

Quarterly Investment Insights

4th Quarter 2024

### **Key Takeaway**

- **Mixed Sentiments:** U.S. shares gained in Q4 to round up a strong year for the major indices as equities were supported by Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential elections, and the accompanying sweep across congress. European shares on the other hand, declined amid fears of recession and political instability in France and Germany, as well as worries over trade uncertainties during Trump's presidency.
- Asia ex Japan shares declined similarly amid investors' fears over potential tariffs following Trump's reelection as the U.S. president. China and Hong Kong markets experienced sharp declines as the prospect of heightened tensions over trade and technology soured investors' sentiments.
- Easing cycle: Major central banks continued their easing cycle in Q4 as the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) cut its benchmark rates during both Nov and Dec meetings by 25 bps each to a range of 4.25%-4.50% and gave a cautionary tone about additional cuts in coming years. That said, the committee re-iterated that they remain data dependent and will monitor incoming data instead of a pre-determined rate path ahead.
- The European Central Bank (ECB) cut its interest rates for the fourth time this year in Dec to 3.0% from 3.25%, and kept its doors open to further easing ahead as inflation cools and the economy remains weak.
- Investment Outlook: We maintain an overweight position on U.S. equities supported by strong earnings growth outlook and potential beneficiary from any Trump's protectionist policies. On the other hand, we are underweight European equities given a challenging macro backdrop and uncertainties around trade tariffs and neutral Asian equities as outflows of offshore Chinese equities continue to weigh on the region. We remain neutral on Fixed income as Trump's policies may yet drive another spike in bond yields.

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#### **Market Recap**

## Another Impressive Year for Risk Assets

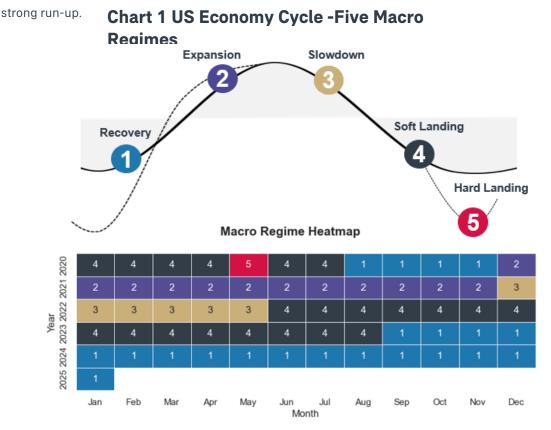
2024 was nothing short of amazing for risk assets with U.S. economic cycle continuing with its recovery (Chart 1), sending Developed Market equities up by 19.2%. A late rally in Chinese equities, along with strong performances from India and Taiwan helped Emerging Markets deliver 8.1%.

Furthermore, the prospects of de-regulations following Trump's presidential victory boosted sectors like Financials and contributed to global value stocks rising 12.3%. At the same time, 2024 is the year where Developed Market central banks started normalizing policy rates, boosting investors' sentiments and catalyzing equities'

However, resilient growth and an uncertain inflation outlook has encouraged policy makers and investors to pare back on their expectations of pace for rate cuts ahead.

## U.S. Economy Shows Strength and Resilience

The U.S. exceptionalism continued to fuel stellar performances amongst U.S. markets as the S&P 500 Index emerged as the top performing equity market with returns of 25.0% for the year. While the Magnificent Seven stocks delivered outsized returns, the broadening of earnings expectations which is set to continue in 2025 has contributed to the widening of market leaderships.



Source: AIA. Date as of Dec 2024

U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth averaged 2.6% quarter-on-quarter annualized over the first three months of 2024 and policy makers are projecting a similarly strong growth in the fourth quarter to mark a strong end to the year.

Non-farm payrolls for Dec smashed estimates, 256,000 jobs coming in at created 155,000 expectations of jobs, with unemployment rate falling to 4.1%. The Dec report brings the year to a close in which employment grew month-on-month as the labor market continues to operate at strength. Meanwhile, the latest Dec Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.9% year-on-year, in line with expectations, while core CPI came in slightly better than expected at 3.2%, giving markets some relief as investors re-adjust their rate cut expectations for 2025 from 4 times back in Sep

#### 24 to currently less than 2 times in 2025. Term

Donald Trump's re-election as the 47<sup>th</sup> U.S president has stirred both optimism and apprehension in global financial markets.

- Agenda 47: His administration will embark on a policy agenda centered around tax cuts, trade tariffs, de-regulations, reducing government intervention, and stricter immigration policies
- Financial assets and market sectors that are
  potential beneficiaries of Trump's policies
  experienced the largest swing in prices. These
  include U.S. 10-year Treasuries, Bitcoin, and
  sectors like Financials, Energy, and Industrials
  that stand to benefit from corporate tax cuts
  and de-regulations. The resolution of political
  uncertainty is key, and will be a potential
  driver for stocks, alongside strong U.S.
  corporate earning and a robust labor market.
- Inflationary: While Trump's policies are progrowth and help reflate industries, they carry with them the risk of inflationary pressures which may deter the U.S. Feds from cutting rates and instead choose to remain status-quo. At this point, it is difficult to decipher what campaign policies Trump will implement which creates a clouded outlook for inflation.



#### Market Performance Review

Global equities ended a turbulent quarter in slight negative territory, driven by a sharp sell-off in December following the U.S. Feds' cautious outlook on interest rate cuts in 2025. This was a stark difference compared to the November rally, led by Donald Trump's presidential election victory and its accompanying pro-growth policies, such as corporate tax cuts and deregulations, and reshoring manufacturing activities that could boost domestic capital investment.

U.S. equities rose to record highs after the decisive election results in which the Republicans won majority votes in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, resulting in a sweeping victory. However, the resulting hawkish outlook by the U.S. Feds and worries of a government shutdown after the impasse by Congress to pass a spending bill to keep federal agencies open, dampened investors' sentiments.

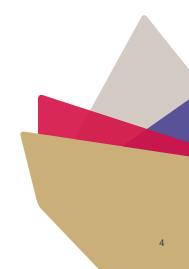
There were also pockets of weakness in markets that were at risk of proposed U.S. tariffs such as China, Canada, and Mexico, which fell during the quarter, along with European car manufacturers. Geopolitical concerns were in focus with Ukraine launching long-range missiles into Russia which responded by loosening the terms of use for its nuclear doctrine.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was relatively quiet for China after the excitement of policy announcements in September, with markets giving up some of their gains as they awaited the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee meeting at the start of November. The disappointment at the scale of the fiscal stimulus announced at the NPC meeting and lackluster economic figures including November's retail sales further added to the equity market weakness.

On a more positive note, the Chinese leadership changed its stance on monetary policy to "moderately loose" from "prudent" for the first time in fourteen years, and called for more proactive fiscal policies, although they did not signal towards significant cash handouts to boost consumption and domestic demand.

European equities undergone a weak 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as trade tensions weighed on investors' sentiments in the export-dependent region. Automakers came under pressure after President-elect Trump warned the European Union (EU) would face trade tariffs on its export to the U.S. unless its member states increase their purchase of U.S. oil and gas. In France, political risks pressured markets as the government failed to pass its 2025 budget, subsequently losing a no-confidence vote, and driving its market on track to its worst year relative to its European counterparts since 2010.

In global fixed income, volatility returned, and yields rose across the Treasury curve as markets reacted to Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. elections and priced in elevated fiscal risks and a potentially higher inflation outlook. Furthermore, hawkish comments from the U.S. Fed December meeting indicated a willingness to delay future rate cuts, resulting in a scaling back of market expectations around the pace and frequency of monetary policy easing in 2025.



#### The Market Impact of the Trump Economic Agenda

The Trump economic agenda will be mostly market friendly and geared towards stimulating growth, although not without risks. This may result in U.S. growth to surpass global growth in 2025, especially if the pursue of de-regulations and tax cut policies are prioritized. These policies are broadly positive for equities, in particular, sectors such as Financials, Energy, Technology, and Industrials. On the other hand, the accompanying inflationary outlook suggest the potential for steeper yield curves and potentially higher neutral interest rates as investors adjust their expectations for policy rates given the positive-growth outlook.

#### Global Growth Expectations Improved Post-Election

Net % of FMS expecting global economy to get stronger next 12 months vs S&P 500 YoY %



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey, Bloomberg, \*Trump 2.0 indicates only responses recorded after US election

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In summary, Trump's policy agenda presents a complex interplay of potential benefits and risks, and the scale and sequencing of Trump's policies will remain key to its success. U.S. equities will likely emerge as winners in most scenarios, while non-U.S. equities, particularly European and China may suffer as a result of Trump's protectionism tariffs.

### **Thinking Ahead**

We maintain an overweight position in global equities, driven by strong earnings growth outlook and potential upside to GDP. Growth expectations in the U.S. have risen after president-elect Trump's election win, and recession risk has dissipated despite a slower labor market and heightened policy uncertainties.

For Asia ex-Japan equities, despite the ongoing stimulus measures introduced by the Chinese Government to re-instill confidence to both businesses and consumers, outflows of offshore Chinese equities continue to weigh on the region, and hawkish trade policies from Trump remain the biggest uncertainty for now. We turned neutral on ASEAN region equities, given the uncertainty around trade tariffs and the outlook the strong dollar will likely stay given the shorter Fed cutting cycle.

While further Fed rate cuts could drive bond yields lower, policy makers have recently reduced their rate cut projections from 4 times in September 2024, to 2 times in 2025, while Trump's policies may drive another spike in bond yields. As such, we continue to maintain a neutral stance on global fixed income

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#### **AIA** Investments

## **AIA Group Investments House View**

				Underweight (-) Neutral Overweight (+)				
Asset Class	_	=	+	Comment				
Global Equities			+	<ul> <li>Fundamentals looks decent into 2025 from solid EPS growth and upside to GDP.</li> <li>U.S. presents the best growth fundamentals, and a relative winner from Trump's protectionist policies.</li> </ul>				
- Asia Ex-Japan Equities		=		Outflows of offshore Chinese equities continue to weigh on the region     Taiwan could probably continue to ride on A.I but vulnerable to Trump's policies				
Fixed Income		=		<ul> <li>Bond yields may drift lower after the recent rise, but Trump's policies may drive another spike in yields.</li> <li>Credit spreads near record lows and should widen from current levels, and areal blow-up remains unlikely.</li> </ul>				
Cash		=		Holding some cash as dry powder into a potentially volatile start of 2025				

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#### AIA STEWARDSHIP - ELITE FUNDS

#### **Portfolio Performance**

Our investment approach focuses on long-term opportunities and application of bi-directional risk management. For Elite Funds, we combine AIA stewardship with best-in-class managers to seek long term opportunities. After the strong run in the first 3 quarters of 2024, equities retreated in 4Q 2024. Fixed income markets also declined in 4Q 2024 as bond yields rose. Consequently, for 4Q 2024, the USD Elite Funds were down, giving back part of the gains that were made earlier in the year. Continuing to build on the performance of 2023, the SGD Elite Funds were up in 4Q 2024 due mainly to FX translation effect as USD appreciated significantly against SGD over 4Q 2024. Notwithstanding the performance over 4Q 2024, for the full year 2024, all the Elite Funds delivered positive returns, building on the solid returns in 2023. Over a longer timeframe, on a gross basis, Elite Adventurous SGD and USD funds delivered high single digit returns since inception. This is a clear testament to the benefits of staying the course and having a disciplined approach to investing.

A summary of absolute portfolio performances is set out below.

Absolute Performance		Q4 – 24	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	Since Inception*
	AIA Elite Adventurous Fund <sup>[1]</sup>	4.08%	15.74%	15.30%	0.90%	8.78%
SGD Funds	AIA Elite Balanced Fund <sup>[2]</sup>	3.73%	12.18%	11.82%	-0.60%	5.06%
	AIA Elite Conservative Fund [3]	3.31%	8.50%	8.26%	-2.24%	2.16%
USD Funds	AIA Elite Adventurous Fund <sup>[4]</sup>	-2.02%	12.27%	14.59%	1.11%	9.01%
	AIA Elite Balanced Fund <sup>[5]</sup>	-2.36%	8.58%	11.06%	-0.40%	6.47%
	AIA Elite Conservative Fund [6]	-2.83%	5.00%	7.57%	-2.17%	2.51%

Source: AIA Investment Management, as of 31 Dec 2024

Performance figures for a period greater than a year are annualised

Performance of the funds are on a bid-to-bid basis with net dividends reinvested, without taking into consideration the fees and charges payable through deduction of premium or cancellation of units

\*Fund inception date: [1] 24/7/2019; [2] 25/7/2019; [3] 1/8/2019; [4] 20/7/2019; [5] 31/7/2019; [6] 20/12/2019

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance

Elite funds/SICAV funds featured are not locally registered in Singapore and are only offered to related entities within AIA Group through local insurance wrappers (if appropriate) since they are not offered directly to retail investors.

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#### **Investment Strategy**

Investors have enjoyed 2 years of double digit returns in equity markets. We remain constructive on equities over the medium term though the pace of increase in 2025 could be more muted compared to the previous 2 years. While the past 2 years have seen Magnificent 7 stocks dominate the stock market, the earnings growth differential between the Magnificent 7 stocks and the rest of the stock market is expected to decline in 2025. We do expect investment opportunities outside of Magnificent 7 to emerge over the course of 2025. Within the equity sub-portfolio, Elite Funds' investment strategy is to invest with a long-term horizon and invest in opportunities that are deemed to have the most attractive risk reward proposition on a forward-looking basis. Should the rally broaden, Elite Funds are positioned to benefit should leadership shift to other sectors of the equity market. As 2025 unfolds, volatility could rise in view of the uncertainty on the policy measures that the new U.S. Administration would embark on as President-elect Trump begins his second term as the U.S. President. Stewardship via active management and disciplined risk management is key to navigate the everevolving investment landscape

Fund Allocation as of 31 December 2024

		AIA Elite	AIA Elite	AIA Elite			
	SGD Funds	Adventurous	Balanced	Conservative			
		Fund	Fund	Fund			
	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	30.9%	21%	11.8%			
Equity	AIA New Multinationals Fund	27.8%	17.8%	8.7%			
	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	10.2%	6.2%	4.4%			
	AIA Global Quality Growth Fund	7.5%	3.4%	1.6%			
	Vanguard Global Stock Index Fund Acc	7.2%	6.1%	1.4%			
	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	6.2%	5.5%	2.0%			
	Amundi Index MSCI World Fund	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%			
Fixed Income	AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund	8.8%	38.6%	69.3%			
Money Market Fund & Cash	AIA SGD Money Market Fund	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%			
	JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - SGD	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%			
	Cash	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%			
	TOTAL		100%				
		AIA Elite	AIA Elite	AIA Elite			
	USD Funds	Adventurous	Balanced	Conservative			
		Fund	Fund	Fund			
	AIA Global Select Equity Fund	31.8%	22.2%	12.2%			
	AIA New Multinationals Fund	28.5%	18.3%	8.4%			
	AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund	10.7%	6.4%	4.4%			
Equity	AIA Global Quality Growth Fund	7.3%	3.3%	1.8%			
	Vanguard Global Stock Index Fund Acc	6.9%	4.5%	1.2%			
	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	4.8%	5.7%	2.3%			
	Amundi Index MSCI World Fund	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%			
Fixed Income	AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund	8.7%	38.6%	68.6%			
Money Market Fund & Cash	JPMorgan Liquidity Funds — USD	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%			
	Morgan Stanley Liquidity Fund — USD	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%			
	Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
	TOTAL		100%				

Note: Total Fund Allocation may not sum up to 100% due to rounding



# Stewardship Insights:

## **Exploring Investment Excellence with**



With the ongoing A.I euphoria fuelling continued strong gains amongst the magnificent 7 stocks, market breadth remains relatively narrow. Given this, where are the managers identifying opportunities without running the risk of over-concentrating their portfolios?

Capital Group: Equity markets have been buoyed in 2024 by a small segment of U.S. mega-cap stocks, particularly in the Technology sector. While U.S. Tech may continue to perform well into 2025, current valuations suggest forward-looking returns could be more modest. This underscores the importance of adopting a global perspective to identify opportunities beyond the U.S.. Over-concentration in narrow markets can pose significant risks, as history demonstrates how quickly concentrated leadership can unwind.

Against this backdrop, it continues to be our view that equity market leadership over this next cycle could be broader due to a new economic regime that involves structurally higher and more volatile inflation and interest rates as well as elevated geopolitical tensions, as well as a confluence of major structural changes - accelerated digital disruption, innovation in health care and an industrial renaissance that could set the stage for a multiyear capex Supercycle - all happening simultaneously that could drive earnings across a wider range of companies.

The AIA Global Select Equity Fund reflects this outlook with its balanced global exposure, diversified across geography, sector, and style. Unlike narrow market-driven benchmarks, the Fund has outperformed a very concentrated market since Jan 2023 despite the headwind of being underweight popular areas like the "Magnificent 7" stocks, U.S. or the Technology sector, instead generating returns through more diversified sources. This also means that the Fund's balanced and diversified portfolio could also be well-positioned if we see a broadening of market leadership, which remains our long-term view over this cycle.



Market participants and the U.S Fed have rolled back expectations of rate cuts in 2025, given the uncertainties around trade and immigration policies by president-elect Trump and their impact on inflation. How is the AIA Global Select Equity Fund positioned given such an environment?

Capital Group: The U.S. election outcome, with President-elect Trump securing a clear mandate and Republican control of Congress, could accelerate policy changes, including tax cuts, tariffs, and immigration curbs, which may have far-reaching economic and market implications. While this has removed some political uncertainty, the potential effects of Trump's agenda introduce new economic uncertainties over the next few years.

The AIA Global Select Equity Fund is deliberately not positioned for a single outcome or 'type' of short-term market environment. It has selected exposure to both long-term secular growth and high quality 'growth cyclicals' that are underpinned by durable tailwinds. These are underpinned by a broad set of set resilient businesses that could provide stable foundations. Whilst the portfolio continues to be constructed from the bottom-up, there are several key long-term, multi-decade trends that the portfolio provides exposure to. For example, its exposure to HealthCare reflects a bottom-up focus on companies enabling and driving HealthCare innovation rather than political forecasts. More generally, the fund is also broadly diversified and well-balanced by geography, sector, style, theme and characteristics of underlying companies, which helps to minimize the risk of political uncertainty in any one particular area.

Can you elaborate how the portfolio managers in the AIA Global Select Equity Fund leverage on the Capital System in their stock selection process?

Capital Group: The stock selection process for the AIA Global Select Equity Fund is designed to identify companies that are driving and benefiting from transformational changes in the global economy, such as changing global trade patterns and multi-generational secular shifts. It combines bottom-up research, a flexible investment approach, and the collaborative structure of the Capital System to adapt to evolving market conditions. The Capital System, unique to Capital Group, balances individual responsibility and motivation with the cognitive diversity of multiple perspectives. This structure enables investment professionals to act on their highest convictions while minimizing risks from isolated decision-making, resulting in a diversified portfolio of high-conviction sub-portfolios.



One of the key elements of the Capital System is the role of our investment analysts, who also manage a portion of the fund called the Research Portfolio (RP). Our in-house, career investment analysts and the proprietary research they do are core to our investment process and the starting point for all investment ideas. They do not belong to certain strategies – they are a global team. Each investment analyst is typically an industry specialists for a given country, region, multi-region or, occasionally, on a global basis. Their geographical remit is generally based on the complexity of the sector and whether it makes most sense to analyze an industry regionally or globally. Analysts may be responsible for one industry, or several.

Once an investment analyst has conducted their due diligence on a company and developed an investment conviction based on thorough analysis of the company's financial and business indicators, as well as ESG issues, they submit a written report to the equity group which is rigorously debated at the weekly global equity investment calls. When presenting their investment conviction, the analyst will indicate their buy/sell investment decision for the RP and explain their rationale.

Our investment process at its core, is designed to achieve cognitive diversity, dialogue, debate and independent decision making. Whilst our investment analysts are regarded as the experts on the companies in their coverage, each portfolio manager retains full responsibility for the selection of investments within their sub-portfolio. Portfolio managers have typically relied on analyst recommendations for investment ideas and should a portfolio manager choose to invest alongside the investment analyst, they are responsible for the sizing of that position within their own sub-portfolio, as well as the timing of the transaction.

Importantly, our analysts are investors in the fund as well. By investing in a small number of their highest convictions in the industry or sub-industry they are responsible for, the RP directly involves the analysts in the money-managing process which means that analysts are not just "recommenders" of ideas but are also independent decision makers. The RP also represents an excellent communication tool, since the analysts can express their views in actual commitments; they quantify and demonstrate the strength of their convictions through their holdings. Portfolio managers often view the RP as the seedbed of investment ideas for their own portfolios.



# How will president-elect Trump's second term affect the U.S. HealthCare sector, in which the AIA Global Select Equity Fund is currently overweighted on?

Capital Group: As of Dec 2024, HealthCare is the AIA Global Select Equity Fund's third-largest sector by weight, representing 14.0% of the portfolio. It is the Fund's largest overweight sector versus the index (9.7% weight in MSCI ACWI). Over the last 5 years, the portfolio has added significantly to HealthCare companies and is only behind Industrials in terms of the sector that has experienced the most net purchasing over that time period.

The HealthCare sector may be going through a period of weakness as investors worry about political risk under a new U.S. leadership. We think the impact of Trump 2.0 on HealthCare companies is potentially more nuanced – for example, deregulation in the industry can be positive in encouraging competition and promoting efficiency, although the prospect of lower drug pricing can dampen earnings for biopharma companies. A reformation of HealthCare agencies like the FDA could lead to positive outcomes and improve public health but will likely have a negative effect over the near term as new drug approvals would be disrupted. Until actual policy changes become clear, it would be difficult to predict the fates of companies, but the sector may likely continue to experience volatility with political headlines dominating in the near term, regardless of company fundamentals.

Our overweight exposure to HealthCare companies is derived from the bottom-up at the company level, but more generally, many portfolio managers at Capital Group are of the view that we are entering a 'golden era' of health care innovation, giving rise to many attractive investment opportunities. The reason for this is that biopharma is in the midst of a third wave of innovation. The first wave was largely about chemistry – simple compounds created in labs – that could address everyday sicknesses and illnesses. The second wave moving from largely inorganic chemistry to organic chemistry –involving large, organic molecules or protein-based therapies that are much more effective and have fewer side effects. But now we are at the beginning of the third wave, which is the genetic era. Breakthroughs in genomic sequencing are leading to gene therapies that could be transformative for large yet mostly untapped illnesses such as obesity, cancer and cognitive decline. In doing so, the third wave has the promise to be a very strong driver of investment returns for selected biotech and pharmaceutical companies.



Additionally, artificial intelligence has the potential to revolutionize the world of medicine. Currently, over 90% of all experimental medicines in development are expected to fail. However, some studies suggest that companies using A.I to expedite drug discovery could lead to 50 additional novel therapies over the next 10 years. Not only does A.I have the potential to increase the pace of new drug discovery, it also has the power to improve other areas of the patient journey such as more accurate diagnosis, enhanced monitoring, robotic surgery and personalized care.

Although we are generally very excited about the opportunity in HealthCare, we continue to take a very disciplined approach. HealthCare is notoriously a tricky sector to get 'right', given its exposure to exogenous factors that are difficult to predict, such as political uncertainty, as well being at the forefront of cutting-edge science, where the success of new drugs can make or break companies. We therefore believe that deep fundamental research as well as a long-term perspective in this sector are critical. In the investment team, there are 12 analysts across seven research offices globally whose coverage include HealthCare and related industries. Many of them began their careers practicing medicine in a vocational or academic setting. The Fund is invested across a diversified range of HealthCare holdings, from large cap pharmaceutical companies to small- and mid-cap biotech, and various companies providing medical equipment, tools and services to the industry. Importantly, we prefer companies with already proven franchises, strong pipelines, and/or no significant patent cliffs.

# Where are the long-term trends and opportunities that Capital Group believe can deliver sustainable long-term growth?

Capital Group: The investment team remains excited about the multigenerational secular trends inclusive of continued digital disruption where rapid developments in AI are driving a structural growth cycle for a range of companies across the technology stack, including semiconductors, cloud computing, and software. In HealthCare innovation, breakthroughs in genomic sequencing and data analytics are underpinning a 'third wave' in HealthCare innovation, accelerating drug development in large yet largely untapped markets such as obesity, oncology and cognitive impairment. Lastly, Industrial renaissance where tailwinds from the energy transition, reconfiguration of global supply chains, and investments to upgrade digital and physical infrastructure are giving new life to 'old economy' companies. We are entering a new economic regime that involves structurally higher and more volatile inflation and interest rates as well as elevated geopolitical tensions, all of which could present uncertainty to investors. The global economy appears to have entered the early innings of an era of profound long-term structural change. The AIA Global Select Equity Fund is designed for exactly this environment to create opportunity and profit from long-term change.

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