

Fund Commentary and Strategy

Semiconductor stocks took a breather in April 2023 following a strong start to the year, underperforming the broader equity markets which rose marginally as U.S. regional banking stress receded and economic activity held up better than expected. In USD terms, the Nasdaq Global Semiconductor Index (GSOX) fell -7.14% for the month while the USD Class of the Fund declined by -6.75%, outperforming the benchmark by 0.39%.

The semiconductor market has been in a downcycle since mid-2022 but the end could be in sight following several quarters of inventory correction. The year-to-date rally in semiconductor stocks reflects improving fundamentals in the industry and investors' optimism for a strong recovery in 2H 2023 amid normalising inventory levels. Despite the rally, valuation of semiconductor stocks remains compelling given their long-term growth prospects underpinned by several megatrends including artificial intelligence, autonomous driving, IoT and 5G. Given our investment strategy is to own high quality semiconductor companies with economic moats, such as intellectual property, we continue to selectively capitalise on opportunities to tap into their long-term secular tailwinds.

Top contributor to performance was the Fund's holding of Micron Technology. Micron (+7%) benefitted from the announcement of a meaningful production cut by Samsung Electronics, which bode well for the recovery of the memory market in the second half of 2023. Top detractors for the month were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSMC) and Lasertec. TSMC (-9%) led the semiconductor sector lower as the company revised its full-year outlook lower citing a prolonged inventory digestion that may extend into 3Q 2023. Lasertec (-23%) was dragged by concerns over weak orders of EUV systems as reported by ASML due to the pushouts by major customers. We believe these are transitory headwinds driven by the current semiconductor down cycle, and the longer-term prospects should remain intact as demand for lithography equipment remains high. ASML's current backlog still covers two years of expected revenue, providing good visibility in the near term.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Month
	31/12/2022	31/3/2023	31/1/2023	31/10/2022
	To	To	To	To
	30/4/2023	30/4/2023	30/4/2023	30/4/2023
Fund	18.49	-6.75	1.71	30.16
Benchmark	19.50	-7.14	2.78	31.22

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	Since Commencement 15/8/2022 To 30/4/2023
Fund	2.16
Benchmark	3.37

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.

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 3.48 million
Class Size	USD 0.54 million
Units in Circulation (USD Class)	0.53 million
NAV per Unit (USD Class)	USD 1.0216
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.

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2022
Fund	-13.78
Benchmark	-13.49

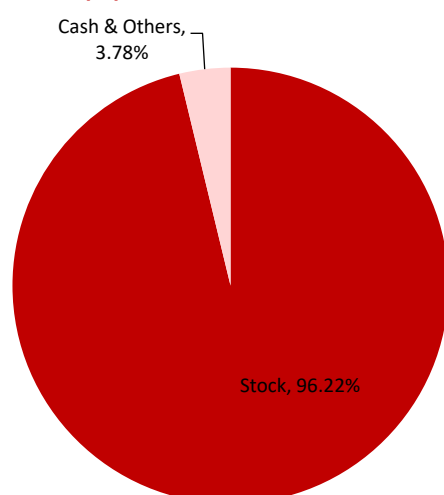
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Calendar year returns for 2022 are measured from its commencement date of 15 August 2022.

Asset Allocation (%)



All data presented are as of 28 April 2023 unless otherwise specified.

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Sector Breakdown (%)

Semiconductor	96.22%
Cash & Others	3.78%

Top 5 Holdings (%)

Nvidia Corp	9.25
Asml Holding Nv	9.19
Broadcom Inc	9.18
Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	8.97
Texas Instruments Inc	6.25

Country Breakdown (%)

United States	65.48%
Netherlands	14.27%
Taiwan	8.97%
Japan	4.41%
Cash & Others	3.78%
Germany	3.09%

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