



## AIA PAM – Global Islamic Growth Fund

### Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide returns through capital growth by investing in Shariah-compliant securities predominantly in the global markets

### Investment Strategy

The Fund will invest at least 60% to 90% of its NAV in Shariah-compliant equities including Islamic collective investment schemes. The Fund will also invest at least 10% of its NAV in Sukuk, Islamic deposit and/or Islamic money market instruments.

The Fund will invest in local and foreign markets.

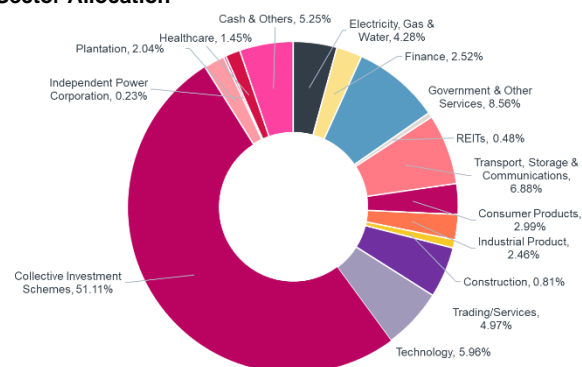
### Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 May 2023)	: RM 0.4943
Fund Size (31 May 2023)	: RM 57.1 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Launch	: February 23, 2021
Fund Inception	: March 16, 2021
Fund Management Charge	: up to 1.50% 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	: Target return of 6% per annum

### Top Five Holding

1.	ISHARES MSCI EM ISLAMIC	19.98%
2.	TEMPLETON SHARIAH GLOBAL EQUITY FUND	17.05%
3.	ISHARES MSCI WORLD ISLAMIC	11.00%
4.	SUSTAINABILITY GII 3/2022 4.662% 31.3.2038	3.78%
5.	ISHARES MSCI USA ISLAMIC	3.09%

### Sector Allocation



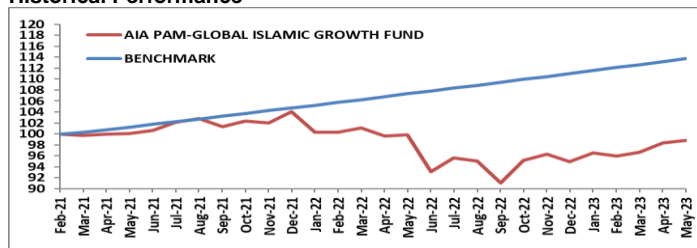
### Risk

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	^3-Year	^5-Year	^Since Inception
Fund	0.51%	-1.02%	-	-	-1.14%
Index	0.49%	6.00%	-	-	13.75%
Excess	0.02%	-7.02%	-	-	-14.89%

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg at 31 May 2023.

^ Cumulative returns. The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis.

### Market Review

Government Investment Issues ("GII") traded with mixed sentiment in May 2023. Sentiment at the start of the month was supported by lower yields in the US after a slew of data releases towards the end of April 2023 which missed expectations. However, the sentiment quickly deteriorated throughout the month, as hawkish statements from Federal Reserve Open Market Committee ("FOMC") members and concerns on the US debt ceiling extension talks led to sharp rises in US Treasury yields and a stronger US Dollar ("USD"). MGS yields tracked and moved higher in response, but losses were capped by buying interest from local investors towards the end of the month due to attractive valuations and optimism on the eventual resolution of the debt ceiling extension.

Global market was volatile in May due to the US debt ceiling impasse. S&P500 was flat, MSCI Europe declined by 2.4% and MSCI Japan rose by 4.5% respectively MTD in local currency terms. MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index fell 2.65% in USD terms in May 2023. Taiwan ROC and Korea KOSPI were among the best performing markets while China and Hong Kong PRC lagged.

The FBMS ("Index") fell by 1.21% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 10,606.51 pts on 31 May 2023. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index, which rose 1.25% MoM in Malaysia Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR0.73 billion in May 2023 while local institutions remained net buyers with MYR0.71 billion.

### Market Outlook

Recent US economic data releases are suggestive of a softening in economic activities and a moderation in inflation, though labour market conditions remain stubbornly strong. Although the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") continues to reiterate the need to maintain tighter monetary policy, the financial sector instability in the US may impede the Fed from further rate hikes. Locally, with still resilient domestic growth outlook and upside risk to inflation, BNM may keep the door opened for further rate increases. For 2023, we expect rates volatility to linger due to uncertainties surrounding central banks' future monetary policy moves on the back of differing and changing views as market conditions evolve. We are cautiously optimistic on the equity and fixed income market in the near term. We continue to favour corporate bonds for yield pickup.



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