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CIMB-Principal to invest in diversified sectors

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KUALA LUMPUR: CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd this morning launched the CIMB-Principal Australian Equity Fund, a fund that aims to achieve medium-to-long term capital appreciation through investment in a portfolio of predominantly Australian securities.

The fund will invest at least 95 per cent of its net asset value (NAV) in the Schroder Australian Equity Fund, an Australian-domiciled fund, with an emphasis on investments within companies with sustainable competitive advantage in the long term.

The fund will also maintain five

per cent of its NAV in liquid assets. CIMB-Principal Asset Management Bhd chief executive officer Campbell Tupling said the fund will not only complement the company's offerings but was also an efficient way to provide better opportunities and effective diversification for investors' portfolios.

"With a minimum investment of RM1,000, investors can have exposure to renowned Australian companies," he said. The fund is suitable for investors who want high growth potential markets for portfolio diversification and wish to participate in the upside potential of the Australian market.

It is also suitable for investors who want to invest in a fund managed

by an established international fund manager. "The Australian market is the only major economy that avoided the technical recession last year, which recorded only one quarter of contraction in gross domestic product. Continued strong demand for its resources, sound governance and effective financial policies has ensured Australia's political stability," he said.

The CIMB-Principal Australian Equity Fund, the third equity fund launched by CIMB-Principal this year, has an approved fund size of 600 million units and an initial offer price of RM0.25 per unit. As at December 31 last year, the total NAV of funds managed by CIMB-Principal was RM22.1 billion.