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# 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**

: RM 1.0217 Unit NAV (30 November 2024) : RM 19.5 million Fund Size (30 November 2024) **Fund Currency** : Ringgit Malaysia Fund Launch September 26, 2023 Fund Inception October 17, 2023 Fund Management Charge : up to 1.80% p.a

: AIA Pension and Asset Management Investment Manager Sdn. Bhd.

Basis of Unit Valuation : Net Asset Value (NAV)

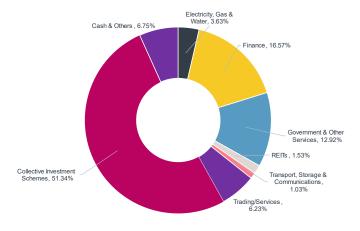
Frequency of Unit Valuation : Daily

: 50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index + **Benchmark** 50% Quant Shop MGS All Bond Index

#### **Top Five Holding**

| 1. | INVESCO ASIAN EQUITY FUND         | 19.06% |
|----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 2. | FIDELITY FUNDS – SUSTAINABLE ASIA | 18.58% |
|    | EQUITY FUND                       |        |
| 3. | SCHRODER ISF ASIAN OPPORTUNITIES  | 13.69% |
| 4. | CIMBI IMTN 4.13% 27.03.2034       | 4.65%  |
| 5. | PASB IMTN 4.140% 07.02.2034       | 3.63%  |

## **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 | Inception |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Fund      | -0.56% | 2.49%  |         | -        | 2.17%     |
| Benchmark | -0.42% | 7.63%  | -       | -        | 9.44%     |
| Excess    | -0.14% | -5.14% | -       | -        | -7.27%    |

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Blod., Bloomberg as of 30 November 2024 ^ Cumulative returns. The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis. Past performance is not an indicative of future performance.

#### **Market Review**

Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yields moved lower in November 2024, paring some losses from the previous month as risk sentiment improved after the passing of key events, namely the US Presidential Elections and rate decisions by the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") and Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM"). The MGS market initially weakened, tracking higher US Treasury ("UST") yields in reaction to Donald Trump's victory on expectations of the implementation of inflationary policies and potentially shallower rate cut path by the Fed. However, yields eventually ended lower for the month as risk sentiment improved after the Fed cut rates by 25 bps. On the local side, BNM kept the overnight policy rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00% with a neutral tone as expected, which saw minimal reaction from the market. The domestic market was also boosted by month-end rebalancing inflows as foreign buying further supported the MGS market.

Global market expanded in November, with Dow Jones and S&P 500 rose by 5.7% and 7.5% respectively, post Trump presidential election victory as expectations for de-regulation boosted US financials and the energy sector, while the industrials sector was seen as one of the main beneficiaries from tax cuts and trade policy. However, share prices in China (CSI300 +0.7%) and Hong Kong (HSI -4.4%) experienced pressure due to concerns about a future trade conflict and the assessment that the previously announced government support measures are not yet sufficient to overcome the domestic real estate and confidence crisis.

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell 0.5% Month-on-Month (MoM) to close at 1,594.29 points in November 2024. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which declined 3.4% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ('MYR') terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR3.1 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR3.3 billion during the month.

### **Market Outlook**

Although recent US economic data releases have surprised on the upside. the trend for a moderation in inflation and a softening in the labour market remains intact. As the Fed finally embarked on an easing cycle, 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 as well as implications from Trump presidency. 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 and geopolitical risks. We are cautiously optimistic on the equity and fixed income market in the near term.



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