

March 2025

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.

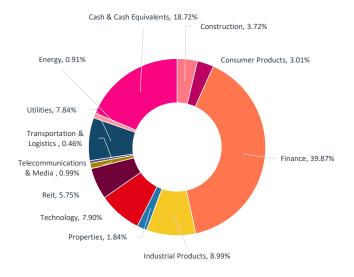
Fund Details

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	Unit NAV (31 March 2025)	:	RM 1.09554
	Fund Size (31 March 2025)	:	RM 656.339 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

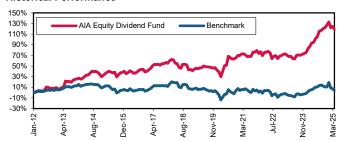
Top Holdings

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RHB BANK BHD	9.02%							
MALAYAN BANKING BHD	8.88%							
ITMAX SYSTEM BHD	7.90%							
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	6.35%							
ALLIANCE BANK MALAYSIA BHD	5.60%							
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Sector Allocation



Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund^	-2.51%	-0.42%	13.40%	24.58%	68.61%	119.11%
Benchmark*	-3.42%	-7.64%	-1.02%	0.33%	20.41%	4.02%
Excess	0.91%	7.22%	14.42%	24.25%	48.20%	115.09%

[^] 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.

$\underline{\textbf{Notice}}\textsc{:}$ Past performance of the Fund is not an indication of its future performance.

Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell 3.88% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,513.65 pts in March 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which fell 0.76% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities with net sell flows rising 110.5% MoM to MYR4.6 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR4.3 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") grew by 5.1% MoM to MYR2.7 billion in March 2025. During the month, PPB Group (+7.1%), YTL Corp (+5.8%) and YTL Power International (+5.0%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Axiata Group (-14.4%), Nestle Malaysia (-12.0%) and CIMB (-10.4%). Sector wise, Energy (+0.5%) and Utilities (+0.2%) were the key performers, while Telecommunication (-6.4%), Finance (-4.9%) and Healthcare (-4.3%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the Trump administration announcing plans for reciprocal tariffs on all trading partners on 2 April 2025, the 25% tariffs on steel and aluminium imports into the US came into effect on 12 March 2025, the European Union responded with a counter tariff of 25% while Canada imposed 25% retailatory tariff on US goods.

Market Outlook

We are cautious on equities as we are of the view that the uncertainties in relation to global trade tensions are unlikely to dissipate quickly and hence, equity risk premium warrants a higher level. Trump's tariff policy is expected to stoke inflationary pressure and hurt global growth. With stock markets already reflecting sharp declines and fears of a trade war mounting, investors are likely to remain wary in the short term. Export-heavy sectors such as technology and manufacturing, which depend on seamless supply chains and access to the U.S. market are particularly vulnerable. Meanwhile, we believe domestic-focused sectors, including telecommunications and consumer staples, may exhibit greater resilience due to their reduced exposure to international trade shocks. Economies with proactive policy response such as central banks embarking on monetary easing cycle and potential stimulus measure from China could see partial rebound in investor confidence.

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Lipper Leader Fund for:

- . Total return
- 2. Consistent Return
- 3. 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

^{100%} FBM100 Index (Source: Bursa Malaysia)