

Anusha Thavarajah

Chief Executive Officer, AIA Bhd.



Anusha Thavarajah was appointed to helm AIA Bhd. on 11 June 2015. The first woman to join AIA's rank of CEOs in its six largest markets in the Asia Pacific region, Anusha is responsible for steering AIA Bhd., a leading life insurer in Malaysia with total assets worth RM48 billion, on its continuing journey of strong growth and transformation. Her key areas of focus include growing and strengthening the company's three main business lines comprising Agency, Partnership Distribution and Corporate Solutions as well as overseeing the growth and development of AIA's Takaful business in Malaysia.



Anusha's career in insurance spans over 20 years and began in the United Kingdom. In Malaysia, she joined AIA in 2002 as Vice President of Actuarial. Several years later, she took on the dual roles of Appointed Actuary & Head of Product Development in ING Insurance Berhad, where she went on to assume the role of Deputy CEO. Anusha returned to AIA in 2011 as Deputy General Manager of Operations, Finance & Actuarial and played a key role in the successful integration of AIA and ING's businesses in Malaysia. Prior to her CEO appointment, Anusha was Regional Business Development Director of AIA Group Limited. She provided strategic leadership to AIA's businesses in Southeast Asia and worked closely with the country management teams to achieve their business goals.

A First Class Honours graduate in Mathematics & Statistics from the University of Birmingham, Anusha is also a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, United Kingdom.