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# SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

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## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2021

Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund  
(formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund)



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SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental objectives of the Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (the "Fund") are to seek long term superior growth of capital by investing directly in equity securities of companies located in India or indirectly by investing in mutual funds (including exchange-traded funds) that invest in such securities.

In pursuing the Fund's investment objectives, the portfolio manager invests in debt securities of companies located in India, Canadian equity securities with a focus on companies doing business in India, debt securities of Canadian issuers, American Depository Receipts, Global Depository Receipts, exchange-traded funds listed on stock exchanges in developed markets, eurobonds, euro convertible bonds issued by Indian issuers in the international capital markets, debt securities of foreign issuers and cash and cash equivalents. The portfolio manager employs a fundamental research based approach for stock selection.

### Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objectives or strategies during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

### Results of Operations

During the period, the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$180.2 million to \$189.9 million due to positive performance, partially offset by net redemptions.

During the period, the Fund returned 22.3% for Series A securities, this result lagged the Fund's benchmark, MSCI India Index C\$, which returned 25.2%. The broad-based index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index C\$, returned -3.4%. We have included the returns of the broad-based index to help you understand how the Fund performed compared to the general market. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

The Fund outperformed the broad-based index due to its overweight allocation to Indian equities. Indian equities outperformed emerging market equities during the reporting period.

Equity market sentiment in India was positive early in the reporting period driven by optimism on coronavirus ("COVID-19") vaccination progress. India's economy recovered as evidenced by strong macro data. The continued high level of financial aid from global governments and domestic retail participation helped with the momentum. However, the financial markets in India turned volatile in the second half of the year. Investors worried about the negative impact of the U.S. Federal Reserve monetary policy. The potential higher-than-expected inflation and rise in crude oil prices were other major concerns. India is a major importer of crude oil.

An underweight position in Materials detracted from performance. The sector saw higher demand due to government spending and from new housing projects. An underweight position and stock selection in Information Technology detracted from performance. Companies within the sector saw strong demand for technology infrastructure. The continued work from home environment also helped the sector. An overweight position in One97 Communication Ltd. detracted from performance. The share price saw a sharp fall after getting listed publicly. There were concerns about future growth and profit for the company. An overweight position in Cash detracted from performance as the equity market in India delivered strong returns.

Stock selection in Industrials contributed to performance. An overweight position in Polycab India Ltd. contributed to performance. The company is a leading producer of wires and cables. The company reported higher sales and profits due to strong demand. Stock selection in Consumer Staples contributed to performance. An overweight position in Radico Khaitan Ltd. contributed to performance. The company is one of the largest liquor producers in India. The company saw an increase in sales during the pandemic. Stock selection in Financials contributed to performance. An overweight position in ICICI Bank Ltd. contributed to performance. The company was able to grow the business and improve customer service through digital banking.

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## Recent Developments

Global equity markets went up after the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. Billions of dollars of stimulus spending by governments worldwide also helped fuel the stock markets. Central banks around the world lowered or kept their benchmark interest rates low to aid the economic recovery. However, reasons for caution have not gone away. The market turned volatile during the second half of the year. Investors shifted their attention to challenges facing COVID-19. The concerns included the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19. The rising cases weighed on the stock markets. The Manager cautioned a slowdown in global growth pending the COVID-19 variant infection rates. Supply chain disruption, rising inflation and the expected tapering of bond purchases in 2022 were also top concerns.

The sub-advisor relies on in-depth research, investment horizon, and risk management to manage the Fund. They integrate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors, spanning ESG risks and opportunities, into the overall investment process for the Fund. They strive to consider proxy voting policies and actively engage with companies on ESG-oriented issues.

Effective July 14, 2021, the Fund updated its investment strategies to include ESG factors. The Manager believes ESG factors can influence an investment's performance.

Effective July 14, 2021, the Fund changed its name from Sun Life Excel India Fund to Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund. A new name has been selected for the Fund to better reflect the Manager's relationships with sub-advisor.

The Manager stopped offering the deferred sales charge ("DSC") and low load sales charge ("LL") purchase options on securities of the Fund. This change took place after the close of business on or about November 26, 2021. After November 26, 2021, all DSC and LL purchase options are closed to purchases, including purchases made through systematic plans such as pre-authorized chequing plans. Securities purchased under the DSC and LL purchase options on or prior to November 26, 2021 may continue to be held in investor accounts. Switching securities between Funds held under the DSC or LL purchase option will continue to be permitted. The Manager is implementing these changes in anticipation of regulatory changes mandated by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities ending the sale of DSC and LL purchase options across all Canadian jurisdictions that takes effect on June 1, 2022. For any impacted systematic plans that invested into DSC or LL purchase options, new instructions were provided on or before November 26, 2021. Without new instructions, these systematic plans would be terminated after November 26, 2021. Effective on or before March 31, 2022, the Manager will no longer pay trailing commissions to dealers that do not make suitability determinations (the "Impacted Dealers"), such as Order Execution Only dealers. The Manager is implementing this change in anticipation of the regulatory requirement mandated by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities to end the payment of trailing commissions to Impacted Dealers that takes effect on June 1, 2022. Effective on or before March 31, 2022, accounts at Impacted Dealers will only be permitted to purchase or hold securities of Series F, Series F5, Series FT5, Series F8, Series FT8, Series FH, Series IS, Series O and Series OH securities of the fund.

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Russian markets were subsequently suspended. Various international sanctions have been levied against Russia. The broader impact to the region and around the world is still unfolding. The Manager cautions that the current global uncertainty with respect to this military invasion and its effect on the broader global economy may have a significant impact to the volatility of financial markets. While the precise impacts remain unknown, continued military conflict may have a material adverse effect on global economic activity. This could disrupt global supply chains, operations, and mobility of people. This also could affect interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk, inflation, business, financial conditions, results of operations and other factors relevant to Fund performance.

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## Fund Valuation Adjustment

Subsequent to December 31, 2021, it was identified that the Fund had not accrued on its unrealized gains in respect of Indian capital gains taxes to be borne by the Fund. This resulted in a Net Asset Value ("NAV") differential whereby the NAV did not accurately reflect the actual NAV at the time of computation for transactional purposes. The financial statements of the Fund reflect the Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Securities as it should have been calculated for December 31, 2021. Adjustments will be made in accordance with the Manager's NAV error protocols and procedures.

The following illustrates the adjustments made to the NAV to reflect the accrual of foreign income taxes payable:

Series A NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$20.53  
Series A adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.38)  
Series A adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$20.15

Series DB NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$2.85  
Series DB adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.05)  
Series DB adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$2.80

Series F NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$8.47  
Series F adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.15)  
Series F adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$8.32

Series I NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$20.66  
Series I adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.39)  
Series I adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$20.27

Series IS NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$3.37  
Series IS adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.06)  
Series IS adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$3.31

Series O NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$5.60  
Series O adjustment to reflect effects of under accrual (\$0.11)  
Series O adjusted NAV per unit as at December 31, 2021 \$5.49

## Related Party Transactions

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd., an affiliate, to act as sub-advisor for a portion of the Fund.

This Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of this fund.

Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Sun Life Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC") are allocated to the series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

Sun Life Financial Inc. has an indirect minority ownership interest in Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd.

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## Fund Administrative Expenses

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including those incurred by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements.

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Fund's IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the previous five years or for the periods since inception to December 31, 2021.

### The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>

#### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series A

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2018 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	16.48	36.35	36.63	39.56	35.86
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.14	3.93	0.01	0.02	-
Total expenses	(1.32)	(0.58)	(0.95)	(0.95)	(1.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.64	17.84	4.28	2.26	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	3.27	(21.36)	0.58	(2.18)	5.87
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>(0.17)</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>(0.85)</b>	<b>4.95</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(9.19)	(4.35)	(2.12)	(1.19)
From capital gains	-	(10.43)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19.62)</b>	<b>(4.35)</b>	<b>(2.12)</b>	<b>(1.19)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>16.48</b>	<b>36.35</b>	<b>36.63</b>	<b>39.56</b>

#### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series F

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2018 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	6.72	15.02	15.32	16.35	14.70
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.06	1.46	-	0.01	0.01
Total expenses	(0.46)	(0.11)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.25)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.66	6.83	1.78	0.96	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.39	(8.70)	0.14	(1.56)	2.33
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>(0.52)</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>(0.79)</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(3.99)	(2.22)	(0.86)	(0.53)
From capital gains	-	(4.35)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8.34)</b>	<b>(2.22)</b>	<b>(0.86)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>8.32</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>15.02</b>	<b>15.32</b>	<b>16.35</b>

# Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund

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## Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series I

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2018 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	16.23	36.66	34.28	37.26	34.01
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.14	4.60	0.01	0.01	-
Total expenses	(0.98)	(0.10)	(0.03)	(0.14)	(0.18)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.59	18.85	4.36	2.93	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	3.29	(21.56)	0.55	1.78	5.42
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>4.58</b>	<b>5.38</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(10.09)	(2.54)	(3.01)	(2.04)
From capital gains	-	(10.68)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(20.77)</b>	<b>(2.54)</b>	<b>(3.01)</b>	<b>(2.04)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>20.27</b>	<b>16.23</b>	<b>36.66</b>	<b>34.28</b>	<b>37.26</b>

## Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series IS

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2018 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	2.68	5.91	6.02	6.26	5.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.02	0.02	-	-	-
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.26	1.61	0.70	0.37	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.55	(2.70)	(0.07)	(0.38)	0.59
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>(1.11)</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(1.55)	(0.88)	(0.18)	-
From capital gains	-	(1.71)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3.26)</b>	<b>(0.88)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>5.91</b>	<b>6.02</b>	<b>6.26</b>

## Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series DB

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2018 (\$)	Sep. 30, 2017 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	2.27	5.06	5.10	5.38	5.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.02	0.57	-	-	-
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.22	2.54	0.56	0.32	0.01
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.45	(2.95)	0.25	(0.47)	0.66
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(1.33)	(0.66)	(0.20)	(0.18)
From capital gains	-	(1.46)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2.79)</b>	<b>(0.66)</b>	<b>(0.20)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>5.38</b>

## Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series O

	Dec. 31, 2021 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2020 (\$)	Dec. 31, 2019 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	4.40	9.96	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.04	1.81	-
Total expenses	(0.34)	(0.03)	(0.01)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.35	6.23	0.70
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.90	(6.40)	(0.30)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>0.39</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(2.73)	(0.69)
From capital gains	-	(2.90)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5.63)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>4.40</b>	<b>9.96</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

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## Ratios and Supplemental Data

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series A

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Sep. 30, 2018	Sep. 30, 2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	125,274	123,295	174,697	186,223	203,373
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	6,216	7,481	4,806	5,084	5,141
Management expense ratio (%)	2.24	2.42	2.52	2.76	3.19
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.24	2.43	2.52	2.76	3.20
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33	0.37	0.36
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99	90.87	76.69
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	20.15	16.48	36.35	36.63	39.56

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series F

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Sep. 30, 2018	Sep. 30, 2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	62,465	55,704	96,201	92,993	64,963
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	7,512	8,286	6,403	6,071	3,974
Management expense ratio (%)	1.08	1.26	1.35	1.63	2.04
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.08	1.27	1.35	1.63	2.05
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33	0.37	0.36
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99	90.87	76.69
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	8.32	6.72	15.02	15.32	16.35

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series I

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Sep. 30, 2018	Sep. 30, 2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	14	11	10	9	24,918
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	-	-	669
Management expense ratio (%)	0.06	0.45	0.50	0.76	0.91
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.46	0.50	0.76	0.91
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33	0.37	0.36
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99	90.87	76.69
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	20.27	16.23	36.66	34.28	37.26

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series IS

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Sep. 30, 2018	Sep. 30, 2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	160	140	14,428	24,976	21,891
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	48	52	2,440	4,150	3,499
Management expense ratio (%)	1.17	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.33
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.17	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.34
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33	0.37	0.36
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99	90.87	76.69
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	3.31	2.68	5.91	6.02	6.26

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series DB

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019	Sep. 30, 2018	Sep. 30, 2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	928	908	1,390	2,776	2,320
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	332	400	275	544	431
Management expense ratio (%)	1.42	1.60	1.69	1.91	2.33
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.42	1.61	1.69	1.91	2.34
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33	0.37	0.36
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99	90.87	76.69
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	2.80	2.27	5.06	5.10	5.38

### Sun Life Aditya Birla India Fund (formerly Sun Life Excel India Fund) - Series O

	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,066	127	37
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	194	29	4
Management expense ratio (%)	0.23	0.59	0.66
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.23	0.60	0.66
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.30	0.82	0.33
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	73.19	102.64	106.99
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	5.49	4.40	9.96

- (1) This information is provided as at December 31 for the most recent annual period, 2020, and 2019 and September 30 for 2018 and 2017.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- (4) The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## Management Fees

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.



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The percentages and major services paid for out of the management fees are set out below:

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation (%) <sup>(*)</sup>	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Securities	1.85	50	50
Series DB Securities	1.10	22	78
Series F Securities	0.85	-	100
Series I Securities <sup>(#)</sup>	-	-	100
Series IS Securities	0.85	-	100
Series O Securities <sup>(†)</sup>	0.85	-	100

(\*) Includes sales and trailing commissions.

(†) Series O management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series O investors pay management fees directly to the Manager.

(#) Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

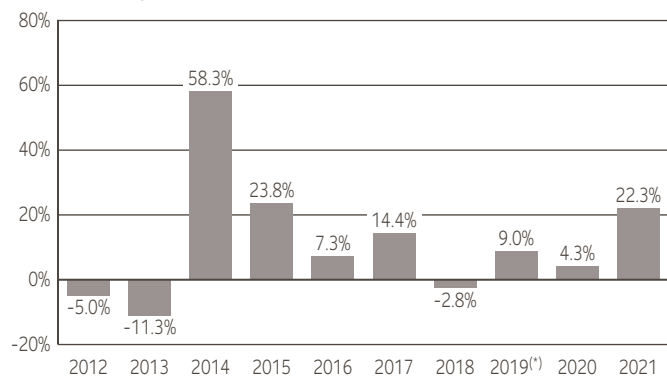
## Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income tax payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

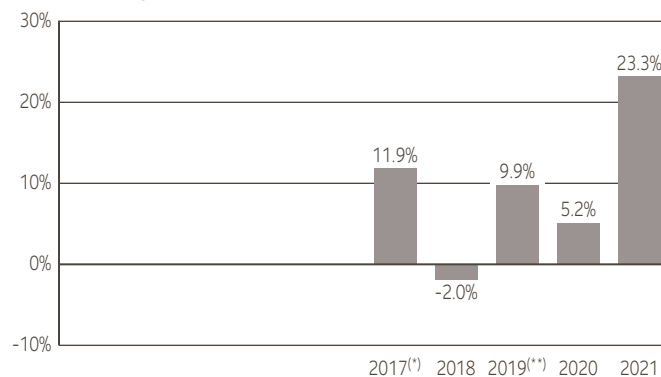
The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

### Series A Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



(\*) annualized for the period of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Returns presented for the periods prior to 2019 are for the twelve-month period ended September 30 unless otherwise noted.

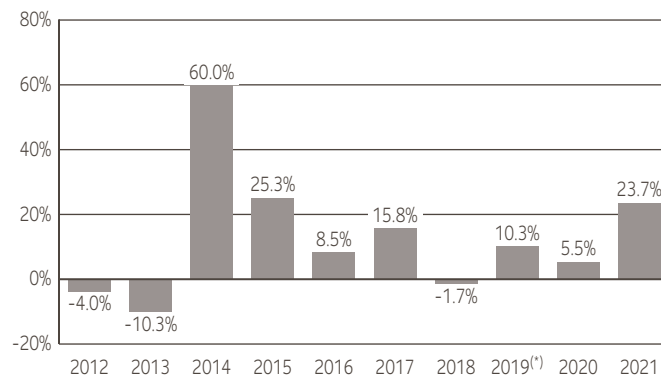
### Series DB Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



(\*) for the period of October 11, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

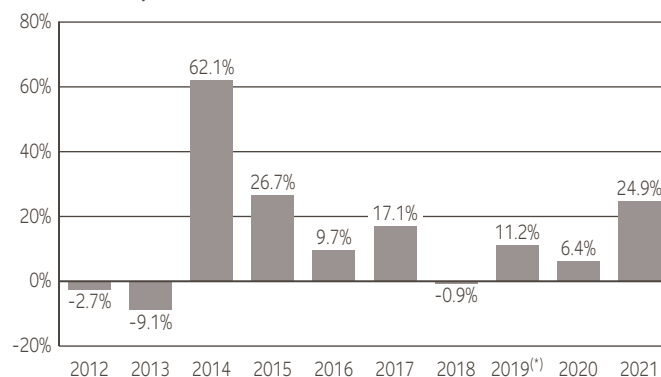
(\*\*) annualized for the period of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Returns presented for the periods prior to 2019 are for the twelve-month period ended September 30 unless otherwise noted.

### Series F Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



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### Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021

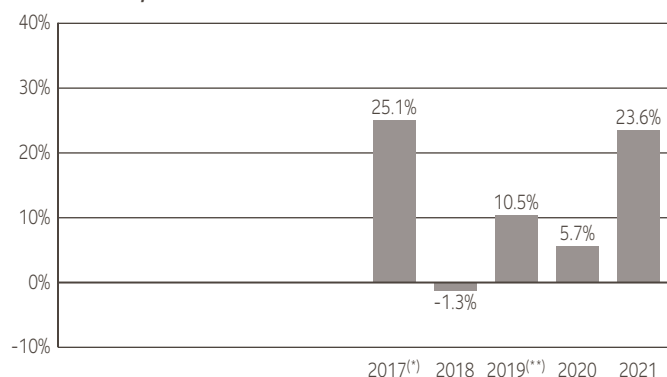


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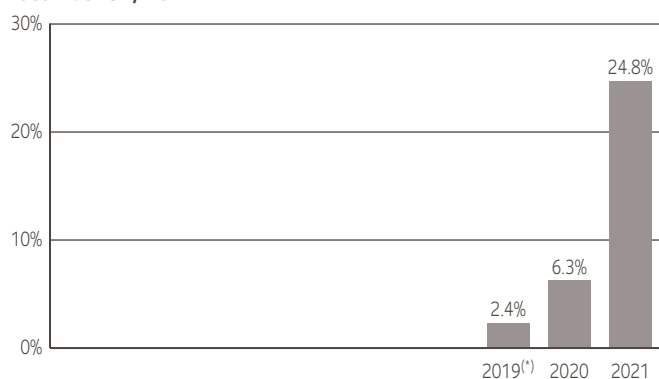
## Series IS Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of December 23, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> annualized for the period of October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Returns presented for the periods prior to 2019 are for the twelve-month period ended September 30 unless otherwise noted.

## Series O Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of July 18, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

## Annual Compound Returns

The table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series A, DB, F, I, IS and O securities of the Fund with the following benchmark and broad-based index, if applicable:

The benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of: MSCI India Index C\$

The Series A securities underperformed the benchmark over the past ten years, over the past five years, over the past three years, and over the past year.

The following are the broad-based index or indices: Broad-based index - MSCI Emerging Markets Index C\$

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark and broad-based index or indices, if applicable, can be found in the Results of Operations section.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)</sup>
Series A	22.3%	9.4%	10.9%	12.7%	10.9%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	13.3%	N/A
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	N/A
Series DB	23.3%	10.3%	11.8%	N/A	9.4%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	13.3%	11.3%
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	7.5%
Series F	23.7%	10.7%	12.2%	13.9%	9.8%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	13.3%	10.7%
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	7.8%
Series I	24.9%	11.7%	13.2%	15.2%	11.1%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	13.3%	10.8%
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	7.7%
Series IS	23.6%	10.8%	12.5%	N/A	12.8%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	13.3%	14.1%
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	8.9%
Series O	24.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.2%
Benchmark	25.2%	13.2%	13.7%	N/A	16.8%
Broad-based index	(3.4)%	8.1%	8.6%	7.8%	7.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> The performance start date for Series A securities was April 14, 1998.

<sup>(2)</sup> The performance start date for Series DB securities was October 11, 2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> The performance start date for Series F securities was January 5, 2005.

<sup>(4)</sup> The performance start date for Series I securities was February 16, 2018.

<sup>(5)</sup> The performance start date for Series IS securities was December 23, 2016.

<sup>(6)</sup> The performance start date for Series O securities was July 18, 2019.

## INDEX DESCRIPTION(S)

The MSCI India Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to capture large and mid cap representation that represent 85% of the Indian equity universe.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to capture large and mid cap representation across 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio \*

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### Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Infosys Ltd.	9.3
2 ICICI Bank Ltd.	7.5
3 Reliance Industries Ltd.	6.0
4 State Bank of India	3.9
5 HDFC Bank Ltd.	3.8
6 HCL Technologies Ltd.	3.6
7 Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	3.4
8 Axis Bank Ltd.	3.4
9 Bajaj Finance Ltd.	3.0
10 Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.	2.9
11 Bharti Airtel Ltd	2.6
12 Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd.	2.5
13 Sunteck Realty Ltd.	2.1
14 FSN E-Commerce Ventures Ltd	1.9
15 Hindalco Industries Ltd.	1.6
16 Tata Motors Ltd.	1.6
17 Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.	1.6
18 Amber Enterprises India Ltd.	1.6
19 Mphasis Ltd.	1.6
20 The Phoenix Mills Ltd.	1.5
21 Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd.	1.5
22 Ultratech Cement Ltd.	1.5
23 Devyani International Ltd., Private Placement	1.4
24 IndusInd Bank Ltd.	1.4
25 Tata Steel Ltd.	1.3
	<b>72.5</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)</b>	<b>\$ 189,907</b>

### Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Financials	26.5
Information Technology	18.3
Industrials	11.2
Consumer Discretionary	10.9
Materials	8.6
Consumer Staples	6.1
Energy	6.0
Health Care	5.1
Real Estate	3.6
Communication Services	2.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1.3)
Other Assets less Liabilities	2.4
	<b>100.0</b>

## Asset Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Equity	98.9
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.4
Other Assets less Liabilities	(1.3)
	<b>100.0</b>

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