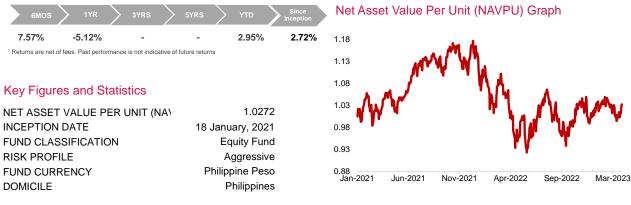
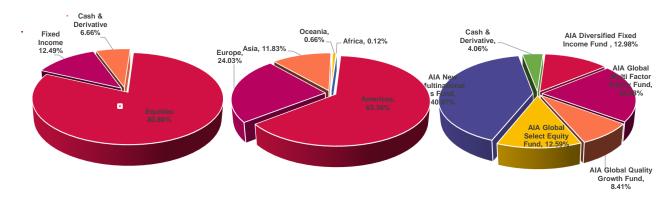
# AIA PHILAM LIFE **ELITE ADVENTUROUS FUND**

### **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>





## **Regional & Asset Allocation**

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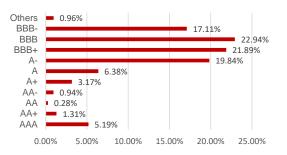
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## Equity: Sector Allocation





Fixed Income: Ratings Allocation

## **Top Holdings**

Top 5 (Equities)		Top 5 (Fixed Income)	
Microsoft Corp	3.57%	Amgen Inc 5.507% 02/03/2026	0.16%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.31%	General Motors Financial Co Inc 6.05% 10/10/2025	0.13%
Texas Instruments Inc	1.98%	Apple Inc 3.25% 08/08/2029	0.13%
Novartis AG	1.83%	Boeing CoThe 3.2% 01/03/2029	0.11%
Visa Inc	1.78%	United States Treasury NoteBond 2.875% 15/05/2032	0.11%

### **Commentary:**

#### 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 Adventurous Fund:

The portfolio gained 0.83% 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.

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