

Kenanga Investors

October 2025 Market Review and Outlook

Equity Market Review

Global equities extended their rally in September, driven by strength in US markets as the S&P500 (+3.5% MoM) and Nasdaq (+5.6% MoM) posted their best September performance in over 15 years, while the Dow Jones added +1.9% month-on-month (MoM). Sentiment was buoyed by the Federal Reserve (Fed)'s decision to deliver its first 25 basis points (bps) rate cut of the year, following months of dovish signalling. Confidence was further underpinned by continued momentum in corporate earnings, with large-cap tech and Al-linked names again leading gains, particularly semiconductors. Nvidia and other Al bellwethers extended their run as demand signals in datacentre and cloud infrastructure remained robust. Meanwhile, concerns around a potential US government shutdown at month-end caused short-term volatility but did not derail the broader advance.

European equities advanced in September, with the EuroStoxx50 up +3.3% MoM. Gains were supported by improving risk sentiment after the Fed's rate cut and rotation into cyclical sectors, though headwinds from political uncertainty in France (a looming no-confidence vote) and ongoing fiscal strains across southern Europe capped upside. Defensive sectors such as healthcare and industrials provided stability, offsetting softer consumer and technology names. Trade negotiations with the US produced little concrete progress during the month, but expectations for further tariff relief kept sentiment steady.

Asian markets were mixed but broadly positive. The biggest gainers being Korea (+7.5%) and Hong Kong (7.1%) MoM; but with laggards in Philippine (-3.3%) and Australia (-1.4%) MoM. Korea's KOSPI rebounded strongly on renewed appetite for semiconductor and export cyclicals after prior softness. Japan also climbed as a softer yen and global technology momentum lifted exporters. China posted modest gains (CSI300 +3.2%, SSE Comp +0.6%) as easing policy commentary and liquidity measures supported risk appetite, though late-month profit taking trimmed some of September's advance. Overall, the MSCI Asia ex-Japan index rose +6.6% MoM, reflecting stronger momentum across North Asia and China-linked markets.

In Malaysia, equities tracked global peers higher with broad-based strength across benchmarks. The FBMKLCI, FBM100, FBM Shariah and FBM Small Cap rose 2.3%, 2.2%, 3.2% and 5.8% MoM respectively. All sectors posted gains in September, with leaders being Utilities, Industrial and Consumer. Policy developments included the government's decision to cut RON95 fuel prices to RM1.99 per litre under subsidy rationalisation, while Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) kept the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 2.75%, citing balanced risks to growth and inflation. Corporate headlines were dominated by Sunway's RM2.4 billion acquisition of MCL Land in Singapore and Gamuda's RM3.3 billion land purchase at Chencharu Close, both strengthening their international presence amid robust Singapore property market fundamental.

In commodities, oil prices eased with Brent crude falling 1.6% MoM to USD67 per barrel , pressured by expectations of higher OPEC+ supply and lingering demand concerns. Crude palm oil (CPO) prices edged lower, falling -0.6% MoM to RM4,353 per MT, weighed by profit taking after prior months' strength and expectations of steady supply, even as seasonal export demand stayed supportive.

Equity Market Outlook & Fund Strategy Market focus have shifted from tariff rate uncertainty towards assessing the eventual impact of the new tariff regime on consumer prices/inflation and corporate margins. A growing consensus view is that higher-tariffs will create winners & losers, but would not be crippling to broader growth, especially for the US which also sees tailwinds from the tax cuts and deregulation drive under the Trump administration. Attention now turns squarely to the Fed, which delivered its first rate cut in September and markets are now debating the pace and extent of the easing cycle against the backdrop of a still resilient labour market and moderating but sticky services inflation. Lower US rates can benefit the region

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via better liquidity flows into emerging markets and potential support for EM currencies. Beyond macroeconomics, the strength and sustainability of the AI and datacentre build-out theme remains a principal driver of global equities.

In Malaysia, growth is expected to remain resilient, despite external uncertainties posing risks to near-term exports & Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. Infrastructure projects, FDIs and domestic private investment offset weakness in exports. Meanwhile, domestic consumption is expected to be supported by accommodative fiscal and monetary policies.

The global rate cutting cycle and resilient domestic growth provide a supportive backdrop for equities. As such, we continue to favour sectors benefitting from strong thematic drivers such as AI & datacentre build-outs, infrastructure project roll-outs, 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 continues to be favoured to navigate specific opportunities.

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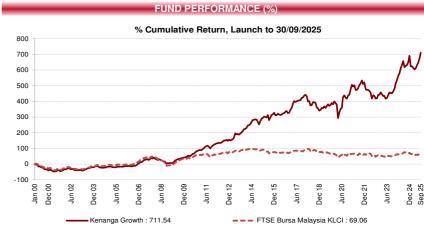
Redemption Charge

Kenanga Growth Fund



Kenanga Investors October 2025 **FUND OBJECTIVE** Aims to provide unit holders with long-term capital growth. Fund Category/Type Equity / Growth **Launch Date** 17 January 2000 Trustee CIMB Commerce Trustee Berhad Renchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI **Designated Fund Manager** Lee Sook Yee Sales Charge Max 5.50% **Annual Management Fee** 1.50% p.a. **Annual Trustee Fee**

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



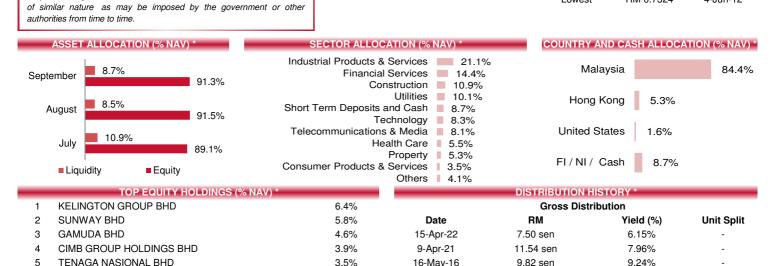
Source: Novagni Analytics and Advisory

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE (%)#			CALENDAR YEAR FUND PERFORMANCE (%)#		
Period	Fund	Benchmark	Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	4.59	2.33	2024	35.91	12.90
6 months	13.70	6.49	2023	7.19	-2.73
1 year	11.69	-2.25	2022	-12.75	-4.60
3 years	56.45	15.58	2021	14.37	-3.67
5 years	54.61	7.11	2020	8.85	2.42
Since Launch	711.54	69.06			

^{*}Source: Lipper, 30 September 2025

RM

FUND SIZE *	NAV PER UNIT *	HIST	HISTORICAL FUND PRICE *		
l 1,875.52 million	RM 1.6321		Since Inception	Date	
		Highest	RM 2.2536	10-May-12	
		Lowest	RM 0 7324	4lun-12	



^{*} Source: Kenanga Investors Berhad, 30 September 2025

Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 11 September 2025, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.61 and is classified as "Moderate". (Source: Lipper). "Moderate" includes funds with VF that are above 8.595 and less than or equal to 11.31 (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 risk of the Fund is equity and equity-related securities risk. Kenanga Investors Berhad 199501024358 (353563-P)