

## PRODUCT KEY FACTS

## **BOC-Prudential**

# **MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index Fund**

a sub-fund of the BOC-Prudential Index Fund Series

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- This statement provides you with key information about this product.
- This statement is a part of the offering document.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

## **Quick facts**

Fund Manager:	BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager")
Custodian, Trustee and Registrar:	BOCI-Prudential Trustee Limited
Ongoing charges over a year:	Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units*:  0.28% of the NAV of such class of Units  Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units^:  0.98% of the NAV of such class of Units  Investment Class (HKD) Units**:  0.82% of the NAV of such class of Units  Investment Class (USD) Units**:  0.82% of the NAV of such class of Units  Retail Class (HKD) Units**:  0.96% of the NAV of such class of Units  Retail Class (USD) Units**:  0.96% of the NAV of such class of Units
Underlying index: Tracking difference of	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index  Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: -0.22%
the last calendar year:	Investment Class (HKD) Units: -0.66% Investment Class (USD) Units: -0.66% Retail Class (HKD) Units: -0.78% Retail Class (USD) Units: -0.78%
Estimated annual tracking difference##:	Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: -0.91 %
Distribution policy:	The Investment Manager does not intend to make distributions for the Sub-Fund. Income earned will be reinvested in the Sub-Fund.
Financial year end:	31 March
Minimum investment:	Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units:  No minimum investment and subsequent holding requirement  Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units:  No minimum investment and subsequent holding requirement  Investment Class (HKD) Units:  Initial and addition: HK\$5,000,000  Investment Class (USD) Units:  Initial and addition: the USD equivalent amount of HK\$5,000,000  Retail Class (HKD) Units:  Initial and addition: HK\$5,000

Retail Class (USD) Units:

Initial and addition: the USD equivalent amount of HK\$5,000

**Dealing frequency:** Daily (Hong Kong business days, other than Saturdays)

Base currency: Hong Kong Dollars

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses of such class of units for the period ended 31 March 2023. This figure may vary from year to year.

The actual figure may vary upon actual operation of the Sub-Fund and depends on the actual fund size.

- Since Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units are newly launched, the figure is only the Manager's best estimate of the expenses chargeable to such class expressed as a percentage of such class' estimated average net asset value over the first year of launch. The actual figure may be different upon actual operation of such class and may vary from year to year.
- Since Investment Class Units (including Investment Class (HKD) Units and Investment Class (USD) Units) have

the same fee structure, a single ongoing charges figure can be calculated and published.

Since Retail Class Units (including Retail Class (HKD) Units and Retail Class (USD) Units) have the same fee structure, a single ongoing charges figure can be calculated and published.

## What is this product?

BOC-Prudential MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index Fund (the "Sub-Fund") is a sub-fund under the BOC-Prudential Index Fund Series, which is an umbrella unit trust established under the laws of Hong Kong. The Sub-Fund is a passively managed index tracking fund falling under Chapter 8.6 of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds.

## **Objectives and Investment Strategy**

The Sub-Fund seeks to provide investment performance (before fees and expenses) that tracks the performance of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (the "Underlying Index"). The Underlying Index is an index consisting of the large- and mid-capitalization constituent securities traded on the various stock markets in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan), including, but not limited to, those in Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, Mainland China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand. It is calculated and managed by MSCI Inc. ("MSCI"). Cash or time deposits may be considered when appropriate.

Normal Asset Allocation: 70% - 100% Asia Pacific (ex Japan) equities and equity-related securities

(including but not limited to exchange traded funds ("ETFs") and

Depositary Receipts)

0 – 30% cash or time deposits

The Investment Manager will primarily adopt representative sampling strategy by which assets of the Sub-Fund will be invested in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index. The Sub-Fund adopts representative sampling strategy and may not hold all of the securities that are included in the Underlying Index. The Investment Manager may invest in securities included in the Underlying Index, or in other securities that are not included in the Underlying Index provided that the portfolio matches the characteristics of the Underlying Index and such investment assists the Sub-Fund to achieve its investment objective and is subject to applicable investment restrictions. In selecting which securities to invest, the Investment Manager will use quantitative analytical models, under which each stock is considered for inclusion in the Sub-Fund based on its capitalization, industry and fundamental investment characteristics. The Sub-Fund may overweight/underweight the underlying holdings of a particular constituent security's weighting in the Underlying Index provided that any such differences of weightings is subject to a maximum limit of 4%.

The Sub-Fund may invest less than 20% of its net asset value in A shares directly through the Stock Connect<sup>2</sup> and/or indirectly through ETFs.

The Sub-Fund will invest not more than 10% of its net asset value in structured deposits, structured products or other financial derivative instruments and such investments will be for hedging purposes only.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 25% of its net asset value in ETFs. The Sub-Fund may also invest up to 10% of its net asset value in any single ETF.

<sup>1</sup> Include but not limited to Depositary Receipts (which can include American depositary receipts ("ADRs"), global depositary receipts ("GDRs") and Non-Voting Depositary Receipts ("NVDRs")).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Stock Connect" means Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, which are securities trading and clearing linked programmes with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between Mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Sub-Fund will not invest in debt instruments or bonds.

Currently, the Investment Manager has no intention to enter into securities lending transactions, repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements or similar over-the-counter ("OTC") transactions on behalf of the Sub-Fund. Subject to the prior approval of the SFC, the Sub-Fund may by giving to the unitholders no less than one month's prior written notice engage in securities lending transactions, repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements or similar OTC transactions on behalf of the Sub-Fund.

## Underlying Index - MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index

The Underlying Index is designed to capture large and mid cap representation across various countries in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan), including developed markets countries and emerging markets countries. Currently, developed markets countries included in the Underlying Index are: Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore; and emerging markets countries included in the Underlying Index are: Mainland China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand. It is calculated and maintained by MSCI.

The Underlying Index is a net total return, free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index reflecting the performance of large- and mid-capitalisation companies in Asia Pacific excluding Japan. It covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. The Underlying Index forms part of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI). The base currency of the Underlying Index is U.S. dollars. It was launched on 31 March 1995 and it has a base date of 31 December 1987.

MSCI is the index provider of the Underlying Index. MSCI is independent of the Investment Manager or its connected persons.

As at 29 September 2023, the Underlying Index consists of 1309 constituent securities and has a market capitalization of around USD 6,790.97 billion. The number of constituent securities may change from time to time.

The list of constituent securities of the Underlying Index and with their respective weightings are available on the website of the index provider^ (https://www.msci.com/constituents/). Investors should note that the list of constituent securities of the Underlying Index may be updated from time to time.

The index methodology and the latest index information of the Underlying Index are available from the website of the index provider<sup>^</sup> (www.msci.com). Please refer to the "MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index" section of the Appendix to the Principal Brochure for further details of the Underlying Index.

#### Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The Sub-Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Sub-Fund's net asset value.

## What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

#### Investment risk

The Sub-Fund is an investment fund. The Sub-Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value and therefore, investors' investment in the Sub-Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee in respect of repayment of principal.

The Sub-Fund's investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors.

## 2. <u>Asian stock exc</u>hanges risk

Commissions for trades on Asian stock exchanges and custody expenses are generally higher than those applicable to developed markets. Settlement practices for transactions in Asian markets may involve delays beyond periods customary in more developed markets, possibly requiring the Sub-Fund to borrow funds or securities to satisfy their obligations arising out of other transactions.

#### 3. Concentration risk

• The Sub-Fund's investments focus on the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan). The value of the Sub-Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.

• The value of the Sub-Fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the market in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan).

## 4. Emerging markets risk

The Sub-Fund invests in Asia Pacific region which may be considered as emerging markets countries. This may involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, such as liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility.

## 5. Risks associated with Stock Connect

The relevant rules and regulations on Stock Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. Each of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is subject to a Daily Quota which does not belong to the Sub-Fund and can only be utilized on a first come, first served basis. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the Sub-Fund's ability to invest in A shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the Sub-Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.

## 6. Risk associated with high volatility of the equity market in Mainland China

High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the Mainland China equity market may result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such market and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Sub-Fund.

# 7. <u>Risk associated with regulatory/exchanges requirements/policies of the equity market in</u> Mainland China

Securities exchanges in the PRC typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. All these may have a negative impact on the Sub-Fund.

## 8. Foreign exchange and RMB currency and conversion risks

- Underlying investments of the Sub-Fund may be denominated in currencies (e.g. RMB (specifically
  offshore RMB (CNH)) or onshore RMB (CNY))) other than the base currency of the Sub-Fund (i.e.
  HKD). The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the
  exchange rates between these currencies and the base currency and by changes in exchange rate
  controls
- RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' base currencies (for example HKD) will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of the investors' investments in the Sub-Fund. Although CNH and CNY are the same currency, they trade at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors.
- The Sub-Fund may also be subject to bid/ offer spread and currency conversion costs when converting to and from Hong Kong dollars and RMB.

#### 9. Risks relating to investment in ETFs

Investors should note that the market price of the units of an ETF traded on a stock exchange is determined not only by the net asset value of an ETF but also by other factors such as the supply of and demand for the units of the ETF in the relevant stock exchange. Therefore, there is a risk that the market price of the units of the ETF traded on the relevant stock exchange may diverge significantly from the net asset value of the ETF.

An ETF's returns may deviate from the index to which it is tracking due to a number of factors. Further, an ETF may receive income (such as interests and dividends) from its assets while the tracking index does not have such sources of income. Further, an ETF is not actively managed, and the manager of an ETF may not take an active role in defending the position of the ETF in declining markets. Hence, any fall in the relevant index will result in a corresponding fall in the value of the ETF.

There can be no assurance that an active trading market in respect of the units of an ETF will be developed or maintained.

#### 10. Depositary Receipts risk

Depositary Receipts are designed to offer exposure to their underlying securities. In certain situations, the Investment Manager may use Depositary Receipts such as ADRs, GDRs or NVDRs to provide exposure to underlying securities within the Underlying Index, for example where the underlying securities cannot be, or are unsuitable to be, held directly, where direct access to the underlying securities is restricted or limited or where depositary receipts provide a more cost or tax efficient exposure. However, in such cases the Investment Manager is unable to guarantee that a similar outcome will be achieved to that if it were possible to hold the securities directly, due to the fact Depositary Receipts such as ADRs, GDRs or NVDRs do not always perform in line with the underlying security.

## 11. Currency risk

Underlying investments of the Sub-Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Sub-Fund. Also, a class of Units may be designated in a currency other than the base currency of the Sub-Fund. The net asset value of the Sub-Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the base currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

## 12. Mid-capitalization companies risk

The Sub-Fund invests in large to mid-capitalization companies. The stocks of mid-capitalization companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are typically more volatile to adverse business or economic developments than those of larger capitalization companies.

#### 13. Passive investment risk

The Sub-Fund is passively managed. Due to inherent nature of index funds, the Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund will not have the discretion to adapt to market changes and may not be able to take defensive positions where the relevant stock markets decline. Hence, any fall in the Underlying Index will result in a corresponding fall in the value of the Sub-Fund.

## 14. Portfolio management risk

Since the Sub-Fund will not fully replicate the Underlying Index, there is a risk that as the implementation of the Investment Manager's investment strategy is subject to a number of constraints, the investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

## 15. Tracking error risk

The Sub-Fund may be subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that its performance may not track that of the Underlying Index exactly. The Sub-Fund's returns may therefore deviate from the Underlying Index and such tracking error may be a result of a number of factors, for example, the fees and expenses of the Sub-Fund and the need for the Investment Manager to adopt a representative sampling strategy. There can be no assurance of exact or identical replication at any time of the performance of the Underlying Index. The Investment Manager will monitor and seek to manage such risk to minimize tracking error.

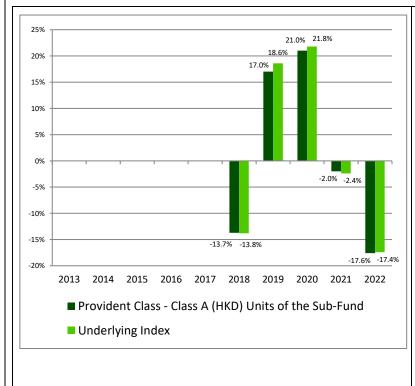
#### 16. Termination risk

The Sub-Fund may be terminated for a number of reasons including but without limitation (i) the index provider terminating the Underlying Index or not allowing the Sub-Fund to use the Underlying Index and there being no successor index; or (ii) at any time one year after the establishment of Sub-Fund its net asset value falling below HK\$10,000,000. Investors may not be able to recover their investments and suffer a loss when the Sub-Fund is terminated.

#### 17. Cross-class liability risk

Although for the purposes of fund accounting, different fees and charges will be allocated to each class, there is no actual segregation of liabilities between different classes of Units. As such, in the event of insolvency or termination of the Sub-Fund, i.e. where the assets of the Sub-Fund are insufficient to meet its liabilities, all assets will be used to meet the Sub-Fund's liabilities, not just the amount standing to the credit of any individual class of Units.

## How has the Sub-Fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-to-NAV, with distributions reinvested.
- Provident Class Class A (HKD) Units are selected as representative class because this class is mainly subscribed by Unitholders as at the date of this statement.
- These figures show by how much Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in HKD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee, initial charge and redemption charge you might have to pay.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.
- Provident Class Class A (HKD) Units, Investment Class (HKD) Units and Investment Class (USD) Units were launched in 2017. Retail Class (HKD) Units and Retail Class (USD) Units were launched in 2020. Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units were launched in 2023.
- Only Provident Class Class A (HKD)
   Units, Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units, Investment Class (HKD)
   Units, Investment Class (USD) Units, Retail Class (HKD) Units and Retail Class (USD)
   Units are currently available.

## Is there any guarantee?

The Sub-Fund does not provide any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

## What are the fees and charges?

Summary of fees and charges for the units of the Sub-Fund is listed below.

## Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the units of the Sub-Fund.

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Initial charge/Subscription fee
(i) Initial charge Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil
(payable to Investment Manager) Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum of 5% of the subscription monies

Investment Class (HKD) Units: Up to a maximum of 5% of the

subscription monies

Investment Class (USD) Units: Up to a maximum of 5% of the

subscription monies

Retail Class (HKD) Units: Up to a maximum of 5% of the

subscription monies

Retail Class (USD) Units: Up to a maximum of 5% of the

subscription monies

(ii) Subscription fee Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil (payable to Trustee) Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Nil

Investment Class (HKD) Units: Nil Investment Class (USD) Units: Nil

Retail Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of US\$5 for each subscription

Retail Class (USD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of US\$5 for each subscription

**Switching fee**Switching involving Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units or (payable to Investment Manager)
Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units and involving

another sub-fund: Nil

Switching involving Investment Class (HKD) Units,

Investment Class (USD) Units, Retail Class (HKD) Units or Retail Class (USD) Units and involving another sub-fund: 1% of the redemption proceeds, up to a maximum of 5% of the

redemption proceeds

Switching involving the Sub-Fund only (i.e. between different classes of units of the same sub-fund): Currently waived, up to

a maximum of 5% of the redemption proceeds

Redemption charge/fee (i) Redemption charge

Redemption charge Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil

(payable to Investment Manager) Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived,

up to a maximum of 1.5% of the net asset value per unit Investment Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived, up to a

maximum of 1.5% of the net asset value per unit

Investment Class (USD) Units: Currently waived, up to a

maximum of 1.5% of the net asset value per unit

Retail Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of 1.5% of the net asset value per unit

Retail Class (USD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of 1.5% of the net asset value per unit Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil

(ii) Redemption fee

(payable to Trustee) Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Nil

Investment Class (HKD) Units: Nil Investment Class (USD) Units: Nil

Retail Class (HKD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of US\$5 for each redemption

Retail Class (USD) Units: Currently waived, up to a maximum

of US\$5 for each redemption

#### Ongoing fees payable by the Sub-Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Sub-Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

#### Annual rate (as a % of the Sub-Fund's net asset value)

Investment management fees (payable to Investment Manager)  Custodian fee	Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: 0.3525%, up to a maximum of 2% Investment Class (HKD) Units: 0.50%, up to a maximum of 2% Investment Class (USD) Units: 0.50%, up to a maximum of 2% Retail Class (HKD) Units: 0.65%, up to a maximum of 2% Retail Class (USD) Units: 0.65%, up to a maximum of 2% All Classes: N/A		
Trustee fee (payable to Trustee)	Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: 0.0875% (current and maximum) Investment Class (HKD) Units, Investment Class (USD) Units, Retail Class (HKD) Units, Retail Class (USD) Units: 0.125% on the first HK\$200 million; 0.10% on the next HK\$200 million; 0.0875% on the remaining balance; up to a maximum of 1% Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: 0.45%, up to a maximum of 1%		
Performance fee	All Classes: N/A		
Administration fee	All Classes: N/A		

You should note that some fees may be increased, up to a specified permitted maximum, by giving unitholders at least three (3) months' prior notice.

#### Other fees

Please note that other fees and charges may also be deducted from the Sub-Fund. For details, please refer to section "Fees and Charges" on pages 74 to 81 of the Principal Brochure.

#### **Additional Information**

- You generally buy and/or redeem Units of the Sub-Fund at the Sub-Fund's next determined net asset value after the Investment Manager receives your request in good order on or before 5:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) (the Dealing Deadline) on the relevant Dealing Day (which is generally Hong Kong Business Day (except Saturdays) or such other day or days as the Investment Manager and the Trustee may agree from time to time).
- Applications could also be placed through other authorized fund distributors or through other
  authorized means as may from time to time specified by the Investment Manager in the Investment
  Manager's website^ (www.boci-pru.com.hk) and different dealing procedures, such as earlier
  application or payment cut-off time may be involved. Applicants should consult the relevant fund
  distributors or the Investment Manager to find out the dealing procedures that are applicable to them.
- The net asset value per unit of the Sub-Fund is calculated and will be published on each Dealing Day in the South China Morning Post, the Hong Kong Economic Journal and the Hong Kong Economic Times.
- The past performance information of other class(es) of Units offered to Hong Kong investors is available on the Investment Manager's website^ (www.boci-pru.com.hk).
- Other information of the Sub-Fund can also be found at the Investment Manager's website^ (www.boci-pru.com.hk).

## **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>^</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.