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# Allianz Life Total Return Asian Equity Fund



## Investment Objective

The Allianz Life Total Return Asian Equity Fund (the "Fund") feeds into Allianz Total Return Asian Equity- USD ("CIS") and aims to provide long term capital appreciation and income investing in the equity markets of the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and/or the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

## Investor Profile

The Fund is designed for investors who pursue the objective of general capital formation/asset optimisation and/or above-average participation in price changes; have basic knowledge and/or experience of financial products; and are capable of bearing a financial loss. The Fund may not be suitable for investors who wish to withdraw their capital from the Fund within a short or medium timeframe.

## Performance Indicator

	1 month	YTD (Since inception)
Allianz Life Total Return Asian Equity Fund	-0.30%	-0.30%
Benchmark	1.36%	0.51%
Allianz Total Return Asian Equity Fund (USD)	3.16%	4.03%

Ringgit appreciated 1.03% (YTD since inception),  
Source: Bloomberg and <https://sg.allianzgi.com/>

The above performance of the Fund is calculated in Ringgit Malaysia on a NAV-to-NAV basis. It is strictly the performance of the investment fund and not the returns earned on the actual premiums paid of the investment-linked product. Past performance is not an indication of future performance.

## Facts on CIS

Name	Allianz Total Return Asian Equity- USD ("Allianz TRAF - USD")
Type	Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities
Fund Manager	Allianz Global Investors Asia Pacific
Fund Currency	USD

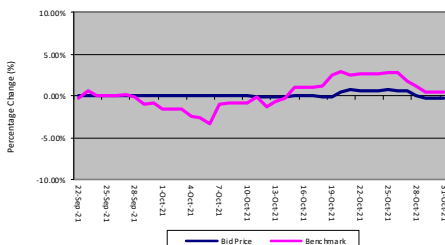
## Key Fund Facts

Fund Size	RM24.363 million
Risk Profile	Moderate Investor
Launch Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
Fund Currency	Ringgit Malaysia
Investment Manager	Allianz Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad
Pricing Frequency	Daily
Price per Unit <sup>1</sup> (as at 31st October 2021) - Bid	0.997
Management Fee	1.50% p.a
Other Charges <sup>2</sup>	Include but not limited to government tax, auditor fee, custodian fee, & transaction charge

## Portfolio Composition

CASH & DEPOSITS	38%
ALLIANZ TRAF - USD	62%

## Performance Since Inception



- The price per unit of the Fund is the total market value of assets in the Fund divided by the total number of units of the Fund. To ensure fair treatment to all unit holders, transaction costs of acquiring and disposing of assets of the Fund are recouped by making a dilution or transaction cost adjustment to the NAV per unit of the Fund. Allianz Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad retains the right to suspend issuance or redemption of units of the Fund under exceptional circumstances, e.g. temporary closure of any stock exchange, as disclosed in the fund brochure.
- Expenses directly related to and necessary in operating the Fund.

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## Manager's Comment (For Allianz Total Return Asian Equity- USD)

### Market Commentary

- The Fund outperformed the benchmark during the month. From a country perspective, it was positive stock selection in Korea and China and an underweight to Korea that contributed. From a sector perspective, it was stock selection in Information Technology and Materials that was beneficial to the portfolio.
- The top contributor over the month was a leading polysilicon manufacturers. Polysilicon is a key component used in the production of solar panels. The company reported a strong set of results helped by rising prices of silicon materials and milder-than-expected cost pressures. The company also mentioned that it has reduced its leverage and remains focused on reducing its expense ratio. We retain our position given the acceleration of photovoltaic (PV) installation during the 14th five-year plan and continued government policy support.
- Conversely, one of the top detractors was an ophthalmology hospital group. The stock had been weak previously along with the rest of the Health Care sector on concerns regarding China's centralised procurement and the potential for pricing pressure on medical devices. We retain our holding and note the upbeat management guidance on growth prospects.

### Market Outlook and Strategy

- From a country perspective, the portfolio has an overweight to Taiwan, Indonesia and Hong Kong and is underweight Korea, India, and Malaysia. At a sector level, the Fund is overweight Communication Services and Consumer Staples, whilst being underweight Utilities and Consumer Discretionary.
- Over the month, we added a Chinese food supplier to the portfolio.
- The weaker property sector, combined with other headwinds such as power and chip shortages, is contributing to an ongoing deceleration in economic activity in China. Looking ahead, our base case continues to be that we will enter a more policy-friendly market environment. Particularly for China, we expect an easing of monetary policy and some targeted fiscal spending to help mitigate the bumpy economic slowdown. Elsewhere, with more countries taking additional steps towards reopening, we expect to see a more broad-based economic recovery in the region.

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# Investment Strategy & Approach



Investors should realize that there are risks of investing in the Funds as listed below:-

- **Market Risk** – The value of the Fund’s investment assets may be affected by changes in economic fundamentals, interest rate movement, regulatory policy, political and industrial developments. These market factors may result in fluctuations in the value of the Fund’s investment assets. This risk may be mitigated by ensuring a rigorous review of macroeconomic factors and asset allocation strategy.
- **Currency Risk** – For foreign investment, fluctuations in currency exchange rates may have an impact on the value of the Fund’s investment assets. This risk may be minimized by engaging in foreign currency hedging.
- **Country/Foreign Investment Risk** – This risk refers to the risks of investing in foreign markets. The value of the foreign investment assets directly or indirectly held by the Fund may be affected by country-specific factors, such as the country’s economic fundamentals, social and political stability and regulatory policy. This risk may be mitigated by ensuring a rigorous review of macroeconomic factors and asset allocation strategy.
- **Specific Security Risk** – The value of the assets in particular securities and money market instruments may be affected by company-specific factors, such as business situation, financial condition and corporate governance of the company. This risk may be minimized through diversification of investments in a wide scope of companies belonging to a multitude of sectors.
- **Sector Risk** – The value of the Fund’s investment assets may be adversely affected by the changes in sector-specific factors, such as the business condition, industry outlook and demand/supply dynamic of the industry. This risk may be minimized through portfolio diversification and control on sector concentration risk.
- **Liquidity Risk** – If an asset has insufficient liquidity, there is the risk that the asset cannot be sold or can only be sold at a significant discount to the purchase price. The lack of liquidity of an asset may cause its purchase price to increase significantly. The risk is managed by including liquidity factor into security selection and further mitigated by diversification.
- **Target Fund Risk** – As the Fund is a feeder fund, it will invest into a Target Fund which is being managed by a Target Fund Manager. While we would make every effort to ensure that the objectives of the Target Fund are appropriately aligned with those of ours, we do not have control over the Target Fund Manager’s investment in terms of its approach, intelligence, operations and management. In the unlikely event of any mishandling of the Target Fund, the NAV of our Fund, which is investing predominantly into the Target Fund, could be similarly adversely affected. This risk may be mitigated by our constant monitoring of the Target Fund, which is requisite to ensuring that the Target Fund’s objective, risk profile and characteristics are in line with ours.

Overall, on top of regulatory limits imposed by Bank Negara Malaysia, we have put in place tight internal investment limits for all asset class with oversight by risk officer to ensure that the Fund does not take on excessive risk, albeit we cannot guarantee the total elimination of risks associated with investing in the Fund.