

Fund Commentary and Strategy

Global equities rallied sharply in January 2023 as peaking US inflation, China's reopening from Covid-19 restrictions, and the easing of energy prices in Europe bolstered investor sentiment. The semiconductor sector rose in tandem with the broader market as investors looked past the ongoing inventory correction in anticipation of a strong recovery in 2H 2023. In MYR terms, the Nasdaq Global Semiconductor Index (GSOX), rose +12.59% in the month whilst the MYR Class of the Fund rose by +12.86%, outperforming the benchmark by +0.27%.

Fourth quarter earnings season suggests the semiconductor sector remains on the downcycle but the end could be in sight. Despite the YTD rally, stock prices of semiconductor companies remain well off their peaks and valuation of selected companies remains compelling. Given our investment strategy is to own high quality semiconductor companies with intellectual property (IP) which gives them a competitive advantage, we continue to capitalise on opportunities to own the highest quality stocks in the respective end markets for the long term given the secular tailwinds. Investors are also grappling with the impact of the US government's ban on semiconductor equipment exports to China, with the thinking that it only meaningfully impacts supply in 2024 and a lot can change until then. In the short term, the Fund will look to increase its equity exposure to capitalise on investment opportunities.

Top contributors to performance were the Fund's overweight positions in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and NVIDIA and its underweight position in Intel. TSMC and NVDA benefitted from a broad improvement in sentiment in the semiconductor sector in anticipation of a 2H 2023 recovery. The Fund's underweight position in Intel contributed positively over the same period as it reported weak results and continued share loss to AMD. Top detractors for the month were KLA Corp and Broadcom. KLA and Broadcom are more resilient businesses and outperformed its peers through the 2022 correction, but lagged the GSOX in the January rally with limited company specific news driving the underperformance.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	Since Commencement
	31/12/2022 To 31/1/2023	31/12/2022 To 31/1/2023	31/10/2022 To 31/1/2023	15/8/2022 To 31/1/2023
Fund	12.86	12.86	15.42	-3.81
Benchmark	12.59	12.59	15.19	-3.46

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2022
Fund	-14.77
Benchmark	-14.26

Source: Refinitiv Lipper

Notes:

Performance data is calculated based on the changes in the Fund's NAV price per unit for the specified length of time and on the assumption that any dividends declared are reinvested into the Fund. Performance figures are presented in cumulative basis, unless indicated otherwise. Calendar year returns for 2022 are measured from its commencement date of 15 August 2022.

FUND'S PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT AN INDICATION OF ITS FUTURE PERFORMANCE

Fund Objectives

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

Benchmark

Nasdaq Global Semiconductor Index

Investment Adviser

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Distribution Policy

Distribution of income, if any, is incidental.

Key Facts

Launch Date	25-Jul-2022
Fund Category	Equity (Shariah-compliant)
Year End	30 November
Fund Size	USD 1.73 million
Class Size	MYR 5.23 million
Units in Circulation (MYR Class)	5.44 million
NAV per Unit (MYR Class)	MYR 0.9619
Transaction cut-off time	Daily; 4:00 pm
Redemption Period	T + 10 business days

Sales charge

Up to 5.00% of the NAV per Unit.

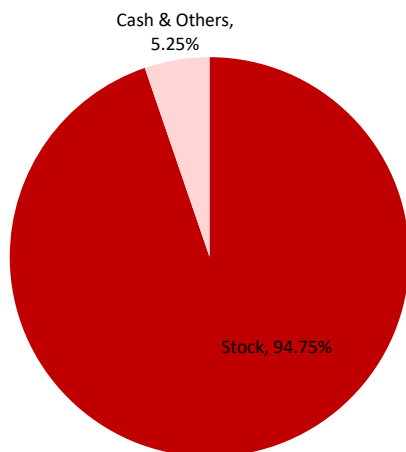
Management fee

Up to 1.80% per annum of the NAV of each Class.

Trustee fee

Up to 0.05% per annum of the NAV of the Fund (including local custodian fees and expenses but excluding foreign custodian fees and charges), subject to a minimum fee of RM15,000 per annum.

Asset Allocation (%)



All data presented are as of 31 January 2023 unless otherwise specified.
Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Sector Breakdown (%)

Semiconductor	94.75%
Cash & Others	5.25%

Top 5 Holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	10.14
Nvidia Corp	9.96
Asml Holding Nv	8.79
Broadcom Inc	8.73
Texas Instruments Inc	6.06

Country Breakdown (%)

United States	60.27%
Netherlands	16.46%
Taiwan	10.14%
Cash & Others	5.25%
Japan	4.71%
Germany	3.17%

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