

December 2024

# 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 (31 December 2024) : RM 1.0209 Fund Size (31 December 2024) : RM 19.9 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

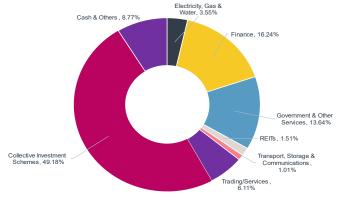
50% MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index + Benchmark

50% Quant Shop MGS All Bond Index

#### Top Five Holding

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1.	INVESCO ASIAN EQUITY FUND	18.61%				
2.	FIDELITY FUNDS – SUSTAINABLE ASIA	17.02%				
	EQUITY FUND					
3.	SCHRODER ISF ASIAN OPPORTUNITIES	13.55%				
4.	CIMBI IMTN 4.13% 27.03.2034	4.56%				
5.	PASB IMTN 4.140% 07.02.2034	3.55%				

# Sector Allocation



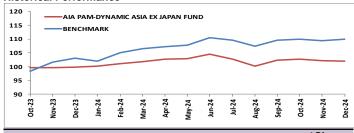
## Risk

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	-0.08%	2.21%		-	2.09%
Benchmark	0.50%	6.63%	-	-	9.98%
Excess	-0.58%	-4.42%	-	-	-7.89%

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Blod., Bloomberg as of 31 December 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") yield curve bear flattened in the last month of the year as the 3-month KLIBOR climbed 11 basis points ("bps") higher to 3.73% due to year end seasonality effects. As broadly expected, the US Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") voted to cut the federal funds target range by 25 bps to 4.25% to 4.50%. US Federal Reserve ("Fed") Chairman Jerome Powell's speech leaned towards a hawkish tilt and said that the policy is now entering a new phase where the committee will move more cautiously. The FOMC's summary of economic projections has projected the median 2025 dot plot of only two cuts instead of the four cuts expected in the previous projections in September.

Global market was down in December, with S&P 500 fell by 2.50% MoM, bringing its 2024 return to 23.31%, while The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 5.27% for the month but closed higher by 12.88% for 2024. Share prices in China (CSI300 +1.4%) and Hong Kong (HSI +3.4%) remain supported MoM as reports said China planned to sell CNY 3 trillion (USD 411 billion) of special treasury bonds in 2025 to support its slowing economy. Both markets ended the year up 13.4% and 18.3% respectively YoY, coming from a low base.

The FBMKLCI ("Index") surged 3.0% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 1,642.33 points in December 2024. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose by 0.7% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ('MYR') terms over the same period. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to RM2.9 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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