

# September 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

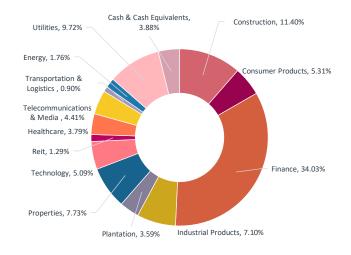
#### **Fund Details**

Unit NAV (31 September 2025)	: RM 5.32974
Fund Size (31 September 2025)	: RM 4,178.683 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

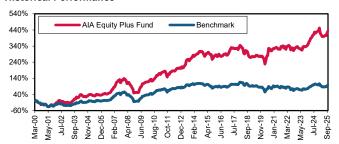
#### **Top Holdings**

1	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	9.31%
2	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	9.14%
3	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	8.24%
4	GAMUDA BHD	6.18%
5	PUBLIC BANK BHD	6.00%

#### Sector Allocation



#### **Historical Performance**



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>^</sup>	2.25%	6.82%	0.92%	29.39%	29.20%	432.97%
Benchmark*	2.16%	5.58%	-2.49%	20.50%	9.96%	97.43%
Excess	0.09%	1.24%	3.40%	8.90%	19.24%	335.55%

<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") rose 2.3% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,612 pts in September 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which gained 6.2% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors turned net buyers of Malaysian equities with net buy flows of MYR76.0 million while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR0.58 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell 4.0% MoM to MYR2.7billion in September 2025. During the month, Sunway Berhad (+14.8%), IHH Healthcare (+11.2%) and Mr. DIY Group (+10.8%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Petronas Chemicals (-2.3%), MISC (-1.6%) and CIMB Group (-1.2%). Sector wise, Utilities (+6.4%), Industrial Production (+5.7%) and Consumer (+5.3%) were the key performers, while Healthcare (0.6%), Construction (0.6%) and Finance (0.7%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month include the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") cutting rates by 25 basis points (" bps") to 4.00-4.25% in its first move of 2025 marking its first easing since December 2024, Bank Negara Malaysia (" BNM") keeping the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") unchanged at 2.75% citing steady domestic demand but external risks to growth, and the launch of the Budi Madani RON95 ("BUDI95") Programme which places the price of subsidized and unsubsidized RON95 petrol at RM1.99/liter and RM2.60/liter

### Market Outlook

We remain cautiously optimistic on equities as Fed has started embarking on an easing cycle with a rate cut in September 2025. At this juncture, markets remain supported by fundamentals and indication of future monetary easing. Effects of trade tariffs continue to weigh on corporate sentiment, prompting a delay in capital expenditure and a more measured business outlook. However, increased optimism on Artificial Intelligence ("Al") has further accelerate overall capex in the tech sector. On the macro front, investors continue to monitor persistent inflation concerns and unemployment data, which could constrain macroeconomic policy flexibility and limit scope of further monetary policies. We continue to adjust the portfolio proactively to manage risks and capture opportunities as they arise. For Malaysia, our optimism on domestic equities remains on the back of global easing cycle and domestic growth initiatives. The success of key growth initiatives such as the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone, the National Energy Transformation Roadmap, and major local infrastructure projects, will be critical in supporting economic resilience and investor sentiment. In terms of valuation, Malaysia is trading at 14.5x vs a long term mean valuation of 15x based on 1-year forward earnings. Key risks are (1) escalating geopolitical tensions, (2) tariff noises, (3) weak Chinese stimulus, and (4) potential setbacks in domestic growth initiatives.



## Lipper Leader Fund for:

1. Preservation

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)