June 2025

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 June 2025)	:	RM 0.31632
Fund Size (30 June 2025)	:	RM 111.253 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

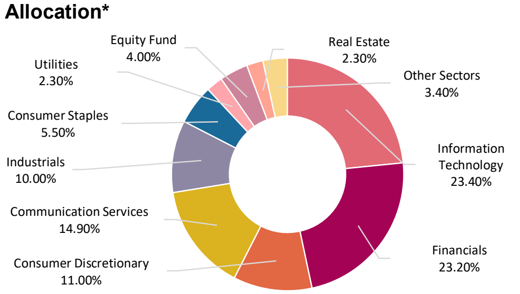
Underlying Fund Details

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

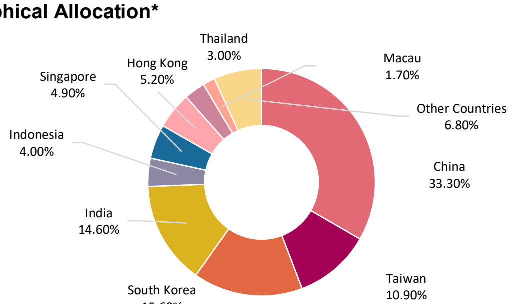
Top Holdings*

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	10.30%
2	Tencent Holdings Ltd	7.10%
3	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.50%
4	HDFC Bank Ltd	5.00%
5	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.00%

Sector Allocation*

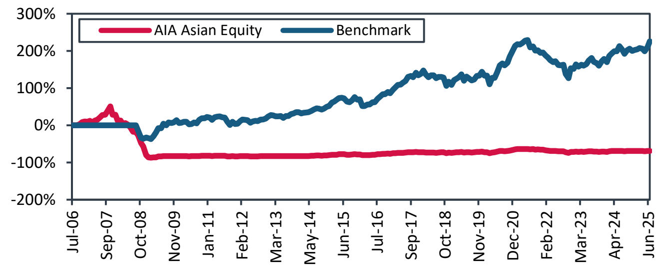


Geographical Allocation*



Underlying fund data

Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	2.82%	3.58%	-0.38%	5.69%	9.98%	-68.37%
Benchmark*	4.91%	7.82%	4.26%	24.53%	34.11%	226.51%
Excess	-2.09%	-4.25%	-4.64%	-18.84%	-24.12%	-294.87%
Underlying (^)	4.09%	11.18%	13.18%	16.77%	N/A	-1.12%

~ 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

Asian markets extended their rebound in June 2025, supported by resilient macroeconomic data and cautious optimism around global trade diplomacy. While the 90-day truce on reciprocal tariffs remained in place, progress in U.S.–China negotiations was incremental, and the lack of concrete outcomes kept investor sentiment in check.

The AIA Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund posted a return of 2.8% for the month, underperforming its benchmark, which gained 4.9%. Emerging market ("EM") equities, as measured by the MSCI EM Index, delivered positive returns in June 2025, outperforming developed markets ("DM"). This performance was underpinned by optimism surrounding progress in trade negotiations between the US and China, as well as a softer US dollar ("USD"), which tends to support EM assets. Despite escalating tensions in the Middle East, market reactions remained relatively subdued, allowing EM equities to maintain their upward momentum.

China's manufacturing sector showed signs of improvement as the official Purchasing Managers Index ("PMI") reading rose to 49.7 though remained in contractionary territory for the 3rd consecutive month. The increase was driven by gains in production and new orders, pointing to stronger industrial activity and demand. However, factory employment and inventory levels continued to decline. The non-manufacturing PMI reading, which includes services and construction, rose to 50.5 in June 2025, having been in expansionary territory since January 2023. While the services component dipped slightly, the construction sub-index climbed up due to continued momentum of infrastructure projects. China's headline CPI rate edged up to +0.1% Year-on-Year ("YoY") in June 2025 vs. -0.1% YoY in May 2025, as non-food goods prices picked up. Headline Purchasing Price Index ("PPI") declined to -3.6% YoY in June 2025 vs. -3.3% YoY in May 2025, due to deeper price declines in upstream sectors.

Among other individual markets, Korea emerged as the standout performer. After a prolonged period of political instability, investor sentiment improved significantly following Democrat Party candidate Lee Jae-myung's decisive victory in the presidential election. Taiwan also posted strong gains, continuing to benefit from renewed investor enthusiasm around artificial intelligence.

Market Outlook / Fund Positioning

While trade tensions between the US and China appeared to ease following a temporary trade deal reached in May 2025, global markets had already rebounded in June 2025, having largely priced in the rationalization of trade policy. However, ongoing policy uncertainty and market volatility continue to pose headwinds for global growth, which is also likely to be weighed down by a broader slowdown in global trade activity.

In China, authorities retain a range of policy tools to support the domestic economy and cushion the impact of trade tariffs. While further policy measures could help improve market performance, such actions are expected to remain incremental and reactive. In the near term, key risks for EM include the policy unpredictability of the Trump administration, evolving policy developments in China, and the outlook for demand in artificial intelligence. Geopolitical tensions—particularly those related to US-China trade relations and ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East—also warrant close monitoring.

On a more positive note, the trend of a weakening USD appears to be firmly in place. The US is grappling with large twin deficits, an overvalued currency, and heightened policy uncertainty, all of which have dampened investor appetite for dollar-denominated assets. This trend is a medium-term tailwind for EM, although it is already well recognized by markets. Meanwhile, headline EM valuations are now more aligned with their historical averages, and EM equities continue to trade at a discount to developed markets across most valuation metrics.