

Market Review and Outlook

Equity Market Review

Global equities were muted in November, as the Dow Jones, S&P500 indices rose 0.32% and 0.13% respectively but the Nasdaq declined 1.51% in the US. The decline in the Nasdaq was driven by concerns on the sustainability of AI spending and high valuations. However, fundamental momentum remains strong as high hyperscale capex and Nvidia's revenue reacceleration, given strong bookings into 2026, will support earnings for AI technology hardware. The longest US government shutdown ended on 12 November having caused delays in official economic data releases and increasing reliance on private indicators for markets. Based on ADP data, private sector US employers unexpectedly cut payrolls, down by -32k vs expected +40k jobs in November amid the government shutdown and raising the probability of a third Fed rate cut for the year in December.

European equities EuroStoxx50 inched up slightly by 0.1% in November but weak PMI reading (Eurozone composite 47) and no clear market catalyst limited gains. Eurozone equities (Stoxx 600, Euro Stoxx 50) were supported by US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate-cut expectations and stable European Central Bank (ECB) policy, but gains were capped by weak manufacturing and political uncertainty due to geopolitical risks. Minutes from the ECB meeting released in November also indicated no hurry to cut rates given a firmer economy and inflation at target. There was continued geopolitical uncertainty as Trump advanced a Russia-Ukraine peace plan but no major escalation from the war.

In Asia, MSCI Asia ex Japan Index declined by 2.9% in November, given concerns over AI spend and valuations. The biggest decliners being Korea (-4.4%) and Japan (-4.1%) month-on-month (MoM); but offset partially by outperformers in Indonesia (+4.2%) and Singapore (+2.2%) MoM. Korea's KOSPI declined on dampened appetite for semiconductor and export cyclicals after prior strength. Japan also declined as positive factors that had driven the prior month's rally such as sentiment over AI spend weakened. China posted modest declines (CSI300 -2.5%, SSE Comp -1.7%) as stocks struggled amid ongoing economic headwinds, with weak manufacturing PMI and sluggish property sector curbing growth. Geopolitical uncertainty eased, with the extension of tariff implementations and export controls post the US-China trade meet in Korea.

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In Malaysia, the FBMKLCI, FBM100, FBM Shariah and FBM Small Cap was at -0.3%, -0.5%, -2.0% and -5.7% MoM, respectively. Sector laggards include Technology, Healthcare, and Telecommunication, while Financials, Property and Building materials saw selected gains. Macro fundamentals remained solid, with GDP growth surprising on the upside and inflation staying benign. Reflecting this solid macro environment alongside foreign bond inflows and Fed rate cut expectations, the Ringgit rallied to its strongest level in over a year against the USD.

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Equity Market Outlook & Fund Strategy

Post the US-China trade truce, attention turns to the depth and pace of Fed rate cuts which could support valuations and stimulate demand. Sentiment shifted positively after rate cut probabilities for December turned upwards, driving a late-month recovery in the Nasdaq. The ongoing strength and sustainability of the AI and data centre build-out theme remain a principal driver of global equities.

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Malaysia's growth is expected to remain resilient, as external uncertainties ease and domestic fundamentals remains strong. Infrastructure projects, FDIs and domestic private investment are helping to offset export weakness. Meanwhile, domestic consumption is expected to be supported by accommodative fiscal and monetary policies.

A resilient domestic outlook amidst an improving external environment should trigger potential improvement in liquidity and capital flows into the country. Against this backdrop, we continue to favour sectors benefitting from strong thematic drivers such as AI & data centre buildouts, infrastructure project rollouts, catalytic projects (Johor SEZ), new energy, and a nascent tech upcycle. Key sectors in focus are utilities & renewable energy, infrastructure (including construction and property), technology, and REITs. A bottom-up stock picking approach preferred to identify specific opportunities.

December 2025

**FUND OBJECTIVE**

Aims to achieve consistent capital appreciation over the long-term by primarily investing in relatively smaller capitalized companies with good growth prospects.

Fund Category/Type

Equity / Growth

Launch Date

23 April 2004

Trustee

CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad

Benchmark

FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index

Designated Fund Manager

Lee Sook Yee

Sales Charge

Max 6.50%

Annual Management Fee

1.55% p.a.

Annual Trustee Fee

0.07% p.a. subject to a minimum of RM9,000

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 30/11/2025

**CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE (%)[#]**

Period	Fund	Benchmark	Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	-7.51	-0.89	2024	14.45	16.28
6 months	13.49	5.45	2023	0.06	1.14
1 year	0.62	-1.77	2022	-23.64	-5.37
3 years	7.01	12.06	2021	3.07	-3.85
5 years	-17.34	5.13	2020	43.10	3.87
Since Launch	185.43	94.64			

#Source: Novagni Analytics and Advisory; Lipper, 30 November 2025

CALENDAR YEAR FUND PERFORMANCE (%)[#]

FUND SIZE *	NAV PER UNIT *	HISTORICAL FUND PRICE *
RM 190.02 million	RM 1.3401	Since Inception Date
		Highest RM 1.8484 15-Feb-21 Lowest RM 0.3794 29-Oct-08

ASSET ALLOCATION (% NAV) ***SECTOR ALLOCATION (% NAV) *****TOP EQUITY HOLDINGS (% NAV) ***

1 FRONTKEN CORPORATION BHD	8.7%
2 ITMAX SYSTEM BHD	7.2%
3 GREATECH TECHNOLOGY BHD	5.8%
4 SOLARVEST HOLDINGS BHD	5.8%
5 KELINGTON GROUP BHD	5.3%

DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

Not Applicable

* Source: Kenanga Investors Berhad, 30 November 2025

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 11 November 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 14.88 and is classified as "Very High". (Source: Lipper). "Very High" includes funds with VF that are above 14.11 (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 29 March 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. For investors who invest via the EPF Member Investment Scheme ("EPF MIS"), the cooling-off period shall be subject to EPF's terms and conditions, and any refund pursuant to the exercise of the cooling-off right will be credited back into your EPF accounts. 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 equity and equity-related securities risk and derivative risk. Kenanga Investors Berhad 199501024358 (353563-P)