



AIA PAM – Islamic Moderate Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide returns through a combination of income* and capital growth from a portfolio that is consistent with Shariah principles.

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

Investment Strategy

The Fund will invest in a Shariah-compliant portfolio comprising equities with potential for growth and equities that are trading below their fair value. The Fund will also invest at least 40% of its NAV in Sukuk and Islamic money market instruments with a minimum credit rating of "BBB3" or "P2" by RAM or equivalent rating by MARC.

The Fund will only invest locally.

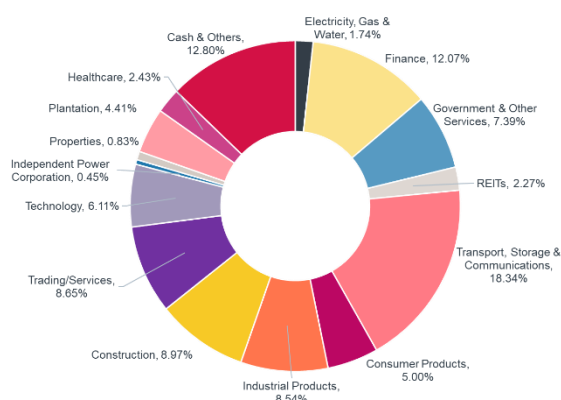
Fund Details

Unit NAV (31 December 2022)	: RM 1.2009
Fund Size (31 December 2022)	: RM 128.6 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Launch	: May 16, 2013
Fund Inception	: June 05, 2013
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	: 50% FBM EMAS Shariah Index + 50% Quant Shop GII All Index

Top Five Holding

1.	DANAINFRA 4.850% 16.08.2052	4.68%
2.	EKVE SDN BHD 5.25% 29.01.26	3.99%
3.	BGSM MANAGEMENT 5.6% 27.12.23	3.32%
4.	SPETCHEM IMTN 5.50% 27.07.2037	3.31%
5.	TELEKOM MALAYSIA BHD	2.94%

Sector Allocation



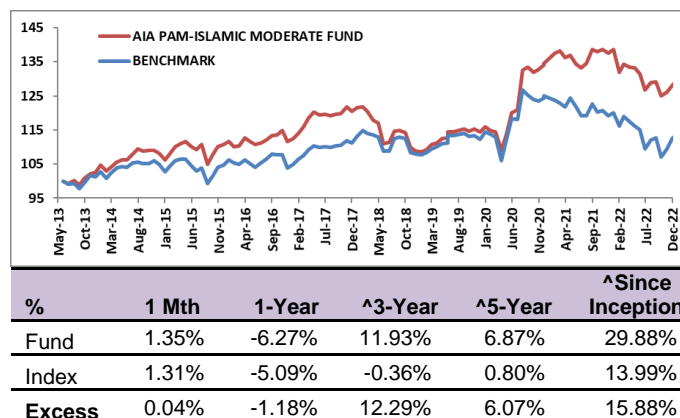
Risk

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 and reclassification of shariah status 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



Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg at 31 December 2022.

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

Market Review

Government Investment Issues ("GII") yield curve steepened in December 2022 amid seasonally thin year-end liquidity. The market has generally shrugged off the 50bps hike in the federal funds target rate during December's Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") meeting and the hawkish tilt in US Federal Reserve ("Fed") Chair Jerome Powell's messaging in the post-meeting press conference and focused instead on a potential Fed pivot on the back of recessionary fears and November's weaker-than-expected US Consumer Price Index ("CPI") report.

Foreign outflows narrowed to MYR0.9 billion in December 2022 (November 2022: -MYR1.0 billion), bringing the cumulative foreign outflow to MYR9.8 billion for year 2022 (2021: +MYR33.6 billion). Foreign holdings in MGS and Government Investment Issue ("GII") increased slightly to 43.1% in December 2022 (November 2022: 42.9%).

The FBMS ("Index") rallied 1.44% Month-on-Month ("MoM") to close at 10,938.55 pts on 30 December 2022. The Index outperformed the MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index, which fell 1.27% MoM in Malaysia Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR1.4 billion in December 2022, which local institutions stayed net buyers with MYR1.6 billion. During the month, sector wise, Plantation (+5.9%), Transportation & Logistics (+5.8%) and Health Care (+4.9%) where the key performers while Property (-5.0%), Financial Services (-2.0%) and Telecommunications & Media (-1.4%) were the key detractors.

Market Outlook

We are cautiously optimistic on the equity market in the near term. We are of the view that we have already seen the peak of Fed's hawkishness and equities valuation has been partially adjusted downwards accordingly. Investors are now watching the macro data closely to gauge the extend of the recession in the US from the aggressive rate hikes. On the other hand, China has signalled towards a gradual reopening of its economy which will mitigate the impact of the US recession. Domestically, corporate earnings is expected to improve in 2023 with by the expiry of the one-off prosperity tax. Downside risks to the market could stem from a prolonged deep US recession, worsening geopolitical tension, domestic politics and policy direction.



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