

*i* Capital ASEAN BTB Fund ARSN 651 424 314



**Quarterly Investment Report**  
For the period from 28 March 2025 to 27 June 2025



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## ASEAN FUND AT A GLANCE

### Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital appreciation

### Who should invest?

Investors seeking a value investing style, exposure to the securities listed on 6 ASEAN exchanges and securities listed in any other stock exchanges but with businesses in the ASEAN economies, who are able to adopt a long-term outlook and endure performance fluctuations.

### Entry Fee

Nil

### Withdrawal Fee

Nil

### Exit Fee

Nil

### Transfer Fee

Nil

### Bid/Offer Spread

Nil

### Performance Fee

15.375% p.a. only chargeable if the following three criteria are met in the same period

1. Fund's NAV per unit exceeds 5% annual rate of return *and*

2. Fund's NAV per unit exceeds 5% annual compound rate of return *and*

3. Both annual and annual compound returns must still be above 5% if a performance fee is chargeable

### Management Fee

Approx. 1.5375% p.a. of the NAV

### Administration Cost

Approx. 10.2412% p.a. of the NAV. These expenses are paid as and when they occur.

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### Other Expenses

As our direct investor, no commission or additional fees associated with distributors or financial advisers are applicable to you.

A number of other expenses can be paid from the fund if incurred. However, we decided not to recover these expenses from the Fund, e.g.

- Printing of quarterly and annual reports
- Costs associated with establishing the fund
- Professional assistance operating the fund
- Independent performance verification

### Inception Date

19 October 2023

### Minimum Investment (AUD)

\$5,000

### Additional Investment (AUD)

\$1,000

### Income Distribution

Annually (if any)

The table below gives an example of how the fees and costs in the Fund are charged based on your investment over a one year period. The example does not include the performance fee that may apply to your investment as we do not have a reasonable basis for estimating the performance fee.

### Example:

**Fee charged per year for an investment balance of \$50,000.00.**

### Management Fee

$\$50,000.00 \times 1.5375\% = \$768.75$

### Administration Cost

$\$50,000.00 \times 10.2412\% = \$5,120.59$

### Total Fee Per Year:

\$5,889.34

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

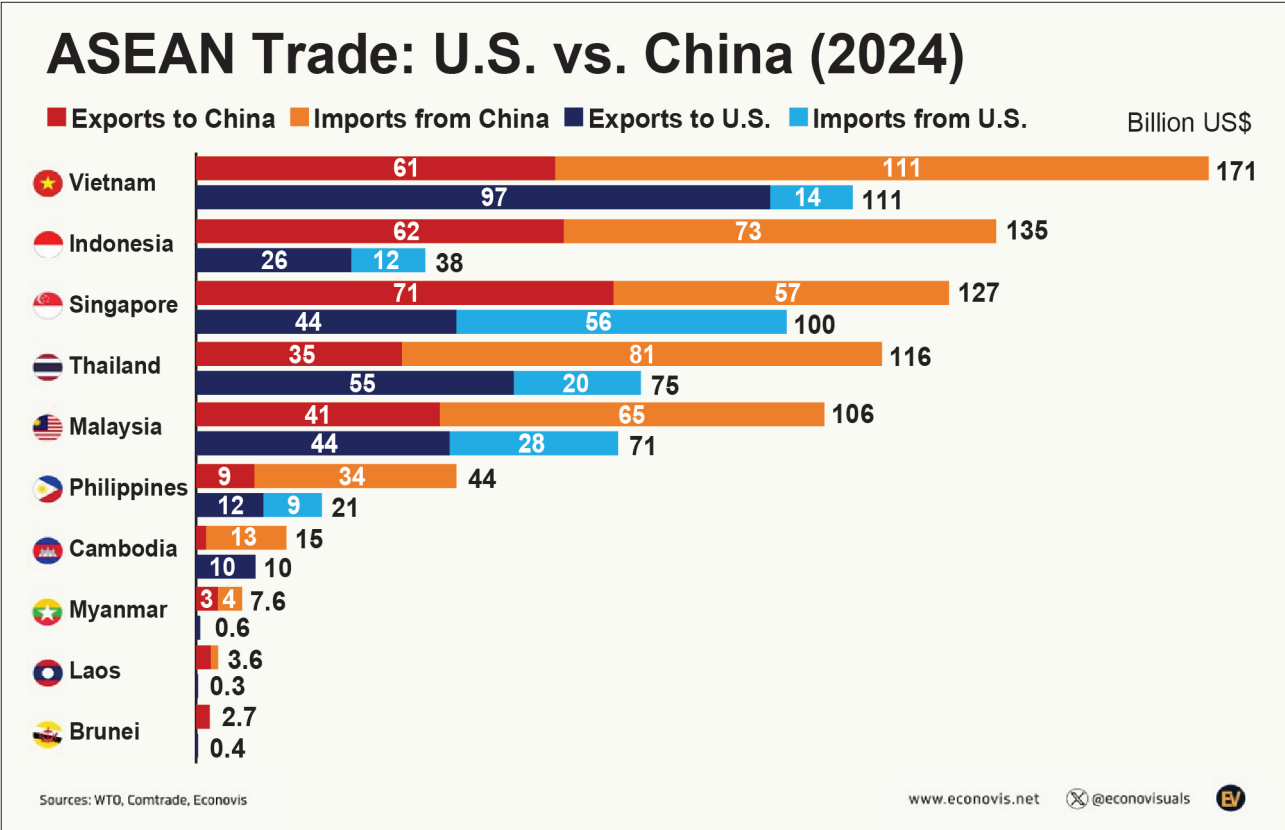
By 27 June 2025, the Fund has, from its inception on 19 October 2023, delivered a cumulative return of -17.40%, net of expenses. This compares with the MSCI ASEAN index returning 14.17%, resulting in relative

underperformance of 31.57 percentage points by your Fund. The said comparative benchmark figures are shown in **figure 1** and **table 1**.

## MARKET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

As we enter 2026, the temporary buffer provided by front-loaded exports has fully dissipated. ASEAN now confronts the structural reality of a global trade order defined by entrenched protectionism—most notably, a U.S. tariff regime that has pushed effective rates to 19.5%. While near-term headwinds are undeniable, the regional response is pivoting decisively: from short-term monetary accommodation toward deep, institutional integration. At the heart of this pivot lies the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) 3.0 Upgrade Protocol, signed on 28 October 2025—not as a conventional trade deal, but as a strategic architecture designed to insulate ASEAN from external shocks and redefine its competitive advantage on autonomous terms.

The timing is telling. CAFTA 3.0 was finalized just one day after U.S. President Trump concluded a high-profile ASEAN visit, during which Washington secured preferential access to rare earth minerals and selective tariff exemptions. These arrangements are politically visible but economically narrow. While several ASEAN economies—Cambodia (exports to the U.S. 468% higher than to China), the Philippines (+29%), Malaysia (+6%), Thailand (+56%), and Vietnam (+60%)—still ship more final goods to American consumers than to China, this picture masks a deeper transformation.



By 2024, total ASEAN–China trade had reached U\$823 billion—74% larger than ASEAN–U.S. trade (U\$473 billion). Although ASEAN’s exports to the U.S. (U\$335 billion) marginally exceeded those to China (U\$329 billion), the real divergence lies in imports: ASEAN sourced U\$494 billion in goods from China, over 258% more than the U\$138 billion imported from the U.S. Crucially, U.S.–ASEAN trade remains largely transactional—final goods for consumption—whereas China–ASEAN trade is structural, embedded in regional value chains. Chinese firms supply intermediate inputs—semiconductors, machinery components, batteries—to ASEAN manufacturing hubs, while sourcing agricultural and mineral inputs in return. This interdependence has elevated intermediate goods to 52% of bilateral trade, signaling not mere commerce, but co-production.

CAFTA 3.0 institutionalizes this structural shift. By enshrining supply chain resilience, digital governance, green standards, and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) integration into a binding, high-standard framework, it elevates China and ASEAN from mere trading partners to co-architects of Asia’s next-generation economic order.

The implementation momentum is already tangible, with China’s Guangxi region serving as a live case study. It is actively operationalizing the “ASEAN production, Guangxi distribution, China sales” model.

From January to November 2025, Guangxi’s cross-border e-commerce imports and exports exceeded 45 bln yuan (U\$6.4 bln), with over 30 bln yuan attributed to trade with ASEAN countries, marking an 11.7 percent increase. The region has become a key gateway for ASEAN fruits like durians and jackfruits entering the Chinese market, accounting for over one-third of the country’s total imports of such products.

For investors, this demands moving beyond the outdated view of ASEAN as a low-cost export platform for the West. The region is now a core node in a self-reinforcing Asian ecosystem. This institutional integration with the world’s largest manufacturing base and second-largest consumer market enhances ASEAN’s economic sovereignty and growth stability. By fortifying regional supply networks, aligning technical standards, and building digital-green infrastructure, ASEAN is hedging against fragmentation while securing the foundations for long-term, high-quality growth.

In an era of trade fragmentation, CAFTA 3.0 is more than a defensive agreement; it is the foundational framework for inclusive, rules-based regional growth. ASEAN’s strategic neutrality further amplifies its appeal, positioning it as a trusted hub for global capital and manufacturing amidst U.S.-China rivalry.

As your fund manager, Capital Dynamics (Australia) Limited will identify and invest in high quality ASEAN companies that offer a margin of safety with attractive upside potential. We encourage investors to consider the *i* Capital ASEAN BTB Fund as a vehicle to access this transformation. Its NAV can be viewed in either [www.funds.icapital.biz](http://www.funds.icapital.biz) or [www.capitaldynamics.com.au](http://www.capitaldynamics.com.au)

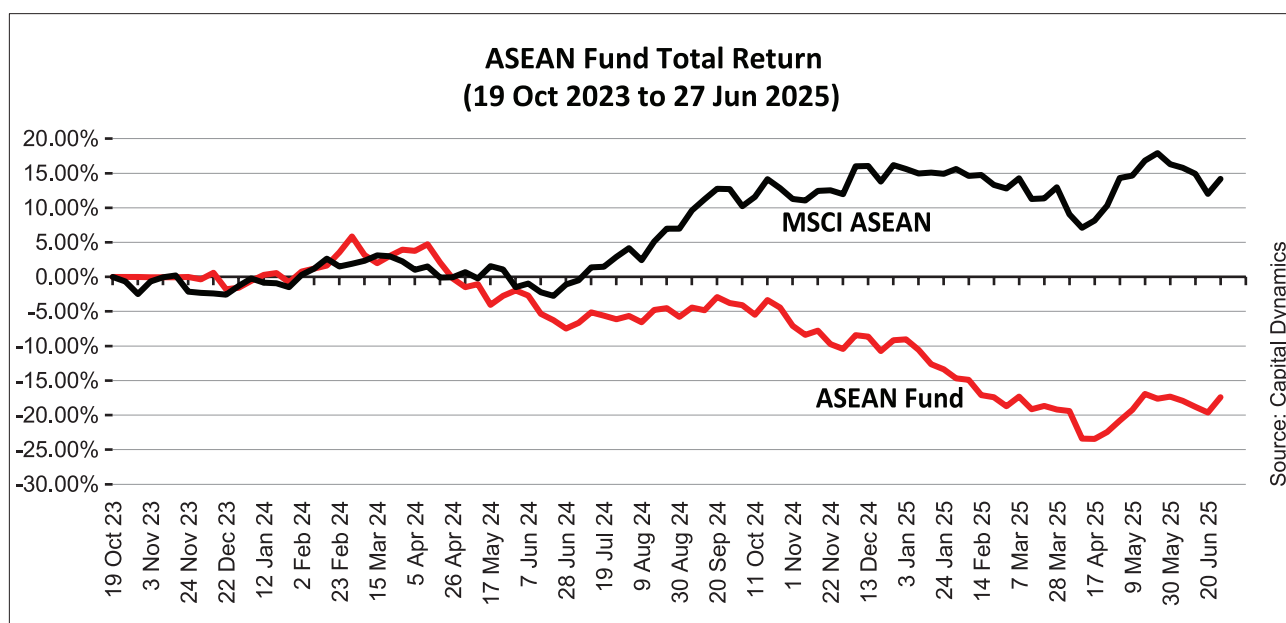
Best wishes.



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## FUND PERFORMANCE 1

**Figure 1** Total return (%)



**Table 1** Cumulative Total Return and Compound Return

	Cumulative Total Return (%)		
	1-Year	2-Year	Since Inception
ASEAN Fund (AUD)	-10.71%	#N/A	-17.40%
MSCI ASEAN (AUD)	15.42%	#N/A	14.17%

## FUND PERFORMANCE 2

**Table 2** Top 5 performing stocks in local currency (holdings held over the quarter)

	Quarter ending 27 Jun 2025 (% of change)
UMS Integration Limited	22.52%
Frencken Group Ltd	18.87%
Fraser and Neave Holdings Bhd	16.54%
Century Pacific Food Inc	6.38%
icapital.biz Berhad	1.20%

The table above presents the top 5 performing stocks your fund held at sometime within the referenced quarter. The stocks do not necessarily need to be bought at the start of the quarter (i.e. 28 March 2025) and held till the end of the quarter (i.e. 27 June 2025). Stock performance will only be measured over the specific period that your fund held the stock in the referenced quarter. This means

that, for example, if UMS Integration Limited was bought on 16 April 2025 and sold on 19 May 2025, its performance is only measured over 16 April 2025 to 19 May 2025 and not over the full quarter. Similarly, if it was bought on 19 May 2025 and sold on 20 June 2025, its performance is measured over the period 19 May 2025 to 20 June 2025.

## FUND PERFORMANCE 3

**Table 3** shows the percentage gain or loss of each company held by your Fund as at 27 June 2025. This table assumes no impact from currency movements or constant exchange rates.

**Table 3** Percentage gain or loss arising from stock price changes.

Security	Average Cost (A\$)	Price Jun 2025 (A\$)	% Change
Airports Of Thailand Pcl	2.76	1.33	-51.74%
Arwana Citramulia	0.07	0.06	-16.42%
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	0.52	0.38	-27.05%
Century Pacific Food Inc	0.83	1.09	30.36%
Fraser And Neave Holdings Bhd	9.04	9.19	1.69%
Frencken Group Ltd	1.49	1.42	-5.26%
icapital.biz Berhad	0.98	0.82	-16.95%
UMS Integration Limited	1.67	1.54	-7.48%
Vietnam Dairy Products Jsc	3.85	3.36	-12.61%

**Table 4** shows the percentage gain or loss arising from currency movements as at 27 June 2025. This table assumes no change in stock prices or constant stock prices.

**Table 4** Percentage gain or loss arising from currency movements.

Security	Average Cost (A\$)	Price Jun 2025 (A\$)	% Change
Airports Of Thailand Pcl	2.76	3.04	10.06%
Arwana Citramulia	0.07	0.07	-3.76%
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	0.52	0.50	-4.67%
Century Pacific Food Inc	0.83	0.83	-0.43%
Fraser And Neave Holdings Bhd	9.04	10.09	11.58%
Frencken Group Ltd	1.49	1.60	6.85%
icapital.biz Berhad	0.98	1.10	12.30%
UMS Integration Limited	1.67	1.76	5.88%
Vietnam Dairy Products Jsc	3.85	3.88	0.96%

## PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

**Table 5** Percentage of assets held as cash

	Cash (%)	Equities (%)
End of Mar 25	8.84%	91.16%
End of Apr 25	9.74%	90.26%
End of May 25	8.95%	91.05%
End of Jun 25	8.19%	91.81%

**Table 6** Top 5 holdings as at 27 June 2025

	<b>65.77%</b>
UMS Integration Limited	16.25%
Arwana Citramulia	13.39%
Century Pacific Food Inc	13.12%
Fraser And Neave Holdings Bhd	12.42%
Frencken Group Ltd	10.58%

**Table 7** Portfolio breakdown for equities by region as at 27 June 2025 (in AUD)

	<b>100.00%</b>
Singapore	29.23%
Indonesia	22.55%
Malaysia	20.52%
Philippine	14.29%
Vietnam	6.96%
Thailand	6.45%

## FUND INFORMATION

### About *i* Capital ASEAN BTB Fund

The *i* Capital ASEAN BTB Fund invests in securities listed on selected exchanges throughout 6 reputable ASEAN exchanges and securities listed in any other stock exchanges but with businesses in the ASEAN economies.

The strategy is driven by an intelligently eclectic “Bamboo value investing” philosophy with an emphasis on the margin of safety created by stock selections based on divergences between market prices and the underlying intrinsic values of the companies.

The objective of Capital Dynamics (Australia) Limited (CDAL) is to seek long-term capital appreciation whilst reducing the margin of error when investing. This is achieved with a rigorous, innovative and well-defined value investing approach.

Unlike conventional value investing, CDAL adopts a bottom-up approach to portfolio construction, overlaid with a macro view. The objective of CDAL is to obtain a sound investment framework that allows for a clear perspective of how economies, markets and sentiment interact and how this interaction influences its investments.

### About the Group

Capital Dynamics is an independent global fund manager and investment adviser, not tied to any bank, insurer, stockbroker or political organisation.

Our managed funds and investment advisory service are all directly accessible by individual, corporate and institutional investors around the world, and we also offer individually managed accounts to wholesale investors. Currently we manage over US\$300m, from our offices in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Sydney. Our investment advisory service is provided via *i* Capital newsletter, a weekly publication, and [www.icapital.biz](http://www.icapital.biz). It is available in English and Chinese.

### Philosophies

Independence, intelligence and integrity drive all business and investment decisions at Capital Dynamics. Integrity is central to our corporate culture, and to our loyal clients of many years, our word has proven to be our bond. Capital Dynamics has some of the most stringent compliance policies in the industry.

As a global fund manager, our “Bamboo value investing” philosophy is unique, and has enabled Capital Dynamics to generate sustained superior returns. Based on long-only investment principles, our value investing approach is given flexibility with the addition of macroeconomic factors and further investment intelligence from our team of fund managers and analysts. We go behind the commercial veneer of companies, travelling globally to research first hand.

## NOTES

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance is calculated in Australian dollars, net of ongoing fees and expenses and assumes reinvestment of distributions.

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Before making any investment decision you will need to consider your particular investment

needs, objectives and financial circumstances. You should also consider the PDS, AIB and TMD in deciding whether to acquire, or continue to hold, units in the Fund.

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