



April 2025

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA BALANCED FUND

Investment Objective

The Fund is to maximize total returns with reasonable safety of principal through investment in a diversified portfolio of equity, fixed income securities and cash equivalent securities. The Fund is suitable for investors who are willing to take moderate risk to achieve a reasonable return.

Notice: Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for more information about the Fund.

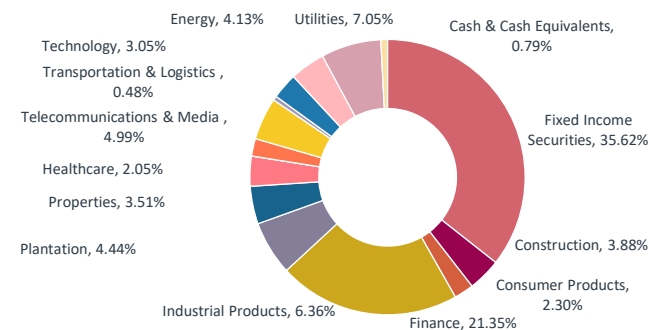
Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 April 2025)	: RM 4.59556
Fund Size (30 April 2025)	: RM 2,995.377 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 15 March 2000
Offer Price at Inception	: RM1.00
Fund Management Charge	: 1.20% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

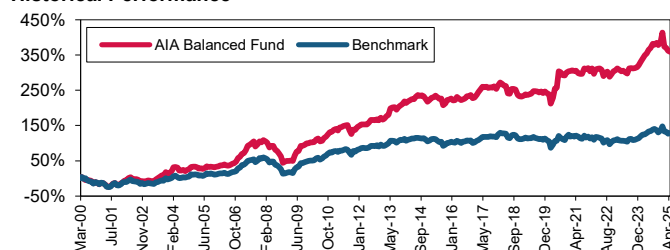
Top Holdings

1	MALAYSIA GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	17.77%
2	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.91%
3	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	4.80%
4	PUBLIC BANK BHD	4.55%
5	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	4.36%

Asset and Sector Allocation



Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund ^A	-0.59%	-3.96%	1.21%	11.41%	39.86%	359.56%
Benchmark [*]	0.89%	-2.59%	-0.02%	6.35%	16.49%	128.61%
Excess	-1.47%	-1.37%	1.23%	5.06%	23.37%	230.95%

^A Calculation of past performance is based on NAV-to-NAV. This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums/contributions paid of the investment-linked product.

^{*} 70% FBM 100 (Source: Bursa Malaysia) + 30% MGS All Index (Source: RAM QuantShop @ www.quantshop.com)

Notice: Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of its future performance.

Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") gained 1.8% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,540 pts in April 2025. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which fell 2.2% MoM in Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities with net sell flows eased by 59% MoM to MYR1.9 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR2.2 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") declined by 17.5% MoM to MYR2.7 billion in April 2025. During the month, MRDIY Group (+19.5%), Axiata Group (+17.3%) and Nestle Berhad (+17.1%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Sime Darby Berhad (-5.8%), Kuala Lumpur Kepong (-5.2%) and YTL Corp (-4.0%). Sector wise, Telecom (+4.9%) and Consumer (+4.2%) were the key performers, while Energy (-9.2%), Transport (-5.3%) and Technology (-4.7%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the US "Liberation Day" on 2nd April 2025 with a minimum 10% tariffs imposed on all its trading countries. China retaliated against the US tariffs with its own reciprocal tariffs on US goods. On 11th April 2025, US and China imposed higher reciprocal tariffs of 145%/125% on respective countries. Malaysia's March 2025 Consumer Price Index ("CPI") data came out and rose 1.4% Year-on-Year ("YoY"), marking the slowest inflation rate since February 2021.

Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve bull-steepened in April 2025. US trade policies under the new Trump administration amplified global market volatility and economic uncertainties, setting off a risk-off flight away from Equities and US assets including the US dollar ("USD") and US treasuries. This shift benefited other markets, including Malaysia's fixed income market, as investors sought stability. Locally, expectations for a cut in overnight policy rate ("OPR") by Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") on growth concerns from external headwinds also drove MGS yields lower during the month. On the currency front, Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") strengthened against the USD by 2.8% to MYR4.3158. MGS levels as at end April 2025 were: 3Y at 3.25% (-16 bps), 5Y at 3.37% (-20 bps), 7Y at 3.55% (-16 bps), 10Y at 3.66% (-11 bps), 15Y at 3.80% (-11 bps), 20Y at 3.91% (-9 bps) and 30Y at 4.06% (-9 bps).

Fixed income foreign flows registered a net inflow of MYR3.2 billion in March 2025 (February 2025: -MYR1.1 billion). Foreign holdings in MGS and government investment issue ("GII") rose to 20.9% in March 2025 (February 2025: 20.6%).

There were 3 government security auctions during the month: The 15Y GII 7/40 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR3.0 billion and MYR1.0 billion private placement drew a bid-to-cover ("BTC") ratio of 3.362x at an average yield of 3.748%, the 3Y MGS 4/28 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR5.0 billion drew a BTC ratio of 3.177x at an average yield of 3.467% and 10Y GII 4/35 new issue with a tender size of MYR5.0 billion drew a BTC ratio of 1.995x at an average yield of 3.612%.

On the economic data front, Malaysia's foreign reserves rose to USD118.4 billion as of 15 April 2025 (28 March 2025: USD117.5 billion). The reserves position is sufficient to finance 4.9 months of imports of goods and services and is 0.9 times of the total short-term external debt. Malaysia's headline inflation decelerated to 1.4% Year-on-Year ("YoY") (February 2025: +1.5% YoY), undershooting expectations. This marked the lowest level since February 2021 and was tempered by slower price gains in non-food items (i.e. household equipment, utilities, jewellery and restaurant & accommodation services) amid steady food prices. Core inflation, which excludes volatile fresh food prices and price-administered goods, held steady at 1.9% YoY. Malaysia's exports grew 6.8% YoY in March 2025 (February 2025: 6.2% YoY) driven by higher demand for manufactured goods, notably electrical and electronic ("E&E") products, as well as agriculture goods. Imports declined 2.8% YoY in March 2025 (February 2025: 5.5% YoY) on lower imports of intermediate goods and capital goods. As a result, trade balance widened to MYR24.7 billion (February 2025: MYR12.6 billion). Malaysia's industrial production index for February 2025 grew 1.5% YoY, a moderation from 2.1% YoY in January 2025. The manufacturing sector grew 4.8% YoY, but this was partly offset by a decline in the Mining (-8.9% YoY) and Electricity (-2.8% YoY) sectors.

On the primary corporate bond space, notable issuances included MYR2.1 billion Pengurusan Air SPV IMTN, MYR1.5 billion Cagamas IMTN and MYR800 million Sime Darby Property IMTN. On rating actions, RAM upgraded Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor's ("PKNS") MYR3 billion IMTN to AA1/Stable from AA3/Stable. Separately, MARC revised its rating outlook on Sinar Kamiri Sdn Bhd's MYR170.0 million ASEAN Green Sustainable and Responsible Investment ("SRI") Sukuk Wakalah to positive from stable. Concurrently, the AA-IS rating on the Sukuk Wakalah has been affirmed.

Market Outlook

We are cautiously optimistic on equities, as recent developments in the US-China trade talks have helped avert a worst-case scenario and reduced the likelihood of a US recession. These developments have also helped stabilize the trend of negative earnings revisions. Nonetheless, some risks persist. The US-China negotiations remain fragile, and any unexpected setback could quickly escalate tensions. Furthermore, the ongoing effects of trade tariffs are already weighing on corporate sentiment, leading to capital expenditure cut and a more subdued business outlook. Additionally, Trump tariff is expected to stoke inflation, which could limit macroeconomic policy flexibility. We continue to adjust the portfolio proactively to manage risks and capture opportunities as they arise.

The reciprocal tariffs unveiled by President Trump on Liberation Day was far more onerous than market expectations. With the US effective tariff rate at above 20%, the economy is at higher risk of a recessionary or stagflation scenario, though there is still much uncertainty and room for tariffs negotiation. Domestically, the reciprocal tariff rate of 24% would most likely weigh on growth. Inflation impact would likely be muted, barring any upside risks to inflation from subsidy reform measures. Against this backdrop, BNM may join global central banks in monetary policy easing as a pre-emptive move to support growth. Going forward, we expect market to be highly sensitive to further developments on tariffs and key economic data releases.



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1. Total Return
2. Consistent Return

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