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AmResearch Model Portfolio – 19 May 2025

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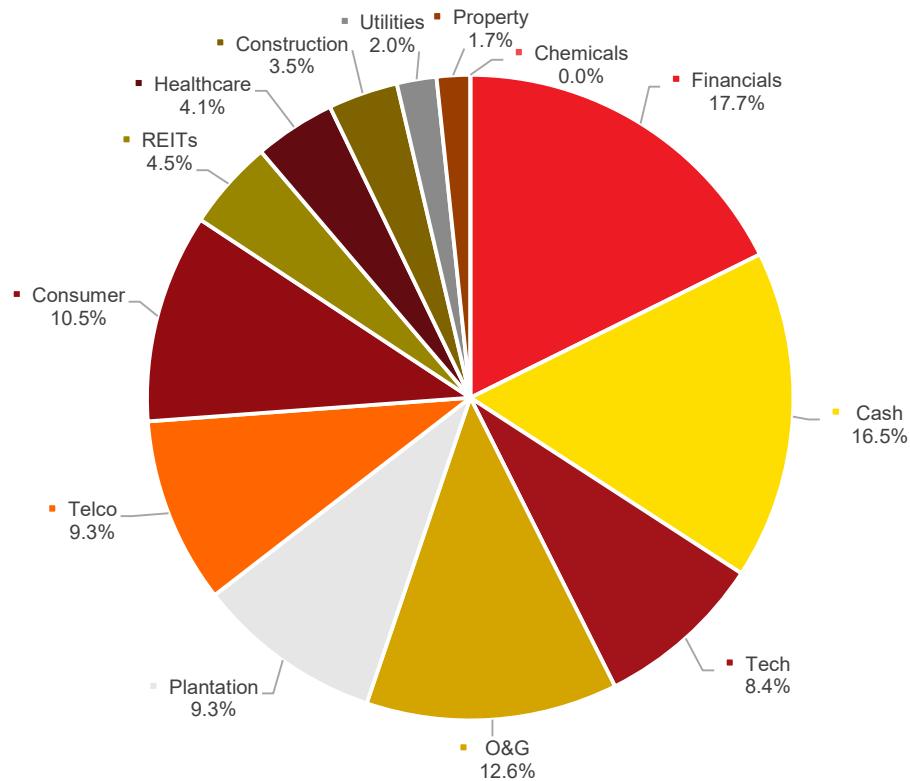
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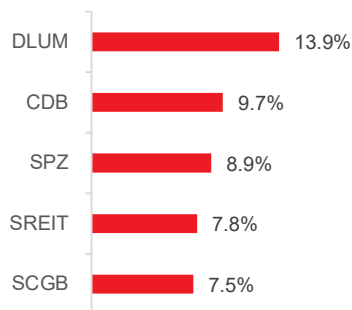
Rationale for report: Market Update

Quick Take

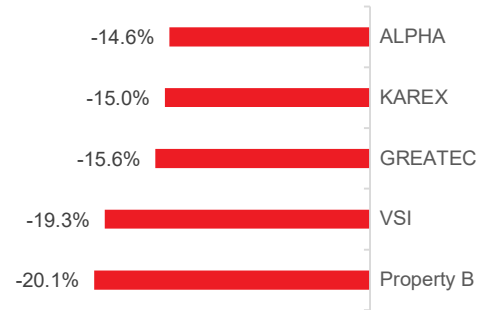
- Benefitting from the relief rally, the **AmResearch model port improved +1.6pp WoW to -9.8% YTD**. This is in line with local funds, albeit trailing the KLCI index's -4.2% YTD.
- Markets celebrated, as trade tensions eased, after US and China reached a deal to roll back tariffs and President Trump rescinded the controversial AI diffusion rule.
- With **funds cashed up**, markets benefitted from a relief rally. We estimate that cash levels would have been at 14% of AUM in early May 2025. Having sold exporters earlier, to close the gap and avoid underperformance, funds would have chased into the rally.
- However, we hold our view, that **risk-reward remains unfavourable**. Markets have more than priced in positive developments. The KLCI index is already trading above Pre-Liberation Day levels, when markets were bracing for a blanket 10% tariff.
- Even after the US-China deal, *The Budget Lab* estimates the overall effective tariff rate at 17.8% (vs. 2.4% in 2024), the highest since 1934 ([see here](#)). While latest US PPI (purchasing power index) data fell 0.5% in Apr 2025, indicating firms are absorbing costs right now, this may not last. Walmart has indicated that it would hike prices on goods later this month and into the summer.
- Furthermore, tariffs could still edge higher after the 90-day window, with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick describing the 10% rate as a floor for the foreseeable future. The threat of sector specific tariffs also still loom. Semiconductors, Pharmaceuticals and Steel are considered strategic sectors, where Section 232 investigations have been initiated. The law enables import restrictions on products that are found to threaten national security.
- We continue to **advocate a conservative stance, as cash forms 16.5% of our model port**. The remainder is tilted towards Value at 30%, Growth at 28% and Dividends at 26%. We make no trades over the past week.

EXHIBIT 1: SECTOR ALLOCATION

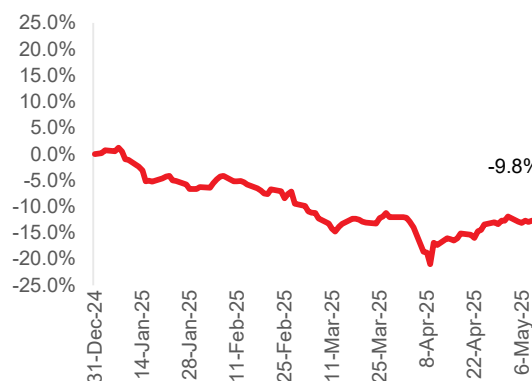
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EXHIBIT 2: TOP 5 BEST PERFORMING HOLDINGS

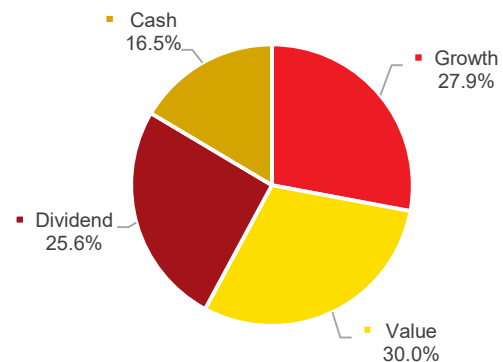
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EXHIBIT 3: TOP 5 WORST PERFORMING HOLDINGS

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EXHIBIT 4: FUND PERFORMANCE (SINCE INCEPTION)

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EXHIBIT 5: PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION BY TYPE

Source: AmInvestment Bank

EXHIBIT 6: AMRESEARCH MODEL PORTFOLIO

Companies	No. of shares (mil)	Investment cost (RMmil)	Base Price (RM)	Last Price as of 16 May 2025	Actual Value (RMmil)	%	Sector	Type
Cash					44.6	16.5%	Cash	Cash
CIMB Group Holdings Bhd	3.3	27.0	8.11	7.15	23.7	8.8%	Financials	Dividend
Hong Leong Bank Bhd	0.7	15.0	20.36	20.20	14.8	5.5%	Financials	Value
Maxis Bhd	3.3	11.8	3.54	3.80	12.6	4.7%	Telco	Value
MISC Bhd	1.6	11.7	7.41	7.68	12.1	4.5%	O&G	Dividend
Greotech Technology Bhd	6.8	14.3	2.09	1.77	12.0	4.5%	Tech	Growth
Petronas Gas Bhd	0.7	11.9	17.49	17.68	12.0	4.4%	O&G	Dividend
VS Industry Bhd	12.2	13.4	1.09	0.89	10.8	4.0%	Tech	Growth
Sunway Construction Group Bhd	1.9	8.8	4.56	4.92	9.4	3.5%	Construction	Growth
RHB Bank Bhd	1.4	9.1	6.51	6.69	9.3	3.4%	Financials	Dividend
Karex Berhad	10.9	10.4	0.95	0.82	8.9	3.3%	Consumer	Growth
IOI Corp Bhd	2.3	9.0	3.86	3.76	8.8	3.2%	Plantation	Value
Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd	0.4	9.0	21.47	20.56	8.6	3.2%	Plantation	Value
99 Speed Mart Retail Holdings	3.8	8.6	2.27	2.20	8.3	3.1%	Consumer	Growth
MR DIY Group M Bhd	4.9	8.6	1.77	1.64	8.0	2.9%	Consumer	Growth
Johor Plantations Group Bhd	6.7	9.0	1.33	1.18	7.9	2.9%	Plantation	Value
Keyfield International Bhd	4.0	8.3	2.08	1.83	7.3	2.7%	O&G	Growth
Celcomdigi Bhd	1.6	5.9	3.60	3.97	6.4	2.4%	Telco	Value
Sunway Real Estate Investment	3.2	6.0	1.83	1.98	6.4	2.4%	REITs	Dividend
Telekom Malaysia Bhd	0.9	5.9	6.61	6.92	6.1	2.3%	Telco	Value
IHH Healthcare Bhd	0.8	6.1	7.19	7.01	5.9	2.2%	Healthcare	Value
Pavilion Real Estate Investment	3.9	5.8	1.49	1.48	5.8	2.1%	REITs	Dividend
Mega First Corp Bhd	1.3	5.8	4.41	4.07	5.4	2.0%	Utilities	Value
Alpha IVF Group Bhd	17.9	6.0	0.33	0.29	5.1	1.9%	Healthcare	Growth
Property B	5.7	5.7	1.00	0.80	4.5	1.7%	Property	Value
Spritzer Bhd	2.0	2.9	1.47	1.61	3.1	1.2%	Consumer	Growth
Deleum Bhd	1.7	2.3	1.36	1.55	2.6	1.0%	O&G	Growth
Total Portfolio Value					270.6	100.0%		
YTD return					-9.8%			

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EXHIBIT 7: PORTFOLIO REBALANCING

Date	Transaction details	Number of shares	VWAP	VWAP +/- fee	Total net proceeds
14-Jan-25	Sell 600k Gamuda Bhd shares	600,000	4.820	4.820	2,892,000
14-Jan-25	Sell 1.676 mil Mah Sing shares	1,676,000	1.623	1.623	2,719,980
14-Jan-25	Sell 1.7 mil Property A shares	1,700,000	1.605	1.605	2,728,330
14-Jan-25	Sell 1.3 mil YTL Power International shares	1,300,000	3.922	3.922	5,098,340
17-Jan-25	Sell 1.91 mil Gamuda shares	1,910,500	4.051	4.037	7,712,347
17-Jan-25	Sell 3.59 mil Property A shares	3,594,100	1.435	1.430	5,138,766
17-Jan-25	Sell 2.13 mil YTL Power International shares	2,132,500	3.768	3.755	8,007,774
17-Jan-25	Buy 839.2k IHH Healthcare Berhad shares	839,200	7.123	7.148	-5,998,375
17-Jan-25	Buy 2.6 mil 99 Speedmart shares	2,608,700	2.299	2.307	-6,018,130
23-Jan-25	Buy 10.0 mil Oriental Kopi shares	10,000,000	0.848	0.851	-8,511,687
10-Feb-25	Buy 1.66 mil Karex shares	1,661,500	1.007	1.011	-1,679,320
12-Feb-25	Buy 513.6k Karex shares	513,600	1.016	1.016	-521,715
13-Feb-25	Buy 353.3k Karex shares	353,300	1.011	1.011	-357,257
14-Feb-25	Buy 427.1k Karex shares	427,100	1.013	1.013	-432,738
17-Feb-25	Buy 928.5k Karex shares	928,500	1.047	1.047	-971,768
18-Feb-25	Buy 1.20 mil Karex shares	1,197,300	1.032	1.032	-1,235,374
19-Feb-25	Buy 1.05 mil Karex shares	1,050,400	0.976	0.976	-1,025,506
20-Feb-20	Buy 344.2k Karex shares	344,200	0.996	0.996	-342,858
21-Feb-25	Buy 820.3k Karex shares	820,300	1.032	1.036	-849,677
24-Feb-25	Buy 185.1k Karex shares	185,100	1.002	1.005	-186,064
25-Feb-25	Buy 879.1k Karex shares	879,100	0.963	0.966	-654,865
3-Mar-25	Buy 1.00 mil Karex shares	1,002,900	0.788	0.790	-792,749
3-Mar-25	Buy 1.59 mil VS Industrires shares	1,589,900	0.969	0.973	-1,546,324
3-Mar-25	Sell 1.33 mil Petronas Chemicals shares	1,332,600	3.767	3.781	5,038,009
3-Mar-25	Sell 5.7 mil Oriental Kopi shares	5,696,100	0.713	0.716	4,077,249
3-Mar-25	Sell 383.7k Property C shares	383,700	1.320	1.325	508,334
4-Mar-25	Buy 655.5k Karex shares	655,500	0.771	0.773	-514,696
4-Mar-25	Sell 432.1k Petronas Chemicals shares	432,100	3.696	3.709	1,602,631
4-Mar-25	Sell 4.3 mil Oriental Kopi shares	4,303,900	0.649	0.651	2,802,576
4-Mar-25	Sell 2.11 mil Property C shares	2,109,700	1.265	1.269	2,677,476
5-Mar-25	Sell 1.65 mil Property C shares	1,645,000	1.250	1.255	2,063,777
5-Mar-25	Buy 393.1k Karex shares	393,100	0.797	0.799	-314,239
6-Mar-25	Sell 322.4k Property C shares	322,400	1.264	1.268	408,843
6-Mar-25	Buy 269.1k Karex shares	269,100	0.816	0.818	-220,246
7-Mar-25	Sell 932.5k Property C shares	932,500	1.271	1.275	1,189,169
7-Mar-25	Buy 141.7k Karex shares	141,700	0.814	0.817	-115,719
10-Mar-25	Buy 268.2k Karex shares	268,213	0.793	0.796	-213,491
10-Mar-25	Sell 566.5k Property C shares	566,500	1.257	1.261	714,412
11-Mar-25	Sell 290.2k Property C shares	290,200	1.206	1.210	351,119
17-Mar-25	Buy 1.56 mil Greatech shares	1,564,811	1.584	1.589	-2,486,708
17-Mar-25	Buy 531.5k Keyfield shares	531,531	2.026	2.033	-1,080,491
17-Mar-25	Buy 777.4k Keyfield shares	777,353	2.038	2.045	-1,590,024
25-Mar-25	Sell 662.7k Vitrox shares	662,739	2.827	2.837	1,880,187
25-Mar-25	Sell 108.8k MPI shares	108,801	16.870	16.929	1,841,842
25-Mar-25	Buy 984.1 MRDIY shares	984,060	1.652	1.658	-1,631,456
25-Mar-25	Buy 199.6k 99 Speed Mart shares	199,617	2.225	2.232	-445,642
28-Apr-25	Sell 1.65 mil Vitrox shares	1,654,400	3.134	3.145	5,203,369
28-Apr-25	Sell 82.8k MPI shares	82,800	17.579	17.641	1,460,636
28-Apr-25	Buy 589.8k MRDIY shares	589,821	1.648	1.654	-975,427
28-Apr-25	Buy 969.1k 99 Speed Mart shares	969,173	2.210	2.218	-2,149,466
29-Apr-25	Sell 668k Vitrox shares	667,961	3.169	3.180	2,123,842
29-Apr-25	Sell 42k MPI shares	41,999	18.380	18.444	774,622

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