

# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report May 2023

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

FBMKLCI Index weakened by -2.0% MoM in the month of May 2023 and closed to 1,387.12 points. The decline was in-line with the weak global performances. Foreign investors exited Malaysian equities for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive month in May 2023, at MYR728.3mil, brought their cumulative net sell for 2023 YTD to MYR2.84bil. Domestic institutions bought MYR709.1mil (YTD MYR2.70bil) and retail investors also bought MYR19.1mil in May (YTD MYR148mil).

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields rose in the shorter-end of curve, taking cue from the 25bps OPR hike by BNM in the month. Brent crude oil prices were lowered to USD72.66/barrel due to the slower demand and weaker China recovery expectation. Meanwhile, ringgit weakened further against the dollar to MYR4.6130/USD.

On the local economic data, 1Q'23 GDP came in moderated to +5.6% YoY (4Q'22 +7.1% YoY). Inflation continued to moderate to +3.3% YoY in Apr'23. Malaysia exports and imports widened the contraction in Apr'23 to -17.4% YoY and -11.1% YoY respectively.

For equity market, we expect global economy to slow into the year 2023, after showing strong recovery in 2022. US Federal Reserve will continue to raise its fund rate in the 1H2023 to fight against inflation. Locally, post OPR rate hike to 3.00% in May 2023, we would expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged for the remaining of 2023. The OPR rate hike will be negatively impact to the local equity market for short term period. However, for longer term, we expect there will be recovery in the 2H2023 when the inflation started to inch lower. Historical analysis is suggesting that lower interest rates due to lower inflation will be positive for the equity market.

Meanwhile for fixed income, after a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2H2023, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension and the fluctuation in crude oil prices 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 table below, on monthly basis, most funds managed to outperformed the benchmarks, except for Jati Fund.

Policyholders are encouraged to focus into regular premium given the current risk and volatile period of the economic and market condition. Risk adverse investors should focus into income fund due to its less volatile as compared to equity related funds.

# Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

	Asiap	ac Fund	Balan	ced Fund	Divide	nd Fund	Equi	y Fund	Global \	akin Fund	Incor	ne Fund	Jati	Fund	Titan	Fund
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	-1.31%	-6.43%	-0.54%	-0.87%	-1.91%	-2.04%	-1.86%	-2.04%	1.15%	-1.70%	0.79%	0.29%	-1.40%	-1.21%	8.35%	4.78%
3 Months (%)	-0.72%	-3.34%	-0.19%	-1.24%	-1.49%	-4.61%	-2.43%	-4.61%	6.50%	4.02%	2.27%	2.21%	-0.62%	-1.77%	11.44%	15.90%
6 Months (%)	3.38%	-0.59%	-0.01%	-0.83%	-3.23%	-6.83%	-4.20%	-6.83%	8.24%	2.00%	4.49%	5.48%	-1.99%	-1.64%	17.11%	12.87%
12 Months (%)	-5.16%	-16.05%	-0.35%	-2.24%	-4.64%	-11.65%	-5.95%	-11.65%	7.88%	-1.59%	6.40%	7.82%	-4.68%	-7.85%	5.23%	7.67%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **Investment Objective**

To achieve steady income stream with potential growth in the Asia Pacific Region over 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 Berhad where the ETF is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

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

#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities 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 to be reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

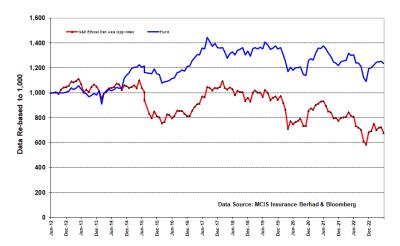
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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

# **Fund Performance**

For the month ended May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 512bps MoM (month-on-month). The fund had outperformed the benchmark since inception.

AsiaPac Fund Performance Since Inception



# **Top Ten Holdings**

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

# **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM0.6181 Fund Size RM77.68 million 15-July-2012 Inception Date 0.85% p.a. Fund Management

Fee

Pricing Daily

Price Quote Major Newspaper, or

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**Fund Manager** 

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-1.31%	-6.43%
3 months (%)	-0.72%	-3.34%
6 months (%)	3.38%	-0.59%
12 months (%)	-5.16%	-16.05%
2 years (% pa)	-5.26%	-14.75%
3 years (% pa)	1.57%	-3.20%
5 years (% pa)	-1.44%	-8.02%
Since Inception (% pa)	1.96%	-3.49%

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

# Balanced Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **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**

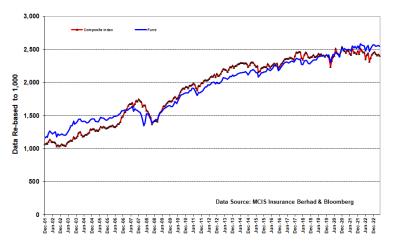
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economy development, social and political factors, 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 May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 33bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

# **Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception**



## **Top Ten Holdings**

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

# **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM1.2717

Fund Size RM12.14 million

Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 1.25% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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# **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	42%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	47%
Cash	0%	20%	11%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.54%	-0.87%
3 months (%)	-0.19%	-1.24%
6 months (%)	-0.01%	-0.83%
12 months (%)	-0.35%	-2.24%
2 years (% pa)	0.91%	-1.48%
3 years (% pa)	1.61%	0.23%
5 years (% pa)	2.24%	0.23%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.40%	4.12%

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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.

# Dividend Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **Investment Objective**

To achieve steady income stream with potential for capital growth over 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**

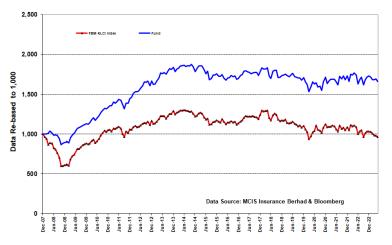
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 13bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

#### **Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception**



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Malayan Banking Berhad Public Bank Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad Maxis Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad CelcomDigi Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Petronas Dagangan Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM0.7878 Fund Size RM28.19 million Inception Date 21-Jan-08

Fund Management

1.5% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager

MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

Exceptional Circumstances

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**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 (%)	-1.91%	-2.04%
3 months (%)	-1.49%	-4.61%
6 months (%)	-3.23%	-6.83%
12 months (%)	-4.64%	-11.65%
2 years (% pa)	-0.88%	-6.41%
3 years (% pa)	0.10%	-1.99%
5 years (% pa)	-0.85%	-4.44%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.34%	-0.26%
Yield #	3.60%	4.43%

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<sup>\*</sup> Index is FBMKLCI sourced from Bloomberg.

<sup>#</sup> Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS Life.

# Equity Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **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**

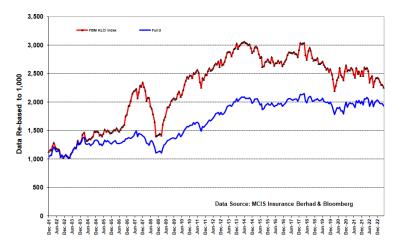
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 18bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

# **Equity Fund Performance Since Inception**



# **Top Ten Holdings**

Malayan Banking Berhad
Public Bank Berhad
CIMB Bank Berhad
Tenaga Nasional Berhad
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad
IOI Corporation Berhad
CelcomDigi Berhad
Sime Darby Plantation Berhad
IHH Healthcare Berhad
Telekom Malaysia Berhad

## **Fund Information**

 NAV (31.05.23)
 RM0.9662

 Fund Size
 RM13.17 million

Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 1.40% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

Exceptional Circumstances

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Asset Allocation Ranges

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-1.86%	-2.04%
3 months (%)	-2.43%	-4.61%
6 months (%)	-4.20%	-6.83%
12 months (%)	-5.95%	-11.65%
2 years (% pa)	-1.22%	-6.41%
3 years (% pa)	0.54%	-1.99%
5 years (% pa)	-0.93%	-4.44%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.09%	3.82%
Yield #	4.13%	4.43%

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# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **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 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 limited to Canada, United States of America, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Brazil and Mexico.

#### **Risks**

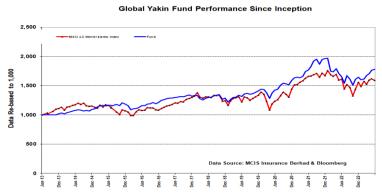
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team 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 seek capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon and who are willing to accept high level of risk.

#### **Fund Performance**

For the month ended May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 285bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly due to outperforming of the underlying securities compared to the benchmark index.



# **Top Ten Holdings**

abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM0.8910

Fund Size RM117.69 million

Inception Date 8-July-2013 Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
AIWEF	80%	100%	91%
Cash	0%	20%	9%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.15%	-1.70%
3 months (%)	6.50%	4.02%
6 months (%)	8.24%	2.00%
12 months (%)	7.88%	-1.59%
2 years (% pa)	0.43%	-2.21%
3 years (% pa)	7.77%	8.80%
5 years (% pa)	6.50%	4.96%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.00%	4.78%

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<sup>\*</sup> Index is MSCI AC World Islamic sourced from Bloomberg.

# Income Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Income Fund is to provide investors with 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 into 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.

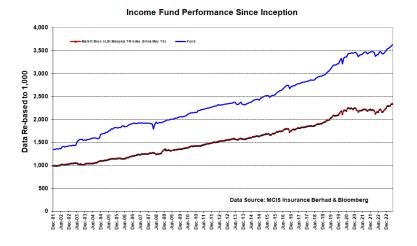
#### **Risks**

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, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and 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 May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 50bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was due to outperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



## **Top Ten Holdings**

Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd Leader Energy Sdn Berhad Cello Capital Berhad Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd Edra Solar Sdn Bhd Sabah Development Bank Berhad Swirl Assets Berhad UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad SAJ Capital Sdn Bhd

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM1.8170 Fund Size RM50.48 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management 0.5% p.a.

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	88%
Cash	0%	25%	12%

# **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.79%	0.29%
3 months (%)	2.27%	2.21%
6 months (%)	4.49%	5.48%
12 months (%)	6.40%	7.82%
2 years (% pa)	3.22%	3.28%
3 years (% pa)	2.63%	2.10%
5 years (% pa)	4.94%	4.74%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.14%	4.01%

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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 rebased basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

# Jati Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **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**

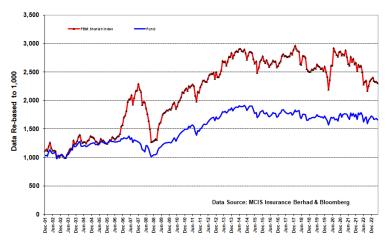
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 May 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 19bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

#### Jati Fund Performance Since Inception



# **Top Ten Holdings**

Telekom Malaysia Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Maxis Berhad Inari Amertron Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad MISC Berhad CelcomDigi Berhad Axiata Group Berhad

# **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM0.8298 Fund Size RM19.46 million

Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 1.35% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berh

Exceptional Circumstances

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-1.40%	-1.21%
3 months (%)	-0.62%	-1.77%
6 months (%)	-1.99%	-1.64%
12 months (%)	-4.68%	-7.85%
2 years (% pa)	-2.83%	-8.87%
3 years (% pa)	-0.87%	-4.10%
5 years (% pa)	-0.58%	-2.72%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.37%	3.93%
Yield #	3.68%	3.83%

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# Titan Fund Monthly Report (May 2023)

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund invests in MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 ("MyETF-US50") 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**

MyETFDJ50 is managed by i-VCAP Management Sdn Bhd and it invests into 50 largest Shariah compliant companies listed in the U.S. MyETFDJ50 is a passively managed fund.

#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities 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 to be reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

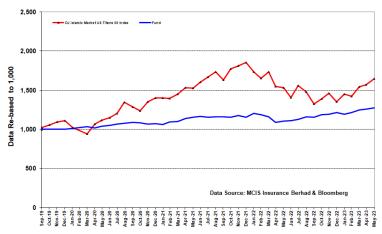
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The Fund is suitable for investors who are seeking for 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 May 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 357bps MoM (month-on-month).

# Titan Fund Performance Since Inception



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 (MyETF-US50)

## **Fund Information**

NAV (31.05.23) RM0.7469

Fund Size RM122.44 million Inception Date 17-Sept-2019 Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
MyETFDJ50	80%	100%	99%
Cash	0%	20%	1%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	8.35%	4.78%
3 months (%)	11.44%	15.90%
6 months (%)	17.11%	12.87%
12 months (%)	5.23%	7.67%
2 years (% pa)	7.44%	3.91%
3 years (% pa)	16.25%	13.77%
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
Since Inception (% pa)	11.30%	14.24%

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.

<sup>\*</sup> Index Dow Jones Islamic Market U.S. Titans 50 Index sourced from Bloomberg.

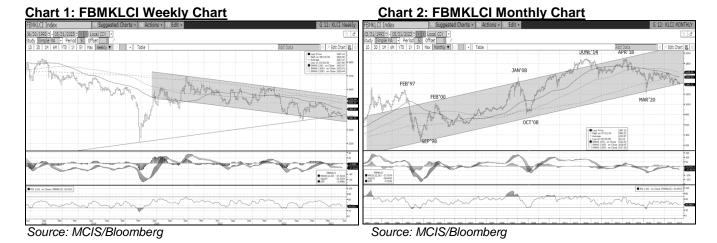
# **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

#### **Market Review**

FBMKLCI Index weakened by -2.0% MoM in the month of May 2023 and closed to 1,387.12 points. The decline was in-line with the weak global performances. Foreign investors exited Malaysian equities for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive month in May 2023, at MYR728.3mil (April: -MYR250mil). This brought their cumulative net sell for 2023 YTD to MYR2.84bil. Domestic institutions bought MYR709.1mil in May (April: +MYR213mil), lifting their net buy for the YTD to MYR2.70bil. Retail investors also bought MYR19.1mil in May (April: +RM37mil), bringing their net buy for the YTD to MYR148mil.

In terms of yield, dividend yield for FBMKLCI Index stood at 4.42%, better than the average Asian dividend yield of 3.28%. Meanwhile, on book value basis, the benchmark index is trading at 1.30x, below the -1 standard deviation (since 2009). The lowest book value over the last 25 years was seen at 0.7x which was recorded in the August 1998.

Meanwhile, global equity markets showed mixed performances with negative bias in the month of May. US equities struggled to make headway, in a month of highly varied sector returns. Dow Jones Industrial Index closed lower by -3.5% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed by marginal 0.2% MoM higher. Eurozone shares were weaker in May after a generally positive year so far. Bloomberg European 500 index closed -3.5% MoM. In Asia, the performances were mix with negative bias, dragged by weak performance of China equity markets, on weak economic data. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed -1.0% MoM during the month



## Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI index's performance tends to be mix in June, with average +0.2%/-1.1% MoM returns over the past 10 years/45 years. We expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.30x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.92x) and 14.9x PER compared to the 13-year historical average of PER (17.2x).

Technically, since the FBMKLCI failed to recover above its 50-day moving average (MA) in late February, the index has been gradually declining to indicate the return of bearish bias. The resistance level is anticipated at 1,440, followed by 1,460. Towards the downside, we expect the key support at 1,372, which is the lowest point in 2022. If the key support is taken out, we expect a deeper pullback towards the next support at the 1,300 psychological mark for the index.

We expect global economy to slow down into the year 2023, after showing strong recovery in 2022. US Federal Reserve will continue to raise its fund rate in the 1H2023 to fight against inflation. Locally, post OPR rate hike to 3.00% in May 2023, we would expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged for the remaining of 2023. The OPR rate hike will be negatively impact to the local equity market for short term period. However, for longer term, we expect there will be recovery in the 2H2023 when the inflation started to inch lower. Historical analysis is suggesting that lower interest rates due to lower inflation will be positive for the equity market.

## Fixed Income Review and Outlook

#### Market Review

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields rose in the shorter-end of curve, taking cue from the 25bps OPR hike by BNM in the month. Brent crude oil prices were lowered to USD72.66/barrel (end-Apr' 23: USD79.54/barrel) due to the slower demand and weaker China recovery expectation. Meanwhile, ringgit weakened further against the dollar to MYR4.6130/USD (end-Apr'23: MYR4.4622/USD).

On the local economic data, 1Q'23 GDP came in moderated to +5.6% YoY (4Q'22 +7.1% YoY). Inflation on the other hand continued to moderate to +3.3% YoY in Apr'23 (Mar'23: +3.4% YoY), in line with the slight easing in food and non-alcoholic beverages (FNAB) (Apr'23: +6.3% YoY; Mar'23: +6.9% YoY). Transport cost also remained steady attributable to the stabilization of global energy prices (Apr'23: +2.3% YoY; Mar'23: +2.4% YoY). Malaysia exports and imports widened the contraction in Apr'23 to -17.4% YoY and -11.1% YoY respectively (Mar'23: -1.4% and -1.8% respectively). The contraction in exports was attributable to the slump in all major components, including manufacturing exports, agriculture exports and mining exports. Imports deteriorated due to the sharp decline in intermediate goods and slight contraction in consumption goods. In summary, trade surplus tightened to +MYR12.8b as compared to +MYR26.7b a month earlier.

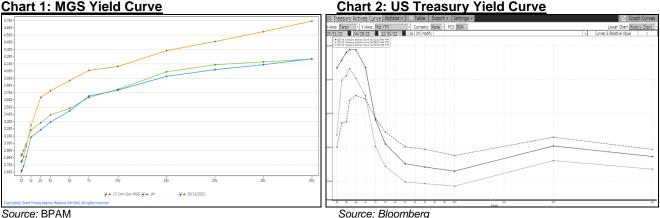
Malaysia's international reserves declined to USD112.7b as at end-May'23 (end-Apr'23: USD114.4b). The reserve is sufficient to cover 4.8 months of retained imports and is 1.0 times of short-term external debts.

The auctions unveiled in May'23 is as follow;

Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
7-yr Reopening of MGS 04/30 4.498%	16/5/2023	5,000.00	2.18	3.60
20-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 08/43)	24/5/2023	5,500.00	1.75	4.18
15-yr Reopening of MGS 06/38 4.893%	31/5/2023	4,500.00	2.20	4.02

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia





The 10-year US Treasury yield surged higher to 3.65% as at end-May'23 (end-Apr'23: 3.43%), taking cue from the US debt ceiling crisis. The potential US debt default could trigger a major financial turmoil across the globe.

# Market Outlook & Strategy

After a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2H2023, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension and the fluctuation in crude oil prices 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.