berhad 9 47%

3. Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd

9.44%

## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Eastspring Investments Asia Select Income Fund - Since Inception (SI) Return Vs Benchmark



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

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

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

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## PERFORMANCE TABLE

	1 month	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Fund	0.05%	-1.27%	0.05%	2.14%	1.16%	19.77%	74.13%	169.60%
Benchmark *	-0.24%	0.62%	-0.24%	5.11%	3.91%	29.61%	90.98%	225.09%
Lipper Ranking	14 of 21	14 of 21	14 of 21	11 of 21	9 of 20	8 of 19	1 of 12	n.a.

Lipper Fund Category: Mixed Asset MYR Conservative

\* 20% Morgan Stanley Capital International China Index (MSCI China Index) + 20% Morgan Stanley Capital International India Index (MSCI India Index) + 60% Quant Shop Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) Medium Index. Fund performance and Lipper ranking are sourced from Lipper for Investment Management and benchmark is from <a href="https://www.msci.com">www.quantshop.com</a>, 31 January 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.

## LIPPER LEADERS RATING (OVERALL)

Total Return	Consistent Return	Preservation	Lipper Leaders Key	
4	4	5	Lowest 1 Highest 5	

The Lipper Leaders Ratings System is a set of tools that guide investors and their advisors to select funds that suit individual investment styles and goals. It uses investors-centred criteria to deliver a simple, clear description of a fund's success in meeting certain goals, such as preserving capital or building wealth through consistent strong returns.

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**

Global equities continued to rise in January, following the 'almost everything rally' that characterised the final quarter of 2023. January brought new record highs to the S& P 500 index as optimism around a 'soft landing' scenario continued the rally in the 'Magnificent Seven' stocks. However, this optimism was slightly tempered at the end of the month when the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") struck a less dovish tone at its January meeting and held interest rates steady, dashing hopes for interest rate cut as soon as March. Over the month, growth stocks were the notable outperformer, compared to the relatively lacklustre performance of their value counterparts. Developed Markets equities were up 1.1%, while Emerging Markets equities were down 4.7%, despite newly announced policy stimulus from the People's Bank of China.

Chinese equities returned -10.6% in USD terms over the month. Despite its official manufacturing PMI slightly rose from 49.0 in December to 49.2 in January, China's factory activity remained in contraction for a fourth consecutive month, suggesting the broader economy was struggling to regain momentum at the start of 2024.

With the recent intensive implementation of property measures, policy expectations have become more settled. However, market sentiment and confidence stayed tuned, as fundamental improvement was not yet sighted following the recent policy moves. There has been increasing concerns over policy effectiveness, and market participants are calling for more policy measures from the fiscal front, on top of monetary easing. It may take a longer time for the market to move from the policy bottom to fundamental bottom, than otherwise in the past.

India returned 2.4% on a USD basis, strongly outperforming the broader region. Based on the strong momentum of economic activity seen in the country, the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") governor expects India's economy to grow about 7% in the coming fiscal year, while inflation will average around 4.5%. RBI is also likely to keep its key interest rate on hold at 6.5% until mid-2024, longer than some of the developed market central banks.

# OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual Fund Performance (%)	8.16	8.86	1.59	-2.58	4.26
Annual Benchmark Performance (%)	10.02	38.89	1.22	-2.33	6.80
Date/Distribution (RM)	-	18 Jun, 0.0342	18 Jun, 0.0250	20 Jun, 0.0230	15 Jun, 0.0270
Distribution Yield (%)	-	4.42	2.95	3.00	3.44

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.

## **AWARDS**



Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards 2023

Mixed Asset MYR Balanced - Global, 10 years

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# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	Value
Average Duration (years)	4.02
Average Yield to Maturity (%)	4.26

Note: This portfolio represents the Fixed Income portion of the Fund



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Based on the Fund's portfolio returns as at 31 January 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 5.0 and is classified as "Low" (Source: Lipper). "Low" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 4.11 but not more than 8.33. 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.

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