



October 2023

## MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA EQUITY DIVIDEND FUND

### Investment Objective

This Fund seeks steady capital growth and income by investing mainly in a portfolio of stocks listed on the Bursa Malaysia which offer or have the potential to offer attractive dividend yields. This Fund is suitable for moderate risk tolerance investors who seek steady capital growth and at the same time seek income stream opportunities.

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

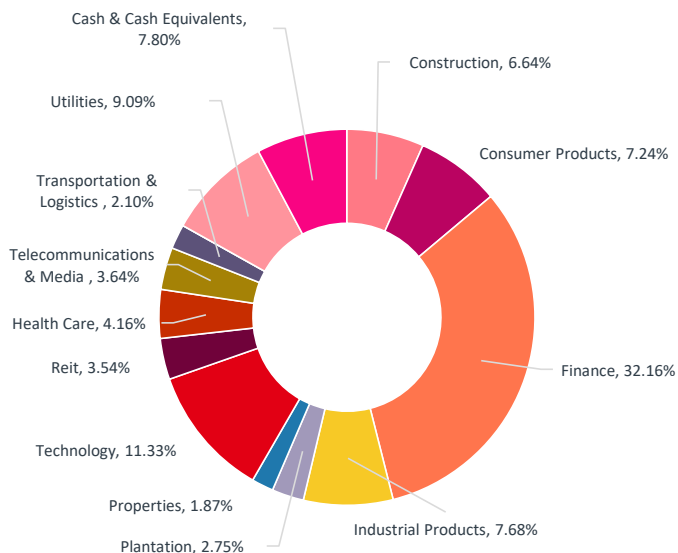
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 Oct 2023)	: RM 0.86015
Fund Size (31 Oct 2023)	: RM 454.657 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 5 January 2012
Offer Price at Inception	: RM0.50
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	MALAYAN BANKING BHD	8.57%
2	RHB BANK BHD	8.53%
3	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.65%
4	ITMAX SYSTEM BHD	4.96%
5	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	4.80%

### Sector Allocation

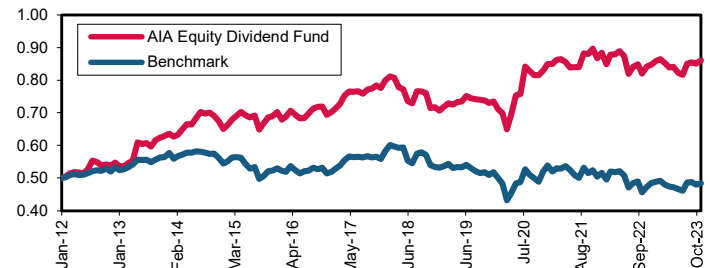


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1. Preservation

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](http://www.lipperleaders.com)

### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>A</sup>	1.10%	2.25%	2.23%	5.47%	20.38%	72.03%
Benchmark <sup>*</sup>	0.69%	2.33%	2.23%	-1.12%	-10.48%	-3.36%
Excess	0.40%	-0.08%	-0.01%	6.59%	30.86%	75.39%

<sup>A</sup> 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.

<sup>\*</sup> 100% FBM100 Index (Source: Bursa Malaysia)

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

### Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") rallied 1.26% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,442.12 pts on 31 October 2023. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index, which fell 2.47% MoM in Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors turned net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR2.2 billion in October 2023 while local institutions turned net buyers with net buy value of MYR2.3 billion. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell by 12.3% MoM to MYR2.0 billion in October 2023. During the month, CIMB (+5.2%), Press Metal (+4.5%) and Westports (+4.0%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Axiata (-12.4%), Genting Bhd (-3.4%) and CelcomDigi (-3.2%). Sector wise, Finance (+2.1%), Construction (+0.9%) and Industrial Production (+0.5%) were the key performers while Property (-3.2%), Energy (-2.8%) and Technology (-2.7%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the tabling of Budget 2024 by Prime Minister on 13 October 2023, appointment of Sultan of Johor as the new Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Malaysia-Singapore Leaders' Retreat which saw agreements in various fields including SME development, intellectual property rights and tackling cross border crime. Malaysia's headline inflation fell to 1.9% Year-on-Year ("YoY") in September 2023 (August 2023: 2.0% YoY).

### 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 ("Fed")'s hawkishness and equities valuation has been partially adjusted downwards accordingly. Investors are now watching the macro data closely to gauge the extent of future rate hike in the US and the timing of a rate cut going forward. Over in Asia, China's policy easing is gaining momentum with the earlier-than-expected policy rate cut, housing policy adjustment, and efforts to revitalize the capital market and stabilize foreign trade and investment. The increasing pace of policy easing is encouraging and important to contain the risk of a downward spiral in economic activity. 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 from the implementation of government initiatives and mega projects. Downside risks to the market could stem from a prolonged deep US recession, worsening geopolitical tension, weak China economic recovery and domestic politics.