



February 2025

## MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA FIXED INCOME FUND

### Investment Objective

The primary goal of this Fund is to provide a steady stream of income returns through investments in fixed income securities and money market instruments. The secondary goal of the Fund is to provide medium to long-term capital appreciation whilst preserving the capital invested.

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

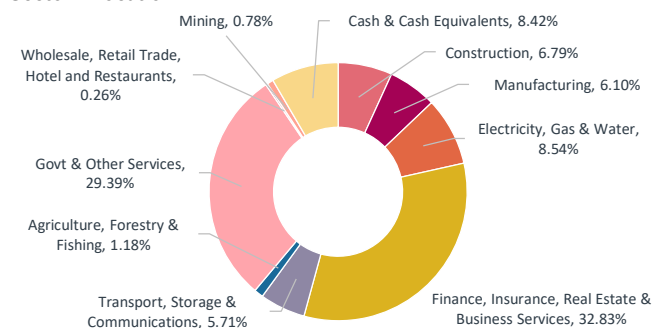
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (28 February 2025)	: RM 3.42086
Fund Size (28 February 2025)	: RM 3,167.386 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 29 February 2000
Offer Price at Inception	: RM1.00
Fund Management Charge	: 0.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

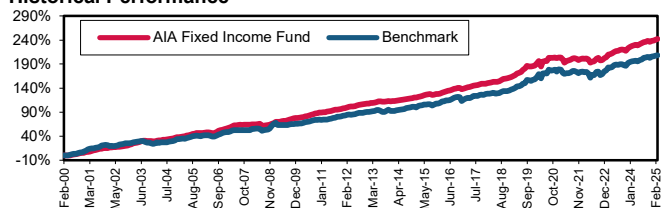
### Top Holdings

1	MALAYSIA GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	26.71%
2	GENM CAPITAL BHD	5.72%
3	TNB POWER GENERATION SDN BHD	4.17%
4	DANAINFRA NASIONAL BHD	3.97%
5	AMBank (M) BHD	3.41%

### Sector Allocation



### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund <sup>A</sup>	0.42%	1.56%	4.05%	13.40%	15.29%	242.09%
Benchmark <sup>*</sup>	0.34%	1.66%	4.26%	12.75%	14.70%	208.69%
Excess	0.07%	-0.10%	-0.21%	0.64%	0.59%	33.40%

<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> MGS All Index (Source: RAM QuantShop)

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

### Market Review

Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve mildly bull-steepened in February 2025. MGS yields traded in a relatively tight range despite the strong rally in US treasuries ("UST") where yields tumbled aggressively amidst safe-haven demand and heightened concerns on the impact of President Trump's trade policy on US economic growth. Domestically, ample liquidity from domestic investors continued to support the market at current levels. Foreign inflows spurred buying activity towards the end of the month but was quickly met with profit taking pressure which capped any meaningful movements in terms of yields. Additionally, domestic sentiment was also supported by a positive macro environment, boosted by a stronger-than-expected 4Q2024 Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth print and stable Consumer Price Index ("CPI") data in January 2025. On the currency front, Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") weakened against the US Dollar ("USD") by 0.05% to MYR4.4625. MGS levels as at end February 2025 were: 3Y at 3.45% (-1 bp), 5Y at 3.60% (-1 bp), 7Y at 3.75% (-2 bps), 10Y at 3.79% (-2 bps), 15Y at 3.96% (-1 bp), 20Y at 4.06% (-) and 30Y at 4.18% (-).

Fixed income foreign flows registered a net inflow of MYR1.2 billion in January 2025 (December 2024: -MYR1.4 billion). Foreign holdings in MGS and Government Investment Issue ("GII") dipped to 21.1% in January 2025 (December 2024: 21.2%).

There were 4 government security auctions during the month: The 30Y MGS 3/53 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR2.5 billion with MYR2.0 billion private placement drew a bid-to-cover ("BTC") ratio of 2.360x at an average yield of 4.186%, the 7Y GII 10/31 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR5.0 billion drew a BTC of 2.867x at an average yield of 3.785%, the 20Y MGS 5/44 reopening auction with a tender size of MYR2.5 billion with MYR2.0 billion private placement drew a bid-to-cover ("BTC") ratio of 2.987x at an average yield of 4.068% and GII 8/30 new issue with a tender size of MYR5.5 billion drew a BTC of 3.165x at an average yield of 3.635%.

On the economic data front, Malaysia's foreign reserves increased to USD117.7 billion as of 15 February 2025 (31 January 2025: USD116.4 billion). The reserves are sufficient to finance 5.0 months of retained imports and 0.9x of short-term external debt. Malaysia's January 2025 headline inflation was unchanged at 1.7% Year-on-Year ("YoY") (December 2024: +1.7% YoY), supported by softening information and communication services and clothing & footwear components. Core inflation was also steady at 1.8% YoY in January 2025 (December 2024: +1.8% YoY). Malaysia's exports moderated to 0.3% YoY in January 2025 (December 2024: +16.9% YoY) while imports grew 6.2% YoY (December 2024: +11.9% YoY). As a result, trade balance narrowed to MYR3.6 billion in January 2025 (December 2024: MYR19.1 billion). The Industrial Production Index for Malaysia increased by 4.6% YoY in December 2024 (November 2024: 3.6% YoY), driven by expansion across all sectors. The final reading of Malaysia's 4Q2024 GDP growth came in at 5.0% YoY (3Q24: 5.4% YoY), bringing the 2024 full year figure to 5.1% YoY (2023: 3.6% YoY). GDP growth was driven by strong domestic demand and a recovery in exports.

On the primary corporate bond space, notable issuances included MYR300 million Orkim Sdn Bhd iMTN, MYR250 million PKNS iMTN and MYR150 million WCT Holdings Bhd iMTN. On rating actions, RAM upgraded Malayan Cement Bhd's RM5.0 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme to AA1 from AA3 and MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Bhd's long-term financial institution rating to AAA from AA1. RAM also upgraded the outlook on the credit rating for YTL Corporation Bhd and YTL Power International Bhd from AA1 - Stable to AA1 - Positive.

### Market Outlook

With recent US economic data releases coming in mixed, the trend for a moderation in inflation and a softening in the labour market has somewhat slowed. At the most recent US Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") kept the interest rate unchanged, citing concerns on the progress of inflation and potential risks from fiscal and trade policies by President Trump's administration. With these uncertainties ahead, we maintain our view that market volatility would persist as the Fed and the market would remain reactive to data releases and developments in key geopolitical events, central banks' monetary policy decisions as well as implications from President Trump's trade policies.

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