

**FUND FACT SHEET FEBRUARY 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.

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 122.8 Million (As of 28 <sup>th</sup> February 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 (1st 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			

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PERFORMANCE Class A (Acc) SGD					
Returns %	Portfolio				
1 month	-0.01%				
3 months	-0.	-0.10%			
6 months	-1.	-1.77%			
Year-to-date (YTD)	0.	0.07%			
1 year	2.	2.76%			
3 year p.a.	-1.43%				
Since inception p.a (Incepted on 14 Octo	-3.65%				
DIVIDEND HISTORY - Class A (Dist) SGD	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount (SGD)		
Sep 2024	27/09/24	09/10/24	0.0042		
Oct 2024	29/10/24	11/11/24	0.0042		
Nov 2024	28/11/24	10/12/24	0.0042		

STATISTICS	SUKUK			
Average Yield to Ma	5.31%			
Average Duration	3.97 Years			
Average Credit Ratir	BBB			
DIVIDEND HISTORY - Class A (Dist) SGD	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount (SGD)	
Dec 2024	30/12/24	10/01/25	0.0042	
Jan 2025	30/01/25	11/02/25	0.0042	
Feb 2025	27/02/25	11/03/25	0.0042	

Source: Data as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 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.



**CURRENT ASSET MIX** 

## Asset Management

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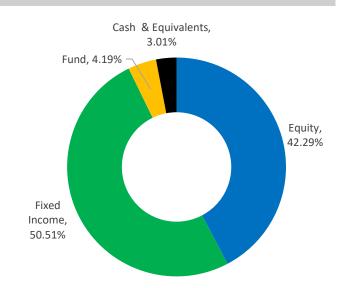
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#### **FUND ALLOCATION**

# Neutral

# **Current Strategy**

- · Having a Neutral positioning, we are roughly equally weighted between Fixed Income and Equities + Gold. Cash level remained stable
- · We have increased our exposures to more Hong Kong/China driven by strong earnings; exposure to Korea and Taiwan remains.
- · Duration wise, we turned slight positive for fixed income, in line with recent rates rally.



### **SUKUK EXPOSURES** TOP 5 HOLDINGS DPWDU 6 PERP 2.47% 2.29% ALINMA 6 1/2 PERP SIBCAB 6 % PERP 2.24% 2.19% QIBKQD 4.485 09/17/29 MAFUAE 5 06/01/33 2.18%

TOP 5 HOLDINGS	%
ISHARES PHYSICAL GOLD ETC	4.26%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFAC	2.00%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	1.25%
XIAOMI CORP-CLASS B	1.20%
PHARMARESEARCH CO LTD	1.02%

**EQUITY EXPOSURES** 



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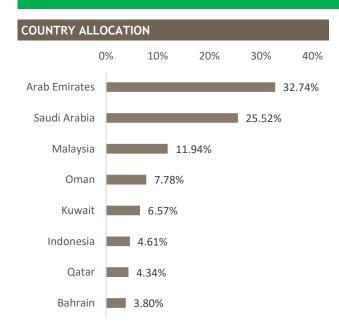
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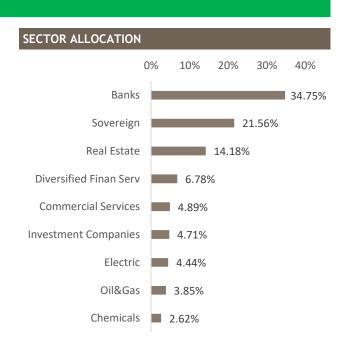
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#### **EQUITY EXPOSURES COUNTRY ALLOCATION** SECTOR ALLOCATION 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 0% 10% 20% 30% Information Technology China 26.14% 28.27% Industrials South Korea 22.67% 13.13% Taiwan **Consumer Discretionary** 16.52% 12.44% Health Care Malaysia 8.13% **Communication Services** 4.08% Japan 7.33% Consumer Staples 4.06% Australia 6.67% Utilities 1.88% India 5.96% Indonesia 1.63% Real Estate 1.63% Thailand 1.45% Financials 1.55%

### **SUKUK EXPOSURES**

Singapore ■ 1.36%





Materials | 0.55%

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

#### **Equities**

Asian markets rose 0.2% in February as trade tensions and geopolitical tensions rose. US President Trump announced potential tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China, but subsequently delayed the tariffs pending negotiations. Peace talks for Ukraine stalled after a tense meeting between Presidents Trump and Zelensky. The US announced a new "America First Investment Policy" to restrict investments from the US to China.

Market performance was mixed across the region for the month. Japan's equity markets declined 4.0% as inflation reached a two year high of 4.0%. Chinese equities rose 11.5%, driven by strong earnings reports from major tech companies like Alibaba. In the US, growing uncertainty about the impact of US President Donald Trump's tariffs agenda weighed on both corporate and consumer sentiment as the S&P 500 declined 1.4%. Bonds outperformed equities as concerns about slowing US growth started to emerge.



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### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

### Sukuk

Given the recent weaker than expected US economic data releases (such as softer US services Purchasing Managers' Index, consumer sentiment numbers, weaker Non-Farm Payrolls job figures), markets are starting to have doubts on US exceptionalism with concerns that tariff uncertainties will weigh on growth. U.S Treasuries (UST) yields fell across the curve as a result, with the 10Y yields declining almost 30 basis points (bps) in February; closing the month at 4.21% p.a. reflecting slowing signs of US growth. Risk off tone stemming from tariff retaliation also led to declines in UST yields.

Overall sukuk space (as measured by Bloomberg Emerging Markets Gulf Corporation Council USD Sukuk index) returned 1.42% on a year-to-date basis. Performance was fuelled by rally in UST but offset slightly by some spread widening (Sukuk spread around 120 bps as of end Feb). Sukuk portion of the portfolio had weighted duration of 3.97 years while overall portfolio yield remained stable at 5.31% p.a. given the current high rate environment.



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### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

### **Outlook and Strategy**

### **Equities**

We are concerned about the potential impact of US tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China. We know from history that universal tariffs at high rates worsened the Great Depression in the 1930s. While tariff threats may be part of a negotiation strategy, we are seeing signs that corporate and consumer sentiment are weakened by the uncertainty.

Chinese equities rallied despite new investment restrictions from the US. The emergence of China's "Deepseek" Al is positive for China as it unlocks a new growth engine for the economy, but even "old economy" sectors like real estate displayed encouraging recovery in recent data. It is still early days for Chinese equities as the rally this month was led by a narrow group of cloud-computing and Al related stocks. We expect China to announce a stimulus package to offset any potential impact from US tariffs. We reduced our exposure to US equities and increased our exposure to China equities.

#### Sukuk

We continue to believe that this year is a year of carry for fixed Income as Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) sukuks are still yielding around 5.00% to 5.50% with strong technical factors providing further support. Duration wise, we turned more constructive from February onwards given the recent rates rally. That said, we continue to be nimble in terms of positioning as U.S Treasuries movements are likely to be choppy and headline-driven (i.e. policy uncertainties from Trump's tariff implementation). For positioning in duration, we prefer to gain exposure through investment grade sovereign and quasi sovereign credits.

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	6.97%
Class I (Acc) USD	USD	N.A.	N.A.	N.A

The dividend amount and rate are not guaranteed and could vary according to prevailing market conditions and the discretion of the Investment Manager. We reserve the right to vary the frequency and/or amount of distributions. Distributions from the fund may be paid out of distributable income, capital or both. Past dividend payout yields and payments do not represent future payout yields and payments. Any distributions made from the Fund's capital will result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.

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.