

# PRODUCT KEY FACTS BOC-Prudential MSCI Japan Index Fund

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

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## Issuer: BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited

- 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 <sup>#</sup> : 0.24% of the NAV of such class of Units Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units^: 0.96% of the NAV of such class of Units Investment Class (HKD) Units <sup>#</sup> : 0.88% of the NAV of such class of Units Investment Class (USD) Units <sup>#</sup> : 0.88% of the NAV of such class of Units Retail Class (HKD) Units <sup>#</sup> **: 1.03% of the NAV of such class of Units Retail Class (USD) Units <sup>#</sup> **: 1.03% of the NAV of such class of Units
Underlying index:	MSCI Japan Index
Tracking difference of the last calendar year:	Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: -0.05% Investment Class (HKD) Units: -0.57% Investment Class (USD) Units: -0.57% Retail Class (HKD) Units: -0.69% Retail Class (USD) Units: -0.69%
Estimated annual tracking difference##:	Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: -0.49%
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:	<ul> <li>Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units:</li> <li>No minimum investment and subsequent holding requirement</li> <li>Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units:</li> <li>No minimum investment and subsequent holding requirement</li> <li>Investment Class (HKD) Units:</li> <li>Initial and addition: HK\$5,000,000</li> <li>Investment Class (USD) Units:</li> <li>Initial and addition: the USD equivalent amount of HK\$5,000,000</li> </ul>

	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 30 September 2022.
  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 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 Japan Index (the "**Underlying Index**"). The Underlying Index is an index consisting of the large- and mid- capitalization constituent securities traded primarily on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. It is calculated and managed by MSCI Inc. ("MSCI"). Cash or time deposits may be considered when appropriate.

Normal Asset Allocation: 70% - 100% Japan equities and equity-related securities 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 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 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 Japan Index**

The Underlying Index, consisting of stocks traded primarily on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. It is calculated and maintained by MSCI.

The Underlying Index is a net total return, free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index. It covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in Japan. The Underlying Index forms part of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI). The base currency of the Underlying Index is U.S. dollars. The Underlying Index was launched on 31 March 1986 and it has a base date of 31 December 1969.

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

As at 10 March 2023, the Underlying Index consists of 237 constituent securities and has a market capitalization of around USD 3,296.62 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 (www.msci.com). Please refer to the "MSCI 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.

## 1. 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. Concentration risk and risks relating to investing in Japan

- The Sub-Fund's investments focus on 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 Japan market.

## 3. <u>Mid-capitalization companies risk</u>

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.

# 4. Currency risk

Underlying investments of the Sub-Fund may be denominated in a currency (which is mainly Japanese Yen) 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 the currency of the underlying investments and the base currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

## 5. 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.

#### 6. 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.

# 7. <u>Tracking error risk</u>

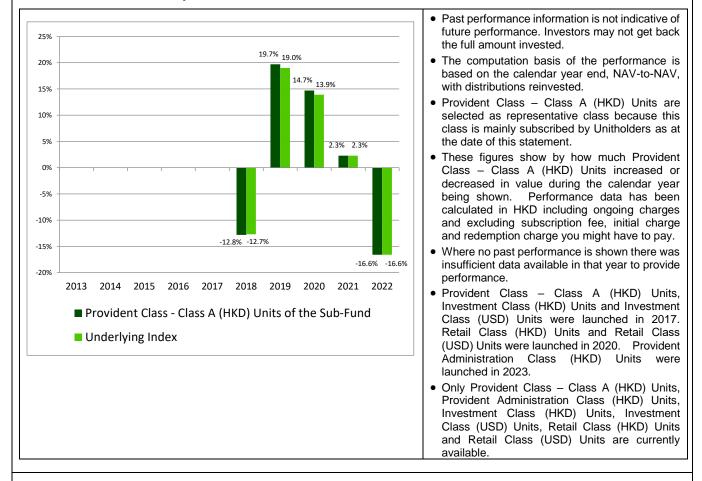
The Sub-Fund may be subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that its performance may not track that of the Underlying Index exactly. The Sub-Fund's returns may therefore deviate from the Underlying Index and such tracking error may be a result of a number of factors, for example, the fees and 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.

## 8. <u>Termination risk</u>

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.

## 9. 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?

## 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. What you pay Fee Initial charge/Subscription fee (i) Initial charge Provident Class - Class A (HKD) Units: Nil Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Currently (payable to Investment Manager) 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 Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Nil (payable to Trustee) 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 involving Provident Class - Class A (HKD) Units or Switching fee Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units and involving (payable to Investment Manager) 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 Provident Class – Class A (HKD) Units: Nil Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Currently (payable to Investment Manager) 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 (ii) Redemption fee Provident Class - Class A (HKD) Units: Nil Provident Administration Class (HKD) Units: Nil (payable to Trustee) 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)	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%
Custodian fee	All Classes: N/A
<b>Trustee fee</b> (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 be found at the Investment Manager's website (www.bocipru.com.hk). Information contained in the website of the Investment Manager has not been reviewed by the SFC.

#### Important

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

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