

May 2025

# MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA EQUITY PLUS FUND

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks to maximize medium to long term growth of capital income through investment in a diversified portfolio of well managed large capital companies that are believed to offer above average growth potential. The Fund is suitable for growth-oriented investors who are willing to take moderate to high risk in order to achieve attractive capital gains.

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

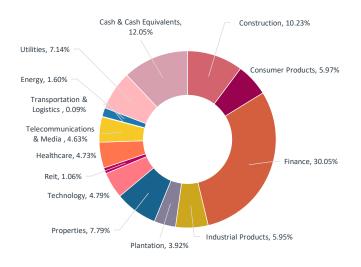
#### **Fund Details**

Unit NAV (31 May 2025)	: RM 5.00290	
Fund Size (31 May 2025)	: RM 3,896.894 million	
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia	
Fund Inception	: 15 March 2000	
Offer Price at Inception	: RM1.00	
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.	
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.	
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value	
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily	

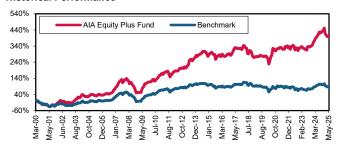
#### **Top Holdings**

1	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	9.09%
2	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	7.14%
3	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	7.03%
4	GAMUDA BHD	5.86%
5	PUBLIC BANK BHD	4.61%

#### Sector Allocation



#### **Historical Performance**



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund^	0.29%	-6.08%	-1.33%	14.07%	32.81%	400.29%
Benchmark*	-1.10%	-6.45%	-6.02%	1.86%	7.21%	86.28%
Excess	1.39%	0.38%	4.69%	12.21%	25.60%	314.01%

<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.

## <u>Notice</u>: Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of its future performance.

#### **Market Review**

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell 2.1% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,508 pts in May 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which gained 3.5% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") rose 11.8% MoM to MYR2.5 billion in May 2025. During the month, Gamuda (+7.8%), Sunway (+4.4%) and Press Metal Aluminum (+2.9%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Sime Darby Berhad (-18.3%), Nestle Malaysia (-9.7%) and PPB Group (-9.3%). Sector wise, Construction (+9.0%), Property (+3.8%) and Technology (+3.2%) were the key performers, while Healthcare (-5.2%), Consumer (-4.2%) and Telecom (-2.4%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim addressing Parliament in a special session in response to the recent tariffs imposed by the US, Bank Negara Malaysia announcing a 100-basis-point cut in the statutory reserve requirement ratio, and US cutting tariffs on imports from China from 145% to 30% for 90 days starting 14 May 2025.

#### 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.



Lipper uses a ranking system of 1 to 5. A ranking of 5 means the fund is in the top 20% of funds in that category while a ranking of 1 means the fund is in the bottom 20%. Source: www.lipperleaders.com

<sup>\* 100%</sup> FBM100 Index (Source: Bursa Malaysia)