



September 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**

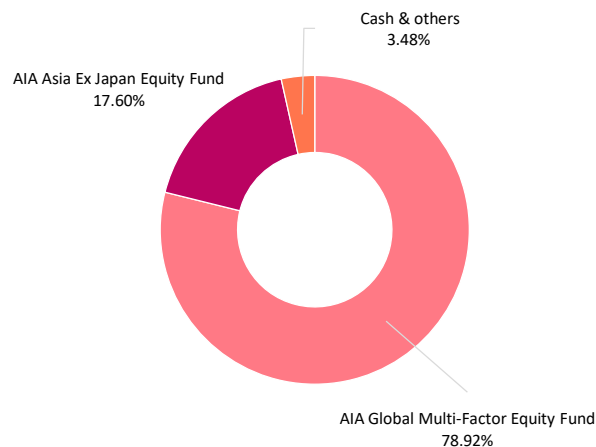
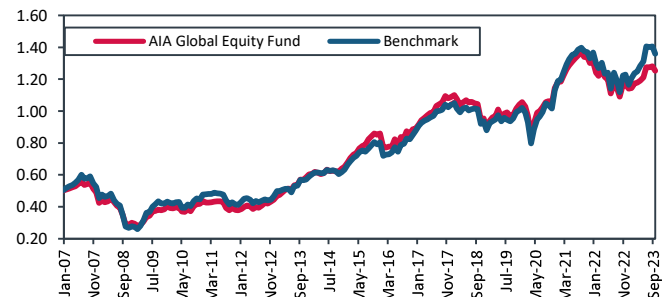
Unit NAV (30 Sep 2023)	: RM 1.25401
Fund Size (30 Sep 2023)	: RM 382.064 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 15 January 2007
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 0.50
Fund Management Charge	: 1.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	: Fund-of-Funds
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net 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	78.92%
2	AIA Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund	17.60%

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

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-2.21%	6.27%	15.01%	18.00%	20.05%	150.80%
Benchmark*	-3.31%	8.76%	21.46%	31.13%	34.42%	172.00%
Excess	1.10%	-2.49%	-6.45%	-13.14%	-14.37%	-21.20%

~ 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**

September 2023 was another difficult month for equities, the MSCI World Index gave back 4.3%, as losses from August 2023 accelerated through September 2023, which marked the weakest monthly return for global equities since September 2022. Higher interest rates weighed on sentiment as the Federal Reserve ("Fed") revised their dot plot projections highlighting to the market that there will be fewer cuts than expected in 2024. Measures of economic growth have been expanding in the US and have the potential to veer inflation off its course, as a result central banks remained focused on elevated rates to bring inflation down to target. Conversely, investors also grappled with a rise in the headwinds to growth such as reduced consumer consumption, elevated oil prices and the delayed decision on the US government shutdown all of which reignited recessionary concerns compounding the weakening sentiment.

**Market Outlook**

Energy was the only sector to finish with positive returns, all other sectors posted losses for the month. The worst performing sectors were Information Technology and Real Estate which can be considered as more interest rate sensitive sectors. Sectors that can benefit from higher interest rates such as Financials fared better. In terms of smart beta indices, the correlation between Value and Minimum Volatility Factors picked up as both Factors outperformed for the month. This mirrors the trend in 2022 where higher interest rates triggered greater market volatility benefitting both Value (less interest rate sensitive) and Minimum Volatility Factors - this backdrop was the same in September 2023. Momentum Factor marginally outperformed, this was driven predominantly by strong security selection effects in Financials and Industrials. Quality Factor and Size Factor detracted slightly. Quality Factor tends to be impacted by sharp rises in interest rates due to its growth-tilt and Size Factor continued to be overshadowed by the outperformance of large cap.