

July 2024

# **AIA PAM – Conservative Fund**

### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks to provide returns through income\* that is consistent with capital preservation\*\*.

\*Income will be reinvested in additional Units in the Fund

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund will invest at least 70% of its NAV in fixed income instruments and money market instruments, of which a minimum of 10% of the Fund's NAV will be invested in money market instruments. The remainder of the Fund's NAV will be invested in equities and collective investment schemes, of which a maximum of 20% of the Fund's NAV in collective investment schemes. The Fund will invest in local and foreign markets.

#### **Fund Details**

Unit NAV (31 July 2024) Fund Size (31 July 2024) Fund Currency Fund Launch Fund Inception Fund Management Charge Investment Manager

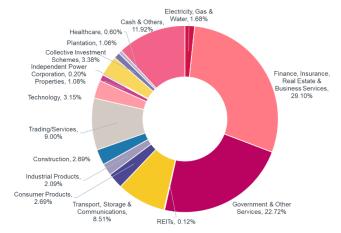
Basis of Unit Valuation Frequency of Unit Valuation Benchmark : RM 1.3008 : RM 73.2 million : Ringgit Malaysia : May 16, 2013 : June 05, 2013 : up to 1.50% p.a : AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. : Net Asset Value (NAV) : Daily

20% FBMT 100 Index + 10% Maybank Berhad overnight rate + 60% Quant Shop MGS All Bond Index + 10% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate TR Index Unhedged USD.

### **Top Five Holding**

1.	MGS 2/2020 2.632% 15.04.2031	3.59%
2.	CCB IMTN 3.920% 28.03.2025 (Tranche 2)	3.41%
3.	SISF GLOBAL CREDIT INCOME	3.38%
4.	GII MURABAHAH 2/2023 4.291% 14.08.2043	2.96%
5.	MGS 3/2018 4.642% 07.11.2033	2.93%

### **Sector Allocation**



### Risk

General investment risks involve market risk, fund manager risk, inflation risk and liquidity risk. Specific risks of the Fund involve credit/default risk, interest rate risk, particular security risk, country risk and currency risk.

### **Risk Management**

Investment Manager aims to reduce investment risks through structured and disciplined investment process, rigorous and disciplined credit research and analysis, portfolio diversification and strict and frequent stock evaluation to minimize company specific risk.

#### **Historical Performance**



%	1 Mth	1-Year	^5-Year	^10-Year	^Since Inception
Fund	1.23%	8.61%	20.66%	41.50%	46.54%
Index	1.25%	7.10%	15.78%	35.47%	38.97%
Excess	-0.02%	1.51%	4.88%	6.03%	7.57%

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg as at 31 July 2024.

^ Cumulative returns. The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis. Past performance is not an indicative of future performance.

#### **Market Review**

The Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve bull steepened in July 2024. Trading sentiment turned bullish as optimism built up for a dovish signal at July's US Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting following easing US inflation and labour market data. Expectations are now for the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") to cut the federal funds target rate in the upcoming September FOMC meeting. On the domestic front, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") kept the overnight policy rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00%. In its monetary policy statement, BNM highlighted that inflation will trend higher in 2H24 amid the recent rationalisation of diesel subsidies. Nevertheless, it added that inflation will remain manageable given the mitigation measures to minimise the cost impact on businesses. Growth outlook is expected to be driven by the ongoing global tech upcycle, tourist arrivals, sustained household spending as well as ongoing progress of multi-year projects and implementation of initiatives under the national master plans, among others.

Foreign flow for Ringgit bonds surged to MYR7.8 billion, the highest in a year (June 2024: -MYR 0.6 billion). Expectation of Fed easing strengthened the conviction of Ringgit, drawing large bond inflows.

Malaysia's headline inflation in June 2024 grew 2.0% (May 2024: +2.0% YoY), despite the rationalization of diesel subsidies started on 10 June. This brings 1H24 headline inflation reading to 1.8%. Meanwhile, core inflation was unchanged at 1.9%. Malaysia's industrial production for May 2024 grew 2.4% (April 2024: +6.1%). The manufacturing sector encouragingly grew 4.6% YoY (April 2024: +4.9%) while the electricity sector grew 4.2% (April 2024: +7.8%). However, this was partially offset by the mining sector which contracted 6.9% (April 2024: +10.0%) due to a double-digit decline in natural gas production and a drop in crude oil & condensate output.

The FBMKLCI ("Index") rose 2.23% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1625.57 pts in July 2024. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which declined by 3.22% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ('MYR') terms over the same period. Foreign investors reversed their positions from net selling in June 2024 to a net buy position in July 2024, recording a YTD cumulative net inflow of MYR500 million.

## Market Outlook

Recent US economic data releases are suggestive of a moderation in inflation. Although the labour market and services sectors remain resilient, recent data has pointed towards some softening in these sectors. In the latest US FOMC meeting, the federal fund target rate was maintained at the range of 5.25-5.50%, with Fed Chair Powell finally signalling that the first cut could come in September 2024. Domestically, Bank Negara Malaysia may keep its Overnight Policy Rate unchanged in the coming meetings as it observes the domestic inflation trend. These factors are supportive of the domestic bond market while the market observes developments on global central banks' monetary policy decisions, geopolitical risks, and the US presidential elections. We are cautiously optimistic on the equity and fixed income market in the near term.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Fund is neither capital guaranteed, nor capital protected



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