### **ESG INTEGRATION IN ACTION**

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY



**AIA GROUP** 

AIA is a life insurer operating across Southeast Asia. Spun out of U.S. insurance giant AIG in 2010, AIA is one of the preeminent financial brands in Asia today.

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# ESG Integration in Action— Case Study

Sustainability initiatives add weight to our investment thesis.

#### **Investment Case**

- AIA has an un-replicable footprint across Southeast Asia, a structurally growing market. The company benefits from strong management with a track record of successful execution.
- Investors continue to underestimate, in our view, the durability and resilience of AlA's growth.
- AlA's strong focus on responsible investing, in the portfolio of businesses in which it invests, provided further support for our investment analysis.



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#### **ESG IN DEPTH**

- AIA incorporates ESG factors, such as water scarcity, climate change, environmental regulations, and labor issues, across all asset classes in which it invests, thereby reducing exposure to potential downside risks in its portfolio.
- AIA is active in addressing sustainability challenges in many of its markets, often working alongside or supporting community initiatives.
- Analysis by our responsible investing team confirmed AlA's robust environmental management program, with a particular emphasis on climate change factors.

As a leading company and major investor in the Southeast Asia region, sustainability is integral to AlA's long-term business strategy.

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