# AIA PHILAM LIFE ELITE ADVENTUROUS FUND

**January 31, 2023** 

# **Fund Description**

The AIA Philam Life Elite Adventurous Fund seeks long-term total return (combination of capital growth and income) with higher risk by investing in a portfolio of mostly equities and a small proportion of fixed income securities. The ILP Sub-Fund's expected average direct and indirect exposure to equities will be approximately 90% over the long-term, however this exposure may vary from time to time. The other 10% will be invested in fixed income or money market instruments.

#### Historical Performance<sup>1</sup>



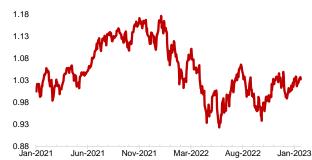
1 Returns are net of fees. Past performance is not indicative of future returns

# Key Figures and Statistics

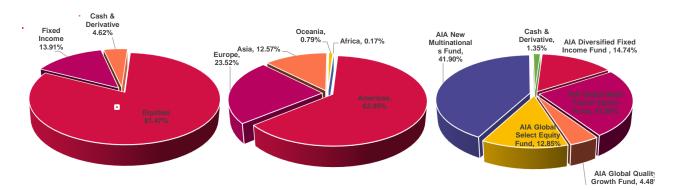
NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT (NA)
INCEPTION DATE
FUND CLASSIFICATION
RISK PROFILE
FUND CURRENCY
DOMICILE

1.0271 18 January, 2021 Equity Fund Aggressive Philippine Peso Philippines

# Net Asset Value Per Unit (NAVPU) Graph



# Regional & Asset Allocation



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#### **Equity: Sector Allocation**



#### Fixed Income: Ratings Allocation



# **Top Holdings**

#### Top 5 (Equities)

Microsoft Corp	3.09%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.67%
Novartis AG	1.83%
Visa Inc	1.83%
Home Depot Inc/The	1.79%

#### Top 5 (Fixed Income)

General Motors Financial Co Inc 6.05% 10/10/2025	0.15%
Apple Inc 3.25% 08/08/2029	0.14%
Boeing CoThe 3.2% 01/03/2029	0.13%
United States Treasury NoteBond 2.875% 15/05/2032	0.13%
United States Treasury Bond 2.75% 31/05/2029	0.12%

#### Commentary:

#### Market Review

Global equities started the year strong. Slowing inflation in US and Europe raised hopes that central banks can end their interest rate hikes soon. The surprisingly quick end to China zero-Covid policy also gave market a boost, raising expectation of a Chinese economy recovery. The MSCI World index gained 6.1% while MSCI Emerging Markets index gained 9.2% for the month of January.

In Fixed Income, the Federal Reserve (Fed) unanimously approved a 25-basis point (bps) hike in their January meeting, slowing the pace of its increase in a sign that progress is gradually being made in its battle against inflation. Far from declaring victory, their stance remains that "inflation has eased somewhat but remains elevated", signalling more rate hikes to come in 2023, although at a slower pace. Fed Chair Powell also warned market watchers that "the job is not fully done" and the current labour market still remains too tight. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond index gained 3.7% for the month.

# Portfolio Review

Elite Adventurous Fund:

- The portfolio gained 2.94% for the month, underperforming its benchmark by 1.72%.
- Positive absolute performance from all underlying funds contributed to performance.
   In terms of relative performance, with the exception of AIA Global Multi-Factor Equity Fund, AIA New Multinationals Fund and AIA Diversified Fixed Income Fund, all other underlying funds outperformed their respective benchmark.

#### Outlook

We think 2023 will be "a year of inflections" - inflections through a macro recovery, a Fed "pivot" and a turnaround in asset class performance compared to 2022. But every inflection point must first come with a weakening phase. On the macro front, we think US growth will stall, corporate profits will decline, and associated cost cutting should lead to higher unemployment rates, translating to a higher probability of a recession sometime near the middle of the year. Equity valuations, on the other hand, may test lower before recovering some ground in the latter half of 2023.

The Elite portfolios continue to place a tactical exposure to Asia Ex-Japan equities as its undernanding 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 more constructive view on fixed income and advocate a neutral position towards Investment Grade bonds.

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