



May 2025

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE

AIA GLOBAL BALANCED FUND (previously known as AIA Eleven Plus Fund)

Investment Objective

The primary goal of this Fund is to provide long-term total return (combination of capital growth and income) with moderate risk by investing through exposure in a diversified portfolio of global equities and fixed income securities. It is also flexible by allowing investments in newer funds launched in the future. The Fund adopts a relatively balanced approach towards equities and bond exposure with the aim of providing stable growth of your investment. The Fund's expected average exposure to equities will be approximately 60% over the long term, however this exposure may vary from time to time and can go up to 80%. The balance is invested in the fixed income or money market instruments.

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

Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 May 2025)	: RM 1.08343
Fund Size (31 May 2025)	: RM 278.295 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 25 October 2007
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 0.50
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	: Fund-of-Funds
Basic of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

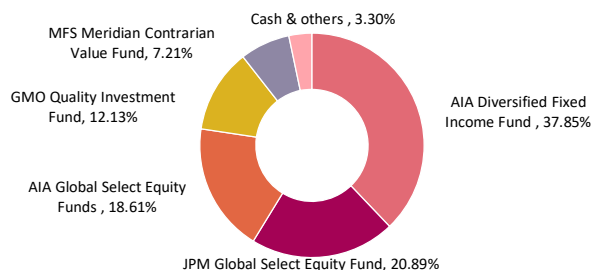
Underlying Fund Details

Name	: AIA Global Select Equity Fund AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund GMO Quality Investment Fund JPMorgan Global Select Equity Fund MFS Meridian Contrarian Value Fund
Investment Manager	: AIA Investment Management Private Ltd. JP Morgan Asset Management GMO & Co LLC MFS Investment Management

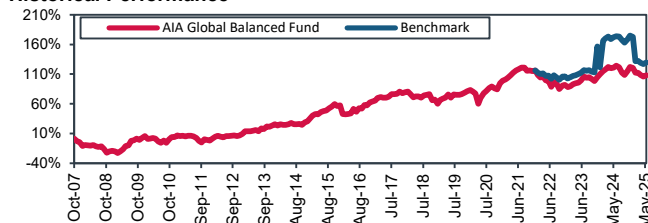
Top Fund Holdings

1	AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund	37.85%
2	JPM Global Select Equity Fund	20.89%
3	AIA Global Select Equity Funds	18.61%
4	GMO Quality Investment Fund	12.13%
5	MFS Meridian Contrarian Value Fund	7.21%

Fund Allocation



Historical Performance



Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	2.18%	-2.62%	-1.78%	8.83%	21.91%	116.69%
Benchmark*	2.08%	-2.24%	-0.20%	23.47%	N/A	N/A
Excess	0.10%	-0.38%	-1.57%	-14.65%	N/A	N/A

~ 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.

* Prior to fund restructuring effective from January 2022, there was no benchmark available. Post restructuring the benchmark is 60.0% MSCI World Price Index + 40.0% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (Source: Bloomberg). Calculation of the benchmark since inception performance is based on the date the fund restructuring exercise was completed which is 31 January 2022. Meanwhile, calculation of the Fund's since inception performance is based on the Fund's inception date of 25 October 2007.

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

Market Review

Global equities rebounded in May 2025, recovering much of April 2025's losses and trimming the year-to-date decline to just 0.6%. A surprise U.S.-China trade agreement led to a substantial rollback of tariffs, easing global trade tensions and restoring investor confidence. The U.S. reversed many of its earlier levies, including the 125% tariffs on Chinese goods, sparking a rally in equity markets and a rebound in the U.S. dollar ("USD"). Despite this, economic uncertainty persisted. The US Federal Reserve ("Fed") held interest rates steady at 4.25%-4.50%, citing stalled progress on inflation and emerging signs of labour market weakness. While headline inflation slowed to 2.4%, core inflation remained elevated at 2.8%, prompting concerns about stagflation. U.S. equities surged 6% in May 2025, led by gains in technology and healthcare, while Treasury yields eased amid growing expectations of rate cuts later in the year.

In the eurozone, economic momentum remained fragile. The European Central Bank ("ECB") maintained its benchmark interest rate at 2.25%, following April's 2025 rate cut. The Hamburg Commercial Bank (HCOB) Flash Eurozone Composite Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") edged down to 49.8, indicating mild contraction, and the European Commission revised its 2025 Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth forecast to just 0.9%. Inflation continued to ease, averaging 2.1% for the year, driven by softening demand and stabilizing energy prices. Despite the subdued macroeconomic backdrop, eurozone equities rose 4%, buoyed by improving investor sentiment. A Eurobarometer poll showed trust in European Union institutions at its highest level since 2007, particularly among younger demographics.

Geopolitical tensions remained elevated. The Russia-Ukraine conflict intensified further, with heavy fighting reported in eastern Ukraine and limited progress in ceasefire negotiations. Meanwhile, the third round of U.S.-Iran nuclear talks concluded with a preliminary framework agreement. Both sides agreed on enhanced monitoring of nuclear facilities and a phased easing of sanctions, though technical details remain unresolved.

Oil prices stabilized after April 2025's sharp decline, supported by expectations of stronger demand following the U.S.-China trade deal. However, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC+") maintained elevated production levels, keeping prices range-bound amid lingering concerns over global growth.

On the economic front, the flash estimate for the U.S. S&P Global Composite PMI increased to 52.1 in May 2025, up from 50.6 in April 2025, indicating that U.S. private sector business activity continued to grow at a faster rate and revealed greater business confidence compared to April 2025. However, consumer sentiment continues to signal weakness with preliminary University of Michigan May 2025 sentiment index data declining to 50.8 from 52.2 a month earlier. Notably, nearly three-fourths of respondents spontaneously mentioned tariffs, indicating trade policy continues to dominate consumers' views of the economy. Against this backdrop, the option-adjusted spread for the U.S. Investment Grade Credit Index tightened by 17 bps in May 2025 to 83 bps, resulting in a monthly excess return of 118 bps.

Market Outlook

Risk assets extended their recovery in May 2025, building on April 2025's rebound as optimism around global trade negotiations gained traction. The U.S. administration's announcement of a 90-day pauses on reciprocal tariffs above 10% (excluding China) helped ease recession fears and supported a broad-based rally in equities. While price action remained volatile, the tone was notably more constructive, with investors reassessing the likelihood of a more cooperative global trade framework. Nonetheless, uncertainty persists as the contours of a potential new world order—marked by selective protectionism and strategic trade alliances—continue to evolve. In the near term, the Underlying Fund Manager remains cautious and focused on monitoring tangible progress in trade talks, particularly between the U.S., China, and key European partners.

From a medium-term perspective, underlying growth conditions remain resilient. The JP Morgan Global Composite PMI held steady at 51.2 in May 2025, consistent with modest expansion. U.S. earnings forecasts for 2025 remain in the high-single digits, supported by strong performance in technology and healthcare sectors. These fundamentals provide a buffer against external shocks, including lingering tariff risks and geopolitical tensions. As always, the approach emphasizes disciplined investment processes, balancing medium-term return opportunities against downside risks. In this environment, staying anchored to fundamentals and avoiding reactionary shifts remains key to navigating ongoing market volatility.

For fixed income, persistent themes of rising uncertainty, tariff volatility, and a widening U.S. fiscal deficit continued to shape market expectations. The focus is to concentrate on quality trades and maintaining underweight positions in cyclical sectors and high-beta areas such as Automotive and Energy. Additionally, it is leaning towards high-quality paper due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding tariffs.



Lipper Leader Fund for:

1. Total Return
2. Consistent Return

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%.

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