

# **AIA INVESTMENT FUNDS** AIA ASIA (EX JAPAN) EQUITY FUND

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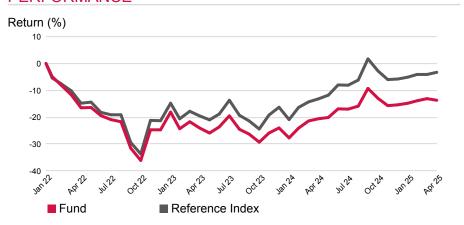
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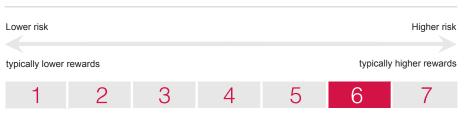
#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE and POLICY

The Sub-Fund aims to generate long-term total returns through a portfolio of equities and equity-related securities issued primarily by Asian companies. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Sub-Fund will invest primarily, i.e. at least 50% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, in equity securities and equity-related securities issued by companies either (i) incorporated in the Asia (ex-Japan) region, (ii) listed, traded or quoted on the stock exchanges in the Asia (ex-Japan) or (iii) have most of their assets and/or activities located in the Asia (ex-Japan) region.

The funds described herein are indexed to an MSCI index.

### **PERFORMANCE**





This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-Fund. The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.

The lowest category does not mean a risk free investment.

The Sub-Fund is rated 6 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below.

These factors may impact the value of the Sub-Fund's investments or expose the Sub-Fund to losses.

#### **MAIN RISKS**

Currency Risk The Sub-Fund invests in other currencies. Changes in exchange rates will therefore affect the value of the investment.

Emerging Markets Risk Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more economic, political or structural challenges than developed countries. This may mean your money is at greater risk. Other factors include greater 'Liquidity Risk', restrictions on investment or transfer of assets and failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments to the Sub-Fund.

Source: Please refer to Section 5 of the prospectus for other risk factors.

^Data as of 31 December 2024. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the depository at any entry charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any). Please refer to Page 3 of factsheet for fees of each share class.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Prior to investing, Investors should read the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

### **PERFORMANCE**

		Cumulative	Returns (%)		Annualised Returns (%)				
	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a)	5 y (p.a)	10 y (p.a)	Since Inception (p.a)	
Class Z	-0.60	1.38	2.04	8.77	1.10	-	-	-4.36	
^Benchmark	0.76	1.88	2.66	11.35	4.30	-	-	-1.02	
Relative Return	-1.36	-0.50	-0.62	-2.57	-3.20	-	-	-3.34	

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# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

1.	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	9.0
2.	Tencent Holdings Ltd	7.7
3.	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.3
4.	HDFC Bank Ltd	5.6
5.	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	3.6
6.	Kasikornbank PCL	3.5
7.	JD.com Inc	2.9
8.	United Overseas Bank Ltd	2.7
9.	NetEase Inc	2.5
10.	Full Truck Alliance Co Ltd	2.5

# COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)

China	35.6
Taiwan	14.1
South Korea	14.0
India	11.5
Indonesia	5.2
Singapore	5.0
Hong Kong	3.7
Thailand	3.5
Luxembourg	1.9
Other Countries	5.6

# SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)

Financials	23.8
Information Technology	21.1
Communication Services	16.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.6
Industrials	9.5
Consumer Staples	6.3
Equity Fund	3.9
Utilities	2.6
Real Estate	2.2
Other Sectors	3.1

### SHARE CLASS DETAILS

hare lass	Currency	Bloomberg ticker	ISIN	Inception date	Initial sales charges % (max)	Annual management fee% (max)	Initial Offer Px	Redemption Fee / Conversion Fee	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment	Minimum Redemption Amount	Minimum Holding Amount	Distribution frequency	Ex-date	Dividend per share
Z	USD	AFAEZUC	LU1982191691	2022-01-12	Up to 5%	0%	USD 10	Up to 1%	USD20m	USD100,000	USD100,000	USD20m	NA	NA	NA

Distributions are not guaranteed and may fluctuate. Past distributions are not necessarily indicative of future trends, which may be lower. Distribution payouts and its frequency are determined by the Board of Directors and should not be confused with the Fund's performance, rate of return or yield. Any payment of distributions may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share. Please refer to Section 7.2 of the prospectus for dividend distribution policy.

For more information about charges, please see section charges and expenses of the prospectus of the UCITs, which is available at : www.aia.com/en/funds-information

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### **Commentary Sources**

- 1. AIA Investment Management Pte Ltd
- 2. AIA Investment Funds
- 3. Invesco Asset Management Limited

### **COMMENTARY**

Global financial markets experienced heightened volatility in April, as President Trump's tariff announcements introduced significant uncertainty into the global economic and market outlook. In April, the AIA Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund delivered -0.60%, underperforming its benchmark by 136 basis points (bps). The Fund's underweight position in India detracted from relative performance, as this market outperformed given a lower sensitivity to U.S. tariffs.

Recent outperformers in China were amongst the biggest detractors, such as Full Truck Alliance Co Ltd, and most notably JD.com Inc amidst concerns that its decision to compete more aggressively in the food delivery sector would impact profitability. However, domestically focused stocks in less economically sensitive areas proved resilient, particularly game developer NetEase Inc and Staples stocks such as instant noodles distributor Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp and dairy producer Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd.

Stock selection in Financials contributed positively, with Indian and Thai banks adding value, as did Korean insurer Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co Ltd, helping offset the impact of Shriram Finance Ltd and United Overseas Bank Ltd, which gave back some of their recent outperformance. Finally, Australian-listed Woodside Energy Group Ltd was led lower by oil price weakness, not helped by OPEC's (the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) announcement of accelerated oil output.

The Fund seeks to invest in companies across the region which are worth more than their share prices suggest. The Fund continues to have a modest overweight position in Hong Kong & China, which includes a mix of large internet companies, life insurers and consumer-related stocks. An overweight position in South Korea reflects a belief that improvements in corporate governance and dividend pay-outs are being underappreciated by the market, which has provided an opportunity to own operationally solid companies, with good balance sheets, as well as an ability and desire to improve shareholder returns over time. The Fund's overweight position in Indonesia and underweight in India reflects differences in valuations, and its belief that Indonesia has scope for better growth after a weak period.

Asian equities currently offer double-digit earnings growth, with reasonable valuation levels across much of the universe. However, the asset class continues to trade at a significant discount to global equities, particularly the U.S. market. Whilst the Fund remains mindful of geopolitical risks and the uncertainty that may come with the Trump administration's pursuit of protectionist policies, Asian corporates have healthy balance sheets and competitive advantages which could make them more resilient than what is being implied in valuations. Moreover, if specific channels of global trade are forced to reconfigure away from China, other Asian countries could benefit, which would likely see further growth in intra-Asian trade.

As an investment destination, Asia offers access to world-leading manufacturing and technology companies in North Asia, including artificial intelligence (AI) 'picks & shovels'. India, and Southeast Asia are hotbeds of consumer demand growth, with innovative internet and e-commerce businesses. Exposure to rising incomes and a growing middle class is also accessible through well-capitalised Financials, while supply chains for AI, Renewables, Batteries and Commodities play an important role in trade and the energy transition. Asia is home to some of the most exciting investment opportunities in the world and provides diversification for investors with a global remit.

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