



Aug 2023

**MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE****AIA GLOBAL EQUITY FUND** (previously known as AIA International Small Cap Fund)**Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified portfolio of global equities and equity-related securities that exhibit various investment factor characteristics.

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

**Fund Details**

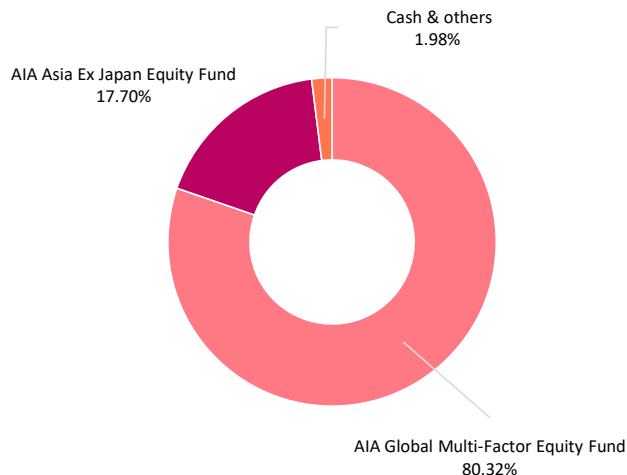
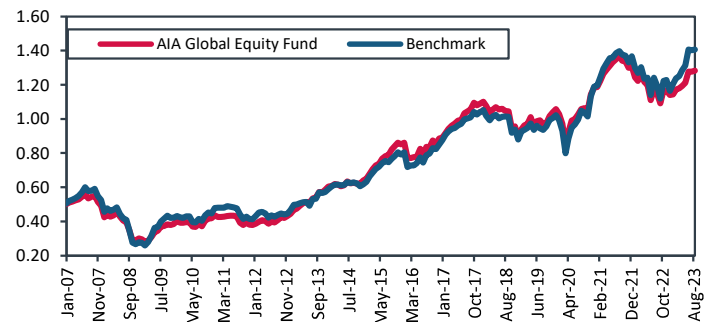
Unit NAV (31 Aug 2023)	: RM 1.28239
Fund Size (31 Aug 2023)	: RM 385.307 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 15 January 2007
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 0.50
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	: Fund-of-Funds
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

**Underlying Fund Details**

Name	: AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund AIA Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund AIA Greater China Equity Fund AIA India Equity Fund
Investment Manager	: AIA Investment Management Private Ltd.

**Top Fund Holdings**

1	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	80.32%
2	AIA Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund	17.70%

**Fund Allocation****Historical Performance**

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	0.47%	9.42%	11.76%	21.32%	22.49%	156.48%
Benchmark*	0.28%	13.74%	17.83%	34.13%	38.61%	181.31%
Excess	0.19%	-4.32%	-6.07%	-12.81%	-16.12%	-24.83%

~ 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.

\* 100% MSCI World Index (Source: Bloomberg)

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

**Market Review**

Seasonally low liquidity compounded escalating concerns over a slowing Chinese economy has put the market a pause for breath over August 2023. Global core inflation and higher interest rates drove the weaker sentiment. The effect of higher interest rates renewed the prospect of a hard landing triggering a sell off at the beginning of the month. Despite the weaker equity market performance positive macro data points showed easing in the labour market and strong retail sales numbers highlighting the resilience in the economy. In contrast to June and July 2023, gains were led by the short leg of the style. This saw shares in several year-to-date tech leaders come under pressure as the inverse relationship between (rising) real yields and valuation multiples re-established. Meanwhile, another round of artificial intelligence led block-buster earnings from Nvidia helped the broader tech sector keep touch with the falling market.

**Market Outlook**

As far as equity style investment is concerned, defensive factors outperformed over the month of August 2023. The top performing factors were Quality Factor, Momentum Factor and Minimum Volatility Factor. Value Factor and Size Factor underperformed over the month. The outperformance of the defensive factors highlights that August can be defined as risk off. The heightened volatility early in the month favoured lower beta factor (i.e.: Minimum Volatility Factor) and likewise Quality Factor tends to have a reduced beta compared to the broader market. Momentum Factor outperformed due to sector positioning, namely underweights to Financials and Utilities were beneficial.