



Aug 2023

## 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 (31 Aug 2023)	: RM 0.29017
Fund Size (31 Aug 2023)	: RM 83.717 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

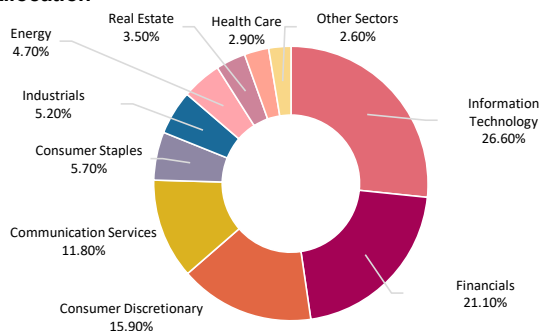
### Underlying Fund Details

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

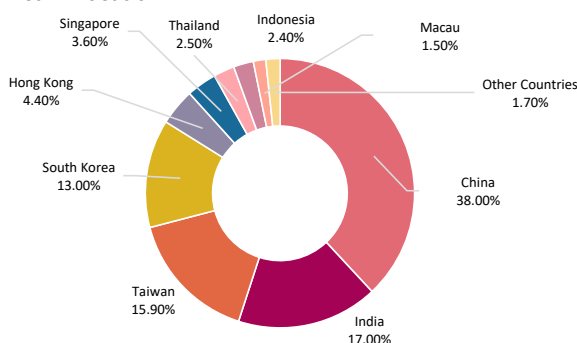
### Top Holdings\*

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	9.50%
2	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	7.30%
3	Tencent Holdings Ltd	5.90%
4	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	4.40%
5	Reliance Industries Ltd	2.70%

### Sector Allocation\*

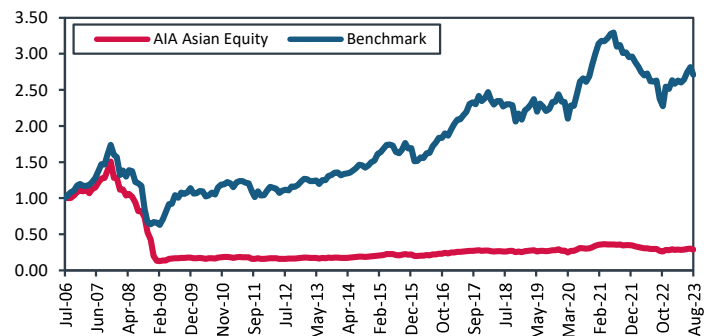


### Geographical Allocation\*



\*Underlying fund data

### Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	-3.12%	1.72%	-1.65%	-5.07%	7.66%	-70.98%
Benchmark*	-3.69%	4.93%	3.04%	1.91%	17.68%	170.99%
Excess	0.57%	-3.21%	-4.69%	-6.98%	-10.02%	-241.97%
Underlying (^)	-6.22%	-0.24%	-3.52%	N/A	N/A	-20.64%

~ 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 fell 6.39% (USD total returns) in August 2023, bringing year-to-date ("YTD") gains to 2.6%. Regional equities were pressured by lacklustre macroeconomic data coming out of China, along with lacklustre policy delivery, weaker Chinese yuan ("CNY"), and weak investor sentiment. The US Federal Reserve ("Fed")'s hawkish tone on inflation and interest rates also lowered risk appetite across the board. Conversely, Indonesian equities outperformed the region as the country's economic growth accelerated to 5.2% year-on-year ("YoY") in 2Q23 as household consumption and government spend held up. India also saw Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth accelerated to 7.8% YoY as the services sector and government capex remained robust. The Philippines ended the month as the region's worst performer as its economy grew at the slowest pace in almost a decade.

### Market Outlook

China has seen more concrete and supportive growth measures at the end of August 2023 especially targeting the property sector, though time and patience is required for actual demand to come back. There has also been more state support come through for private enterprises, but investors still need actual implementation and results to feel more confident. As such, the Underlying Fund remains marginally overweight China as valuation support remains, with focus on consumer and internet names where earnings visibility is relatively stronger. The Underlying Fund also prefer names in the policy supportive sectors such as high-end manufacturing and renewables. The Underlying Fund remains constructive on the technology leaders in Taiwan and South Korea, where supply discipline is evident while awaiting a pick-up in end demand. The Underlying Fund remained cautious on stocks that have been benefiting from the artificial intelligence thematic hype. The Underlying Fund has also closed meaningfully reduced the underweight in India as earnings growth remains robust, interest rates kept steady and inflation under control. Within ASEAN, the Underlying Fund is exposed to the banks where valuations are undemanding, and profitability supported by higher for longer rates. Asset quality remains benign with corporate balance sheets at healthy levels. Geopolitical developments remain a key risk for the region.