

May 2025

# MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA ELITE ADVENTUROUS FUND

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks long-term total return (combination of capital growth and income) with higher risk by investing in a portfolio of mostly equities and a small proportion of fixed income securities. The Fund's expected average exposure to equities will be approximately 90% over the long-term, however this exposure may vary from time to time. The other 10% will be invested in fixed income or money market instruments.

**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 1.36423
Fund Size (31 May 2025)	: RM 564.960 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 3 August 2020
Offer Price at Inception	: RM1.00
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	: Fund-of-Funds
Basic of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

#### **Underlying Fund Details**

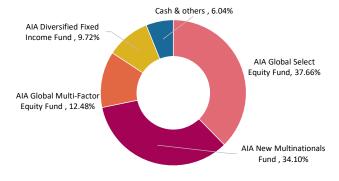
AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund
AIA Global Quality Growth Fund
Name : AIA New Multinationals Fund
AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund
AIA Global Select Equity Fund.

Investment Manager : AIA Investment Management Private Ltd.

## **Top Holdings**

1	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	37.66%
2	AIA New Multinationals Fund	34.10%
3	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	12.48%
4	AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund	9.72%

### Sector Allocation



### **Historical Performance**



#### Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>^</sup>	4.43%	-2.50%	-0.82%	21.84%	N/A	36.42%
Benchmark*	3.76%	-1.50%	2.23%	34.48%	N/A	63.77%
Excess	0.67%	-1.01%	-3.06%	-12.64%	N/A	-27.35%

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

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

#### Market Review

Despite lingering uncertainty due to tariffs, global equities rallied strongly in May 2025. This was the strongest May 2025 for global equities since 2009, catalyzed by the 90-day US-China tariff truce that was announced on 12 May 2025. For the month ending May 2025, Information Technology, Industrials, and Communication Services led while Health Care, Consumer Staples and Energy lagged. In terms of investment styles, Growth led while Minimum Volatility lagged. Across the major geographic regions in US Dollar("USD") terms, US equities led, while China A equities lagged in May 2025.

The fixed income markets were mixed in May 2025. US Treasuries retreated while US high yield corporate bonds delivered positive returns. US 10-year yield increased in May 2025, halting four consecutive months of decline. US high yield and US investment grade credit spreads tightened in May 2025, with high yield credit spread tightening significantly more than investment grade credit spread.

Broad commodities markets were down in May 2025. Gold was down while growth sensitive Oil and Copper were up in May 2025. The USD depreciated against both Developed Market ("DM") currencies and Asia currencies in May 2025.

#### **Market Outlook**

Risk assets experienced a sharp sell-off in early April 2025 but have since staged a strong rebound, catalyzed by the 90-day reprieve announced by the US administration in April 2025 and the 90-day US-China tariff truce in May 2025. The fall in equity markets from peak-to-trough thus far in 2025 is in-line with past slowing growth episodes. While uncertainty lingers, equity markets look ahead and the rebound that the Underlying Fund Manager is experiencing could be an indication that market is expressing the view that the worst of the tariff uncertainty is behind us. Past inflection periods in 2009 and 2020 likewise saw equity markets rebound alongside weak fundamentals as equity markets were anticipating a recovery in growth. The situation remains fluid and as such, the Underlying Fund Manager remains vigilant and will be closely monitoring for concrete progress on the trade negotiations front as well as growth conditions holding up.

While equity markets and credit markets have recovered to pre-Liberation Day levels, the USD remains weaker. The direction of the USD is an important trend to watch as this development is a departure from recent years where US assets outperformed alongside USD strength. In terms of investment implications, the investment strategy is to prefer non-US equities exposure over US equities because US is at the center of the uncertainty and valuation of US equities remains relatively expensive compared to other regions. On the Fixed Income front, the Underlying Fund Manager prefers Global corporate bonds over US corporate bonds.

Taking a medium-term perspective, growth conditions were benign prior to Liberation Day with Global Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") signaling steady trend-like growth, and 2025 US earnings forecast in double digits. Supportive growth conditions provide a buffer for the global economy to respond to shocks such as the increased tariffs. The key is to stick to a disciplined investment process, carefully weigh medium term upsides returns versus downside risks and not be whipsawed by the volatile market environment.



## 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>\*\*90%</sup> MSCI All Country World Index + 10% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (Source: Bloomberg)