

Fund Objective

A fund where 80% to 100% of the investments are in equities. The Fund seeks to maximise capital appreciation over the medium to long-term while reducing risks and/or enhancing returns through timely and dynamic switching of asset classes in ASEAN markets at any given point in time. The balance of the fund's NAV will be invested in domestic short-term money market instruments including cash. Collective investment schemes such as unit trusts, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds which invest in such underlying asset classes may be considered.



This fund is actively managed and seeks to provide attractive long-term returns via an active asset allocation and country selection process. The fund will invest in companies listed on the stock exchanges in ASEAN which includes Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines, to achieve a well-diversified portfolio.

The fund uses top-down approach by adopting a disciplined macroeconomic framework to identify major turning points in global financial markets to determine long term assets allocation decisions.



Notice

Actual return is based on net basis (net of tax and charges). Past Performance of the fund is not an indication of its future performance. This is strictly the performance of the unit fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums paid of the Investment-Linked insurance product.

Percentage Return (NAV to NAV)							
	YTD	1-Mth	6-Mth	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Lion ASEAN Fund	2.0%	2.0%	3.6%	(0.2%)	n/a	n/a	0.6%
Benchmark - MSCI ASEAN Index MYR	(0.7%)	(0.7%)	(4.4%)	(1.2%)	n/a	n/a	4.3%

Source: Bloomberg - MSCI ASEAN Index

Asset Allocation

ASEAN Equities: 80% - 100%

Money Market Instrument / Cash: 0% - 20%

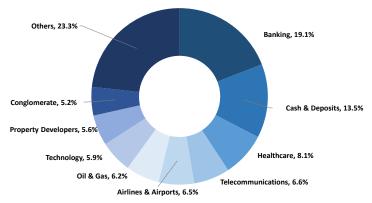
Top 5 Holdings (as at 31-Jan-2024)

Name	% of NAV	
Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd	4.1%	
Yinson Holdings Bhd	3.6%	
CP All Public Company Limited	3.2%	
Airports of Thailand Pcl	2.8%	
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings Ltd	2.7%	

Fund Info (as at 31-Jan-2024)

Inception Date	18 October 2022	For Single Pricing Product
Fund Size (RM mil)	4.3	NAV per unit (RM) 0.956
Management Fee	1.5% p.a. on NAV	For Dual Pricing Product
Other Charges	Nil	Bid Unit Price (RM) 0.956
Fund Manager	GELM Investment	Offer Unit Price (RM) 1.006
Valuation	Daily based on market prices	Risk Profile High

Sector Allocation (as at 31-Jan-2024)



The fund performance updates presented by Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Berhad ("the Company") are to be used as an information source only.

Please read and understand the contents of the fund fact sheet before investing. The fund performance updates should be read in conjunction with the fund fact sheet, product brochure, Product Disclosure Sheet, sales illustration, and policy contract.

There can be no assurances that the fund will be able to maintain its net asset value per security at a constant amount or that the full amount of your investment in the fund will be returned to you. Customers should consider the fees and charges involved.



Equity

Market Outlook

The Flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMIs) indicate that manufacturing momentum continued to improve in January, although overall activity remains sluggish. Global trade dynamics are also starting to look better, following a deep decline over the past year. In addition, services activity remains resilient, with strong household income still underpinning demand. While these developments are positive, growth remains uncomfortably divergent, with the U.S. remaining an outlier to the upside, and with overall global activity levels still weak. Inflation continues to moderate although the latest data have been choppier, with services inflation remaining elevated. Financial markets continue to price in significant policy loosening in 2024, and focus will remain on inflation data in coming months.

The MSCI China Index has lost almost 65% relative to global equities over the past three years. The downturn accelerated in December 2023 and into the start of 2024 as investors doubted the lack or effectiveness of government policies to restore confidence in the markets. Property sales and prices continue to fall, with only temporary interruptions. However, investor sentiment appears to be overly pessimistic, feeding hopes that further stabilisation or stimulus measures will help the market bottom out.

Following the Federal Reserve's (Fed) signal that it will cut rates in 2024, ASEAN equities have started to gain some traction, with most markets posting positive returns YTD, although there were a few exceptions. Along with Singapore, Thai equities were underperformers on the back of weak growth coupled with deflation. As we move into February, the positive momentum for ASEAN stocks has slowed as the market has reassesses the Fed's rate cut trajectory and the USD has strengthened. While we remain optimistic about ASEAN equities for the year, the first half is expected to be volatile given the uncertainty regarding the timing and scale of rate cuts by the Fed. On the macro front, inflation is still relatively weak across the region, and exports continue to be fragile with tentative signs of a rebound.

Market Review

The KLCI increased 4.0% month on month (mom) to end at 1,513. MSCI Malaysia Index outperformed MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index by 7.3% in January (vs. December's -1.1%). MYR weakened 2.9% mom at 4.73, while 10Y Malaysia Covernment Securities (MGS) increased 5 bps to 3.79%. Meanwhile, Brent crude oil rose 6.1% mom to US\$82/bbl. Foreign equities recorded RM0.3 billion net inflow in January 2024, compared to a net inflow of RM0.3 billion in December 2023. Malaysia's bond market recorded 0.8% mom net foreign outflow in December 2023. Foreign holdings of MGS decreased by RM0.15 billion mom to RM203 billion, which is equivalent to 34.1% of total outstanding MGS. YTL Corporation rallied 23.8% due to increased foreign interest in Malaysia, where YTL is an excellent blue chip proxy due to its decent market capitalisation and strong liquidity, following its inclusion into the KLCI in December 2023. Meanwhile, Capital A Bhd declined 15.2% mom after the company announced its intention to dispose its airline business to sister company AirAsia X Bhd.