

# **AIA Elite Balanced Fund**

#### March 2023

### **Investment Objective**

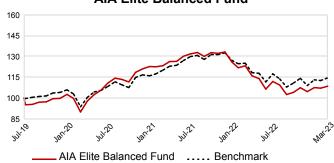
The ILP Sub-Fund seeks long-term total return (combination of capital growth and income) with moderate risk by investing in a portfolio of equities and fixed income securities. The ILP Sub-Fund's expected average direct and indirect exposure to equities will be approximately 60% over the long-term, however this exposure may vary from time to time. The other 40% will be invested in fixed income or money market instruments.

# **Key Fund Facts**

Name of ILP Sub-Fund	AIA Elite Balanced Fund	Name of ILP Sub-Fund	AIA Elite Balanced Fund (USD)
Launch Date	19 July 2019	Launch Date	19 July 2019
Launch Price	SGD 1.000	Launch Price	USD 1.000
Manager of ILP Sub-Fund	AIA Investment Management Private Limited	Manager of ILP Sub-Fund	AIA Investment Management Private Limited
Pricing Frequency	Daily	Pricing Frequency	Daily
Subscription	Cash and SRS	Subscription	Cash
Fund Risk Classification	Medium to High Risk	Fund Risk Classification	Medium to High Risk
Management Fees	1.25% p.a. of Net Asset Value	Management Fees	1.25% p.a. of Net Asset Value
Bid	SGD 1.085	Bid	USD 1.192
Fund Size	SGD 234.3M	Fund Size	USD 14.7M

## Performance

AIA Elite Balanced Fund						
Period	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year^	Since Inception <sup>^</sup>
Fund (bid-to-bid)	1.31%	3.73%	5.85%	-11.93%	6.47%	2.24%
Benchmark	1.69%	5.09%	6.18%	-8.44%	6.94%	3.75%



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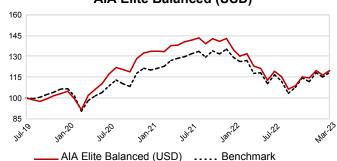
Notes (1) Performance of the fund is in SGD on a bid to bid basis with net dividends reinvested, without taking into consideration the fees and charges payable through deduction of premium or cancellation of units (2) ^ denotes annualised returns (3) Current benchmark: 60% MSCI World Total Net Return Index & 40% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index

(As of 31 March 2023)

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Past Performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. \*Source: AIA Singapore

Period	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year^	Since Inception <sup>^</sup>
Fund (bid-to-bid)	2.76%	4.65%	12.45%	-9.28%	9.38%	4.90%
Benchmark	2.96%	6.01%	14.59%	-6.80%	9.41%	4.62%



AIA Elite Balanced (USD)

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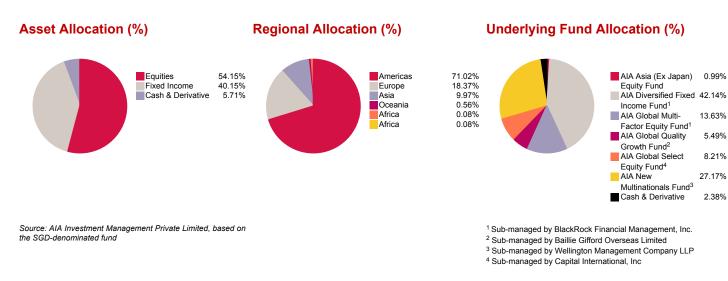
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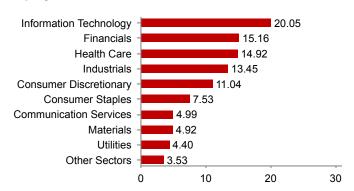
8.21%

2.38%



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# **Equity: Sector Allocation**

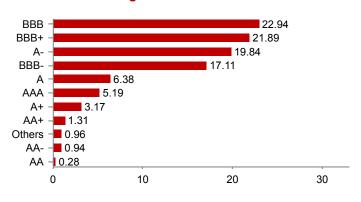


# **Top Holdings**

Top 5 (Equities)	Holdings (%)
Microsoft Corp	2.33
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.60
Texas Instruments Inc	1.29
Novartis AG	1.20
Visa Inc	1.16
TOTAL	7.58

Source: AIA Investment Management Private Limited, based on the SGD-denominated fund

# **Fixed Income: Ratings Allocation**



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Top 5 (Fixed Income)	Holdings (%)
Amgen Inc 5.507% 02/03/2026	0.50
General Motors Financial Co Inc 6.05%	0.42
10/10/2025	
Apple Inc 3.25% 08/08/2029	0.40
Boeing CoThe 3.2% 01/03/2029	0.35
United States Treasury NoteBond 2.875%	0.35
15/05/2032	
TOTAL	2.02

# Manager Commentary - AIA Elite Balanced Fund

#### **Market Review**

Global equities traded higher in March, despite the Federal Reserve (Fed) hiking interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) and banking turmoil resulting from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), Signature Bank as well as the takeover of Credit Suisse (CS) by UBS Group AG. The US jobs market remained hot with February's Non-Farm Payroll (NFPR) increasing by 311,000, signalling that the Fed will continue to adopt restrictive policies to tame the high inflation towards its long-term target of 2%. In China, the weeklong annual National People's Congress (NPC) ended on 13th March 2023 and saw the release of key announcements such as the 5% Gross Domestic Production (GDP) target, plans to expand domestic demand and efforts to stabilise the property market. Additionally, the meeting formally unveiled the list of top government officials who have been appointed to work alongside President Xi Jinping as he begins his unprecedented third term as China's president. The MSCI World Index gained 3.09% while MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 3.03% for the month of March.

In Fixed Income, the flight to safety from increased financial market volatility has caused Treasury yields to plummet sharply. Additionally, the yield curve continues to be inverted, with long-term rates above short-term rates, which is traditionally a time-tested indicator of an impending recession. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return index gained 2.78% for the month.

#### **Portfolio Review**

Elite Balanced Fund:

- The portfolio gained 1.31% for the month, underperforming its benchmark by 0.39%.
- All underlying funds delivered positive absolute performance in line with markets.

• In terms of relative performance, with the exception of AIA Global Select Equity Fund and AIA Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund, all other underlying funds underperformed the respective equity and bond components of the benchmark.

#### Outlook

Many of the risks that were present last year such as Russia/Ukraine war, restrictive monetary policy and elevated inflation prints are still present today. We expect markets to enter a deep bottoming phase in the coming months before a rebound in the later part of the year.

The recent stress in the banking system is likely an accelerant of tightening credit conditions that may lead to a further slowdown, which coupled with declining corporate earnings as well as an unswaying Fed determined to tame inflation, has made a recession this year in the US a near-certainty.

The Elite portfolios continue to place a tactical exposure to Asia Ex-Japan equities as its undemanding valuation offers a good entry point and China's end to its Covid policy seems positive. We remain underweight equities (with a preference towards Asia Ex-Japan equities) while adopting a neutral stance on fixed income due to expectations of widening spreads.

Source: AIA Investment Management Private Limited, based on the SGD-denominated fund

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