

# **PruLink Fund Information Booklet**

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PruLink Asian Equity Fund PruLink Global Bond Fund PruLink Singapore Cash Fund



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# Capitalised terms used below, unless otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings ascribed to them under Glossary of Terms of this Fund Information Booklet.

This Fund Information Booklet is for information only and is not a contract of assurance. Investors should refer to the Policy Document for specific policy details applicable to their PruLink investmentlinked policies. Investors should note that this Fund Information Booklet must be read together with the accompanying Product Summary and the Product Highlights Sheets as one document.

This Fund Information Booklet is published for informational purposes only, without regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs of any specific person and should not be construed as an advice or recommendation to invest in the Funds. Investors may wish to seek advice from their Prudential Financial Consultants before making a commitment to purchase the product. In the event an investor chooses not to seek advice from a Prudential Financial Consultant, he/she should consider whether the product in question is suitable for him/her. Investors are advised to read the Fund Information Booklet, the accompanying Product Summary and the Product Highlights Sheets before deciding whether to subscribe for units in these Funds.

Investors should seek professional advice to ascertain (a) the possible tax consequences, (b) the legal requirements and (c) any foreign exchange transactions or exchange control requirements which they may encounter under the laws of the countries of their citizenship, residence or domicile and which may be relevant to the subscription, holding or disposal of units in the Funds. Each investor will assume and be solely responsible for any and all tax of any jurisdiction or governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation any state or local taxes or other like assessment or charges that may be applicable to any payment to him/her in respect of any Fund. None of the Funds will pay any additional amounts to investors to reimburse them for any taxes, assessment or charges required to be withheld or deducted from any payments made to them.

The Funds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended. The units of the Funds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended (the "Securities Act") or under the securities laws of any state of the United States of America and such shares may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred only in compliance with the 1933 Act and such state or other securities laws. The units of the Funds may not be offered or sold within the United States or to or for the account of any US Person as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the Securities Act. Rule 902 of Regulation S under the Securities Act defines US Person to include inter alia any natural person resident of the United States and with regards to investors other than individuals, (i) a corporation or partnership organized or incorporated under the laws of the US or any state thereof; (ii) a trust: (a) of which any trustee is a US Person except if such trustee is a professional fiduciary and a co-trustee who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with regard to trust assets and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settlor if the trust is revocable) is a US Person or (b) where court is able to exercise primary jurisdiction over the trust and one or more US fiduciaries have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust and (iii) an estate (a)which is subject to US tax on its worldwide income from all sources; or (b) for which any US Person is executor or administrator except if an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with regard to the assets of the estate and the estate is governed by foreign law.

The term "US Person" also means any entity organized principally for passive investment (such as a commodity pool, investment company or other similar entity) that was formed: (a) for the purpose of facilitating investment by a US Person in a commodity pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the regulations promulgated by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission by virtue of its participants being non-US Persons or (b) by US Persons principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the United

States Securities Act of 1933, unless it is formed and owned by "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501 (a) under the Securities Act of 1933) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts. "United States" and "US" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and any other areas subject to its jurisdiction.

The Manager is an indirect subsidiary of Prudential plc of the United Kingdom. The Manager, Prudential Singapore and Prudential plc are not affiliated in any manner with Prudential Financial, Inc., a company whose principal place of business is in the United States of America.

This Fund Information Booklet does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not lawful or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.

Investors should also consider the risks of investing in the Funds which are summarised in Section 5 of this Fund Information Booklet.

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# PruLink Funds

# 1. The PruLink Funds

The following PruLink Funds are currently being offered:

- a. PruLink Asian Equity Fund (refer to Schedule 1 for more information)
- b. PruLink Global Bond Fund (refer to Schedule 2 for more information)
- c. PruLink Singapore Cash Fund (refer to Schedule 3 for more information)

The above funds are to be collectively referred to in this Fund Information Booklet as the "**Funds**" and each a "**Fund**". Each Fund has its own investment objective and risks.

# 2. The Product Provider

Prudential Assurance Company Singapore (Pte) Limited ("**Prudential Singapore**") [Company Registration No. 199002477Z], 30 Cecil Street, #30-01, Prudential Tower, Singapore 049712 Tel: 1800-333 0 333 is the product provider ("**Product Provider**" includes the correlative meanings "**we**", "**us**" and "**our**") in respect of the Funds.

# 3. The Manager and the Investment Manager

The Manager and Investment Manager of the Funds is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited (the "**Manager**"), whose registered office is at 10 Marina Boulevard, #32-01 Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 2, Singapore 018983. The Manager is regulated by the MAS.

The Manager was incorporated in Singapore in 1994 and is Eastspring's Singapore office. The Manager has been managing discretionary funds since 1995. The Manager manages S\$133.10 billion of which approximately S\$132.76 billion are discretionary funds managed in Singapore as at 31 December 2018.

The Manager and the Investment Manager are ultimately wholly-owned subsidiaries of Prudential plc ("**Prudential**"). The Manager, the Investment Manager and Prudential are not affiliated in any manner with Prudential Financial, Inc., a company whose principal place of business is in the United States of America.

Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited as at 31 December 2018

Past Performance of the Manager and Investment Manager is not necessarily indicative of their future performance.

# 4. The Auditor

The auditor of the accounts for the Funds is KPMG Singapore whose registered office is at 16 Raffles Quay, #22-00, Hong Leong Building, Singapore 048581 (the "**Auditor**").

# 5. Risks

# 5.1 General Risks

Investors should consider and satisfy themselves as to the risks of investing in the Funds. Investment in the Funds are meant to produce returns over the long-term. It may not be possible to obtain short-term gains from such investments.

Investors should be aware that the price of units in the Funds, and the income from them, if

any, may fall or rise and investors may not get back their original investment. No guarantee is given, expressed or implied, that investors will receive back any amount invested.

All investments involve risks and there can be no guarantee against loss resulting from an investment in any units, nor can there be any assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be attained in respect of its overall performance. Investors should therefore ensure (prior to any investment being made) that they are satisfied with the risk profile of the overall objective disclosed.

#### 5.2 Specific Risks

Investors should carefully consider the following:

#### 5.2.1 Foreign exchange / currencyrisk

As some of the Funds which are Singapore Dollar denominated will invest in underlying entities which are denominated in foreign currencies (e.g. US Dollars and Euro), fluctuations in the exchange rates between the Singapore Dollar and these foreign currencies may have an impact on the income and value of such Funds.

The Funds may invest their assets in securities denominated in a wide range of currencies, some of which may not be freely convertible. The net asset value of the Depository Property of each Fund as expressed in its base currency will fluctuate in accordance to the changes in the foreign exchange rate between its base currency and the currencies in which the relevant Funds' investments are denominated. The Funds may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange / currency risk.

Generally, the Manager does not hedge the foreign currency exposure (if any) of Prulink Asian Equity Fund, PruLink Singapore Cash Fund and PruLink Asian Singapore Managed Fund although they may have the discretion to do so. For the PruLink Global Bond Fund, the Manager adopts an active currency management strategy and may hedge the foreign currency exposure(s) depending on the Manager's views on the currency (cies).

#### 5.2.2 Derivatives risk

The Funds may invest in derivatives which will be subject to risks. While the judicious use of derivatives by the Manager can be beneficial, derivatives involve risks different from, and, in some cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional securities investments. Some of the risks associated with derivatives are market risk, management risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, operational risk and leverage risk.

Investments in derivatives may require the deposit of initial margin and additional margin on short notice if the market moves against the investment positions. If no provision is made for the required margin within the prescribed time, the investment may be liquidated at a loss. Therefore, it is essential that such investments in derivatives are monitored closely. The Manager has the necessary controls for investments in derivatives and systems in place to monitor the derivative positions for the Funds.

The Manager does not intend to use derivative transactions for speculation or leverage but may use them for efficient portfolio management and/or risk management.

#### 5.2.3 Interest rate and credit risk

Investments in fixed income portfolios will be subject to the usual risks of investing in bonds and other fixed income securities. Bonds and other fixed income securities are subject to interest rate fluctuations and credit risks, such as risk of default by issuers.

Investments in fixed income securities are subject to adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer, or in general economic conditions, or both, or an unanticipated

rise in interest rates, which may impair the ability of the issuer to make payments of interest and the principal, especially if the issuer is highly leveraged. Such issuer's ability to meet its debt obligations may also be adversely affected by specific projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing. Also, an economic downturn or an increase in interest rates may increase the potential for default by the issuers of these securities.

#### 5.2.4 Political and/ or regulatory risk

The value of the Deposited Property may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, changes in government policies, changes in taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which an investment may be made. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which an investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets. Foreign ownership restrictions in some markets may mean that corporate action entitlements in relation to any collective investment schemes or other investments the Funds are invested into may not always be secured or may be restricted.

### 5.2.5 Emerging markets risk

The Funds may be investing in investments in emerging markets which may be subject to higher political risks, regulatory risks and liquidity risks than investments in developed markets. Due to many emerging markets undergoing rapid growth, there is less regulation and there may be less public information about companies listed on such markets as compared to other stock markets. Investors would have to take into consideration that trading volume in emerging markets may be substantially less than in the world's leading stock markets and may have to be conducted at unfavourable prices. Investments in emerging markets are also subject to repatriation risks. Many emerging markets have restricted foreign investment policies although liberalisation continues. Emerging markets may not have fully developed custodian and settlement services and therefore investments in such markets are subject to a greater degree of risk.

#### 5.2.6 Sector risk

The Funds may also be investing in "sector-based" funds. As the policy of the Manager is to take a more concentrated approach in order to take a greater advantage of successful investments, there is a greater than usual risk. As the investment potential is long-term, prices may be subject to above-average volatility. Investors should be aware that there can be no assurance that the Funds' investments will be successful or that the investment objective of the Funds will be attained.

#### 5.2.7 Portfolio and market risk

Each Fund is intended for investors who can accept the risks associated with investing primarily in the securities of the type held in that Fund. Investors in equities will be subject to the risks associated with equity and equity-related securities, including fluctuations in market prices, adverse issuer or market information and the fact that equity and equity-related interests are subordinate in the right of payment to other corporate securities, including debt securities. Likewise, investors in fixed income securities will be subject to the risks associated with debt securities including credit and interest rate risk, and the additional risks associated with high-yield debt securities, loan participations and derivative securities. In addition, investors should be aware of the risks associated with the active management techniques that are expected to be

employed by certain Funds. An investment in a Fund does not constitute a complete investment program. Investors may wish to complement an investment in a Fund with other types of investments.

#### 5.2.8 Small companies risk

Investment in securities of smaller companies can involve greater risk than that normally associated with larger, more established companies. In particular, smaller companies have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent for their management on a limited number of key individuals. Securities of smaller companies may also be less liquid than the securities of larger companies, as a result of inadequate trading volume or restrictions on trading.

#### 5.2.9 Counterparty and settlement considerations

The Funds will be exposed to credit risk on the counterparties with which it trades particularly in relation to options, swaps, futures, contracts and other financial derivative instruments ("**FDIs**") that are not traded on a Recognised Market. Such FDIs are not afforded the same protections as may apply to participants trading futures or options on organised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house. The Funds will be subject to the possibility of the insolvency, bankruptcy or default of a counterparty with which the Funds trades, which could result in substantial losses to the Funds.

The Funds will also be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom it trades securities, and may also bear the risk of settlement default, in particular in relation to debt securities such as bonds, notes and similar debt obligations or instruments. Investors should also note that settlement mechanisms in emerging markets are generally less developed and reliable than those in more developed countries and that this therefore increases the risk of settlement default, which could result in substantial losses for the Funds in respect of investments in emerging markets. Investors should also note that the securities of small capitalisation companies as well as the securities of companies domiciled in emerging markets are less liquid and more volatile than more developed stock markets and this may result in fluctuations in the price of the units.

#### 5.2.10 Liquidityrisk

Funds could face liquidity risk arising from investments in securities that have low trading volumes, imposed trading restrictions or temporary suspensions from trading. Investments in securities that have high liquidity risk may reduce return or incur substantial losses to the Funds if the Funds are unable to sell these securities at opportune times or prices. Liquidity could dry up in a very short time especially during a crisis.

The above should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the risks which potential policyholders should consider before investing into any Fund(s). Investors should be aware that an investment in the particular Fund(s) may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.

#### 6. Subscription of Units

#### 6.1 How to Buy Units

When you apply for your policy, you can choose whether you want:

- all your allocated premium to be invested in one of the available PruLink Funds; or
- all your allocated premium to be invested in 2 or more of the available PruLink Funds.

You must invest a minimum of 5% of your premium in any PruLink Funds you choose and thereafter invest in multiples of 5% of your premium.

A percentage of your premium is used to buy units at the offer price in the PruLink Fund or PruLink Funds you have chosen.

If the premiums are intended to be paid by cash, then the cash together with the proposal form should be submitted to the cashier, otherwise the proposal form should be accompanied by full payment in the form of a cheque or a banker's draft made payable to, or via telegraphic transfer to, Prudential Assurance Company Singapore (Pte) Limited.

If the premiums are intended to be paid with Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("**SRS**") monies, you should instruct the relevant SRS operator bank to withdraw from your SRS account monies in respect of the policy applied for.

If the premiums are intended to be paid with Central Provident Fund ("**CPF**") monies, investors should instruct the CPF Board to withdraw from his CPF Ordinary Account ("**CPF-OA**") or CPF Special Account ("**CPF-SA**") (as the case may be) for credit to his CPF Investment Account with a CPF agent bank monies in respect of the policy applied for.

Units will generally be credited to your account only when the funds are cleared, although we may at our discretion issue units before receiving full payment in cleared funds.

For compliance with applicable anti-money laundering laws and guidelines, we or the Manager reserve the right to request such information as may, in the opinion of the Manager or its approved distributors, be necessary to verify the identity of an applicant.

#### 6.2 Dealing Deadline and Pricing Basis

Pricing of PruLink Funds is on a forward, offer-bid basis.

If we receive your premium:

- a) by 3pm, we will use the offer price calculated on the next Business Day; or
- after 3pm, we will use the offer price calculated on the second Business Day following the day we receive your premium/ application.

#### Example

If we receive your premium by 3pm on Monday, we will use Tuesday's offer price to buy units in your account. If we receive your premium after 3pm on Monday, we will use Wednesday's offer price.

### 6.3 Allotment of Units

\$1,000	X 100%	-> \$1,000	÷ \$1.00	->1,000 units	Х	\$0.95	->	\$950
Your Initial Investment	Premium allocation rate*	Net Investment Sum	Offer Price	No. of units you will receive		Bid Price		Value of your units

\* Please refer to the applicable allocation rate in the Product Summary.

## 7. Withdrawal of Units

#### 7.1 How to Withdraw Units

You can make a partial or full withdrawal by asking us to sell some or all of the units in your account. We will sell the units as soon as practicable after accepting the application.

#### 7.2 Minimum Withdrawal Amount and Minimum Holdings Amount

The minimum withdrawal amount is S\$1,000.

If you make a partial withdrawal, the remaining units in the account must be worth at least S\$1,000 based on the bid price at the time of withdrawal. If not, you will not be able to make a partial withdrawal. To apply, you must use the appropriate application form and meet the conditions on it. We will notify you if we accept the application.

### 7.3 Dealing Deadline and Pricing Basis

Pricing of PruLink Funds is on a forward, bid-offer basis.

If we receive the withdrawal application:

- a) by 3pm, we will use the bid price calculated on the next Business Day; or
- b) after 3pm, we will use the or bid price calculated on the second Business Day following the day we receive the withdrawal application.

#### Example

If we receive the withdrawal application by 3pm on Monday, we will use Tuesday's bid price to sell units in the account. If we receive the withdrawal application after 3pm on Monday, we will use Wednesday's bid price.

## 7.4 Calculation of Withdrawal Proceeds

Numerical example of withdrawal value based on withdrawal of 1,000 units:

1,000	Х	\$0.95	=	\$950
Number of Units Withdrawn		Bid Price		Withdrawal Value

## 7.5 Settlement for Withdrawal

We will pay the withdrawal proceeds within:

- T+ 4 Business Days in respect of bond and money market funds; and
- T+ 6 Business Days in respect of funds other than bond and money market, property and hedge funds.

If you decide to surrender the policy invested in a money market and equity fund at the same time the payment of the withdrawal proceeds shall not be later than T+ 6 Business Days.

If we receive your withdrawal request with all the documents and information:

- a) by 3pm, T will be on the same business day we receive your withdrawal request;
- b) after 3pm, T will be the next business day after we receive your withdrawal request.

It is also considered paid on the day your account is credited or a cheque is mailed to you.

# 8. Switching of Fund(s)

You can switch the units in your account into other PruLink Fund(s) that is/are available. The minimum amount allowed to switch out of a PruLink Fund is currently S\$200. The remaining units in the PruLink Fund that you are switching from must be worth at least S\$200 based on the bid price at the time of switching. If not, you must switch all the units out of the PruLink Fund.

To make the switch, we sell the units in the old PruLink Fund at the bid price of that PruLink Fund and buy units in the new PruLink Fund at its bid price.

We currently do not charge for fund switches. However, we reserve the right to levy an administration charge but will not do so before giving 30 days' written notice.

To apply for switching, you must use the appropriate application form and meet the conditions on it. We will notify you if we accept your application.

# 9. Obtaining Prices of Units

PruLink Funds are valued every Business Day ("**pricing day**") to work out the unit price. Prices of the PruLink Funds\* may currently be obtained from www.prudential.com.sg, Straits Times and The Business Times or such other publications or media as we may from time to time determine.

\* The actual offer and bid prices are published at the end of the first Business Day after the relevant pricing date.

We reserve the right to change the list of sources from which the unit price can be currently obtained. We shall not be responsible for any errors in the published prices or for any late or non-publication of the prices attributable to the publishers.

# 10. Suspension of Dealing

We reserve the right to suspend immediately any issue, withdrawal, exchange or other dealing in relation to any of the PruLink Funds (or the units thereunder) if the Manager of the Funds suspends the issue, withdrawal, exchange or other dealing in the units or shares of the Funds or if we are required to do so by the Manager or any other government or regulatory body, or at our reasonable discretion, including but not limited to the following situations:

- during any period when any market for any Material Proportion of the calculation of the value of units of the Investments for the time being constituting the relevant Deposited Property is closed otherwise than for ordinary holidays;
- (ii) during any period when dealings on any such market are restricted or suspended;
- (iii) during any period when, in the opinion of the Manager, there exists any state of affairs as a result of which withdrawal of deposits held for the account of that Fund or the realization of any material proportion of the investments for the time being constituting the relevant assets comprised in that PruLink Fund cannot be effected normally or without seriously prejudicing the interests of investors of that PruLink Fund as a whole;
- (iv) during any period during which there is, in the opinion of the Manager, any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the Investments or the amount of any cash for the time being comprised in the relevant Deposited Property or when for any other reason the Value of any such Investment or the amount of any such cash or liability cannot be promptly and accurately ascertained, including any period when the fair value of a Material Proportion of the Investments for the time being constituting the relevant Deposited Property cannot be determined and for the purpose of this paragraph, "fair value" of an Investment is the price that the Fund would reasonably expect to receive upon a current sale of the Investment;
- during any period when, in the opinion of the Manager, the transfer of funds which will or may be involved in the realisation of any Material Proportion of the Investments for the time being constituting the relevant Deposited Property cannot be effected promptly at normal rates of the exchange;
- (vi) for a PruLink Fund which is a feeder fund or fund of funds, during any period when

dealings in the units or shares of the relevant fund or underlying fund(s) are restricted or suspended;

- (vii) any 48 hours period (or such longer period as the Manager may agree) prior to the date of any meeting of investors (or any adjourned meeting thereof);
- (viii) any period when dealing in units is suspended pursuant to any order or direction of the Authority;
- (ix) any period when the business operations of the Product Provider in relation to the operation of any particular PruLink Fund is substantially interrupted or closed as a result of or arising from pestilence, acts of war, terrorism, insurrection, revolution, civil unrest, riots, strikes or acts of god;

and payment for any units of the Fund(s) realised before the commencement of any such suspension but for which payment has not been made before the commencement thereof may, if the Product Provider so agree, be deferred until immediately after the end of such suspension. Such suspension shall take effect forthwith upon the declaration in writing thereof by the Product Provider and shall terminate on the day following the first Business Day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension shall have ceased to exist (and such cessation having been confirmed by the Manager). The Product Provider shall as soon as practicable after its declaration of any temporary suspension of realisation and of the termination of such suspension cause such information to be published in the major local newspaper in Singapore which published the daily issue and realisation pricing of units of the Fund(s).

## 11. Performance of the Funds

Fund/Benchmark	Inception Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Inception
			(average annual compounded return			ed return)
PruLink Asian Equity Fund	01 Nov 95	-13.25%	2.82%	1.44%	5.94%	3.30%
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index <sup>1</sup>		-12.21%	6.38%	5.31%	9.46%	3.23%
PruLink Global Bond Fund	01 Feb 99	0.43%	1.27%	2.49%	1.18%	2.49%
FTSE World Government Bond Index All Maturities <sup>2</sup>		1.13%	1.38%	2.36%	0.98%	2.65%
PruLink Singapore Cash Fund	03 Nov 95	1.25%	1.00%	0.77%	0.70%	1.47%
1-month Singapore Interbank BidRate (SIBID) <sup>3</sup>		0.36%	0.59%	0.54%	0.36%	1.39%

#### 11.1 Past Performance of the Funds and Benchmarks (as at 31 December 2018)

<sup>1</sup> Changed from MSCI AC Far East ex Japan Index to MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index with effect from 1 October 2008 to better reflect the investment objective and focus of PruLink Asian Equity Fund as the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index covers the additional countries of India and Pakistan in addition to the countries covered in the MSCI Far East ex Japan Index. With effective from 13 Jun 2016, the benchmark was changed from MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index to MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index to better reflect the investment objective and focus.

<sup>2</sup> With effect from 1st Apr 2018, the benchmark name is changed from Citigroup World Government Bond Index All Maturities to FTSE World Government Bond Index All Maturities. The change of benchmark name is a result of a acquisition by the London Stock Exchange Group ("LSEG") of Citi Fixed Income Indices from Citigroup Inc. on 31 August 2017. Following the completion of the acquisition by LSEG, the legal name of Citigroup Index LLC was changed to FTSE Fixed Income LLC. Correspondingly, any Citi-owned trademarks is to be changed to the new FTSE Russell branding.

<sup>3</sup> With effect from 1st Mar 2018, the benchmark is changed from 1-month Singapore Interbank Bid Rate (SIBID) to Singapore Dollar Savings Deposit Rate because the benchmark data for SIBID has ceased publication in March 2018.

Performance calculation of the Funds is based on net asset value pricing, in Singapore Dollars with all dividends or distributions reinvested, taking into account all charges which would have been payable upon such reinvestment.

Fees and charges payable through deduction of premium or cancellation of units are excluded from this calculation.

Source: Citibank N.A. Singapore

Source for Benchmark: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited

Past performance of the Funds is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Funds.

#### 11.2 Expense Ratios<sup>₄</sup>

PruLink Fund	Expense Ratio (%) as at 31 December 2018
PruLink Asian Equity Fund	1.53
PruLink Global Bond Fund	0.77
PruLink Singapore Cash Fund	0.32

<sup>4</sup> The expense ratios are calculated in accordance with Investment Management Association of Singapore's guidelines on the disclosure of expense ratios and based on the PruLink Funds' latest audited accounts but do not include the following expenses:

- a) brokerage and other transaction costs;
- b) performance fee;
- c) foreign exchange gains and losses;
- d) front or back-end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds;
- e) tax deducted at source or arising out of income received;
- f) advertising and promotion costs; and
- g) charges for insurance coverage#

<sup>#</sup>Please note that charges for insurance coverage are not applicable at the Fund level and are thus excluded from the calculation of the expense ratio. For more information on the charges for insurance coverage, please refer to the Product Summary.

#### 11.3 Turnover Ratios<sup>5</sup>

	Turnover Ratio (%) (for the year ended 31 December 2018)
PruLink Asian Equity Fund	28.06
PruLink Global Bond Fund	4.28
PruLink Singapore Cash Fund	242.47

<sup>5</sup> The turnover ratio is calculated based on the lesser of purchases or sales expressed as a percentage over average net asset value. Average net asset value means the net asset value for each day averaged over, as far as possible, the same period used for calculating the expense ratio.

Source: Prudential Assurance Company Singapore (Pte) Limited

#### 12. Soft Dollar Commissions or Arrangements

The Manager and the Investment Manager may or may not be entitled to receive and/ or enter into soft-dollar commissions or arrangements in respect of the Funds. If entitled to receive and/or enter into soft-dollar commissions or arrangements in respect of the Fund, the Manager and the Investment Manager will comply with applicable regulatory and industry standards on soft-dollars. The soft-dollar commissions or arrangements shall include specific advice as to the advisability of dealing in, or as to the value of any investments, research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses including valuation and performance measurements, market analyses data and quotation services, computer hardware and software or any other information facilities to the extent that they are used to support the investment decision making process, the giving of advice, the conduct of research or analysis, or analysis of trade execution, in relation to the investments managed for clients.

Soft-dollar commissions or arrangements shall not include travel, accommodation, entertainment, general administrative goods and services, general office equipment or premises, membership fees, employees' salaries or direct money payment.

The Manager and the Investment Manager shall not accept or enter into soft-dollar commissions or arrangements unless (a) such soft-dollar commissions or/arrangements would reasonably assist the Manager and the Investment Manager in the management of the Funds (b) the Manager and the Investment Manager shall ensure at all times that transactions are executed on the best available terms taking into account the relevant market at the time for transactions of the kind and size concerned, and (c) no unnecessary trades are entered into in order to qualify for such soft-dollar commissions or arrangements.

The Manager and the Investment Manager does not retain for its/ their own account, cash or commission rebates arising out of transactions for the Funds executed in or outside Singapore.

## 13. Conflicts of Interest

The Manager and the Investment Manager (where applicable) may own, hold, dispose or otherwise deal with units of the Funds. In the event of any conflict of interest arising as a result of such dealing, the Manager and the Investment Manager (where applicable), following consultation, shall resolve such conflict in a just and equitable manner as they deem fit which would not prejudice the interests of investors. The Manager and the Investment Manager (where applicable) shall conduct all transactions with or for the Funds on an arm's length basis.

The Manager and the Investment Manager (where applicable) and their respective associates (collectively the "**Parties**") are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may on occasion cause conflict of interest with the management of the Funds. These include management of other funds, product development, investment and management counseling, brokerage services, trustee and custodial and registrar services and serving as directors, officers, advisers or agents of other funds or other companies, including companies in which the Funds may invest. Each of the Parties will respectively ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement that they might have. In the event that a conflict of interest does arise, the Parties shall endeavour to ensure that it is resolved fairly and in the interest of investors.

## 14. Reports

The financial year-end of the PruLink Funds is 31 December of each year. You will receive the Semi-Annual Report and Annual Audited Report within 2 months and 3 months respectively from the last date of the period to which the report dates. The Semi-Annual Report and Annual Audited Report may also be obtained from www.prudential.com.sg.

## 15. Other Material Information

#### 15.1 Right to Change Investment Objective

We and the Manager reserve the right to change the investment objective of the Funds from time to time. However, 30 days' written notice will be given before doing so.

#### 15.2 Duties and Obligations

We may have to observe certain duties and obligations (which may require your co-operation and assistance):

- Under the agreements between us and the Manager, and
- Under certain statutory and regulatory requirements which may include but are not limited to notices and guidelines issued from time to time by various associations and authorities.

We may therefore require your co-operation, upon your request, to perform certain actions, so as to allow us to carry out these duties and obligations.

#### 15.3 Distribution of Income and Capital

Distribution of income and/or capital of the Funds (where applicable) will be at the Manager's sole discretion. In the event where any distribution is made, such distribution will reduce the net asset value of the Funds.

#### 15.4 Investment Guidelines

- **15.4.1** The investment guidelines for non-specialised funds (i.e. the Non-Specialised Funds Investment Guidelines) issued by the Authority under the Code on Collective Investment Schemes (the "**Code**"), which may be amended from time to time, shall apply to the Funds (unless otherwise waived, exempted or not applied by the Authority).
- **15.4.2** In addition, the Manager will ensure compliance with the investment guidelines issued by the CPF Board, which may be amended from time to time, over and above the Non-Specialised Funds Investment Guidelines.
- 15.4.3 The Manager will ensure compliance with the investment guidelines issued by the Authority and the insurer, which may be amended from time to time. We reserve the right to make changes to the Funds as may be necessary for the compliance with the investment guidelines. The investment guidelines stipulated by the authorities include but are not limited to the MAS 307 Investment-Linked Policies issued by the Authority.

#### 15.5 Termination of PruLink Funds

We reserve the right to terminate immediately (upon giving written notice) any of the PruLink Funds if the Manager terminates any of the Funds or if we are required to do so by the Manager or any other government or regulatory body, or at our reasonable discretion, including but not limited to the following situations:

- on any date if on such date the value of the relevant assets comprised in that PruLink Fund is less than S\$5 million or its equivalent in any applicable foreign currency;
- (ii) if any law is passed or any direction is given by the Authority which renders it illegal or in the opinion of the Manager impracticable or inadvisable to continue that PruLink Fund or if any approval or authorization of that PruLink Fund is revoked or withdrawn;
- (iii) if the Manager is of the view that it is not in the best interest of policyholders in that PruLink Fund to continue the PruLink Fund; or

If we terminate a PruLink Fund, we will sell units in that fund based on the bid price calculated after liquidating all investments in that PruLink Fund. Upon completion, we will return you the value of units in your account.

# Schedule 1 – PruLink Asian Equity Fund

# I. Structure

The Manager of the PruLink Asian Equity Fund is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. The PruLink Asian Equity Fund is a single fund domiciled in Singapore and it is a Specified Investment Product. It is included under CPF Investment Scheme-OA and it has a higher risk classification (Narrowly Focused – Regional - Asia). It is best suited to an investor with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

The benchmark for this Fund is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 1 January 2000: With the switch to a MSCI based index for Singapore, the new benchmark for the Fund became a composite benchmark using the respective MSCI country indices for the markets in which the Fund invests. These country indices were MSCI Singapore Free, MSCI Hong Kong, MSCI Malaysia Free, MSCI Thailand Free, MSCI Philippines Free and MSCI Indonesia Free Indices. The weightings for each of the respective markets remain the same with Singapore being no less than 50% and the remaining 50% spread over the other five regional markets. The benchmark of this Fund, prior to this change, was weighted no less than 50% on the DBS 50 Index, with the remaining 50% spread over five regional indices.

1 October 2000: The benchmark was changed to the MSCI AC Far East Free ex-Japan Index to reflect the change in the investment objective of the Fund. The PruLink South East Asian Equity Fund was transformed into an Asia ex-Japan fund and re-named PruLink Asian Equity Fund.

1 October 2008: The benchmark was changed from MSCI AC Far East Free ex-Japan Index to MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index to accurately reflect the investment universe and objective of the PruLink Asian Equity Fund.

13 June 2016: The benchmark was changed from MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index to MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index.

### II. Investment Objective and Focus

To maximise long-term total return by investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies that are incorporated, listed in or have their areas of primary activity in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan Region. The Fund may also invest in depository receipts including American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"), debt securities convertible into common shares, preference shares and warrants.

#### III. Investment Approach

The first part of the process is idea generation. This is a systematic starting point where the Investment Manager uses proprietary screens across a wide investment universe applying consistent anchors around valuation and dividend yield. This allows the Investment Manager to identify high yielding stocks that are also valuation outliers, which may become investment candidates. The next stage is the fundamental analysis of these outliers. This fundamental analysis drives the Investment Manager's investment approach, and the Investment Manager employs a strong discipline around a common valuation framework firm-wide. The Investment Manager insists on challenge and debate to test the assumptions and help to achieve a level of conviction in the valuation of each security. The next stage is portfolio construction. In taking active risk, the Investment Manager considers the stock-by-stock relationships in the Fund to ensure sufficient diversification. The Investment Manager's ability to take long-term positions without being forced to close positions in response to volatility. The last stage is review and control. This is a team-owned responsibility involving a formal peer review of all strategies to ensure the integrity of the Investment Manager's process.

# IV. Product Suitability

The Fund is only suitable for investors who:

- seek long term-total return;
- are comfortable with risks of an equity fund that invests in the Asia Pacific ex-Japan region; and
- appreciate that their capital will be at risk and that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise.

Investors may wish to speak to a Prudential Financial Consultant before making a commitment to invest in the Fund.

#### V. Fees

#### Initial Investment Charge

There is a 5%<sup>\*</sup> initial investment charge (bid-offer spread). This charge is reflected as the difference between the offer price and bid price of the Fund. The offer and bid prices are the buying and selling prices to you respectively. PruLink Funds are valued, and charges are deducted, on a forward pricing basis.

For CPF Investment, the net sales charge is up to 1.5%.

\* Please refer to the relevant Product Summary for details of charges incurred on your plan as charges may vary from product to product and may be lower than 5%.

#### Continuing Investment Charge

The continuing investment charge is currently 1.5% per annum. This charge is deducted on a pro-rata basis at each unit pricing date throughout the year. We reserve the right to increase the continuing investment charge up to a maximum of 2% of the bid price per annum but will not do so before giving you 6 months' written notice.

#### Other Fees Payable by the Fund

The custodian fee is below 0.04% per annum as at 31 December 2018, and it may vary depending on number and volume of transactions.

The offer and bid prices of the Fund are net of these charges. Other charges are listed in the Product Summary.

# Schedule 2 – PruLink Global Bond Fund

# I. Structure

The Manager of the PruLink Global Bond Fund is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

The PruLink Global Bond Fund is a single fund domiciled in Singapore and it is a Specified Investment Product. It is included under CPF Investment Scheme-OA and SA and it has a low to medium risk classification (broadly diversified).

The benchmark for this Fund is the FTSE World Government Bond Index All Maturities<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> 1 April 2018: The benchmark name is changed from Citigroup World Government Bond Index All Maturities to FTSE World Government Bond Index All Maturities.

## II. Investment Objective and Focus

The PruLink Global Bond Fund aims to maximise total return through investment in a diversified portfolio of debt securities denominated in any currency. While the Manager has power to hedge currency risk, the Fund will seek to invest primarily in securities so as to give exposure to major developed market currencies.

## III. Investment Approach and Process

#### Investment Approach

The Manager's Fixed Income team's investment approach is based on the following beliefs:

- Investment style based on fundamental, valuation and technical analyses
- Medium-term investment horizon
- Investment opportunities are created by identifying cyclical extremities in interest rates and credit spreads
- Value opportunities arise due to shifts in investor risk perception, resulting in the mispricing of assets relative to fundamentals

#### Investment Process

A four-stage fixed income investment process is employed, which combines both top-down and bottom-up investment analyses to identify value opportunities:

#### 1. Investment Outlook & Fair Value Analysis

Macroeconomic and market research is undertaken to determine the investment outlook and ascertain the fair value of the interest rate, credit and currency markets.

#### 2 Strategy Formulation

Drawing on the top-down views established in the first step of the process, further analyses of the interest rate, credit and currency markets are conducted for the formulation of our investment strategies. The team aims to provide value-added returns from three main sources: First, Bond Market Allocation & Duration Strategy; Second, Credit Strategy; Third, Currency Strategy.

#### Bond Market Allocation & Duration Strategy

This stage of investment process aims to identify relative value opportunities within the relevant bond markets by comparing the current bond market pricing with fair value

pricing on a forward basis. It takes into considerations the forward yield curve pricing visà-vis the team's yield projections, nominal yield levels relative to historical experience, and steepness of yield curves. Detailed analysis is also undertaken to understand the structural, cyclical as well as technical factors that cause mispricing of the interest rate markets.

#### Credit Strategy

There are two key parts in managing credits: First, based on the established topcredit market and sector outlook, credit sector allocation recommendations are formulated. Second, a bottom-up credit analysis is conducted. This involves both quantitative and qualitative analyses to assess credit strength and default risk over time. In addition to an assessment of an issuer's credit quality, a relative value analysis is conducted by comparing the yield or credit spreads of the bond issue across relevant peers and/ or across credit sectors.

#### Currency Strategy

The approach involves the broad assessment of the currencies' fundamentals and valuations, including the exchange rate and monetary policy, real effective exchange rate and interest rate carry. The Manager then combines this analysis with a range of technical inputs, allowing the team to identify 'outliers' and trends in currency movement. An active position in currencies will be taken where valuations identify 'outliers', fundamentals point to potential appreciation and changes in price momentum are evident.

#### 3. Portfolio Construction

The team takes into consideration the quantitative and fundamental work done in the earlier steps to construct a portfolio in line with the duration/yield curve, sector, credit and currency risk preferences of the team, as well as the fund's investment objectives.

#### 4. Risk Control and Review

Risk control parameters are established at the inception of the portfolio and portfolios under management are reviewed regularly, keeping in mind the overall risk characteristics with respect to duration, curve neutrality and credit concentration.

#### IV. Product Suitability

The Fund is only suitable for investors who:

- seek long term total return;
- are comfortable with the risks of a fund that invests in global debt securities which are denominated in any currency; and
- appreciate that their capital may be at risk and that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise.

Investors may wish to speak to a Prudential Financial Consultant before making a commitment to invest in the Fund.

# V. Fees

#### Initial Investment Charge

There is a 5%<sup>\*</sup> initial investment charge (bid-offer spread). This charge is reflected as the difference between the offer price and bid price of the fund. The offer and bid prices are the buying and selling prices to you respectively. PruLink Funds are valued, and charges are deducted, on a forward pricing basis.

For CPF Investment, the net sales charge is up to 1.5%.

\* Please refer to the relevant Product Summary for details of charges incurred on your plan as charges may vary from product to product and may be lower than 5%.

#### **Continuing Investment Charge**

The continuing investment charge is currently 0.75% per annum. This charge is deducted on a pro-rata basis at each unit pricing date throughout the year. We reserve the right to increase the continuing investment charge up to a maximum of 2% of the bid price per annum but will not do so before giving you 6 months' written notice.

#### Other Fees Payable by the Fund

The custodian fee is below 0.02% per annum as at 31 December 2018, and it may vary depending on number and volume of transactions.

The offer and bid prices of the fund are net of these charges. Other charges are listed in the Product Summary.

# Schedule 3 – PruLink Singapore Cash Fund

# I. Structure

The Manager of the PruLink Singapore Cash Fund is Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited.

The PruLink Singapore Cash Fund is a single fund domiciled in Singapore and it is a Specified Investment Product. The Fund has a lower risk classification (broadly diversified). This Fund is not an investment fund per se and should not be compared to other types of funds. It is best suited for investors who wish to place idle funds for stipulated periods of time while in the midst of switching between various PruLink Funds.

The benchmark for this Fund is Singapore Dollar Savings Deposit Rate<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Mar 2018: The benchmark is changed from SIBID to Singapore Dollar Savings Deposit Rate

PruLink Singapore Cash Fund is not included under CPF Investment Scheme-OA and SA from 01 May 2013 onwards.

# II. Investment Objective and Focus

The PruLink Singapore Cash Fund aims to preserve principal value and maintain a high degree of liquidity while seeking to provide returns which are higher than those offered by Singapore dollar short term bank deposits by investing primarily in high quality short-term money market instruments and debt securities. Such investments may include Singapore fixed interest deposits, short-term government and corporate bonds, commercial bills and deposits with financial institutions and similar assets.

## III. Investment Approach

One of the key sources of value-add for the PruLink Singapore Cash Fund is derived from the meaningful yield pick-up generated from the Manager's Fixed Income Team's credit selection process. The investment decisions are generally based on detailed credit research and relative value analysis.

The team's credit analysis entails:

- Sector and corporate level credit analysis & recommendations
- Generation of internal credit ratings that will guide portfolio investment decisions
- Identification of high default risk candidates for avoidance by portfolio managers
- Relative value analysis as inputs into the credit selection process.

The Fund also seeks to add value through moderate duration management. Duration levels are extended or shortened based on the Manager's interest rate view vis-à-vis what has been priced into the short end of the yield curve.

The Manager seeks to maintain an optimal balance between meeting redemption demands and maximising returns. Adequate liquidity is ensured through investing in short-dated papers and deposits, while terming out investments in deposits and bonds to capture incremental yield.

## IV. Product Suitability

The Fund is only suitable for investors who:

 seek liquidity for their investments and returns comparable to Singapore dollar short term bank deposits;

- are comfortable with the risks investing in short term money market and debt securities; and
- appreciate that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise.

Investors may wish to speak to a Prudential Financial Consultant before making a commitment to invest in the Fund.

# V. Fees

The PruLink Singapore Cash Fund is only available for fund switching. We currently do not charge for fund switches. However, we reserve the right to levy an administration charge but will not do so before giving 30 days' written notice.

### **Continuing Investment Charge**

The continuing investment charge is currently 0.3% per annum. This charge is deducted on a pro-rata basis at each unit pricing date throughout the year. We reserve the right to increase the continuing investment charge up to a maximum of 2% of the bid price per annum but will not do so before giving you 6 months' written notice.

### Fee Payable by the Fund

The custodian fee is below 0.02% per annum as at 31 December 2018, and it may vary depending on number and volume of transactions.

The offer and bid prices of the fund are net of these charges. Other charges are listed in the Product Summary.

# VI. Investment in a Money Market Fund (MMF)

The purchase of a unit in the Fund is not the same as placing funds on deposit with a bank or deposit-taking financial institution. Although the Manager may seek to maintain or preserve the value of the principal of the Fund, there can be no assurance that the Fund shall be able to meet this objective. The Fund is not a guaranteed fund, in that there is no guarantee as to the amount of capital invested or return received.

The Fund is not allowed to invest into derivatives.

# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

"Authority"	means the Monetary Authority of Singapore
"Business Day"	means any day other than Saturday or Sunday on which commercial banks in Singapore are generally open for business, or where the context expressly requires, any day other than Saturday or Sunday on which commercial banks in Singapore or elsewhere are generally open for business, or any other day as the Manager and the Trustee (where applicable) may agree in writing
"Custodian"	means Citibank N.A Singapore
"Deposited Property"	means all of the assets for the time being comprised in the Funds or deemed to be held upon the trusts of the Deed for account of the Funds excluding any amount for the time being standing to the credit of the distribution account of the Funds
"Investment"	means any share, stock, bond, note, debenture, debenture stock, warrant, option, securities, unit or sub-unit in a unit trust scheme, participation in a mutual fund or similar scheme, loan convertible into security, money market instrument, loan stock, certificate of deposits, deposits, commercial paper, promissory notes, treasury bills, fixed and floating rate instruments, bankers' acceptance, derivative instruments including index future and forward currency exchange contract, swap, cap, collar, floor, sale and repurchase transaction or other derivatives or financial transaction or instruments or any other security which may be selected by the Manager for the purpose of investment of any Deposited Property or which may for the time being form part thereof
"Material Proportion"	in relation to Investments means such proportion of the Investments which when sold would in the opinion of the Manager in consultation with the Trustee (where applicable) cause the value of that Deposited Property to be significantly reduced
"PruLink Fund"	means any one of the PruLink Funds that is available to Prudential Singapore policyholders
"PruLink Funds"	means the whole range of investment-linked funds that are available to Prudential Singapore policyholders
"SRS"	means the scheme referred to by the Ministry of Finance as the Supplementary Retirement Scheme or such other scheme as shall replace or supersede the Supplementary Retirement Scheme from time to time
"Recognised Market"	means any stock exchange or over the counter market, any futures exchange and any organized securities market which is open to the public and on which securities are regularly traded, being in each case an exchange or market in any part of the world (including SGX- ST and SESDAQ) and in relation to any particular Investment includes any responsible firm, corporation or association in any country in the world so dealing in the Investment as to be expected generally to provide, in the opinion of the Manager, a satisfactory market for the Investment and in such case the Investment shall be deemed to be the subject of an effective permission to deal or be dealt in on the market deemed to be constituted by such firm, corporation or association



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