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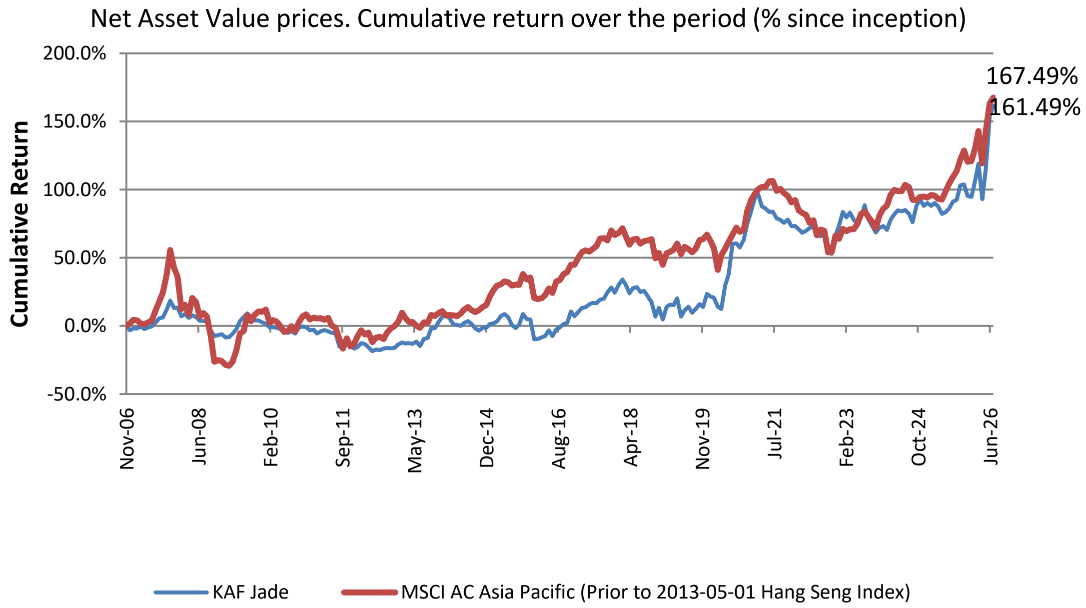
Fund of the Month: KAF Jade Fund

KAF Jade Fund successfully capitalised on the extraordinary stock market performance within the Asia Pacific region, where the first half of 2026 revealed a period of localized divergence and high volatility against a broader structural uptrend. While the region benefited from surging Artificial Intelligence (AI) demand and resilient corporate earnings, escalating geopolitical tensions and shifting interest rate expectations drove market choppiness.

The global macroeconomic outlook for the second half of 2026 is anchored by a massive $800 billion AI infrastructure supercycle that is providing a fundamental floor for corporate earnings, particularly benefiting North Asian and U.S. tech sectors. This structural capex boom is unfolding against a backdrop of divergent monetary policies, where sticky inflation is forcing the U.S. Federal Reserve to keep interest rates higher-for-longer, shifting the stock market's reliance away from central bank liquidity and onto organic, margin-driven earnings growth.

The fund is comfortably anchored in its heavy conviction and meticulous security selection in major technology and industrial powerhouses. In South Korea, the fund's specific equity selections achieved a phenomenal return, single-handedly acting as the primary engine for the portfolio's absolute gains. This was further bolstered by high-octane stock market performance in Taiwan and Japan, allowing the fund to maximize returns by capturing the ongoing secular boom in global semiconductor demand and artificial intelligence infrastructure.



Performance Snapshot (as at 30 June 2026)

6M: 31.14% | 1Y:36.57% | 3Y: 41.22% | 5Y: 38.14%

Source: Novagni Analytics & Advisory Sdn Bhd