



February 2025

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

Unit NAV (28 February 2025)	: RM 1.44659
Fund Size (28 February 2025)	: RM 883.205 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

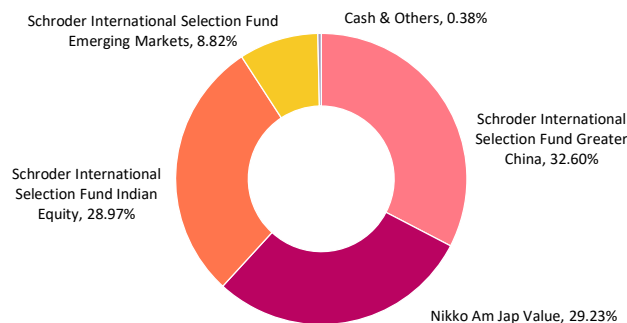
Underlying Fund Details

Name	: Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity Nikko Am Jap Value Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets
Investment Manager	: Schroder International Nikko Am Jap

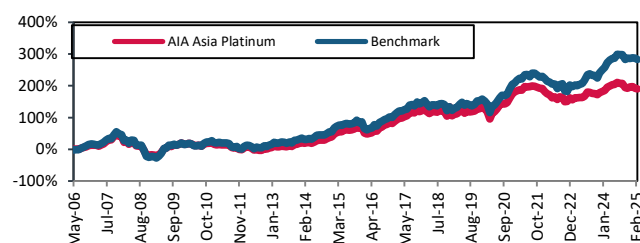
Top Fund Holdings

1	Schroder International Selection Fund Greater China	32.60%
2	Nikko Am Jap Value	29.23%
3	Schroder International Selection Fund Indian Equity	28.97%
4	Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets	8.82%

Fund Allocation



Historical Performance



Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-1.04%	-0.98%	-2.15%	5.02%	31.48%	189.32%
Benchmark*	-1.05%	0.83%	2.38%	21.55%	56.72%	282.32%
Excess	0.01%	-1.80%	-4.53%	-16.53%	-25.24%	-93.00%

~ 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

Despite the threat of tariffs on China's exports to the US, Chinese equities surged in February 2025. The MSCI China Index rose by over 11% in US Dollar ("USD") terms, by far the strongest individual market return in Asia during the month. The market benefited from investor optimism about China's lower-cost Artificial Intelligence ("AI") capabilities and hopes of further economic and monetary stimulus from the authorities. Hong Kong stocks were also strong. In contrast, Taiwan experienced profit-taking and investor outflows.

The Japanese equity market declined in the second half of February 2025, closing the month with a negative return of -3.79% for the TOPIX Total Return in Japanese Yen ("JPY") terms. The Nikkei 225 fell by -6.11%, underperforming TOPIX due to weak performance in large-cap stocks, particularly in the technology and exporter sectors.

MSCI India registered a decline of -8.0% in February 2025, and performance lagged relative to the region. In terms of sector performance, financials and materials were among the outperformers, while real estate, technology and industrials detracted the most. Foreign investors continued to sell with a net outflow of around USD 4.0 billion.

Emerging market ("EM") equities, as measured by the MSCI EM index, rose slightly in February 2025 outperforming the MSCI World index. China was the strongest-performing market, despite the threat of US trade tariffs, as it continued to benefit from optimism about its AI capabilities following the initial release of DeepSeek's lower-cost open-source AI model in January 2025. Poland was notably strong, on the back of optimism about a potential end to the Russia-Ukraine war. Mexico gained as US tariffs, which were announced on 1 February 2025, were paused until 4 March 2025.

Market Outlook

Looking ahead for China, the return of Trump is likely to bring about greater uncertainty to emerging markets, given tariff threats, higher inflation risks and likely upward pressure on the USD and interest rates. On the flip side, Underlying Manager expect the heightened geopolitical tensions to help accelerate localization and improve self-sufficiency in China, which should lead to new investment opportunities. Domestically, Underlying Manager continue to look for more effective fiscal policy support from the authorities to enhance macroeconomic fundamental improvements. Specifically, domestic consumption and investment demand must pick up, and the property market will need to stabilize, for the economy to bottom out. Longer-term, effective structural reform and economic restructuring are needed for the China market to shake off its prolonged weakness.

In India, consensus expects Nifty Index earnings to grow 5% in FY25 (ending March's 25), pulled down by muted earnings growth for banks and consumer staples. Next year, consensus expects Nifty earnings growth to normalize back to 15% trajectory. Nifty index is trading at a Price-to-Book ("P/B") ratio of 3.1x and a Price-to-Earnings ("P/E") multiple of 20x based on FY26 earnings, which are above historical average. Slowdown in economic momentum, weaker-than-expected earnings, and expectations of stimulus in China has led to significant foreign outflows of close to USD 12billion in Q42024. However, flows into domestic funds continue to remain strong, and have helped mitigate the impact of foreign selling on markets. Overall, Underlying Manager remain constructive on the market and will be using periods of market weakness for entry opportunities in select areas of domestic economy.

After concluding a record year in 2024 with a strong return of 20% for the TOPIX Total Return in JPY terms, the Japanese equity market has begun 2025 in a somewhat lackluster state mainly due to lack of catalysts or news flow. The JPY remains weak against the USD, which should continue to support Japanese corporate earnings. Japanese companies are set to announce their earnings in 1Q2025, and these results are expected to remain solid. The ongoing improvement in domestic demand, particularly in consumption, also supports the earnings of domestic-oriented sectors. However, cost increases appear to have accelerated, and some companies are struggling to maintain or improve their margins.

Donald Trump's fiscal policies may be supportive of US growth in the short term and, consequently, positive for the rest of the world, including EM. The technology cycle is also providing support for EM and, although now advanced, it should continue to improve into 2025, driven by ongoing AI-related demand. However, Trump's policies may put upward pressure on domestic inflation, affecting US monetary policy, the yield curve and the USD in ways likely to be broadly unhelpful for EM. The potential for a broad-based application of tariffs on imports to the US, with a particularly significant rise in tariffs on China, is the most notable risk for EM. However, Underlying Manager expect a more nuanced and asymmetric approach to tariff application than suggested by Trump's rhetoric.



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1. Preservation

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