



December 2024

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA NEW HORIZON FUND

Investment Objective

By investing in equity and equity-related securities of companies in both local and global markets permissible by prevailing regulations, the goal of this Fund is to provide medium to long-term capital growth on your investment.

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

Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 December 2024)	: RM 3.17896
Fund Size (31 December 2024)	: RM 150.905 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 16 August 2004
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 1.00
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

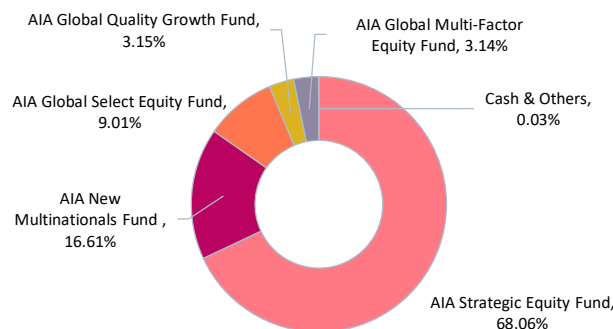
Underlying Fund Details

Name	: AIA Strategic Equity Fund AIA Global Quality Growth Fund AIA New Multinationals Fund AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd. AIA Investment Management Private Ltd.

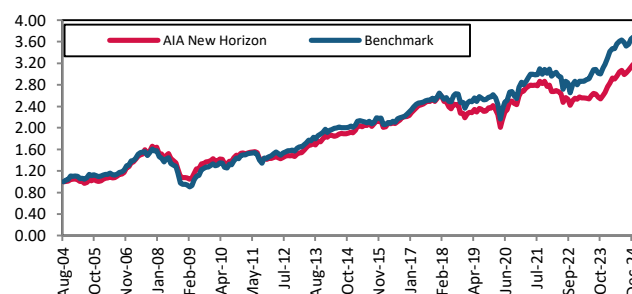
Top Holdings

1	AIA Strategic Equity Fund	68.06%
2	AIA New Multinationals Fund	16.61%
3	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	9.01%
4	AIA Global Quality Growth Fund	3.15%
5	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	3.14%

Fund Allocation



Historical Performance



Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	1.65%	4.78%	19.64%	13.81%	31.76%	217.90%
Benchmark*	0.98%	2.14%	15.88%	19.16%	40.99%	268.64%
Excess	0.67%	2.64%	3.76%	-5.35%	-9.24%	-50.75%

~ 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.

* 50% FBM 100 + 50% MSCI AC World DTR Net (Source: Bloomberg)

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

Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") surged 3.0% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,642.33 points in December 2024. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose by 0.7% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to RM2.9 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell 5.6% MoM to MYR2.5 billion in December 2024. During the month, YTL Power (+30.0%), YTL Corp (+28.4%) and Petronas Chemical (+10.9%) were the key gainers while key detractors were PPB Group (-5.5%), RHB Bank (-4.1%) and QL Resources (-2.3%). Sector wise, only the Finance sector did not record a gain in December 2024, with the three best-performing sectors being Technology (+11.1%), Healthcare (+10.5%) and Utilities (+8.6%). Key news during the month included the Ministry of Finance said that RM10.8 billion had been withdrawn from EPF's Flexible Account (Account 3) as of end-September 2024, Malaysian Investment Development Authority ("MIDA") reported that Malaysia's approved investment rose 10.7% YoY for 9M24, and the U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") cutting its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points ("bps") to 4.25% to 4.5%.

Global equities fell in December 2024. Market sentiment was tempered by mixed economic data and hawkish signals from the Fed, which unnerved global markets and curbed U.S. investor enthusiasm for the pro-business policies of the incoming U.S. administration. The Fed and European Central Bank ("ECB") simultaneously lowered interest rates by 25 basis points ("bps"). However, their forward guidance diverged significantly; the Fed's Summary of Economic Projections ("SEP") indicated a slower pace of easing in 2025, amid a cautious stance on inflation, while ECB President Christine Lagarde signaled a dovish outlook as economic growth and inflation projections continued to weaken. Several other central banks followed suit, reducing policy rates, including Canada, Switzerland, and Mexico, while Brazil ratcheted rates higher for the second consecutive month, by 100 bps. The Bank of Japan ("BOJ") and Bank of England ("BOE") held rates steady. In France, François Bayrou was named the new prime minister after a no-confidence motion ousted Prime Minister Michel Barnier after just three months into his new administration. The South Korean National Assembly passed a bill to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol following his declaration of martial law earlier in the month which was rescinded only hours later. In Syria, Bashar al-Assad's regime collapsed after rebels captured the capital of Damascus.

Market Outlook

Locally, we are cautiously optimistic of the equity market in the near term. Volatility is likely a recurring theme in the near term given the uncertainty over macro conditions, geopolitics, and investors' positioning. Investors are now watching the macro data closely to gauge the extent of the US economic slowdown, recession risks and the quantum of interest rate cut going forward. Domestically in Malaysia, we expect a brighter outlook given the lower political risk premium amidst a more stable unity government coupled with stronger corporate earnings upside arising from the implementation of the government's growth initiatives and a rising foreign direct investment. The execution of the already announced economic initiatives such as the National Energy Transformation Roadmap ("NETR"), Malaysia My Second Home ("MM2H"), Special Economic Zone ("SEZ"), National Semiconductor Strategy ("NSS"), infrastructure projects rollout and the much-anticipated petrol and diesel subsidies rationalization will be watched closely.

Globally, the outlook for equities over the medium term remains constructive. On the fundamentals front, the US economy remains resilient and earnings growth in 2025 is expected to be higher than that of 2024. On monetary policy, liquidity conditions are expected to be supportive as central banks around the globe are easing monetary policy. The Fed is on a rate cut cycle. In addition, Chinese policy makers have also embarked on monetary easing and the Politburo has indicated plans to increase public spending to support economic growth.

Investors have enjoyed 2 years of double digit returns in equity markets. The Underlying Manager's view remain in an equity bull market though the pace of increase in 2025 is expected to be more muted compared to the previous 2 years. While the past 2 years has seen Magnificent 7 stocks dominate the stock market, the earnings growth differential between the Magnificent 7 stocks and the rest of the stock market is expected to decline in 2025. This could provide the setup for the stock market advance to be more broad-based and less concentrated. As 2025 unfolds, volatility could rise in view of the uncertainty on the policy measures that the new US Administration would embark on as President-elect Trump begins his second term as US President.



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1. Preservation

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