



February 2025

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.

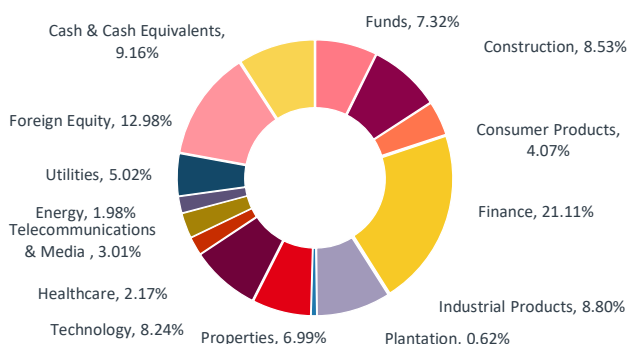
Fund Details

Unit NAV (28 February 2025)	: RM 1.67922
Fund Size (28 February 2025)	: RM 1,461.329 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

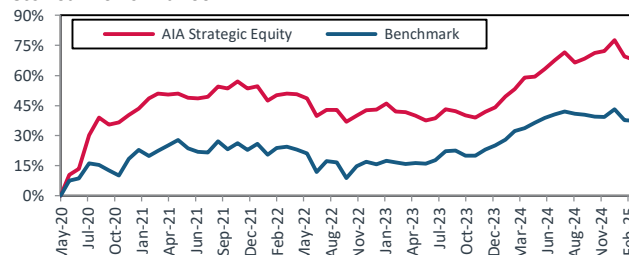
Top Holdings

1	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	7.09%
2	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	5.83%
3	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.02%
4	GAMUDA BHD	4.34%
5	RHB BANK BHD	3.46%

Sector Allocation



Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund ^A	-0.85%	0.87%	9.64%	11.82%	N/A	67.92%
Benchmark [*]	-0.25%	-2.42%	3.97%	10.95%	N/A	37.44%
Excess	-0.60%	3.29%	5.67%	0.87%	N/A	30.48%

^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.

^{*} Benchmark will be revised from 70% FBM 100 + 30% MSCI World Index to 70% FBM 100 (Source: Bursa Malaysia) + 25% MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index + 5% MSCI World Index (Source: Bloomberg), effective 1 January 2024.

^{*} 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") rose 1.14% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,574.70 in February 2025. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose 1.07% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR2.2 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR1.2 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell 4.6% MoM to MYR2.5 billion in February 2025. During the month, Gamuda (+7.9%), RHB (+7.5%) and QL Resources (+6.1%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Petronas Chemicals (-20.0%), MR.DIY (-17.9%) and PPB Group (-10.2%). Sector wise, Plantation (+3.7%), Financials (+2.6%) and Construction (+1.9%) were the key performers, while Technology (-13.1%), Healthcare (-10.4%) and Energy (-8.3%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the Trump administration announcing plans for 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, Deepseek's revelation that questioned the global hyperscalers' spending into training clusters and upending the AI trade, and the removal of Genting Malaysia & Inari from the MSCI Emerging Market Index.

The United States ("US") equity market ended lower in February 2025. The risk-off sentiment dominated the US market as concerns about growth arose from softer economic readings and hotter inflation measures. U.S. President Trump introduced new tariff proposals, implemented policies aimed at improving government efficiency and adopted an unconventional diplomatic approach to the situations in the Middle East and Ukraine. Meanwhile, MSCI Asia ex Japan rose 0.96% MoM in US Dollar ("USD") terms in February 2025. China and Hong Kong were the top performing market, fuelled by renewed optimism in the country's Artificial Intelligence ("AI") development. Moreover, President Xi met with leaders from the tech sector on 17 February 2025, which was seen as an endorsement from Beijing on the sector's development. Taiwan market fell in February 2025 due to DeepSeek uncertainty and geopolitical risk. India market saw retreats across all sectors due to subdued earnings and uncertainty around tariffs.

Market Outlook

Moving into 2025, we are cautiously optimistic about the equity market, though volatility is expected in the near term due to uncertainties due to US President Trump's tariff policies which are expected to stoke inflationary pressure and hurt global growth. We expect performance divergence between developed and emerging markets, including currencies, with a positive outlook for the US market due to pro-domestic growth policies. In Asia, geopolitical tensions and a strong US dollar may weigh on Asian equities. China is focusing on fiscal stimulus to support domestic growth and stabilize property markets, though structural challenges remain. In Malaysia, while our optimism on equities has moderated, we remain positive due to strong corporate earnings, government initiatives, and rising foreign direct investment. The successful implementation of key initiatives, such as the National Energy Transformation Roadmap ("NETR"), Malaysia My Second Home ("MM2H"), and infrastructure projects, will be crucial. We opine that investment in data centres in Malaysia will slow but not contract despite the implementation of the US Artificial Intelligence Diffusion Policy and the disruption caused by the discovery of DeepSeek by the Chinese.



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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