

# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report July 2023

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> July, the FBMKLCI Index closed higher for the first time this year by 6.0% MTD at 1,459.43 points. This has shrunk the YTD loss to -2.4%. The positive performance was backed by positive economic print projected for the period and better corporate earnings expectation. The average daily trading value in July jumped 8.9% MoM to MYR1.9bil compared to MYR1.8bil in June. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume rose 1.5% MoM to 3.1bil units from 3.0bil in June.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields were largely unchanged except for longer-end of the curve, which was seen some upticks. Brent crude oil prices rallied to USD85.56/barrel (end-Jun'23: USD74.90/barrel), supported by the OPEC+ production cuts. Meanwhile, ringgit strengthened against the dollar to MYR4.5070/USD (end-Jun'23: MYR4.6665/USD) following the easing US inflation data.

On the local economic data, headline inflation dropped further to +2.4% YoY in Jun'23, mainly driven by the continued moderation in food and non-alcoholic beverages in line with the lower global food price inflation. This is also partially supported by the continued subsidies on chicken and eggs in the local market. Malaysia's exports and imports continued to shrink at -14.1% YoY and -18.9% YoY respectively in Jun'23, making it the fourth consecutive contraction.

For the equity market, after series of interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve to fight against inflation in the 1H2023, the economy has proven to be more resilient than anticipated. We are more optimistic about the outlook for economic expansion this year. Locally, post OPR rate hike to 3.00% in May 2023, we expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged for the remaining of 2023. The OPR rate hike will be negatively impact to the local equity market for short term period. However, for longer term, we expect there will be recovery in the 2H2023 when the inflation started to inch lower. Historical analysis is suggesting that lower interest rates due to lower inflation will be positive for the equity market.

Meanwhile for fixed income, after a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2H2023, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension and the fluctuation in crude oil prices will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.

Based on the table below, on a monthly basis, only Income fund managed to outperform the benchmarks.

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

	Asiap	oac Fund	Balan	ced Fund	Divide	end Fund	Equi	ty Fund	Global \	Yakin Fund	Incor	ne Fund	Jati	Fund	Titan	Fund
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	1.78%	5.45%	2.53%	3.18%	4.67%	6.01%	4.85%	6.01%	0.63%	3.03%	0.84%	0.34%	4.64%	5.16%	-2.00%	3.37%
3 Months (%)	3.65%	-0.02%	2.01%	1.87%	2.04%	3.07%	2.48%	3.07%	5.99%	7.29%	2.10%	0.59%	2.42%	2.01%	11.81%	15.09%
6 Months (%)	6.12%	-3.48%	1.62%	0.31%	0.65%	-1.75%	-0.07%	-1.75%	15.84%	10.09%	3.85%	2.29%	1.17%	-1.11%	24.84%	24.77%
12 Months (%)	4.71%	0.39%	3.10%	1.99%	2.55%	-2.20%	1.39%	-2.20%	11.81%	13.91%	6.05%	6.09%	2.62%	2.03%	10.93%	16.16%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **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 Berhad 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

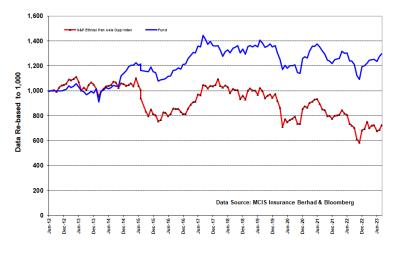
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 367bps MoM (month-on-month). The fund had 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 (31.07.23)	RM0.6491
Fund Size	RM82.9 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%	92%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.78%	5.45%
3 months (%)	3.65%	-0.02%
6 months (%)	6.12%	-3.48%
12 months (%)	4.71%	0.39%
2 years (% pa)	-0.85%	-7.83%
3 years (% pa)	2.63%	-2.24%
5 years (% pa)	-0.68%	-6.56%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.38%	-2.86%

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

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

## Balanced Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Balanced Fund is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long term, through exposure across a range of asset classes. The Fund aims to outperform the performance benchmark over periods of three or more years.

#### **Investment Strategy**

To invest in Malaysian equities and fixed income securities, including government bonds and corporate debt securities. The asset allocation is reviewed on a regular basis and is adjusted commensurate with our view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

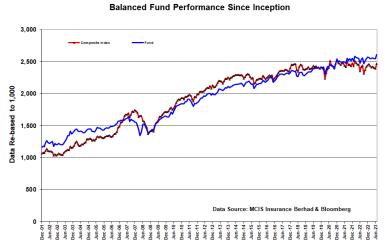
#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income, and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 65bps 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 (Equity) CIMB Bank Berhad (Equity) Public Bank Berhad (Equity) Edotco Malaysia Sdn Berhad (Bond) Cello Capital Berhad (Bond) Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd (Bond) Point Zone (M) Sdn Berhad (Bond) Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd (Bond) Edra Solar Sdn Bhd (Bond) Sabah Development Bank Berhad (Bond)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM1.3042
Fund Size	RM12.34 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%	43%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	47%
Cash	0%	20%	10%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	2.53%	3.18%
3 months (%)	2.01%	1.87%
6 months (%)	1.62%	0.31%
12 months (%)	3.10%	1.99%
2 years (% pa)	2.70%	1.02%
3 years (% pa)	2.05%	-0.65%
5 years (% pa)	2.32%	0.36%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.49%	4.22%

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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 (July 2023)

#### **Investment Objective**

To achieve a steady income stream with potential for capital growth over the medium to long term by focusing mostly on high dividendyielding 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.

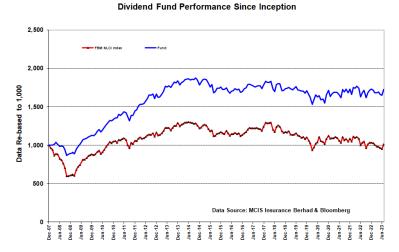
#### Risks

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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 134bps 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 Public Bank Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Maxis Berhad CelcomDigi Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Petronas Dagangan Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM0.8196
Fund Size	RM29.33 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%	96%
Cash	0%	20%	4%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	4.67%	6.01%
3 months (%)	2.04%	3.07%
6 months (%)	0.65%	-1.75%
12 months (%)	2.55%	-2.20%
2 years (% pa)	3.22%	-1.18%
3 years (% pa)	1.64%	-3.09%
5 years (% pa)	-0.70%	-3.94%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.56%	0.06%
Yield #	3.48%	4.31%

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\* Index is FBMKLCI sourced from Bloomberg.

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

# Equity Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Equity Fund is to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term by focusing on high-quality equities listed on the FBMKLCI Index. The aim of the Equity Fund is to outperform the Index over periods of five or more years.

#### **Investment Strategy**

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on the stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving long-term growth in capital value.

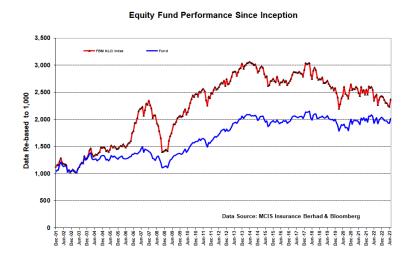
#### Risks

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 116bps 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 Public Bank Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad Sime Darby Plantation Berhad CelcomDigi Berhad IHH Healthcare Berhad Inari Amertron Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM1.0089
Fund Size	RM13.75 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 (%)	4.85%	6.01%
3 months (%)	2.48%	3.07%
6 months (%)	-0.07%	-1.75%
12 months (%)	1.39%	-2.20%
2 years (% pa)	3.03%	-1.18%
3 years (% pa)	1.89%	-3.09%
5 years (% pa)	-0.60%	-3.94%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.27%	4.03%
Yield #	4.01%	4.31%

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

# Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **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. 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

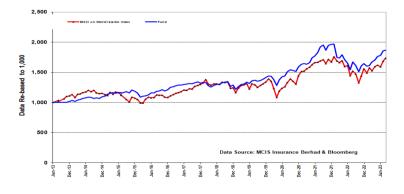
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 240bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly due to the underperforming 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 (31.07.23)	RM0.9337
Fund Size	RM124.26 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%	91%
Cash	0%	20%	9%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.63%	3.03%
3 months (%)	5.99%	7.29%
6 months (%)	15.84%	10.09%
12 months (%)	11.81%	13.91%
2 years (% pa)	-1.38%	1.45%
3 years (% pa)	7.41%	9.29%
5 years (% pa)	7.08%	6.77%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.39%	5.61%

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

## Income Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **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.

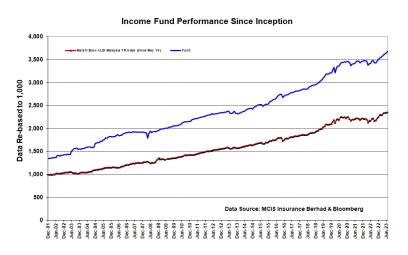
#### Risks

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 July 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 50bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was due to the outperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

Swirl Assets Berhad Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd Leader Energy Sdn Berhad Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd Cello Capital Berhad Edra Solar Sdn Bhd Sabah Development Bank Berhad UiTM Solar Power Sdn Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad Lebuhraya Duke Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM1.8407
Fund Size	RM51.42 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%	94%
Cash	0%	25%	6%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.84%	0.34%
3 months (%)	2.10%	0.59%
6 months (%)	3.85%	2.29%
12 months (%)	6.05%	6.09%
2 years (% pa)	3.18%	2.84%
3 years (% pa)	2.45%	1.46%
5 years (% pa)	4.90%	4.49%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.15%	4.00%

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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 (July 2023)

#### **Investment Objective**

The Jati Fund is invested in accordance with Shariah principles in Shariah sanctioned equities, money market instruments, and fixed income investments. The aim is to provide security and income, while maintaining and potentially increasing the value of capital over the medium to long term. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

#### **Investment Strategy**

To invest in a broad selection of Shariah approved securities listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, it looks to buy stocks whose shares appear undervalued relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

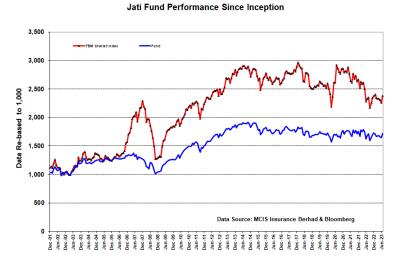
#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 52bps 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**

Sime Darby Plantation Berhad Telekom Malaysia Berhad Inari Amertron Berhad Petronas Gas Berhad IOI Corporation Berhad Tenaga Nasional Berhad Maxis Berhad MISC Berhad Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad CelcomDigi Berhad

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM0.8620
Fund Size	RM20.24 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%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	4.64%	5.16%
3 months (%)	2.42%	2.01%
6 months (%)	1.17%	-1.11%
12 months (%)	2.62%	2.03%
2 years (% pa)	1.69%	-4.66%
3 years (% pa)	0.33%	-6.59%
5 years (% pa)	-0.42%	-3.09%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.53%	4.05%
Yield #	3.55%	3.77%

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

# Titan Fund Monthly Report (July 2023)

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund invests in MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50 ("MyETF-US50") which aims to provide investment results that closely correspond to the performance of the Dow Jones Islamic Market U.S. Titans 50 Index. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

#### **Investment Strategy**

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

#### Risks

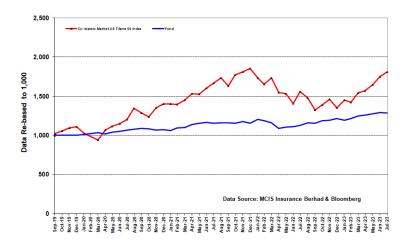
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis 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 July 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 537bps MoM (month-on-month).



#### Titan Fund Performance Since Inception

### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (31.07.23)	RM0.7707
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Fund Size	RM117.6 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%	101%
Cash	0%	20%	-1%

#### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*	
1 month (%)	-2.00%	3.37%	
3 months (%)	11.81%	15.09%	
6 months (%)	24.84%	24.77%	
12 months (%)	10.93%	16.16%	
2 years (% pa)	5.65%	4.13%	
3 years (% pa)	11.13%	14.58%	
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a	
Since Inception (% pa)	11.68%	16.35%	

# 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.

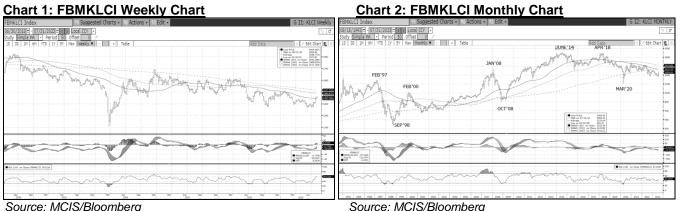
# **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

### Market Review

As at 31<sup>st</sup> July, the FBMKLCI Index closed higher for the first time this year by 6.0% MTD at 1,459.43 points. This has shrunk the YTD loss to -2.4%. The positive performance was backed by positive economic print projected for the period and better corporate earnings expectation. The average daily trading value in July jumped 8.9% MoM to MYR1.9bil compared to MYR1.8bil in June. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume rose 1.5% MoM to 3.1bil units from 3.0bil in June.

Foreign investors have turned to net buyers on Bursa Malaysia for the first time this year at MYR1.4bil. This has lowered their cumulative net sell to MYR2.78bil YTD. Meanwhile, domestic institutions sold MYR0.86bil in July, shrinking their net buy to MYR2.87bil YTD. Retail investors also sold MYR0.56bil in July, and became net seller of local equity market to MYR93.5mil YTD.

Meanwhile, global equity markets continued to show positive performances on the back of improving economic outlook and better corporate earnings reported during the period. In the US, economic data indicating resilient growth and inflation starting to fall. Dow Jones Industrial Index closed higher by 3.3% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed higher by 3.1% MoM higher. Eurozone shares also posted gains due to positive economic growth data and smaller inflation number with Bloomberg European 500 index closed 1.8% MoM higher. In Asia, the performances were positive as the Chinese government announced its determination to shore up China's flagging economy with new initiatives to boost consumption. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed 5.8% MoM higher during the month



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#### Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI Index's performance tends to be negative in August, with average -1.8%/-0.3% MoM returns over the past 10 years/45 years. However, we expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.37x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.91x) and 15.7x PER compared to the 13-year historical average of PER (17.2x).

Technically, the FBMKLCI index has witnessed a bullish MACD crossover recently and surpassed the 50-day SMA. If the index were to move above the previous high of 1,500 level, there is a potential case for more bullishness, but as it stands the bullish crossover likely only means a rally to the top of the channel. We expect the index to gain further grounds towards 1,500 levels, supported by bottoming-up indicators. Meanwhile, key supports are pegged at 1,400 levels.

After series of interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve to fight against inflation in the 1H2023, the economy has proven to be more resilient than anticipated. We are more optimistic about the outlook for economic expansion this year. Locally, post OPR rate hike to 3.00% in May 2023, we expect BNM to maintain the OPR unchanged for the remaining of 2023. The OPR rate hike will be negatively impact to the local equity market for short term period. However, for longer term, we expect there will be recovery in the 2H2023 when the inflation started to inch lower. Historical analysis is suggesting that lower interest rates due to lower inflation will be positive for the equity market.

# Fixed Income Review and Outlook

#### Market Review

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") yields were largely unchanged except for longer-end of the curve, which was seen some upticks. Brent crude oil prices rallied to USD85.56/barrel (end-Jun'23: USD74.90/barrel), supported by the OPEC+ production cuts. Meanwhile, ringgit strengthened against the dollar to MYR4.5070/USD (end-Jun'23: MYR4.6665/USD) following the easing US inflation data.

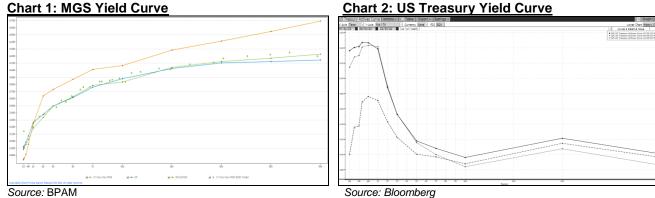
On the local economic data, headline inflation dropped further to +2.4% YoY in Jun'23 (May'23: +2.8% YoY), mainly driven by the continued moderation in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (FNAB) (Jun'23: +4.7% YoY; May'23: +5.9% YoY) in line with the lower global food price inflation. This is also partially supported by the continued subsidies on chicken and eggs in the local market. Transport inflation was seen flat in Jun'23 (May'23: +1.0% YoY), thanks to the stable global crude oil prices as well as the continued subsidies on RON95 and diesel fuel. Malaysia's Exports and Imports continued to shrink at -14.1% YoY and -18.9% YoY respectively in Jun'23 (May'23: -0.9% YoY and -3.7% YoY respectively), making it the fourth consecutive contraction. All major Export segments declined in Jun'23, due to the weaker global demand and lower commodity prices. Contraction in Imports was also seen across all major segments, with Consumption Goods by -11.8% YoY, Intermediate Goods by -25.7% YoY, Capital Goods by -12.1% YoY and Imports for Re-Exports by -10.3% YoY. In summary, trade surplus widened further to +MYR25.8b in Jun'23 compared to +MYR15.7b a month earlier.

BNM's international reserve declined slightly to USD111.8b as at mid-July'23 (mid-Jun'23: USD113.0b). The reserve is sufficient to 5.1 months of retained imports and is 1.0 times of short-term external debts.

Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
10-yr Reopening of MGS 11/33 4.642%	14/7/2023	5,500.00	2.64	3.86
7-yr Reopening of MGII 09/30 4.245%	21/7/2023	5,000.00	2.30	3.79
3-yr Reopening of MGS 07/26 3.906%	31/7/2023	4,500.00	1.91	3.48
Source: Bank Negara Malaysia				

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#### The 10-year US Treasury yield surged further to 3.84% as at end-Jun'23 (end-May'23: 3.65%), taking cue from the concern of sticky core inflation in the US.

#### Market Outlook & Strategy

After a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 2H2023, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension and the fluctuation in crude oil prices will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.