

# Investment Link Fund Performance Report April 2021

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FBMKLCI Index gained 1.8% or 28 points m-o-m in the month of April 2021, closed at 1,601.65 level, supported by healthcare and transport sectors. The market rose as much as 50 points to peak at 1,623 points on 26<sup>th</sup> April. However, it gave up some gains in the last week due to foreign selling and persistent rise in new COVID-19 cases in the country.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields were moving lower across the curve after heavy bond sell-off in Mar'21, in line with the stabilization of global rates. Brent crude oil prices moved higher to USD67.25/barrel (Mar'21: USD63.54/barrel) on the back of US crude inventory continues to dwindle (-16.7mil barrels in Apr'21). As the dollar weakened, Ringgit was last seen at RM4.088/USD compared to RM4.145/USD a month earlier.

On the latest economic data, Exports and Imports surged to +31.0% YoY and +19.2% YoY respectively in Mar'21 (Feb'21: +17.6% YoY and +12.7% YoY respectively), indicating the external and domestic economic recovery.

Going forward, we believe that outlook for the local equity market is improving in the long run. Rollout of vaccine for COVID-19 will be the key success factor as this will improve the domestic activities locally.

For fixed income, following the OPR cut by 125bps and SRR cut by 100bps in 2020, BNM is expected to tune monetary stance to slight dovish throughout 2021 given the hope of economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. The external risk factors such as trade war between US and China 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, we will keep looking to buy on dips of corporate bonds if the opportunity arises.

Based on table below, on monthly basis, most of the funds underperformed their benchmarks except for Global Yakin Fund and Income 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.

	Asiap	ac Fund	Balan	ced Fund	Divide	end Fund	Equi	ty Fund	Global \	′akin Fund	Incon	ne Fund	Jati	Fund	Titan	Fund
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	-0.15%	1.81%	0.02%	1.42%	0.10%	1.79%	-0.45%	1.79%	4.59%	2.78%	1.09%	1.05%	0.15%	3.30%	0.39%	5.81%
3 Months (%)	7.28%	7.53%	0.21%	-0.10%	3.56%	2.25%	3.21%	2.25%	5.94%	6.93%	-1.74%	-2.42%	3.45%	3.12%	6.34%	9.58%
6 Months (%)	18.94%	26.59%	4.60%	3.37%	9.03%	9.19%	10.18%	9.19%	14.68%	25.05%	-1.53%	-2.35%	8.09%	4.17%	8.78%	24.19%
12 Months (%)	12.62%	20.27%	4.85%	6.82%	5.86%	13.77%	7.20%	13.77%	26.72%	37.06%	2.17%	-0.11%	8.00%	21.88%	6.28%	43.91%

# Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **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**

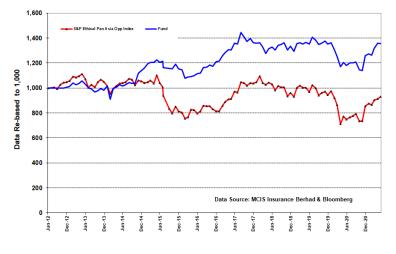
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be review ed on regular basis, and 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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 196bps 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 (30.04.21)	RM0.6781
Fund Size	RM67.69 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
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%	92%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

# Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.15%	1.81%
3 months (%)	7.28%	7.53%
6 months (%)	18.94%	26.59%
12 months (%)	12.62%	20.27%
2 years (% pa)	-0.32%	-3.75%
3 years (% pa)	1.07%	-3.75%
5 years (% pa)	4.29%	2.44%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.51%	-0.83%

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

# Balanced Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **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.

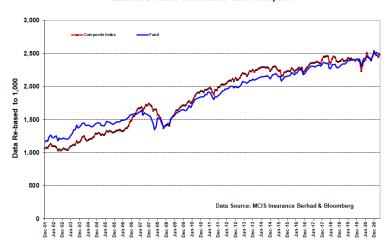
## **Risks**

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 dow ngrades 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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 140bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by lower exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark. Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception



## **Top Ten Holdings**

Telekosang Hydro Öne Sdn Bhd (Bond) Edra Solar Sdn Bhd (Bond) CIMB Bank Berhad (Bond) Northern Gatew ay Infrastructure Sdn Bhd (Bond) Sabah Development Bank Berhad (Bond) CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity) Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Bond) Malayan Banking Berhad (Equity) Malaysia Building Society Berhad (Bond) Malaysia Steel Works (KL) Berhad (Bond)

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM1.2479
Fund Size	RM8.46 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
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%	47%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	46%
Cash	0%	20%	7%

# **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.02%	1.42%
3 months (%)	0.21%	-0.10%
6 months (%)	4.60%	3.37%
12 months (%)	4.85%	6.82%
2 years (% pa)	3.25%	2.03%
3 years (% pa)	1.98%	0.34%
5 years (% pa)	2.66%	1.97%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.78%	4.76%

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\* The benchmarkindex is a composite of 50% FBM KLCI 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 (April 2021)

# **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 FBM KLCI 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

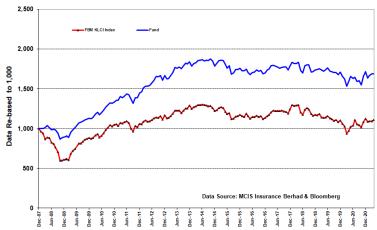
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 169bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by lower exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

# Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad Public Bank Berhad Maxis Berhad Axiata Group Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad DiGi.Com Berhad

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM0.8025
Fund Size	RM29.96 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://w w w.mcis.my
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 (%)	0.10%	1.79%
3 months (%)	3.56%	2.25%
6 months (%)	9.03%	9.19%
12 months (%)	5.86%	13.77%
2 years (% pa)	-0.91%	-1.25%
3 years (% pa)	-2.62%	-5.04%
5 years (% pa)	-0.16%	-0.86%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.01%	0.77%
Yield #	2.88%	3.17%

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

# Equity Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Equity Fund is to achieve capital grow th over the medium to long term by focusing on high quality equities listed on the FBM KLCI 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.

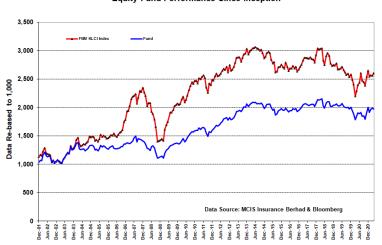
#### **Risks**

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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 224bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by low er exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



#### Equity Fund Performance Since Inception

# **Top Ten Holdings**

Malayan Banking Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad Public Bank Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Maxis Berhad DiGi.Com Berhad Axiata Group Berhad

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM0.9869
Fund Size	RM9.74 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
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%	93%
Cash	0%	20%	7%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.45%	1.79%
3 months (%)	3.21%	2.25%
6 months (%)	10.18%	9.19%
12 months (%)	7.20%	13.77%
2 years (% pa)	-1.23%	-1.25%
3 years (% pa)	-2.83%	-5.04%
5 years (% pa)	0.24%	-0.86%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.53%	5.01%
Yield #	2.91%	3.17%

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# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **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 grow th potential.

# **Investment Strategy**

The Fund is to feed into Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund (ASIWEF) which managed by Aberdeen Standard Islamic Investment (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

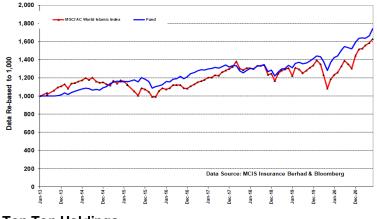
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and 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 April 2021, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 181bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly due to outperforming of the underlying securities compared to the benchmark index.



#### Global Yakin Fund Performance Since Inception

# **Top Ten Holdings**

Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund (ASIWEF)

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM0.8696
Fund Size	RM88.15 million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://w w w .mcis.my
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

# **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
ASIWEF	80%	100%	92%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

# Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	4.59%	2.78%
3 months (%)	5.94%	6.93%
6 months (%)	14.68%	25.05%
12 months (%)	26.72%	37.06%
2 years (% pa)	14.09%	11.60%
3 years (% pa)	10.70%	7.58%
5 years (% pa)	9.09%	10.68%
Since Inception (% pa)	7.32%	6.42%

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

# Income Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **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 HSBC Malaysia Local Currency All Bond Total Return 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.

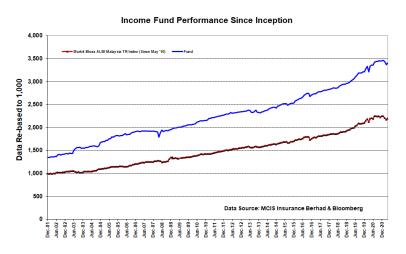
## **Risks**

The Fund is considered low er 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 dow ngrades 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 April 2021, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 4bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was due to outperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



# **Top Ten Holdings**

Malaysian Government Securities Leader Energy Sdn Berhad Cello Capital Berhad Sabah Development Bank Berhad Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd Edra Solar Sdn Bhd Northern Gatew ay Infrastructure Sdn Bhd UiTM Solar Pow er Sdn Berhad Sw irl Assets Berhad SAJ Capital Sdn Bhd

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM1.7027
Fund Size	RM43.71 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
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%	92%
Cash	0%	25%	8%

# Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.09%	1.05%
3 months (%)	-1.74%	-2.42%
6 months (%)	-1.53%	-2.35%
12 months (%)	2.17%	-0.11%
2 years (% pa)	5.76%	5.04%
3 years (% pa)	6.03%	5.63%
5 years (% pa)	5.30%	4.63%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.46%	4.10%

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\* The benchmarkindex 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 (April 2021)

# **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 Jati Fund is not a takaful 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.

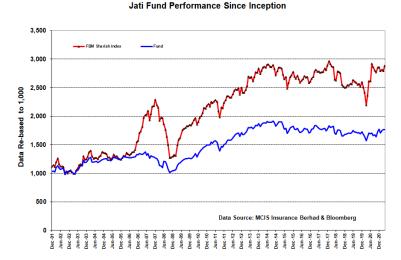
#### **Risks**

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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 315bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by low er exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



# **Top Ten Holdings**

Dialog Group Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Axiata Group Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Maxis Berhad Sime Darby Berhad MISC Berhad

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM0.8840
Fund Size	RM18.83 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
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%	91%
Cash	0%	20%	9%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.15%	3.30%
3 months (%)	3.45%	3.12%
6 months (%)	8.09%	4.17%
12 months (%)	8.00%	21.88%
2 years (% pa)	2.12%	5.89%
3 years (% pa)	-1.01%	0.26%
5 years (% pa)	0.24%	1.68%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.95%	5.55%
Yield #	2.67%	2.90%

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

# Titan Fund Monthly Report (April 2021)

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund invests in MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 ("MyETFDJ50") which aims to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Dow Jones Islamic Market U.S. Titans 50 Index.

# **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

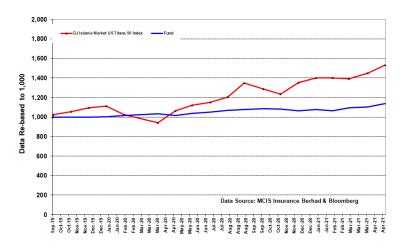
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The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of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

The Fund is suitable for investors who 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 April 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 542bps MoM (month-on-month).



#### Titan Fund Performance Since Inception

# **Top Ten Holdings**

MyETFDJ50

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.04.21)	RM0.6191
Fund Size	RM26.20 million
Inception Date	17-Sept-2019
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

# Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
MyETFDJ50	80%	100%	84%
Cash	0%	20%	16%

# Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.39%	5.81%
3 months (%)	6.34%	9.58%
6 months (%)	8.78%	24.19%
12 months (%)	6.28%	43.91%
2 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
3 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
5 years (% pa)	n/a n/a	
Since Inception (% pa)	13.67%	29.21%

# 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 Dow Jones Islamic Market U.S. Titans 50 Index sourced from Bloomberg.

# Equity Market Review and Outlook

# **Market Review**

The FBMKLCI Index gained 1.8% or 28 points m-o-m in the month of April 2021, closed at 1,601.65 level, supported by healthcare and transport sectors. The market rose as much as 50 points to peak at 1,623 points on 26<sup>th</sup> April. However, it gave up some gains in the last week due to foreign selling and persistent rise in new COVID-19 cases in the country.

Foreign flow in Malaysia equities was negative in April 2021 with a net sell of RM1.1bil (March 2021: -RM0.03bil); marking 21 consecutive months of foreign exit (since August 2019). Cumulatively since the beginning of 2021, retailers were the only net buyers of our equity market to the tune of RM6.01bil. Local institutions and foreign investors were net sellers to the tune of RM3.14bil and RM2.87bil respectively.

Globally, it was another strong equity market as the COVID-19 vaccine rollouts in the US and UK have continued to proceed well, with 44% and 51% of their respective populations now having received at least one dose. This was allowing for what looks like the start of a sustained reopening of their economies. In the US, Dow Jones Industrial index picked up 2.7% and the broader S&P 500 index closed 5.2% higher. Euro area was also showing positive returns with Bloomberg European 500 index closed 1.7% MoM higher. Asian market also showed positive performance where MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed 1.7% MoM higher and average Asian markets posted marginal gained of 1.6% MoM.



# Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI index's performance tends to be mixed in May, with the benchmark posting -0.3%/+1.2% MoM returns over the past 10/43 years. We expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.61x as it is now below its 25-year historical average of P/B (1.87x). On top of this, a weak US dollar could spark the return of foreign investor interest in emerging markets (EM), including Malaysia.

Technically, we are still cautious on the market in the near term as the benchmark is still stuck within the range of 1,560 and 1,642. However, it managed to stay above 1,600 psychological level. With the mix signals coming from its momentum indicators, the index is likely still stuck in a sideways trend for the time being. The index needs to hit above 1,640 levels to confirm the bullish trend. Near term support is seen at 1,560-1,570 level.

Based on the above highlights, we believe that outlook for the local equity market is improving in the long run. Rollout of vaccine for COVID-19 will be the key success factor as this will improve the domestic activities locally.

# Fixed Income Review and Outlook

# **Market Review**

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields were moving lower across the curve after heavy bond sell-off in Mar'21, in line with the stabilization of global rates. Brent crude oil prices moved higher to USD67.25/barrel (Mar'21: USD63.54/barrel) on the back of US crude inventory continues to dwindle (-16.7mil barrels in Apr'21). As the dollar weakened, Ringgit was last seen at RM4.088/USD compared to RM4.145/USD a month earlier.

On the latest economic data, Exports and Imports surged to +31.0% YoY and +19.2% YoY respectively in Mar'21 (Feb'21: +17.6% YoY and +12.7% YoY respectively), indicating the external and domestic economic recovery. The boost in Exports was driven by Manufacturing sector (Mar'21: +35.8% YoY; Feb'21: +20.9% YoY) and Agricultu re sector (Mar'21: +43.8% YoY; Feb'21: +9.7% YoY). Imports came in at +19.2% YoY (Feb'21: +12.7% YoY) as all main components showed gains, including intermediate goods (Mar'21: +12.4% YoY; Feb'21: 0.1% YoY), capital goods (Mar'21: +93.4% YoY; Feb'21: +38.3% YoY) and consumption goods (Mar'21: +13.0% YoY; Feb'21: +17.6% YoY). All-in-all, trade balance expanded to +MYR24.2bil compared to +MYR17.8bil in a month earlier.

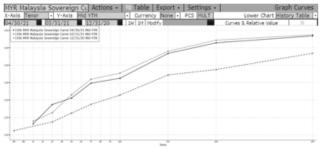
Inflation finally returned in Mar'21 given the low base effect and crude oil price recovery. CPI was last seen at +1.7% YoY compared to +0.1% YoY in a month ago. Brent crude oil prices reversed back to pre-COVID-19 range of USD60-70 per barrel level, moving transport cost higher by +9.8% YoY (Feb'21: -2.0% YoY). The Government has decided to cap RON95 and diesel retail fuel prices at MYR2.05/litre and MYR2.15/litre respectively in response to the rising global crude oil prices, while RON97 fuel prices will continue to stay floated.

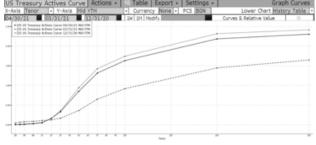
Malaysia external reserves spiked to USD110.8bil as at end-Apr'21 (end-Mar'21: USD108.6bil) as foreign investors continued to pile up holdings in the local securities, adding +MYR5.26b into their portfolios (Bonds: +MYR6.4bil; Equities: -MYR1.1bil). The reserve is sufficient to cover 8.7 months of retained Imports and 1.3x short-term external debt.

The auctions unveiled in April 2021 are as follow;

Government Auctions	Issue Date	Amount	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue		(RM million)	(times)	(%)
7year Re-Issuance of MGS(Mat 6/28)	8/4/2021	4,500.00	1.59	2.96
15year Re-Issuance of GII(Mat 7/36)	15/4/2021	4,500.00	2.54	4.01
3year Re-Issuance of MGS(Mat 6/24)	22/4/2021	4,500.00	2.09	2.36

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia





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10-Year UST Treasury ("UST") yield eased from a high of 1.74% to 1.63% as at end-Apr'21 after heavy sell-off due to the broader inflationary expectation. The US Fed has firmed stance to continue with its low interest rate policy and QE Programme in order to boost the market confidence.

# Market Outlook & Strategy

Following the OPR cut by 125bps and SRR cut by 100bps in 2020, BNM is expected to tune monetary stance to slight dovish throughout 2021 given the hope of economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. The external risk factors such as trade war between US and China 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, we will keep looking to buy on dips of corporate bonds if the opportunity arises.