

**FUND FACT SHEET JANUARY 2025** 

### Maybank Asian Growth and Income-I Fund





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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Maybank Asian Growth and Income-I Fund is to provide capital growth and income through investments in a portfolio of Shariah-compliant equities and Sukuk.

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FUND FACTS	
Fund Manager	Rachana Mehta/ Mark Chua
Fund Inception Date	Retail: 14 October 2021 Institutional: 8 September 2021
Subscription Mode	Cash/SRS
Fund Size (AUM)	SGD 124.9 Million (As of 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025)
Minimum Investment	SGD 1,000/USD 1,000
Management Fee	Retail: 1.25% p.a.
Sales Charge	Up to 5%
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Dividend Distribution	Monthly (1 <sup>st</sup> distribution 30 Dec 2021)
ISIN Codes/Bloomberg Tickers	Class I (Acc) - USD (Insti) SGXZ41764432 / MGIIINU SP Class A (Acc) - SGD SGXZ62798434 / MGIIAAS SP Class A (Dist) - SGD SGXZ86797644 / MGIIADS SP

	FUND PERFORMANCE (CUMULATIVE)
40%	
30%	
20%	
10%	
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-20%	
-30%	Sep-21 Dec-21 Jun-22 Sep-22 Dec-22 Mar-23 Jun-23 Sep-23 Mar-24 Jun-24 Sep-24 Dec-24

Source: Bloomberg as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Performance based on Class A (Acc) - SGD

PERFORMANCE Class A (Acc) SGD				
Returns %	Portfolio			
1 month	0.08%			
3 months	-1.79%			
6 months	-1.21%			
Year-to-date (YTD)	0.08%			
1 year	4.95%			
3 year p.a.	-1.66%			
Since inception p.a (Incepted on 14 October 2021)	-3.63%			
DIVIDEND HISTORY - Record Class A (Dist) SGD Date	Payment Amount Date (SGD)			

29/08/24 09/09/24

27/09/24 09/10/24

29/10/24 11/11/24

Aug 2024

Sep 2024

Oct 2024

STATISTICS		SUKUK	
Average Yield to Maturity		5.50%	
Average Duration		4.00 Years	
Average Credit Rating		BBB	
DIVIDEND HISTORY - Class A (Dist) SGD	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount (SGD)
Nov 2024	28/11/24	10/12/24	0.0042
Dec 2024	30/12/24	10/01/25	0.0042
Jan 2025	28/01/25	11/02/25	0.0042

Source: Data as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Maybank Asset Management Singapore Pte Ltd, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Singapore Branch. Past performance is not an indication of future performance. Returns are calculated on a NAV-NAV basis, net of fees and assuming all dividends and distributions are reinvested, if any. Credit ratings are based on issue/issuer's rating or internal rating where applicable. Monthly distributions will be paid from Class A (Dist) SGD share class. Please refer to Share Class Overview for more information on the dividend distribution. Underlying portfolio yield is an annualised percentage measure of interest and dividend income earned by the portfolio net of fees and expenses.

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**CURRENT ASSET MIX** 

### Asset Management

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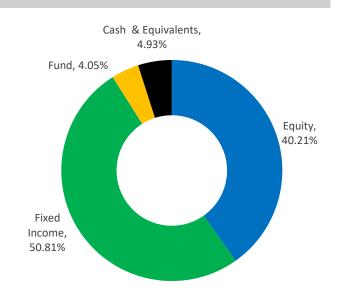
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#### **FUND ALLOCATION**

## Neutral

# **Current Strategy**

- · Having a Neutral positioning, we are slightly tilted towards Fixed Income over Equities; and slight increase in gold exposure.
- · We have increased our exposures to more cyclical markets such as Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong/China.
- · Duration wise, we remain neutral for fixed income portion of the portfolio with coupon carry remaining the key driver.



#### **SUKUK EXPOSURES** TOP 5 HOLDINGS DPWDU 6 PERP 2.42% ALINMA 6 1/2 PERP 2.25% SIBCAB 6 % PERP 2.19% QIBKQD 4.485 09/17/29 2.14% MAFUAE 5 06/01/33 2.11%

TOP 5 HOLDINGS	%
ISHARES PHYSICAL GOLD ETC	4.14%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFAC	1.94%
CONTEMPORARY AMPEREX TECHN-A	0.93%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	0.88%
XIAOMI CORP-CLASS B	0.87%

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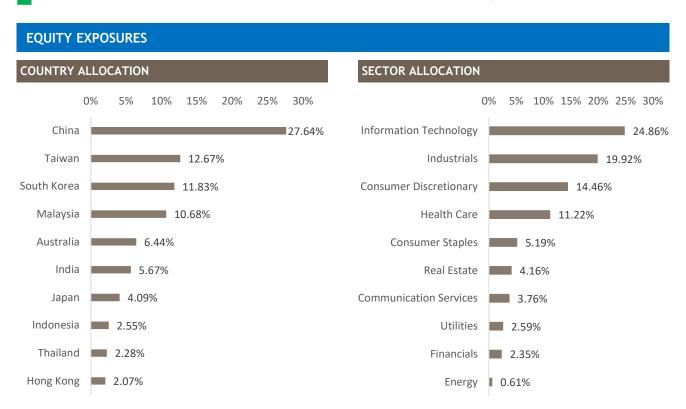
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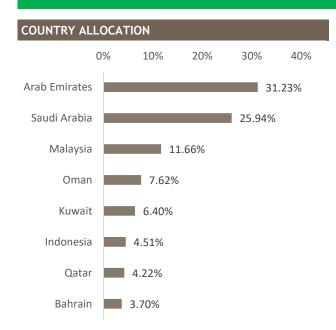


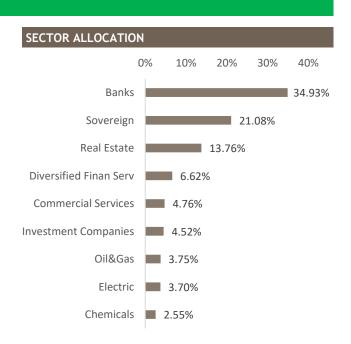
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### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

#### **Equities**

Asian markets started 2025 on a strong note, rising 1.4% in January, although volatility remained elevated with a few notable trend reversals. Chinese equities started the month on the back foot on concerns that the US may impose additional tariffs of as high as 60% on China, and hit oversold conditions in mid January. A softer tone on tariffs saw Chinese equities marking a bottom and making a substantial recovery. The US Dollar appreciated strongly at the start of the month after strong labour market data, reversed in mid month on weaker inflation data, and reversed yet again as the US outlined 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada. Sentiment on AI was positive at the beginning, but the emergence of DeepSeek's AI model at a markedly lower cost base caused a sharp correction in stocks exposed to the AI supply chain.

South Korea was the best performing market in January, rising 6.9% for in a reversal from its continued downtrend last year. Australia rose 5.5% for the month, led by Financials industry on strong credit growth. ASEAN markets lagged, with US chip export restrictions affecting ASEAN data center stocks. India was the worst performing market amid weakening market sentiment, depreciating rupee and domestic growth concerns.



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#### Sukuk

10 Year US Treasury ("UST") yields rose initially, touching ~4.79% as markets braced for potential tariff weighing on inflation. However, UST markets pared losses in the 2nd half of the month as US consumer price index and other key data came in softer than expected coupled with safe haven flows and healthy UST auction demand. 10y UST yield ended the month ~ 4.54%.

Overall, Bloomberg UST index returned 0.52% in January as UST yields fell across the curve. Fed stand pat on their easing cycle in January Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, and struck a slightly hawkish bias signaling that they remain watchful over potential inflationary concerns amid tariff uncertainty. Brent increased to above US\$80/bbl in mid-Jan and settled around USD76/bbl towards end of the month; Brent remained headline-driven as Trump strived to increase production domestically balanced by trade war tariffs imposed on Canada/Mexico and ongoing calls from Trump to Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) countries to increase production. Overall sukuk space (as measured by Bloomberg Emerging Markets Gulf Cooperation Council (EM GCC) USD Sukuk index) returned 0.35% in January; with overall index yield hovering around 5.50%. Sukuk portion of the portfolio had weighted duration of 4 years while overall portfolio yield remained stable at 5.5%.



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#### **Outlook and Strategy**

#### **Equities**

We are currently in an environment of high volatility. The Federal Reserve's 'data-dependent' approach to setting interest rates increases volatility due to the noisy nature of economic data releases. New policies under President Donald Trump are likely to turbo-charge volatility even more than before. Higher volatility creates opportunities for active investors, and recent trends in AI are likely to lead to some firms doing very well.

We take a positive view on Deepseek's new AI model, and disagree with the consensus view that data centre demand would decrease substantially. While it is true that US hyper-scalers would reduce their capex intensity given the lower model training costs, we expect this impact to be offset by substantially higher AI adoption and penetration in society. Lowering AI costs makes adoption more affordable and more use cases are likely to emerge this year. Nevertheless, we do expect some value to shift from increasingly commoditized AI models to beneficiaries in downstream application software and upstream cloud services. We are keeping an eye out for companies that successfully adopt AI into their product offerings so as to differentiate themselves from their competitors.

#### Sukuk

We believe this year is a year of carry for fixed Income as Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) USD sukuk are still yielding around 5-6% p.a. with strong technical factors providing further support. Within the sukuk space, we maintain our cautious stance in the near term; preferring the short end to belly part of the IG curve, in particular the quasi sovereign names. We continue to complement the portfolio with selective exposure in short dated Islamic bank Additional Tier One (AT1s), Sharjah/Oman sovereign and Dubai real estate players.

We continue to monitor potential supply, in particular from incoming pipelines like Saudi quasi sovereigns and financial sector. Notably, markets are also awaiting the return of Kuwait (AA-/A+ rated) sovereign issuance as the country recently passed a new debt law. Participation in new issues will be contingent upon pricing and fair value of credit spreads being offered.

Meanwhile, average credit rating for the Sukuk portfolio remained investment grade at BBB.



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#### SHARE CLASS OVERVIEW

Share Class	Currency	Distribution Frequency	Dividend Per Share	Annualised Dividend Yield
Class A (Acc) SGD	SGD	N.A.	N.A.	N.A
Class A (Dist) SGD	SGD	Monthly	0.0042	6.93%
Class I (Acc) USD	USD	N.A.	N.A.	N.A

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Annualised Dividend Yield = (Dividend per share x Dividend Frequency\*) / Month End NAV#

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<sup>&</sup>quot;N.A" means that this share class does not distribute dividends.

<sup>\*</sup>Dividend Frequency: Annual = 1; Semi-annual = 2; Quarterly = 4; Monthly = 12

<sup>#</sup> Where the last calendar day falls on a non-business day, the reference NAV used for the dividend yield calculation will be that of the last business day of the month.