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## MONTHLY FUND PERFORMANCE UPDATE AIA ASIAN EQUITY FUND

### Investment Objective

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of shares issued by companies incorporated in Asia excluding Japan and Australia. It is suitable for very aggressive investors who are willing to take high risk in order to achieve higher potential returns.

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

### Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 0.29602
Fund Size (30 Jun 2023)	: RM 83.493 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Inception	: 31 July 2006
Offer Price at Inception	: RM 1.00
Fund Management Fee	: 1.50% p.a.
Investment Manager	: AIA Bhd.
Fund Type	: Feeder Fund
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily

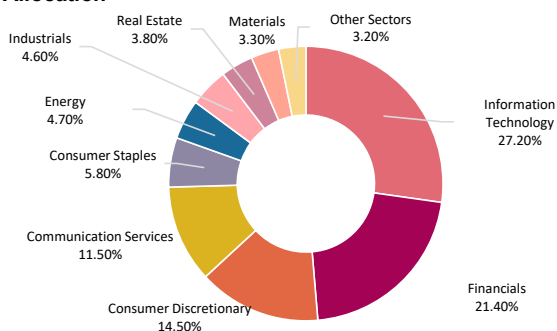
### Underlying Fund Details

Name	: AIA Asia Ex Japan Equity Fund
Investment Manager	: AIA Investment Management Private Ltd.

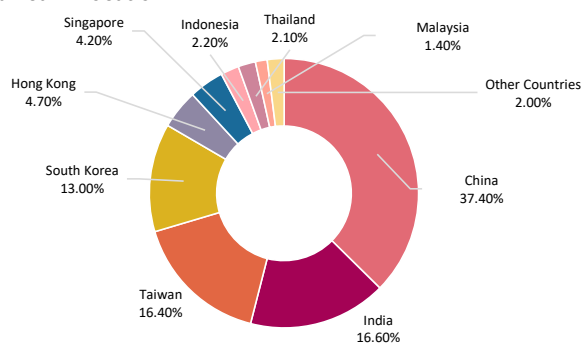
### Top Holdings\*

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd	10.20%
2	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	7.90%
3	Tencent Holdings Ltd	5.60%
4	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.60%
5	Reliance Industries Ltd	2.80%

### Sector Allocation\*

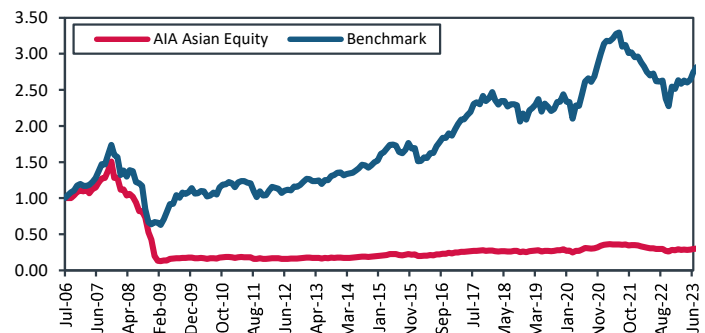


### Geographical Allocation\*



\*Underlying fund data

### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	3.32%	6.12%	-1.09%	2.92%	13.57%	-70.40%
Benchmark*	3.87%	9.17%	4.68%	12.73%	21.02%	174.46%
Excess	-0.55%	-3.05%	-5.77%	-9.81%	-7.45%	-244.86%
Underlying (^)	3.10%	1.53%	-5.10%	N/A	N/A	-19.67%

~ 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 AC Asia ex Japan DTR Net Index (Source: Bloomberg)

^ 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.

### Market Review

MSCI Asia ex-Japan rose 2.81% in June 2023 in USD terms on a total return basis, bringing returns to 3.19% on a Year-to-Date ("YTD") basis. Global equities had a stronger June 2023, with both S&P 500 and NASDAQ gaining more than 6%, boosted by cooling inflation, a potential shift in monetary policy and enthusiasm over the Artificial Intelligence Generative Content ("AIGC") thematic. India outperformed the region as foreign institutional investors ("FII") piled in. China also outperformed the broader region despite the volatility as investors were disappointed with the lack of follow-through for stimulus expectations. Conversely, Thailand lagged the region as uncertainty in Thai politics as well as two corporate fraud concerns dampened market sentiment.

### Market Outlook

MSCI Asia ex-Japan has lagged global equities on a YTD basis, with a 3.19% gain vs. MSCI World's 15.09% return, with the largest drag still coming from China. The disappointing performance of China equities stemmed from the weaker-than-expected reopening, policy instability, high youth unemployment, real estate concerns and lack of investor, business and consumer confidence. While the government has lately been seen to take steps in supporting the economy as well as the more recent support for the private sector, though it remains to be seen if this can instill back confidence and animal spirits. However, the Underlying Fund is cognizant that valuations for Chinese equity remains undemanding and will watch closely for earnings inflection points. In South Korea and Taiwan, the Underlying Fund remains constructive on Information Technology, with focus on key upstream players and memory makers benefitting from the rising AI thematic yet acknowledging there is froth emerging in certain segments. India's macro narrative improvement lends support to continued FII inflows. The Underlying Fund favors Financials as inflationary pressures pick up, and Energy on specific share price catalysts. In ASEAN, the Underlying Fund remains overweight in Indonesian banks against a positive macro backdrop, undemanding valuations, and broader ASEAN names well positioned on tourism recovery. Key risks remain geopolitical developments and the USD strength.