

Capitalise on the Vibrant ASEAN and Greater China Markets

Public Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary, Public Mutual, is launching two new funds, Public ASEAN Growth Fund (PASGF) and Public Greater China Fund (PGCF) on 26 October 2017.

PASGF seeks to achieve capital growth over the medium- to long-term by investing in a diversified portfolio of blue chip, index and growth stocks in ASEAN markets.

“PASGF is well-positioned to benefit from the economic growth of the ASEAN region as the Fund may invest up to 98% of its net asset value (NAV) in selected ASEAN markets including Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and other permitted markets,” says Public Mutual's Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Yeoh Kim Hong.

The region's rapid urbanisation, favourable population dynamics and relatively young labour force will help support the ASEAN's economic performance in the years ahead. Equity markets in ASEAN are expected to benefit from the robust economic outlook, improved corporate earnings growth, accommodative monetary policies and currency strength amid a weakening U.S. dollar.

While PASGF focuses on ASEAN region markets, PGCF on the other hand, aims to ride on the rise of the vibrant Greater China markets and provide investors the opportunity to participate in the long-term growth potential of the region. The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of blue chip, index and growth stocks primarily in the China, Hong Kong and Taiwan markets, as well as China-based companies listed on overseas markets.

“To achieve capital growth, PGCF will invest 75% to 98% of its NAV in equities, with the balance invested in fixed income securities and liquid assets. Unlike our other China focused equity funds, this Fund may invest up to 25% of its NAV in other regional and global markets outside of the Greater China region which allows the Fund to benefit from diversification,” she explains.

The initial issue price for both PASGF and PGCF is **RM0.2500 per unit** during the 21-day initial offer period from **26 October to 15 November 2017**. The minimum initial investment amount is **RM1,000** while the minimum additional investment amount is **only RM100**.

Investors who purchase units of the funds during the initial offer period can enjoy a promotional sales charge of **5.00%** of the NAV per unit. Terms and conditions apply.

Both PASGF and PGCF are distributed by Public Mutual's unit trust consultants. Interested investors can contact any Public Mutual unit trust consultant or call its Customer Service Hotline at 03-6207 5000 for more details of the funds.

Public Mutual is Malaysia's largest private unit trust company with more than 120 unit trust funds under its management. It is also an approved Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) provider, managing nine PRS funds. It has a total of 32 branches/customer service centres nationwide and over 3.5 million accountholders. As at end-September 2017, the fund size managed by the Company was RM78.5 billion.