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# 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 October 2024) : RM 1.2724 Fund Size (31 October 2024) : RM 134.1 million : Ringgit Malaysia **Fund Currency** Fund Launch : May 16, 2013 **Fund Inception** : June 05, 2013 Fund Management Charge : up to 1.50% p.a

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

Basis of Unit Valuation : Net Asset Value (NAV) Frequency of Unit Valuation : Daily

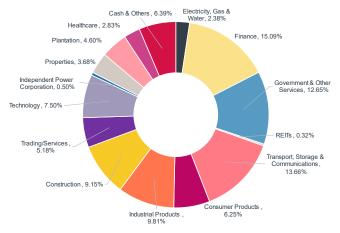
: 50% FBM EMAS Shariah Index + 50% Benchmark

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| 1  | GII MURABAHAH 6/2019 4.119% 30.11.2034 | 3.40% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | SPETCHEM IMTN 5.50% 27.07.2037         | 3.39% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | TELEKOM MALAYSIA BHD                   | 2.90% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | GAMUDA BHD                             | 2.53% |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | JOHORCORP IMTN 4.720% 11.06.2027       | 2.43% |  |  |  |  |  |

### Sector Allocation



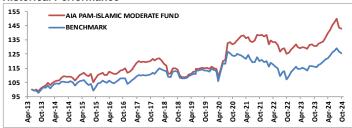
# Risk

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**



| %         | 1 Mth  | 1-Year | ^5-Year | ^10-Year | Inception |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Fund      | -0.57% | 9.57%  | 24.11%  | 31.00%   | 42.97%    |
| Benchmark | -1.13% | 8.48%  | 10.73%  | 18.27%   | 25.41%    |
| Excess    | 0.56%  | 1.08%  | 13.39%  | 12.73%   | 17.55%    |

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg as of 31 October 2024. Cumulative returns. The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis. Past performance is not an indicative of future performance.

### **Market Review**

The Government Investment Issues ("GII") yields surged in October 2024, tracking the move in US treasury ("UST") yields. Stronger-than-expected US economics and labour market data, as well as hawkish comments from US Federal Reserve ("Fed") chairman Jerome Powell at the start of the month led to some repricing of Fed rate cut expectations. The market then shifted focus from US economic data to the increasing odds of not just a Trump presidency, but also a Republican sweep of the Congress in the upcoming US election. This led to another round of sell-off in UST on concerns of higher fiscal deficit and reduced scope of US rate cuts going forward due to the likelihood of inflationary pressures from the imposition of tariffs and reduction in taxes, among others.

Fixed income foreign flows registered a net inflow of MYR1.0 billion in September 2024 (August 2024: MYR9.0 billion), bringing YTD net foreign inflows to MYR18.7 billion.

Malaysia's September headline inflation moderated to 1.8% YoY (August 2024: +1.9% YoY), tempered by cheaper transportation, personal items, alcoholic beverages & tobacco products, information & communication equipment, and household equipment amid stable food prices. Malaysia's Industrial Production for August 2024 grew 4.1% YoY (July 2024: +5.3% YoY). The moderation was driven by a growth slowdown in the manufacturing sector to 6.5% YoY (July 2024: +7.7%) and electricity sector to 4.1% YoY (July 2024: +7.0%). The output of the mining sector declined by 6.4% YoY in August 2024 (July 2024: -5.0%) on the back of a decrease in natural gas and crude oil & condensate productions.

The FBMS ("Index") fell 1.49% Month-on-Month (MoM) to close at 12,062.16 in October 2024. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which rose 1.40% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ('MYR') terms over the same period. Foreign investors turned net sellers of Malaysian equities amounting to MYR1.8 billion while local institutions turned net buyers amounting to MYR1.8 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, 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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