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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.

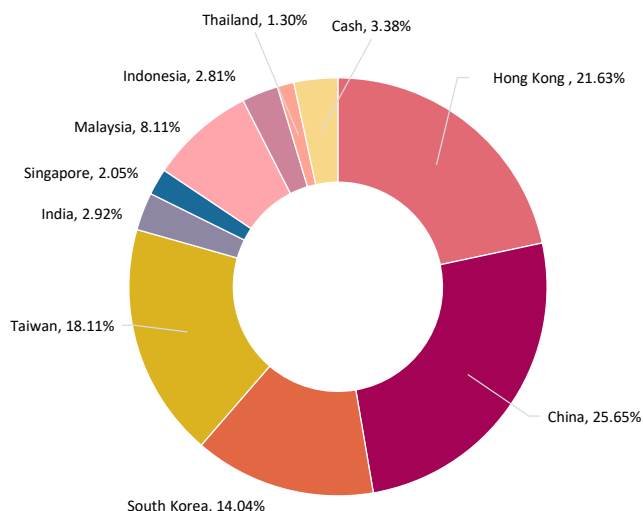
Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 Jul 2023)	: RM 0.91983
Fund Size (31 Jul 2023)	: RM 220.064 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

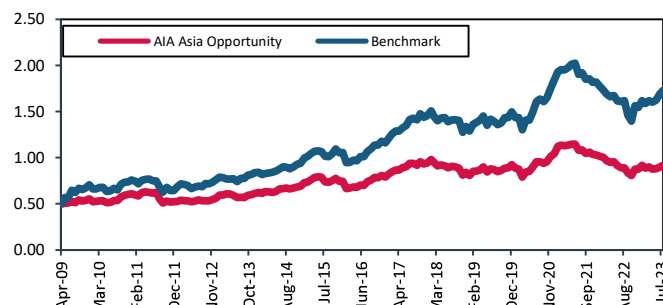
Top Holdings

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	7.91%
2	Tencent Holdings Ltd	6.87%
3	iShares Core S&P BSE Sensex	6.39%
4	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	5.40%
5	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.82%

Geographical Allocation



Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	2.55%	0.07%	3.30%	-3.90%	1.13%	83.97%
Benchmark*	2.52%	6.80%	7.59%	7.65%	22.69%	245.96%
Excess	0.03%	-6.73%	-4.29%	-11.55%	-21.56%	-161.99%

~ 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 advanced in July 2023 with emerging markets outperformed developed markets. The US market rally was supported by resilient economic data, and gains in AI thematic stocks. Meanwhile, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") enacted a rate hike of 0.25% in July 2023 as widely expected. On a month-to-date ("MTD") basis (on local currency terms), MSCI Asia ex Japan rose 5.7% in July 2023 with all markets in positive territory. The Chinese government announced its determination to shore up China's flagging economy with new initiatives to boost consumption. China, Malaysia and Singapore were the best performing markets, while gains achieved in Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines were more muted in the month. The Chinese market rallied after Beijing announced measures to boost sluggish economic growth by supporting real estate sales and consumer sectors. Singapore stocks also achieved robust growth in July 2023, driven by strong tourism data and a positive performance by banks amid resilient margins and market expectations of higher dividend payments. Taiwan and Korea markets also posted gains, driven by the ongoing enthusiasm for AI-related and chipmaking stocks.

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 Fed's 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.