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# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report December 2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the month ending December 2024, the FBMKLCI closed higher to 1,642.33 points (3.0% MoM and +12.9% YTD) supported by certain sectors such as construction, utilities and banking. The average daily trading value on Bursa fell 5.6% MoM (+7.1% YoY) to RM2.5bil during the month. Meanwhile, the average daily trading volume fell 0.4% MoM (-18.8% YoY) to 2.9bil units.

Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”) yields were traded slightly higher across the curve, in line with the increasing US Treasury yields. Brent crude oil prices also inched higher to USD74.64/barrel as at end-Dec’24 (Nov’24: USD72.94/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit continued to weaken to RM4.4718/USD in Dec’24 (Nov’24: RM4.4460/USD), reflecting the market expectation of slower pace in slashing interest rates in the US for 2025.

On the local economic data, inflation moved lower to +1.8% YoY in Nov’24 (Oct’24: +1.9% YoY), thanks to the reduction in Transport cost and Information & Communication cost.

For the equity market, as we look ahead to 2025, the global economy has shown impressive resilience, and this trend is expected to continue. The IMF projects global growth to reach 3.2% in 2025. Locally, the outlook for equity market remains positive supported by domestic demand, coming from tourism, data centers and the continuation of the government’s policy initiatives. This will boost the corporate earnings moving forward. Globally, we view that Trump administration may steer the global economic direction. While ASEAN may not be a primary focus or direct target, Malaysia could still attract some attention due to its role as a beneficiary of trade diversion.

Meanwhile for fixed income, in Malaysia, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2025, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Israel-Hamas war and Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.

Based on the table below, on monthly basis, MCIS Life AsiaPac Fund, MCIS Life Global Yakin Fund, MCIS Life Income Fund and MCIS Life Titan Fund had outperformed their respective benchmarks.

Policyholders are encouraged to focus on regular premiums given the current risk and volatile period of the economic and market condition. Risk-averse investors should focus on income funds due to its less volatile as compared to equity-related funds.

Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

	MCIS Life AsiaPac Fund		MCIS Life Balanced Fund		MCIS Life Dividend Fund		MCIS Life Equity Fund		MCIS Life Global Yakin Fund		MCIS Life Income Fund		MCIS Life Jati Fund		MCIS Life Titan Fund	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	-0.32%	-0.82%	1.21%	1.63%	2.33%	3.01%	2.27%	3.01%	-3.01%	-3.40%	0.32%	0.25%	3.02%	4.62%	4.51%	0.95%
3 Months (%)	1.66%	-7.71%	0.18%	0.09%	0.12%	-0.40%	0.15%	-0.40%	0.60%	-4.98%	0.59%	0.55%	-0.51%	2.82%	12.99%	4.36%
6 Months (%)	2.03%	0.30%	3.07%	2.81%	4.92%	3.29%	5.42%	3.29%	-7.63%	-1.95%	1.61%	2.26%	1.07%	0.30%	4.35%	8.26%
12 Months (%)	8.13%	3.74%	7.45%	8.57%	11.27%	12.90%	12.60%	12.90%	0.45%	3.01%	4.44%	4.26%	7.66%	14.58%	27.38%	32.71%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

MCIS Life AsiaPac Fund  
Monthly Report (December 2024)

Investment Objective

To achieve a steady income stream with potential growth in the Asia Pacific Region over the medium to long term. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the S&P Ethical Pan Asia Select Dividend Opportunities Index over periods of five or more years.

Investment Strategy

To invest in Principal S&P Asia Pacific Ethical Dividend Exchange Traded Fund (ETF), managed by Principal Asset Management (S) Pte Ltd where the ETF is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

The ETF focuses on the top 40 ethical and high-yielding stocks in the Asia Pacific Region excluding India, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand, and the Philippines. The fund provides country diversification across the industry that is traded in US Dollars.

Risks

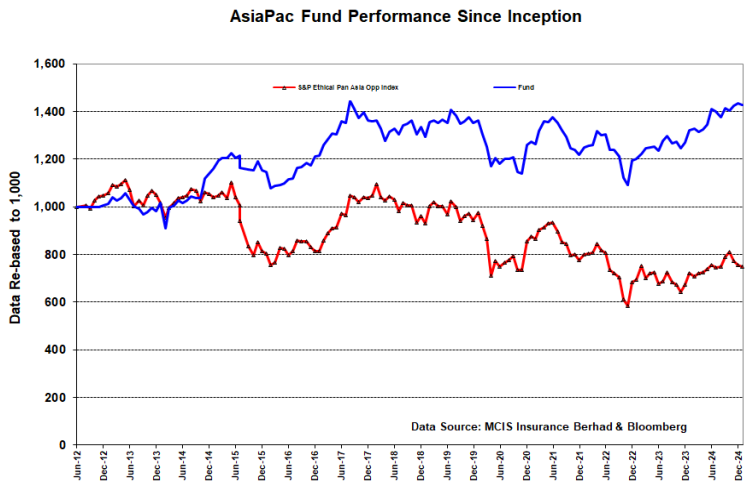
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying security with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis and adjusted to be commensurate with the Investment Team’s view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The target market is for investors who are seeking regional exposure from investment and at the same time, seeking medium to long-term capital appreciation with moderate market risk.

Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 50bps MoM (month-on-month), mainly due to the strengthening of the US dollar. The fund also has outperformed the benchmark since its inception.



Top Ten Holdings

Principal S&P Asia Pacific Ethical Dividend Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM0.7141
Fund Size	RM100.58 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
ETF	80%	100%	89%
Cash	0%	20%	11%

Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.32%	-0.82%
3 months (%)	1.66%	-7.71%
6 months (%)	2.03%	0.30%
12 months (%)	8.13%	3.74%
2 years (% pa)	9.03%	3.93%
3 years (% pa)	4.59%	-2.21%
5 years (% pa)	0.96%	-5.17%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.89%	-2.29%

Notice: Past performance is not indicative of future performance, and the performance of the Fund is not guaranteed.

The Fund returns are calculated by MCIS Life and based on the value of the NAV and for periods greater than 12-months are annualised numbers. Actual returns of the Fund are on a net basis (gross of tax and net of fees) and based on the performance of the Fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums/ contributions paid for the product.

\* Index is S&P Ethical Pan Asia Select Dividend Opportunities sourced from Bloomberg.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.

# MCIS Life Balanced Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The objective of the Balanced Fund is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long term, through exposure across a range of asset classes. The Fund aims to outperform the performance benchmark over periods of three or more years.

### Investment Strategy

To invest in Malaysian equities and fixed income securities, including government bonds and corporate debt securities. The asset allocation is reviewed on a regular basis and is adjusted commensurate with our view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

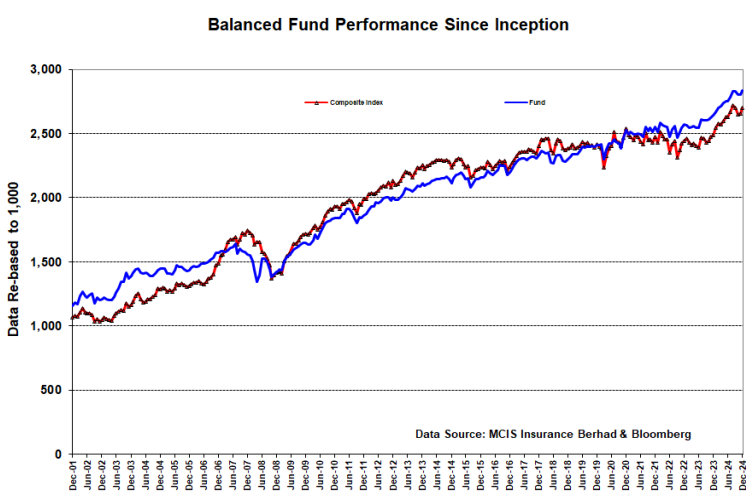
### Risks

The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income, and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economic development, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets. Additionally, levels of interest rates, and credit downgrades of defaults can affect the value of fixed income securities.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund underperformed the benchmark by 42bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.



### Top Ten Holdings

- CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity)
- Malayan Banking Berhad (Equity)
- Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Equity)
- Edotco Malaysia Sdn Berhad (Bond)
- Public Bank Berhad (Equity)
- Cello Capital Berhad (Bond)
- Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd (Bond)
- Edra Solar Sdn Bhd (Bond)
- Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd (Bond)
- Point Zone (M) Sdn Berhad (Bond)

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM1.4185
Fund Size	RM13.35 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	49%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	45%
Cash	0%	20%	6%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.21%	1.63%
3 months (%)	0.18%	0.09%
6 months (%)	3.07%	2.81%
12 months (%)	7.45%	8.57%
2 years (% pa)	5.10%	5.20%
3 years (% pa)	3.58%	2.91%
5 years (% pa)	3.33%	2.27%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.59%	4.36%

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\* The benchmark index is a composite of 50% FBMKLCI Index and 50% of Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index (Since June '16). Prior to that, the index used was HSBC Malaysia All Bond Index for the fixed income portion. Benchmark return is calculated on re-based basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.

# MCIS Life Dividend Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

To achieve a steady income stream with potential for capital growth over the medium to long term by focusing mostly on high dividend-yielding stocks and money market instruments. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the FBMKLCI Index over periods of five or more years.

### Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on undervalued stocks relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

### Risks

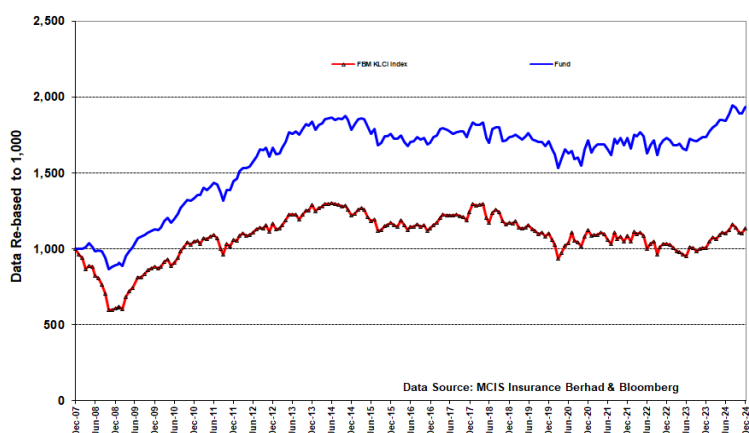
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 68bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception



### Top Ten Holdings

CIMB Bank Berhad  
Malayan Banking Berhad  
Tenaga Nasional Berhad  
Public Bank Berhad  
Petronas Gas Berhad  
SD Guthrie Bhd  
Maxis Berhad  
Telekom Malaysia Berhad  
CelcomDigi Berhad  
IOI Corporation Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM0.9182
Fund Size	RM31.83 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	97%
Cash	0%	20%	3%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.33%	3.01%
3 months (%)	0.12%	-0.40%
6 months (%)	4.92%	3.29%
12 months (%)	11.27%	12.90%
2 years (% pa)	5.71%	4.79%
3 years (% pa)	3.81%	1.57%
5 years (% pa)	2.47%	0.67%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.95%	0.76%
Yield #	4.16%	3.99%

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# Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS Life.

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# MCIS Life Equity Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The objective of the Equity Fund is to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term by focusing on high-quality equities listed on the FBMKLCI Index. The aim of the Equity Fund is to outperform the Index over periods of five or more years.

### Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on the stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving long-term growth in capital value.

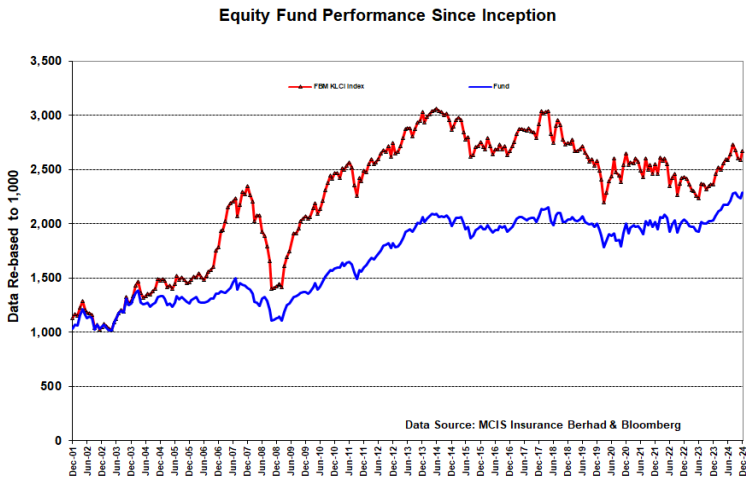
### Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 74bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.



### Top Ten Holdings

- CIMB Bank Berhad
- Malayan Banking Berhad
- Public Bank Berhad
- Tenaga Nasional Berhad
- IHH Healthcare Berhad
- Telekom Malaysia Berhad
- SD Guthrie Bhd
- IOI Corporation Berhad
- AMMB Holdings Berhad
- Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM1.1442
Fund Size	RM16.24 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	96%
Cash	0%	20%	4%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.27%	3.01%
3 months (%)	0.15%	-0.40%
6 months (%)	5.42%	3.29%
12 months (%)	12.60%	12.90%
2 years (% pa)	5.92%	4.79%
3 years (% pa)	4.29%	1.57%
5 years (% pa)	2.68%	0.67%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.62%	4.31%
Yield #	3.81%	3.99%

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# Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS Life.

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# MCIS Life Global Yakin Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The fund aims for capital appreciation in the long term by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities of companies with good growth potential. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

### Investment Strategy

The Fund is to feed into abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (“AIWEF”) (formerly known as Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund) which is managed by abrdn Islamic Malaysia Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Aberdeen Standard Investments (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd). The Fund invests in shariah approved securities across the globe.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities of companies with good growth potential. The countries that the Fund will invest in will include, but not be limited to Canada, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Brazil, and Mexico.

### Risks

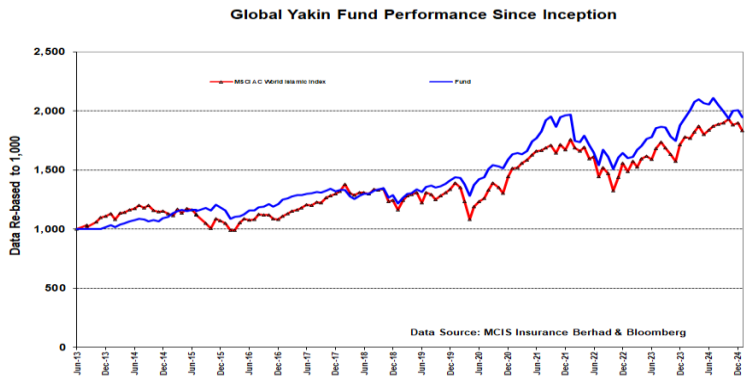
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The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The Fund is suitable for investors who seek capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon and who are willing to accept a high level of risk.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund outperformed the benchmark by 39bps MoM (month-on-month) due to the outperformance of the underlying fund. The fund has outperformed the benchmark since its inception.



### Top Ten Holdings

abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM0.9743
Fund Size	RM135.77million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
AIWEF	80%	100%	94%
Cash	0%	20%	6%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-3.01%	-3.40%
3 months (%)	0.60%	-4.98%
6 months (%)	-7.63%	-1.95%
12 months (%)	0.45%	3.01%
2 years (% pa)	10.23%	11.02%
3 years (% pa)	-0.33%	1.44%
5 years (% pa)	6.24%	7.16%
Since Inception (% pa)	5.97%	5.42%

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\* Index is MSCI AC World Islamic sourced from Bloomberg.

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# MCIS Life Income Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The objective of the Income Fund is to provide investors with the security of income by investing in a mix of fixed income and fixed deposit securities. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index.

### Investment Strategy

To invest in underlying asset classes as per the Asset Allocation Ranges. The asset allocation is reviewed on a regular basis and is adjusted commensurate with our view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class. The Fund invests in cash and fixed income securities including government bonds and corporate debt securities.

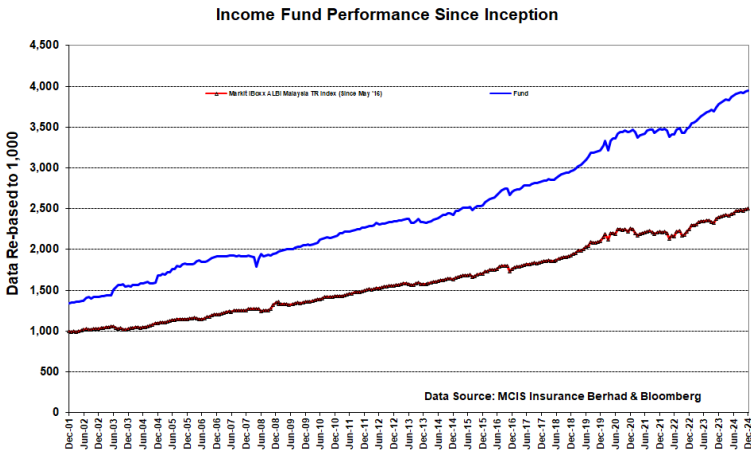
### Risks

The Fund is considered lower risk given the exposure to cash and fixed income securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets. Additionally, levels of interest rates, and credit downgrades or defaults can affect the value of fixed income securities.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 7bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was due to underperforming of fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



### Top Ten Holdings

- WM Senibong Capital Berhad
- Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd
- Leader Energy Sdn Berhad
- Edra Solar Sdn Bhd
- Cello Capital Berhad
- Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd
- BGSM Management Sdn Bhd
- UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad
- Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd
- Johor Corporation

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM1.9747
Fund Size	RM55.51 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	91%
Cash	0%	25%	9%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.32%	0.25%
3 months (%)	0.59%	0.55%
6 months (%)	1.61%	2.26%
12 months (%)	4.44%	4.26%
2 years (% pa)	6.26%	5.44%
3 years (% pa)	4.34%	4.01%
5 years (% pa)	4.18%	3.55%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.09%	4.02%

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\* The benchmark index is Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index (Since June '16). Prior to that, the index used was HSBC Malaysia All Bond Index. Benchmark return is calculated on re-based basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

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# MCIS Life Jati Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The Jati Fund is invested in accordance with Shariah principles in Shariah sanctioned equities, money market instruments, and fixed income investments. The aim is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long term. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

### Investment Strategy

To invest in a broad selection of Shariah approved securities listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, it looks to buy stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

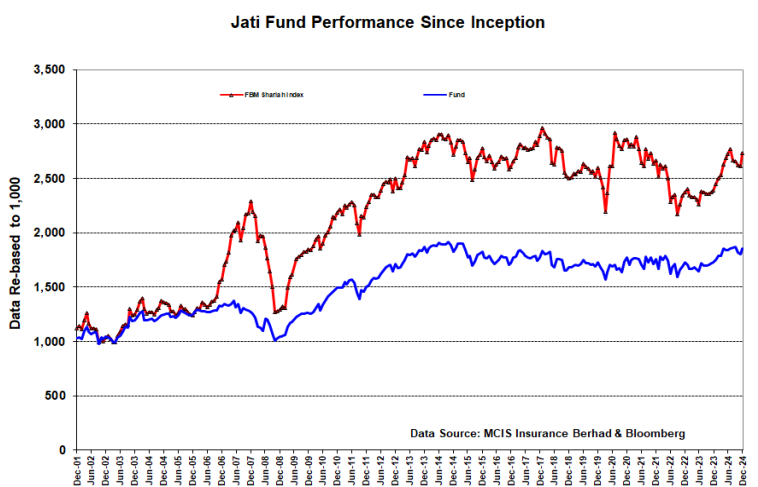
### Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 160bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.



### Top Ten Holdings

- Tenaga Nasional Berhad
- Telekom Malaysia Berhad
- SD Guthrie Bhd
- IHH Healthcare Berhad
- Petronas Gas Berhad
- Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd
- Maxis Berhad
- Sime Darby Berhad
- IOI Corporation Berhad
- CelcomDigi Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM0.9288
Fund Size	RM19.73 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	3.02%	4.62%
3 months (%)	-0.51%	2.82%
6 months (%)	1.07%	0.30%
12 months (%)	7.66%	14.58%
2 years (% pa)	3.68%	7.29%
3 years (% pa)	1.89%	0.88%
5 years (% pa)	1.48%	1.05%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.70%	4.42%
Yield #	3.23%	2.93%

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\* Index is FBMS Index sourced from Bloomberg.  
# Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS Life.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net as set value.

# MCIS Life Titan Fund

## Monthly Report (December 2024)

### Investment Objective

The Fund invests in Eq8 Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 ETF ("EQ8US50") (formerly known as MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50) which aims to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Dow Jones Islamic Market U.S. Titans 50 Index. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

### Investment Strategy

EQ8US50 is managed by Eq8 Capital Sdn Bhd (formerly known as i-VCAP Management Sdn Bhd) and it invests in 50 largest Shariah-compliant companies listed in the U.S. EQ8US50 is a passively managed fund.

### Risks

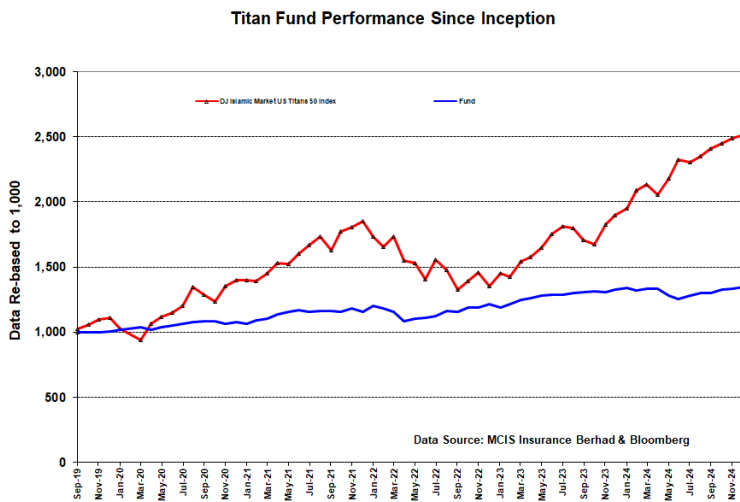
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying security with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis and adjusted to be commensurate with the Investment Team's view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The Fund is suitable for investors who are seeking diversification and investment opportunities in Shariah-compliant equities in the U.S. market and seeking liquid financial instruments with an index tracking feature.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended December 2024, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 356bps MoM (month-on-month).



### Top Ten Holdings

Eq8 Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 ETF ("EQ8US50")  
(formerly known as MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50)

### Fund Information

NAV (31.12.24)	RM1.0656
Fund Size	RM132.0 million
Inception Date	17-Sept-2019
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	<a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
EQ8US50	80%	100%	93%
Cash	0%	20%	7%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	4.51%	0.95%
3 months (%)	12.99%	4.36%
6 months (%)	4.35%	8.26%
12 months (%)	27.38%	32.71%
2 years (% pa)	30.31%	36.27%
3 years (% pa)	12.08%	10.70%
5 years (% pa)	16.38%	18.06%
Since Inception (% pa)	15.24%	18.87%

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# Equity Market Review and Outlook

## Market Review

For the month ending December 2024, the FBMKLCI closed higher to 1,642.33 points (3.0% MoM and +12.9% YTD) supported by certain sectors such as construction, utilities and banking. The average daily trading value on Bursa fell 5.6% MoM (+7.1% YoY) to RM2.5bil during the month. Meanwhile, the average daily trading volume fell 0.4% MoM (-18.8% YoY) to 2.9bil units.

Local institutions stayed net buyers of Malaysian equities for the third consecutive month, with net buy flows rising 19.6% mom to RM4.0bil in Dec 24, taking up the net sell flows of foreign investors and local retail investors. This marked the 11th consecutive month where local institution net flows were the opposite of foreign investor net flows. Meanwhile, local retail investors stayed net sellers, with net sell flow of RM797.9mil in Dec 24 more than triple the net sell flow of RM219.0mil in Nov 24. Foreign investors stayed net sellers of Malaysian equities in Dec 24 for the third consecutive month, with net sell flows falling 6.8% MoM to RM2.9bil.

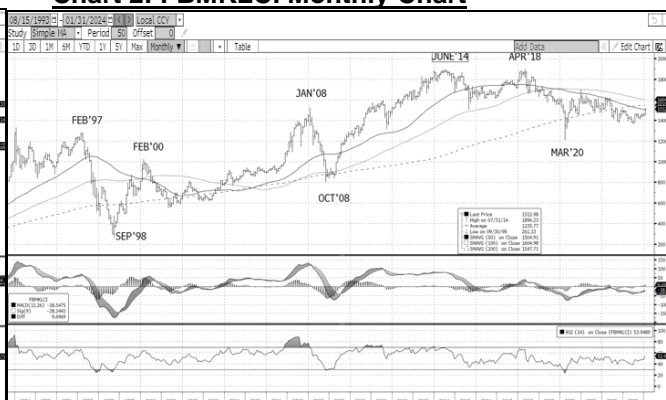
Meanwhile, global equity markets delivered a mixed performance amid a backdrop of economic resilience, central bank actions, and geopolitical developments. Major indices in developed markets, including the S&P 500 and MSCI Europe, posted moderate gains, supported by strong earnings in technology and healthcare sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Index closed lower on monthly basis by 5.3% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed lower by 2.5% MoM. Meanwhile, European equity markets were relatively flat, as central banks across Europe maintained cautious stances, with the ECB signalling a pause in rate hikes, which bolstered investor confidence. MSCI Europe Index closed relatively flat to close lower by 0.5% MoM. In Asia Pacific ex-Japan, the performances were relatively positive with the MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed higher by 1.8% MoM during the month.

**Chart 1: FBMKLCI Weekly Chart**



Source: MCIS/Bloomberg

**Chart 2: FBMKLCI Monthly Chart**



Source: MCIS/Bloomberg

## Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI Index's performance was mixed in January, with an average of -0.2% and +1.2% for MoM returns over the past 10 years and 45 years, respectively. We expect the market to be supported by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.49x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.86x) and 15.2x PER compared to the 13-year historical average of PER (17.0x).

Technically, the KLCI has rallied in the final days of 2024, thanks to the window dressing activities. MACD and RSI were showing bullish signals. This signalled strong sentiment heading into 2025. For the long term, the outlook remains positive as long as the local benchmark index stays above most of its MAs. Moving forward, we expect the index will potentially extend the bullish momentum to the psychological level of 1,700 towards the end of 2025.

As we look ahead to 2025, the global economy has shown impressive resilience, and this trend is expected to continue. The IMF projects global growth to reach 3.2% in 2025. Locally, the outlook for equity market remains positive supported by domestic demand, coming from tourism, data centers and the continuation of the government's policy initiatives. This will boost the corporate earnings moving forward. Globally, we view that Trump administration may steer the global economic direction. While ASEAN may not be a primary focus or direct target, Malaysia could still attract some attention due to its role as a beneficiary of trade diversion.

# Fixed Income Review and Outlook

## Market Review

Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”) yields were traded slightly higher across the curve, in line with the increasing US Treasury yields. Brent crude oil prices also inched higher to USD74.64/barrel as at end-Dec’24 (Nov’24: USD72.94/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit continued to weaken to RM4.4718/USD in Dec’24 (Nov’24: RM4.4460/USD), reflecting the market expectation of slower pace in slashing interest rates in the US for 2025.

On the local economic data, inflation moved lower to +1.8% YoY in Nov’24 (Oct’24: +1.9% YoY), thanks to the reduction in Transport cost (Nov’24: +0.4% YoY; Oct’24: +0.7% YoY) and Information & Communication cost (Nov’24: -3.9% YoY; Oct’24: -1.7% YoY). Food and Beverage cost on the other hand continued to creep higher to +2.6% YoY in Nov’24 (Oct’24: +2.3% YoY), mainly due to the monsoon season. Malaysia Exports continued to expand, coming in at +4.1% YoY in Nov’24 (Oct’24: +1.6% YoY), driven by the front-loading activities on the potential US tariff hikes in the coming Jan’25. Manufacturing Exports and Agriculture Exports grew by +5.2% YoY and +13.4% YoY respectively in Nov’24 while Mining Exports continued to show weakness (Nov’24: -17.3% YoY). Import growth eased further to +1.6% YoY (Oct’24: +2.7% YoY), dragged by the sharp decline in Capital Goods Imports and Re-Export Imports. All in all, the trade surplus expanded to +MYR15.3 billion in Nov’24 (Oct’24: +MYR11.9 billion).

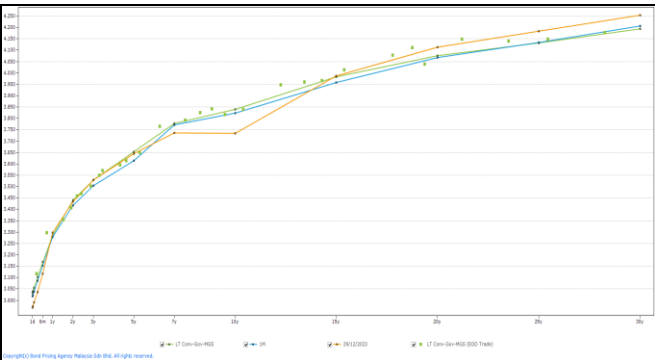
BNM international reserve remained largely unchanged at USD118.1 billion as at mid-Dec’24 (mid-Nov’24: USD118.0 billion). The reserve is sufficient to finance 4.6 months of retained imports and is 0.9 time of short-term external debts.

The auctions unveiled in Dec’24 is as follow;

Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
10-yr Reopening of MGS 07/34 3.828%	9/12/2024	2,000.00	2.02	3.78

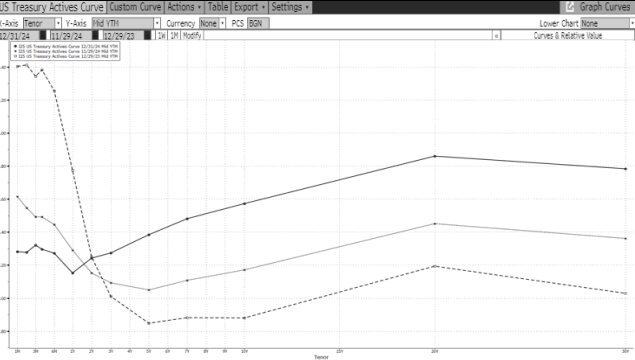
Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

Chart 1: MGS Yield Curve



Source: BPAM

Chart 2: US Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg

Despite another 25bps rate cut by the US Federal Reserve in December 2024, US 10-year Treasury yield spiked higher to 4.57% as at end-Dec’24 (end-Nov’24: 4.17%), reflecting the market expectation of fewer rate cuts and stubbornly high inflation in 2025.

## Market Outlook & Strategy

In Malaysia, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2025, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Israel-Hamas war and Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.