



June 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.

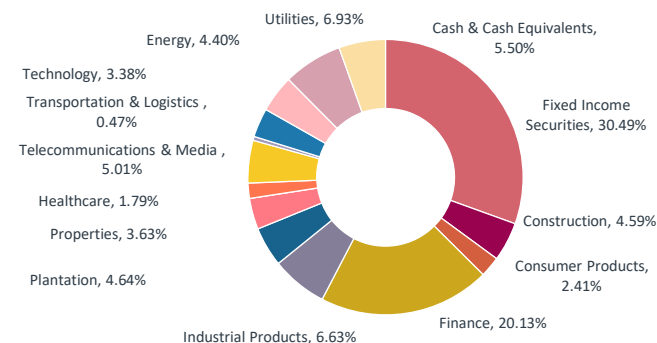
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 June 2025)	: RM 4.67056
Fund Size (30 June 2025)	: RM 3,090.851 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

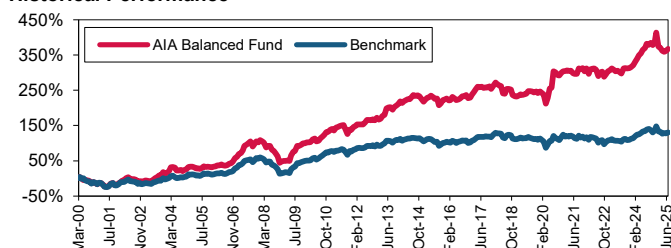
### Top Holdings

1	MALAYSIA GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	14.33%
2	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.94%
3	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	4.51%
4	PUBLIC BANK BHD	4.25%
5	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	4.06%

### Asset and Sector Allocation



### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>A</sup>	1.11%	-5.71%	-0.56%	19.77%	30.68%	367.06%
Benchmark*	1.19%	-4.78%	-1.44%	14.32%	11.47%	130.30%
Excess	-0.08%	-0.94%	0.89%	5.46%	19.21%	236.76%

<sup>A</sup> 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 1.6% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,532 pts in June 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which gained 5.7% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors turned net sellers of Malaysian equities with net sell flows of MYR1.3 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR1.7 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") declined by 13.9% MoM to MYR2.1 billion in June 2025. During the month, YTL Corp (+27.5%), YTL Power (+24.4%) and Axiata (+12.7%) were the key gainers while key detractors were PPB Group (-8.9%), Sime Darby (-2.9%) and AMMB (-2.7%). Sector wise, Utilities (+4.3%), Energy (+3.8%) and Technology (+3.4%) were the key performers, while Healthcare (-5.4%), Finance (-1.1%) and Property (-0.3%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the expanded scope of the Sales and Service Tax ("SST") announced on 9 June 2025, the surprise attack by Israel on Iran's key military and nuclear facilities on 13 June 2025 followed by a ceasefire brokered by the US on 24 June 2025, and the implementation of a monthly (from half yearly) electricity tariff adjustment in Peninsular Malaysia on 20 June 2025.

Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve experienced a bear flattening trend early in the month as offshore investors and dealers actively took profit at the belly of the curve ahead of auctions, while onshore investors selectively bought longer tenors. Sentiment shifted mid-month with a rally across the curve driven by the de-escalation between Israel and Iran tensions coupled with softer Malaysian Consumer Price Index ("CPI") data, culminating in strong demand at the 10Y MGS auction. On the currency front, Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") strengthened against the US dollar ("USD") by 1.09% to MYR4.2102. MGS levels as at end June 2025 were: 3Y at 3.14% (-2 bps), 5Y at 3.20% (+1 bp), 7Y at 3.40% (+1 bp), 10Y at 3.49% (-4 bps), 15Y at 3.70% (-), 20Y at 3.78% (-2 bps) and 30Y at 4.00% (-3 bps).

Fixed income foreign flows registered continued inflow of MYR13.4 billion in May 2025 (April 2025: +MYR10.2 billion). Foreign holdings in MGS and Government Investment Issue ("GII") rose to 22.5% in May 2025 (April 2025: 21.4%).

There were 3 government security auctions during the month: The 15Y MGS 4/39 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR3.0 billion and private placement of MYR1.0 billion drew a bid-to-cover ("BTC") ratio of 2.857x at an average yield of 3.712%; the 30Y GII 3/54 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR3.0 billion and private placement of MYR2.0 billion drew a BTC ratio of 3.295x at an average yield of 4.01%; and the 10Y MGS 7/35 new issue auction with a tender size of MYR5.0 billion drew a BTC ratio of 3.008x at an average yield of 3.476%.

On the economic data front, Malaysia's foreign reserves increased by USD0.3 billion to USD119.9 billion as of 13 June 2025 (30 May 2025: USD119.6 billion). The reserves are sufficient to finance 5 months of retained imports and 0.9x of short-term external debt. Malaysia's headline inflation eased to 1.2% Year-on-Year ("YoY") in May 2025 (April 2025: 1.4% YoY). The deceleration was broad based across most CPI sub-indices, notably Personal Care, Social Protection & Miscellaneous Goods & Services, Education, and Food & Beverages. Core inflation dipped to 1.8% YoY in May 2025 (April 2025: 2.0% YoY). Malaysia's exports declined by 1.1% YoY in May 2025 (April 2025: +16.4% YoY) amid a pullback in front-loading activities ahead of the expiry of a 90-day truce in US reciprocal tariffs. Imports grew steadily at 6.6% YoY in May 2025 (April 2025: 20.0% YoY) on stronger imports of capital goods, partially offset by consumption and intermediate goods. As a result, trade balance narrowed to MYR0.77 billion (April 2025: MYR5.1 billion), the lowest monthly level since November 1997. Malaysia's industrial production index increased at a slower rate of 2.7% YoY in April 2025 (March 2025: 3.2% YoY). The manufacturing indices led the growth by 5.6% YoY, partially offset by the mining and electricity sectors at -6.3% YoY and -1.6% YoY respectively.

On the primary corporate bond space, notable issuances included MYR1.75 billion Saracap Ventures Sdn Bhd MTN, MYR900 million RHB Bank Bhd IMTN, MYR845 million Paradigm Capital Bhd MTN and MYR500 million YTL Power International Bhd IMTN. On rating actions, MARC Ratings has upgraded its rating on Exsim Capital Resources Bhd's MYR365 million Tranche 5 IMTN to AA2/Positive from AA3/Stable. Separately, RAM Ratings has revised the outlook on the AA3 rating of Cypark Ref Sdn Bhd's MYR550 million SRI Sukuk Murabahah Programme to stable from negative while concurrently affirming the rating.

### 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.

Malaysia's economic outlook remains cautious amid persistent global uncertainties. Although geopolitical tensions have eased and trade negotiations between the US and China are ongoing, external demand remains weak, weighing on Malaysia's export performance. Following Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM")'s May 2025 Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting, the central bank highlighted downside risks to growth due to softer global demand, elevated uncertainty, and early signs of moderation in private consumption and investment. Against this backdrop, BNM is expected to cut the policy rate in 2H2025, which should be supportive for the local bond market. However, volatility is likely to persist in the near term as markets react to further developments in trade negotiations and key economic data releases.