



## AIA PAM – Dynamic Asia Ex-Japan Fund

### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide income and capital growth over the Medium to Long Term with investments predominantly in the Asia Ex-Japan market.

### Investment Strategy

The Fund will invest between 20% and 80% of its NAV in equities, including collective investment schemes and between 20% and 80% of its NAV in local fixed income instruments, money market instruments and/or deposits with financial institutions.

The Fund will invest in local and foreign markets.

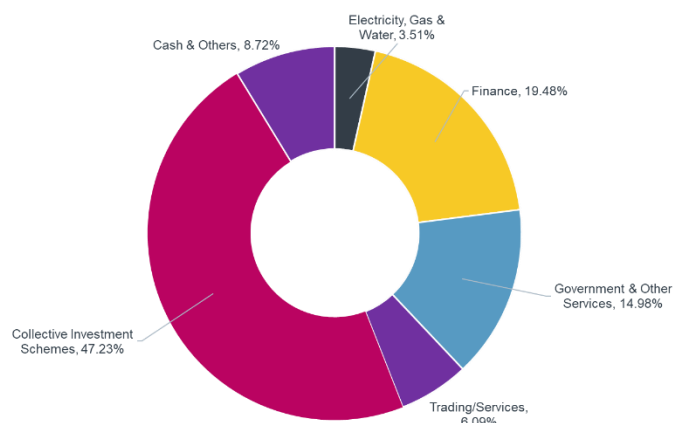
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (30 September 2024)	: RM 1.0230
Fund Size (30 September 2024)	: RM 20.2 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Launch	: September 26, 2023
Fund Inception	: October 17, 2023
Fund Management Charge	: up to 1.80% p.a
Investment Manager	: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value (NAV)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily
Benchmark	: 50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index + 50% Quant Shop MGS All Bond Index

### Top Five Holding

1.	INVESCO ASIAN EQUITY FUND	17.47%
2.	FIDELITY FUNDS – SUSTAINABLE ASIA EQUITY FUND	16.93%
3.	SCHRODER ISF ASIAN OPPORTUNITIES	12.83%
4.	CIMBI IMTN 4.13% 27.03.2034	4.50%
5.	CIMBI IMTN 4.310% 29.11.2030	3.53%

### Sector Allocation



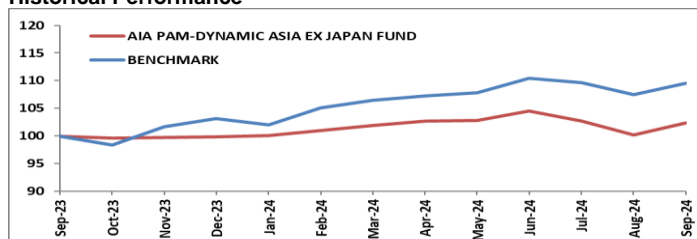
### Risk

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, currency risk and shariah status reclassification 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	2.11%	-	-	-	2.30%
Benchmark	1.94%	-	-	-	9.58%
Excess	0.17%	-	-	-	-7.28%

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg as at 30 September 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 shifted slightly lower in September 2024. The Federal Reserve's ("Fed") embarked on an easing cycle as the Fed opted to cut the Fed funds target rate by 50 bps to 4.75%-5.00%. The larger than expected rate cut was characterized by Fed Chair Powell as a recalibration to preserve the currently strong labour market from downside risks. On the domestic front, Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") kept the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00% at the Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting, which was widely expected. BNM highlighted that latest indicators point towards sustained strength in economic activity driven by resilient domestic expenditure and higher export activity.

Global market expanded in September, with S&P 500 and NASDAQ rose by 2% and 2.7% respectively. Large-cap stocks outperformed small-cap stocks in September, in line with historical precedents of Fed rate cut cycles and bolstered by steady economic data. China's stimulus package made it the standout performer of September, outperforming the global equity market for the month with the CSI 300 (+22% in USD terms) being the top performing market of 2024. Meanwhile, MSCI ASEAN was up 6.1% in September in USD terms.

The FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI ("Index") fell 1.8% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,648.91 in September 2024. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose 3.31% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net buyers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR509 million while local institutions were net sellers of MYR508 million during the month.

### Market Outlook

Recent US economic data releases are suggestive of a moderation in inflation and a softening in the labour market. As the Fed finally embarked on an easing cycle, the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") Chair Powell has signalled that the outsized move is a recalibration to preserve the currently strong labour market from downside risk and a commitment not to fall behind the curve. We maintain our view that market volatility would persist as the Fed and the market would remain reactive to data releases and developments in key geopolitical events, central banks' monetary policy decisions and the upcoming US presidential elections. Domestically, BNM 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 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.



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