

## March 2025

# **AIA PAM – Growth Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks to provide returns through capital growth.

## **Investment Strategy**

The Fund will invest in equities with a bias towards equities with potential for growth. The Fund will invest in local and foreign markets. The Fund will also invest at least 10% of its NAV in local fixed income instruments with a minimum credit rating of "BBB3" or "P2" by RAM or equivalent rating by MARC.

# **Fund Details**

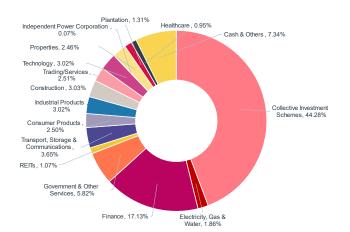
Unit NAV (31 March 2025)	: RM 1.4452
Fund Size (31 March 2025)	: RM 511.8 million
Fund Currency	: Ringgit Malaysia
Fund Launch	: May 16, 2013
Fund Inception	: June 05, 2013
Fund Management Charge	: up to 1.50% p.a
Investment Manager	: AIA Pension and Asset Management
-	Sdn. Bhd.
Basis of Unit Valuation	: Net Asset Value (NAV)
Frequency of Unit Valuation	: Daily
Benchmark	: 30% FBMT 100 Index + 20% MSCI
	AC Asia ex Japan Index + 20% Quant
	Shop MGS All Bond Index + 30%

MSCI World Index

#### **Top Five Holding**

1.	FIDELITY FUNDS-GLOBAL FOCUS FUND	14.97%
2.	SCHRODER ISF GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE	40 700/
۷.	GROWTH	13.78%
3.	SCHRODER ISF SUSTAINABLE ASIAN EQUITY	9.05%
4.	INVESCO ASIAN EQUITY FUND	6.48%
5.	PUBLIC BANK BHD	2.98%

# Sector Allocation



## Risk

General investment risks involve market risk, fund manager risk, inflation risk and liquidity risk. Specific risks of the Fund involve credit/default risk, interest rate risk, particular security risk, country risk and currency risk.

#### **Risk Management**

Investment Manager aims to reduce investment risks through structured and disciplined investment process, rigorous and disciplined credit research and analysis, portfolio diversification and strict and frequent stock evaluation to minimize company specific risk.





#### Accumulative Return

%	1 Mth	1-Year	^5-Year	^10-Year	^Since Inception
Fund	-1.32%	-1.08%	45.99%	53.06%	71.98%
Benchmark	-2.50%	1.86%	44.04%	57.33%	79.08%

Annualised Return

%	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Fund	-1.08%	7.86%	4.35%	4.69%
Benchmark	1.86%	7.57%	4.64%	5.05%

#### Calendar Year Return

%	Year to Date	2024	2023	2022
Fund	-3.78%	10.28%	10.33%	-10.87%
Benchmark	-3.14%	12.53%	11.97%	-8.22%

Source: AIA Pension and Asset Management Sdn. Bhd., Bloomberg as of 31 March 2025. ^ Cumulative returns. The performance is calculated on NAV-to-NAV basis. Past performance is not an indicative of future performance.

#### **Market Review**

Malaysian Government Securities ("MGS") yield curve bull-steepened in March 2025. During the month, the US Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC") voted to keep the federal funds target range unchanged at 4.25% to 4.50%, as broadly expected. Similarly, BNM also kept the overnight policy rate ("OPR") unchanged at 3.00% at the Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting. The language of the latest monetary policy statement by BNM was rather neutral and balanced in its views as the outlook for global growth, inflation and trade are subject to considerable uncertainties surrounding tariff and other policies from major economies and geopolitical developments.

Globally, S&P 500 was down by 5.75% in March 2025, bringing its Year-to-date ("YTD") return to -4.59%. President Trump's rapid executive orders and policy changes, as tariffs, inflation, employment and consumer spending became the main concerns of the market. In the ASEAN equity space, India was the best performing market with a Month-on-Month ("MoM") increase of 6.3%, as bargain hunting emerged from more palatable valuations, supported by increasing chances of RBI rate cuts as inflation has recently fallen below the 4% target.

The FBMKLCI ("Index") fell 3.88% MoM to close at 1,513.65 pts in March 2025. The Index underperformed the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, which fell 0.76% MoM in Malaysian Ringgit ("MYR") terms over the same period. Foreign investors remained net sellers of Malaysian equities with net sell flows rising 110.5% MoM to MYR4.6 billion while local institutions remained net buyers amounting to MYR4.3 billion during the month.

## Market Outlook

With recent US economic data releases coming in mixed, the trend for a moderation in inflation and a softening in the labour market has somewhat slowed. At the most recent US Federal Open Market Committee meeting, the US Fed kept the interest rate unchanged, citing concerns on the progress of inflation and potential risks from fiscal and trade policies by President Trump's administration. We are cautiously optimistic on the equity and fixed income market in the near term. With these uncertainties ahead, we maintain our view that market volatility would persist as the US Fed and the market would remain reactive to data releases and developments in key geopolitical events, central banks' monetary policy decisions as well as implications from President Trump's trade policies. Locally, while our optimism on equities has moderated, the market is likely to remain supported by stable corporate earnings, various ongoing government initiatives, stronger tourism recovery, resilient domestic consumption and political stability.



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