



February 2025

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 (28 February 2025)	: RM 3.06855
Fund Size (28 February 2025)	: RM 144.016 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

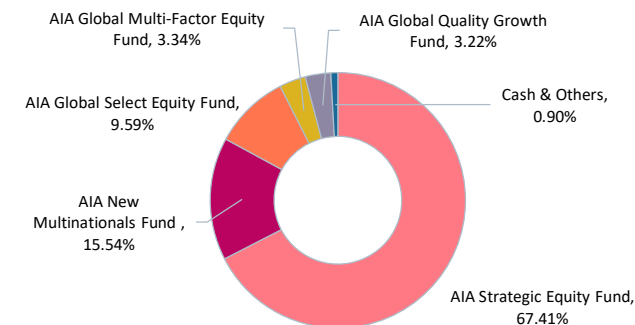
Underlying Fund Details

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.

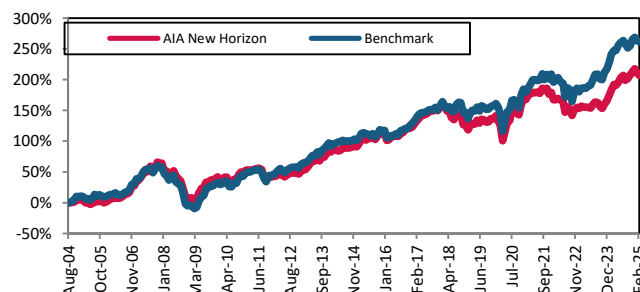
Top Holdings

1	AIA Strategic Equity Fund	67.41%
2	AIA New Multinationals Fund	15.54%
3	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	9.59%
4	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	3.34%
5	AIA Global Quality Growth Fund	3.22%

Fund Allocation



Historical Performance



Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-1.39%	2.64%	8.37%	14.77%	36.70%	206.86%
Benchmark*	-0.59%	0.88%	5.89%	20.44%	48.46%	261.72%
Excess	-0.80%	1.76%	2.48%	-5.67%	-11.76%	-54.87%

~ 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 FBKMLCI ("Index") rose 1.14% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,574.70 in February 2025. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose 1.07% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR2.2 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR1.2 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") fell 4.6% MoM to MYR2.5 billion in February 2025. During the month, Gamuda (+7.9%), RHB (+7.5%) and QL Resources (+6.1%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Petronas Chemicals (-20.0%), MR.DIY (-17.9%) and PPB Group (-10.2%). Sector wise, Plantation (+3.7%), Financials (+2.6%) and Construction (+1.9%) were the key performers, while Technology (-13.1%), Healthcare (-10.4%) and Energy (-8.3%) were the key detractors. Major news during the month included the Trump administration announcing plans for 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, Deepseek's revelation that questioned the global hyperscalers' spending into training clusters and upending the AI trade, and the removal of Genting Malaysia & Inari from the MSCI Emerging Market Index.

Global equities fell in February 2025. The U.S. government's foreign policy sent shock waves through global markets, as uncertainty about the timing and scope of tariffs unsettled markets. U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports took effect in February 2025, prompting China to retaliate with levies on US exports, on top of U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, and threatening to reinstate levies on imports from the European Union ("EU"), Canada, and Mexico. The U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") signaled a patient approach to additional interest rate cuts, while European equities accelerated amid the European Central Bank's ("ECB") dovish policy stance and signs of an improving economic backdrop, including easing credit conditions, stabilizing purchasing managers' indices ("PMI"), and plans to reduce regulatory burdens. European markets were initially encouraged by hopes for a resolution to the conflict in Ukraine. However, optimism waned when the U.S. paused military aid, causing negotiations to deteriorate. Chinese stocks jolted higher following last month's DeepSeek announcement and President Xi Jinping's public endorsement of Chinese technology companies. The Reserve Bank of Australia ("RBA") cut interest rates for the first time in four years, signaling caution about the prospect of further reductions. Japan's inflation accelerated in January 2025 as the Japanese Yen ("JPY") strengthened, raising expectations that the Bank of Japan ("BOJ") will increase interest rates further.

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, we are cautiously optimistic about the equity market, though volatility is expected in the near term due to uncertainties in relation to US President Trump's tariff policies which are expected to stoke inflationary pressure and hurt global growth. We expect performance divergence between developed and emerging markets, including currencies, with a positive outlook for the US market due to pro-domestic growth policies. Geopolitical tensions and the strength of the dollar are headwinds for Asian equities. China is focusing on fiscal stimulus to support domestic growth and stabilize property markets, though structural challenges remain.



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1. Preservation

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