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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 growth and income by 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 | 3 months | YTD    | Since Inception |
|---|---------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| Allianz Life Total Return Asian Equity Fund | -3.11%  | -9.33%   | -3.11% | -9.60%          |
| Benchmark                                   | -3.10%  | -5.58%   | -3.10% | -5.10%          |
| Allianz Total Return Asian Equity (USD)     | -3.72%  | -11.46%  | -3.72% | -7.89%          |

Ringgit depreciated 0.34% (YTD) and appreciated 0.08% (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.

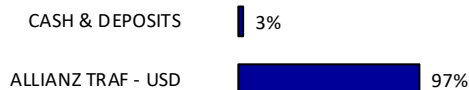
## Facts on CIS

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| 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  |

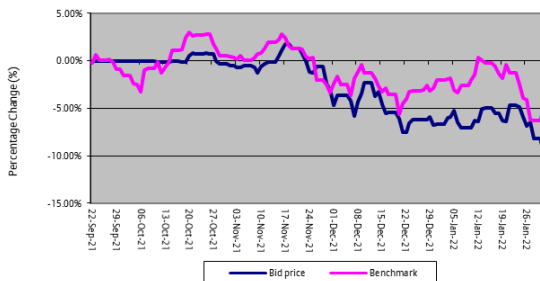
## Key Fund Facts

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| Fund Size   | RM39.89 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><br>(as at 31st January 2022)<br>- Bid | 0.904   |
| 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



### 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

- Equity markets in Asia ex Japan retreated over the period, as risk assets sold off after the US Federal Reserve (Fed) indicated it may need to accelerate the pace of rate hikes. Surging COVID-19 cases, both regionally and locally, also undermined sentiment, as did the stronger US dollar. Chinese stocks declined over the month, as the property slowdown and COVID-19 restrictions restricted economic activity. In response, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) eased its key interest rates. In contrast, Korea raised rates to tackle inflation whilst there was strong demand for one of the largest ever domestic IPOs. Within the region, ASEAN markets outperformed. Indonesia and the Philippines delivered positive returns, whilst Singapore and Malaysia retreated moderately. Indian equities fell over the month given increased COVID-19 infection rates and profit taking in response to a strong earnings season.

### Market Outlook and Strategy

- From a country perspective, the underweight to Korea contributed, although this was offset by weak stock selection in Taiwan and India. From a sector perspective, the benefits of being overweight Financials and underweight Health Care was offset by stock selection in Consumer Discretionary.
- On a single stock basis, our overweight positions in two Indian companies HDFC Bank and an automobile manufacturer, as well as Taiwan Semiconductor, helped most. Conversely, our overweight positions in a Taiwanese semiconductor corporation, a Singapore-based internet/e-commerce company, and a Hong Kong-based industrial machinery supplier, weighed on returns.
- During the month, we liquidated our holding in two Korean companies, including a memory semiconductor supplier and a commodity chemicals company. In addition, we added an Indonesian specialty chemicals company, a Chinese e-commerce company and Samsung Electronics to the portfolio.
- At the end of the month, the top holdings were Taiwan Semiconductor, Tencent and Samsung Electronics. The largest overweight positions were Taiwan Semiconductor, Samsung Electronics and HDFC Bank. Overall, the Fund has an overweight position to Taiwan, Indonesia and Hong Kong and is underweight Korea, India and Malaysia. At a sector level, the Fund is overweight Communication Services, Consumer Staples and Financials, whilst being underweight Real Estate, Materials and Industrials.

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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 regular and rigorous reviews of macroeconomic factors and asset allocation strategy.
- **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 regular and rigorous reviews of macroeconomic, socio – politic and regulatory factors as well as adopting an appropriate asset allocation strategy.
- **Currency Risk** – For foreign investments, fluctuations in currency exchange rates may have an impact on the value of the Fund's investment assets. This risk may be managed by engaging in foreign currency hedging.
- **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 managed through portfolio diversification and control on sector concentration risk.
- **Company Specific Risk** – The asset values of securities may be affected by company-specific factors, some of which include volatile business situations, adverse financial conditions and poor corporate governance. This risk may be contained through appropriate portfolio diversification, prudent investment selection and better control on investment concentration risks.
- **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. Appropriate portfolio diversification, control on investment concentration limits taking into account liquidity constraints and regular monitoring could help mitigate the said risk.
- **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. Please also refer to the Target Fund's prospectus for more detailed and comprehensive information on Target Fund specific risks.

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.