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MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA STRATEGIC EQUITY FUND

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to maximize medium to long term growth of capital and income through investments in a diversified portfolio of equity securities listed on local and foreign bourses. The Fund is suitable for investors that are willing to take higher investment risk in return for potential higher returns by diversifying their investments into foreign equities.

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

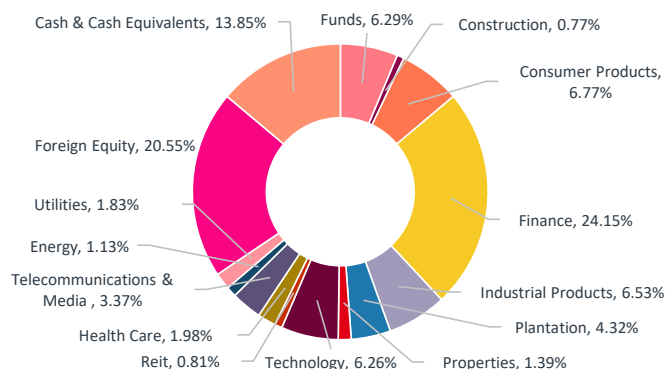
Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 1.38644
Fund Size (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 718.558 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 6 May 2020
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

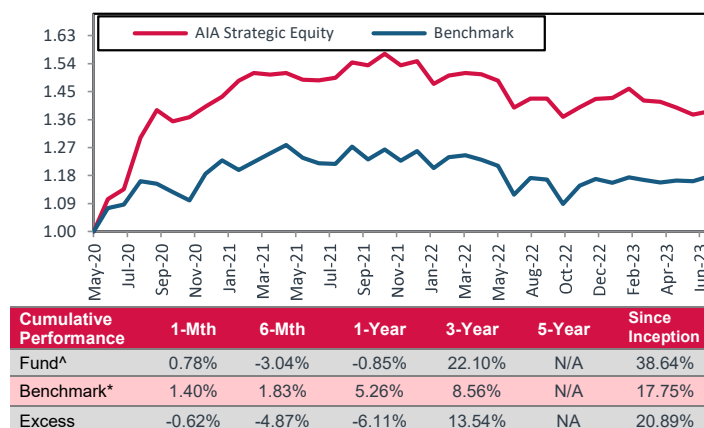
Top Holdings

1	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	6.37%
2	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	5.09%
3	RHB BANK BHD	4.95%
4	PUBLIC BANK BHD	4.89%
5	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	3.15%

Sector Allocation



Historical Performance



^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% MSCI World Index (Source: Bloomberg)

* Performance Benchmark is reported on a price return basis from 1st May 2021 (from total return previously)

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

Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell by 0.8% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,376.68 pts on 30 June 2023. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index, which rose 3.3% MoM in Malaysia Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR1.3 billion in June 2023 while local institutions remained net buyers with MYR0.63 billion. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell 5.5% MoM to MYR1.8 billion in June 2023. During the month, Petronas Dagangan (+5.9%), Kuala Lumpur Kepong (+5.2%) and CIMB Group (+5.0%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Petronas Chemicals (-8.5%), CelcomDigi (-7.4%) and Tenaga Nasional (-4.8%). Sector wise, Technology (+1.5%), Plantations (+1.5%) and Finance (+0.8%) were the key performers while Healthcare (-10.8%), Energy (-4.4%) and Telecom (-3.3%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the Malaysian government introducing an electricity tariff surcharge of 10 sen per kilowatt hour ("kWh") on domestic users who consume more than 1,500 kWh per month, Malaysia's Consumer Price Index ("CPI") slowed to 2.8% in May 2023 from 3.3% in April 2023, trade performance slipped by 2% MoM to MYR223.8 billion in May 2023 and the Malaysian government reducing stamp duty by 0.05% to 0.1% for shares traded on Bursa Malaysia.

Global equities gained during the month of June 2023 with the advance led by Developed Markets ("DM") notably the US, while Emerging Market ("EM") stocks lagged. Enthusiasm over Artificial Intelligence ("AI") /Technology lifted investor sentiment. On a Month-to-Date ("MTD") basis in local currency terms, MSCI Asia ex Japan rose 2.2% in June 2023 with all markets posted gains except South Korea and ASEAN. June 2023 started with a resolution to the US debt ceiling challenge and positive momentum continued with interest in the AI/Technology trade. Meanwhile, China's weak macro data was perceived as a catalyst for expectation for strong stimulus through mid-June 2023. However Chinese equities retreated in June 2023 as more substantive stimulus may only be announced by the end of July 2023 in the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China ("Politburo") meeting. The South Korean market traded lower on the back of profit taking after a strong Year-to-Date ("YTD") performance.

Market Outlook

We are cautiously optimistic on the equity market in the near term. We are of the view that we have already seen the peak of the US Federal Reserve's ("Fed") hawkishness and equities valuation has been partially adjusted downwards accordingly. Investors are now watching the macro data closely to gauge the extent of the recession in the US and the timing of a rate cut going forward. Over in Asia, China's economic reopening was disappointing with weaker than expected recovery as consumer and corporate confidence remain soft with limited government stimulus. Domestically in Malaysia, we expect a better outlook given the lower political risk premium with a relatively more stable unity government coupled with corporate earnings recovery post expiry of one-off prosperity tax. Downside risks to the market could stem from a prolonged deep US recession, worsening geopolitical tension, weak China economic recovery and domestic politics.