

Fund Commentary and Strategy

In March, USD Class returned -8.67% outperforming the benchmark by 105bps. Since commencement through March-end, USD Class returned +57.01%, outperforming the benchmark by 373bps. AI related stocks sold off during March on speculation that Microsoft has cancelled some AI datacentre leases leading to fear that demand for AI was weakening. We do not think this is the case. Their main AI partner OpenAI just raised \$40bn via a funding round led by Softbank. Softbank is also investing in Project Stargate with Oracle and OpenAI to expand AI datacentre capacity. If Microsoft ends up slowing down its datacentre build out, we do not think it is due to slowing demand, but rather passing the baton to Softbank with respect to hosting some of the AI training workloads done by OpenAI. Microsoft already outsources a lot of AI datacentre capacity so this is would not be a new strategy.

Top contributors to relative performance during the month were our overweights in TSMC and KLA Corp. During March, TSMC fell less than the semiconductor index as they reported February sales which grew 43.1% year-over-year. Driving this strong revenue growth is demand from Nvidia and other AI chip companies. TSMC has a de facto monopoly on manufacturing AI chips as they have a large lead over the other foundries in terms of manufacturing process technology. This gap is widening, not closing in our opinion. KLA Corp also fell less than the semiconductor index. Process control (such as wafer inspection) which is critical for yields (the number of good die per wafer) is a step in the semiconductor manufacturing process that is dominated by KLA with limited competition from China and therefore KLA should see continued demand from China. KLA should see strong demand from outside of China as well for a new transistor architecture called gate-all-around. This new transistor architecture requires more inspection steps during the manufacturing process which is a positive for KLA equipment sales. Top detractors from relative performance during the month were our overweights in Advantest and Disco. Advantest saw its shares downgraded by a sell side analyst during March due to Nvidia's next AI chip called Blackwell Ultra using the same base die as the current generation Blackwell which may slow down demand for Advantest's testing equipment. We think that rising advanced packaging complexity will keep back end testing demand strong over the long term. Disco held a meeting during March where they talked about silicon carbide wafer oversupply in China which may hurt their sales in the short term. We are positive on Disco's long term prospects given their over 70% market share for dicers and grinders which are critical for the advanced packaging process.

President Trump's tariff announcement was worse than we expected. Baseline tariffs increased 10% and additional "reciprocal" tariffs varies by country and essentially depends on the trade deficit the US has with that country. In our opinion, semiconductor stocks would have risen if tariffs stopped at just the baseline 10%, but the additional reciprocal tariffs disappointed the market. As semiconductors were exempted from reciprocal tariffs for now, the direct impact to semiconductors will be limited. However, products that semiconductors go into will be hit by reciprocal tariffs so there will be an indirect impact depending on how much demand destruction takes place as a result of these tariffs. Some economists are now predicting a global recession sometime this year. We think semiconductor end markets exposed to the consumer such as PCs, smartphones and automobiles will see a jump in tariffs which will lead to a drop in demand. AI related areas of demand should be relatively better off given AI demand is not being driven by cyclical factors and the cloud companies that are making the investments have deep pockets and are not as price sensitive as US consumers. The majority of AI server racks bought by American cloud companies are assembled in North America with 17% assembled in the US and 38% assembled in Mexico which is exempt from reciprocal tariffs. We do not plan any major changes to the portfolio which is positioned for the above scenario. Stock selection strategy for the fund is unchanged. We will continue to focus on companies with leading edge intellectual property that will act as a competitive advantage and lead to higher market share within their area of expertise.

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Month
	31/12/2024	28/2/2025	31/12/2024	30/9/2024
	To	To	To	To
	31/3/2025	31/3/2025	31/3/2025	31/3/2025
Fund	-13.10	-8.67	-13.10	-15.30
Benchmark	-11.51	-9.72	-11.51	-14.99

Cumulative Fund Returns (%)

	1 Year	Since Commencement
	31/3/2024	15/8/2022
	To	To
	31/3/2025	31/3/2025
Fund	-14.33	57.01
Benchmark	-13.58	53.28

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.

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 46.12 million
Class Size	USD 2.84 million
Units in Circulation (USD Class)	1.90 million
NAV per Unit (USD Class)	USD 1.4974
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 (%)

	2024	2023	2022
Fund	24.97	67.68	-13.78
Benchmark	17.98	69.73	-13.49

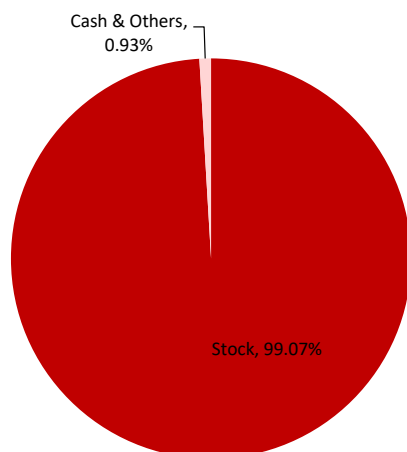
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Calendar year returns for 2022 are measured from its commencement date of 15 August 2022.

Asset Allocation (%)



All data presented are as of 31 March 2025 unless otherwise specified.

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

Sector Breakdown (%)

Semiconductor	99.07%
Cash & Others	0.93%

Top 5 Holdings (%)

Asml Holding Nv	10.16
Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	9.79
Nvidia Corp	9.71
Broadcom Inc	9.50
Micron Technology Inc	8.99

Country Breakdown (%)

United States	58.73%
Netherlands	15.44%
Japan	14.66%
Taiwan	9.79%
Cash & Others	0.93%
Germany	0.45%

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