

# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report November 2023

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The FBMKLCI Index climbed 0.7% MoM to 1,452.74 points in November '23, the second consecutive month of gains. This was supported by the increase in foreign buying into the local index. This has shrunk the YTD loss to -2.9%. The average daily trading value in November rose 9.7% MoM and 2.0% YoY to RM2.2bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in Nov 23 rose 11.4% MoM and 1.3% YoY to 3.4bil units.

Malaysia Government Securities ("MGS") had seen a massive rally, moving the yields lower in line with US Treasury yields. Brend crude oil prices dropped further to USD82.83/barrel as at end-Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: USD87.41/barrel), reflecting the global demand worries. Meanwhile, Ringgit strengthened against the Dollar to RM4.6613/USD as at end Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: 4.7635/USD).

On the local economic data, Malaysia GDP growth saw a slight increase to +3.3% YoY in 3Q'23. The growth was mainly supported by Services Sector and Construction Sector.

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 1H2024, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.

Based on the table below, on a monthly basis, most of the fund had underperformed the respective benchmark indices.

Policyholders are encouraged to focus on regular premiums given the current risk and volatile period of the economic and market condition. Risk-averse investors should focus on income funds due to its less volatile as compared to equity-related funds.

## Performance Table: Funds vs Benchmarks

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	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	1.92%	4.68%	0.57%	1.34%	0.65%	0.74%	0.16%	0.74%	7.17%	8.88%	1.35%	1.95%	0.66%	0.81%	7.54%	9.20%
3 Months (%)	0.24%	-1.20%	0.87%	0.44%	1.13%	0.06%	1.14%	0.06%	0.91%	1.62%	1.12%	0.81%	1.38%	0.08%	1.06%	1.34%
6 Months (%)	2.66%	-0.58%	3.20%	3.01%	4.54%	4.73%	4.79%	4.73%	5.21%	8.03%	2.89%	1.23%	3.65%	3.04%	9.57%	10.74%
12 Months (%)	6.13%	-1.17%	3.19%	2.16%	1.16%	-2.42%	0.39%	-2.42%	13.88%	10.19%	7.51%	6.77%	1.59%	1.36%	28.32%	24.99%

Source: MCIS Insurance Berhad

## AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (November 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 (S) Pte Ltd where the ETF is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange.

The ETF focuses on the top 40 ethical and high-yielding stocks in the Asia Pacific Region excluding India, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand, and the Philippines. The fund provides country diversification across the industry that is traded in US Dollars.

#### **Risks**

The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis and adjusted to be commensurate with the Investment Team's view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

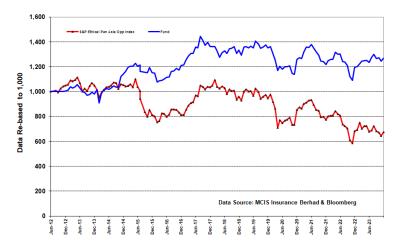
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

The target market is for investors who are seeking regional exposure from investment and at the same time, seeking medium to long-term capital appreciation with moderate market risk.

#### **Fund Performance**

For the month ended November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 276bps 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 (30.11.23) RM0.6345 Fund Size RM83.9 million Inception Date 15-July-2012 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
ETF	80%	100%	88%
Cash	0%	20%	12%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.92%	4.68%
3 months (%)	0.24%	-1.20%
6 months (%)	2.66%	-0.58%
12 months (%)	6.13%	-1.17%
2 years (% pa)	2.05%	-6.71%
3 years (% pa)	0.23%	-7.55%
5 years (% pa)	-0.99%	-6.82%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.11%	-3.39%

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 (November 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**

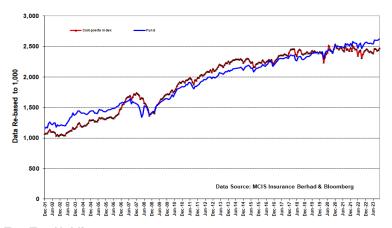
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income, and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economic development, social and political 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 November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 77bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

#### **Balanced Fund Performance Since Inception**



## **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM1.3124

Fund Size RM12.32 million

Inception Date 15-Oct-01 Fund Management 1.25% p.a.

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## **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	45%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	47%
Cash	0%	20%	8%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.57%	1.34%
3 months (%)	0.87%	0.44%
6 months (%)	3.20%	3.01%
12 months (%)	3.19%	2.16%
2 years (% pa)	2.21%	0.88%
3 years (% pa)	2.06%	0.05%
5 years (% pa)	2.84%	0.88%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.45%	4.17%

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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 (November 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 dividend-yielding stocks and money market instruments. The aim of the Fund is to outperform the FBMKLCI Index over periods of five or more years.

## **Investment Strategy**

To invest in a broad selection of companies listed on the Malaysian Stock Exchange. Using a relative value methodology, the fund focuses on undervalued stocks relative to fundamental value, with the aim of achieving an income stream, together with some degree of long-term capital gains.

#### **Risks**

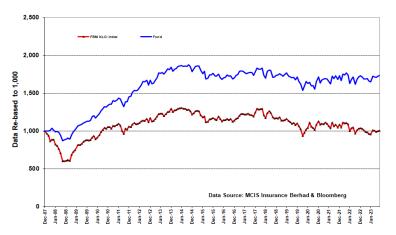
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and political factors, and the liquidity of the underlying assets.

The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

#### **Fund Performance**

For the month ended November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 9bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

#### **Dividend Fund Performance Since Inception**



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM0.8236 Fund Size RM28.97 million Inception Date 21-Jan-08 Fund Management 1.5% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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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 (%)	0.65%	0.74%
3 months (%)	1.13%	0.06%
6 months (%)	4.54%	4.73%
12 months (%)	1.16%	-2.42%
2 years (% pa)	1.51%	-2.04%
3 years (% pa)	1.59%	-2.40%
5 years (% pa)	0.26%	-2.86%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.52%	0.03%
Yield #	3.52%	4.60%

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

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

## **Equity Fund Monthly Report (November 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**

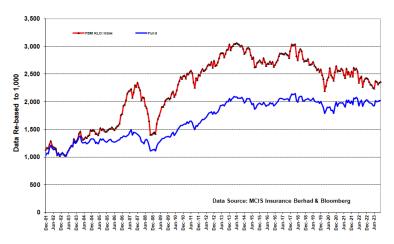
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 58bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

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



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM1.0125 Fund Size RM13.58 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management 1.40% p.a.

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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.16%	0.74%
3 months (%)	0.19%	0.06%
6 months (%)	2.67%	4.73%
12 months (%)	1.75%	-2.42%
2 years (% pa)	-0.22%	-2.04%
3 years (% pa)	4.11%	-2.40%
5 years (% pa)	0.05%	-2.86%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.24%	3.95%
Yield #	4.26%	4.60%

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## Global Yakin Fund Monthly Report (November 2023)

## **Investment Objective**

The fund aims for capital appreciation in the long term by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities of companies with good growth potential. The Fund is not a Shariah-compliant product.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund is to feed into abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund ("AIWEF") (formerly known as Aberdeen Standard Islamic World Equity Fund) which is managed by abrdn Islamic Malaysia Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Aberdeen Standard Investments (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd). The Fund invests in shariah approved securities across the globe.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in an international portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and equity-related securities of companies with good growth potential. The countries that the Fund will invest in will include, but not be limited to Canada, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Brazil, and Mexico.

#### **Risks**

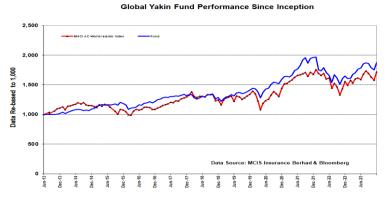
The Fund is considered low risk given the exposure to only one underlying securities with no attempt to select stocks individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets. Risk is managed at the management level, where the asset allocation of the fund is to be reviewed on a regular basis and adjusted to be commensurate with the Investment Team's view on the relative attractiveness of each asset class.

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

The Fund is suitable for investors who seek capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon and who are willing to accept a high level of risk.

#### **Fund Performance**

For the month ended November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 171bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly due to the underperforming of the underlying securities compared to the benchmark index.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

abrdn Islamic World Equity Fund (AIWEF)

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM0.9375
Fund Size RM126.3 million
Inception Date 8-July-2013
Fund Management 0.85% p.a.
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Fund Manager MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

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**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
AIWEF	80%	100%	95%
Cash	0%	20%	5%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	7.17%	8.88%
3 months (%)	0.91%	1.62%
6 months (%)	5.21%	8.03%
12 months (%)	13.88%	10.19%
2 years (% pa)	-2.22%	1.29%
3 years (% pa)	5.59%	5.92%
5 years (% pa)	7.81%	8.35%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.22%	5.32%

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

## Income Fund Monthly Report (November 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.

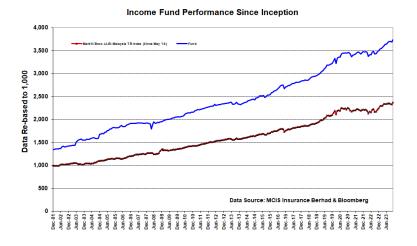
#### **Risks**

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 November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 60bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was due to the underperforming of the fixed income securities compared to the benchmark index.



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM1.8695 Fund Size RM52.22 million Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management 0.5% p.a.

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Circumstances

**Asset Allocation Ranges** 

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	90%
Cash	0%	25%	10%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	1.35%	1.95%
3 months (%)	1.12%	0.81%
6 months (%)	2.89%	1.23%
12 months (%)	7.51%	6.77%
2 years (% pa)	4.00%	3.55%
3 years (% pa)	2.77%	2.24%
5 years (% pa)	4.91%	4.40%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.13%	3.98%

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\* The benchmark index is Markit iBoxx ALBI Malaysia TR Index (Since June '16). Prior to that, the index used was HSBC Malaysia All Bond Index. Benchmark return is calculated on rebased basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

## Jati Fund Monthly Report (November 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**

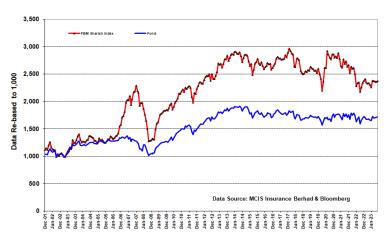
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 15bps MoM (month-on-month). The underperformance was mainly driven by a higher exposure of underperforming securities in the portfolio compared to the benchmark.

#### Jati Fund Performance Since Inception



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

## **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM0.8601 Fund Size RM19.64 million

Fund Size RM19.64 mill Inception Date 15-Oct-01

Fund Management 1.35% 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
Malaysian Equity	80%	100%	97%
Cash	0%	20%	3%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.66%	0.81%
3 months (%)	1.38%	0.08%
6 months (%)	3.65%	3.04%
12 months (%)	1.59%	1.36%
2 years (% pa)	0.23%	-5.07%
3 years (% pa)	-0.33%	-5.97%
5 years (% pa)	0.76%	-1.24%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.48%	3.98%
Yield #	3.58%	3.76%

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## Titan Fund Monthly Report (November 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.

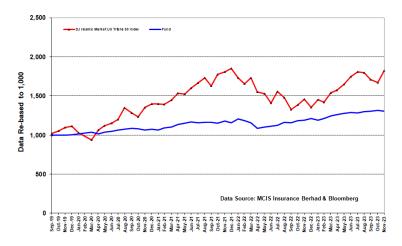
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 November 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 166bps MoM (month-on-month).

#### Titan Fund Performance Since Inception



#### **Top Ten Holdings**

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

#### **Fund Information**

NAV (30.11.23) RM0.8184
Fund Size RM99.22 million
Inception Date 17-Sept-2019
Fund Management 0.85% p.a.

Fee

Pricing Daily

Price Quote Major Newspaper, or

http://www.mcis.my

Fund Manager

MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)

Refer to your Policy Document

Exceptional Circumstances

#### **Asset Allocation Ranges**

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
MyETFDJ50	80%	100%	106%
Cash	0%	20%	-7%

#### **Performance Table**

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	7.54%	9.20%
3 months (%)	1.06%	1.34%
6 months (%)	9.57%	10.74%
12 months (%)	28.32%	24.99%
2 years (% pa)	4.01%	0.46%
3 years (% pa)	11.65%	10.51%
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
Since Inception (% pa)	12.29%	15.20%

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.

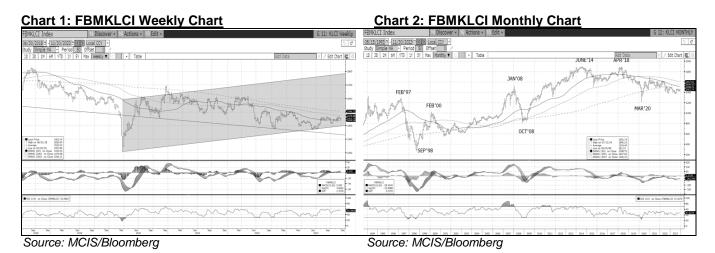
## **Equity Market Review and Outlook**

#### **Market Review**

The FBMKLCI Index climbed 0.7% MoM to 1,452.74 points in November '23, the second consecutive month of gains. This was supported by the increase in foreign buying into the local index. This has shrunk the YTD loss to -2.9%. The average daily trading value in November rose 9.7% MoM and 2.0% YoY to RM2.2bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in Nov 23 rose 11.4% MoM and 1.3% YoY to 3.4bil units.

Foreign investors returned to being net buyers in November with net buy flows of RM1.6bil, marking a drastic reversal after having previously net sold RM2.2bil in October. Foreign investors' net buy flow in reduced the cumulative net foreign outflow YTD to RM2.6bil. Local institutions recorded a net sell of RM1.5bil during the month. This marked the sixth consecutive month where local institutions switched between net buying and net selling MoM. Local retail investors recorded a net sell of RM140.9mil in November, which was an increase of 22.6% MoM.

Meanwhile, global equity markets rebounded in November, recorded one of the strongest month in three years. This was backed by a broad-based rally that saw cyclical sectors outperform. Dow Jones Industrial Index closed higher by 8.8% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed higher by 8.9% MoM. Eurozone shares also posted some gains as the economic bloc was showing softer inflation. Weaker inflation data boosted hopes that interest rates have now peaked and will begin to fall earlier than expected, bringing a soft landing. Bloomberg European 500 index closed 6.3% MoM. In Asia, the performances were also mostly positive. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed 7.3% MoM during the month.



#### Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI Index's performance tends to be positive in December, with average 3.5%/1.7% for MoM returns over the past 10 years and 45 years. We expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.30x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.89x) and 15.1x PER compared to the 13-year historical average of PER (17.1x).

Technically, the bullish MACD crossover happened in October continued in November. The FBMKLCI Index has been volatile and continued trading above the 50-day SMA, but lower than the 100-day and 200-day SMAs. We continue to be positive on the market moving towards the end of the year. Immediate resistance level is seen at the psychological level of 1,500 and immediate support level is at 50-SMA of 1,440 level.

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") had seen a massive rally, moving the yields lower in line with US Treasury yields. Brend crude oil prices dropped further to USD82.83/barrel as at end-Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: USD87.41/barrel), reflecting the global demand worries. Meanwhile, Ringgit strengthened against the Dollar to RM4.6613/USD as at end Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: 4.7635/USD).

On the local economic data, Malaysia GDP growth saw a slight increase to +3.3% YoY in 3Q'23 (2Q'23: +2.9% YoY). The growth was mainly supported by Services Sector and Construction Sector. Inflation continued to ease, moving slightly lower to +1.8% YoY in Oct'23 (Sep'23: +1.9% YoY). Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (FNAB) prices continued to moderate at +3.6% YoY, in line with the easing of global food price inflation. Transport inflation remained muted, mainly supported by the Government subsidies on the RON95 and diesel fuel.

Malaysia Exports continued to its contraction but at a much slower pace at -4.4% YoY in Oct'23 (Sep'23: -13.8% YoY) while the decline in Imports almost halted at -0.2% YoY (Sep'23: -11.1% YoY). The slower decline in Exports was mainly attributed to the rebound in Agriculture Export to +3.3% YoY (Sep'23: -23.1% YoY), thanks to the increase in Palm Oil Export. The decline in Manufacturing Export eased further to -3.5% YoY (Sep'23:-11.9%% YoY). Imports experienced a less significant decline in Oct'23 with notable increases in the Import of Capital Goods and Consumption Goods. In summary, the trade surplus narrowed to +RM12.9bil in Oct'23 (Sep'23: +RM24.5bil). BNM's international reserves rose to USD112.3bil as at end-Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: USD108.5b). The reserve is sufficient to finance 5.4 months of retained imports and is 1.0 time of short-term external debts.

The auctions unveiled in Nov'23 is as follow:

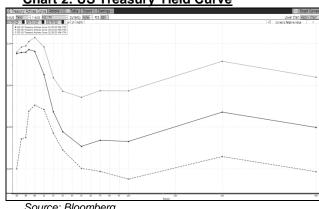
Government Auctions		Auction Amount + PP	Bid-cover	Avg Yield
Issue	Issue Date	(RM million)	(times)	(%)
30-yr Reopening of MGII 05/52 5.357%	8/11/2023	3,000.00	2.08	4.48
3-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 09/26)	15/11/2023	5,000.00	1.51	3.62
7-yr Reopening of MGII 09/30 4.245%	30/11/2023	5,000.00	3.30	3.90

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia



### Source: BPAM

**Chart 2: US Treasury Yield Curve** 



Source: Bloomberg

US 10-year Treasury rallied significantly, moving the yields lower to 4.33% as at end Nov'23 (end-Oct'23: 4.93%). This is to reflect the increasing market expectation on the potential US Fed rate cut.

#### Market Outlook & Strategy

After a series of recent OPR hikes to pre-pandemic level, BNM is anticipated to keep its monetary policy unchanged in 1H2024, aiming to balance the economic growth and inflationary pressure in the country. The external risk factors such as Russia-Ukraine geopolitical tension will continue to weigh on the local market, but we believe corporate bond space still provides attractive yields. As such, our fixed income strategy will remain defensive to shelter from the market volatilities in the near term.