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## MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA ASIA OPPORTUNITY FUND

### Investment Objective

AIA Asia Opportunity Fund aims to provide capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing primarily in equities and equity related instruments in companies with significant business operations in the Asian excluding Japan region.

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

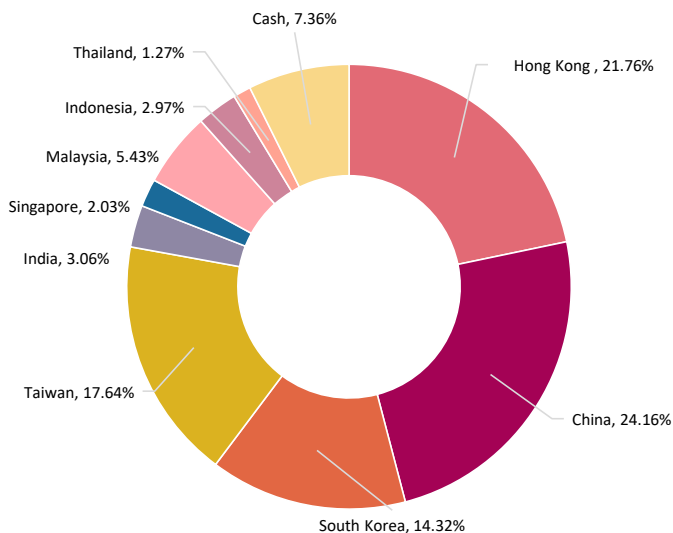
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 0.89692
Fund Size (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 212.534 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 30 April 2009
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 0.50
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

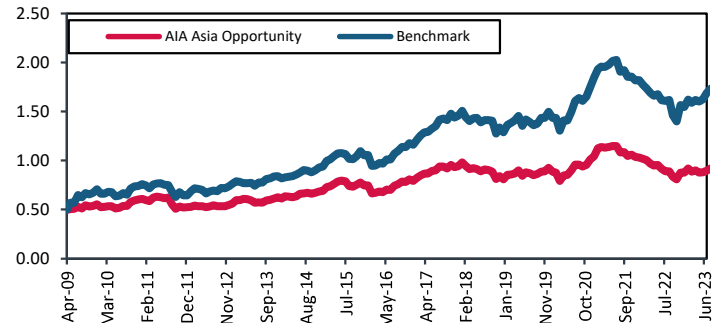
### Top Holdings

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	8.45%
2	Tencent Holdings Ltd	6.87%
3	iShares Core S&P BSE Sensex	6.71%
4	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.94%
5	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	4.81%

### Geographical Allocation



### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	1.88%	2.33%	-1.83%	-0.09%	0.79%	79.38%
Benchmark*	3.87%	9.17%	4.68%	12.73%	21.40%	237.45%
Excess	-1.99%	-6.84%	-6.51%	-12.82%	-20.61%	-158.07%

~ 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.

\* 100% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan DTR Net Index (Source: Bloomberg)

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

### Market Review

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 posting 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 Artificial Intelligence ("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 end of June 2023 as more substantive stimulus may only be announced at the end of July 2023 in the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China ("Politburo") meeting. 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 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 extend 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.