



# AIA Acorns of Asia Fund

May 2019

## Investment Objective

This fund seeks to achieve long term capital appreciation as well as stable income, by investing in Asian (excluding Japan) equities; and fixed income securities denominated primarily in SGD, in such proportion as the manager deems fit.

## Key Fund Facts

**Launch Date:** 31 August 2001

**Launch Price:** S\$ 1.000

**Manager of ILP Sub-Fund:** AIA Investment Management Private Limited

**Sub-Manager of ILP Sub-Fund:**

• Equities portion: Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd

**Sales Charge (For Cash and SRS):** Up to 5%

**Sales Charge (For CPF OA or SA):** 1.5%

**Pricing Frequency:** Daily

**Subscription:** Cash, CPF (OA & SA) and SRS

**Management Fees:** 1.50% p.a. of Net Asset Value

**Bid:** S\$ 3.089 As of 31 March 2019

**Offer:** S\$ 3.252 As of 31 March 2019

**Fund Size:** S\$ 1,312,691,259 As of 31 March 2019

## Manager's Commentary (Equities)

As of 31 March 2019

Source: Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.

### Market Summary

Asian equities rose in March as the health of the global economy and trade negotiations continued to dominate market sentiment. US monetary policy was another key focus, with the Federal Reserve adopting a more dovish stance and indicating no rate hikes in 2019. Indian stocks led gains in Asia, buoyed by optimism that the current coalition government would return to power in the general election scheduled to be held from April to May. Chinese stocks outperformed on anticipation that the government would continue to introduce supportive policies to counter the economic slowdown. Taiwan's stock market also fared well.

Conversely, South Korean stocks retreated as concerns over corporate earnings grew. Thailand closed lower amid uncertainty surrounding the election outcome; official results are not expected until May.

### Performance Review

The portfolio extended its gains and finished the month ahead of the regional benchmark, led by our positive stock selection in China and India. Our underweight position in Korea also added value to the portfolio as Korean market fell and lagged the region amid a lackluster earnings season and KRW weakness. Hong Kong was a small drag over the month.

Our exposure to Chinese consumption-related names such as Huazhu Group and New Oriental Education continued to drive outperformance as market sentiment improved on the back of an increasingly dovish Fed, positive news flows around trade talks as well as the rounds of fiscal and monetary stimulus by China to shore up growth. Our Indian private-sector bank holdings HDFC Bank and ICIC Bank was another key area of gains, buoyed by the broader strength in Indian markets on increasing expectations that the current coalition government will return to power in the forthcoming general election. The recent cut in local interest rate also supported sentiment.

Meanwhile, share price of Korean auto-parts producer Mando pulled back as weak outlook of auto sector in China weighed on the stock. Other names like Sinopec and LG Chem saw share price consolidate following the strong performance since beginning of the year.

## Manager's Commentary (Fixed Income)

As of 31 March 2019

Source: AIA Investment Management Private Limited

The manager's commentary for fixed income can be found within the AIA Regional Fixed Income Fund Factsheet.

## Performance

As of 31 March 2019

Source: AIA Singapore

Period	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year <sup>^</sup>	5 Year <sup>^</sup>	10 Year <sup>^</sup>	Since Inception <sup>^</sup>
Fund (bid-to-bid)	2.73%	9.11%	3.04%	-0.03%	9.68%	6.71%	8.32%	6.97%
Benchmark <sup>^</sup>	1.64%	6.42%	2.21%	0.48%	7.93%	5.92%	7.09%	7.28%

Note: Performance of the fund is in SGD 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.

<sup>^</sup> Annualised returns

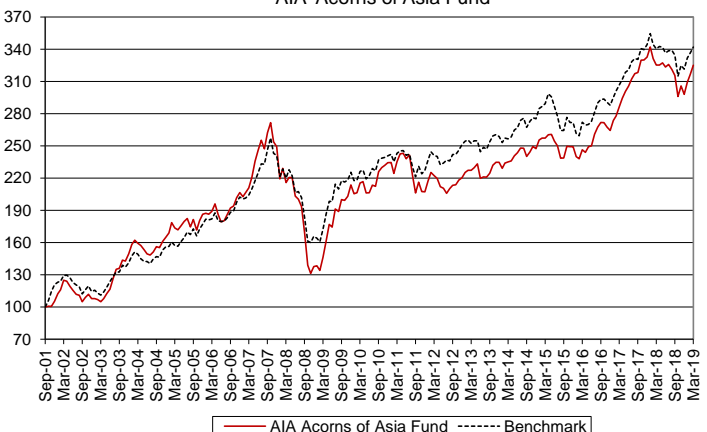
Current benchmark: 60% MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index (DTR Net) & 40% JP Morgan Sing Govt Bond Index All. (The combined benchmark is reflective of the fund's investment focus)

<sup>^^</sup>With effect from 1 May 2016, the benchmark for AIA Acorns of Asia Fund has been changed from 60% MSCI AC Far East Free ex-Japan Index (DTR Net) & 40% JP Morgan Sing Govt Bond Index All to 60% MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index (DTR Net) & 40% JP Morgan Sing Govt Bond Index All.

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## Top Holdings

As of 31 March 2019

Top 5 (Equities)*	Holdings
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFAC TWD10	4.3%
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	3.9%
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD KRW5000	3.8%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR BABA	3.5%
HDFC BANK LTD INR2	2.7%
TOTAL	18.3%

Top 5 (Fixed Income)^	Holdings
SINGAPORE GOV'T SIGB 3 3/8 09/01/33	2.4%
SINGAPORE GOV'T SIGB 2 3/4 03/01/46	1.9%
UNITED OVERSEAS UOBSP 3 1/2 05/22/26	1.3%
SINGAPORE GOV'T SIGB 2 1/4 08/01/36	1.3%
SINGAPORE GOV'T SIGB 2 1/8 06/01/26	1.2%
TOTAL	8.1%

## Sector Allocation\* (Equities)

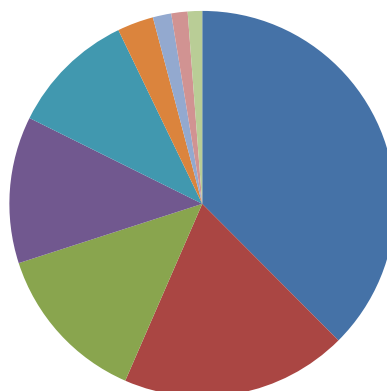
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Top 5 Sectors	Holdings
Consumer Discretionary	26.2%
Financials	21.3%
Information Technology	20.6%
Real Estate	8.1%
Telecom Services	7.7%
Total	83.9%

## Country Allocation\* (Equities)

As of 31 March 2019

Countries	Holdings
China	37.5%
Hong Kong	19.0%
India	13.5%
Korea	12.3%
Taiwan	10.5%
Singapore	3.0%
Thailand	1.5%
Philippines	1.4%
Sri Lanka	1.2%
Total	100.0%



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■ Singapore 3.0% ■ Thailand 1.5% ■ Philippines 1.4% ■ Sri Lanka 1.2%

\*Source: Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.

^Source: AIA Investment Management Private Limited

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