# Fund: United Malaysia Fund Class A

As at 31 October 2022

#### **Performance Update**

For the month of October, the Fund registered a return of 0.90%.

Global equities closed mixed in October. Developed markets posted strong returns led by mean reversion while emerging markets underperformed due to declines seen in mainland China and Taiwan equities. The US 10-year Treasury yield rose to 4.05% in October ahead of the upcoming US FOMC meeting on 2nd November.

Domestically, the FBM KLCI gained 4.7% MoM to close at 1,460 points partially supported by a rebound in the glove sector, which have been under selling pressure for most of the year. During the first half of the month, the Malaysian government tabled Budget 2023. This was followed by the PM's announcement to dissolve Parliament, paving the way for the 15th General Elections on 19 Nov. Initially, this induced some selling from foreign investors. However, the market rebounded in the second half of the month as foreign selling tapered off and investors began positioning for the upcoming general elections.

The top performing sectors for October were healthcare, transports and plantation while the worst performing sectors were technology and construction. Crude palm oil futures surged 19% MoM as sentiment turned bullish amid escalation in geopolitical tensions. The Malaysian Ringgit continued to weaken against the US dollar to close at 4.73.

During the month, the key equity contributors to the Fund performance were Berjaya Food, Hibiscus and CIMB. Hibiscus's share price increased due to higher in oil price.

In contrast, the key equity detractors to performance during the month were Umedic, Cnergenz and Frontken.

#### **Strategy Moving Forward**

The market is expected continue to be influenced by tightening monetary policy, elevated inflation, and slowing economic growth. In the near term, we see a bear market rally with several indicators pointing to an oversold market. We have increased the equity exposure as we see some opportunities and the overhang from politics has been removed.



# **Stock Commentary**

Stocks	Country	Sector	Remarks
Berjaya Food	Malaysia	Consumer Products & Services	Benefit from reopening and cost cutting measures.
Genting Malaysia	Malaysia	Consumer Products & Services	Expect visitor numbers to recover with borders reopening.
ТМ	Malaysia	Telecommunications & Media	<ul> <li>Expect new subscriber growth, pent-up demand for data centres and cloud services for industry demands (public and enterprise), and development of 4G and 5G network infrastructure.</li> </ul>
CIMB	Malaysia	Financials	Beneficiary of reopening and rising interest rates.
AMMB	Malaysia	Financials	Beneficiary of reopening and rising interest rates.

#### **Income Distribution**

Date	Yield
21 January 2022	2.15%

# **Fund Classes**

Fund Classes
MYR Class



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