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# Investment-Linked Fund Performance Report August 2023

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the month of August, the FBMKLCI Index closed marginally lower by 0.5% MoM to 1,451.94 points. This has widened the YTD loss to -2.9%. The flat monthly performance was due to lack of catalyst. The average daily trading value in the month rose 11.6% MoM and 24.7% YoY to RM2.2bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in rose 11.8% MoM and 43.3% YoY to 3.5bil units.

Malaysia Government Securities (“MGS”) yields were seen steepening, indicating the strong buying interest in the shorter-end of curve. Brent crude oil prices continued to rally to USD86.86/barrel (end-Jul’23: USD85.56/barrel), supported by the OPEC+ production cuts. Meanwhile, ringgit weakened against the dollar to MYR4.6385/USD (end-Jul’23: MYR4.5070/USD) following the robust economic data in US.

On the local economic data, Malaysia GDP growth decelerated to +2.9% YoY in 2Q’23 (1Q’23: +5.6% YoY), given the low base effect from the economic re-opening in Apr’22.

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, Asiapac Fund, Global Yakin Fund, Income Fund and Titan 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

	Asiapac Fund		Balanced Fund		Dividend Fund		Equity Fund		Global Yakin Fund		Income Fund		Jati Fund		Titan Fund	
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark
Monthly (%)	-2.49%	-5.82%	-0.24%	-0.20%	-0.63%	-0.51%	-0.78%	-0.51%	-0.50%	-2.61%	0.44%	0.11%	-1.57%	-0.29%	5.06%	-0.51%
3 Months (%)	2.41%	0.63%	2.31%	2.56%	3.37%	4.67%	3.62%	4.67%	4.26%	6.30%	1.75%	0.41%	2.24%	2.96%	8.42%	9.27%
6 Months (%)	1.67%	-2.73%	2.12%	1.29%	1.84%	-0.15%	1.09%	-0.15%	11.04%	10.57%	4.06%	2.63%	1.61%	1.14%	20.82%	26.65%
12 Months (%)	4.47%	-3.13%	1.78%	0.88%	-0.02%	-3.98%	-1.43%	-3.98%	15.18%	14.82%	6.05%	5.70%	-1.11%	0.99%	17.20%	21.75%

Source: MCI/S Insurance Berhad

# AsiaPac Fund Monthly Report (August 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.

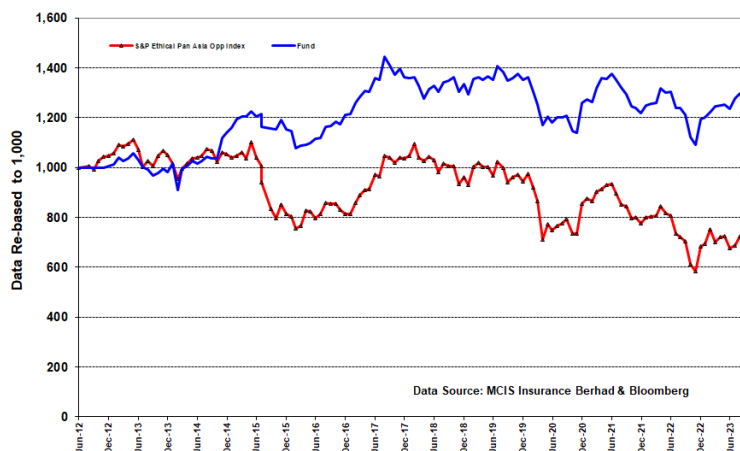
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 333bps 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 (30.08.23)	RM0.6329
Fund Size	RM81.79 million
Inception Date	15-July-2012
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
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%	91%
Cash	0%	20%	9%

## Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-2.49%	-5.82%
3 months (%)	2.41%	0.63%
6 months (%)	1.67%	-2.73%
12 months (%)	4.47%	-3.13%
2 years (% pa)	-1.03%	-10.14%
3 years (% pa)	1.58%	-4.85%
5 years (% pa)	-1.27%	-7.46%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.13%	-3.36%

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

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.

## Balanced Fund Monthly Report (August 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

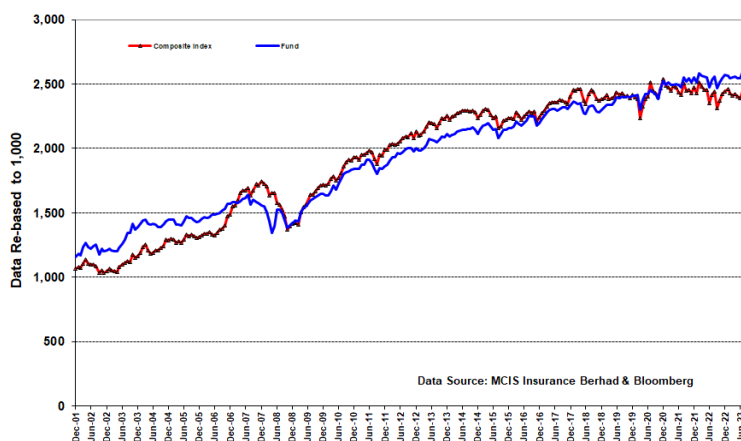
The Fund is considered medium risk given the mixed exposure of equity securities, fixed income, and cash. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, financial performance of the underlying companies, industry and economic development, social and political 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 August 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 24bps 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)  
Cello Capital Berhad (Bond)  
Solarpack Suria Sungai Petani Sdn Bhd (Bond)  
Point Zone (M) Sdn Berhad (Bond)  
Telekosang Hydro One Sdn Bhd (Bond)  
Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Equity)  
Edra Solar Sdn Bhd (Bond)

### Fund Information

NAV (30.08.23)	RM1.3010
Fund Size	RM12.26 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Malaysian Equity	40%	60%	43%
Fixed Income	40%	60%	47%
Cash	0%	20%	10%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.24%	-0.20%
3 months (%)	2.31%	2.56%
6 months (%)	2.12%	1.29%
12 months (%)	1.78%	0.88%
2 years (% pa)	0.98%	-0.85%
3 years (% pa)	2.27%	0.15%
5 years (% pa)	2.20%	0.06%
Since Inception (% pa)	4.46%	4.20%

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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.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.

# Dividend Fund Monthly Report (August 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

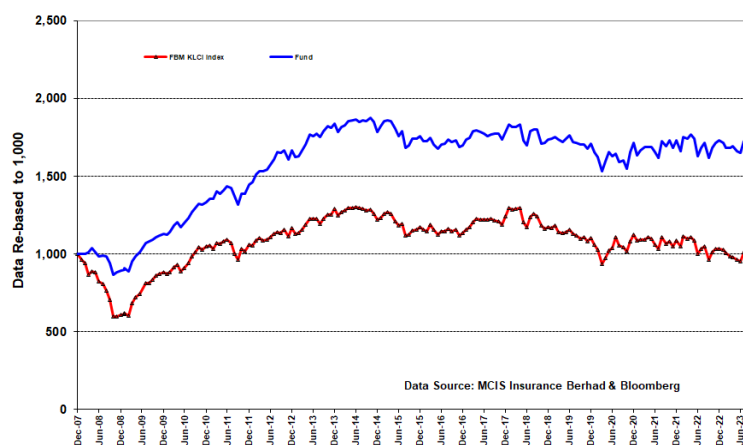
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 August 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 12bps 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  
IOI Corporation Berhad  
Sime Darby Plantation Berhad  
Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad

## Fund Information

NAV (30.08.23)	RM0.8144
Fund Size	RM28.8 million
Inception Date	21-Jan-08
Fund Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

## 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 (%)	-0.63%	-0.51%
3 months (%)	3.37%	4.67%
6 months (%)	1.84%	-0.15%
12 months (%)	-0.02%	-3.98%
2 years (% pa)	-0.27%	-4.78%
3 years (% pa)	2.48%	-1.63%
5 years (% pa)	-0.98%	-4.41%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.50%	0.03%
Yield #	3.49%	4.27%

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

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# Equity Fund

## Monthly Report (August 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

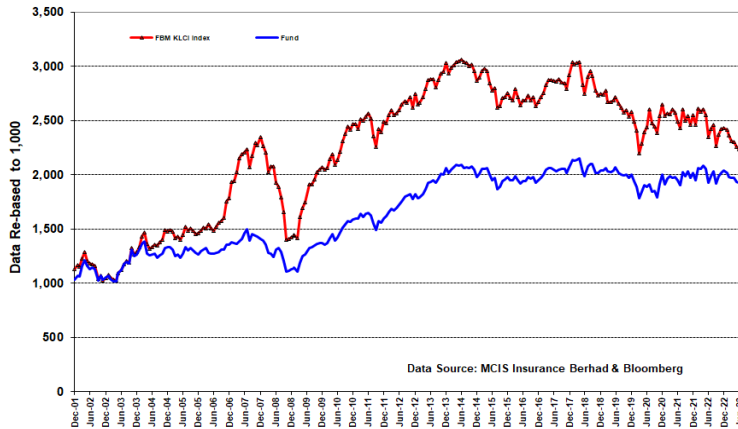
The Fund is considered high risk given the exposure to equity securities. The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, consumer sentiment, the financial performance of the underlying companies, the performance of the industry and economy, the share market in general, social, and 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 August 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 27bps 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  
 CelcomDigi Berhad  
 Sime Darby Plantation Berhad  
 Telekom Malaysia Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (30.08.23)	RM1.0011
Fund Size	RM13.57 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.40% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### 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 (%)	-0.78%	-0.51%
3 months (%)	3.62%	4.67%
6 months (%)	1.09%	-0.15%
12 months (%)	-1.43%	-3.98%
2 years (% pa)	-0.59%	-4.78%
3 years (% pa)	2.80%	-1.63%
5 years (% pa)	-0.92%	-4.41%
Since Inception (% pa)	3.22%	3.99%
Yield #	4.08%	4.27%

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

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# Global Yakin Fund

## Monthly Report (August 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.

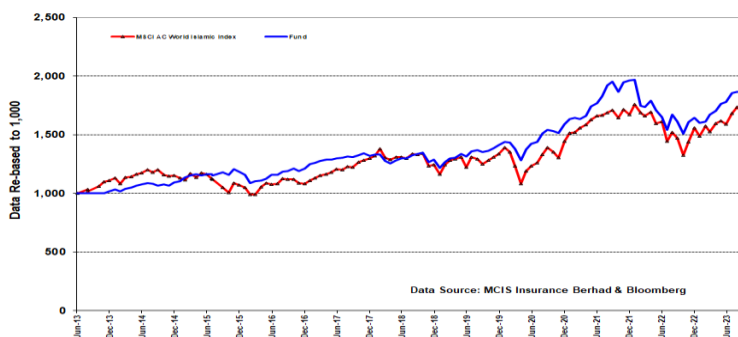
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 211bps MoM (month-on-month). The outperformance was mainly due to the outperforming 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 (30.08.23)	RM0.9290
Fund Size	RM124.41 million
Inception Date	8-July-2013
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
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%	90%
Cash	0%	20%	10%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	-0.50%	-2.61%
3 months (%)	4.26%	6.30%
6 months (%)	11.04%	10.57%
12 months (%)	15.18%	14.82%
2 years (% pa)	-2.49%	-0.62%
3 years (% pa)	6.36%	6.73%
5 years (% pa)	6.84%	6.12%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.28%	5.29%

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

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# Income Fund

## Monthly Report (August 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.

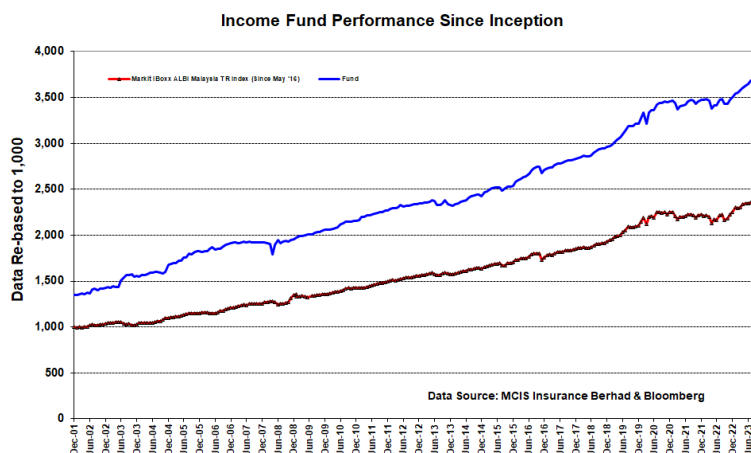
### Risks

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 August 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 33bps 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  
 Telekomang 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 (30.08.23)	RM1.8488
Fund Size	RM52.0 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	0.5% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### Asset Allocation Ranges

Asset Class	Min	Max	Current Actual
Fixed Income	75%	100%	93%
Cash	0%	25%	7%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	0.44%	0.11%
3 months (%)	1.75%	0.41%
6 months (%)	4.06%	2.63%
12 months (%)	6.05%	5.70%
2 years (% pa)	3.18%	2.87%
3 years (% pa)	2.40%	1.57%
5 years (% pa)	4.82%	4.37%
Since Inception (% pa)	6.15%	3.99%

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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 re-based basis. The source is from the subscription of Markit Indices.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.



# Jati Fund

## Monthly Report (August 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

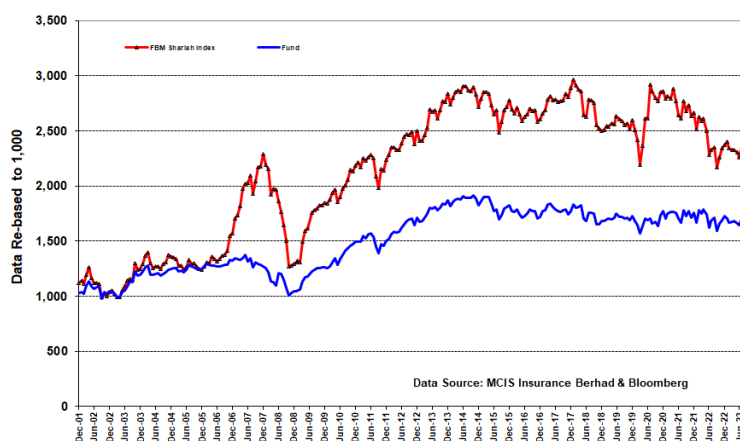
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The target market is clients wanting the surety of insurance protection, with an element of potential upside investment exposure.

### Fund Performance

For the month ended August 2023, the fund had underperformed the benchmark by 129bps 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  
 Petronas Chemicals Group Berhad  
 Maxis Berhad  
 IOI Corporation Berhad  
 MISC Berhad  
 CelcomDigi Berhad

### Fund Information

NAV (30.08.23)	RM0.8484
Fund Size	RM19.82 million
Inception Date	15-Oct-01
Fund Management Fee	1.35% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
Fund Manager	MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life)
Exceptional Circumstances	Refer to your Policy Document

### 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 (%)	-1.57%	-0.29%
3 months (%)	2.24%	2.96%
6 months (%)	1.61%	1.14%
12 months (%)	-1.11%	0.99%
2 years (% pa)	-2.28%	-7.45%
3 years (% pa)	0.68%	-6.04%
5 years (% pa)	-0.67%	-3.14%
Since Inception (% pa)	2.44%	4.02%
Yield #	3.63%	3.78%

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\* Index is FBMS Index sourced from Bloomberg.  
 # Yield data is sourced from Bloomberg, and MCIS Life.

The NAV per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. Transaction costs, taxes and applicable fees are provided for in the net asset value.

# Titan Fund

## Monthly Report (August 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.

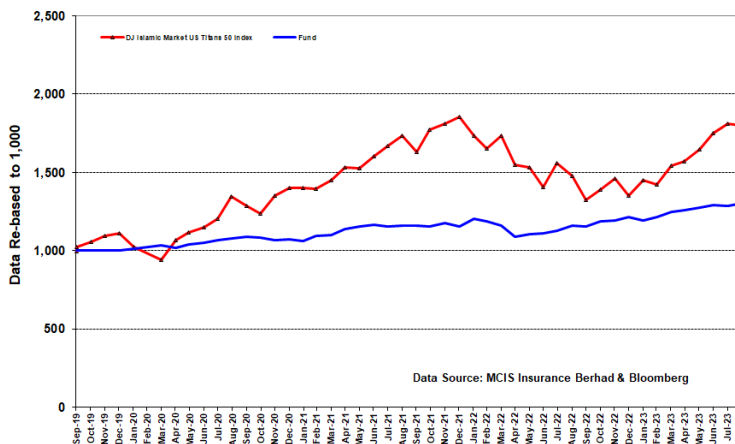
The following factors can potentially affect the value of the Fund, economic and political developments in related countries, foreign exchange fluctuation, illiquid and inefficient securities in the Emerging Markets, and the financial performance of the underlying companies.

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 August 2023, the fund had outperformed the benchmark by 557bps MoM (month-on-month).

Titan Fund Performance Since Inception



### Fund Information

NAV (30.08.23)	RM0.08098
Fund Size	RM115.53 million
Inception Date	17-Sept-2019
Fund Management Fee	0.85% p.a.
Pricing	Daily
Price Quote	Major Newspaper, or <a href="http://www.mcis.my">http://www.mcis.my</a>
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%	96%
Cash	0%	20%	4%

### Performance Table

Period	Fund	Index*
1 month (%)	5.06%	-0.51%
3 months (%)	8.42%	9.27%
6 months (%)	20.82%	26.65%
12 months (%)	17.20%	21.75%
2 years (% pa)	7.45%	1.94%
3 years (% pa)	10.81%	10.14%
5 years (% pa)	n/a	n/a
Since Inception (% pa)	12.81%	15.84%

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### Top Ten Holdings

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

# Equity Market Review and Outlook

## Market Review

For the month of August, the FBMKLCI Index closed marginally lower by 0.5% MoM to 1,451.94 points. This has widened the YTD loss to -2.9%. The flat monthly performance was due to lack of catalyst. The average daily trading value in the month rose 11.6% MoM and 24.7% YoY to RM2.2bil. Meanwhile, average daily trading volume in rose 11.8% MoM and 43.3% YoY to 3.5bil units.

Foreign investors stayed net buyers in August for the second consecutive month, having previously been net selling Malaysia equities for ten consecutive months. However, their net buy flow was lower MoM at MYR0.1bil compared to MYR1.4bil in July 23. Meanwhile, local institutional investors turned net buyers at MYR432.1mil, compared to net sell flow of MYR762.6mil in July. Local retailers stayed net sellers in August which net sell flow decrease 22% to RM 431.7mil compared to MYR556.1mil in July.

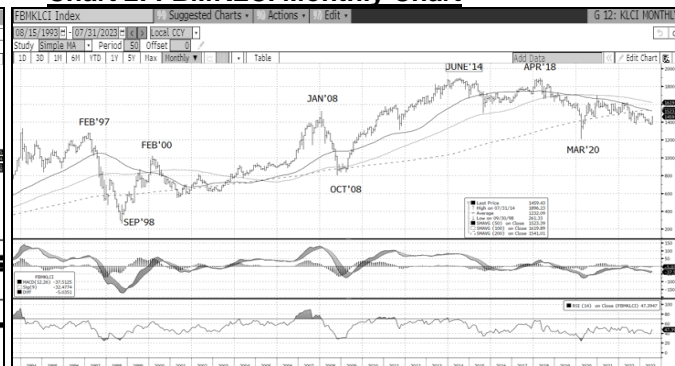
Meanwhile, global equity markets rally took a breather in August as investor became more cautious on the economic data that may force the Federal Reserve to raise interest rate hike by end of the year. Dow Jones Industrial Index closed lower by 2.4% MoM and the broader S&P 500 index closed lower by 1.8% MoM. Eurozone shares also posted loss as worries about slowing global growth dented risk appetite, where Bloomberg European 500 index closed -2.6% MoM. In Asia, the performances were mostly negative as Chinese stocks experienced sharp declines in August, with the country's property sector performing particularly poorly as investors doubt that Beijing will deliver enough stimulus to put the world's second-largest economy back on track. MSCI Asia APEX 50 ex-Japan closed -7.2% MoM during the month.

**Chart 1: FBMKLCI Weekly Chart**



Source: MCIS/Bloomberg

**Chart 2: FBMKLCI Monthly Chart**



Source: MCIS/Bloomberg

## Market Outlook & Strategy

Traditionally, FBMKLCI index's performance tends to be negative in September, with average -1.0% and -1.7% MoM returns over the past 10 years and 45 years respectively. However, we expect the market to be supportive by its attractive valuations at current levels of 1.31x as it is now below its 13-year historical average of P/B (1.90x) and 15.8x 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 support is 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 seen steepening, indicating the strong buying interest in the shorter-end of curve. Brent crude oil prices continued to rally to USD86.86/barrel (end-Jul’23: USD85.56/barrel), supported by the OPEC+ production cuts. Meanwhile, ringgit weakened against the dollar to MYR4.6385/USD (end-Jul’23: MYR4.5070/USD) following the robust economic data in US.

On the local economic data, Malaysia GDP growth decelerated to +2.9% YoY in 2Q’23 (1Q’23: +5.6% YoY), given the high base effect from the economic re-opening in Apr’22. Domestic Demand was remained unchanged, but the External Demand was pivoted into decline to -3.7% YoY in 2Q’23 (1Q’23: +54.4% YoY) due to the weak volume in both Exports and Imports of goods and services. Headline inflation continued to record lower to +2.0% YoY in Jul’23, mainly driven by the persistent moderation in Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (FNAB) in line with the easing of global food price inflation. Malaysia’s Exports and Imports continued to shrink by -13.1% YoY and -15.9% YoY respectively in Jul’23. All major Export segments declined in Jul’23, due to the weaker global economic conditions. Contraction in Imports was also driven by all segments, except for Capital Goods which rebounded to +5.9% YoY (Jun’23: -11.9% YoY). In summary, trade surplus tightened to +MYR17.1n in Jul’23 as compared to +MYR25.5b a month earlier.

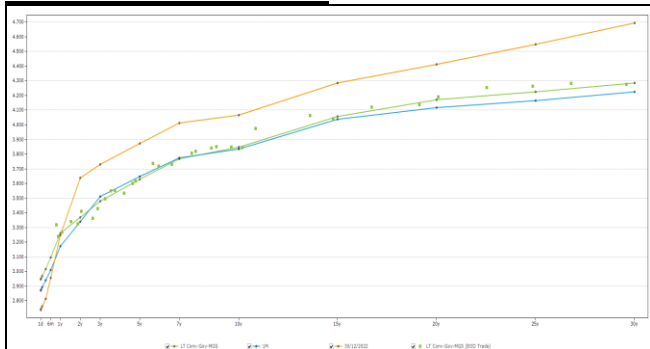
BNM’s international reserve rose slightly to USD112.2b as at mid-Aug’23 (mid-Jul’23: USD111.8b). The reserve is sufficient to finance 5.2 months of retained imports and is 1.0 times of short-term external debts.

The auctions unveiled in Aug’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%	8/8/2023	5,000.00	2.56	4.36
5-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 04/28)	15/8/2023	5,000.00	1.77	3.65
20-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 08/43)	23/8/2023	5,000.00	1.99	4.29
15-yr Reopening of MGS 06/38 4.893%	30/8/2023	4,000.00	2.12	4.05

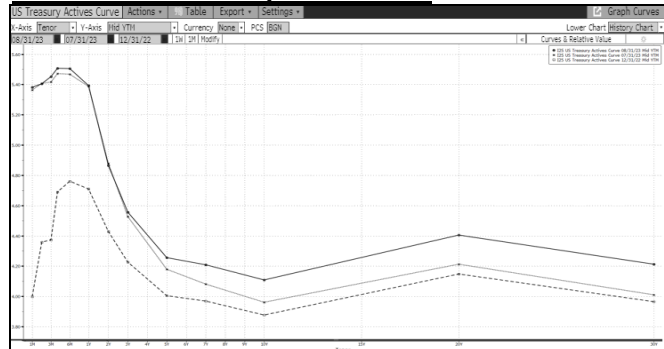
Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

Chart 1: MGS Yield Curve



Source: BPAM

Chart 2: US Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg

The 10-year US Treasury yield rose to a 16-year high at 4.34% before easing back to 4.11% as at end-Aug’23 (end-Jul’23: 3.96%). This yield movement was taking the mixed view between robust economic data and upside inflationary risk.

## 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 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.