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#### MARKET OUTLOOK

Global markets have rebounded strongly in November with the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield stabilising around the 4.40% range after hitting 5% a month ago, reflecting a shift in market expectations towards a potential end to the Fed's rate-hiking.

The MSCI Asia Pacific Ex-Japan Index (+6.8%) lagged the MSCI World Index (+9.0%) mainly due to underperformance in the China/HK market. China CSI300 (-2.1%) and HK (-0.4%) weakened as manufacturing activity contracted for the 2nd month, signalling momentum loss and scepticism on China stimulus & recovery plans. South Korea (+11.3%) greatly outperformed all major indices, rebounding from October's rout as exports accelerated amid a rebound in semiconductor demand. Taiwan (+9.0%) also fared well in November despite cutting its growth outlook and signs of economic contraction. India (+5.5%) on the other hand beats growth estimates thanks to gains in manufacturing and government spending.

The Biden-Xi meeting in November 2023 signalled a positive shift in US-China relations, emphasizing the impracticality and undesirability of a full decoupling. Positive outcomes included the resumption of military talks, joint efforts on climate change, and improved diplomatic relations. Separately, China regulators have come up with three "not lower than" rules and a whitelist to step up credit support for property developers.

In the US, the likelihood of a "no landing" scenario has increased, driven by unexpectedly robust growth attributed to post-pandemic factors (such as excess savings). Our base case sees continued moderation of inflation and growth in the US but also acknowledges the underlying resilience of the economy. Separately, we expect a moderate growth recovery for China towards end-2023 supported by policy stimulus. China will reassess its focus on economic growth by re-engaging economic relationships with various countries, stabilising the property sector, and maintaining fiscal credit expansion and expansionary monetary policies.

Back home, the recent Q3 results presented a mixed picture: construction and glove sectors beat, banks were in line, while property, tech, and industrial sectors fell below expectations. Nevertheless, there has been growing optimism in Malaysia's market due to political stability (post-state election) and potential benefits from the New Energy Transition Roadmap, the New Industrial Master Plan 2030 and projected improvement to the budget deficit detailed in the Budget 2024. KLCI is supported by an undemanding valuation (13.1x forward P/E vs 10Y average 16.6x) accompanied by an all-time low of foreign shareholding of 19.5% (as at Oct 2023).

#### **EQUITY**

In November, the domestic market closed higher, posting a 0.7% gain and closing at 1,452.74. The Small Cap Index fared better with a positive return of 1.6%, while the Mid 70 Index gained 0.9%. Looking at the trading participants for the month, foreign investors turned net buyers, buying MYR1,551.3 million worth of shares. Local institurned net sellers, selling MYR1,410.3 million while retailers sold MYR140.9 million worth of shares. For year-to-date (YTD), foreign investors and local retailers were the net sellers, selling MYR2,595.7 million and MYR829.1 million worth of shares, while the local institutions were net buyers, buying MYR3,424.9 million worth of shares.

Sector-wise, the top performers were Utilities, Healthcare, and Tech, with gains of 10.2%, 6.6%, and 2.1% MoM, respectively. Laggards were Energy, Telco and Transport, declining by -4.5%, -1.1%, and -0.8% MoM, respectively.

#### **BOND**

In November, the yield for the Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) for the 3-year, 5-year, 7-year and 10-year declined by 18bps, 25bps, 24bps and 30bps, closing at 3.47%, 3.61%, 3.82% and 3.81% respectively.

#### **COMMODITIES & CURRENCIES**

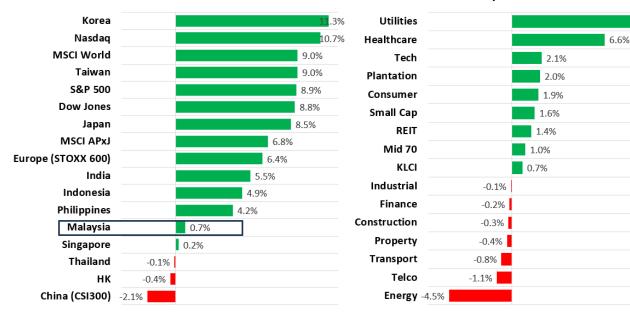
WTI crude oil and brent oil declined -6.3% and -5.2% respectively to close at \$75.9/barrel and \$82.8/barrel. Crude palm oil closed higher at RM3,754MT, registering a gain of 5.3%; while spot gold gained 2.6%, ending the month at \$2,036.4/oz. Currency-wise, the Malaysian Ringgit appreciated 2.2% against the greenback to RM4.66/USD. Meanwhile, Dollar Index lost 3.0% to 103.5.



### Market review- November 2023

#### Nov 2023 Global Market Performance

#### Nov 2023 Malaysia Market Performance



Source: Bloomberg, compiled by PCM

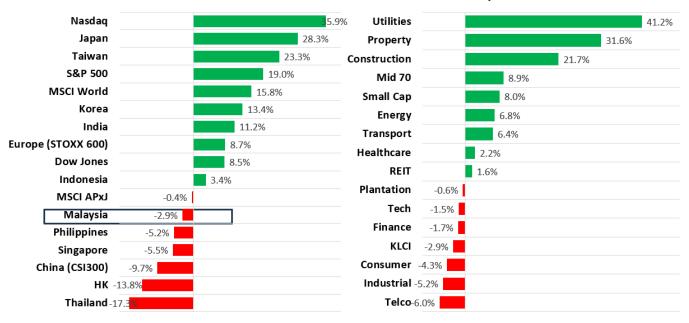


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## Market review- YTD

#### YTD Nov 2023 Global Market Performance

#### YTD 2023 Malaysia Market Performance



Source: Bloomberg, compiled by PCM, YTD denotes return up to end-Nov 2023



#### Commentary In Nov, all ports outperformed the benchmark due to market rally. TA Global Technology MYR (+10.04%), Global Dividend MYR (+5.04%) & Nomura Global Sustainable Equity MYR B (+4.43%) were the performing funds, while the rest of our exposure also registered positive performance. **CONVENTIONAL MODEL PORTFOLIO** AmanahRaya Unit Trust United-i ESG Series-High Quality Sukuk MYR 20.0% 20.0% 20.0% Performance from 18 Apr 2011 to 30 Nov 2023 AmDvnamic Bond 0% Kenanga ASnitaBOND 20.0% 14% 18% 190.00 3.0% 2.0% Global Dividend MYR Performance Nomura Global Sustainable Equity MYR B 170.00 ■ Equity -3.0% KAF Jade 150.00 International Principal Greater China Equity Fund – MYR RHB Shariah China Focus MYR 2.5% 2.5% 130.00 Bond United Golden Opportunity USD Phillip Master Money Market 2.0% 5.0% 110.00 90.00 Normalize Cash 68% Conservative Portfolio Emas 20%. FD 80% TOTAL 100% Moderate Conservative Portfolio AmanahRaya Unit Trust 15.0% United-i ESG Series-High Quality Sukuk MYR 15.0% 15.0% Performance from 18 Apr 2011 to 30 Nov 2023 AmDynamic Bond 4% Kenanga ASnitaBOND 15.0% 16% Global Dividend MYR 10.0% Equity - Local 190.00 170.00 Normalize Performance Nomura Global Sustainable Equity MYR B 5.0% 150.00 KAF Jade 5.0% 130.00 Equity -2.5% 2.5% Principal Greater China Equity Fund - MYR 33% International 110.00 RHB Shariah China Focus MYR United Golden Opportunity USD PMB Dana Bestari 5.0% 5.0% 90.00 Bond Phillip Master Money Market 5.0% Cash 47% Moderate Conservative Portfolio - 40% EMAS 60% FD TOTAL 100% Moderate Portfolio AmanahRaya Unit Trust 12.5% 12.5% 10.0% United-i ESG Series-High Quality Sukuk MYR Performance from 18 Apr 2011 to 30 Nov 2023 AmDvnamic Bond 6% 15% Global Dividend MYR 20.0% Equity - Local 220.00 200.00 180.00 Nomura Global Sustainable Equity MYR B 5.0% Normalize Performance TA Global Technology MYR 5.0% 10.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 160.00 140.00 120.00 100.00 KAF Jade Principal Greater China Equity Fund – MYR • Equity -International RHB Shariah China Focus MYR United Golden Opportunity USD Bond 80.00 PMB Dana Bestari 5.0% 29% 51% Phillip Master Money Market 5.0% Cash Moderate Portfolio - 60% EMAS, 40% FD TOTAL 100% Aggressive Portfolio

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Nomura Global Sustainable Equity MYR B	5.0%			- Equity - Local
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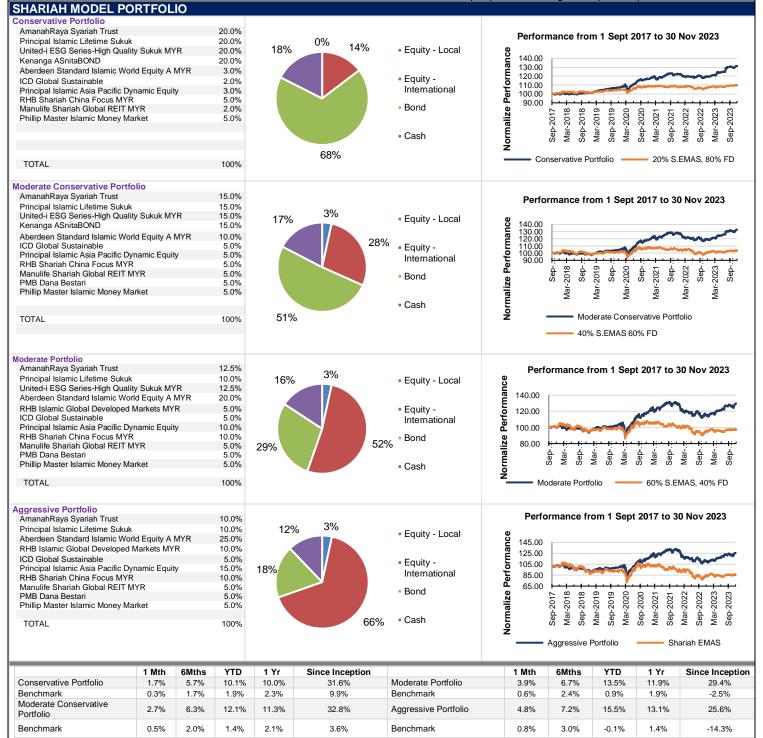
	1 Mth	6Mths	YTD	1 Yr	Since Inception		1 Mth	6Mths	YTD	1 Yr	Since Inception
Conservative Portfolio	1.2%	5.6%	9.9%	9.8%	70.7%	Moderate Portfolio	2.4%	5.6%	13.1%	11.3%	94.3%
Benchmark	0.3%	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	27.0%	Benchmark	0.6%	3.4%	1.1%	1.6%	15.0%
Moderate Conservative Portfolio	1.6%	5.4%	10.7%	9.9%	82.5%	Aggressive Portfolio	2.8%	5.3%	13.7%	11.0%	107.4%
Benchmark	0.5%	2.7%	1.5%	1.9%	21.2%	Benchmark	0.8%	4.7%	0.2%	0.9%	3.7%

Source: Lipper

TOTAL

#### Commentary

In Nov, all ports outperformed the benchmark due to market rally. Manulife Shariah Global REIT MYR (10.31%), abrdn Islamic World Equity A MYR (+7.93%) and RHB Islamic Global Developed Markets MYR (+7.02%) were the performing funds, while the rest of our exposure also registered positive performance.



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