

Equity (Global) Market Review

March 2025 was an exceptionally turbulent month with the Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq plunging 4.2%, 5.8%, and 8.2% month-on-month (MoM). Anticipation of President Trump's aggressive tariff strategy, coupled with mixed economic signals rattled investor confidence. Market participants grew increasingly cautious with consumer sentiment at near 2½ year lows. The Federal Reserve (Fed) kept rates steady at 4.5% for a second straight month and provided economic projections forecasting slower growth and higher inflation by year end. Fed Chair Powell also highlighted that the economy is progressing at a steady pace with solid labour market conditions, and acknowledged that albeit elevated, inflation has moderated over the past year. Europe was not immune to tariff concerns, with STOXX slipping 3.9% MoM. Worries over US-driven global economic instability and tariff-induced disruption created heightened volatility. However, by late March, relative stability in defensive sectors provided support to the European markets.

In Asia, MSCI Asia ex-Japan dipped marginally by 0.2% MoM. Gainers were India (SENSEX: +5.8% MoM) and Hong Kong (HSCEI: +1.2% MoM; HIS: +0.8% MoM). China was relatively flattish, with SHCOMP rising 0.5% MoM and SHSZ300 falling 0.1% MoM. Decliners were Taiwan (TWSE: -10.2% MoM), Japan (Nikkei 225: -4.1% MoM), Australia (ASX 200: -4.0% MoM), and Korea (KOSPI: -2.0% MoM). The US-China trade war escalates, as President Trump increased tariffs on all Chinese imports to 20% in retaliation to Beijing for failing to halt shipments of fentanyl to the US, and China responded immediately by announcing additional tariffs of 10%-15% on certain US imports. This led to significant sell offs in export-intensive sectors towards the end of the month.

Amongst commodities, Brent Crude Oil grew 2.1% MoM to USD74.7 per barrel amid mounting concerns about tighter global supply following US's threat of tariffs on nations buying Venezuelan crude. Anticipation of OPEC+ to unwind voluntary production cuts in April also influenced prices. Meanwhile, crude palm oil (CPO) declined 3.0% MoM to RM4.419 per ton largely attributed to seasonal production recovery from March onwards while major importers were scaling back their orders for palm oil amid trade uncertainties and competition from alternative vegetable oils.

Equity (Global) Market Outlook

The new tariff policies, if sustained, represent a blow to global trade and a significant risk to the global outlook, with many economists raising their probability of a global economic recession by year end to >50%. Additionally, the impact of the proposed tariffs to US GDP is estimated at a reduction of about 100 basis points (bps) while core PCE could rise by 100bps-150bps to nearly 5% in 2025 and 4.2% in 2026.

The focus in the near term will shift to bilateral negotiations and retaliations, with the escalation between the US and China a key factor to watch. In the near-term, the Fed is likely to monitor the situation before making any moves as it has to balance between higher inflation in the short term and anticipated weaker growth from the tariff shock.

Equity (Global) Fund Strategy

We are cautious on the US equity market as growth and inflation are negatively impacted by the tariffs. Nonetheless, structural growth themes such as AI and technology still retain a positive outlook for the longer term. Our focus is primarily on selective stock picking, while reducing exposure to sectors that may be more vulnerable to the new tariff policies.

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to achieve capital growth over a medium to long term period by investing primarily in equities and equity-related securities traded globally. The Fund may also invest in fixed income securities, structured products and money market instruments.

Fund Category/Type

Equity / Growth

Launch Date

18 March 2011

Trustee

CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

Benchmark

MSCI AC World Index

Designated Fund Manager

Lee Sook Yee

Sales Charge

Max 5.00%

Annual Management Fee

1.75% p.a.

Annual Trustee Fee

0.08% p.a. of the Fund's NAV, subject to a minimum of RM18,000 p.a (excluding foreign custodian fees and

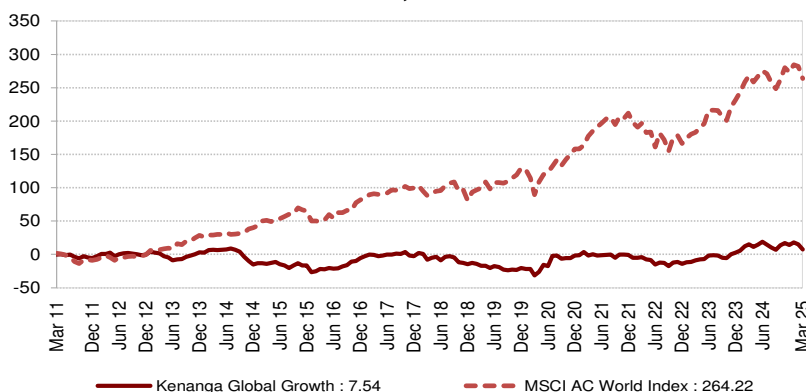
Redemption Charge

Nil

All fees and charges payable to the Manager and the Trustee are subject to the goods and services tax /sales and services tax/other taxes of similar nature as may be imposed by the government or other authorities from time to time.

FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

% Cumulative Return, Launch to 31/03/2025



CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE (%)*

Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	-6.52	-4.68
6 months	0.30	4.50
1 year	-6.65	-1.03
3 years	12.35	22.68
5 years	57.41	92.08
Since Launch	7.54	264.22

CALENDAR YEAR FUND PERFORMANCE (%)#

Period	Fund	Benchmark
2024	11.60	12.62
2023	19.04	25.27
2022	-13.30	-15.20
2021	1.08	20.97
2020	23.04	12.43

* Source: Lipper, 31 March 2025

FUND SIZE *

RM 12.48 million

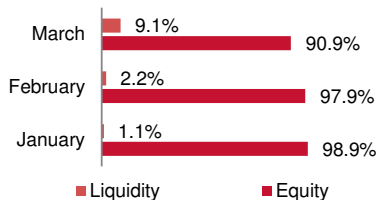
NAV PER UNIT *

RM 0.5377

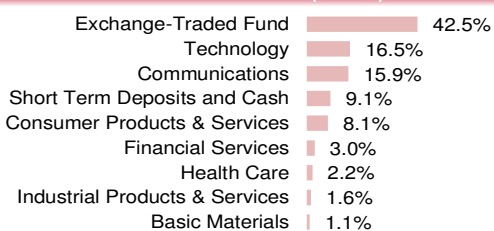
HISTORICAL FUND PRICE *

	Since Inception	Date
Highest	RM 0.6118	10-Jul-24
Lowest	RM 0.3123	19-Mar-20

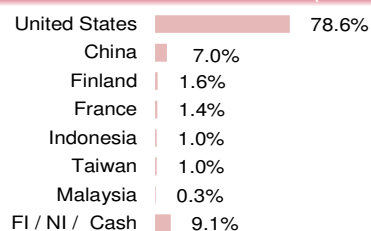
ASSET ALLOCATION (% NAV) *



SECTOR ALLOCATION (% NAV) *



COUNTRY AND CASH ALLOCATION (% NAV) *



TOP EQUITY HOLDINGS (% NAV) *

1	FINANCIAL SELECT SECTOR SPDR F	8.1%
2	ISHARES U.S. MEDICAL DEVICES	5.1%
3	AMAZON.COM INC	4.6%
4	META PLATFORMS INC	4.5%
5	SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF	4.2%

DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

Not Applicable

* Source: Kenanga Investors Berhad, 31 March 2025

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 10 March 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 12.57 and is classified as "High". (Source: Lipper). "High" includes funds with VF that are above 11.955 and less than or equal to 16.355 (source: Lipper). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by Lipper based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. The Master Prospectus dated 30 November 2019 and the Supplemental Prospectus (if any), its Product Highlights Sheets ("PHS") or Supplemental Disclosure Document ("SDD") (if any) have been registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, who takes no responsibility for its contents. The fund fact sheet has not been reviewed by the SC. A copy of the Master Prospectus, Supplemental Prospectus (if any), SDD (if any) and the PHS are obtainable at our offices. Application for Units can only be made on receipt of application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus and/or Supplemental Prospectus (if any), SDD (if any) and PHS. Investors are advised to read and understand the Master Prospectus, its PHS and any other relevant product disclosure documents involved before investing. Investors are also advised to consider the fees and charges before investing. Unit prices and distributions may go down as well as up. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced from pre-unit split NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV. Where a unit split is declared, investors should note that the value of their investment in Malaysian Ringgit will remain unchanged after the distribution of the additional units. A Fund's track record does not guarantee its future performance. Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the unit trust loan financing risk disclosure statement before deciding to borrow to purchase units. Kenanga Investors Berhad is committed to preventing Conflict of Interest between its various businesses and activities and between its clients/directors/shareholders and employees by having in place procedures and measures for identifying and properly managing any apparent, potential and perceived Conflict of interest by making disclosures to Clients, where appropriate. The Manager wishes to highlight the specific risks of the Fund are market risk, country risk, currency risk, sectorial risk, stock specific risk, structured product risk, interest rate risk, credit/default risk, liquidity risk and warrants risk. Kenanga Investors Berhad 199501024358 (353563-P)