May 2025

# MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE A-DANA STRATEGIC DYNAMIC

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks long-term total return (combination of capital growth and income) through a portfolio of Shariah-compliant investments across global markets and asset classes. The Fund adopts a dynamic and flexible asset allocation to mitigate downside risk. The Fund will aim to achieve a target net return of 6% per annum over the long term.

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

#### Fund Details

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Unit NAV (31 May 2025)	: RM 1.14939
Fund Size (31 May 2025)	: RM 27.826 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 15 September 2022
Offer Price at Inception	: RM1.00
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.
Takaful Operator	: AIA PUBLIC Takaful Bhd.
Fund Type	: Feeder Fund
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

#### **Underlying Fund Details**

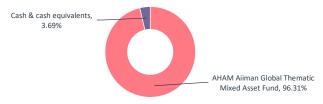
Name	:	Fund
Туре	:	Mixed Assets (Shariah)

## Investment Manager : Affin Hwang Asset Management Berhad

#### Top Holdings

1.	AHAM Aiiman Global Thematic Mixed Asset Fund Islamic Global Equity Index Fund	96.31%
2.	Shariah compliant money market instruments and/or Cash	3.69%

#### Sector Allocation



#### **Historical Performance**



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Cumu Perfo			1-Mth		6-Mth		1-Year			3-Year		5-Year		Since Inception		
Fund~	-		2.63	3%	-5.09% -6.18%			N/A		N/A		14.94%				
Bench	nmark	*	2.55	2.55% -4.50%		50%	-3.61%			N/A		N/A		26.19%		%
Exces	ss		0.08%		-0.59% -2.57%			N/A		N/A		-11.25%		%		

<sup>~</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.

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

#### **Market Review**

Global equities continued their recovery in May 2025 as tariff concerns eased. The US and China agreed on a 90-day suspension of tariffs on most goods. Additionally, progress in US trade talks with the European Union reduced worries of a global recession, leading to widespread gains across risk assets. Overall, MSCI AC World was up 5.7% while the DJIM Index advanced 6.3%.

US equities experienced strong gains as S&P 500 rose 6.3%. This broad rally was driven by robust Q1 2025 corporate earnings, with both the percentage of companies reporting positive earnings surprises and the size of these surprises surpassing their 10-year averages.

European equities also delivered a strong performance, with MSCI Europe advancing 4.6%, supported by anticipated fiscal support and upward revisions in earnings, which bolstered regional sentiment. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank ("ECB") maintained its key interest rate at 2.25% after a 25-bps cut in April 2025.

Topix climbed 4.1%, driven by strong performance of large-cap stocks, as many companies announced their full-year results and guidance for the upcoming fiscal year. Japan's economic backdrop also remained relatively stable in May 2025 with its manufacturing Purchasing Managers 'Index (PMI) data showing modest improvement.

MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan rose 5.1%. Taiwan was one of the top performing markets amid renewed enthusiasm around the Artificial Intelligence theme, given capital spending announcements from some large US tech companies. Gains in Asia also helped to lift MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index, up 4.3%, particularly following the de-escalation in trade tensions between the US and China during the month.

In global bond markets, May 2025 was another volatile month. While a de-escalation of China-US trade tensions eased US recession fears, the market's focus quickly switched to concerns around US fiscal sustainability. The 'One Big Beautiful Bill' was judged to worsen US debt dynamics, driving Treasury yields higher. The US 10-year Treasury yield rose from 4.16% to 4.40%. Despite the ongoing uncertainty, corporate bonds continued to recover from the sell-off in April 2025 with US credit spreads tightening more significantly than their European peers in both the investment grade and high yield segments. Sukuks also remained resilient and returned +0.1% this month.

Commodities fell 0.6% while Gold returned flat after strong rallies during recent months. Appetite for Gold waned amid improved sentiment for riskier assets given the truce on tariffs. In currencies, the US dollar ("USD") retreated a slight -0.1% (as measured by the DXY Index) while the Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") continued to demonstrate resilience against the greenback and strengthened +1.4% over the month.

### **Market Outlook**

The main news during the months was the 90-day pause in 'reciprocal' tariffs between the US and China. This de-escalation reduces the risk of a sudden halt in trade and a sharp increase in unemployment. As a result, the Underlying Fund Manager believes the risk of recession has diminished. The Underlying Fund Manager has therefore upgraded equities to a positive stance, with a focus on financials in the US and Europe. Across most of multi-asset portfolios, the Underlying Fund Manager is now overweight in this sector as believe that it should continue to benefit from steeper yield curves and is relatively less exposed to trade-related risks.

Beyond the short-term trade developments, the broader investment stance continues to reflect heightened geopolitical uncertainty. The Underlying Fund Manager believes the disruption caused by the Trump administration casts a shadow over the narrative of US exceptionalism. One of the key themes the Underlying Fund Manager outlined in December 2024 (i.e. dispersion) has so far proven to be the defining trend of 2025. In this environment, the Underlying Fund Manager has moved away from a concentrated US equity focus, as held last year, toward a more geographically diversified exposure. This year, the Underlying Fund Manager has favoured Europe and now, the Underlying Fund Manager is broadening further to include Japan and Emerging Markets. Consistent with this view, the Underlying Fund Manager maintains the negative view on the USD as inflationary pressures and efforts to address trade imbalances could lead to further weakness. Meanwhile, in commodities, the Underlying Fund Manager continues to remain positive on gold as it can still serve a diversifying role in the face of fiscal concerns & geopolitical tensions.

In fixed income, the Underlying Fund Manager maintains a neutral view on government bonds. While yields have risen and valuations have improved, medium-term concerns remain due to increasing debt levels and lingering inflation risks in the US. Although market expectations have moved closer to the outlook, the Underlying Fund Manager still anticipates less policy easing from the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") than what is currently priced. Outside the US, inflation concerns are more muted. The Underlying Fund Manager likes Europe and Emerging Markets local currency bonds as economic activity in these regions remains robust.

In summary, going into the second half of the year, the Underlying Fund Manager must now navigate unsettled capital markets and interpret a surge of incoming policy news. The good news is that opportunities for alpha are still there and, in many cases, are quite compelling.

<sup>\* 65.0%</sup> Dow Jones Islamic Market World Total Return Index + 35.0% Dow Jones Sukuk Index (Source: Bloomberg)