**August 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

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| Unit NAV (31 August 2025) | : | RM 0.33397 |
| Fund Size (31 August 2025) | : | RM 119.219 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

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

## Top Holdings*

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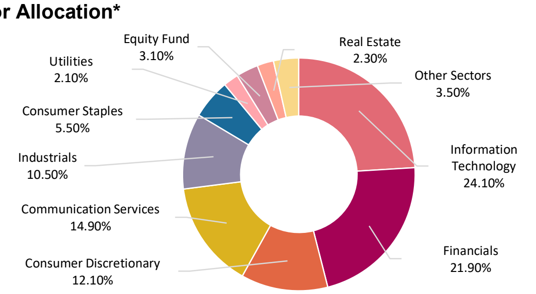
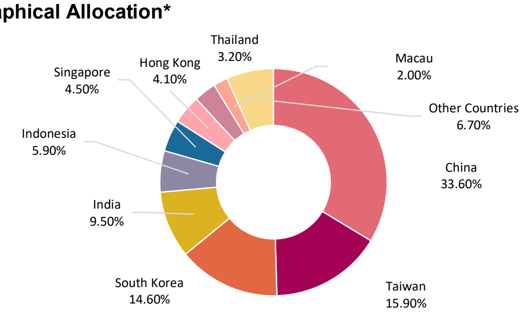
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd | 9.80% |
| 2 | Tencent Holdings Ltd | 8.00% |
| 3 | Samsung Electronics Co Ltd | 6.90% |
| 4 | HDFC Bank Ltd | 4.40% |
| 5 | Kasikornbank PCL | 3.20% |

## Sector Allocation*

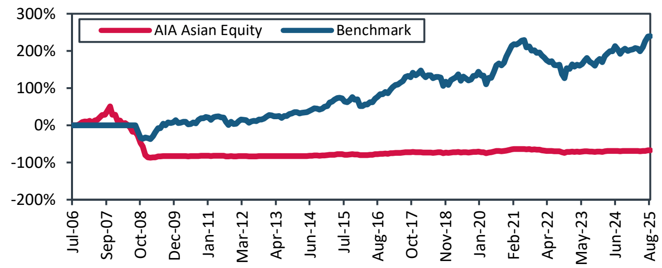



## Geographical Allocation*




**Underlying fund data*

## Historical Performance




| Cumulative Performance | 1-Mth | 6-Mth | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | Since Inception |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund~ | 1.73% | 8.15% | 13.02% | 13.19% | 9.26% | -66.60% |
| Benchmark* | 0.15% | 10.43% | 16.28% | 29.18% | 27.76% | 239.71% |
| Excess | 1.58% | -2.28% | -3.26% | -15.98% | -18.50% | -306.31% |
| Underlying (^) | 2.88% | 16.01% | 18.79% | 27.66% | N/A | 5.01% |

*~ 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

In Asia, the MSCI Asia-ex Japan Index gained 1.1% MoM in US Dollar ("USD") terms, driven by solid performances in China, where markets rallied on strong thematic tailwinds, retail margin trading activity, fund reallocations into equities and extended US-China tariff pause to November 2025. Sentiment was further lifted by Beijing's 'anti-involution' policy stance, which signaled a more supportive regulatory tone for private enterprise. Singapore outperformed on solid earnings results and government initiatives to boost the small and mid-cap segment, while India lagged under the weight of additional US tariffs lifting total duties to 50%. Taiwan and Korea were traded softer, with Taiwan dollar ("TWD") notably weaker against the USD and Korea experiencing governance reform-linked volatility

The AIA Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund posted a return of 173 basis points for the month, outperforming its benchmark by 158 basis points, which gained 15 basis points. Emerging market ("EM") equities, as measured by the MSCI EM Index ("USD"), delivered positive returns in August 2025. This performance was underpinned by persistent optimism surrounding progress in trade negotiations between the US and China, as well as a softer USD, which tends to positive for EM assets.

### Market Outlook / Fund Positioning

Global markets have responded positively to progress in US-China trade negotiations, though a final agreement remains elusive. The USD has weakened due to policy uncertainty and persistent twin deficits, which has generally benefited EM. A softer dollar supports EMs by easing inflation, enabling monetary easing, attracting capital, and reducing debt costs. However, this trend could reverse in the short term.

Global trade is expected to slow following a period of front-loaded shipments driven by tariff concerns. Nonetheless, sustained demand for AI-related capital expenditure into 2026 and broader policy stimulus in select regions may help cushion the impact. Execution and consistency of these policies will be crucial to maintaining momentum.

EM valuations are expected to remain attractive relative to developed markets ("DM"), supporting selective capital allocation. Latin America may continue to benefit from favorable macro trends, including currency stability and easing inflation, which could pave the way for further monetary policy easing. However, markets like India and Taiwan may face valuation headwinds, requiring stronger earnings delivery to justify current pricing. Investors are likely to remain cautious in Korea due to potential tax policy changes, while capital flows may remain sensitive to global rate expectations and geopolitical developments.

In China, policy direction is shifting toward structural reforms and supply-side improvements, suggesting a longer-term focus on sustainable growth. This could support sectors aligned with national priorities such as Artificial Intelligence ("AI"), electric vehicles, and healthcare. Taiwanese equities may continue to benefit from AI-related demand, though currency strength could challenge export competitiveness outside of tech. Going forward, market leadership is likely to remain narrow, but broader participation could emerge if macro conditions stabilize. Selectivity will be critical, with a focus on companies demonstrating pricing power, global competitiveness, and earnings visibility.