



November 2023

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA ASIA PLATINUM FUND

Investment Objective

By investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies in three regional markets i.e. Greater China, India and Japan, this Fund is aimed at providing long-term capital growth. From time to time, this Fund may invest in global Emerging Markets' securities in times of adverse investment climate in any of these three regional markets. The investment in global Emerging Markets will be allocated across markets which include but are not limited to Central & Eastern Europe, South East Asia, Latin America and Africa.

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

Fund Details

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| Unit NAV (30 Nov 2023) | : RM 1.39376 |
| Fund Size (30 Nov 2023) | : RM 795.880 million |
| Fund Currency | : Ringgit Malaysia |
| Fund Inception | : 29 May 2006 |
| Offer Price at Inception | : RM 0.50 |
| Fund Management Charge | : 1.50% p.a. |
| Investment Manager | : AIA Bhd. |
| Fund Type | : Fund-of-Funds |
| Basis of Unit Valuation | : Net Asset Value |
| Frequency of Unit Valuation | : Daily |

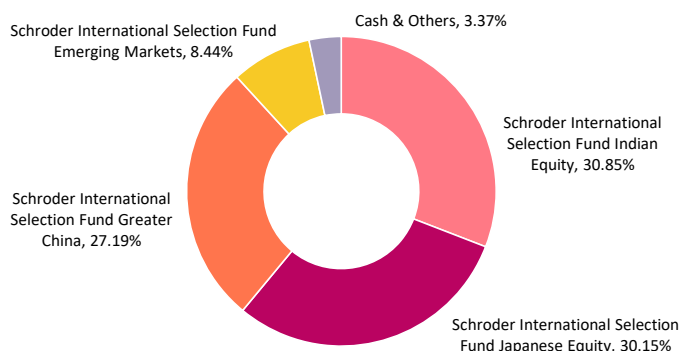
Underlying Fund Details

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| Name | : Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Equity Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets |
| Investment Manager | : Schroder International |

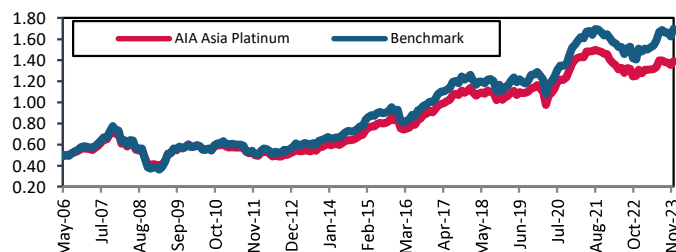
Top Fund Holdings

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| 1 | Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity | 30.85% |
| 2 | Schroder International Selection Fund Japanese Equity | 30.15% |
| 3 | Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China | 27.19% |
| 4 | Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets | 8.44% |

Fund Allocation



Historical Performance



Historical Performance (cont'd)

| Cumulative Performance | 1-Mth | 6-Mth | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | Since Inception |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Fund~ | 2.72% | 4.36% | 6.39% | 6.74% | 29.70% | 178.75% |
| Benchmark* | 4.49% | 6.93% | 12.44% | 17.28% | 45.54% | 239.52% |
| Excess | -1.77% | -2.58% | -6.04% | -10.54% | -15.84% | -60.77% |

~ 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.

* 30% MSCI AC Golden Dragon DTR Net + 30% MSCI India DTR Net + 30% Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section TR Index + 10% MSCI Emerging Market DTR Net (Source: Bloomberg)

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

Market Review

Chinese and Hong Kong equities rose in November 2023 but underperformed Asian markets in aggregate. Concerns about ongoing problems in China's property market and some disappointment about the central bank leaving interest rates unchanged during the month led to the relative underperformance. The Taiwanese market grew at a double-digit pace, driven by its technology sector.

The Japanese equity market rebounded alongside the US and global equity markets, with a total return of 5.4% by the TOPIX Total Return index in local terms. Investor sentiment improved as some market trends reversed including styles and currencies mainly due to weaker-than-expected US macro figures. Large cap growth stocks drove the market higher.

MSCI India was up 6.7% for the month and performed largely in-line with the regional market. Sector-wise, property led the gains again, and communication also surged after a pause in October 2023. Meanwhile, financials lagged, and consumer staples continued to stagnate. Foreign investor flows reverted to net inflows, with foreign investors buying US dollar ("USD") 1.1bn as market expectation shifted from "higher for longer" to a "US goldilocks".

Emerging Market ("EM") equities gained strongly in November 2023, albeit they were slightly behind Developed Markets ("DM"). Equity markets benefited from what increasingly appears to be a soft landing for the US economy and growing expectations of interest-rate cuts from the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") in 2024. Egypt was the top-performing index market, followed by South Korea, where technology-related stocks rallied strongly, something which benefited Taiwan too. Mexico and Brazil posted double-digit returns. Thailand was the worst-performing index market on the back of weaker-than-expected third-quarter Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") data. China was a significant underperformer as economic data released in the month proved somewhat mixed.

Market Outlook

While the Underlying Manager shares many of the market's concerns about the structural headwinds China faces, the Underlying Manager still believes there is room for the authorities to surprise positively with well-coordinated policy support for the economy. The Underlying Manager also believes that there are plenty of alpha-generating opportunities in the China market, given its competitive edge in many areas. Better-managed businesses with strong adaptive capability can still deliver growth, despite a slower GDP backdrop.

The Taiwanese market has delivered strong returns this year, owing to optimism over the technology cycle bottoming out and AI. Despite the Underlying Manager's long-term constructive view on Taiwan's semiconductor stocks, the Underlying Manager is conscious that the market may have over-delivered and could consolidate in the next few months as valuations are highly elevated.

Nevertheless, the overall macroeconomic conditions in Japan continue to improve, and there is potential for further earnings growth despite the current level of yen appreciation. The medium to long-term themes for Japan, including the return of inflation and corporate governance reform, remain intact. Considering the prospects for earnings and valuations, as well as potential changes in corporate strategies, mid and small-cap companies could present attractive investment opportunities.

Consensus expects a 17% earnings growth for FY2024 (March 2024) followed by 12% in FY2025, which appears reasonable. Nifty Index after recent gains is trading at price/book ratio of 3.1x and a price-to-earnings ("P/E") multiple of 19x based on FY ending March 2025. Foreign flows, while volatile, proved strong with US dollar ("USD") 16bn net inflow this year thus far. Flows into domestic funds remain strong, notably in the small/mid cap strategies, bolstering stock performance within the space. The Underlying Manager will continue to use periods of market weakness for entry opportunities in select areas of domestic economy.

The 2024 outlook is for EM to see greater disinflation, opening the door to further monetary policy loosening. The degree of prospective easing differs by market. EM valuations are cheap on a range of measures, even if the degree of cheapness is lower than that seen a year ago. Earnings per share growth expectations for 2023 are negative, but a rebound of 18% is projected for 2024.



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