

# Investment Link Fund Performance Report August 2021

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The FBMKLCI Index rebounded a strong 7.1% (or 107 points) MoM in August to end the month on a high note, at 1,601.38 points. This represents its strongest monthly gain since October 2011. The gain was driven by net buying by foreign investors in the last week of August on optimism that political concerns will subside following the appointment of a new Prime Minister.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yield were spiking up in the shorter-end of curve, reflecting the successful COVID-19 vaccination plan in the country. Brent crude oil prices reversed its rally in the previous month from USD76.33/ barrel to USD72.99/barrel in Aug'21, indicating the concern of global economy recovery post-pandemic. Ringgit on the other hand rebounded to MYR4.1552/USD from MYR4.2205/USD, supported by the net foreign buying flow in local securities in August '21.

On the local economic data, the GDP 2Q'21 recorded an expansion of +16.1% YoY, due to the low base effect arising from COVID-19 pandemic in the previous year. The GDP growth was mainly contributed by manufacturing sector, services sector, mining sector and construction sector; while agriculture sector contracted.

We believe that outlook for the local equity market is improving when the herd immunity is established by end of the year. It 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 anticipated to maintain the current monetary policy 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, Global Yakin Fund, Income Fund and Jati Fund had outperformed the respective benchmarks.

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

# Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

	Asiap	ac Fund	Balan	ced Fund	Divide	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 (%)	-2.14%	-0.92%	3.19%	3.59%	6.45%	7.14%	6.58%	7.14%	1.78%	1.48%	0.44%	0.04%	6.58%	5.82%	1.57%	3.79%
3 Months (%)	-6.17%	-9.44%	2.17%	1.26%	2.11%	1.13%	2.30%	1.13%	10.60%	2.93%	1.83%	1.21%	1.10%	-0.18%	8.39%	13.54%
6 Months (%)	-1.94%	-6.37%	1.66%	1.31%	3.34%	1.50%	3.36%	1.50%	19.55%	9.89%	1.03%	0.94%	1.42%	-1.76%	19.07%	24.37%
12 Months (%)	7.00%	6.69%	4.92%	2.17%	8.19%	4.99%	9.92%	4.99%	26.55%	23.09%	0.85%	-0.99%	6.87%	-3.16%	17.87%	28.55%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund **Monthly Report (August 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 reviewed on regular basis, and adjusted to commensurate with the Investment Team view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

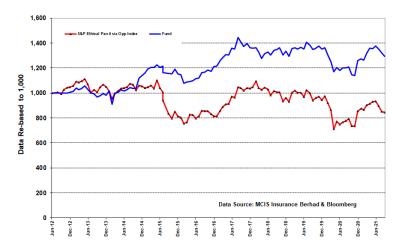
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 122bps 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 (30.08.21) RM0.6462 Fund Size RM65.27 million Inception Date 15-July-2012 0.85% p.a. Fund Management

Fee

Pricing Daily

Price Quote Major New spaper, or http://www.mcis.my

Fund Manager

MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-2.14%	-0.92%
3 months (%)	-6.17%	-9.44%
6 months (%)	-1.94%	-6.37%
12 months (%)	7.00%	6.69%
2 years (% pa)	-2.09%	-5.28%
3 years (% pa)	-1.42%	-5.63%
5 years (% pa)	2.08%	-0.26%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.84%	-1.82%

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

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

# Balanced Fund Monthly Report (August 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**

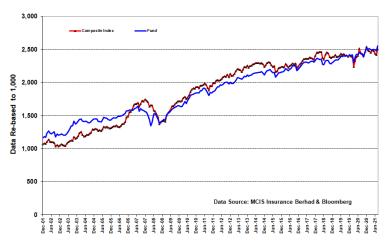
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economy development, social and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets. Additionally, levels of interest rates, and credit 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 August 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 40bps 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 One Sdn Bhd (Bond)
Edra Solar Sdn Bhd (Bond)
Northern Gatew ay Infrastructure Sdn Bhd (Bond)
Malayan Banking Berhad (Bond)
Sabah Development Bank Berhad (Bond)
CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity)
Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan (Bond)
Malayan Banking Berhad (Equity)
Malaysia Building Society Berhad (Bond)
Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Equity)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM1.2760
Fund Size RM8.72 million
Inception Date 15-Oct-01
Fund Management 1.25% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	49%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	43%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	3.19%	3.59%
3 months (%)	2.17%	1.26%
6 months (%)	1.66%	1.31%
12 months (%)	4.92%	2.17%
2 years (% pa)	3.03%	1.60%
3 years (% pa)	3.02%	0.67%
5 years (% pa)	2.48%	1.82%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.82%	4.72%

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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 AlI 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 (August 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 KLCl 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

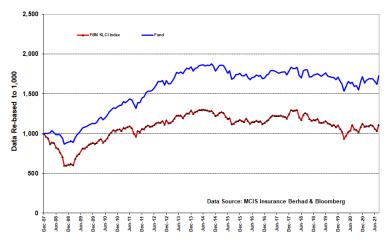
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 August 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 69bps 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

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM0.8188
Fund Size RM30.72 million
Inception Date 21-Jan-08
Fund Management 1.5% p.a.

Fee

Pricing Daily

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

Exceptional Circumstances

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Asset Allocation Ranges

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

**Performance Table** 

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	6.45%	7.14%
3 months (%)	2.11%	1.13%
6 months (%)	3.34%	1.50%
12 months (%)	8.19%	4.99%
2 years (% pa)	0.32%	-0.33%
3 years (% pa)	-1.45%	-4.17%
5 years (% pa)	-0.15%	-0.93%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.06%	0.75%
Yield #	2.88%	3.89%

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

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

# Equity Fund Monthly Report (August 2021)

# **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 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**

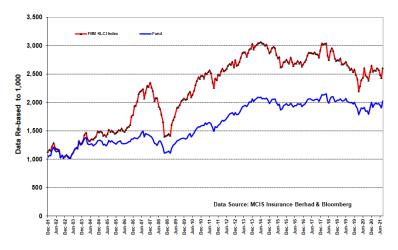
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 August 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 56bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by lower exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

#### **Equity Fund Performance Since Inception**



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM1.0130 Fund Size RM10.17 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management 1.40% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	6.58%	7.14%
3 months (%)	2.30%	1.13%
6 months (%)	3.36%	1.50%
12 months (%)	9.92%	4.99%
2 years (% pa)	0.67%	-0.33%
3 years (% pa)	-1.14%	-4.17%
5 years (% pa)	0.45%	-0.93%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.61%	4.92%
Yield #	2.91%	3.89%

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# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (August 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 growth 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.

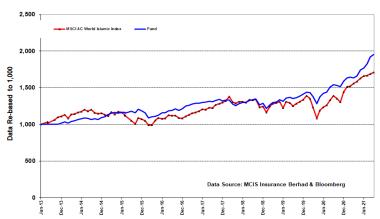
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2021, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 30bps 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 (30.08.21) RM0.9770

Fund Size RM110.16 million Inception Date 8-July-2013

Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.78%	1.48%
3 months (%)	10.60%	2.93%
6 months (%)	19.55%	9.89%
12 months (%)	26.55%	23.09%
2 years (% pa)	20.19%	16.86%
3 years (% pa)	13.55%	8.69%
5 years (% pa)	10.39%	11.14%
Since Inception (% pa)	8.55%	6.79%

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

# Income Fund Monthly Report (August 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.

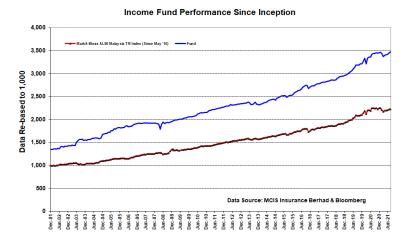
#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered 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 August 2021, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 40bps 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 Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd Sabah Development Bank Berhad Edra Solar Sdn Bhd UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad Swirl Assets Berhad SAJ Capital Sdn Bhd Malaysia Steel Works (KL) Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM1.7367
Fund Size RM44.21 million
Inception Date 15-Oct-01
Fund Management 0.5% p.a.

Fee

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
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. Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	94%
Cash	0%	25%	6%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.44%	0.04%
3 months (%)	1.83%	1.21%
6 months (%)	1.03%	0.94%
12 months (%)	0.85%	-0.99%
2 years (% pa)	4.43%	3.13%
3 years (% pa)	5.92%	5.37%
5 years (% pa)	4.94%	4.37%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.45%	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. Benchmarkretum is calculated on rebased basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

# Jati Fund Monthly Report (August 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**

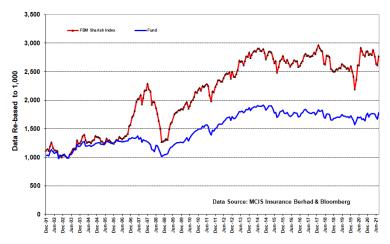
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, and the share market in general, social and 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 August 2021, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 76bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly driven by higher exposure of outperforming securities in the portfolio compared to benchmark.

#### Jati Fund Performance Since Inception



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM0.8884 Fund Size RM19.97 million

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

Pricing Daily

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

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

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	6.58%	5.82%
3 months (%)	1.10%	-0.18%
6 months (%)	1.42%	-1.76%
12 months (%)	6.87%	-3.16%
2 years (% pa)	1.63%	3.46%
3 years (% pa)	0.42%	-0.15%
5 years (% pa)	-0.15%	0.51%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.93%	5.25%
Yield #	2.67%	3.49%

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# Titan Fund Monthly Report (August 2021)

# **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.

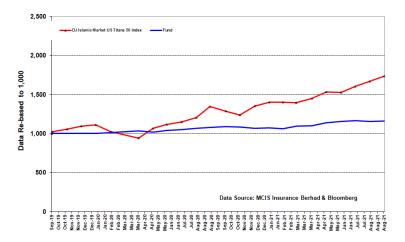
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund; economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2021, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 222bps MoM (month-on-month).

#### **Titan Fund Performance Since Inception**



# **Top Ten Holdings**

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

# **Fund Information**

NAV (30.08.21) RM0.7014
Fund Size RM56.08 million
Inception Date 17-Sept-2019
Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

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Fund Manager

MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

Exceptional Circumstances

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
MyETFDJ50	80%	100%	82%
Cash	0%	20%	18%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.57%	3.79%
3 months (%)	8.39%	13.54%
6 months (%)	19.07%	24.37%
12 months (%)	17.87%	28.55%
2 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
3 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
Since Inception (% pa)	2.93%	31.62%

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

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

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

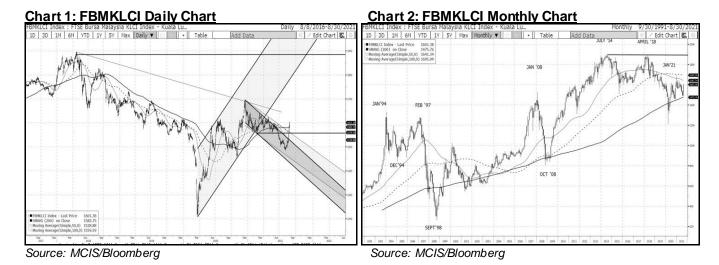
# **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

#### **Market Review**

The FBMKLCI Index rebounded a strong 7.1% (or 107 points) MoM in August to end the month on a high note, at 1,601.38 points. This represents its strongest monthly gain since October 2011. The gain was driven by net buying by foreign investors in the last week of August on optimism that political concerns will subside following the appointment of a new Prime Minister. Both average daily trading volumes and values continued to fall MoM to their lowest levels since April 2020. Average daily trading volumes fell 17% MoM to 4.2bil units while average daily trading values fell 11% MoM to RM2.7bil.

Foreign investors turned monthly net buyers of RM1.05bil in Malaysian equities in August 2021 (vs. net selling of RM1.34bil in July 2021). This is the first monthly net buy by foreign investors in 2021. This helped reduce the cumulative net foreign outflows since 2010 to RM37.9bil; 8M21 net foreign outflow was RM4.5bn. Meanwhile, local institutional investors turned net sellers of RM1.500bil, after net buying of RM120mil in July 2021. This placed them as the largest net seller of Malaysian equities in August. Local retailers remained net buyers in August but their net buys fell 42% MoM to RM470mil (vs. RM804mil in July 2021).

Globally, the equity markets showed positive performance across most of the countries. In the US, Dow Jones Industrial index strengthen by 1.2% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed 2.9% MoM higher. In the eurozone, Bloomberg European 500 index closed 1.7% MoM higher. However, Asian market showed mixed performance with positive biased, where MSCI Asia APEX50 ex-Japan closed 1.0% MoM.



## **Market Outlook & Strategy**

Traditionally, FBMKLCI index's performance tends to be negative in September, with the benchmark posting 1% MoM loss over the past 10 years and 0.8% loss in 43 years. We expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.59x as it is now below its 25-year historical average of P/B (1.85x). If Malaysia makes good progress in vaccinating 70% of its targeted population by end-2021 to achieve herd immunity, it may lift up the positive momentum to the market.

Technically, the benchmark has been trading above the 1,600 psychological mark in August, the strongest rally in four months. The 200-week EMA (1,611) and the critical 1,618-1,625 resistance are still in the way of the bulls. Closing above both of these resistances would likely pave the way for higher prices in the months to follow for the FBMKLCI. Immediate support is at 1,555-1,560 levels followed by the 1,475-1,490 levels.

For the short term, the FBMKLCI index may rally due to the optimism over less political noise after the PM reached out to opposition leaders, and given the continuity in policy from the previous administration. For the rally to sustain, it is important to see recovery in economic activities and higher vaccination rates in states facing higher new COVID-19 cases. For the longer run, we believe the local equity market will improve when the herd immunity is established by end of the year. It 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") yield were spiking up in the shorter-end of curve, reflecting the successful COVID-19 vaccination plan in the country. Brent crude oil prices reversed its rally in the previous month from USD76.33/ barrel to USD72.99/barrel in Aug'21, indicating the concern of global economy recovery post-pandemic. Ringgit on the other hand rebounded to MYR4.1552/USD from MYR4.2205/USD, supported by the net foreign buying flow in local securities in August '21.

On the local economic data, the GDP 2Q'21 recorded an expansion of +16.1% YoY (1Q'21: -0.5% YoY), due to the low base effect arising from COVID-19 pandemic in the previous year. The GDP growth was mainly contributed by manufacturing sector, services sector, mining sector and construction sector; while agriculture sector contracted. Domestic demand rose to +12.3% YoY (1Q'21: -1.0% YoY) while net external demand surged to +34.3% YoY (1Q'21: +0.8% YoY) on the back of strong exports and import growth.

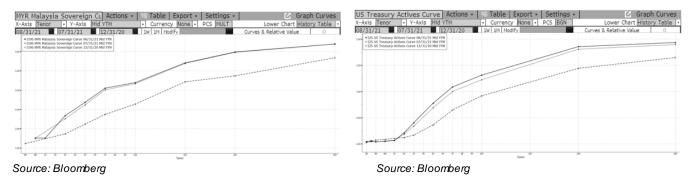
In Jul'21, Malaysia's exports growth slowed significantly to +5.0% YoY (Jun'21: +27.2% YoY) given the new tighter COVID-19 restrictions that have constrained manufacturing activities. Imports managed to sustain its double-digit growth from higher imports of intermediate goods and capital goods, which offset the slowdown in consumption goods. Following the slower exports and higher imports in Jul'21, the trade balance tightened to +MYR13.7 billion compared to +MYR22.2 billion in a month earlier.

Malaysia external reserves rose by USD5.2 billion to USD116.3 billion as at end-Aug'21, supported by the additional allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of 3.5 billion (equivalent to USD5.0 billion) by the IMF. The reserve is sufficient to cover 8.3 months of retained imports and 1.3x short-term external debt.

The auctions unveiled in August 2021 are as follow;

Government Auctions	Issue Date	Amount	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue		(RM million)	(times)	(%)
30year Re-Issuance of MGS(Mat 6/50)	6/8/2021	4,000.00	2.28	4.29
7year Re-Issuance of GII(Mat 10/28)	18/8/2021	4,500.00	1.98	3.16
3year Re-Issuance of MGS(Mat 6/24)	26/8/2021	5,000.00	1.95	2.36

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia



The 10-year US Treasury ("UST") yield moved higher to 1.37% before easing back to 1.31% as at end-Aug'21 (end-Jul'21: 1.22%). In the Jackson Hole Symposium, the Fed Chair Jerome Powell indicated a less hawkish tone than widely expected.

#### **Market Outlook & Strategy**

Following the OPR cut by 125bps and SRR cut by 100bps in 2020, BNM is anticipated to maintain the current monetary policy 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.