

#### November 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.

# <u>Notice</u>: Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for more information about the Fund.

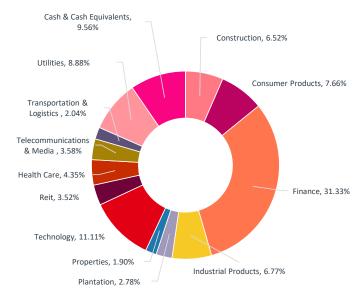
### **Fund Details**

Unit NAV (30 Nov 2023)	: RM 0.86777
Fund Size (30 Nov 2023)	: RM 464.420 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	
2	RHB BANK BHD	8.16%
3	TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	5.58%
4	ITMAX SYSTEM BHD	4.77%
5	CIMB GROUP HOLDINGS BHD	4.65%

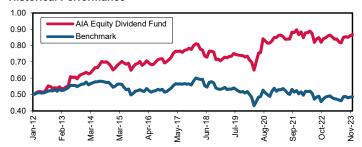
## **Sector Allocation**



# 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

#### **Historical Performance**



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>^</sup>	0.89%	5.56%	2.34%	4.68%	21.00%	73.55%
Benchmark*	0.79%	4.49%	0.43%	-6.34%	-8.71%	-2.60%
Excess	0.10%	1.06%	1.91%	11.03%	29.71%	76.16%

<sup>^</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.

# <u>Notice</u>: Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of its future performance.

The FBMKLCI ("Index") rose 0.74% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,453 pts on 30 November 2023. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index, which rose 4.57% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors turned net buyers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR1.6 billion in November 2023 while local institutions turned net sellers with net sell flow of MYR1.5 billion. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") rose 9.7% MoM to MYR2.2 billion in November 2023. During the month, Genting Bhd (+16.1%), Genting Malaysia (+10.3%) and Sime Darby (+7.9%) were the key gainers while key detractors were PPB Group (-7.1%), Hong Leong Financial Group (-6.6%) and IHH Healthcare (-2.8%). Sector wise, Utilities (+10.2%), Healthcare (+6.6%) and Technology (+2.1%) were the key performers while Energy (-4.5%), Telecom (-1.1%) and Transports (-0.8%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included Malaysia's intention to roll out targeted subsidy program for RON95 petrol in 2H24. Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") grew 3.3% Year-on-Year ("YoY") in 3Q23, driven by private sector spending.

## **Market Outlook**

We are cautiously optimistic of the equity market in the near term. We believe that US interest rates may have peaked but developed markets equity valuation has yet to fully reflect the soft landing or mild recession (if any) in the US and Euro land. Investors are now watching the macro data closely to gauge the timing of a possible rate cut going forward. Over in Asia, China's policy easing is gaining momentum given the earlier-than-expected policy rate cut, less restrictions on house ownership policy, and efforts to revitalize the capital market and stabilize foreign trade and investment. Domestically in Malaysia, we expect a brighter outlook given the lower political risk premium amidst a more stable unity government coupled with stronger corporate earnings upside arising from the implementation of the government's pump priming initiatives as well as launching of mega energy renewal and infrastructure projects. Downside risks to the market could stem from a hard landing US recession, worsening geopolitical tension, and weak China economy.

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