

# **Adjustments to FSM Portfolios for April 2009**

## **Conservative Portfolio**

### **Monthly Commentary**

Economic data released painted a poor picture of the global economy, with growth stalling in almost every major economy. Japan's economic growth figures were particularly worrying as annualised quarter-on-quarter 4th quarter 2008 GDP declined 12.7%, the worst decline in 35 years. The Eurozone also saw GDP decline 1.5% quarter-on-quarter in 4Q 2008. Asian exports continued to fall, signalling slower demand from developed nations and will likely weigh on the currencies of the Asian region as the competitiveness of exports becomes a key factor for a rebound in growth.

A substantial US\$789 billion stimulus package failed to lift market sentiment, as sceptics are still unclear how government stimulus could substantiate a rebound in the US economy. A US Treasury-led measure called the "financial stability plan" has also encountered criticism due to a lack of detailed plans. The US market reacted negatively, breaching lows made in November 2008, aided by negative sentiment on the financial sector. Financials weighed down on the overall market as fears of a nationalisation of major US banks led many financial stocks into a freefall. Bank of America and Citigroup looked likely candidates for a partial recapitalisation by the US government, sending their stock prices to their lowest in decades. While a recapitalisation could see selected equity holders being diluted extensively, it is positive for the overall economy as it effectively removes the risk of major bank failures, a positive factor in spurring lending.

**Table 1: Year-to-date Performance of Markets**

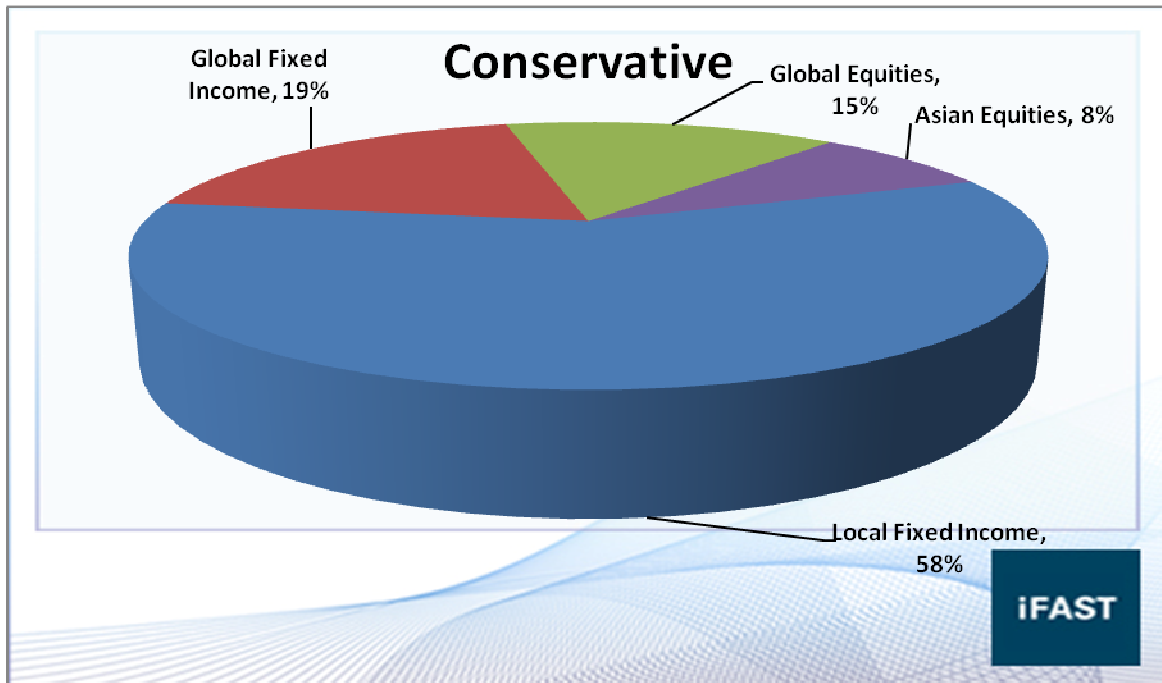
**Table 1**

<b>Market</b>	<b>Indices</b>	<b>YTD as at 30 Apr 09</b>
US	S&P 500	-0.74%
Europe	DJ Stoxx 600	-1.84%
Japan	Nikkei 225	-6.87%
Emerging Markets	MSCI Emerging Markets	20.05%
Asia ex-Japan	MSCI Asia ex-Japan	19.92%
Singapore	FTSE STI	8.80%
Hong Kong	HSI	10.81%
Taiwan	TWSE	32.75%
Korea	KOSPI	25.81%
China	HSMCLI	11.76%
Malaysia	KLCI	13.00%
Thailand	SET	10.15%
India	BSE SENSEX	18.13%
Indonesia	JCI	33.47%
Tech	Nasdaq 100	18.20%
Asian Tech	Bloomberg AP Tech	21.57%
World	MSCI World	-0.32%

Source: iFAST compilations. All returns in Ringgit Malaysia terms.

### **Actions Taken in April 2009:**

- 1) Added RM2,000 into Pheim Income.
- 2) Added RM2,000 into Alliance Global Bond Fund.



**Table 2: Conservative Portfolio Returns**

Date of Inception:	7 August 2008
Total Amount Invested	RM27,000
Portfolio Value As At End February 2009	RM25,916.40
Absolute Return:	<u>-4.01%</u> as at end April 2009

Source: iFAST Compilations

### **Reasons for Action Taken**

We add RM2,000 into Pheim Income and another RM2,000 into Alliance Global Bond Fund to maintain the bond allocation as the market rally in April has caused exposure in equities to increase.