Aug 2026

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.

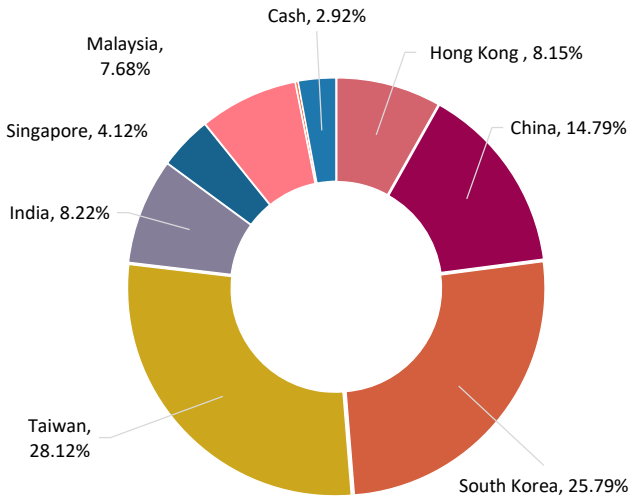
Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 Aug 2026)	:	RM 1.46203
Fund Size (31 Aug 2026)	:	RM 535.318 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

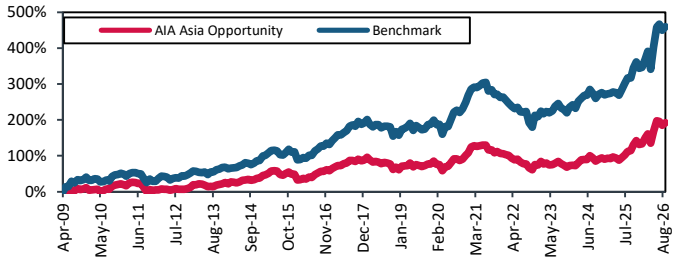
Top Holdings

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9.66%
2	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	8.95%
3	SK Hynic Inc	7.03%
4	iShares MSCI India ETF	4.74%
5	Tencent Holdings Ltd	4.09%

Geographical Allocation



Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	2.57%	11.72%	36.52%	63.65%	34.88%	192.41%
Benchmark*	1.76%	13.94%	33.90%	67.85%	45.75%	459.26%
Excess	0.81%	-2.22%	2.62%	-4.21%	-10.87%	-266.86%

~ 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 delivered solid gains in August 2026. The MSCI AC World Index rose 2.9% Month-on-Month ("MoM") in local currency terms, while the S&P 500 gained 3.0%, supported by strong earnings momentum and sustained investments in artificial intelligence ("AI"), cloud computing, and digital infrastructure. Asian equities outperformed developed markets, with the MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index advancing 3.2% MoM. Performance across the region was uneven. Taiwan was the standout performer, supported by robust demand for semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence ("AI")-related technologies. South Korea also advanced, extending its strong year-to-date gains. In contrast, China and Hong Kong remained under pressure amid ongoing concerns surrounding economic growth, consumer demand, and property market weakness. India also eased as investors reassessed elevated market valuations despite the country's favorable long-term growth outlook.

Market Outlook

The geopolitical situation at the Strait of Hormuz remains fluid with Iranian retaliation were already reported in late June 2026. If the peace process stalls or implementation falls short, the risk of renewed supply disruption and another leg up in energy prices is real. The US Federal Reserve ("Fed") maintained rates in June and July 2026, but its updated projections send the stronger signal, pointing to a higher-for-longer regime that keeps the US dollar ("USD") firm and Emerging Markets ("EM") currencies under pressure for now. Overall, we stay positive on equities, with a base case of no recession and no excessive rate hikes. Inflation should also ease as oil prices reverse. This view is supported by continued earnings upgrades, particularly in the technology sector, underpinned by fundamentally driven AI-related demand. Hyperscalers' capex spending remains disciplined rather than overleveraged, and AI monetization continues to show a positive trend.

For Malaysia, we remain constructive on domestic equities. Malaysia is among the least affected markets in a higher oil price environment, given that the country is a net exporter of oil and gas, while domestic inflation remains contained at around 2%. Domestic growth also continues to be supported by several structural initiatives, including the Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone, the National Energy Transition Roadmap, and on-going data center boom and major infrastructure projects. Key risks to monitor include a collapse of the ceasefire that reignites oil prices, any pullback in AI-related capex from global hyperscalers, and delays to domestic initiatives. We remain committed to a proactive and disciplined approach to portfolio construction as conditions evolve.



Lipper Leader Fund for:

1. Consistent Return

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%.

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