

# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report December 2022

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The local market FBMKLCI Index has gained marginally by 0.4% MoM to close at 1,495.49 points due to window-dressing activities. Market sentiment may have also improved after PM Anwar Ibrahim won a motion of confidence in Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December. However, on yearly basis, the local benchmark index had dropped 4.6% due to global concerns over war in Ukraine, central banks' battle to combat inflation and China's Covid surge. The average daily value traded fell 8% MoM but was 3% higher YoY to MYR2.1bil in December 22. Average daily trading volume fell 11% MoM but grew 9% YoY to 3.2bil units in December 22.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") saw steepening in the curve, reflecting the worries of global economic recession and the year-end portfolio rebalancing. Brent crude oil prices maintained flat at USD85.91/barrel (end-Nov'22: USD85.43/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit continued to strengthen against the dollar to MYR4.405/USD (end-Nov'22: MYR4.446/USD).

On the local economic data, inflation was seen unchanged at +4.0% YoY in Nov'22. Rising prices for food & non-alcoholic beverages ("FNAB") continued to be the key driver for inflation, recorded at +7.3% YoY. However, transport inflation was moderated at +5.0% YoY.

For equity market, we expect global economy to slow down into the year 2023, after showing strong recovery in 2022. US Federal Reserve is expected to raise its fund rate in the 1H2023 to fight against inflation. Similar move is expected in Malaysia where BNM may raise OPR in the 1H2023 to the prepandemic level. This will be negatively impact to the local equity market during the 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, BNM is anticipated to maintain slight hawkish monetary stance towards 1H2023 in order to combat the inflationary pressure and macroeconomic uncertainties. 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, 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 managed to outperformed the benchmarks, except for Asiapac 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	Incor	ne Fund	Jati	Fund	Titan	Fund
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	0.48%	1.59%	0.97%	0.78%	0.91%	0.45%	1.11%	0.45%	-2.59%	-4.41%	0.57%	1.11%	2.05%	1.44%	-1.60%	-7.25%
3 Months (%)	7.11%	13.50%	4.08%	5.51%	7.08%	7.23%	6.38%	7.23%	6.38%	12.23%	2.06%	3.77%	8.46%	9.30%	-4.48%	2.20%
6 Months (%)	-3.15%	-5.83%	3.90%	3.82%	6.29%	3.55%	5.95%	3.55%	4.03%	3.19%	2.43%	3.98%	6.38%	4.14%	-11.09%	-3.84%
12 Months (%)	-3.76%	-13.42%	0.61%	-1.51%	0.10%	-4.60%	1.10%	-4.60%	-18.51%	-15.32%	0.61%	1.21%	-1.61%	-10.80%	-17.08%	-26.95%

Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

## AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **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

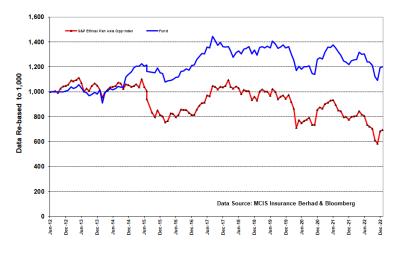
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and 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 December 2022, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 111bps 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 (30.12.22)	RM0.6007
Fund Size	RM73.73 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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%	94%
Cash	0%	20%	6%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.48%	1.59%
3 months (%)	7.11%	13.50%
6 months (%)	-3.15%	-5.83%
12 months (%)	-3.76%	-13.42%
2 years (% pa)	-2.81%	-11.00%
3 years (% pa)	-4.08%	-10.79%
5 years (% pa)	-2.45%	-7.94%
Since Inception (% pa)	1.76%	-3.43%

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

## Balanced Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **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.

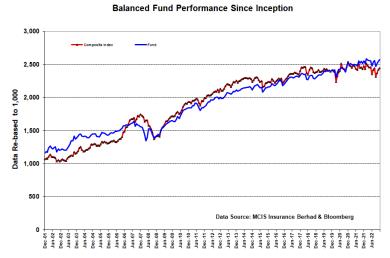
#### **Risks**

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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 19bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM1.2842
Fund Size	RM11.36 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	45%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	47%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.97%	0.78%
3 months (%)	4.08%	5.51%
6 months (%)	3.90%	3.82%
12 months (%)	0.61%	-1.51%
2 years (% pa)	0.82%	-1.96%
3 years (% pa)	2.16%	0.36%
5 years (% pa)	1.94%	0.30%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.54%	4.29%

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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 (December 2022)

#### **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.

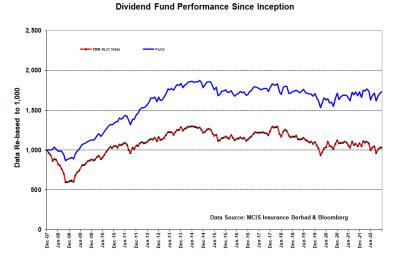
#### Risks

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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 46bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



#### Top Ten Holdings

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM0.8216
Fund Size	RM29.76 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	97%
Cash	0%	20%	3%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.91%	0.45%
3 months (%)	7.08%	7.23%
6 months (%)	6.29%	3.55%
12 months (%)	0.10%	-4.60%
2 years (% pa)	0.51%	-4.13%
3 years (% pa)	0.36%	-2.00%
5 years (% pa)	-0.59%	-3.60%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.72%	0.23%
Yield #	3.76%	4.25%

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

## Equity Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **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.

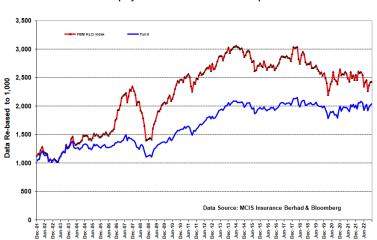
#### Risks

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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 66bps 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 CIMB Bank Berhad Public Bank Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad IHH Healthcare Berhad Telekom Malaysia Berhad DiGi.Com Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM1.0198
Fund Size	RM12.84 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.11%	0.45%
3 months (%)	6.38%	7.23%
6 months (%)	5.95%	3.55%
12 months (%)	1.10%	-4.60%
2 years (% pa)	1.04%	-4.13%
3 years (% pa)	0.57%	-2.00%
5 years (% pa)	-0.31%	-3.60%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.41%	4.27%
Yield #	4.03%	4.25%

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

## Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **Investment Objective**

The fund aims for capital appreciation in the long term by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equityrelated securities of companies with good growth potential.

#### **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**

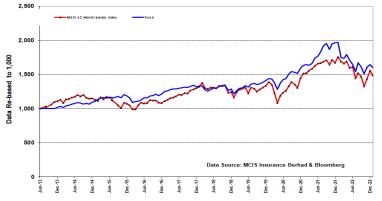
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and 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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 182bps 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**

abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM0.8019
Fund Size	RM101.28 million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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
AIWEF	80%	100%	93%
Cash	0%	20%	7%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-2.59%	-4.41%
3 months (%)	6.38%	12.23%
6 months (%)	4.03%	3.19%
12 months (%)	-18.51%	-15.32%
2 years (% pa)	-0.99%	-0.88%
3 years (% pa)	3.66%	2.28%
5 years (% pa)	3.79%	3.04%
Since Inception (% pa)	5.10%	4.28%

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

## Income Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **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.

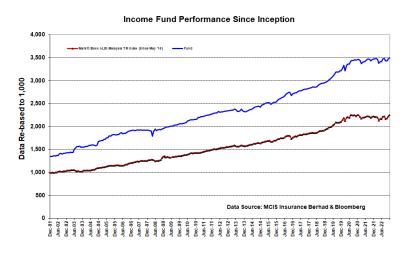
#### **Risks**

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 December 2022, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 54bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was due to underperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Malaysian Government Securities CIMB Bank Berhad 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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM1.7489
Fund Size	RM48.46 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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	Мах	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	91%
Cash	0%	25%	9%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.57%	1.11%
3 months (%)	2.06%	3.77%
6 months (%)	2.43%	3.98%
12 months (%)	0.61%	1.21%
2 years (% pa)	0.63%	-0.13%
3 years (% pa)	2.81%	2.30%
5 years (% pa)	4.28%	3.97%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.07%	3.89%

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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 (December 2022)

#### **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.

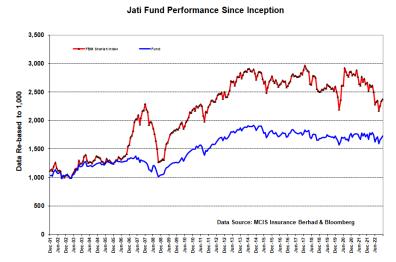
#### **Risks**

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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 61bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Telekom Malaysia Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Inari Amertron Berhad IHH Healthcare Berhad MISC Berhad Maxis Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM0.8640
Fund Size	RM20.28 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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	Мах	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	97%
Cash	0%	20%	3%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.05%	1.44%
3 months (%)	8.46%	9.30%
6 months (%)	6.38%	4.14%
12 months (%)	-1.61%	-10.80%
2 years (% pa)	-1.22%	-8.83%
3 years (% pa)	0.03%	-2.90%
5 years (% pa)	-0.53%	-3.84%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.61%	4.16%
Yield #	3.77%	3.77%

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

## Titan Fund Monthly Report (December 2022)

#### **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.

#### **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

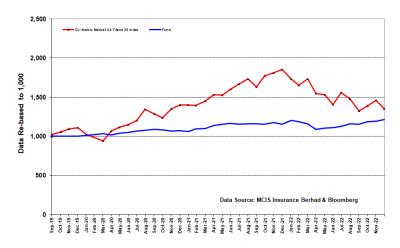
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund to be reviewed on regular basis, and 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 December 2022, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 565bps MoM (month-on-month).



#### Titan Fund Performance Since Inception

### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.12.22)	RM0.6276
Fund Size	RM107.4 million
Inception Date	17-Sept-2019
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, 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%	98%
Cash	0%	20%	2%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*	
1 month (%)	-1.60%	-7.25%	
3 months (%)	-4.48%	2.20%	
6 months (%)	-11.09%	-3.84%	
12 months (%)	-17.08%	-26.95%	
2 years (% pa)	3.21%	-1.63%	
3 years (% pa)	7.93%	7.30%	
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a	
Since Inception (% pa)	7.06%	9.52%	

## 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.

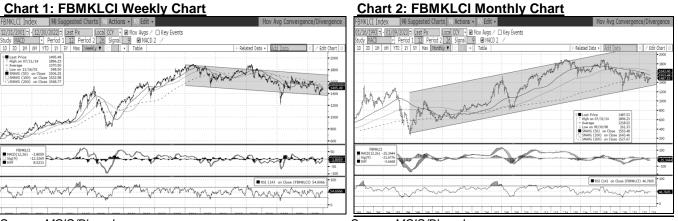
## **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

### **Market Review**

The local market FBMKLCI Index has gained marginally by 0.4% MoM to close at 1,495.49 points due to windowdressing activities. Market sentiment may have also improved after PM Anwar Ibrahim won a motion of confidence in Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> December. However, on yearly basis, the local benchmark index had dropped 4.6% due to global concerns over war in Ukraine, central banks' battle to combat inflation and China's Covid surge. The average daily value traded fell 8% MoM but was 3% higher YoY to MYR2.1bil in December 22. Average daily trading volume fell 11% MoM but grew 9% YoY to 3.2bil units in December 22.

Towards the end of the year, foreign institutions reverted to net selling positions, reversing from a peak YTD net purchases of MYR8.2bil in August 2022. Foreign equity selling accelerated to MYR1.4bil in December 2022 from just a slight MYR282mil in the previous month. This was mostly cushioned by net local institutional purchases of MYR1.7bil last month. For FY2022, local retail and foreign investors are the net buyers with total net buy of MYR2bil and MYR4.4bil respectively. Meanwhile local institutional is the net seller at MYR6.4bil.

Global equity markets ended the year of 2022 in red due to macroeconomic headwinds. In the US, Dow Jones Industrial Index closed -4.2% MoM (-8.8% YoY) and the broader S&P 500 index closed by -5.9% MoM (-19.4% YoY). Meanwhile in Europe, the equity market wrapped up their worst year since 2018. Bloomberg European 500 index closed -3.8% MoM (-12.9% YoY). On the other hand, in Asia, the performances were mixed with negative bias. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed -0.1% MoM during the month (-25.4% YoY).



Source: MCIS/Bloomberg

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### Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI index's performance tends to be mixed in January, with average -1.3%/+1.3% MoM returns over the past 10 years/45 years. We expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.44x as it is now below its 25-year historical average of P/B (1.79x) and 15.7x PER compared to the 22-year historical average of PER (17.0x).

Technically, the index's recent resurgence from critical support has set up a new positive tone. The ongoing upcycle is about to challenge the major and critical zones within the psychological level of 1,500 points amid a fresh breakout move in the RSI line. The surging momentum is set to play a strong part to kick-start a new uptrend ahead. A move above immediate resistance at 1,540pts could prolong the ongoing uptrend toward the next level of resistance at 1,620pts. Meanwhile, the current support zone for the FBMKLCI Index lies between 1,380pts and 1,420pts.

We expect global economy to slow down into the year 2023, after showing strong recovery in 2022. US Federal Reserve is expected to raise its fund rate in the 1H2023 to fight against inflation. Similar move is expected in Malaysia where BNM may raise OPR in the 1H2023 to the pre-pandemic level. This will be negatively impact to the local equity market during the 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

Malavsia Government Securities ("MGS") saw steepening in the curve, reflecting the worries of global economic recession and the year-end portfolio rebalancing. Brent crude oil prices maintained flat at USD85.91/barrel (end-Nov'22: USD85.43/barrel). Meanwhile, ringgit continued to strengthen against the dollar to MYR4.405/USD (end-Nov'22: MYR4.446/USD).

On the local economic data, inflation was seen unchanged at +4.0% YoY in Nov'22. Rising prices for food & nonalcoholic beverages ("FNAB") continued to be the key driver for inflation, recorded at +7.3% YoY (Oct'22: +7.1% YoY). However, transport inflation was moderated at +5.0% YoY (Oct'22: +5.2% YoY).

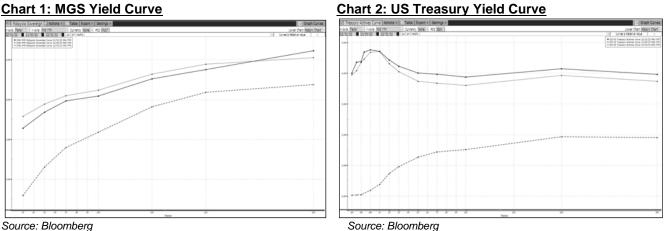
Malaysia saw higher exports in Nov'22 at +15.6% YoY (Oct'22: +15.0% YoY), making the 16th consecutive months of double-digit expansion. Expansion was attributable to the strong growth in manufacturing exports and mining exports, but offset slightly by agriculture exports due to the lower crude palm oil and rubber prices. Imports on the other hand eased further to +15.6% YoY (Oct'22: +29.2% YoY), dragged by slower growth in intermediate goods and capital goods. All in all, the trade surplus widened to +MYR22.3b as compared to a month earlier at +MYR18.1b.

Malaysia external reserve rose to USD110.3b in mid-Dec'22 (mid-Nov'22: USD107.50b), mainly driven by the weakening dollar against other currencies in the basket. The reserve is sufficient to cover 5.3 months of retained imports and is 1.1 times short-term external debt.

The auctions unveiled in Dec'22 is as follow:

Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
10-year Re-Issuance of MGS(Mat 7/32)	8/12/2022	4,500.00	1.71	4.06
3-year Re-Issuance of GII(Mat 10/25)	16/12/2022	4,000.00	4.21	3.81

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia



The 10-year US Treasury yield rose to 3.877% as at end-Dec'22 (end-Nov'22: 3.607%), reflecting 50bps US Fed rate hike in the month and further potential rate hikes in 2023 to fight against the inflationary pressure.

#### Market Outlook & Strategy

BNM is anticipated to maintain slight hawkish monetary stance towards 1H2023 in order to combat the inflationary pressure and macroeconomic uncertainties. 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, we will keep looking to buy on dips of corporate bonds if the opportunity arises.