July 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 (31 July 2025)	:	RM 0.32828
Fund Size (31 July 2025)	:	RM 116.261 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

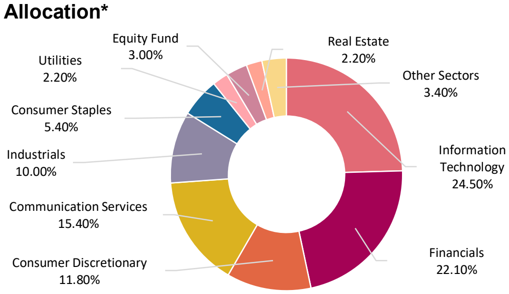
Underlying Fund Details

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

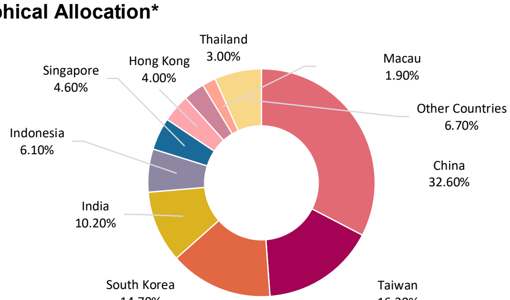
Top Holdings*

1	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	10.10%
2	Tencent Holdings Ltd	7.40%
3	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	7.10%
4	HDFC Bank Ltd	4.70%
5	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.10%

Sector Allocation*

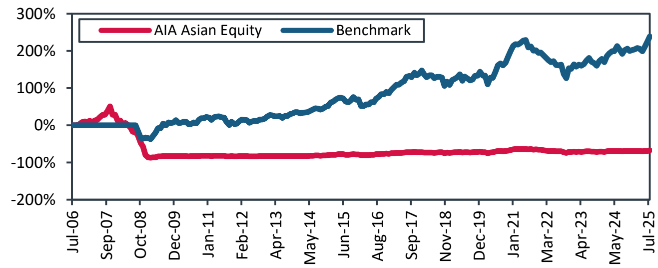


Geographical Allocation*



**Underlying fund data*

Historical Performance



Cumulative Performance	1-Mth	6-Mth	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund~	3.78%	7.42%	6.02%	10.64%	5.99%	-67.17%
Benchmark*	3.89%	11.53%	11.36%	29.70%	29.77%	239.20%
Excess	-0.11%	-4.11%	-5.34%	-19.05%	-23.78%	-306.37%
Underlying (^)	3.22%	14.01%	17.00%	12.75%	N/A	2.07%

~ 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

The AIA Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund posted a return of 3.7% for the month, underperforming its benchmark by 11 basis points, which gained 3.8%. Emerging market ("EM") equities, as measured by the MSCI EM Index, delivered positive returns in July 2025, outperforming developed markets ("DM"). This performance was underpinned by persistent optimism surrounding progress in trade negotiations between the US and China, as well as a softer US dollar ("USD"), which tends to positive for EM assets.

China's market rose in July 2025, outperforming other Asian markets and reaching year-to-date highs, driven by improved US-China trade relations, strong Q2 2025 Gross Domestic Production ("GDP") growth, government efforts to address involution, a revitalized Hong Kong IPO market, and increased foreign investor interest. Taiwanese equities also rebounded amid easing trade tensions and strong Artificial Intelligence ("AI")-driven sentiment.

China's latest economic data showed mixed signals in July 2025. The official manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index ("PMI") fell to 49.3, marking the fourth consecutive month of contraction. Sub-indices for new orders and employment declined, reflecting sluggish activity amid trade tensions. Meanwhile, the official non-manufacturing PMI edged down to 50.1, from 50.5 in June 2025, though remaining above the expansion threshold. While the services sub-index held steady at 50.0, construction activity slowed notably, reflecting ongoing stress in the property sector.

Market Outlook / Fund Positioning

While global markets showed resilience in July 2025, underlying uncertainty remains elevated. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its 2025 global growth forecast slightly higher to 3%, citing front-loaded activity ahead of tariff deadlines and improved financial conditions. However, the U.S. administration's sustained "tariff wall" and threats of new sector-specific levies continue to cloud the trade outlook. Although a temporary extension of the U.S.-China tariff truce has provided some relief, geopolitical tensions and policy unpredictability remain key downside risks for global growth.

In China, policymakers are maintaining a supportive but measured stance. The July 2025 Politburo meeting reaffirmed priorities of accelerating local government bond issuance to fund infrastructure, promoting consumption, and advancing structural reforms, while avoiding broad-based stimulus. Monetary policy remains accommodative, with room for targeted easing if conditions deteriorate. July 2025 data showed industrial output rising 6% and retail sales up 4%, but property sector weakness and uneven consumer demand persist, leaving authorities ready to act incrementally if external shocks intensify.

The U.S. dollar staged its first monthly gain of 2025 in July, rising 4% on the back of easing trade uncertainty. While July 2025's strength offers temporary relief, most analysts expect renewed weakness over the medium term, which remains a tailwind for EM assets. EM equities continue to trade at attractive valuations, with the MSCI EM index at 12x forward earnings. This is a meaningful discount to developed markets, providing scope for further rotation into the asset class ahead.