

#### March 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**

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	Unit NAV (31 March 2025)	:	RM 2.96550					
	Fund Size (31 March 2025)	:	RM 138.914 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**

AIA Strategic Equity Fund AIA Global Quality Growth Fund Name AIA New Multinationals Fund

AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund

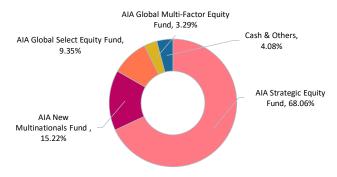
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Investment Manager AIA Investment Management Private Ltd.

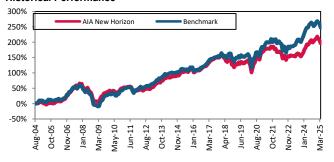
#### **Top Holdings**

1	AIA Strategic Equity Fund	68.06%
2	AIA New Multinationals Fund	15.22%
3	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	9.35%
4	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	3.29%

#### **Fund Allocation**



#### Historical Performance



## Historical Performance (cont'd)

Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-3.36%	-1.87%	1.40%	9.95%	47.39%	196.55%
Benchmark*	-3.96%	-1.26%	0.00%	14.55%	60.53%	247.42%
Excess	0.60%	-0.61%	1.40%	-4.60%	-13.14%	-50.87%

<sup>~</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

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

#### Market Review

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell 3.88% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,513.65 pts in March 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which fell 0.76% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities with net sell flows rising 110.5% MoM to MYR4.6 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR4.3 billion during the month. Bursa Malaysia's average daily transaction value ("ADTV") grew by 5.1% MoM to MYR2.7 billion in March 2025. During the month, PPB Group (+7.1%), YTL Corp (+5.8%) and YTL Power International (+5.0%) were the key gainers while key detractors were Axiata Group (-14.4%), Nestle Malaysia (-12.0%) and CIMB (-10.4%). Sector wise Energy (+0.5%) and Utilities (+0.2%) were the key performers, while Telecommunication (-6.4%), Finance (-4.9%) and Healthcare (-4.3%) were the key detractors. Major news in March 2025 was the announcement of Trump administration that reciprocal tariffs would be unfolded on 2 April 2025. Both Local and Foreign equity market reacted on the development of trade tariffs.

The United States ("US") equity market fell in March 2025. The month was marked by heightened volatility following the Trump administration's announcement of expansive tariffs, sparking fears of inflation and economic slowdown. Ahead of 'Liberation Day' announcements from US President Trump planned for 2 April 2025, tariff sentiment fluctuated over March 2025, with the main concrete addition a 25% tariff on import autos. MSCI Asia ex Japan slid marginally in March 2025. China was the top performing market, with resilience stemmed from targeted fiscal stimulus measures aimed at countering deflationary pressures and bolster domestic consumption, in addition to optimism in China's Artificial Intelligence ("Al") development. Korea fell during the month following Trumps' sectorial tariff announcement on Autos, with major export sectors dropping the most. Taiwan, was the worst-performing market, reflecting its heavy tech exposure and sensitivity to US-China trade dynamics. India recovered from the Feb selloff on the back of foreign buying and pro-investment policies introduced by the government.

## **Market Outlook**

Locally, we are cautious on equities as we are of the view that the uncertainties in relation to global trade tensions are unlikely to dissipate quickly and hence, equity risk premium warrants a higher level. Trump's tariff policy is expected to stoke inflationary pressure and hurt global growth. With stock markets already reflecting sharp declines and fears of a trade war mounting, investors are likely to remain wary in the short term. Export-heavy sectors such as technology and manufacturing,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ which depend on seamless supply chains and access to the U.S. market are particularly vulnerable. Meanwhile, we believe domestic-focused sectors, including telecommunications and consumer staples, may exhibit greater resilience due to their reduced exposure to international trade shocks. Economies with proactive policy response such as central banks embarking on monetary easing cycle and potential stimulus measure from China could see partial rebound in investor confidence

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 US Dollar ("USD") 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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<sup>50%</sup> FBM 100 + 50% MSCI AC World DTR Net (Source: Bloomberg)