

## PB SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FUND (PBSTGRF)

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### PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS SHEET

**This Product Highlights Sheet (PHS) only highlights the key features and risks of this unit trust fund. Investors are advised to request, read and understand the fund's prospectus before deciding to invest. PBSTGRF is a qualified Sustainable and Responsible Investment Fund under the Guidelines on Sustainable and Responsible Investment Funds.**

### BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCT

#### What is this product about?

<b>Type of product</b>	Unit trust fund
<b>Capital protected or guaranteed</b>	No
<b>Manager of fund</b>	Public Mutual Berhad
<b>Trustee of fund</b>	AmanahRaya Trustees Berhad
<b>Distributor of fund</b>	Institutional Unit Trust Scheme Adviser (IUTA), i.e. Public Bank Berhad

### KEY FEATURES OF THE PRODUCT

#### What am I investing in?

<b>Category of fund</b>	Equity	
<b>Fund objective</b>	To achieve capital growth over the long term. <i>Note: Long term refers to a period of more than 5 years.</i>	
<b>Asset allocation</b>	Shares or securities equivalent to shares	75% to 98% of net asset value (NAV)
	Money market instruments and deposits	2% to 25% of the fund's NAV
	Up to 25% of the fund's NAV may be invested in Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) qualified exchange traded funds and unlisted collective investment schemes which track ESG indices. The fund will generally invest 50% to 70% of its NAV in the domestic equity market. The fund will invest in stocks of companies which incorporate ESG considerations into their business practices. <i>If the outlook for equity market is unfavourable, the shares or securities equivalent to shares exposure may be reduced to below the range indicated above while the exposure to money market instruments and deposits may be increased provided that at least 2/3 of the fund's NAV is invested in instruments that are subject to ESG considerations*, as a temporary defensive strategy.</i> <i>* In the event the fund's holdings of ESG instruments fall below 2/3 of its NAV, the fund will rectify the breach within an appropriate timeframe not exceeding 3 months from the date of breach.</i>	
	Foreign assets	Up to 30% of the fund's NAV

What am I investing in? (cont'd)

<p><b>Location of assets</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaysia</li> <li>• Up to 30% of NAV may be invested in foreign markets which include:-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ China</li> <li>➤ Hong Kong</li> <li>➤ South Korea</li> <li>➤ Taiwan</li> <li>➤ Singapore</li> <li>➤ Thailand</li> <li>➤ Indonesia</li> <li>➤ United States of America</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Investment approach</b></p>	<p>Shares or securities equivalent to shares</p>	<p>The fund will invest in qualified ESG securities which include members of ESG indices*, companies deemed ESG-qualified based on ESG grades by service providers or the Manager's internal evaluation.</p> <p><i>* ESG indices refer to ESG indices provided by international index providers such as S&amp;P Dow Jones Indices LLC, MSCI Limited and FTSE International Limited.</i></p> <p>The internal evaluation of ESG considerations adopted by the investee companies may comprise the following:</p> <p>(a) Environmental Environmental considerations may include a review of the investee company's emissions, waste &amp; effluent and water &amp; energy usage disclosures.</p> <p>(b) Social Social considerations may include a review of the investee company's policies pertaining to diversity, human rights and labour practices.</p> <p>(c) Governance Governance considerations may include a review of the investee company's board responsibilities, engagement with stakeholders and disclosure &amp; transparency.</p> <p>Based on the Manager's internal evaluation, companies that have achieved a score of at least 50 points (out of 100 points) are deemed as ESG qualified shares.</p> <p>The fund will also adopt a bottom-up approach in its selection process of shares or securities equivalent to shares, which relies on fundamental research where the financial health, industry prospects, management quality and past track records of companies are assessed.</p> <p>The ESG considerations of the Fund's investments will be reviewed on monthly basis to ensure that they are consistent with the Fund's objective and that the overall impact of such investments is not inconsistent with any other sustainability considerations.</p> <p>Where an investee company no longer meets the criteria of a qualified ESG security, the fund may look to hold on to the investment if there is adequate information that the company has appropriate strategies to improve its ESG practices. Where there is a lack of information from an investee company to improve its ESG standing, the fund will implement the corporate engagement process.</p> <p>If measures implemented by investee companies are deemed to be inadequate or the management of the investee companies do not intend to address the material ESG concerns raised or declines to engage with the Manager, the fund will dispose its holdings as soon as practicable within an appropriate timeframe not exceeding 3 months from the date the shares is no longer a qualified ESG security, subject to the underlying liquidity of the securities.</p>
	<p>Collective investment schemes</p>	<p>The Fund will invest in ESG qualified exchange traded funds and unlisted collective investment schemes which track ESG indices. The suitability of these collective investment schemes will be evaluated according to their underlying ESG methodologies to ensure they are aligned to the Fund's investment strategy.</p>

## What am I investing in? (cont'd)

<b>Investment approach (cont'd)</b>	Collective investment schemes (cont'd)	<p>These collective investment schemes will be reviewed whenever there are changes to the ESG methodology to ensure that they are consistent with the Fund's objective as well as strategy and that the overall impact of such investments is not inconsistent with any other ESG considerations.</p> <p>If the ESG qualified exchange traded funds and unlisted collective investment schemes that the Fund invests in is no longer ESG-qualified, the Fund will dispose its holdings as soon as practicable within an appropriate timeframe not exceeding 3 months from the date they are no longer ESG qualified.</p>
	Money market instruments and deposits	<p>The asset allocation on money market instruments and deposits will depend on interest rate trends and market liquidity conditions.</p> <p>The fund will invest in money market instruments/deposits with domestic and foreign financial institutions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Money market instruments/deposits that incorporate ESG considerations in their products;</li> <li>(ii) Money market instruments/deposits issued by financial institutions (or its subsidiary) with an ESG score assigned by an ESG service provider such as FTSE Russell and RAM Sustainability Sdn Bhd which falls within the top half of the scale.</li> </ul> <p>For example, the fund will invest in money market instruments/deposits issued by a financial institution (or its subsidiary) with an ESG score of 2.5 points or higher (out of 5 points) as rated by FTSE Russell. The ESG scores are expressed through a numerical scale of 1 to 5, with higher score indicating lower ESG risks; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Manager's internal evaluation.</li> </ul> <p>The internal ESG model is designed with reference to Bursa Malaysia's Sustainability Reporting Guide as well as the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance 2021. It adopts a bottom-up approach in the evaluation process to derive the ESG rating. The ESG rating of a company is derived from 3 pillars – namely Environmental, Social and Governance.</p> <p><u>Environmental</u></p> <p>Within the Environmental pillar, the 12 environmental themes comprise the environmental and relevant economic themes referenced from Bursa Malaysia's Sustainability Reporting Guide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climate-related financial risks and opportunities</li> <li>2. Emissions</li> <li>3. Waste and Effluent</li> <li>4. Water</li> <li>5. Energy</li> <li>6. Biodiversity</li> <li>7. Supply Chain (Environmental)</li> <li>8. Products and Services Responsibility (Environmental)</li> <li>9. Material</li> <li>10. Compliance (Environmental)</li> <li>11. Land Remediation, Contamination or Degradation</li> <li>12. Responsible / Sustainable Lending</li> </ol>

## What am I investing in? (cont'd)

<b>Investment approach (cont'd)</b>	Money market instruments and deposits (cont'd)	<p><u>Social</u> Within the Social pillar, the 12 social themes comprise the social and relevant economic themes referenced from Bursa Malaysia's Sustainability Reporting Guide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diversity</li> <li>2. Human Rights</li> <li>3. Occupational Safety and Health</li> <li>4. Anti-Competitive Behaviour</li> <li>5. Anti-Corruption</li> <li>6. Labour Practices</li> <li>7. Society</li> <li>8. Indirect Economic Impact</li> <li>9. Community Investment</li> <li>10. Product and Services Responsibility (Social)</li> <li>11. Supply Chain (Social)</li> <li>12. Compliance (Social)</li> </ol> <p><u>Governance</u> Within the Governance pillar, the 7 governance themes comprise the principles and guidelines stipulated in the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Responsibilities</li> <li>2. Board Composition</li> <li>3. Remuneration</li> <li>4. Audit Committee</li> <li>5. Risk Management and Internal Control Framework</li> <li>6. Engagement with Stakeholders</li> <li>7. Disclosures and Transparency</li> </ol> <p>Investee companies are assessed based on their disclosure of information pertaining to the abovementioned themes and outcome of their ESG practices.</p>
<b>Benchmark</b>	<p>The benchmark of the Fund is FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index. Information on the benchmark can be obtained from FTSE International Limited. As the Fund is actively managed and its holdings may differ from its benchmark, the risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of the benchmark. The performance of the Fund and its benchmark is available on our website at <a href="http://www.publicmutual.com.my">www.publicmutual.com.my</a>. The benchmark is used only for the purpose of measuring the financial performance of the fund. Any change of the fund's benchmark will be updated on our website and/or the fund's PHS.</p>	

## PRODUCT SUITABILITY

## Who is this fund suitable for?

<b>Investor profile</b>	The fund is suitable for long-term investors who are seeking to achieve long-term capital growth through investments in stocks of companies which incorporate ESG considerations into their business practices.
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## KEY RISKS

## What are the key risks associated with this product?

<b>Market risk</b>	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 NAV.
<b>Specific security risk</b>	Prices of a particular security may fluctuate in response to the circumstances affecting individual companies. As such, adverse price movements of a particular security invested by the fund may adversely affect the fund's NAV and unit price.

**What are the key risks associated with this product? (cont'd)**

<b>Liquidity risk</b>	Liquidity risk refers to the ease of liquidating an asset depending on the asset's volume traded in the market. If the fund holds assets that are illiquid, or are difficult to dispose of, the value of the fund will be negatively affected when it has to sell such assets at unfavourable prices.
<b>ESG investment risk</b>	The fund invests in ESG securities. During the periodic review undertaken by the Manager, a security currently held by the fund may be reclassified as non ESG compliant and may impact the ESG considerations of the fund. If this occurs, the Manager will take the necessary steps to dispose its holdings of the security as disclosed in the Fund's investment approach. The non-compliant ESG securities will be disposed, and reinvestments will be made to ensure, at least two thirds (2/3) of the Fund's NAV is invested in instruments that are subject to ESG considerations.

**You are advised to read the fund's prospectus and understand the risks involved and, if necessary, consult your professional adviser(s) before investing.**

**FEES & CHARGES****What are the fees and charges involved?**

<b>Sales charge</b>	Up to 5.0% of NAV per unit. <i>The Manager may at its discretion charge a lower sales charge.</i>			
<b>Redemption charge</b>	Nil			
<b>Switching charge</b>	To Recipient Fund	Equity / Mixed Asset / Balanced Funds	Bond / Sukuk Funds	Money Market Funds
	Switch-out/ (Exit)			
	Within 90 days:			
	- Loaded units	Up to 0.75%*	Up to 0.75%*	Up to 0.75%*
	- Partial-load units	Up to 0.50%*	Up to 0.50%*	Up to 0.50%*
	After 90 days:			
- Loaded units	Up to RM50	Up to RM50	Nil	
- Partial-load units	Up to 0.50%*	Up to 0.50%*	Nil	
<i>Notes:</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loaded units are units which have incurred a sales charge of 3% or more through investments in equity/mixed asset/balanced funds.</li> <li>• Partial-load units are units which have incurred a sales charge of less than 3% through investments in equity/mixed asset/balanced funds.</li> </ul>				
* Subject to a minimum of RM50, whichever is the higher.				
<b>Transfer charge</b>	Up to RM50 per transfer.			
<b>Management fee</b>	1.60% per annum of the NAV.			
<b>Trustee fee</b>	0.06% per annum of the NAV, subject to a minimum fee of RM18,000 and a maximum fee of RM600,000 per annum.			

*Note: The above fees and charges may be subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties (if any) which are payable by you.*

**There are fees and charges involved and you are advised to consider them before investing in the fund.**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Valuation

The NAV of this fund is calculated and the price of units published on each business day at [www.publicmutual.com.my](http://www.publicmutual.com.my).

### Purchase and redemption of units

You can purchase and redeem units of the fund on any business day at the fund's next determined NAV.

#### Initial investment

- Minimum initial investment\*: RM1,000.
- Existing investors who are Public Mutual Online (PMO) subscribers may purchase units of the fund online.
- If you are not an existing PMO subscriber, you may register online for PMO via our website or through our Smart kiosks located at our branches or Customer Service Centre at the 1 Utama Shopping Centre.
- Otherwise, please submit your completed investment application form together with a cheque to any of the Public Bank Berhad branches.
- For first time investor of Public Mutual Berhad, you are required to complete the new investor form.

#### Additional investments

- Minimum additional investment\*: RM100.
- You may invest regularly through PMO, direct debit authorisation with banks or by depositing your cheque into the collection accounts maintained at Public Bank Berhad.

Note: \* The Manager may vary the minimum initial and additional investment amount from time to time.



### How You Should Write Your Cheque

Cheque must be made payable to:

**Individual Investors**

***"Public Mutual Berhad - New NRIC No. of First Holder".***

**Corporate Investors**

***"Public Mutual Berhad - Your Company Registration Number".***

Please write down your name, new NRIC/passport number/company registration number and telephone number at the back of the cheque.

#### Cooling-off right

- Applicable for first time individual investors of Public Mutual Berhad.
- Your request must be submitted either to the Public Bank Berhad branch offices at which you purchased your units within 6 business days from the date of receipt of the investment application form and payment by Public Mutual Berhad.
- The refund will be paid within 7 business days from the date of exercise of this right.
- The refund for every unit held will be the sum of the price of a unit (i.e. original price on the day the units were purchased or market price at the point of exercise of the cooling-off right, whichever is lower) and the sales charge imposed (and any applicable taxes and/or duties, if any) on the day the units were purchased.
- Staff of the Manager and persons registered with a body approved by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) to deal in unit trust funds are not entitled to the cooling-off right.

#### Redemption

- Minimum units for redemption: 1,000 units.
- You can execute your redemption request via PMO or by completing and submitting the redemption form on any business day to your nearest Public Mutual Berhad or Public Bank Berhad branch office or Public Mutual Berhad Head Office.
- Your redemption proceeds will be paid within 7 business days from our receipt of your request. If partial redemption results in less than 1,000 units being held in your account with the fund, the Manager may redeem the entire account.

### DO NOT PAY CASH FOR YOUR INVESTMENT



**UNIT TRUST SCHEME CONSULTANTS AND STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO COLLECT INVESTMENT AMOUNT IN CASH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER.**

*Public Mutual Berhad will not be liable for any loss incurred should you give cash to our unit trust scheme consultants or staff.*



**DO NOT PAY CASH TO A UNIT TRUST SCHEME CONSULTANT OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**

**DO NOT MAKE DEPOSIT OR TRANSFER INTO THE BANK ACCOUNT OF A UNIT TRUST SCHEME CONSULTANT OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**



**DO NOT ISSUE A CHEQUE IN THE NAME OF A UNIT TRUST SCHEME CONSULTANT OR STAFF OF PUBLIC MUTUAL BERHAD.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**This is neither a capital guaranteed nor a capital protected fund.**

**Unit prices and distributions payable, if any, may go down as well as up.**

**Past performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance.**

**Where unit splits or distribution is declared, following the issue of unit splits and/or distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced accordingly to reflect/account for the unit splits and/or distribution.**

**Where unit splits is declared, the value of investment in Ringgit Malaysia terms will remain unchanged after the distribution of additional units.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Who should I contact for further information on the fund?

For information pertaining to the fund, you may consult/contact:

- Corporate representatives of Public Bank Berhad who are registered with the Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM);
- Public Bank Berhad Customer Service Hotline at 03-2170 8000; or
- Public Mutual Berhad Customer Service Hotline at 03-2022 5000.

#### Who should I contact to lodge a complaint?

1. For internal dispute resolution, you may contact Public Bank Berhad Customer Service Hotline at 03-2170 8000 or our Customer Service Hotline at 03-2022 5000.
2. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal dispute resolution process, please refer your dispute to the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC):
  - (a) via phone to : 03-2282 2280
  - (b) via fax to : 03-2282 3855
  - (c) via email to : [info@sidrec.com.my](mailto:info@sidrec.com.my)
  - (d) via letter to : Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC)  
Unit A-9-1, Level 9, Tower A  
Menara UOA Bangsar  
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1  
59000 Kuala Lumpur

**Who should I contact to lodge a complaint? (cont'd)**

3. You can also direct your complaint to SC even if you have initiated a dispute resolution process with SIDREC. To make a complaint, please contact the SC's Consumer & Investor Office:
  - (a) via phone to the Aduan Hotline at : 03-6204 8999
  - (b) via fax to : 03-6204 8991
  - (c) via email to : [aduan@seccom.com.my](mailto:aduan@seccom.com.my)
  - (d) via online complaint form available at [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my)
  - (e) via letter to : Consumer & Investor Office  
Securities Commission Malaysia  
No. 3, Persiaran Bukit Kiara  
Bukit Kiara  
50490 Kuala Lumpur
  
4. FIMM's Complaints Bureau:
  - (a) via phone to : 03-7890 4242
  - (b) via email to : [complaints@fimm.com.my](mailto:complaints@fimm.com.my)
  - (c) via online complaint form available at [www.fimm.com.my](http://www.fimm.com.my)
  - (d) via letter to : Legal & Regulatory Affairs  
Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia  
19-06-01, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Wisma Tune  
No. 19 Lorong Dungun  
Damansara Heights  
50490 Kuala Lumpur

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