

SATURNA ASEAN EQUITY FUND

("The Fund")



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SATURNA ASEAN EQUITY FUND IS A QUALIFIED SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT (SRI) FUND UNDER THE GUIDELINES ON SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT FUNDS.

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BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT

ISIN Code: MYU9200AA005

Bloomberg Ticker: SSBWAEF MK

Type of Product: Unit Trust Fund

Fund Category: Shariah-compliant Equity

Fund Type: Growth

Manager: Saturna Sdn Bhd

Launch Date: 25 January 2017

PRODUCT SUITABILITY

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- Are looking for an ASEAN Shariah-compliant equity portfolio;
- Are looking for capital gains of the units;
- Are looking for diversification and exposure to the ASEAN equity markets;
- Have a long-term investment outlook.

KEY PRODUCT FEATURES

What are you investing in?

You are investing in a Shariah equity fund that seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing in Shariah-compliant equity securities with exposure to ASEAN markets.

Investment Objective	The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth.
Investment Policy & Strategy	<p>The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities across the ASEAN region. The Fund generally follows a value-oriented investment style, favouring companies with potential for earnings growth. The Manager analyses economic growth rates, interest rates, inflation, currencies and government policies. Stock selection criteria include improving fundamentals and solid growth potential at reasonable valuations. Stock valuation fundamentals considered are sales growth, profit margin, cash generation, earnings per share, return on equity, price earnings ratio and net tangible asset multiples. Generally, the Fund invests for the long-term, with annual portfolio turnover not expected to exceed 30%. The Fund invests in ASEAN countries which includes but are not limited to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.</p> <p>Sustainable Investing</p> <p>The Manager employs Saturna Capital Corporation's ESG rating system to identify issuers that the Manager believes present low ESG risks. ESG screening analyses the ESG metrics of listed companies, whereby the data of ESG metrics is consolidated within our internal system. Proprietary to Saturna, the ESG rating system conceptually assigned the top of ESG scores a rating of A and the lowest scores a rating of F. The Fund will not invest in companies with an ESG rating below B.</p> <p>For Sustainable investing, the Manager considers issuers with the following Sustainable characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• generally have larger market capitalisation - companies with market capitalisation of at least US\$5 billion;• consistently profitable - companies which have a track record of positive net profits;• financially strong - companies which have a track record of generating positive cash flows; and• low exposure to risks in the areas of ESG - companies with scores of A in our ESG rating system shall be considered as low exposure to ESG risk.

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	<p>The main characteristics of the ESG rating system are:</p> <p>Environmental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Efficiency (energy, water, inputs, waste productivity) • Disclosures and Transparency <p>Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Ethics and Products • Stakeholder Relations (employees, investors, community) <p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Effectiveness • Conflicts assessments, including compensation <p>Balance Sheet and Business Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong balance sheets • Proven businesses and high quality operations
<p>Investment Process</p>	<p>As the Fund is a qualified SRI Fund, the investments of the Fund will be subject to the integration of ESG methodology. This includes the screening, selection, monitoring and realisation of the Fund’s investments. The Manager adopts a Sustainable rating system based on its own, as well as third party data to identify companies believed to present low ESG risk profiles. The Manager uses negative screening to exclude security issuers primarily engaged in higher ESG risk and some Shariah non-compliant businesses such as alcohol, pornography, weapons, gambling and fossil fuel extraction. The sustainability aspects of the Fund’s portfolio will be reviewed periodically to ensure the investments of the Fund are consistent with the adopted sustainability considerations.</p> <p>If the company that the Fund invests in show persistent deterioration in their ESG factors and becomes inconsistent with any other sustainability considerations, the said investments shall be disposed. However, the Fund may hold on the investments in the event that the market value of the investments is below the original investment costs. Once the market value exceeds or is equal to the original investment costs, the Fund will dispose the investment as soon as practicable.</p>
<p>Asset Allocation</p>	<p>The asset allocation of the Fund is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 70% of the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) in Shariah-compliant equities in ASEAN countries; and • Up to 30% of the Fund’s NAV in liquid assets, including Islamic money market instruments and Islamic deposits with Islamic financial institutions and Islamic collective investment schemes
<p>Benchmark</p>	<p>6% Absolute Return</p>
<p>Base Currency</p>	<p>Ringgit Malaysia (MYR)</p>
<p>Financial Year</p>	<p>31 December</p>
<p>Launch Date</p>	<p>25 January 2017</p>
<p>Income Distribution Policy</p>	<p>Subject to availability of income, distribution will be made on a yearly basis.</p>

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SHARIAH-COMPLIANT INVESTMENT

The Shariah Adviser monitors the operations and investments of the Fund in accordance with the Shariah investment guidelines. Shariah investing requires that companies that do not comply with Shariah law are not considered for purchase. Securities of companies that fail to pass a series of financial ratio filters are also excluded from consideration. The Fund does not invest in debt instruments nor investments that might be considered as speculative, such as derivatives. Any income or distribution received by the Fund from investments in its portfolio which relates to income from Shariah noncompliant investments are considered as tainted income. This tainted income is subject to an income purification process.

Note: Should you require further information, please refer to the Prospectus under “Shariah Investment Guidelines”.

PARTIES INVOLVED

With whom are you investing?

Who are the parties involved?

- The Manager of the Fund is Saturna Sdn Bhd
- The Trustee of the Fund is SCBMB Trustee Berhad
- The Trustee’s delegate for the custodian of the assets of the Fund is Standard Chartered Bank (Malaysia) Berhad
- The Shariah Adviser of the Fund is Amanie Advisors Sdn Bhd
- The auditor for the Fund is Crowe Malaysia PLT
- The taxation advisor for the Fund is Crowe KL Tax Sdn Bhd

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

What are the possible outcomes of investing in the Fund?

The value per unit of the Fund rises and falls as the value of the equities in which the Fund invests goes up and down. Under normal circumstances, the Fund Manager aims to outperform the Fund’s benchmark. However, the Fund may post a lower return or even incur losses if one or more of the key risks occur. In the worst scenario where all the investments of the Fund are in default or suspended, investors may lose part or even all of their initial investments.

PURCHASE OF UNITS

You may submit an application to purchase units of the Fund on any Business Day subject to the minimum initial investment and minimum additional investment amount of the Fund.

Minimum initial investment	MYR2,000 <i>Note: The Manager may in its own discretion accept such other lower amount for the minimum initial investment.</i>
Minimum additional investment	MYR200 <i>Note: The Manager may in its own discretion accept such other lower amount for the minimum additional investment.</i>
Purchase request submission	Cut off time before 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day

Note: For first-time investors, purchases of the Fund are subject to anti-money laundering procedures and may involve several requirements. Please refer to the Prospectus under “Transaction Details” for further information.

YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE PAYMENT IN CASH TO A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT OR ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST CONSULTANT.

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REDEMPTION OF UNITS

You may request for redemption from the Fund Manager on any Business Day.

Minimum redemption unit	No minimum redemption amount
Minimum holdings	No minimum holdings for Units
Redemption request submission	Cut-off time before 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day
Payment of redemption proceeds	Within 7 Business Days of receiving a complete redemption request form

TRANSFER AND SWITCHING FACILITY

Transfer facility	The minimum transfer amount is 1,000 Units. No fee is imposed for any transfer.
Switching facility	Switching is not available for this Fund.

KEY RISKS

What are the general risks related to the Fund?

Market Risk	Market risk refers to the possibility that an investment will lose value because of a general decline in financial markets, due to economic, political and/or other factors, which will result in a decline in the Fund's Net Asset Value.
Noncompliance Risk	The Fund, the Manager and/or the Trustee may not comply with the provisions set out in the Deed or the law that governs the Fund. The Fund, the Manager and/or Trustee may not comply with operating procedures whether by oversight or by omission, or the Manager may act fraudulently or dishonestly. Such noncompliance may force the Manager to sell down securities of the Fund at a loss to rectify the noncompliance and in turn may adversely affect the Unit Holders' investment. To mitigate this risk, the Manager has put in place internal controls to ensure its continuous compliance with laws, rules and regulations, prescribed practices, and the Manager's internal policies and procedures.
Performance Risk	A failure of the Manager to display the requisite experience and expertise in making investment decisions for the Fund may jeopardize the Fund's performance. There is no guarantee the Fund will meet its investment objective of Long-term capital growth. Investors should be aware that no guarantee is given that they will receive returns on their investments, or that investors will get back their initial amount invested in full. In order to mitigate this risk, the implementation of internal controls and a structured investment process and operational procedures have been put in place by the Manager.
Operational Risk	Operational risk includes risks that arise from the internal process of the organisation. These may result from inadequacies or failure in processes, controls, or projects due to fraud, error, omission, inefficiency, systems failure, or from external events. Operational risk may affect the Unitholder's investment negatively. The Manager and Trustee have various control mechanisms at different levels throughout the organisation to monitor that the operational policy and procedures are being followed.

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KEY RISKS (continued)

What are the specific risks related to the Fund?

Shariah-compliant Equity Securities Risk	Shariah-compliant equity securities may experience significant volatility in response to economic or market conditions or adverse events that affect a particular industry, sector, or company. The value of particular Shariah-compliant equity securities may also fluctuate in response to activities of individual companies. This risk can adversely affect the prices of equities, which would negatively impact the performance of the Fund.
Country Risk	Investments of the Fund in any countries may be affected by changes in the economic and political climate, restriction on currency repatriation or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which the Fund invests in. Deteriorating economic condition of such countries may adversely affect the value of the investments undertaken by the Fund. This in turn may cause the Net Asset Value of the Fund to fall.
Currency Risk	As the investments of the Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the base currency and the currencies in which the investments are denominated may have an impact on the value of these investments.
Price Level Risk	<p>Inflation may erode the value of long-term contracts entered into by companies and may adversely affect companies that cannot raise prices at the same pace their costs increase. If companies' profitability decreases, the value of their equity shares will go down, thus affecting the value of Unitholders' money invested in the Fund and the value of any returns thereof negatively.</p> <p>During a downturn in the market, companies become more conservative with their cash and do not spend on capital expenditures, increase of staff, etc. This action can result in a more drawn out recession (deepening); as companies spend less on capital expenditure, other sales go down and the value of equities go down as well, thus affecting the Fund negatively.</p>
Concentration Risk	Investors should be aware of the Fund's possible concentration in a particular sector when investing in this Fund. Should the Fund's investments be concentrated in a sector that underperforms the general market, it could cause the Fund's overall results to suffer more than if the Fund was exposed to a less concentrated portfolio. The Fund may therefore be subject to a higher level of risk than a more diversified portfolio.
Liquidity Risk	Liquidity risk refers to a risk where the Fund need to liquidate assets in order to meet payment obligations in a timely manner. Liquidity risk usually results from large redemptions or illiquid assets or a combination of both. If the Fund holds assets that are illiquid or have to sell assets at discount to its fair value, this would adversely affect the NAV of the Fund and the investment of the Unit Holders.
Reclassification of Shariah Status Risk	This risk refers to the risk that the currently held Shariah-compliant equities in the Fund may be reclassified as Shariah-noncompliant. The value of the Fund may be adversely affected when the Manager disposes of portfolio investments in unfavourable market conditions.
Sustainability Risk	Sustainability risk means an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential negative impact on the value of the investment. This may include the risks stemming from investing in companies that their business may be affected by climate change, natural source depletion, environmental degradation, human rights abuse, bribery, corruption and social and employee matters. The sustainability aspects of the portfolio and listings therein are reviewed whenever there are any changes in the sustainability characteristics of the said listings.

The above list of risks should not be considered as exhaustive list. While every care will be taken by the Manager to mitigate the risk, Investors should be aware that investments in the Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time. Please refer to the Prospectus under "Risk Factors" for further details on risk.

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FEES & CHARGES

What are the fees, charges, and expenses involved?

The Fund seeks to minimize the expenses of investors. There is no sales charge, redemption charge, or transfer fee payable by an investor.

Administration Fee	0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
Distribution Fee	0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
Performance Fee	10% of the gross asset value that cumulatively increases or decreases, excluding subscriptions and redemptions, for each day in the financial year
Trustee Fee	0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund
Sales Charge	None
Redemption Charge	None
Transfer Fee	None
Switching Fee	Not applicable as switching is not available for this Fund

VALUATION

How often are valuations available for the Fund?

The Fund will be valued on every Business Day. The latest Unit prices are published daily on the Manager's website, www.saturna.com.my and by the Internet price providing services such as Bloomberg.

You may also contact the Manager directly at 03-2164 5303 for the latest Unit prices.

EXITING FROM THE FUND

How can you exit from the Fund, and what are the costs involved?

You may redeem your Units wholly or in part by submitting an application form to the Manager. Redemption application should be made before the cut-off time of 4:00 p.m. on any Business Day. The Units will be redeemed at the NAV per Unit calculated at the next valuation point after the redemption application is received by the Manager. When the redemption application is received after the cutoff time, the application will be deemed to have been received on the next Business Day.

If you are a first-time individual investor who is investing in Unit Trust Fund managed by the Manager and you change your mind about an investment that you have made in the Fund, you may exercise the cooling-off right within six (6) Business Days from the date your application is received by the Manager.

Cooling-off proceeds will only be paid after the Manager receives cleared funds for the original investment. The original investment proceeds shall be refunded to you within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of application for cooling-off. There is no cost involved or penalty chargeable in relation to exiting from the Fund. Payment will be made via E-payment according to your bank account details as stated in the duly completed transaction form.

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FUND PERFORMANCE

Annual Total Return for Financial Years Ended 31 December

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Since Launch (7 Feb 14 - 31 Dec 22)
The Fund	-4.81%	5.04%	4.53%	9.93%	-12.14%	2.34%	0.41%	3.51%	6.28%	14.14%
Benchmark*	6.00%	2.33%	8.18%	7.71%	-10.17%	9.93%	6.94%	3.79%	10.87%	41.58%

Average Total Return

	1 Year (1 Jan 22 – 31 Dec 22)	3 Year (1 Jan 20 - 31 Dec 22)	5 Year (1 Jan 18 - 31 Dec 22)	Since Launch (7 Feb 14 – 31 Dec 22)
The Fund	-4.81%	1.51%	0.19%	1.59%
Benchmark*	6.00%	5.56%	2.62%	5.72%

* Effective January 1st, 2022, the benchmark was changed to 6% absolute annual return. Prior to 2022, The Dow Jones ASEAN Total Return Index was used.

1-Year Performance Review

In 2022, the ASEAN Equity Fund registered a return of -4.81% while the Dow Jones Islamic Market ASEAN Index returned -5.10%. The Fund's performance was due to general market weakness from high inflation, rising interest rates, and supply chain disruptions.

Given our Long-term perspective and fundamentals-driven investment strategy, we are committed to meeting the investment objective of the ASEAN Equity Fund. The Fund has achieved its objective of Long-term capital growth through investment in ASEAN markets.

Basis of Calculations and Assumptions

ASEAN Equity Fund's total return is calculated based on NAV to NAV with distribution reinvested. Average total return of the Fund is computed based on the total return since fund launch annualised over number of years since fund launch.

Income Distribution for Financial Years Ended 31 December

	2022	2021	2020
Gross Distribution per unit (sen)	0.020	0.035	0.04
Net Distribution per unit (sen)	0.020	0.035	0.04
Distribution Mode	Units	Units	Units

Portfolio Turnover Ratio (PTR) for Financial Years Ended 31 December

	2022	2021	2020
PTR (times)	0.06	0.06	0.26

As at 31 December 2022, portfolio turnover ratio of 0.06 times remained the same as in the previous financial year.

PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Who should you contact for further information or to lodge a complaint?

For further information regarding the Fund, you may contact:

- I. The distributor from whom you purchased the Fund; or
- II. The Manager's office at:

Saturna Sdn Bhd
Suite 5.03, 5th Floor Menara Atlan 161-B Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel: 03-2164 5303
Fax: 03-2164 5308
Email: info@saturna.com.my
Website: www.saturna.com.my

- III. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact:

Client Servicing Personnel

- a. via phone to : 603-2164 5303
- b. via fax to : 603-2164 5308
- c. via email : info@saturna.com.my
- d. website : saturna.com.my

- IV. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre (SIDREC):

- a. via phone to : 603-2282 2280
- b. via fax to : 603-2282 3855
- c. via email to : info@sidrec.com.my
- d. via letter to : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Centre (SIDREC)
Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A, Menara UOA Bangsar
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1
59000 Kuala Lumpur

- V. You can also direct your complaint to the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office Department:

- a. via phone to : 603-6204 8999
- b. via fax to : 603-6204 8991
- c. via email to : aduan@seccom.com.my
- d. via the online complaint form available at www.sc.com.my
- e. via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office
Securities Commission Malaysia
3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara
Bukit Kiara
50490 Kuala Lumpur

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APPENDIX: GLOSSARY

ASEAN	The Association of Southeast Asian Nations
Board	The board of directors of the Manager
Business Day	A day on which Bursa Malaysia is open for trading
Deed	The deed of the Fund and any other supplemental deed that may be entered into between the Manager and the Trustee
Launch Date	The date of the first Prospectus of the Fund and is the date on which sales of Units of the Fund may first be made
Fund	The Saturna ASEAN Equity Fund
Long-term	A period of more than 3 years
Net Asset Value or NAV	The value of all the Fund's assets less the value of all the Fund's liabilities at the valuation point. For the purpose of computing the administration fee, distribution fee, performance fee (if any), and annual trustee fee, the NAV is inclusive (that is, before any deduction) of the fees for the relevant day
NAV per Unit	The NAV of the Fund divided by the total number of Units in circulation at the valuation point
SC	The Securities Commission Malaysia
Shariah	Islamic law, originating from the <i>Qur`an</i> (the holy book of Islam), and its practices and explanations rendered by the prophet Muhammad (<i>pbuh</i>) and <i>ijtihad of ulamak</i> (personal effort by qualified Shariah scholars to determine the true ruling of the divine law on matters whose revelations are not explicit)
SRI fund	Sustainable and Responsible Investment fund.
Sustainable	The Manager considers issuers with sustainable characteristics to be those issuers that are generally larger, more established, consistently profitable, financially strong and with low exposure to risks in the areas of the environment, social responsibility and corporate governance ("ESG").
Unit(s)	A measurement of the right or interest of a Unitholder in the Fund
Unitholder	The person registered as a holder of a Unit or Units, including persons jointly registered for the Fund