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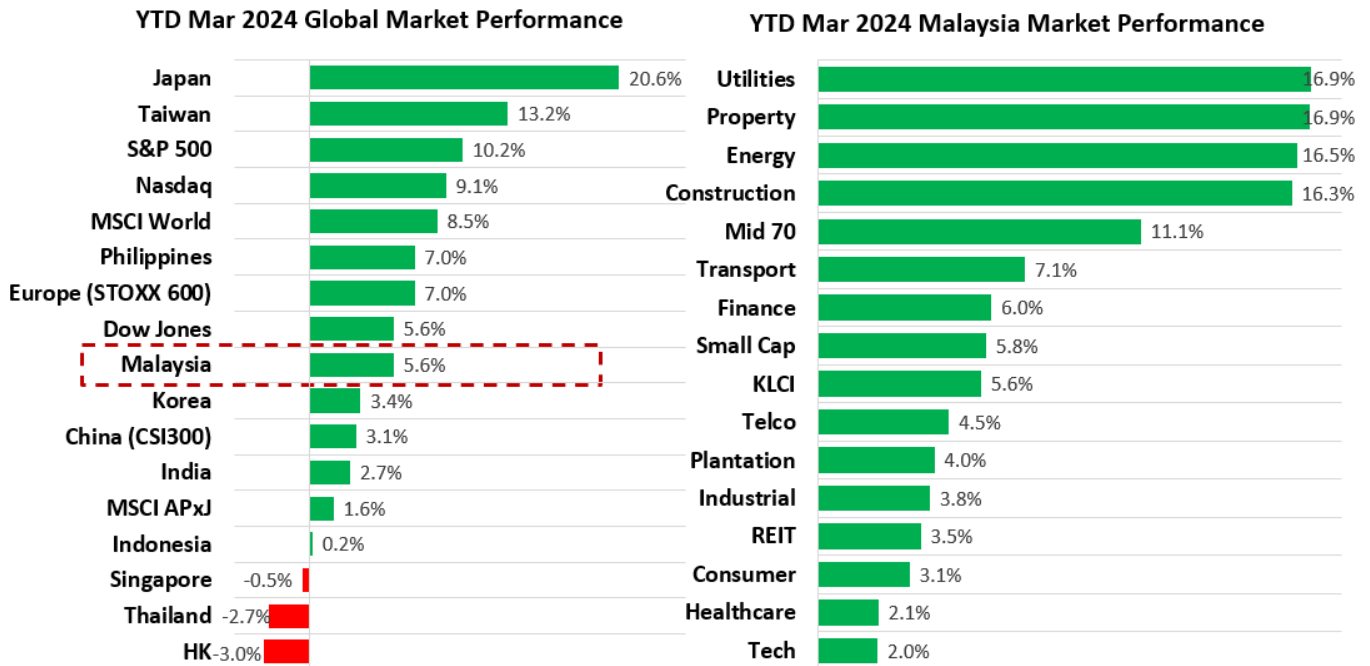


Unit Trust Funds Thrive Amid Malaysia's Market Challenges

During the first quarter of 2024, resilient economic data propelled global equities, with the MSCI World rising 8.5%. Developed market equities, particularly in the US, Europe and Japan, performed strongly, while emerging market equities underperformed amid concerns over China's growth. Meanwhile, there remains a positive return for India, albeit at a slower pace. In Malaysia, the market saw a recovery with a +5.6% increase this year, reversing the 2.7% decline experienced in 2023. All sectors showed gains year-to-date as of March 2024, with Utilities, Property, Energy, and Construction leading the way, while Tech and Healthcare sectors lagged behind (see [Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1: Global and Malaysia Market Performance YTD March 2024

Market review- YTD March 2024



Source: Bloomberg, PCM

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In our previous piece, we highlighted that despite the challenges of 2023, the majority of our Private Managed Accounts achieved positive returns, surpassing the 2.7% decline in the KLCI. **As we transitioned into 2024, the first quarter concluded with continued strong performance, driven by our commitment to effective bottom-up stock selection and prudent management practices, enabling us to navigate the market adeptly. The commendable performance is also evident across our in-house managed unit trust funds,** notably showcased by our flagship fund, the **Phillip Master Equity Growth Fund**, which achieved a YTD return of +9.97% as of March 2024. Additionally, our other funds have displayed resilience in the face of a challenging market environment. Please see [Figure 2](#) for a summary of our performance across different funds.

Figure 2: PMB Unit Trust Funds 2023 and 2024 YTD March Performance

| Fund | Type | Fund Size (in RM'mn) | 2023 Return (%) | 2024 YTD March Return (%) |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Phillip AsiaPac Income Fund | Mixed Asset (Asia) | 7.03 | -0.49 | -1.32 |
| Phillip Focus China Fund | Equities (China) | 9.06 | -16.41 | -0.05 |
| Phillip Global Disruptive Innovation MYR H Fund | Equities (Global) | 6.06 | 9.15 | 12.97 |
| Phillip Global Stars Fund | Equities (Global) | 3.43 | 26.60 | 2.84 |
| Phillip Dana Dividen * | Equities (Global-Shariah) | 3.32 | 20.30 | 4.78 |
| Phillip Dividend Fund | Equities (Malaysia-Income) | 33.78 | 0.95 | 6.14 |
| Phillip Master Equity Growth Fund | Equities (Malaysia) | 59.20 | 1.34 | 9.97 |
| Phillip Pearl Fund | Equities (Malaysia-Small Cap) | 50.04 | 3.72 | 7.99 |
| Phillip Recovery Fund | Equities (Malaysia) | 17.68 | 4.03 | 7.62 |
| Phillip Dana Aman * | Equities (Malaysia-Shariah) | 28.79 | 4.09 | 4.47 |
| Phillip SELECT Balance Fund | Mixed Asset (Malaysia) | 26.23 | 5.17 | 5.95 |
| Phillip Dana Murni * | Fixed Income (Malaysia) | 16.36 | 5.50 | 1.01 |
| Phillip Master Money Market Fund | Money Market | 494.82 | 3.40 | 0.84 |
| Phillip Master Islamic Cash Fund * | Money Market (Shariah) | 526.38 | 3.43 | 0.87 |

Source: Lipper, compiled by PCM, * indicates Shariah funds

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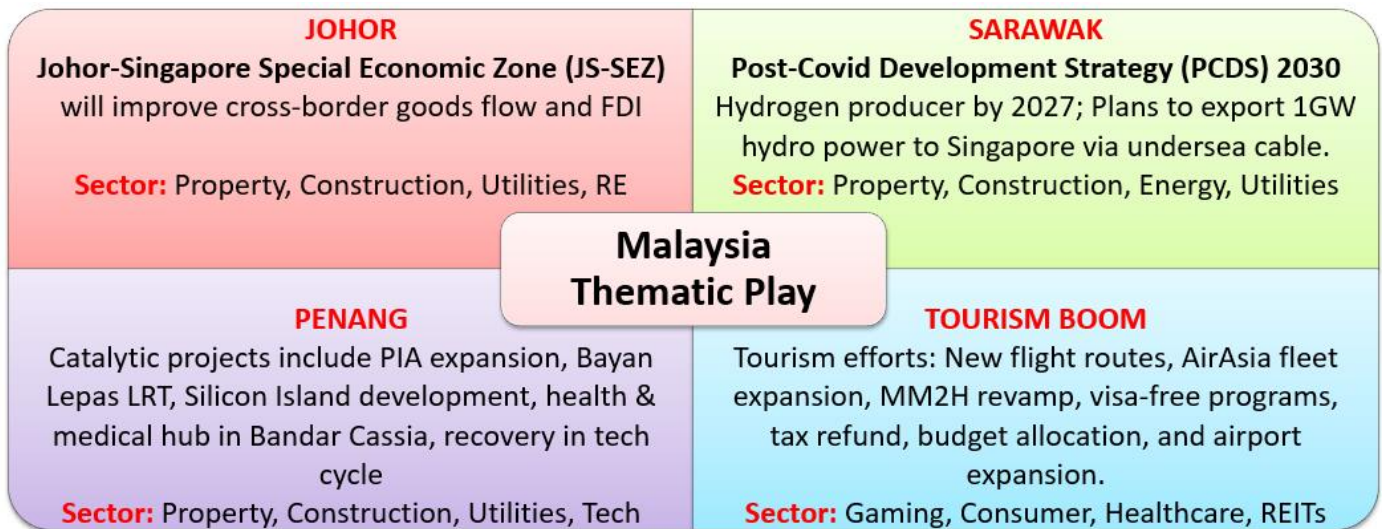
2024's Malaysia Outlook

We maintain a favorable outlook on the Malaysian market for the medium to long term, and we anticipate that the [five investment themes outlined in our previous analysis](#) will continue to influence the future outlook of the Malaysian market.

- Theme One:** Peaking interest rates bode well with equities; Opportunities for Emerging Markets and Malaysia Market.
- Theme Two:** Stable domestic political environment; Economic restructuring is set to bolster growth prospects.
- Theme Three:** Reversal in foreign outflows; Robust buying interests from foreigners provides support for Malaysia market.
- Theme Four:** Recovery in global tech cycle; Malaysia's Tech and E&E sectors would benefit.
- Theme Five:** Strong economic fundamentals – Stronger GDP, moderating inflation, low unemployment and an improved MYR.

In terms of positioning, we think Johor, Sarawak and Penang thematic play will continue to play out in 2024. The 3 states of Johor, Sarawak and Penang contributed an estimated 26% to Malaysia's real GDP in 2022. We see excitement in the 3 states in 2024 driven by catalytic developments and their longer-term growth plans, alongside recovery in tourism which will benefit the country as a whole.

Figure 3: Malaysia Thematic Play



Source: PCM

Our investment portfolio focuses on quality companies that possess strong fundamentals, including stable earnings and a promising future outlook, and are led by capable management teams. Please click on the [link](#) to learn more or email us at phillipmutual@phillipcapital.com.my if you require any further information.

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