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FWD STRATEGIC FUND

November 2024

Investment Objective

To achieve consistent capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing mainly in companies that have been systematically filtered through a series of proven pre-determined financial criteria.

Investor Profile

The Fund is suitable for investors who are willing to accept risk for returns presented by the stock market and have a medium to long term investment horizon.

Investment Strategy & Approach

The Fund is suitable for investors who are seeking medium-to-long term capital appreciation on their investments with high-risk tolerance in Malaysia equity market.

Fund Manager

UOB Asset Management (Malaysia) Berhad

Fund Details

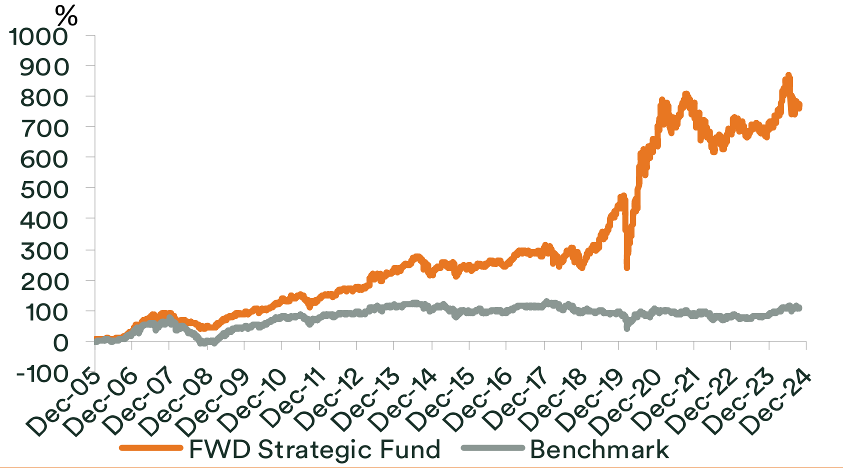
Unit NAV	RM4.0851
Fund Size	RM93.3 million
Inception Date	1 April 2005
Management Fee	1.50% per annum

Top 5 Holdings

CIMB Group	5.0%
MAHB	4.2%
Hong Leong Bank	3.7%
BM Greentech	3.6%
Gamuda	3.5%

Data as at 31 October 2024

Cumulative Performance Since Inception as at 31 October 2024



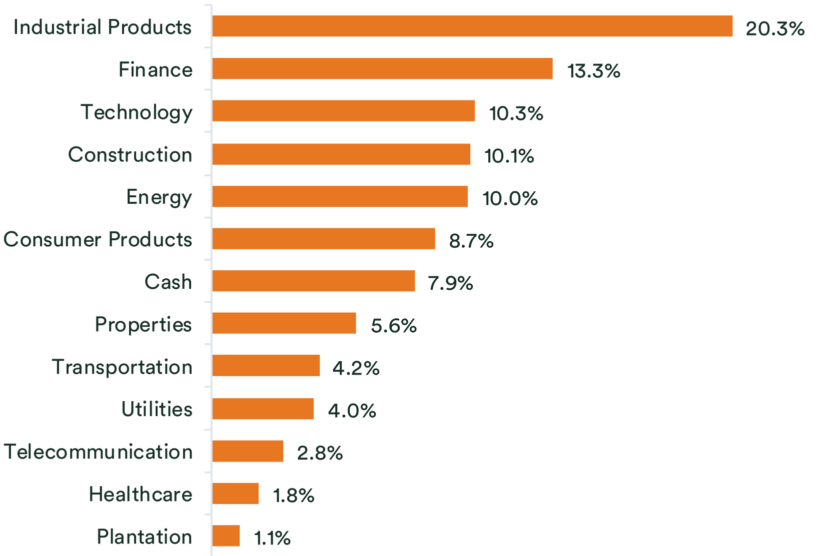
Performance Table as at 31 October 2024

	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Fund	-0.7%	-8.5%	-0.1%	9.0%	10.0%	-4.9%	69.4%	760.0%
Benchmark	-1.8%	-3.3%	1.9%	11.8%	13.8%	4.7%	7.1%	106.4%

- *Benchmark: FTSE Bursa Malaysia Emas Index*
- *Source: Bloomberg & FWD Insurance Berhad*
- *Past performance is not indicative of future performance and the performance of the fund is not guaranteed.*
- *This is strictly the performance of the investment fund, and not the returns earned on the actual premiums/contributions paid of the investment-linked product.*
- *The above returns are calculated using NAV to NAV prices, with any income or dividends reinvested, according to this formula:*

$$\frac{\text{Net Asset Value Per Unit At Current Period}}{\text{Net Asset Value Per Unit At Previous Period}} - 1$$

Portfolio Composition as at 31 October 2024



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Manager's Comment

For October 2024, the Fund's NAV/unit decreased by 0.68%, outperforming the FBM EMAS index loss of 1.77%. The outperformance was mainly due to the Fund's underweight position in the telecommunication sector and stock selection within the consumer sector. The top gainers for the month were T7 Global, 99 Speed Mart, and Gamuda, while laggards were YTL, Press Metal and Public Bank.

Equities disappointed in October, with both Developed and Emerging Markets posting negative returns. The 10-year US treasury yield increased 50 bps from 3.78% in September to 4.28% in October. The US Dollar Index strengthened 3.2% MoM to close at 104.0 points.

The FBM KLCI declined 2.9% MoM to close at 1,601.9 points in October. Foreign investors took profits as tensions escalated in the Middle East and ahead of the US presidential election on 5 November. Foreign investors were net sellers for the month at RM1.8 billion. The best performing sectors for the month were construction, REIT and healthcare. The laggard sectors were utilities and telecommunications.

Malaysia's Budget 2025 was broadly neutral to markets. Development expenditure remained similar to previous Budget with no new mega projects announced. Targeted petrol subsidies for RON95 are expected to be implemented in mid-2025 to shore up Government coffers. Meanwhile, higher civil servant salaries and hike in minimum wages are expected to boost consumption.

We have added some positions in plantation sector given the sharp rise in CPO prices due to production shortfall in Malaysia and Indonesia. We have also reduced position in some technology stocks, in order to reduce the overweight position.

Overall, we are maintaining high equity exposure due to attractive market valuation and low foreign shareholding. We would continue to employ a stockpicking strategy to identify quality businesses that are trading at reasonable valuations.