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# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report April 2024

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the month of April, the FBMKLCI Index closed higher by 2.6% MoM to 1,575.97 points, recorded a YTD gain of 8.3%. The average daily trading value in the month rose 0.1% MoM and 75.3% YoY to RM2.9bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in April rose 1.4% MoM and 41.8% YoY to 4.0bil units.

Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”) yields were rising across the curve, reflecting the further delays of US Fed rate cut expectation. Brent crude oil prices remained largely unchanged at USD87.86/barrel (Mar’24: USD87.48/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit weakened against the dollar to RM4.7725/USD (Mar’24: RM4.7250/USD).

On the local economic data, Malaysia inflation was flat at +1.8% YoY in Mar’24 (Feb’24: +1.8% YoY) although Service tax was adjusted higher to 8% in Mar’24 from 6%.

For the equity market, we expect a positive recovery in the year 2024, especially for the local market, supported by improved corporate earnings and government transformation plans that should support the domestic economy. We expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged at least for the first half of 2024, due to easing inflation expectation. On the global economic review, the resilience of the US economy may lead to a soft landing, rather than recession. The tail-end of global monetary policy tightening will be positive for foreign investors to make their way back to the local stock market.

Meanwhile for fixed income, after series of OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 1H2024, 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, Global Yakin Fund, Income Fund and Titan Fund have outperformed the benchmark indices.

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

	Asiapac Fund		Balanced Fund		Dividend Fund		Equity Fund		Global Yakin Fund		Income Fund		Jati Fund		Titan Fund	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	1.52%	1.61%	0.89%	1.05%	1.81%	2.60%	1.97%	2.60%	-1.55%	-3.61%	-0.18%	-0.50%	3.77%	3.80%	-0.80%	-3.63%
3 Months (%)	1.31%	4.31%	2.67%	2.16%	4.23%	4.16%	4.72%	4.16%	3.19%	2.01%	0.90%	0.16%	5.93%	7.16%	5.84%	5.62%
6 Months (%)	8.00%	14.58%	4.94%	6.45%	7.21%	9.28%	7.39%	9.28%	18.22%	14.35%	3.96%	3.61%	8.40%	11.48%	24.57%	23.12%
12 Months (%)	7.36%	1.83%	7.11%	7.26%	9.23%	11.30%	10.27%	11.30%	17.40%	11.52%	6.38%	3.18%	10.05%	12.57%	37.51%	30.83%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# MCIS Life AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (April 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 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 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.

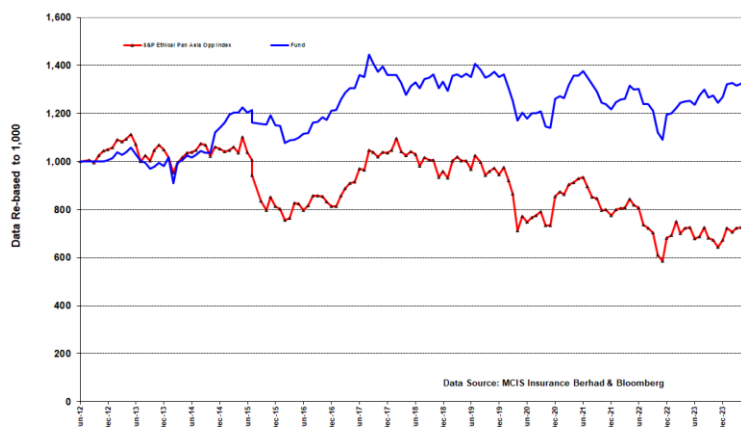
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 April 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 9bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly due to the underperformance of the underlying asset. The fund also has outperformed the benchmark since its inception.

AsiaPac Fund Performance Since Inception



## Top Ten Holdings

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

## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM0.6724
Fund Size	RM91.50 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	96%
Cash	0%	20%	4%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.52%	1.61%
3 months (%)	1.31%	4.31%
6 months (%)	8.00%	14.58%
12 months (%)	7.36%	1.83%
2 years (% pa)	1.67%	-4.99%
3 years (% pa)	-0.28%	-7.39%
5 years (% pa)	-0.30%	-5.95%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.53%	-2.53%

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\* 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 (April 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

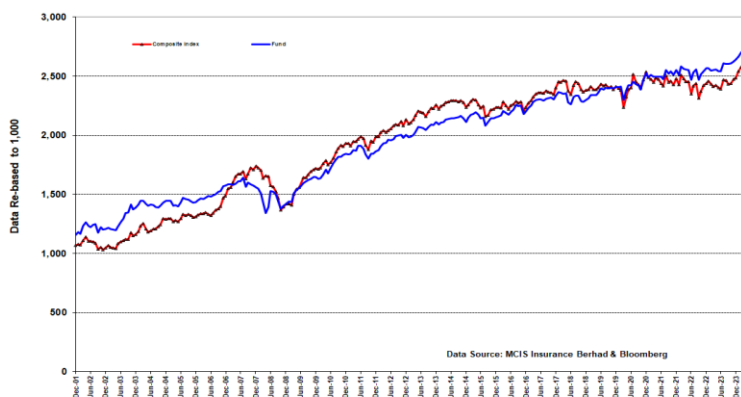
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income, and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economic development, social and political 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 April 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 16bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception



## Top Ten Holdings

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

## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM1.3694
Fund Size	RM12.72 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	46%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	43%
Cash	0%	20%	11%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.89%	1.05%
3 months (%)	2.67%	2.16%
6 months (%)	4.94%	6.45%
12 months (%)	7.11%	7.26%
2 years (% pa)	3.50%	2.92%
3 years (% pa)	3.14%	1.48%
5 years (% pa)	3.19%	1.70%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.56%	4.32%

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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 (April 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.

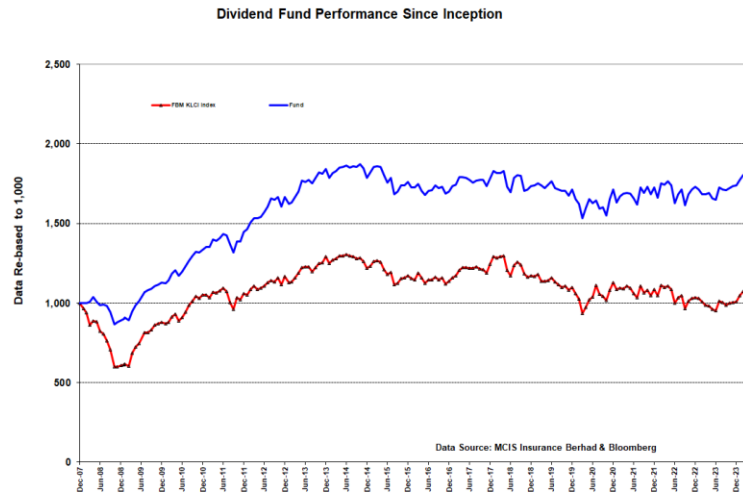
## Risks

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 April 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 79bps 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

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

## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM0.8773
Fund Size	RM30.46 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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 (%)	1.81%	2.60%
3 months (%)	4.23%	4.16%
6 months (%)	7.21%	9.28%
12 months (%)	9.23%	11.30%
2 years (% pa)	2.28%	-0.77%
3 years (% pa)	3.01%	-0.54%
5 years (% pa)	1.43%	-0.82%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.83%	0.53%
Yield #	3.11%	4.09%

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

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# MCIS Life Equity Fund Monthly Report (April 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

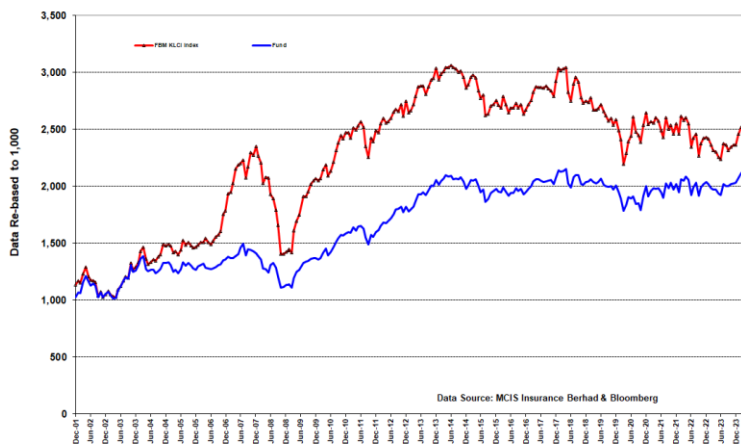
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 April 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 63bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

Equity Fund Performance Since Inception



## Top Ten Holdings

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

## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM1.0856
Fund Size	RM14.55 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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 (%)	1.97%	2.60%
3 months (%)	4.72%	4.16%
6 months (%)	7.39%	9.28%
12 months (%)	10.27%	11.30%
2 years (% pa)	2.07%	-0.77%
3 years (% pa)	3.23%	-0.54%
5 years (% pa)	1.42%	-0.82%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.49%	4.25%
Yield #	3.82%	4.20%

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

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# MCIS Life Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (April 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

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 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.

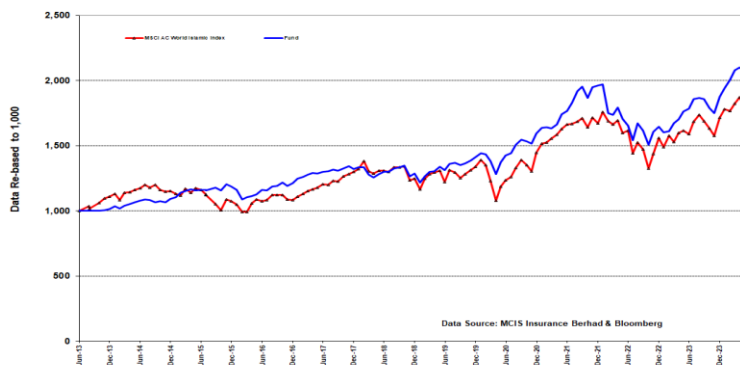
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The Fund is suitable for investors who 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 April 2024, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 206bps MoM (month-on-month). However, the fund had outperformed the benchmark since its inception.

Global Yakin Fund Performance Since Inception



## Top Ten Holdings

abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM1.0342
Fund Size	RM140.24 million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-1.55%	-3.61%
3 months (%)	3.19%	2.01%
6 months (%)	18.22%	14.35%
12 months (%)	17.40%	11.52%
2 years (% pa)	10.05%	6.21%
3 years (% pa)	5.95%	3.45%
5 years (% pa)	9.13%	8.36%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.94%	5.59%

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

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# MCIS Life Income Fund

## Monthly Report (April 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.

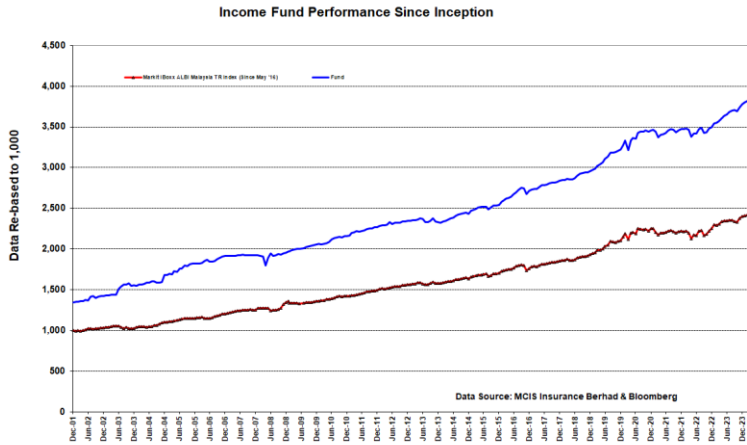
### Risks

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 April 2024, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 32bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was due to the outperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



### Top Ten Holdings

Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd  
 Leader Energy Sdn Berhad  
 Edra Solar Sdn Bhd  
 Telekomang Hydro One Sdn Bhd  
 Cello Capital Berhad  
 UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad  
 Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd  
 Malayan Banking Berhad  
 Johor Corporation  
 SAJ Capital Sdn Bhd

### Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM1.9178
Fund Size	RM52.97 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	88%
Cash	0%	25%	12%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.18%	-0.50%
3 months (%)	0.90%	0.16%
6 months (%)	3.96%	3.61%
12 months (%)	6.38%	3.18%
2 years (% pa)	6.54%	6.46%
3 years (% pa)	4.05%	3.21%
5 years (% pa)	4.73%	3.94%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.13%	3.98%

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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.

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 Jati Fund

## Monthly Report (April 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

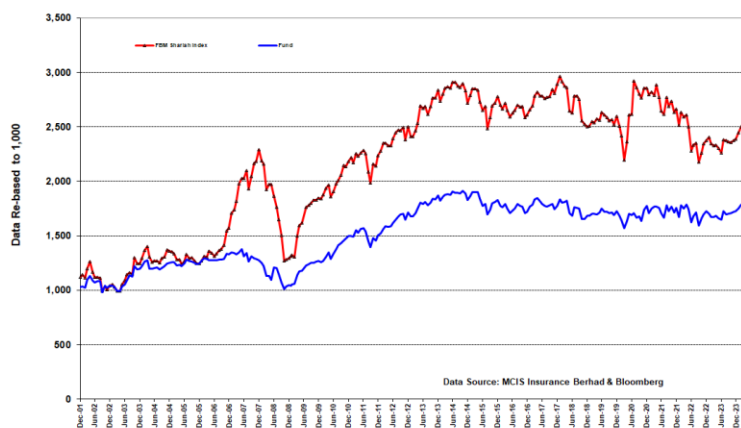
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 April 2024, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 3bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

Jati Fund Performance Since Inception



### Top Ten Holdings

Tenaga Nasional Berhad  
 Telekom Malaysia Berhad  
 Sime Darby Plantation Berhad  
 Petronas Gas Berhad  
 IHH Healthcare Berhad  
 Sime Darby Berhad  
 IOI Corporation Berhad  
 Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd  
 Maxis Berhad  
 MISC Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM0.9262
Fund Size	RM20.2 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	98%
Cash	0%	20%	2%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	3.77%	3.80%
3 months (%)	5.93%	7.16%
6 months (%)	8.40%	11.48%
12 months (%)	10.05%	12.57%
2 years (% pa)	1.83%	0.26%
3 years (% pa)	1.57%	-3.07%
5 years (% pa)	1.79%	0.42%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.77%	4.37%
Yield #	3.21%	3.25%

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

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# MCIS Life Titan Fund Monthly Report (April 2024)

## Investment Objective

The Fund invests in EQ8 DOW JONES US 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 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 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.

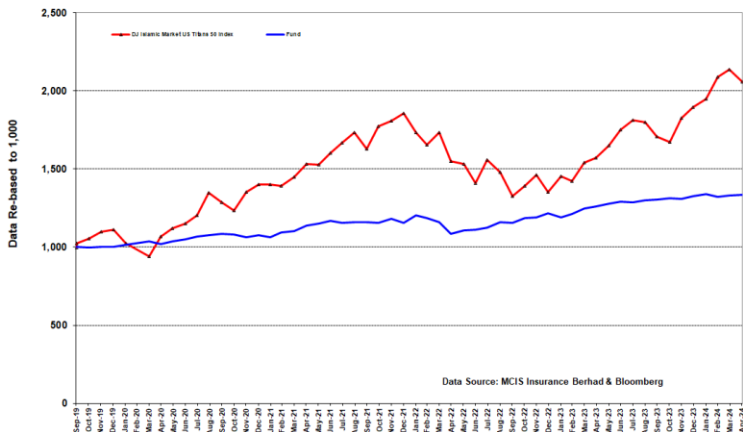
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 April 2024, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 283bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly due to the outperformance of the underlying asset.

Titan Fund Performance Since Inception



## Fund Information

NAV (30.04.24)	RM0.9480
Fund Size	RM109.78 million
Inception Date	17-Sept-2019
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <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%	92%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.80%	-3.63%
3 months (%)	5.84%	5.62%
6 months (%)	24.57%	23.12%
12 months (%)	37.51%	30.83%
2 years (% pa)	15.28%	15.19%
3 years (% pa)	15.26%	10.30%
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
Since Inception (% pa)	14.69%	16.72%

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## Top Ten Holdings

EQ8 DOW JONES US TITANS 50 ETF (“EQ8US50”) (formerly known as MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50)

# Equity Market Review and Outlook

## Market Review

For the month of April, the FBMKLCI Index closed higher by 2.6% MoM to 1,575.97 points, recorded a YTD gain of 8.3%. The average daily trading value in the month rose 0.1% MoM and 75.3% YoY to RM2.9bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in April rose 1.4% MoM and 41.8% YoY to 4.0bil units.

Local institutions stayed net buyers for the second consecutive month, with net buy flow falling 29.0% MoM to RM2.5bil in April 24. Local retail investors recorded a net sell of RM996.8mil during the month, which was an increase of 241.0% MoM. April 24 also marked the tenth consecutive month of net selling by local retail investors. Foreign investors stayed net sellers in April 24, albeit with net sell flows declining 52.2% to RM1.4bil compared to net sell flows of RM2.9bil in Mar 24. Despite two consecutive months of net sell flows, foreign investors turned net buyers in the last two weeks of April. Foreign investors' net sell flows in April 24 widened cumulative net foreign outflow to RM2.2bn in 4M24 and RM36.7bil since 2010.

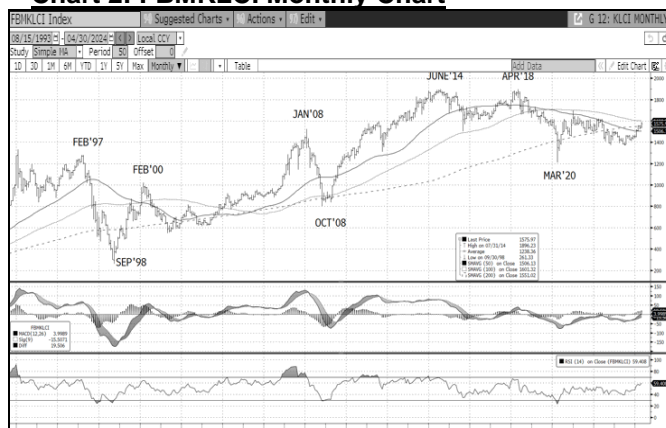
Meanwhile, global equity funds recorded outflows for the fourth consecutive week. This was influenced by diminishing hopes of rapid Federal Reserve rate cuts amid higher-than-expected U.S. inflation readings. In the U.S., Dow Jones Industrial Index closed lower by -5.0% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed lower by -4.2% MoM. Eurozone shares also posted a minimal loss with Bloomberg European 500 index closed by -0.1% MoM. In Asia, the performances were mixed with positive biased. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed higher by 1.7% MoM.

**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 May, with an average of 0.9% and -1.4% for MoM returns over the past 10 years and 45 years. We expect the market to be supported by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.37x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.87x) and 15.7x PER compared to the 13-year historical average of PER (17.1x).

Technically, the FBMKLCI Index has been rebounding higher since it broke the 22-months downtrend line from the March 2022 highs. It is currently trading above its 20-day, 50-day, and 200-day simple moving averages (SMA), and MACD line remains above the signal line, implying an ongoing positive sentiment. RSI continued to trend into the overbought territory. The immediate resistance is set at 1,600, while support is seen at 1,530 level.

We expect a positive recovery in 2024, especially for the local market, supported by improved corporate earnings and government transformation plans that should support the domestic economy. We expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged at least for the first half of 2024, due to easing inflation expectation. On the global economic review, the resilience of the US economy may lead to a soft landing, rather than recession. The tail-end of global monetary policy tightening will be positive for foreign investors to make their way back to the local stock market.

# Fixed Income Review and Outlook

## Market Review

Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”) yields were rising across the curve, reflecting the further delays of US Fed rate cut expectation. Brent crude oil prices remained largely unchanged at USD87.86/barrel (Mar’24: USD87.48/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit weakened against the dollar to RM4.7725/USD (Mar’24: RM4.7250/USD).

On the local economic data, Malaysia inflation was flat at +1.8% YoY in Mar’24 (Feb’24: +1.8% YoY) although Service tax was adjusted higher to 6%-8% from 6% in Mar’24. Lower Food & Beverages prices (Mar’24: +1.7% YoY; Feb’24: +1.9% YoY) offset the higher Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (HWEGOF) prices (Mar’24: +3.0% YoY; Feb’24: +2.7% YoY). Other components were seen broadly unchanged. Malaysia Exports experienced a slight contraction of -0.8% YoY in Mar’24 (Feb’24: -0.8% YoY). This was primarily due to a significant decrease in Agriculture Exports (Mar’24: -17.3% YoY; Feb’24: -5.1% YoY) which offset the modest increase in Manufacturing Exports (Mar’24: +0.7% YoY; Feb’24: -2.4% YoY). Agriculture Exports saw the sustained decrease in Palm Oil Exports, arising from the lower Export volume and Export prices. Import growth gained momentum, supported by the double-digit expansion in Imports of Capital Goods (Mar’24: +66.2% YoY; Feb’24: +30.0% YoY) and Intermediate Goods (Mar’24: +10.5% YoY; Feb’24: +13.7% YoY), outpacing the decrease in Imports for re-exports (Mar’24: -27.2% YoY; Feb’24: +11.6% YoY). In summary, trade surplus rose slightly to +RM12.8 bil (Feb’24: +RM11.2 bil).

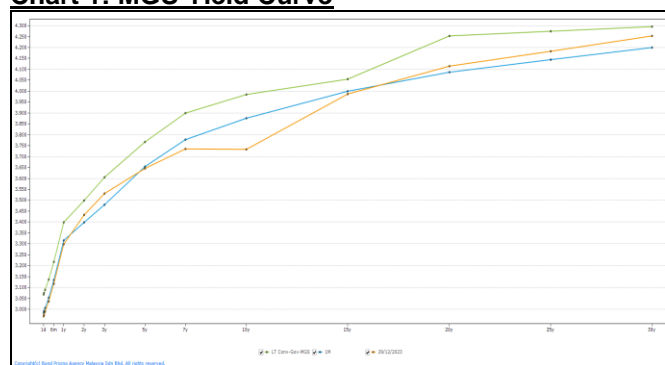
BNM’s international reserve was unchanged at USD113.4 bil as at mid-Apr’24 (mid-Mar’24: USD113.4 bil). The reserve is sufficient to finance 5.6 months of retained imports and is 1.0 time of short-term external debts.

The auctions unveiled in April’24 is as follow;

Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
5-yr Reopening of MGS 08/29 3.885%	1/4/2024	5,000.00	1.80	3.68
7.5-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 10/31)	8/4/2024	4,500.00	3.33	3.80
15-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 04/39)	17/4/2024	5,000.00	2.16	4.05
3-yr Reopening of MGII 09/26 4.070%	26/4/2024	5,000.00	1.75	3.57

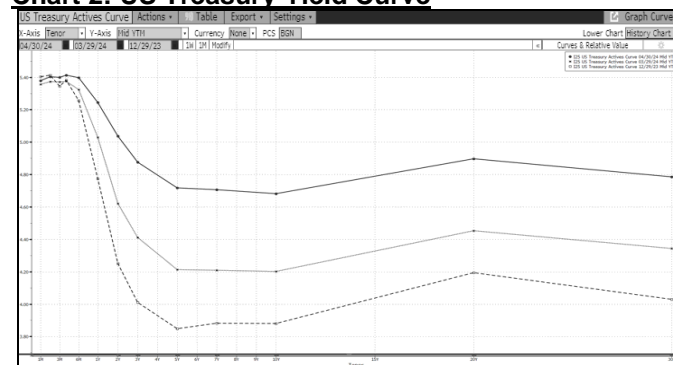
Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

Chart 1: MGS Yield Curve



Source: BPAM

Chart 2: US Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg

US 10-year Treasury yield surged higher to 4.68% as at end-Apr’24 (end-Mar’24: 4.20%), reflecting the further delays in US Fed rate cut expectation given the persistent inflation data.

## Market Outlook & Strategy

After a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2024, 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.