

October 2023

MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA GLOBAL FIXED INCOME FUND (previously known as AIA Asian Debt Fund)

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to maximise long-term return by investing in a diversified fixed income portfolio consisting primarily of investment grade bonds and other debt securities denominated in USD.

<u>Notice</u>: Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for more information about the Fund.

Fund Details

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Unit NAV (31 Oct 2023)	:	RM 2.21883
Fund Size (31 Oct 2023)	:	RM 79.173 million
Fund Currency	:	Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	:	31 July 2006
Offer Price at Inception	:	RM 1.00
Fund Management Fee	:	1.00% p.a.
Investment Manager	:	AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	:	Feeder Fund
Basis of Unit Valuation	:	Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	:	Daily

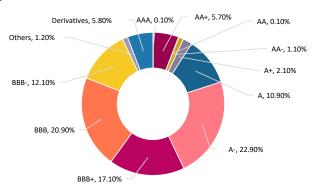
Underlying Fund Details

Name : AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund
Investment Manager : BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

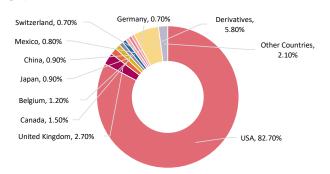
Top Holdings*

1	CBT US 5YR NOTE (CBT) Dec23	2.80%
2	CBT US 10yr Ultra Fut Dec23	2.30%
3	eBay Inc 3.45% 01/08/2024	1.60%
4	CBT US LONG BOND (CBT) Dec23	1.50%
5	Equinix Inc 2.625% 18/11/2024	1.50%

Rating Allocation*

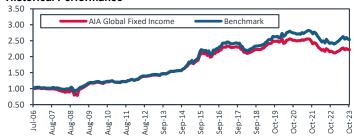


Geographical Allocation*



^{*}Underlying fund data

Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-0.27%	0.40%	2.16%	-11.66%	-0.11%	121.88%
Benchmark*	-0.91%	-0.74%	3.64%	-7.94%	8.11%	152.28%
Excess	0.64%	1.14%	-1.48%	-3.72%	-8.22%	-30.40%
Underlying (^)	-1.84%	-5.45%	3.01%	N/A	N/A	-15.62%

- ~ 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.
- * Benchmark will be revised from 100% AIA Diversified Fixed Income Blended BBG/ Barclays/ JPM Benchmark to 100% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index, effective 1 October 2023. (Source: Bloomberg).
- A Fund underwent the restructuring exercise in the month of January 2022. Calculation of the Underlying Fund's since inception performance is based on the date the fund restructuring exercise was completed which is 31 January 2022. Meanwhile, calculation of the Fund's since inception performance is based on the Fund's inception date of 31 July 2006. Underlying fund performance is in USD Term

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

Manager's Comments

This Fund is subject to exchange rate fluctuations, mainly against the US dollar ("USD") and therefore, Malaysian ringgit ("MYR") movements against foreign currencies will affect the performance of the Fund. MYR weakened against USD by 1.45% in October 2023.

Market Review

Corporate spreads widened marginally in October 2023, responding to headlines that also drove negative performance in the equity market including rising interest rates, and geopolitical risk. The 10Y US Treasury ("UST") yield briefly hit 5% for the first time since 2007 driven by robust economic data, concerns over UST issuance and investors still adjusting to the higher-for-longer rate environment. In monetary policy, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") is widely expected to maintain its current policy rates at its November 2023 meeting. Despite the prevalence of strong data, including a 4.91% 3Q23 GDP print, Fed speakers over the month indicated a preference for a wait-and-see approach when it comes to further rate hikes. This stance was influenced by the rapid rise in back-end UST yields, which had the effect of tightening financial conditions.

Outside of economic news, investors faced negative headlines surrounding the conflict in Israel, extended Speaker bid in the House of Representatives, and the renewed possibility of a government shutdown in November 2023. Against this backdrop, the Bloomberg US Investment Grade Credit Index widened by 7 bps in October 2023 to 119 bps, resulting in a monthly excess return of -31 bps. Primary issuance for the month totalled at about USD102.5 billion including approximately USD78.8 billion in corporates and USD23.7 billion in non-corporates. As rates remain elevated, issuers continue to favour the front end of the curve. In respect to performance, the best performing sectors were Exploration & Production, Oil field services, Wirelines, Supranationals, and Automotive. The worst performing sectors were Gaming, Airlines, Life insurance, Transportation services, and Railroads. A+ rated bonds fared the best across the investment grade quality spectrum, while crossovers fared the worst.

Performance Review

The Underlying Fund returned -1.88%, underperforming the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Bond Index by 1 basis points ("bps") for the month of October 2023. The Underlying Fund's security selection strategy was the biggest detractor primarily driven by its exposure in Financials, particularly Banks. The underperformance was marginally offset by the duration and curve positioning. The Underlying Fund continues to remain short beta and long duration against the benchmark.