



# SMALL-CAP FUND FEBRUARY 2024



ALL DATA AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

## **FUND INFORMATION**

Launch Date: 29 May 2001

Fund Category/Fund Type: Equity (small-cap)/growth

Fund Size: RM838,908,865.48

Initial Offer Price: 0.5000

NAV per Unit: RM0.6458

EPF Investment Scheme: Yes

ISIN No: MYU940000AA1

#### FEES. CHARGES AND EXPENSES

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

Annual Trustee Fee:

Up to 0.08% of the NAV per annum subject to a minimum of RM35,000 per annum

Sales Charge:

Direct: Up to 5.26% of the NAV per Unit

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e-PPA: 3.0% of the NAV per Unit i-Invest: 0.5% of 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

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	NAV	Date	l
52-Week High	0.6865	03-02-2023	
52-Week Low	0.6338	24-05-2023	

## **FUND MANAGER**

Eastspring Investments Berhad

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#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund seeks to provide investors with maximum capital appreciation by investing principally in small market capitalisation companies which will appreciate in value.

## ASSET ALLOCATION\*



1.	Technology	21.91%	10. Property	1.89%
2.	Cash & cash equivalents	20.84%	11. Building Materials	1.82%
3.	Manufacturing	16.19%	12. Health Care	1.54%
4.	Consumer	15.75%	13. Conglomerate	0.83%
5.	Banking & Finance	4.54%	14. Transportation	0.68%
6.	Oil and Gas	4.00%	15. Trust	0.66%
7.	Plantation / Natural Resources	3.78%	16. Media	0.52%
8.	Construction	2.79%	17. Automotive	0.21%
9.	Gaming	2.05%		

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

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

1.	Inari Amertron Berhad	5.40%	4.	Kerjaya Prospek Group Berhad	2.79%
2.	Vitrox Corporation Berhad	4.19%	5.	Malaysian Pacific Industries	2.49%
3.	Hong Leong Industries Berhad	3.55%		Berhad	

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

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Eastspring Investments Small-Cap 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

### PERFORMANCE TABLE

	1 month	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Fund	0.59%	2.34%	0.59%	0.31%	0.28%	38.95%	103.34%	1079.56%
Benchmark *	2.25%	7.27%	2.25%	3.47%	10.16%	38.09%	6.53%	168.82%
Lipper Ranking	14 of 15	14 of 15	14 of 15	11 of 15	9 of 15	10 of 15	2 of 12	n.a.

Lipper Fund Category: Equity Malaysia Sm & Mid Cap

Lipper Leaders Key

## LIPPER LEADERS RATING (OVERALL)

Total Return	Consistent Return	Preservation
3	3	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

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

<sup>\*</sup> Financial Times Stock Exchange Bursa Malaysia Small Cap Index (FBMSC)
Fund performance and Lipper ranking are sourced from Lipper for Investment Management and the benchmark is from www.bursamalaysia.com,
31 January 2024. Performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") to NAV basis with gross income or dividend reinvested. Past
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## **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

Malaysian equities started 2024 well, outperforming regional markets as one of the best performing markets. During January, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) MoU was signed between Malaysia and Singapore. The agreement with details to develop the economic zone will be signed at the Malaysia-Singapore Leader's Retreat taking place end of 2024. The key initiatives mentioned as part of this SEZ include the formation of a one-stop business/investment services centre in Johor to facilitate the application process of various approvals and licences necessary for Singapore businesses to set up in Johor; an adoption/ implementation of a passport-free QR code clearance system on both sides; adoption of digitized processed for cargo clearance at land checkpoints; and facilitate the cooperation for renewable energy. On the 31 January 2024, Malaysia saw the installation of a new King, the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim, with Sultan Nazrin (the ruler of the state of Perak) was re-elected as deputy King.

The KLCI closed the month at 1,512.98, up 4.01% mom. The FBM Small Cap index gained 2.25% for the month, underperforming the KLCI. The best performing sectors were Utilities (+17.3%) and Oil & Gas (+9.5%). The worst performing sectors were Technology (-2.2%) and Consumer (+0.7%). Average value traded on Bursa in January was RM3,517m higher by 24.7% mom.

#### OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Annual Fund Performance (%)	18.03	19.36	8.83	-9.86	3.45
Annual Benchmark Performance (%)	25.36	9.89	1.25	-5.30	9.57
Date/Distribution (RM)	17 Dec, 0.0331	17 Dec, 0.0305	20 Dec, 0.0323	16 Dec, 0.0295	15 Dec, 0.0324
Unit Split	-	-	-	-	
Distribution Yield (%)	4.98	3.99	4.16	4.29	4.85

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 31 January 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this Fund is 8.6 and is classified as "Moderate" (Source: Lipper). "Moderate" generally includes funds with VF that are higher than 8.33 but not more than 10.965. 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 October 2020, the Eastspring Investments Sixth Supplementary
Master Prospectus dated 15 December 2021, the Eastspring Investments Seventh Supplementary Master Prospectus dated 30 December 2022, 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
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