# Matthews Asia Funds | 31 March 2024

# Annual Report, including Audited Financial Statements

## **GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS STRATEGIES**

Emerging Markets Equity Fund Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund Emerging Markets Discovery Fund

### ASIA GROWTH AND INCOME STRATEGIES

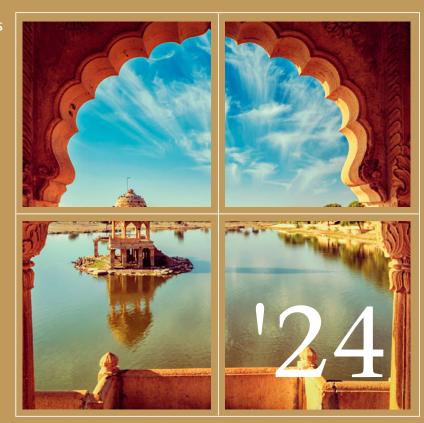
Asia Dividend Fund Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund China Dividend Fund

### **ASIA GROWTH STRATEGIES**

Pacific Tiger Fund
Asia Innovative Growth Fund
Asia Sustainable Future Fund
China Fund
China A-Share Fund
India Fund
Japan Fund

#### **ASIA SMALL COMPANY STRATEGIES**

Asia Small Companies Fund China Small Companies Fund





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The Hong Kong Offering Document of the Matthews Asia Funds (which comprises the Prospectus, Supplement for Hong Kong Investors, and Product Key Facts Statements), the latest annual reports, including audited financial statements, and unaudited semi-annual reports are available free of charge from the Hong Kong Representative (contact details are provided below).

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## General Information

Matthews International Capital Management, LLC ("Matthews"), formed under the laws of Delaware and regulated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, acts as Investment Manager to the Matthews Asia Funds (the "Fund"). Matthews believes in the long-term growth of Asia. Since Matthews was founded in 1991 by Paul Matthews, the firm has focused its efforts and expertise within the Asian region, investing through a variety of market environments. As an independent, privately owned firm, Matthews is the largest dedicated Asia investment specialist in the United States.

The Fund has an "umbrella" structure comprising a number of separate subfunds. As at the closing date, 15 Sub-Funds were available for investment: Emerging Markets Equity Fund\*, Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund\*, Emerging Markets Discovery Fund\*, Asia Dividend Fund, Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund, China Dividend Fund, Pacific Tiger Fund, Asia Innovative Growth Fund, Asia Sustainable Future Fund, China Fund, China A-Share Fund, India Fund, Japan Fund, Asia Small Companies Fund and China Small Companies Fund (each a "Sub-Fund," and together the "Sub-Funds"). This report covers the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The last day on which official prices were calculated was 28 March 2024. The figures presented in the financial statements are as at that date.

The annual general meeting of Shareholders will be held in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment, and the law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies (together referred to as the "Luxembourg Laws"). Notices of all general meetings will be published to the extent required by Luxembourg Laws in RESA ("Recueil Electronique des Sociétés et Associations"), and in such other newspaper as the Board of Directors of the Fund shall determine and will be sent to the Shareholders of registered Shares in accordance with Luxembourg Laws to their addresses shown on the register of Shareholders. Such notices should include the agenda and will specify the time and place of the meeting and the conditions of admission. They will also refer to the rules of quorum and majorities required by Luxembourg Laws.

Each Share confers the right to one vote. The vote on the payment of a dividend on a particular Class requires a separate majority vote from the meeting of Shareholders of the Class concerned. Any change in the Articles of Incorporation affecting the rights of a Sub-Fund must be approved by a resolution of both the Shareholders at the general meeting of the Fund and the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund concerned.

Annual reports, including audited financial statements shall be published within four months following the end of the accounting year and unaudited semi-annual reports shall be published within two months following the period to which they refer. The annual reports, including audited financial statements and the unaudited semi-annual reports shall be made available at the registered office of the Fund during ordinary office hours.

The Fund's accounting year ends on 31 March each year.

The Base Currency of the Fund is U.S. dollars (USD). The aforesaid reports will comprise combined financial statements of the Fund expressed in USD as well as individual information on each Sub-Fund expressed in the Base Currency of each Sub-Fund.

Shares have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, nor the Investment Companies Act of 1940, as amended, and may not be offered directly or indirectly in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) to nationals or residents thereof or to persons normally resident therein, or to any partnership or persons connected thereto unless pursuant to any applicable statute, rule or interpretation available under United States Law.

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

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This report does not constitute or form part of any offer of shares or an invitation to subscribe for shares of the Funds. Subscriptions are to be made on the basis of the PRIIPs Key Information Documents (KIDs), or the UCITS Key Investor Information Documents (KIDs) accompanied by the current full prospectus, and supplemented by the latest Annual Report, including Audited Financial Statements, or the most recent unaudited Semi-Annual Report.

The views and opinions in this report were current as at 31 March 2024. They are not guarantees of performance or investment results and should not be taken as investment advice. Investment decisions reflect a variety of factors, and the managers reserve the right to change their views about individual stocks, sectors and the markets at any time. As a result, the views expressed should not be relied upon as a forecast of a Fund's future investment intent.

The subject matter contained herein has been derived from several sources believed to be reliable and accurate at the time of compilation. Matthews does not accept any liability for losses either direct or consequential caused by the use of this information.

The most current Key Information Documents, full prospectus, and most recent unaudited Semi-Annual Report and Annual Report, including Audited Financial Statements for the Fund, can be found at global.matthewsasia.com. Please read the Key Information Documents and current full prospectus carefully before investing.

In Singapore, this document is available to, and intended for Institutional Investors under Section 304 of the SFA (Securities and Futures Act), and to Relevant Persons pursuant to section 305 of the SFA, as those terms are used under the SFA.

## Matthews Asia Funds

## Management and Administration

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUND**

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## Matthews Asia Funds

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## Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund to the Shareholders

The Board of Directors of the Fund (the "Board") is pleased to present the Annual Report of the Fund, including the audited financial statements, for the year ended 31 March 2024. These have been prepared in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to undertakings for collective investment.

#### Activities and outlook

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Fund launched three new subfunds, the Emerging Markets Equity Fund, the Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund, and the Emerging Markets Discovery Fund. There are 15 subfunds in issue. The separate Investment Manager's report included in this Annual Report reviews the performance of the sub-funds, summarizes the economic environment during the period, and provides an outlook for the upcoming period.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The Board has put in place a framework for corporate governance which is consistent with the principles of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry ("ALFI") Code of Conduct for Luxembourg Investment Funds (the "Code"). The Code sets out principles of good governance and a code of best practice. The most recent update can be found on the Association's website

https://www.alfi.lu/en-gb/pages/setting-up-in-luxembourg/fund-governance

#### The Board

The Directors of the Fund are responsible for supervising the Fund in accordance with its articles of incorporation, prospectus, and laws and regulations applicable to Luxembourg investment funds. The names and addresses of the four Directors are listed with their principal occupations in the Management and Administration section of this report. More detailed biographical information is disclosed on the Fund's website at:

https://global.matthewsasia.com/about/our-story/funds-board-of-directors/

The Board holds formal Board meetings at least four times a year. At the Board meetings, the Directors review the management of the Fund's assets and all other significant matters to ensure that the Directors maintain overall control and supervision of the Fund's affairs. The Board is responsible for the appointment and monitoring of all service providers to the Fund.

The Directors are kept fully informed of investment and financial controls and other matters relevant to the business of the Fund. The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Fund's annual report, including the audited financial statements, are prepared in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### **Internal Controls**

The Board is also ultimately responsible for the Fund's system of internal controls and for reviewing its effectiveness. The Board confirms that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating, and managing the significant risks faced by the Fund.



# Report of the Board of Directors of the Fund to the Shareholders (continued)

## The Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the shareholders is expected to be held on the third Tuesday of August, which is 20 August 2024. Notice and agenda of the meeting will be sent to shareholders prior to the meeting.

The Board of Directors Matthews Asia Funds SICAV

7 June 2024



# Investment Manager's Report

#### April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

The last 12 months have been eventful for emerging markets. Early in the period, China's struggle to recover economically from COVID lockdowns surprised many investors. As the year continued, one disappointment followed the next and the stocks of major companies in China ground down, impacting markets and the relative performance of your portfolios to different degrees.

The problems China encountered were largely domestic in nature and led to sharp downgrades in earnings. However, valuations also de-rated almost to historical lows as sentiment toward the Chinese equity market deteriorated. A remarkable feature of China's recovery has been consumers 'trading down' to cheaper goods as interest rates fell, inflation subsided and unemployment, particularly youth unemployment, failed to recover quickly post COVID. Portfolios were affected by holding quality Chinese companies that overseas investors sold down.

In other Asian and emerging markets, it was a different narrative though one not completely shielded from China's challenges. India, Brazil and Mexico spent most of the last 12 months with elevated interest rates as they tried to contain inflation following their stimulus spending during the COVID years. India experienced strong domestic demand as the Modi government worked through its ambitious infrastructure spending program. The overall resilience of emerging markets during this raterise cycle was, we believe, a mixture of good policy choices made in the past and some good fortune in that the transient nature of the inflation problem made it inherently easier to treat.

While returns were hard to come by in 2023, there were some standout performances and India was one of them. Prime Minister Modi's reforms are bearing fruit and hopes of global supply chain realignments bringing more manufacturing export business to India are also cause for optimism. While nominal growth rates and fiscal pressures remain on watch, the growth runway for India remains robust and compelling in our view. India's equity market ended the period in good shape albeit with elevated valuations.

Among our equity markets over the period, notable performances were the MSCI India Index, up 37%, and the MSCI Japan Index, up 25% and broadly in line with the MSCI World Index, up 26%. However, MSCI AC Asia ex Japan was only up 4% and MSCI China was down 17%\*.

### Capital efficiency and shareholder value

South Korea is a market we anticipate adding more exposure to, particularly on the cyclical side. We are also seeing a growing pressure from regulators, the government and investors for South Korean companies to improve capital efficiency and governance and, in doing so, release more value to shareholders. Another tailwind is that South Korea is uncorrelated to the economic path and challenges of China, in our view.

Macro headwinds continued in Latin America and Brazil's market was particularly volatile as it experienced softness in some commodity prices, particular lithium and other materials related to the electric vehicle (EV) battery market due to a slowdown in demand from China. There has also been a degree of uncertainty over the interventionism of the Lula government. That all said, the Brazilian economy is very entrepreneurial and innovative, and valuations are reasonable. The central bank's capable monetary oversight also means the economy is likely to benefit from falling inflation and the onset of the Federal Reserve's easing cycle. Mexico is also a cyclical economy and our portfolio positionings there are cognizant to the expected cadence and timing of rate cuts.

\* Source: Bloomberg. The MSCI World Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 developed markets. With 1,465 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.



## Investment Manager's Report (continued)

Japan did well in the period propelled in large part by the impact of the government's mandate for corporates to improve capital efficiency and shareholder value. This resulted in surging buybacks and dividend payouts which has encouraged inflows from both domestic and international investors. While the Japan's macro performance and outlook seem lackluster, its companies are growing earnings and benefiting from burgeoning supply chains linked to the artificial intelligence (AI) boom.

## An active environment

As Japan kicked off the last quarter with a strong performance, China had a poor start as challenges with its domestic real estate market continued and consumer confidence remained weak. Further into the quarter we started to see some positives. China equities rallied as government efforts started to gain traction, such as its initiatives to support the stock market by buying equities and restricting certain sales and short selling. The question is whether the recovery in equity markets that we saw in the quarter is sustainable. We would say there is an active investment risk in being too underweight in China but we're not yet seeing a fundamental catalyst to be very overweight. Earnings need to pick up and there needs to be more support for the consumer.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year we see three reasons to be positive on emerging markets. The first is the natural recovery that is taking hold after COVID. Economic growth is picking up and that's really being driven by domestic consumption. Secondly, emerging markets are a cyclical asset class, in our view, and so when interest rates are cut in the U.S., many emerging markets' central banks will in turn be able to cut and so we should get a cyclical pickup aided by an expected weakening of the U.S. dollar. Thirdly, we expect the second half of 2023 to yield slightly better news for China. We think earnings will continue to improve and there will be more initiatives to help consumers.

Overall, generating alpha in emerging markets is really going to be down to stock picking and country selection. It's a very good environment for active investors. Being able to select the stocks that are growing, see where earnings are picking up, and identify companies that are working with shareholders—with stock buybacks and paying out more in dividends—will be key.

Sean Taylor Chief Investment Officer Matthews International Capital Management, LLC

The figures stated in the Investment Manager's Report are historical and not necessarily indicative of future performance.



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To the Shareholders of Matthews Asia Funds

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Matthews Asia Funds (the "Fund") and of each of its sub-funds, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities and the schedule of investments as at 31 March 2024 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and notes to financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of each of its sub-funds as at 31 March 2024, and of the results of their operations and changes in their net assets for the year then ended in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession ("Law of 23 July 2016") and with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier" (CSSF). Our responsibilities under the Law of 23 July 2016 and ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF are further described in the "Responsibilities of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are also independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards, issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other information

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information stated in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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#### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements relating to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors of the Fund determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Fund is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors of the Fund either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Responsibilities of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Law dated 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Law dated 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors of the Fund.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors of the Fund use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé" to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report of the "réviseur d'entreprises agréé". However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, "related safeguards".

For Deloitte Audit, Cabinet de révision agréé

Nicolas Hennebert

Jean-Philippe Bachelet, Réviseur d'entreprises agréé

July 23, 2024

Partner



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4 June 2024

#### **Confirmation of Depositary Oversight Duties**

We act as depositary for Matthews Asia Funds, a Luxembourg société d'investissement à capital variable under Part I of the law of 17 December 2010 concerning undertakings for collective investment (the "Company").

This letter is issued to the Company in connection with the shares of the Company being made available to the public in Hong Kong and certain confirmations being required from the depositary/custodian pursuant to Chapter 4.5(f) of the Securities and Futures Commission's Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds having regards to the duties and obligations of the depositary to the Company under the laws and regulations of Luxembourg for the year ended March 31st 2024.

We perform verifications of processes and procedures that are under the responsibility of the Company or certain of its appointed delegates to ensure that the Company, in all material respect, acted in compliance with the provisions of the Constitutive Documents inter alia with respect to the following:

- that the sale, issue, repurchase and cancellation of shares or units effected by or on behalf of the Company are carried out in accordance with the law and the constitutive documents of the Company (the "Constitutive Documents");
- that the income of the Company is applied in accordance with the law and the Constitutive Documents;
- that the value of the shares or units of the Company is calculated in accordance with the law, the Constitutive Documents and the valuation procedures adopted in respect of the Company pursuant to applicable law.

It is and remains the ultimate responsibility of the Company to comply with the Constitutive Documents and applicable law as they apply to the above.

This letter is to confirm that for the financial year ended March 31st 2024, we have satisfactorily performed our oversight duties in connection with the above and to the best of our knowledge and belief and subject to our oversight duties as set forth herein and any exception or recommended remedial action with respect to the same duly reported to the Company in our opinion, the Company has been managed during the year in review in all material respects in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutive Documents.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Graybrook Managing Director

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# Emerging Markets Equity Fund\*

# Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	Assets
CHINA/HONG KONG			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	2,400	93,032	4.37
Meituan Dianping B Shares	4,300	53,026	2.49
Trip.com Group, Ltd. ADR	1,003	43,721	2.05
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	4,300	38,422	1.81
BYD Co., Ltd. A Shares	1,200	34,401	1.62
D.com, Inc. A Shares	2,300	31,609	1.48
China Merchants Bank Co.,			
Ltd. A Shares	6,900	30,567	1.43
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	3,200	28,669	1.35
ANTA Sports Products, Ltd.	2,200	23,348	1.10
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.			
A Shares	1,000	21,075	0.99
Innovent Biologics, Inc.	3,000	14,441	0.68
Huazhu Group, Ltd. ADR Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	317	12,243	0.58
Electronics Co., Ltd. A Shares	300	11,563	0.54
Pinduoduo, Inc. ADR	66	7,690	0.34
Finduoddo, Inc. ADK	00_		
	_	443,807	20.85
INDIA			
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	1,078	59,958	2.82
UltraTech Cement, Ltd.	309	36,120	1.70
Indian Hotels Co., Ltd. A Shares	4,337	30,740	1.44
Varun Beverages, Ltd.	1,482	24,867	1.17
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	579	20,646	0.97
Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.	943	20,195	0.95
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,		,	
Ltd.	706	19,976	0.94
Infosys, Ltd. ADR	799	14,213	0.67
CICI Bank, Ltd. ADR	401_	10,407	0.49
	-	237,122	11.15
SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.,			
Pfd.	2,391	119,214	5.60
-G Chem, Ltd.	76	24,794	1.16
SK Hynix, Inc.	161	21,292	1.00
Hyundai Motor Co.	113	19,871	0.93
KB Financial Group, Inc.	221	11,512	0.54
	-	196,683	9.23
TA DA/A NI			
TAIWAN Taiwan Semiconductor			
Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Taiwan Semiconductor	6,000	143,581	6.74
Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR	262	35,775	1.68
mandiacturing Co., Eta. ADR	202_		
	_	179,356	8.42

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
VIETNAM	Trommar value		763063
	18 200	85 054	4.04
FPT Corp. Military Commercial Joint	18,200	85,954	
Stock Bank Ho Chi Minh City	36,700	37,735	1.77
Development JSC Bank	23,200_	22,687	1.06
	-	146,376	6.87
MEXICO			
GCC SAB de CV	3,500	41,742	1.96
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB	3,300	11,7 12	1.70
de CV O Shares	3,400	36,207	1.70
BBB Foods, Inc. A Shares	1,391	34,080	1.60
Prologis Property Mexico SA	,	,	
de CV, REIT	4,761	20,914	0.98
	_	132,943	6.24
	_		
BRAZIL			
Banco BTG Pactual SA	6,700	49,779	2.34
WEG SA	3,900	30,111	1.41
PRIO SA	3,000	28,296	1.33
NU Holdings, Ltd. A Shares	1,402	16,750	0.79
	.,	124,936	5.87
	_	124,730	3.07
UNITED STATES			
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	933	42,813	2.01
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	641	24,965	1.17
3,	_	67,778	3.18
	_	2.7	
URUGUAY			
Globant SA	196	40,125	1.88
MercadoLibre, Inc.	15	22,823	1.07
	_	62,948	2.95
	_	/	
FRANCE			
TotalEnergies SE ADR	482	32,961	1.55
LVMH, Louis Vuitton Moët	20	10.120	0.05
Hennessy	20_	18,138	0.85
	-	51,099	2.40
INDONESIA			
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia			
Persero	119,500	45,599	2.14
	,	45,599	2.14
	_	73,377	4.17
KAZAKHSTAN			
Kaspi.KZ JSC ADR	336	42,380	1.99
	330_	42,380	1.99
	_	72,300	1.27

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

% of Net

% of Net

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

## **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value <sup>(</sup> USD	% of Net Assets
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Emaar Properties PJSC	9,768	21,679	1.02
Fertiglobe PLC	24,518	18,694	0.88
	_	40,373	1.90
POLAND			
Dino Polska SA	352	33,946	1.59
	_	33,946	1.59
PHILIPPINES			
Ayala Corp.	2,480	28,235	1.33
	_	28,235	1.33
PERU			
Credicorp, Ltd.	147	24,702	1.16
	_	24,702	1.16
SAUDI ARABIA			
Bupa Arabia for Cooperative			
Insurance Co.	339_	23,844	1.12
	_	23,844	1.12
TOTAL FOURTIES		1 000 107	00.20
TOTAL EQUITIES	_	1,882,127	88.39

TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES		
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK		
EXCHANGE LISTING	1,882,127	88.39

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,882,127	88.39
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES	247,279	11.61

2,129,406 100.00

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen- Hong Kong Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

TOTAL NET ASSETS

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

Pfd: Preferred Shares

**REIT: Real Estate Investment Trust** 

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	Assets as at	Assets as at
	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	88.39	-
EQUITIES	88.39	-
China/Hong Kong	20.85	-
India	11.15	-
South Korea	9.23	-
Taiwan	8.42	-
Vietnam	6.87	-
Mexico	6.24	-
Brazil	5.87	-
United States	3.18	-
Uruguay	2.95	-
France	2.40	-
Indonesia	2.14	-
Kazakhstan	1.99	-
United Arab Emirates	1.90	-
Poland	1.59	-
Philippines	1.33	-
Peru	1.16	-
Saudi Arabia	1.12	-
Total Investments	88.39	-
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	11.61	-
Total	100.00	-

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Market Value % of Net

USD

89,732

38,250

22,394

150,376

46,881

25,866

72,747

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21,611

65,662

31,218 23,105

54,323

50,560

50,560

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19,045

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Assets

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## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net	Investments	Quantit Nominal Vali
INDIA	TYOTHING VAICE		7135013	VIETNAM	TYOTHI VAL
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	1,246	69,301	3.14	FPT Corp.	19,00
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	1,324	47,212		Military Commercial Joint	, , ,
UltraTech Cement, Ltd.	372	43,484		Stock Bank	37,2
Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.	1,937	41,483		Ho Chi Minh City	•
Indian Hotels Co., Ltd. A Shares	5,321	37,715		Development JSC Bank	22,9
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,	3,321	37,713	1.7 1	•	
Ltd.	1,092	30,897	1.40		
Hindustan Unilever, Ltd.	1,058	28,724			
Varun Beverages, Ltd.	1,546	25,941		URUGUAY	
Infosys, Ltd. ADR	1,372	24,405		Globant SA	2
Lupin, Ltd.	1,092	21,169		MercadoLibre, Inc.	
•	•				
ICICI Bank, Ltd. ADR	417_	10,822			
	-	381,153	17.28	UNITED STATES	
COLITIL MODEA				Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	9
SOUTH KOREA				Applied Materials, Inc.	1
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.,		400.440		, ipplied materials, mer	
Pfd.	2,777	138,460			
Kia Corp.	442	36,722			
SK Hynix, Inc.	216	28,566		UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
LG Chem, Ltd.	79	25,773		Emaar Properties PJSC	14,0
KB Financial Group, Inc.	413	21,513		Fertiglobe PLC	30,3
Hyundai Motor Co.	114_	20,047	0.91	3	,
	_	271,081	12.30		
				INDONESIA	
BRAZIL				PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia	
Banco BTG Pactual SA	8,000	59,437	2.70	Persero	132,5
WEG SA	4,700	36,287	1.65		
PRIO SA	4,400	41,501	1.88		
NU Holdings, Ltd. A Shares Armac Locacao Logistica E	3,253	38,865	1.76	POLAND	
Servicos SA	10,000	24,916	1.13	Dino Polska SA	4
	_	201,006	9.12		
TAIWAN				ARGENTINA	
Taiwan Semiconductor	4 400	105 (71	0.07	Despegar.com Corp.	3,8
Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR	1,433_	195,671	8.87		
	-	195,671	8.87		
MENICO				KAZAKHSTAN	
MEXICO GCC SAB de CV	3,900	46,513	2 11	Kaspi.KZ JSC ADR	3
	3,900	40,313	2.11		
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV O Shares	4,000	42,596	1.93		
Prologis Property Mexico SA				FRANCE	
de CV, REIT	7,473	32,827	1.49	TotalEnergies SE ADR	3
BBB Foods, Inc. A Shares	1,323	32,414	1.47	LVMH, Louis Vuitton Moët	
DDD 100ds, IIIc. A Shares					

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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

% of Net

Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	(CONTINUED)	

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
PHILIPPINES			
Ayala Corp.	3,430	39,050	1.77
	_	39,050	1.77
CHILE			
Antofagasta PLC	1,431	36,510	1.65
	_	36,510	1.65
SAUDI ARABIA			
Bupa Arabia for Cooperative			
Insurance Co.	423	29,752	1.35
	_	29,752	1.35
TURKEY			
BIM Birlesik Magazalar AS	2,526	27,330	1.24
	_	27,330	1.24
PERU			
Credicorp, Ltd.	155_	26,046	1.18
	_	26,046	1.18
UNITED KINGDOM			
Anglo American PLC	445	10,933	0.50
	_	10,933	0.50
TOTAL EQUITIES		1,948,075	88.32
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECUR ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOR			
<b>EXCHANGE LISTING</b>	_	1,948,075	88.32
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	_	1,948,075	88.32
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES	S	257,651	11.68
TOTAL NET ASSETS	=	2,205,726	100.00

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK	00.22	
EXCHANGE LISTING	88.32	
EQUITIES	88.32	-
India	17.28	-
South Korea	12.30	-
Brazil	9.12	-
Taiwan	8.87	-
Mexico	7.00	-
Vietnam	6.82	-
Uruguay	3.29	-
United States	2.98	-
United Arab Emirates	2.45	-
Indonesia	2.29	-
Poland	2.13	-
Argentina	2.12	-
Kazakhstan	2.11	-
France	1.87	-
Philippines	1.77	-
Chile	1.65	-
Saudi Arabia	1.35	-
Turkey	1.24	-
Peru	1.18	-
United Kingdom	0.50	-
Total Investments	88.32	-
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	11.68	-
Total	100.00	-

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen- Hong Kong Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

Pfd: Preferred Shares

**REIT: Real Estate Investment Trust** 

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize \star}$  The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

# Emerging Markets Discovery Fund\*

# Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INDIA			
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,			
Ltd.	35,646	1,008,572	6.08
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	354,816	766,418	4.62
The Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	13,126	437,961	2.64
Finolex Cables, Ltd.	27,288	327,756	1.98
Radico Khaitan, Ltd.	11,742	243,245	1.47
Rainbow Children's Medicare, Ltd.	10 727	166 007	1 01
	10,727	166,887	1.01
Cartrade Tech, Ltd.	20,053	153,410	0.92
Inox Wind, Ltd.	22,531	141,096	0.85
Minda Industries, Ltd. Barbeque Nation Hospitality,	15,209	124,920	0.75
Ltd.	19,019	113,566	0.68
Shankara Building Products,			
Ltd.	9,166	70,463	0.42
Hindware Home Innovation, Ltd.	15,431	69,696	0.42
	· –	3,623,990	21.84
	_	-,,	
CHINA/HONG KONG			
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.			
ADR	85,547	629,102	3.79
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd.			
H Shares	177,000	430,204	2.59
Tongcheng-Elong Holdings,	110,000	211 107	1.00
Ltd.	118,000	311,197	1.88
Zhihu, Inc. ADR	430,819	301,538	1.82
Medlive Technology Co., Ltd.	298,500	287,372	1.73
Silergy Corp. SITC International Holdings	26,000	265,302	1.60
Co., Ltd.	114,000	208,344	1.26
Xtep International Holdings, Ltd.	298,000	184,601	1.11
Beijing Capital International	270,000	107,001	1.11
Airport Co., Ltd. H Shares	558,000	169,014	1.02
Ginlong Technologies Co., Ltd.			
A Shares	13,100	106,895	0.64
Peijia Medical, Ltd.	219,000	102,439	0.61
AK Medical Holdings, Ltd.	150,000	94,319	0.57
Innovent Biologics, Inc.	19,000	91,459	0.55
Hainan Meilan International Airport Co., Ltd. H Shares	84,000	75,470	0.45
Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd.	•	,	
A Shares	18,000	60,359	0.36
CIFI Ever Sunshine Services Group, Ltd.	278,000	45,833	0.27

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Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
TAIWAN			
M31 Technology Corp.	12,000	480,690	2.90
Wiwynn Corp.	7,000	478,278	2.88
Airtac International Group	13,000	450,493	2.71
Elite Material Co., Ltd.	20,000	251,262	1.51
AURAS Technology Co., Ltd.	11,000	226,075	1.36
Poya International Co., Ltd.	13,000	202,087	1.22
Andes Technology Corp.	15,000	199,043	1.20
Gold Circuit Electronics, Ltd.	25,000	190,447	1.15
AP Memory Technology Corp.	13,000	157,028	0.95
	_	2,635,403	15.88
DD 4.711			
BRAZIL	174 700	444.610	2.60
Grupo SBF SA Vamos Locacao de Caminhoes	174,700	444,610	2.68
Maquinas e Equipamentos SA	252,800	417,984	2.52
YDUQS Participacoes SA	92,300	326,007	1.97
Banco Pan SA, Pfd.	151,300	298,557	1.80
Vivara Participacoes SA	29,200	149,632	0.90
	-	1,636,790	9.87
SOUTH KOREA			
Hugel, Inc.	3,566	510,912	3.08
Eugene Technology Co., Ltd.	9,065	285,922	1.72
Advanced Nano Products Co.,	,		
Ltd.	1,923	188,524	1.14
Ecopro BM Co., Ltd. Solus Advanced Materials Co.,	913	187,574	1.13
Ltd.	10,980_	143,159	0.86
	_	1,316,091	7.93
VIETNAM			
Military Commercial Joint			
Stock Bank	312,000	320,802	1.93
FPT Corp.	51,000	240,859	1.45
Mobile World Investment Corp.	98,100	201,779	1.22
Nam Long Investment Corp.	60,800	107,378	0.65
,	· -	870,818	5.25
CAUDI ADADIA			
SAUDI ARABIA			
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Co.	7 02 4	577,088	3.48
	7,934 18 978	143,706	
Seera Group Holding	18,978_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.87
	-	720,794	4.35
UNITED STATES			
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	9,033	514,280	3.10
•	-	514,280	3.10
	_	J. 1,200	3.10

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

## **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net
CHILE			
Parque Arauco SA	154,049	223,697	1.35
Banco de Credito e Inversiones	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,	
SA	4,923	140,555	0.84
Aguas Andinas SA A Shares	306,097	88,636	0.53
	_	452,888	2.72
POLAND			
InPost SA	19,273	295,061	1.78
	-	295,061	1.78
PHILIPPINES			
GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	22,860	286,284	1.72
or capital Holdings, Inc.	22,000_	286,284	1.72
	-	200,204	1.72
TURKEY			
Ford Otomotiv Sanayi AS	5,283	186,961	1.13
	-	186,961	1.13
SOUTH AFRICA			
Transaction Capital, Ltd.	355,668	163,052	0.98
	_	163,052	0.98
THAH AND			
THAILAND Siam Wellness Group Public			
Co., Ltd. F Shares	438,400	154,994	0.93
·	· -	154,994	0.93
INDONESIA			
PT Mitra Adiperkasa	1,203,400	138,118	0.83
PT Summarecon Agung	492,300	16,456	0.10
	=	154,574	0.93
BANGLADESH			
BRAC Bank, Ltd.	167,512	61,510	0.37
	_	61,510	0.37
MEXICO			
Banco del Bajio SA	4,600	17,998	0.11
	.,000_	17,998	0.11
TOTAL EQUITIES		16,454,936	99.14
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES			
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL ST	OCK	16,454,936	99.14
	_	.0, .0 1,750	

#### Other transferable securities and money market instruments

## **EQUITIES** Investments

	USD	Assets
10,800	106,251	0.64
_	106,251	0.64
_	106,251	0.64
E RKET		
_	106,251	0.64
	16,561,187	99.78
_		
S		
	37,223	0.22
-	1 ( 500 410	100.00
=	16,598,410	100.00
	E RKET	106,251  106,251  E  RKET  106,251  16,561,187

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen- Hong Kong Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

F Shares: Foreign Shares

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

Pfd: Preferred Shares

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

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# Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net
Assets as at
31 March 2024 31 March 2023

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	99.14	-
EQUITIES	99.14	-
India	21.84	-
China/Hong Kong	20.25	-
Taiwan	15.88	-
Brazil	9.87	-
South Korea	7.93	-
Vietnam	5.25	-
Saudi Arabia	4.35	-
United States	3.10	-
Chile	2.72	-
Poland	1.78	-
Philippines	1.72	-
Turkey	1.13	-
South Africa	0.98	-
Thailand	0.93	-
Indonesia	0.93	-
Bangladesh	0.37	-
Mexico	0.11	-
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	0.64	-
EQUITIES	0.64	-
Canada	0.64	-
Total Investments	99.78	-
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.22	-
Total	100.00	-

# Schedule of Investments

## Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
JAPAN			
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	59,000	1,845,749	2.80
ITOCHU Corp.	41,900	1,793,608	2.72
ORIX Corp.	79,600	1,737,535	2.64
Suzuki Motor Corp.	134,800	1,536,167	2.33
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	29,500	1,289,876	1.96
Keyence Corp.	2,500	1,159,913	1.76
Nippon Gas Co., Ltd.	67,200	1,127,921	1.71
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	29,400	1,096,374	1.67
Bandai Namco Holdings, Inc.	58,400	1,081,911	1.64
Capcom Co., Ltd.	57,200	1,069,664	1.62
Hikari Tsushin, Inc.	5,700	1,068,967	1.62
GLP J-Reit, REIT	1,242	1,041,462	1.58
Disco Corp.	2,800	1,022,768	1.55
Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.	35,600	1,003,362	1.52
Kakaku.com, Inc.	82,300	998,067	1.52
Toray Industries, Inc.	192,500	924,124	1.40
Nissin Foods Holdings Co., Ltd.	33,300	918,547	1.40
	_	20,716,015	31.44

CHINA/HONG KONG			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	50,600	1,961,423	2.98
AIA Group, Ltd.	202,000	1,355,024	2.06
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial			
Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	331,800	1,270,715	1.93
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.			
A Shares	58,855	1,240,386	1.88
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	136,800	1,222,360	1.86
NARI Technology Co., Ltd.			
A Shares	359,900	1,194,950	1.81
Minth Group, Ltd.	662,000	1,044,655	1.59
NetEase, Inc.	49,500	1,029,303	1.56
JD.com, Inc. A Shares	73,461	1,009,575	1.53
Link, , REIT	230,580	990,913	1.50
Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure,			
Ltd.	1,754,000	860,798	1.31
Techtronic Industries Co., Ltd.	55,000	745,134	1.13
Guangdong Investment, Ltd.	1,236,000	529,181	0.80
	_	14,454,417	21.94
	-	14,434,417	21.3

	_	6,587,206	10.00
Treasury Wine Estates, Ltd.	117,634	954,038	1.45
Breville Group, Ltd.	56,585	1,015,491	1.54
AUB Group, Ltd.	52,473	1,016,944	1.54
The Lottery Corp., Ltd.	312,876	1,050,745	1.60
CSL, Ltd.	6,673	1,251,461	1.90
Ampol, Ltd.	50,092	1,298,527	1.97
AUSTRALIA			

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
TAIWAN			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Delta Electronics, Inc. Chailease Holding Co., Ltd. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR	121,000 130,000 230,660 3,615	2,895,540 1,387,446 1,234,416 493,614	4.39 2.11 1.87
<i>3 ,</i>	, _	6,011,016	9.12
	_		
INDIA			
HDFC Bank, Ltd. Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd. Power Grid Corp. of India, Ltd. Hindustan Unilever, Ltd.	98,030 29,669 338,108 36,187	1,703,141 1,380,009 1,123,197 982,465 5,188,812	2.59 2.09 1.71 1.49 <b>7.88</b>
SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Macquarie Korea Infrastructure	25,940	1,554,104	2.36
Fund	153,755	1,463,769	2.22
SK Telecom Co., Ltd.	29,071	1,149,508	1.75
	-	4,167,381	6.33
SINGAPORE			
United Overseas Bank, Ltd.	57,300	1,243,197	1.88
Ascendas India Trust, , REIT	1,218,100	947,622	1.44
	_	2,190,819	3.32
INDONESIA			
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	3,378,251	1 200 002	1.00
reisero	3,3/0,231	1,289,083 1,289,083	1.96 1.96
	-	1,207,003	1.50
VIETNAM			
FPT Corp.	230,342	1,087,842	1.65
	_	1,087,842	1.65
UNITED STATES			
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	27,009	1,051,927	1.60
2	2.,505_	1,051,927	1.60

% of Net

% of Net

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

## **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	
THAILAND			
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services Public Co., Ltd. F Shares	1,356,200	1,050,021 <b>1,050,021</b>	1.59 <b>1.59</b>
TOTAL EQUITIES		63,794,539	96.83
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO		63,794,539	96.83
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		63,794,539	96.83
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LE LIABILITIES	SS	2,085,275	3.17
TOTAL NET ASSETS	=	65,879,814	100.00

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen- Hong Kong Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

F Shares: Foreign Shares

REIT: Real Estate Investment Trust

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING  EQUITIES Japan China/Hong Kong Australia Taiwan India	96.83	
Japan China/Hong Kong Australia Taiwan	, 0.05	93.82
China/Hong Kong Australia Taiwan	96.83	93.82
Australia Taiwan	31.44	30.87
Taiwan	21.94	25.34
	10.00	8.82
India	9.12	7.38
muia	7.88	6.33
South Korea	6.33	5.24
Singapore	3.32	2.96
Indonesia	1.96	1.92
Vietnam	1.65	1.49
Thailand	1.59	1.76
United States	1.60	1.71
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	_	0.84
EQUITIES	-	0.84
Bangladesh	-	0.84
Total Investments	96.83	94.66
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	3.17	5.34
Total		

# Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
CHINA/HONG KONG			
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.			
ADR	54,194	3,876,982	2.64
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	89,700	3,477,069	2.36
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	260 150	2 200 405	2 24
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.	369,150	3,298,495	2.24
A Shares	151,000	3,182,368	2.16
Meituan Dianping B Shares	214,800	2,648,821	1.80
AIA Group, Ltd.	389,600	2,613,453	1.78
China Merchants Bank Co.,	227,222	_,,	
Ltd. H Shares	615,000	2,427,584	1.65
Trip.com Group, Ltd.	53,550	2,359,379	1.60
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	71,100	1,848,401	1.26
ANTA Sports Products, Ltd.	171,600	1,821,157	1.24
NetEase, Inc.	85,800	1,784,126	1.21
Ping An Insurance Group Co.	03,000	1,701,120	1.21
of China, Ltd. H Shares	347,000	1,462,927	1.00
Galaxy Entertainment Group, Ltd.	153,000	767,749	0.52
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	53,660	734,811	0.50
Sungrow Power Supply Co.,	,	,	
Ltd. A Shares	51,200	727,646	0.50
	_	33,030,968	22.46
INDIA			
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	292,633	3,837,793	2.61
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	182,180	3,165,135	2.15
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	65,768	3,059,100	2.08
Axis Bank, Ltd.	239,195	3,004,511	2.04
Cummins India, Ltd.	74,729	2,694,989	1.83
Tata Consumer Products, Ltd.	136,155	1,789,552	1.21
Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.	76,646	1,766,629	1.20
Zomato, Ltd.	800,365	1,749,069	1.19
Tata Motors, Ltd.	140,771	1,675,699	1.14
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	45,329	1,616,365	1.10
DLF, Ltd.	139,336	1,499,281	1.02
Power Grid Corp. of India, Ltd.	439,177	1,458,949	0.99
Indian Hotels Co., Ltd. A Shares	109,366	775,177	0.53
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,			
Ltd.	26,352	745,607	0.51
		28,837,856	19.60

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
TAIWAN			
Taiwan Semiconductor			
Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	597,000	14,286,258	9.71
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	388,000	2,751,248	1.87
Sinbon Electronics Co., Ltd.	243,000	2,124,515	1.45
Poya International Co., Ltd.	122,720	1,907,704	1.30
ASE Technology Holding Co., Ltd.	305,000	1,472,808	1.00
Wistron Corp.	378,000	1,418,666	0.97
MediaTek, Inc.	33,000	1,193,243	0.81
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	5,000	519,092	0.35
Faraday Technology Corp.	42,583	444,244	0.30
Accton Technology Corp.	30,000	428,524	0.29
M31 Technology Corp.	10,000	400,575	0.27
3,	• -	26,946,877	18.32
	_		
SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	94,974	5,690,034	3.87
Hyundai Motor Co.	12,461	2,191,272	1.49
KB Financial Group, Inc.	33,308	1,734,987	1.18
SK Hynix, Inc.	12,479	1,650,331	1.12
LG Chem, Ltd.	4,488	1,464,136	0.99
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	2,715	960,601	0.65
Samsung Fire & Marine	2,713	700,001	0.03
Insurance Co., Ltd.	3,541	811,439	0.55
Samsung C&T Corp.	6,638	788,168	0.54
	_	15,290,968	10.39
VIETNAM			
	4.074.500		
FPT Corp.	1,276,500	6,028,560	4.10
Asia Commercial Bank JSC	2,891,933	3,306,576	2.25
	-	9,335,136	6.35
SINGAPORE			
DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.	213,000	5,685,997	3.86
BOC Aviation, Ltd.	174,900	1,349,050	0.92
BOC Aviation, Etc.	174,900_	7,035,047	4.78
	-	7,033,047	4.70
MALAYSIA			
Frontken Corp. Bhd	4,465,400	3,655,980	2.48
MR DIY Group M BHD	4,945,000	1,567,188	1.07
WIN DIT Group W DITD	1,7 13,000	5,223,168	3.55
	-	J, Z Z J, 100	3.33
THAILAND			
Bangkok Dusit Medical Services			
Public Co., Ltd. F Shares	3,838,100	2,971,602	2.02
CP ALL Public Co., Ltd. F Shares	959,300	1,432,870	0.97
	_	4,404,472	2.99

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

## **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INDONESIA			
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	7,844,789	2,993,439 <b>2,993,439</b>	2.04 <b>2.04</b>
TOTAL EQUITIES		133,097,931	90.48
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECU ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO EXCHANGE LISTING		133,097,931	90.48
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		133,097,931	90.48
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LE LIABILITIES	SS	14,002,245	9.52
TOTAL NET ASSETS		147,100,176	100.00

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ADR: American Depositary Receipt

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

F Shares: Foreign Shares

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	% of Net	% of Net
	Assets as at	
Country Allocation	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	90.48	95.96
EXCHANGE LISTING	90.46	93.90
EQUITIES	90.48	95.96
China/Hong Kong	22.46	42.85
India	19.60	7.62
Taiwan	18.32	20.12
South Korea	10.39	8.25
Vietnam	6.35	4.22
Singapore	4.78	2.54
Malaysia	3.55	3.20
Thailand	2.99	2.06
Indonesia	2.04	2.80
United States	-	2.30
Total Investments	90.48	95.96
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	9.52	4.04
Total	100.00	100.00

## China Dividend Fund

# Schedule of Investments

## Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	1			Capital Markets			
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure				Hong Kong Exchanges &			
Meituan Dianping B Shares	13,400	165,243	3.37	Clearing, Ltd.	3,100	90,094	1.84
Shanghai Jinjiang International	13,100	103,213	3.37	CSC Financial Co., Ltd. H Shares	63,000	47,725	0.97
Hotels Co., Ltd. B Shares	87,400	133,598	2.73		_	137,819	2.81
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	2,455	95,616	1.95	Total Financials	_	752,075	15.35
Galaxy Entertainment Group,	,	, .			-	70_,070	.0.50
Ltd.	19,000	95,341	1.95	COMMUNICATION SERVICE	·		
Tam Jai International Co., Ltd.	733,000	94,616	1.93	COMMUNICATION SERVICES	3		
	_	584,414	11.93	Interactive Media & Services			
Broadline Retail				Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	10,800	418,644	8.55
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	32,700	292,956	5.98	Kanzhun, Ltd. ADR	5,314	97,119	1.98
MINISO Group Holding, Ltd.	32,700	2,2,,500	3.70		_	515,763	10.53
ADR	5,957	120,403	2.46	Diversified Telecommunication S	ervices		
		413,359	8.44	CITIC Telecom International	ei vices		
		•		Holdings, Ltd.	446,000	144,167	2.94
Household Durables						144,167	2.94
Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd.				Total Communication Somicas	_		
D Shares	124,468_	170,874	3.49	Total Communication Services	-	659,930	13.47
		170,874	3.49				
Automobiles				CONSUMER STAPLES			
BYD Co., Ltd. A Shares	2,500	71,668	1.46	Beverages			
Yadea Group Holdings, Ltd.	28,000	45,375	0.93	Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.			
		117,043	2.39	A Shares	7,500	158,065	3.23
		,		Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd.	.,	,	
Automobile Components				H Shares	22,000	151,167	3.08
Fuyao Glass Industry Group	22.400	112 704	2.20		-	309,232	6.31
Co., Ltd. H Shares	22,400	112,794	2.30	Food Droducts			
		112,794	2.30	Food Products Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial			
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury				Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	42,200	161,616	3.30
Goods				Group Co., Eta. 71 Shares	12,200	161,616	3.30
ANTA Sports Products, Ltd.	10,600	112,496	2.30	Total Consumer Staples	-	470,848	9.61
	_	112,496	2.30	Total Consumer Staples	_	470,040	2.01
Total Consumer Discretionary	-	1,510,980	30.85	INDUSTRIALS			
FINANCIALS				Machinery			
Banks				Yangzijiang Shipbuilding	442.000	4.4.00.	2 22
Postal Savings Bank of China				Holdings, Ltd.	113,800	161,026	3.29
Co., Ltd. H Shares	336,000	175,449	3.58			161,026	3.29
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.	330,000	., 5,	3.50	Air Freight & Logistics			
A Shares	38,000	168,339	3.44	ZTO Express Cayman, Inc. ADR	5,181	110,118	2.25
	• -	343,788	7.02			110,118	2.25
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Insurance				Transportation Infrastructure			
PICC Property & Casualty Co.,	122 000	160 054	2 20	Anhui Expressway Co., Ltd.	94,000	104,157	2 12
Ltd. H Shares	122,000	160,854	3.28	H Shares	94,000		2.12
Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China, Ltd. H Shares	26,000	109,614	2.24	Table 1 and 2	-	104,157	2.12
Cinita, Eta. 11 Silaits	20,000	270,468	5.52	Total Industrials	-	375,301	7.66
		Z/U,408	3.32				

% of Net % of Net

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
ENERGY			
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels China Suntien Green Energy Corp., Ltd. H Shares PetroChina Co., Ltd. H Shares	405,000 136,000 _	153,210 116,100 <b>269,310</b>	3.13 2.37 5.50
Total Energy	-	269,310	5.50
REAL ESTATE			
Real Estate Management & Deve	lopment		
Onewo, Inc. H Shares	38,470	96,559	1.97
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	5,764	78,931	1.61
ESR Group, Ltd.	67,600	72,242	1.48
• •	. –	247,732	5.06
Total Real Estate	_	247,732	5.06
	_		
MATERIALS			
Construction Materials			
China Jushi Co., Ltd. A Shares	64,800	93,431	1.91
	_	93,431	1.91
Metals & Mining Tiangong International Co., Ltd.	434,000	91,520	1.87
	_	91,520	1.87
Total Materials	_	184,951	3.78
HEALTH CARE			
Health Care Equipment & Suppli	es		
	164,000	102 121	2.10
AK Medical Holdings, Ltd.	104,000	103,121 <b>103,121</b>	2.10
Total Health Care	_	•	2.10
Total Health Care	_	103,121	2.10
INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	iΥ		
Electronic Equipment, Instrumen	ts & Componer	nts	
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	14,000	99,272	2.03
<b>5</b> .		99,272	2.03
Total Information Technology	_	99,272	2.03
UTILITIES			
Water Utilities			
Guangdong Investment, Ltd.	136,000	58,227	1.19
	_	58,227	1.19
Total Utilities	_	58,227	1.19

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	
TOTAL EQUITIES	_	4,731,747	96.60
TOTAL TRANSFERANCE CECUI	NTIFE		
ADMITTED TO FFICIAL STOC			
EXCHANGE LISTING	_	4,731,747	96.60
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	_	4,731,747	96.60
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LES	S	166,689	3.40
TOTAL NET ASSETS	=	4,898,436	100.00
A Shares: Shares traded through the Shangha	-Hong Kong and/o	or Shenzhen- Hoi	ng Kong

Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

D Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the D-Share Market of the China Europe International Exchange AG

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

Country Allocation	Assets as at Assets as 31 March 2024 31 March 20	
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	96.60	96.57
EQUITIES	96.60	96.57
Consumer Discretionary	30.85	30.94
Financials	15.35	10.54
Communication Services	13.47	15.88
Consumer Staples	9.61	8.34
Industrials	7.66	6.64
Energy	5.50	2.02
Real Estate	5.06	5.81
Materials	3.78	5.46
Health Care	2.10	5.83
Information Technology	2.03	5.11
Utilities	1.19	-
Total Investments	96.60	96.57
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	3.40	3.43
Total	100.00	100.00

# Pacific Tiger Fund

# Schedule of Investments

## Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
CHINA/HONG KONG			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd. Meituan B Shares China Persures Poor Holdings	169,100 379,800	6,554,875 4,683,530	3.74 2.67
China Resources Beer Holdings Co., Ltd. Contemporary Amperex	800,000	3,680,372	2.10
Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	105,400	2,740,105	1.56
PetroChina Co., Ltd. H Shares China Merchants Bank Co.,	3,172,000	2,707,869	1.55
Ltd. A Shares	586,200	2,596,851	1.48
AIA Group, Ltd.	374,000	2,508,808	1.43
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. Ping An Insurance Group Co.	233,272	2,089,861	1.19
of China, Ltd. H Shares	460,500 42,873	1,941,434 1,888,957	1.11 1.08
Trip.com Group, Ltd. Wanhua Chemical Group Co.,	42,673	1,000,937	1.06
Ltd. A Shares Midea Group Co., Ltd.	164,800	1,825,429	1.04
A Shares Sungrow Power Supply Co.,	202,000	1,796,470	1.03
Ltd. A Shares	123,600	1,756,584	1.00
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.	128,199	1,755,536	1.00
A Shares Shenzhen Inovance Technology Co., Ltd.	81,500	1,717,636	0.98
A Shares	202,307	1,678,010	0.96
Innovent Biologics, Inc.	284,500	1,369,483	0.78
JD.com, Inc. ADR	48,904	1,330,485	0.76
ANTA Sports Products, Ltd. China International Capital	119,000	1,262,924	0.72
Corp., Ltd. H Shares Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	1,036,800	1,228,620	0.70
Electronics Co., Ltd. A Shares Tencent Music Entertainment	30,600	1,179,450	0.67
Group ADR Zhongji Innolight Co., Ltd.	95,121	1,050,521	0.60
A Shares Zhejiang Supcon Technology	44,300	944,196	0.54
Co., Ltd. A Shares New Oriental Education &	141,487	903,297	0.52
Technology Group, Inc. ADR	10,049	862,568	0.49
China Mengniu Dairy Co., Ltd.	351,000_	752,379	0.43
	-	52,806,250	30.13

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INDIA			
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	379,011	4,970,615	2.84
Cummins India, Ltd.	94,002	3,390,041	1.93
Zomato, Ltd.	1,395,527	3,049,701	1.74
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,			
Ltd.	104,230	2,949,096	1.68
Titan Co., Ltd.	63,248	2,885,048	1.65
Tata Motors, Ltd. Indian Hotels Co., Ltd.	240,366	2,861,250	1.63
A Shares	364,902	2,586,395	1.48
Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.	110,201	2,540,044	1.45
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	44,935	2,090,084	1.19
DLF, Ltd.	174,661	1,879,384	1.07
Tata Consumer Products, Ltd.	131,707	1,731,090	0.99
Lupin, Ltd.	87,437	1,695,011	0.97
Power Grid Corp. of India, Ltd.	436,613	1,450,431	0.83
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	75,773	1,316,455	0.75
	_	35,394,645	20.20
TAIWAN			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	712,000	17,038,217	9.72
MediaTek, Inc.	54,000	1,952,579	1.11
Lite-On Technology Corp.	573,000	1,894,070	1.08
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	727,000	1,733,777	0.99
Wistron Corp.	454,000	1,703,901	0.97
Eclat Textile Co., Ltd.	92,000	1,571,571	0.90
ASE Technology Holding Co., Ltd.	318,000	1,535,584	0.88
Accton Technology Corp.	104,000	1,485,550	0.85
Alchip Technologies, Ltd.	15,000	1,480,319	0.84
Airtac International Group	40,000	1,386,133	0.79
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	167,000	1,184,171	0.68
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	6,000	622,911	0.36
Faraday Technology Corp.	50,622	528,110	0.30
Unimicron Technology Corp.	88,000	520,921	0.30
M31 Technology Corp.	12,000	480,690	0.27
	_	35,118,504	20.04
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SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	136,119	8,155,093	4.65
Hyundai Motor Co.	23,523	4,136,529	2.36
SK Hynix, Inc.	30,704	4,060,564	2.32
HD Hyundai Electric Co., Ltd.	16,609	2,204,664	1.26
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	5,792	2,049,282	1.17
KB Financial Group, Inc.	38,768	2,019,394	1.15
Samsung Fire & Marine			
Insurance Co., Ltd.	7,862	1,801,619	1.03
LG Chem, Ltd.	4,252		0.79
Samsung Biologics Co., Ltd.	1,798	1,109,892	0.63
Samsung C&T Corp.	7,502	890,756	0.51
		27,814,937	15.87

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

#### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net Investments **Nominal Value** USD Assets **VIETNAM** FPT Corp. 3,238,279 1.85 685,680 Vietnam Dairy Products JSC 605,378 1,652,534 0.94 4,890,813 2.79 **INDONESIA** PT Bank Central Asia 3,910,300 2,484,266 1.42 PT Bank Mandiri Persero 5,162,700 2,360,873 1.35 4,845,139 2.77 **THAILAND Bangkok Dusit Medical Services** Public Co., Ltd. F Shares 2,831,000 2,191,867 1.25 CP ALL Public Co., Ltd. F Shares 1,104,900 1,650,347 0.94 3,842,214 2.19 **PHILIPPINES** SM Investments Corp. 106,800 1,846,653 1.05 1,846,653 1.05 **SINGAPORE** Sembcorp Industries, Ltd. 267,200 1,068,234 0.61 1,068,234 0.61 **TOTAL EQUITIES** 167,627,389 95.65 **TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES** ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK **EXCHANGE LISTING** 167,627,389 95.65 95.65 TOTAL INVESTMENTS 167,627,389 CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES 7,624,252 4.35 **TOTAL NET ASSETS** 175,251,641 100.00

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F Shares: Foreign Shares

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net	% of Net
Assets as at	Assets as at
31 March 2024	31 March 2023

	31 Walcii 2024 3	i iviai cii 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK		
EXCHANGE LISTING	95.65	97.88
EQUITIES	95.65	97.88
China/Hong Kong	30.13	45.72
India	20.20	13.66
Taiwan	20.04	15.93
South Korea	15.87	9.98
Vietnam	2.79	1.05
Indonesia	2.77	2.19
Thailand	2.19	2.91
Philippines	1.05	2.01
Singapore	0.61	1.60
United States	-	2.83
Total Investments	95.65	97.88
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	4.35	2.12
Total	100.00	100.00

# Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INDIA			
Zomato, Ltd.	426,025	931,009	5.99
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	17,175	612,435	3.94
Tata Motors, Ltd.	43,463	517,371	3.33
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	29,640	388,720	2.50
Bajaj Finance, Ltd.	4,069	353,478	2.27
Axis Bank, Ltd.	24,231	304,364	1.96
Delhivery, Ltd.	34,438	183,974	1.18
HDFC Asset Management Co., Ltd.	3,417	153,805	0.99
Lupin, Ltd.	5,309	102,918	0.66
Cummins India, Ltd.	2,352	84,821	0.55
Indian Hotels Co., Ltd. A Shares	11,413	80,894	0.52
	_	3,713,789	23.89
CHINA/HONG KONG			
Meituan B Shares	50,400	621,511	4.00
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	13,300	515,552	3.31
Trip.com Group, Ltd. ADR	9,836	428,750	2.76
Pinduoduo, Inc. ADR	3,251	378,798	2.44
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. NAURA Technology Group	42,100	377,170	2.42
Co., Ltd. A Shares	5,700	240,738	1.55
Innovent Biologics, Inc.	48,500	233,462	1.50
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares Shenzhen Inovance Technology	7,250	188,480	1.21
Co., Ltd. A Shares	18,300	151,787	0.98
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	8,658	118,561	0.76
<u>.</u>	5,555_	3,254,809	20.93
	_	, ,	
TAIWAN			
Taiwan Semiconductor			
Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	62,000	1,483,665	9.54
Alchip Technologies, Ltd.	4,000	394,752	2.54
ASPEED Technology, Inc.	2,000	207,637	1.34
MediaTek, Inc.	5,000	180,794	1.16
Unimicron Technology Corp.	29,000	171,667	1.10
Eclat Textile Co., Ltd.	9,000	153,740	0.99
Wiwynn Corp.	2,000	136,651	0.88
M31 Technology Corp.	2,000	80,115	0.52
Accton Technology Corp.	5,000	71,421	0.46
	_	2,880,442	18.53

Investments	Quantity/	Market Value	% of Net
	Nominal Value	USD	Assets
SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	12,838	769,144	4.94
SK Hynix, Inc.	4,325	571,976	3.68
Hyundai Motor Co.	2,183	383,881	2.47
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	570	201,673	1.30
Kakao Corp.	3,791	152,913	0.98
NEXTIN, Inc.	1,419	73,490	0.47
	=	2,153,077	13.84
UNITED STATES			
NVIDIA Corp.	871	785,781	5.05
Broadcom, Inc.	263	346,543	2.23
Lam Research Corp.	291	280,783	1.81
	-	1,413,107	9.09
SINGAPORE			
Sea, Ltd. ADR	8,619	461,207	2.97
	_	461,207	2.97
INDONESIA			
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	978,200	373,265	2.40
reiseio	978,200	373,265	2.40
	-	373,203	2.40
NETHERLANDS			
ASML Holding NV REG Shares	320	311,415	2.00
Asivic Holding IVV REG Shares	320_	311,415	2.00
	_	311,413	2.00
BRAZIL			
NU Holdings, Ltd. A Shares	12,779	152,676	0.98
110 Holdings, Etd. A shares	12,779	152,676	0.98
			2.70
TOTAL EQUITIES		14,713,787	94.63
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECU			
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO	CK	1471270-	04.63
EXCHANGE LISTING	_	14,713,787	94.63

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

#### Other transferable securities and money market instruments

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value		% of Net Assets
CHINA/HONG KONG			
DiDi Global, Inc. ADR	50,986	194,336	1.25
		194,336	1.25
TOTAL EQUITIES	_	194,336	1.25
TOTAL OTHER TRANSFERAB SECURITIES AND MONEY MA INSTRUMENTS		194,336	1.25
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		14,908,123	95.88
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LE LIABILITIES	ss	640,341	4.12
TOTAL NET ASSETS	=	15,548,464	100.00

 $\hbox{A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong}$ Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	% of Net	% of Net
	Assets as at	Assets as at
Country Allocation	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	94.63	96.25
EQUITIES	94.63	96.25
India	23.89	9.39
China/Hong Kong	20.93	59.48
Taiwan	18.53	7.67
South Korea	13.84	9.19
United States	9.09	2.33
Singapore	2.97	5.60
Indonesia	2.40	1.51
Netherlands	2.00	-
Brazil	0.98	-
Vietnam	-	1.08
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	1.25	_
EQUITIES	1.25	-
China/Hong Kong	1.25	
Total Investments	95.88	96.25
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	4.12	3.75
Total	100.00	100.00

# Schedule of Investments

## Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets				
CHINA/HONG KONG							
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	58,560	430,643	7.66				
Meituan B Shares	27,900	344,051	6.12				
JD Health International, Inc.	70,300	248,406	4.42				
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd.	5,400	156,938	2.79				
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	5,880	152,864	2.72				
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd. H Shares	62,000	150,693	2.68				
Zhihu, Inc. ADR	145,878	102,102	1.82				
Medlive Technology Co., Ltd.	104,000	100,123	1.78				
Ginlong Technologies Co., Ltd. A Shares	7,100	58,209	1.03				
Silergy Corp.	5,000	51,020	0.91				
Centre Testing International Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	26,300	45,845	0.81				
•	•	•					
Innovent Biologics, Inc. Zhejiang HangKe Technology,	7,000	33,695	0.60				
Inc. Co. A Shares	11,295	33,147	0.59				
Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc. Ginlong Technologies Co., Ltd.	11,500	20,992	0.37				
A Shares  OPT Machine Vision Tech Co.,	1,500	12,240	0.22				
Ltd. A Shares	452	6,316	0.11				
WuXi XDC Cayman, Inc.	529_	1,237	0.02				
	-	1,948,521	34.65				
INDIA							
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	13,277	375,661	6.68				
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	140,909	304,370	5.41				
Indus Towers, Ltd.	68,094	237,709	4.23				
The Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	6,081	202,898	3.61				
Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.	4,862	112,065	1.99				
Inox Wind, Ltd.	9,402	58,878	1.05				
Marico, Ltd.	439	2,617	0.05				
	_	1,294,198	23.02				
TAIWAN							
M31 Technology Corp.	4,500	180,259	3.21				
Airtac International Group	5,000	173,267	3.08				
Elite Material Co., Ltd.	11,000	138,194	2.46				
Poya International Co., Ltd.	7,070	109,904	1.95				
Andes Technology Corp.	8,000	106,156	1.89				
AP Memory Technology Corp.	5,000	60,395	1.07				
Sporton International, Inc. Formosa Sumco Technology	5,350	43,000	0.76				
Corp.	5,000	25,688	0.46				
	_	836,863	14.88				
	_						

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
UNITED STATES			
Micron Technology, Inc.	2,874	342,281	6.09
Lam Research Corp.	215	207,451	3.69
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	3,255	185,318	3.29
	-	735,050	13.07
SOUTH KOREA			
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Pfd.	1,241	249,857	4.44
Eugene Technology Co., Ltd.	3,618	114,116	2.03
Solus Advanced Materials Co.,	3,010	114,110	2.03
Ltd.	7,208	93,979	1.67
Advanced Nano Products Co.,			
Ltd.	633	62,057	1.10
Ecopro BM Co., Ltd.	274	56,293	1.00
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	23	8,138	0.15
	_	584,440	10.39
VIETNAM			
Nam Long Investment Corp.	79,700	140,757	2.50
	_	140,757	2.50
DANICI ADECII			
BANGLADESH			
BRAC Bank PLC	75,145	27,593	0.49
GrameenPhone, Ltd.	8,218	17,657	0.32
	-	45,250	0.81
TOTAL EQUITIES		5,585,079	99.32
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO			
EXCHANGE LISTING	CK	5,585,079	99.32
	-	2,233,617	,,,,,,
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		5,585,079	99.32
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LES	SS		<u>.</u>
LIABILITIES		38,494	0.68
TOTAL NET ASSETS	_	5,623,573	100.00
A Shares: Shares traded through the Shangha Stock Connect programs ADR: American Depositary Receipt	ii-Hong Kong and/o	or Shenzhen- Hor	ng Kong
B Shares: Mainland China companies listed o		l Shenzhen stock	exchanges,
available to both Chinese and non-Chinese ir H Shares: Mainland China companies listed o porated in mainland China		ge of Hong Kong	but incor-
Pfd: Preferred Shares			

# Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	% of Net	
Country Allocation		Assets as at 31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	99.32	98.05
EQUITIES	99.32	98.05
China/Hong Kong	34.65	42.82
India	23.02	16.12
Taiwan	14.88	13.15
United States	13.07	10.10
South Korea	10.39	13.84
Vietnam	2.50	1.60
Bangladesh	0.81	-
Indonesia	-	0.42
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	-	1.27
EQUITIES	-	1.27
Bangladesh	-	1.27
Total Investments	99.32	99.32
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	0.68	0.68
Total	100.00	100.00

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Investments

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

# Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

## **EQUITIES**

Investments

	Nominal Value	USD	Assets		Nominal Value	USD	Asset
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY				FINANCIALS (CONTINUED)			
Broadline Retail				Insurance			
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	222,100	1,989,772	7.23	Ping An Insurance Group Co.			
D.com, Inc. A Shares	77,197	1,060,919	3.85	of China, Ltd. H Shares	181,500	765,191	2.7
Pinduoduo, Inc. ADR	8,393	977,931	3.55	PICC Property & Casualty Co.,			
	_	4,028,622	14.63	Ltd. H Shares	200,000	263,695	0.9
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure					_	1,028,886	3.7
Meituan Dianping B Shares	131,520	1,621,848	5.89	Total Financials	_	4,747,727	17.2
Galaxy Entertainment Group,	.5.,525	.,02.,0.0	0.07	5014141111G171011 5FR1/16F1	-		
Ltd.	92,000	461,653	1.67	COMMUNICATION SERVICES	<b>S</b>		
Trip.com Group, Ltd. ADR	7,003	305,260	1.11	Interactive Media & Services			
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	7,221	281,238	1.02	Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	71,600	2,775,453	10.0
		2,669,999	9.69	Kuaishou Technology B Shares	63,700	398,600	1.4
Household Durables				Baidu, Inc. A Shares	19,800	259,424	0.9
Man Wah Holdings, Ltd.	675,600	475,952	1.73			3,433,477	12.4
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	46,215	411,009	1.49	Entertainment			
	· <u> </u>	886,961	3.22	Tencent Music Entertainment			
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods				Group ADR	26,358	291,099	1.0
ANTA Sports Products, Ltd.	29,600	314,139	1.14	NetEase, Inc.	12,900	268,243	0.9
,		314,139	1.14		_	559,342	2.0
		•		-			
Specialty Retail				Media			
China International Travel Service Corp., Ltd. A Shares	23,653	280,551	1.02	Focus Media Information Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	470,900	421,222	1.5
Service Corp., Ltd. A Shares	23,033_	280,551	1.02	recrinology Co., Ltd. A shares	470,900	421,222	1.5
		200,331	1.02	Total Communication Services	_	4,414,041	16.0
Diversified Consumer Services				iotai Communication Services		4,414,041	10.0
China Education Croup					_		
•	241.000	129.011	0.47	CONCLIMED STADLES	_		
China Education Group Holdings, Ltd.	241,000	129,011 <b>129,011</b>	0.47	CONSUMER STAPLES	_		
Holdings, Ltd.	241,000 _	129,011	0.47	CONSUMER STAPLES Beverages	_		
Holdings, Ltd.	241,000 _			<b>Beverages</b> Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.			
Holdings, Ltd.  Total Consumer Discretionary	241,000 _ - -	129,011	0.47	<b>Beverages</b> Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares	40,458	852,664	3.10
Holdings, Ltd.  Total Consumer Discretionary	241,000 _	129,011	0.47	<b>Beverages</b> Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine		·	
Holdings, Ltd.  Total Consumer Discretionary  FINANCIALS	241,000 _	129,011	0.47	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares	40,458 12,360	852,664 417,065	
Holdings, Ltd.  Total Consumer Discretionary  FINANCIALS  Capital Markets	241,000 _	129,011	0.47	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd.	12,360	417,065	1.5
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares	241,000 _	129,011	0.47	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares		·	1.5°
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd.	641,600	129,011 8,309,283 760,304	0.47 30.17 2.76	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares	12,360	417,065 412,274	1.5°
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	-	129,011 8,309,283	0.47 30.17	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares	12,360	417,065 412,274	1.5°
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges &	641,600 274,625	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares	12,360	417,065 412,274 1,682,003	1.5 1.5 <b>6.1</b>
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd.	641,600	129,011 8,309,283 760,304	0.47 30.17 2.76	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd.	12,360 60,000_	417,065 412,274	1.5 1.5 6.1
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information	641,600 274,625 11,600	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	12,360 60,000_	417,065 412,274 1,682,003	1.5 1.5 <b>6.1</b> 0.9
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares	641,600 274,625	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co.,	12,360 60,000_ 23,000	417,065 412,274 1,682,003	1.5 1.56 <b>6.1</b> 0.9
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares	641,600 274,625 11,600	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co.,	12,360 60,000 23,000 43,200	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111	1.5 1.56 <b>6.1</b> 0.9
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co.,	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	12,360 60,000 23,000 43,200	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111	1.5 1.56 6.1 0.9 0.9
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787 125,617	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94 0.46	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares  Consumer Staples Distribution &	12,360 60,000 23,000 43,200 Retail	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111 518,876	1.5 1.5 6.1 0.9 0.9 1.8
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787 125,617	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94 0.46	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares  Consumer Staples Distribution & JD Health International, Inc.	12,360 60,000 23,000 43,200 Retail	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111 518,876 248,229 248,229	1.5 6.1 0.9 0.9 1.8 0.9
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787 125,617	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94 0.46	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares  Consumer Staples Distribution &	12,360 60,000_ 23,000 43,200_ Retail	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111 518,876	1.5 6.1 0.9 0.9 1.86 0.90
FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares  Banks China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. H Shares China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000 70,880	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787 125,617 1,935,342 647,356	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94 0.46 7.03	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares  Consumer Staples Distribution & JD Health International, Inc.	12,360 60,000_ 23,000 43,200_ Retail	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111 518,876 248,229 248,229	1.5 6.1 0.9 0.9 1.86 0.90
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FINANCIALS  Capital Markets China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd. Hithink RoyalFlush Information Network Co., Ltd. A Shares East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares  Banks China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. H Shares China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A Shares China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A Shares China Construction Bank Corp.	641,600 274,625 11,600 14,000 70,880 164,000 138,383	129,011 8,309,283 760,304 452,509 337,125 259,787 125,617 1,935,342 647,356 613,033	0.47 30.17 2.76 1.64 1.23 0.94 0.46 7.03	Beverages Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares Shanxi Xinghuacun Fen Wine Factory Co., Ltd. A Shares Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares  Food Products Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Guangdong Haid Group Co., Ltd. A Shares  Consumer Staples Distribution & JD Health International, Inc.	12,360 60,000_ 23,000 43,200_ Retail	417,065 412,274 1,682,003 262,765 256,111 518,876 248,229 248,229	1.5 6.1 0.9 0.9 1.86 0.90
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Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

# Schedule of Investments (continued)

## **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

	Quantity/ Nominal Value	USD	% of Net Assets	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	USD	% of Ne Asset
INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	Υ			HEALTH CARE			
Electronic Equipment, Instrumer	nts & Componer	nts		Health Care Equipment & Supplie	s		
Wingtech Technology Co., Ltd.				Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical			
A Shares	92,008	463,695	1.68	Electronics Co., Ltd. A Shares	10,400	400,859	1.4
Zhejiang Supcon Technology	41 720	266 417	0.07			400,859	1.4
Co., Ltd. A Shares	41,730_	266,417 <b>730,112</b>	0.97 <b>2.65</b>	Health Care Providers & Services			
		/30,112	2.03	Sinopharm Group Co., Ltd.			
Semiconductors & Semiconducto	or Equipment			H Shares	103,200	264,290	0.9
NAURA Technology Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	7.002	205 770	1.07	Aier Eye Hospital Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	<b>69.200</b>	120 (01	0.4
Will Semiconductor Co., Ltd.	7,003	295,770	1.07	Ltd. A Shares	68,200	120,681 <b>384,971</b>	0.4 1.4
Shanghai A Shares	20,900	283,500	1.03			304,971	1.4
Zhejiang Jingsheng Mechanical	20,700	203,300	1.03	Life Sciences Tools & Services			
& Electrical Co., Ltd. A Shares	24,300	115,518	0.42	Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc.	105,500	192,582	0.7
	_	694,788	2.52			192,582	0.7
Software				Biotechnology			
Shanghai Baosight Software				Innovent Biologics, Inc.	30,000	144,409	0.5
Co., Ltd. A Shares	22,428	118,818	0.43			144,409	0.5
co., Eta. 71 Shares	22,120	118,818	0.43	Total Health Care	-	1,122,821	4.0
Total Information Technology	_	1,543,718	5.60		_	-,,	
Total Information Technology	_	1,545,710	3.00	ENERGY			
INDUSTRIALS							
Floridades to con-				Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	1 004 000	025.200	2.2
Electrical Equipment				PetroChina Co., Ltd. H Shares	1,084,000	925,388	3.3
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	21,860	568,299	2.06		-	925,388	3.3
Sungrow Power Supply Co.,	21,000	300,277	2.00	Total Energy	_	925,388	3.36
Ltd. A Shares	19,200	272,867	0.99				
	_	841,166	3.05	MATERIALS			
Transportation Infrastructure				Chemicals			
Shanghai International Airport				Wanhua Chemical Group Co.,			
Co., Ltd. A Shares	64,300	315,657	1.15	Ltd. A Shares	26,400	292,423	1.0
		315,657	1.15		=	292,423	1.0
Air Freight & Logistics				Total Materials	_	292,423	1.0
JD Logistics, Inc.	191,300	194,674	0.71				
jb Logistics, inc.	171,500_	194,674	0.71	TOTAL EQUITIES	_	26,487,786	96.16
Machinery							
Shenzhen Inovance Technology				TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECU	RITIES		
Co., Ltd. A Shares	15,300	126,904	0.46	ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO	CK		
	<u>_</u>	126,904	0.46	EXCHANGE LISTING	_	26,487,786	96.16
Total Industrials	_	1,478,401	5.37				
DEAL FOTATE							
REAL ESTATE							
Real Estate Management & Deve	•	750 050	2.72				
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	54,941	752,353	2.73				
Longfor Group Holdings, Ltd.	171,500	241,987	0.88				
Times China Holdings, Ltd.	3,786,000	110,096	0.40				
Country Garden Services	157,000	100 440	0.26				
Holdings Co., Ltd.	157,000	100,440	0.36				
Taral Bard Faran	_	1,204,876	4.37				
Total Real Estate		1,204,876	4.37				

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## Schedule of Investments (continued)

#### Other transferable securities and money market instruments

## **EQUITIES**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INDUSTRIALS			
Ground Transportation			
DiDi Global, Inc. ADR	138,877	529,338	1.92
	_	529,338	1.92
Total Industrials	=	529,338	1.92
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	,		
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure			
Luckin Coffee, Inc. ADR	13,300	323,844	1.18
	_	323,844	1.18
<b>Total Consumer Discretionary</b>	_	323,844	1.18
REAL ESTATE			
Real Estate Management & Devel	opment		
CIFI Holdings Group Co., Ltd.*	8,053,248	263,997	0.96
	_	263,997	0.96
Total Real Estate	-	263,997	0.96
TOTAL EQUITIES	_	1,117,179	4.06
TOTAL OTHER TRANSFERABL SECURITIES AND MONEY MA			
INSTRUMENTS	_	1,117,179	4.06
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	_	27,604,965	100.22
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF CAS OTHER ASSETS	H AND	(61,090)	(0.22)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	-	27,543,875	100.00

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

	% of Net Assets as at	
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK		
EXCHANGE LISTING	96.16	98.86
EQUITIES	96.16	98.86
Consumer Discretionary	30.17	37.55
Financials	17.24	17.17
Communication Services	16.02	9.04
Consumer Staples	8.89	4.84
Information Technology	5.60	10.26
Industrials	5.37	8.53
Real Estate	4.37	5.51
Health Care	4.08	2.60
Energy	3.36	-
Materials	1.06	1.85
Utilities	-	1.51
OTHER TRANSFERABLE		
SECURITIES AND MONEY		
MARKET INVESTMENTS	4.06	1.17
EQUITIES	4.06	1.17
Industrials	1.92	-
Consumer Discretionary	1.18	-
Real Estate	0.96	1.17
Total Investments	100.22	100.03
Liabilities In Excess of Cash and Other		
Assets	(0.22)	(0.03)
Total	100.00	100.00

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}}$  Security is valued at its fair value under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund.

### China A-Share Fund

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

### **EQUITIES**

	Nominal Value	USD	Assets		Nominal Value	USD	Asset
INDUSTRIALS				CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	(CONTINUE	D)	
Machinery				Automobiles			
Shandong Himile Mechanical				BYD Co., Ltd. A Shares	4,300	123,269	3.3
Science & Technology Co.,					_	123,269	3.3
Ltd. A Shares	30,800	149,683	4.01	Hotale Bostovnonte & Laisvno			
Shenzhen Inovance Technology				Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure			
Co., Ltd. A Shares	13,500	111,974	3.00	Shanghai Jinjiang International Hotels Co., Ltd. B Shares	68,626	104,901	2.8
Hefei Meiya Optoelectronic				Hotels Co., Ltd. B shares	00,020_		
Technology, Inc. A Shares	30,900	81,266	2.18			104,901	2.8
liangsu Hengli Hydraulic Co.,				Auto Components			
Ltd. A Shares	10,400	72,140	1.93	Fuyao Glass Industry Group			
Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent				Co., Ltd. A Shares	14,700	86,946	2.3
Controls Co., Ltd. A Shares	21,400	70,758	1.90		,	86,946	2.3
Estun Automation Co., Ltd.						00,2 .0	5
A Shares	14,800	38,105	1.02	Specialty Retail			
Leader Harmonious Drive				China International Travel			
Systems Co., Ltd. A Shares	859	14,422	0.39	Service Corp., Ltd. A Shares	6,100	72,353	1.9
		538,348	14.43			72,353	1.9
Electrical Equipment				Automobile Components			
Sungrow Power Supply Co.,				Zhejiang Shuanghuan			
Ltd. A Shares	8,700	123,643	3.32	Driveline Co., Ltd. A Shares	16,300	52,052	1.4
Contemporary Amperex					_	52,052	1.4
Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	4,420	114,908	3.08	Total Consumer Discretionary	_	665,621	17.8
Wolong Electric Group Co., Ltd.							
A Shares	31,100	74,692	2.00	CONSUMER STAPLES			
Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd.				CONSOMER STATES			
A Shares	18,600	62,371	1.67	Beverages			
		375,614	10.07	Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd.			
Transportation Infrastructure				A Shares	800	187,480	5.0
Transportation Infrastructure Guangdong Provincial				Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd.			
Expressway Development Co.,				A Shares	3,500	73,764	1.9
Ltd. B Shares	87,800	75,967	2.04	Chongqing Brewery Co., Ltd.			
Eta. B Shares	07,000_	75,967	2.04	A Shares	7,800	69,380	1.8
		73,707	2.04		_	330,624	8.8
Commercial Services & Supplies				Food Products			
Shanghai M&G Stationery, Inc.				Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial			
A Shares	12,000	58,500	1.57	Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	27,300	104,553	2.8
		58,500	1.57	Guangdong Haid Group Co.,	27,300	101,555	2.0
Professional Services				Ltd. A Shares	11,000	65,213	1.7
				Yankershop Food Co., Ltd.	11,000	03,213	1.7
Centre Testing International	31 800	55 122	1 /12	A Shares	3,600	37,728	1.0
Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	31,800_	55,432	1.48	7. Siluies	3,000_	207,494	5.5
		55,432	1.48			207,494	3.3
Passenger Airlines				Personal Products			
Spring Airlines Co., Ltd. A Shares	4,600	34,841	0.94	Proya Cosmetics Co., Ltd			
Spring runnes esi, Ltd. 7t shares	1,000			A Shares	2,800	36,137	0.9
	_	34,841	0.94	7. 6.14. 65		36,137	0.9
Total Industrials	_	1,138,702	30.53	Total Consumer Staples	_	574,255	15.3
				Total Consumer Staples	_	374,233	13.3
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY				INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	Υ		
Household Durables							
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	12,800	112 02 <i>4</i>	3.05	Semiconductors & Semiconducto	r Equipment		
•	12,000	113,836	3.03	Will Semiconductor Co., Ltd.			
Jason Furniture Hangzhou Co.,	22 400	112 264	2 01	Shanghai A Shares	9,100	123,438	3.3
Ltd. A Shares	22,400_	112,264	3.01	NAURA Technology Group Co.,			
		226,100	6.06	Ltd. A Shares	1,700_	71,799	1.9

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

### Schedule of Investments (continued)

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Y (CONTINU	ED)	
Electronic Equipment, Instrument	s & Componer	nts	
Luxshare Precision Industry Co., Ltd. A Shares	19 700	76,590	2.05
Zhejiang Supcon Technology	18,700	76,390	2.03
Co., Ltd. A Shares	8,323	53,136	1.43
Foxconn Industrial Internet Co., Ltd. A Shares	11,500	37,148	1.00
Eta. A Shares	11,500_	166,874	4.48
Software			
Shanghai Baosight Software	2	70.054	4.0=
Co., Ltd. B Shares	36,120	73,251 <b>73,251</b>	1.97 <b>1.97</b>
Total Information Technology	_	435,362	11.68
	_		
FINANCIALS			
Banks			
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.	20.200	172 (55	4.65
A Shares Bank of Ningbo Co., Ltd.	39,200	173,655	4.65
A Shares	13,200	37,820	1.01
		211,475	5.66
Capital Markets			
East Money Information Co., Ltd. A Shares	42,480	75,285	2.02
Eta. A Shares	42,400	75,285	2.02
Total Financials	_	286,760	7.68
MATERIALS			
Chemicals			
Wanhua Chemical Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	7,500	83,075	2.23
Sunresin New Materials Co.,	7,300	03,073	2.23
Ltd. A Shares	2,700	16,609	0.44
		99,684	2.67
Construction Materials	46.700	67.224	1.01
China Jushi Co., Ltd. A Shares	46,700	67,334 <b>67,334</b>	1.81 1.81
Total Materials	_	167,018	4.48
COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
Media			
Focus Media Information			
Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	149,800	133,997	3.59
	, , , , , ,	133,997	3.59
<b>Total Communication Services</b>		133,997	3.59

	Nominal Value	USD	Assets
HEALTH CARE			
Health Care Equipment & Supplies Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	S		
Electronics Co., Ltd. A Shares	1,800	69,379	1.86
	_	69,379	1.86
Total Health Care		69,379	1.86
TOTAL EQUITIES		3,471,094	93.05
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECURADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOR			
EXCHANGE LISTING	_	3,471,094	93.05
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		3,471,094	93.05
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LES	S	259,369	6.95
TOTAL NET ACCETS	-		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	=	3,730,463	100.00
A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai Stock Connect programs	-Hong Kong and/o	or Shenzhen- Hor	ng Kong

Investments

B Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net	% of Net
Assets as at	Assets as at
31 March 2024	31 March 2023
93.05	95.17
93.05	95.17
30.53	28.39
17.84	12.28
15.39	13.62
11.67	15.20
7.69	3.80
4.48	8.06
3.59	3.19
1.86	8.03
-	2.60
93.05	95.17
6.95	4.83
100.00	100.00
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Investments

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

### **EQUITIES**

Investments

mvestments	Nominal Value	USD	Assets	investments	Nominal Value	USD	Asset
FINANCIALS				CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	(CONTINUE	D)	
Banks				Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods			
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	142,193	2,470,414	5.25	Titan Co., Ltd.	15,248	695,535	1.4
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	182,293	2,390,718	5.08	22., 222.		695,535	1.4
IndusInd Bank, Ltd.	75,402	1,405,020	2.99	Total Consumer Discretionary	_	8,955,446	19.0
Axis Bank, Ltd.	88,050	1,105,990	2.35	Total Consumer Discretionary	_	0,733,440	17.0
Federal Bank, Ltd.	580,839	1,046,564	2.22				
Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.	35,525	760,809	1.62	INDUSTRIALS			
State Bank of India	50,240	453,485	0.96	Machinery			
	-	9,633,000	20.47	Thermax, Ltd.	21,154	1,064,103	2.2
				Cummins India, Ltd.	28,772	1,004,103	2.2
Consumer Finance				Jyoti CNC Automation, Ltd.	32,213	317,273	0.6
Shriram Transport Finance Co.,	76.047	2 151 602	4.57	Jyou cive Automation, Etc.	32,213	2,418,995	5.1
Ltd.	76,047	2,151,683	4.57			2,410,993	3.1
Bajaj Finance, Ltd.	10,160	882,608	1.88	Electrical Equipment			
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co., Ltd.	40,742	564,997	1.20	Bharat Heavy Electricals, Ltd.	249,543	739,929	1.5
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial	40,742	304,997	1.20	Schneider Electric Infrastructure, Ltd.	21,349	189,691	0.4
Services, Ltd.	67,575	225,892	0.48		_	929,620	1.9
Services, Eta.	07,373_	3,825,180	8.13	At a Francis Language Language Control			
		3,023,100	0.15	Air Freight & Logistics	124575	710 022	1.5
Insurance				Delhivery, Ltd.	134,575	718,922	1.5
PB Fintech, Ltd.	38,429	518,464	1.10			718,922	1.5
		518,464	1.10	Construction & Engineering			
Financial Services				Voltas, Ltd.	35,140	464,959	0.9
lio Financial Services, Ltd.	57,102	242,197	0.52	Sterling & Wilson Renewable	35,391	222,036	0.4
,	57,102	242,197	0.52		_	686,995	1.4
Total Physical de	-			Burgarda ad Gundara			
Total Financials	_	14,218,841	30.22	Professional Services Latent View Analytics, Ltd.	42,254	257,485	0.5
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	,			Laterit view Arialytics, Ltd.	42,234_	257,485	0.5
CONSOMER DISCRETIONART				Transportation Infrastructure			
Automobiles				Gujarat Pipavav Port, Ltd.	98,597	251,543	0.5
Bajaj Auto, Ltd.	8,123	890,986	1.89	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		251,543	0.5
Tata Motors, Ltd.	67,259	800,632	1.70				
Maruti Suzuki India, Ltd.	5,195	784,854	1.67	Building Products			
TVS Motor Co., Ltd.	29,907	772,051	1.64	Astral, Ltd.	9,353	223,383	0.4
		3,248,523	6.90		_	223,383	0.4
				Total Industrials		5,486,943	11.6
Automobile Components	17.440	504360	1.07		_		
Lumax Industries, Ltd.	17,442	504,360	1.07	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	/		
Sona Blw Precision Forgings,	£7.427	496 092	1 02	THE SHAWATTON TECHNOLOGY			
Ltd.	57,427	486,083	1.03	IT Services			
Alicon Castalloy, Ltd.	46,838	462,666	0.98	Infosys, Ltd.	109,195	1,963,149	4.1
Dynamatic Technologies, Ltd.	4,145	370,790 <b>1,823,899</b>	0.79	Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	30,889	1,436,756	3.0
		1,023,099	3.87	Persistent Systems, Ltd.	7,066	337,578	0.7
Specialty Retail				NIIT Technologies, Ltd.	2,885	190,442	0.4
Thanga Mayil Jewellery, Ltd.	53,696	829,749	1.76		_	3,927,925	8.3
Shankara Building Products,							
Ltd.	61,501	472,784	1.01	Software			
Trent, Ltd.	6,941	328,564	0.70	Newgen Software Technologies, Ltd.	51,972	495,527	1.0
		1,631,097	3.47		_	495,527	1.0
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure				Electronic Equipment, Instrument	s & Componen	its	
Zomato, Ltd.	553,134	1,208,786	2.57	Kaynes Technology India, Ltd.	7,620	262,393	0.5
Restaurant Brands Asia, Ltd.	286,156	347,606	0.74	Rayries reciliology ilidia, Etd.	7,020		0.5
		5 .7,000	٠., ١			262,393	0.5
Restaurant Brands Asia, Etc.		1,556,392	3.31	Total Information Technology		4,685,845	9.96

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

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## Schedule of Investments (continued)

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value		% of Net
HEALTH CARE				COMMUNICATION SERVICE	S		
Pharmaceuticals				Wireless Telecommunication Ser	vices		
Neuland Laboratories, Ltd.	12,284	930,945	1.98	Bharti Airtel, Ltd.	41,566	612,308	1.30
Lupin, Ltd.	35,001	678,512	1.44		,	612,308	1.30
Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd.	9,128	674,211	1.43	Total Communication Services		612,308	1.30
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries,				Total Communication Services		012,300	1.50
Ltd.	26,997	524,565	1.12	REAL ESTATE			
		2,808,233	5.97				
Health Care Equipment & Supplies				Real Estate Management & Deve	elopment		
Poly Medicure, Ltd.	35,870	683,488	1.45	DLF, Ltd.	31,607	340,097	0.72
	_	683,488	1.45	Ashiana Housing, Ltd.	75,283	247,280	0.53
Health Care Providers & Services						587,377	1.25
Metropolis Healthcare, Ltd.	17,250	356,570	0.76	Total Real Estate		587,377	1.25
		356,570	0.76				
Total Health Care	_	3,848,291	8.18	TOTAL EQUITIES		45,141,867	95.94
CONSUMER STAPLES							
CONSONIER STATEES				BONDS			
Personal Care Products				50.125			
Godrej Consumer Products,	52.070	000.012	1 70	Investments	Quantity/	Market Value	% of Net
Ltd.	53,870	808,812	1.72		Nominal Value	USD	Assets
Honasa Consumer, Ltd.	116,806	563,565 <b>1,372,377</b>	1.20 <b>2.92</b>	CONSUMER STAPLES			
		1,3/2,3//	2.92	Food Duadwata			
Food Products				Food Products Britannia Industries, Ltd.,			
Nestle India, Ltd.	23,194	729,268	1.55	5.500%, 06/03/2024	88,392	1,053	0.00
Tata Consumer Products, Ltd.	37,823	497,126	1.06	3.55676, 65, 65, 262.	00,572	1,053	0.00
		1,226,394	2.61	Total Consumer Staples		1,053	0.00
Beverages							
Varun Beverages, Ltd.	39,963	670,550	1.42	TOTAL BONDS		1,053	0.00
3 ,	, –	670,550	1.42			,	
Total Consumer Staples	_	3,269,321	6.95	TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECU	IRITIES		
	_	-,,		ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO			
ENERGY				<b>EXCHANGE LISTING</b>		45,142,920	95.94
Z. T. Z.							
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels				TOTAL INVESTMENTS		45,142,920	95.94
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	77,988	2,780,936	5.91	TOTAL INVESTIMENTS		43, 142, 920	73.74
	_	2,780,936	5.91	CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LE	: c c		
Total Energy	_	2,780,936	5.91	LIABILITIES	.33	1,908,388	4.06
				LIABILITIES		1,700,300	4.00
MATERIALS				TOTAL NET ASSETS		47,051,308	100.00
Construction Materials							
UltraTech Cement, Ltd.	3,907_	456,700	0.97				
		456,700	0.97				
Metals & Mining							
APL Apollo Tubes, Ltd.	13,366	239,859	0.51				
	_	239,859	0.51				
Total Materials	_	696,559	1.48				
	_						

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## Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net % of Net Assets as at Assets as at 31 March 2024 31 March 2023

	31 March 2024	3 I March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK		
EXCHANGE LISTING	95.94	100.99
EQUITIES	95.94	100.99
Financials	30.22	35.84
Consumer Discretionary	19.03	12.15
Industrials	11.66	10.62
Information Technology	9.96	13.45
Health Care	8.18	9.36
Consumer Staples	6.95	10.40
Energy	5.91	2.78
Materials	1.48	6.39
Communication Services	1.30	-
Real Estate	1.25	-
BONDS	0.00	0.00
Consumer Staples	0.00	0.00
Total Investments	95.94	100.99
Liabilities In Excess of Cash and Other		
Assets	4.06	(0.99)
Total	100.00	100.00

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

### **EQUITIES**

	Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	Υ			INDUSTRIALS			
Semiconductors & Semiconducto	r Equipment			Industrial Conglomerates			
Tokyo Electron, Ltd.	18,400	4,784,552	4.10	Hitachi, Ltd.	52,100	4,745,748	4.07
Renesas Electronics Corp.	186,300	3,310,227	2.84	Hikari Tsushin, Inc.	10,400	1,950,396	1.67
Disco Corp.	4,100	1,497,625	1.28	,		6,696,144	5.74
·	. –	9,592,404	8.22	To the Comments of Black to the		-,,	
Electronic Equipment Instrumen	ts & Commons			Trading Companies & Distributors	1 40 700	2 451 751	201
Electronic Equipment, Instrumen	•		4 41	Mitsubishi Corp.	149,700	3,451,751	2.96
Keyence Corp.	11,100_	5,150,014	4.41	ITOCHU Corp.	64,000	2,739,639	2.34
		5,150,014	4.41			6,191,390	5.30
IT Services				Electrical Equipment			
NEC Corp.	43,600	3,176,188	2.72	GS Yuasa Corp.	83,900	1,743,668	1.49
Obic Co., Ltd.	12,700	1,917,259	1.64	Mitsubishi Electric Corp.	96,100	1,604,231	1.38
,	,	5,093,447	4.36	Wildubishi Electric Corp.	70,100	3,347,899	2.87
		5,575,				3,347,022	2.07
Technology Hardware, Storage &	•			Professional Services			
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	149,700	3,357,170	2.88	Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	75,100	3,298,193	2.83
		3,357,170	2.88			3,298,193	2.83
Software				Construction & Engineering			
Appier Group, Inc.	27,400	283,059	0.24	Construction & Engineering	01 700	1 070 750	1 (1
F F		283,059	0.24	Kajima Corp.	91,700	1,878,750	1.61
Total Information Technology	_	23,476,094	20.11			1,878,750	1.61
Total Illioillation Technology	_	23,470,094	20.11	Machinery			
				THK Co., Ltd.	31,100	728,814	0.62
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	<b>(</b>				_	728,814	0.62
Broadline Retail				Commondal Somicos & Sumplies	_		
	102 200	2 124 202	2.60	Commercial Services & Supplies	7.000	175.040	0.15
Isetan Mitsukoshi Holdings, Ltd.	193,300	3,134,203	2.68	TOPPAN, Inc.	7,000	175,040	0.15
Pan Pacific International	100 500	2 001 406	2.40		-	175,040	0.15
Holdings Corp.	109,500_	2,901,496	2.49	Total Industrials	_	22,316,230	19.12
		6,035,699	5.17				
Automobiles				FINANCIALS			
Toyota Motor Corp.	127,600	3,216,198	2.76				
Suzuki Motor Corp.	190,800	2,174,338	1.86	Insurance			
·	_	5,390,536	4.62	Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	147,200	4,604,987	3.94
Constitute Barrell						4,604,987	3.94
Specialty Retail	10.700	2 200 071	2.02	Financial Services			
Fast Retailing Co., Ltd.	10,700	3,308,871	2.83	ORIX Corp.	177,900	3,883,261	3.33
Start Today Co., Ltd.	58,200	1,443,231	1.24	ONIX COIP.	177,500	3,883,261	
		4,752,102	4.07				
						3,003,201	3.33
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods	;			Banks		3,003,201	3.33
		2,231,542		Banks Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	356,400	3,619,542	3.10
Asics Corp.	47,400	2,231,542	1.91		356,400_		
		305,009	1.91 0.26	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	356,400_	3,619,542	3.10
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.	47,400		1.91	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance	· _	3,619,542 <b>3,619,542</b>	3.10 <b>3.10</b>
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc. Automobile Components	47,400 4,800_	305,009	1.91 0.26 <b>2.17</b>	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	356,400 <sub>_</sub>	3,619,542 <b>3,619,542</b> 2,309,098	3.10 <b>3.10</b> 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.	47,400	305,009	1.91 0.26	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance  Credit Saison Co., Ltd.	· _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc. Automobile Components	47,400 4,800_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b>	1.91 0.26 <b>2.17</b>	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance	· _	3,619,542 <b>3,619,542</b> 2,309,098	3.10 <b>3.10</b> 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp.	47,400 4,800 104,900	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461	1.91 0.26 <b>2.17</b>	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance  Credit Saison Co., Ltd.	· _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800 104,900	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434	1.91 0.26 <b>2.17</b> 1.72 0.39	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance  Credit Saison Co., Ltd.	· _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 2,536,551 2,004,461 460,434 2,464,895	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS	· _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800 104,900	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS Chemicals	112,300	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 2,536,551 2,004,461 460,434 2,464,895	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS  Chemicals Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	112,300 _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS Chemicals	112,300	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888 5,146,386 1,693,205	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519 <b>1,588,519</b>	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11 1.36 1.36	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS  Chemicals Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	112,300 _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519 <b>1,588,519</b>	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11 1.36 1.36	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS  Chemicals Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.	112,300 _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888 5,146,386 1,693,205	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519 <b>1,588,519</b>	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11 1.36 1.36	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS  Chemicals Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.  Metals & Mining	112,300 117,700 57,800	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888 5,146,386 1,693,205 6,839,591	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35 4.41 1.45 5.86
Asics Corp. Goldwin, Inc.  Automobile Components Denso Corp. The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.  Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd.	47,400 4,800_ 104,900 17,100_	305,009 <b>2,536,551</b> 2,004,461 460,434 <b>2,464,895</b> 1,588,519 <b>1,588,519</b>	1.91 0.26 2.17 1.72 0.39 2.11 1.36 1.36	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.  Consumer Finance Credit Saison Co., Ltd.  Total Financials  MATERIALS  Chemicals Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.	112,300 _	3,619,542 3,619,542 2,309,098 2,309,098 14,416,888 5,146,386 1,693,205	3.10 3.10 1.98 1.98 12.35

## Schedule of Investments (continued)

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

### Providers & Services   Company	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
heiyo Cement Corp. 25,900 595,801 0.51 595,801 0.51 595,801 0.51 595,801 0.51 8,357,868 7.16 595,801 0.51 8,357,801 0.51 8,357,868 7.16 692,137 0.59 595,801 0.51 8,357,801 0.	MATERIALS (CONTINUED)			
S95,801   0.51	Construction Materials			
### RAIL H CARE  ### CALTH CAR	Taiheiyo Cement Corp.	25,900	595,801	0.51
EALTH CARE  armaceuticals iichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.			595,801	0.51
armaceuticals iichi Sankyo Co., Ltd. 54,100 1,718,824 1.47 wai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. 33,500 1,310,117 1.12 3,028,941 2.59 salth Care Equipment & Supplies rumo Corp. 155,600 2,843,123 2.44 2,843,123 2.44 salth Care Providers & Services IC., Inc. 38,800 685,438 0.59 6,557,502 5.62  DNSUMER STAPLES od Products nomoto Co., Inc. 74,400 2,774,497 2.38 susehold Products iicharm Corp. 45,400 1,447,940 1.24 susehold Products iicharm Corp. 45,400 718,027 0.61 al Holdings, Inc. 41,200 718,027 0.61 tal Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail al Holdings, Inc. 41,200 718,027 0.61 tal Consumer Staples  ALL ESTATE al Estate Management & Development tsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. 285,900 3,073,658 2.63 tsubishi Estate Co., Ltd. 90,900 1,651,576 1.42 4,725,234 4.05  DMMUNICATION SERVICES  tertainment pcom Co., Ltd. 89,000 1,664,337 1.42 ireless Telecommunication Services ftBank Group Corp. 26,300 1,559,936 1.34 versified Telecommunication Services ernet Initiative Japan, Inc. 37,100 692,137 0.59	Total Materials	_	8,357,868	7.16
iichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.	HEALTH CARE			
wai Group Holdings Co., Ltd. 33,500 1,310,117 1.12 3,028,941 2.59 salth Care Equipment & Supplies rumo Corp. 155,600 2,843,123 2.44 2,843,123	Pharmaceuticals			
### Supplies rumo Corp.   155,600   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.48   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,843,123   2.44   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,849   2,774,497   2.38   2,849   2,449   2,4	Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.	54,100	1,718,824	1.47
talth Care Equipment & Supplies Tumo Corp. 155,600 2,843,123 2.44 2,774,497 2.38	Sawai Group Holdings Co., Ltd.	33,500	1,310,117	1.12
rumo Corp. 155,600 2,843,123 2.44 2,		_	3,028,941	2.59
rumo Corp. 155,600 2,843,123 2.44 2,	નિealth Care Equipment & Supplie	es		
### A Services   2,843,123   2.44   ### Providers & Services   38,800   685,438   0.59   ### Ealth Care   6,557,502   5.62   ### DNSUMER STAPLES   6,557,502   5.62   ### DNSUMER STAPLES   2,774,497   2.38   ### Products   2,784   2,784   ### Products   2,784   2,784   ### Products   2,784   2,88   ### Products   2,884   ### Products   2,884   ### Products   2,884   ### Products   2	erumo Corp.		2,843.123	2.44
Tall the Care Providers & Services  JC, Inc.  38,800 685,438 0.59 685,438 0.59 6,557,502 5.62  DNSUMER STAPLES  ONSUMER STAPLES  OUTPOUNTS  INCOMPOSITION SERVICES  ALL ESTATE  all Estate Management & Development  tsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. 1,285,900 1,651,576 1,42 4,725,234 4,05  DMMUNICATION SERVICES  tertainment pcom Co., Ltd. 89,000 1,664,337 1,42 ireless Telecommunication Services ftBank Group Corp. 26,300 1,559,936 1,34 versified Telecommunication Services ernet Initiative Japan, Inc. 37,100 692,137 0.59	P	,		2.44
Section   Sect	ealth Care Providers & Services	_		
tal Health Care 6,557,502 5.62  DNSUMER STAPLES  od Products nomoto Co., Inc. 74,400 2,774,497 2.38 2,774,497 2.38  busehold Products iicharm Corp. 45,400 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940 1.24 1,48,027 0.61 1,48,027 0.61 1,49,027 0.61 1,447,940 1.24 1,447,940	EUC, Inc.	38 800	685 438	0 59
### Table   1.557,502   5.62    DNSUMER STAPLES	eoc, me.	30,000	•	
DNSUMER STAPLES   DISTRIBUTION & Retail   DNSUMER STAPLES   DNSU	otal Health Care	_		
Note	otal freater care	_	0,557,502	3.02
Nomoto Co., Inc.   74,400   2,774,497   2.38   2,	ONSUMER STAPLES			
Nomoto Co., Inc.   74,400   2,774,497   2.38   2,	and Products			
2,774,497 2.38  Pusehold Products picharm Corp. 45,400 1,447,940 1.24  1,447,940 1.24  Insumer Staples Distribution & Retail al Holdings, Inc. 41,200 718,027 0.61  718,02		74.400	2.774.497	2.38
Sussehold Products   1,447,940   1,247,940   1,80,27   0,617,18,027   0,617,	,,	,		2.38
1,447,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,247,940   1,80,27   0.61   1,80,27   0.61   1,80,27   0.61   1,80,27   0.61   1,80,27   0.61   1,940,464   1,23   1,23   1,24   1,25   1,25			_,,	
1,447,940 1.24 Insumer Staples Distribution & Retail al Holdings, Inc. 41,200 718,027 0.61 718,027 0.61 718,027 0.61 718,027 0.61 74,940,464 4.23  EAL ESTATE al Estate Management & Development tsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. 285,900 3,073,658 2.63 tsubishi Estate Co., Ltd. 90,900 1,651,576 1.42 4,725,234 4.05  tal Real Estate 4,725,234 4.05  DMMUNICATION SERVICES  tertainment pcom Co., Ltd. 89,000 1,664,337 1.42 1,664,337 1.42 ireless Telecommunication Services ftBank Group Corp. 26,300 1,559,936 1.34 versified Telecommunication Services ernet Initiative Japan, Inc. 37,100 692,137 0.59		45 400	1 447 040	1 24
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Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
TOTAL EQUITIES		111,474,992	95.49
TOTAL TRANSFERABLE SECURADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO			
<b>EXCHANGE LISTING</b>		111,474,992	95.49
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		111,474,992	95.49
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LES	c		
LIABILITIES	3	5,261,717	4.51
TOTAL NET ASSETS		116,736,709	100.00
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The following table represents mover	nents in the p	ortfolio holdin	igs:
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TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES	31		
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO	СК		
<b>EXCHANGE LISTING</b>		95.49	96.33
EQUITIES		95.49	96.33
Information Technology		20.11	16.78
Consumer Discretionary		19.50	20.22
Industrials		19.12	15.81
Financials		12.35	10.89
Materials		7.16	4.56
Health Care		5.62	13.25
Consumer Staples		4.23	6.63
Real Estate		4.05	0.79
Communication Services		3.35	7.40
Total Investments		95.49	96.33
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilitie	es ·	4.51	3.67
Total		100.00	100.00

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

## Asia Small Companies Fund

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

Investments

### **EQUITIES** Investments

livestileits	Nominal Value	USD	Assets	investments	Nominal Value	USD	Assets
INDIA				TAIWAN		,	
Shriram Transport Finance Co., Ltd.	449,439	12,716,479	6.98	Airtag International Croup	156 420	E 421 121	2.07
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	4,634,095	10,009,845	5.49	Airtac International Group	156,439	5,421,131	2.97
The Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	184,631	6,160,381	3.38	M31 Technology Corp.	118,600	4,750,820	2.61
Finolex Cables, Ltd.	327,273	3,930,877	2.16	Andes Technology Corp.	270,000	3,582,767	1.97
Radico Khaitan, Ltd.	168,447	3,489,515	1.91	Elite Material Co., Ltd.	276,000	3,467,421	1.90
Minda Industries, Ltd.	356,487	2,928,039	1.61	Poya International Co., Ltd.	222,908	3,465,144	1.90
Rainbow Children's Medicare, Ltd.	167,179	2,600,919	1.43	Wiwynn Corp.	49,000	3,347,947	1.84
Inox Wind, Ltd.	393,585	2,464,746	1.35	AURAS Technology Co., Ltd.	151,000	3,103,399	1.70
Shankara Building Products, Ltd.	272,598	2,095,575	1.15	Gold Circuit Electronics, Ltd.	363,000	2,765,287	1.52
Cartrade Tech, Ltd.	262,519	2,008,336	1.10	ASPEED Technology, Inc.	23,000	2,387,825	1.31
Barbeque Nation Hospitality, Ltd.	290,671	1,735,645	0.95	Yageo Corp.	120,510	2,234,186	1.22
Hindware Home Innovation, Ltd.  Divgi Torqtransfer Systems, Ltd.	337,781 110,852	1,525,639 1,023,290	0.84 0.56	AP Memory Technology Corp.	173,000	2,089,679	1.15
Zaggle Prepaid Ocean	110,632	1,023,290	0.30	Formosa Sumco Technology	252.000	4 000 004	
Services, Ltd.	281,112	970,043	0.53	Corp.	358,000	1,839,224	1.01
Rolex Rings, Ltd.	31,955	670,373	0.37	Sporton International, Inc.	181,840	1,461,520	0.80
-	_	54,329,702	29.81		-	39,916,350	21.90
CHINA/HONG KONG				COLUMN MOREA			
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	1,033,154	7,597,683	4.17	SOUTH KOREA			
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd.	1,033,131	7,577,005	1.17	Hugel, Inc.	45,357	6,498,444	3.57
H Shares	2,309,000	5,612,102	3.08	Eugene Technology Co., Ltd.	132,454	4,177,773	2.29
Silergy Corp.	442,000	4,510,137	2.47	Ecopro BM Co., Ltd.	12,408	2,549,203	1.40
Tongcheng-Elong Holdings, Ltd.	1,416,800	3,736,479	2.05	Advanced Nano Products Co.,			
Zhihu, Inc. ADR	4,876,852	3,413,392	1.87	Ltd.	25,175	2,468,065	1.36
Medlive Technology Co., Ltd.	3,164,500	3,046,523	1.67	Solus Advanced Materials Co., Ltd.	168,183	2,192,789	1.20
Xtep International Holdings, Ltd.	4,208,500	2,607,032	1.43	Eta.	100,103		
Beijing Capital International					-	17,886,274	9.82
Airport Co., Ltd. H Shares	7,222,000	2,187,492	1.20				
SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.	1,100,000	2,010,339	1.10	UNITED STATES			
Ginlong Technologies Co., Ltd.	1,100,000	2,010,337	1.10	Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	118,151	6,726,740	3.69
A Shares	191,365	1,568,886	0.86	ACM Research, Inc. Class A	32,178	922,231	0.51
Hainan Meilan International				, tem nesearch, mei elass / t	32,	7,648,971	4.20
Airport Co., Ltd. H Shares	1,692,000	1,520,185	0.83		-	7,010,271	
Centre Testing International Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	856,300	1,492,666	0.82	METALANA			
Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd.	830,300	1,492,000	0.62	VIETNAM			
A Shares	404,549	1,356,565	0.74	FPT Corp.	645,471	3,048,383	1.67
Peijia Medical, Ltd.	2,444,000	1,143,202	0.63	Nam Long Investment Corp.	1,173,755	2,072,950	1.14
AK Medical Holdings, Ltd.	1,652,000	1,038,761	0.57	Military Commercial Joint			
Innovent Biologics, Inc.	190,000	914,593	0.50	Stock Bank	1,143,500	1,175,763	0.65
OPT Machine Vision Tech Co.,				Mobile World Investment	354,200	720 542	0.40
Ltd. A Shares	63,547	888,038	0.49	Corp.	334,200	728,542	0.40
Zhejiang HangKe Technology,	254 525	742 422	0.41		-	7,025,638	3.86
Inc. Co. A Shares CIFI Ever Sunshine Services	254,525	743,433	0.41				
Group, Ltd.	2,602,000	428,981	0.24	PHILIPPINES			
Ginlong Technologies Co., Ltd.	, ,	•		GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	309,330	3,873,847	2.13
A Shares	52,566	428,933	0.24	Cebu Air, Inc.	2,625,700	1,494,662	0.82
Kingdee International Software	252 225	205.25	244	Security Bank Corp.	630,440	768,383	0.82
Group Co., Ltd.	253,000	285,071	0.16	security bank corp.	030,440_	6,136,892	3.37
Centre Testing International Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	158,218	274,504	0.15		_	0,130,072	5.5/
L A	,	46,804,997	25.68				
The accompanying notes form an integral	part of these financi	al statements.					

### Schedule of Investments (continued)

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net % of Net Assets as at 31 March 2024 31 March 2023

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
THAILAND			
Siam Wellness Group Public			
Co., Ltd. F Shares	7,502,900		1.46
		2,652,618	1.46
INDONESIA			
INDONESIA			
PT Mitra Adiperkasa	14,346,400	1,646,579	0.90
PT Summarecon Agung	18,055,968	603,574	0.33
		2,250,153	1.23
BANGLADESH			
BRAC Bank, Ltd.	2,263,260	831,065	0.46
		831,065	0.46
TOTAL EQUITIES		185,482,660	101.79
TOTAL OTHER TRANSFERABI	<del></del>		
SECURITIES AND MONEY MA	ARKET	105 402 660	101 70
INSTRUMENTS		185,482,660	101.79
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	,	185,482,660	101.79
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF CAS	H AND		
OTHER ASSETS	IN AND	(3,253,860)	(1.79)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(3,253,000)	()
TOTAL NET ASSETS		182,228,800	100.00
		102,220,000	100.00

A Shares: Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong and/or S	Shenzhen- Hong Kong
Stock Connect programs	

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

F Shares: Foreign Shares

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING	101.79	92.93
EQUITIES	101.79	92.93
India	29.81	20.54
China/Hong Kong	25.68	30.38
Taiwan	21.90	14.49
South Korea	9.82	11.86
United States	4.20	4.48
Vietnam	3.86	2.86
Philippines	3.37	3.82
Thailand	1.46	1.12
Indonesia	1.23	2.98
Bangladesh	0.46	-
Singapore	-	0.40
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	-	1.39
EQUITIES	-	1.39
China/Hong Kong	-	0.71
Bangladesh	-	0.68
Total Investments	101.79	94.32
Liabilities In Excess of Cash and Other		
Assets	(1.79)	5.68
Total	100.00	100.00

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

## China Small Companies Fund

## Schedule of Investments

### Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing

Quantity/ Market Value % of Net

Investments

### **EQUITIES**

Investments

	Nominal Value	USD	% of Net Assets	Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value '	Asset
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY				INDUSTRIALS (CONTINUED)			
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods				Professional Services			
Samsonite International SA	2,691,600	10,166,172	4.95	Centre Testing International			
Xtep International Holdings, Ltd.	5,390,000	3,338,934	1.62	Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	1,248,127	2,175,683	1.0
1 3,		13,505,106	6.57	·	_	2,175,683	1.0
Household Durables				Total Industrials	_	39,033,999	19.0
Jason Furniture Hangzhou Co.,					_		
Ltd. A Shares	1,302,592	6,528,333	3.18	INFORMATION TECHNOLOG	Υ		
Hisense Home Appliances				Semiconductors & Semiconducto	or Fauinment		
Group Co., Ltd. H Shares	1,912,000	5,950,144	2.90	ACM Research, Inc. Class A	236,918	6,790,143	3.3
		12,478,477	6.08	Alchip Technologies, Ltd.	68,000	6,710,781	3.2
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure				Andes Technology Corp.	160,000	2,123,121	1.0
Tongcheng-Elong Holdings, Ltd.	2,751,600	7,256,702	3.53	AP Memory Technology Corp.	169,000	2,041,363	0.9
DPC Dash, Ltd.	153,800	985,752	0.48			17,665,408	8.6
	,	8,242,454	4.01	Electronic Equipment Instrumen	ts & Compone	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
A 1 1 - 1 - C 1 -				Electronic Equipment, Instrumen Elite Material Co., Ltd.	373,000	4,686,044	2.2
Automobile Components				Lotes Co., Ltd.	80,000	3,460,404	1.6
Zhejiang Shuanghuan Driveline Co., Ltd. A Shares	1,206,804	3,853,785	1.88	Shenzhen Topband Co., Ltd.	30,000	J,700,404	1.0
Minth Group, Ltd.	1,186,000	1,871,542	0.91	A Shares	2,147,607	2,696,519	1.3
wiintii Group, Eta.	1,180,000	5,725,327	2.79		_, ,	10,842,967	5.2
		3,723,327	2.79	Total Information Technology	_	28,508,375	13.8
Automobiles				rotal illiorillation recililology	-	20,500,575	
Yadea Group Holdings, Ltd.	1,980,000	3,208,670	1.56	CONSUMER STAPLES			
	_	3,208,670	1.56	CONSOMER SIM LES			
Diversified Consumer Services				Beverages			
China Education Group				Anhui Yingjia Distillery Co., Ltd.			
Holdings, Ltd.	1,304,000	698,052	0.34	A Shares	889,114	7,983,176	3.8
	_	698,052	0.34			7,983,176	3.8
Total Consumer Discretionary	_	43,858,086	21.35	Personal Care Products			
				Giant Biogene Holding Co. ltd	1,176,200	6,396,190	3.1
						6,396,190	3.1
INDUSTRIALS						0,370,170	٥.١
				Food Products		0,390,190	J.,
Machinery				Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd.			
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding	7,051,100	9,977,231	4.86	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	332,300	3,796,381	1.8
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd.	7,051,100	9,977,231	4.86	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd.	332,300 233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265	1.8 0.5
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd.	7,051,100 9,098,000	9,977,231 5,576,833	4.86 2.71	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares		3,796,381 1,135,265 <b>4,931,646</b>	1.8 0.5
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd.	. ,			Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares		3,796,381 1,135,265	1.8 0.5 <b>2.</b> 4
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd.	9,098,000	5,576,833	2.71	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares Total Consumer Staples		3,796,381 1,135,265 <b>4,931,646</b>	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4
<b>Machinery</b> Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group	9,098,000	5,576,833 4,549,981	2.71 2.21	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares		3,796,381 1,135,265 <b>4,931,646</b>	1.8 0.5 <b>2.</b> 4
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group Construction & Engineering	9,098,000	5,576,833 4,549,981	2.71 2.21	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares Total Consumer Staples		3,796,381 1,135,265 <b>4,931,646</b>	1.8 0.5 <b>2.</b> 4
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Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management	9,098,000 131,300	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b>	2.71 2.21 9.78	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares Total Consumer Staples HEALTH CARE Biotechnology	233,500 _	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.	9,098,000 131,300	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112	2.71 2.21 9.78	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4
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Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.	9,098,000 131,300	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 <b>5,874,112</b>	2.71 2.21 9.78	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplie	233,500 _ - - 107,143 528,000 _	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4 2.9 1.2 4.2
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd.	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplia	233,500 _ - 107,143 528,000 _ es 6,446,000	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4 2.9 1.2 4.2
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 <b>5,874,112</b> 4,397,231	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplie	233,500 _ - - 107,143 528,000 _	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4 2.9 1.2 4.2 1.9 0.5
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 5,874,112 4,397,231 4,397,231	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplication Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.	233,500 _ - 107,143 528,000 _ es 6,446,000	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4 2.9 1.2 4.2
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 <b>5,874,112</b> 4,397,231 <b>4,397,231</b> 4,149,107	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplication Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.  Health Care Technology	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.2 2.9 1.2 4.2 1.9 2.5 2.5
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 5,874,112 4,397,231 4,397,231	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplication Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.	233,500 _ - 107,143 528,000 _ es 6,446,000	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883 3,580,831	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.2 2.9 4.2 1.9 2.8 1.3
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 <b>5,874,112</b> 4,397,231 <b>4,397,231</b> 4,149,107	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplication Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.  Health Care Technology	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.2 2.9 4.2 1.9 2.8 1.3
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR  Marine Transportation SITC International Holdings	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323 564,207	5,576,833 4,549,981 20,104,045 5,874,112 5,874,112 4,397,231 4,397,231 4,149,107 4,149,107	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14 2.02 2.02	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplication Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.  Health Care Technology	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883 3,580,831 3,580,831	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.2 2.9 4.2 4.2 2.5 0.5 0.5 1.7
Machinery Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd. Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323	5,576,833 4,549,981 <b>20,104,045</b> 5,874,112 <b>5,874,112</b> 4,397,231 <b>4,397,231</b> 4,149,107	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14 2.02 2.02	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares  Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE  Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Suppliance AK Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.  Health Care Technology Medlive Technology Co., Ltd.	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883 3,580,831	1.8 0.5 2.4 9.4 2.9 1.2 4.2 1.9 0.5 2.5
Morimatsu International Holdings Co., Ltd. Airtac International Group  Construction & Engineering Greentown Management Holdings Co., Ltd.  Electrical Equipment Hongfa Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares  Ground Transportation Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR  Marine Transportation SITC International Holdings	9,098,000 131,300 7,137,000 1,311,323 564,207	5,576,833 4,549,981 20,104,045 5,874,112 5,874,112 4,397,231 4,397,231 4,149,107 4,149,107	2.71 2.21 9.78 2.86 2.86 2.14 2.14 2.02 2.02	Anjoy Foods Group Co., Ltd. A Shares Chacha Food Co., Ltd. A Shares Total Consumer Staples  HEALTH CARE Biotechnology Legend Biotech Corp. ADR Innovent Biologics, Inc.  Health Care Equipment & Supplia AK Medical Holdings, Ltd. Peijia Medical, Ltd.  Health Care Technology Medlive Technology Co., Ltd.  Life Sciences Tools & Services	233,500	3,796,381 1,135,265 4,931,646 19,311,012 6,100,017 2,541,607 8,641,624 4,053,182 1,128,701 5,181,883 3,580,831 3,580,831	1.8 0.5 <b>2.4</b>

## China Small Companies Fund

### Schedule of Investments (continued)

### **EQUITIES (CONTINUED)**

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	% of Net Assets
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	;		
Interactive Media & Services			
Kanzhun, Ltd. ADR	431,221	7,881,046	3.84
Zhihu, Inc. ADR	3,663,980		1.25
2	3,003,200_	10,445,528	5.09
		10, 115,520	3.07
Entertainment	2 ( ( 7 ( 0 0	2 25 4 20 4	1.50
Maoyan Entertainment	2,667,600	3,256,804	1.58
Cloud Music, Inc.	244,600	2,890,041	1.41
	-	6,146,845	2.99
Total Communication Services	_	16,592,373	8.08
DEAL CCTATE			
REAL ESTATE			
Real Estate Management & Devel	•		
KE Holdings, Inc. A Shares	1,787,300	8,212,028	4.00
China Overseas Property			
Holdings, Ltd.	11,010,000	6,086,423	2.96
	_	14,298,451	6.96
Total Real Estate	_	14,298,451	6.96
UTILITIES			
Gas Utilities			
ENN Ecological Holdings Co.,			
Ltd. A Shares	2,671,157	7,044,669	3.43
	_	7,044,669	3.43
Total Utilities	_	7,044,669	3.43
	_		
MATERIALS			
Chemicals			
Sunresin New Materials Co.,			
Ltd. A Shares	493,550	3,036,112	1.48
Nanjing Cosmos Chemical			
Co., Ltd. A Shares	253,750	2,725,658	1.32
	_	5,761,770	2.80
Total Materials	_	5,761,770	2.80
FINANCIALS			
Financial Services			
Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	907,820	4,858,350	2.36
Chanease Holding Co., Ltd.	907,820	4,858,350	2.36
Total Financials	_		
Total Financials	-	4,858,350	2.36
ENERGY			
LITEROT			
Energy Equipment & Services			
Yantai Jereh Oilfield Services			
Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	1,050,344	4,298,837	2.09
		4,298,837	2.09
Total Energy		4,298,837	2.09
	_		

Investments	Quantity/ Nominal Value	Market Value USD	
TOTAL EQUITIES		202,047,274	98.35
ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STO			
EXCHANGE LISTING		202,047,274	98.35
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		202,047,274	98.35
CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES	S	3,393,552	1.65
TOTAL NET ASSETS	:	205,440,826	100.00
A Shares: Shares traded through the Shangha	i-Hong Kong and	l/or Shenzhen- H	ong Kong

Stock Connect programs

ADR: American Depositary Receipt

H Shares: Mainland China companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong but incorporated in mainland China

The following table represents movements in the portfolio holdings:

% of Net % of Net Assets as at Assets as at 31 March 2024 31 March 2023

TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES ADMITTED TO OFFICIAL STOCK		
EXCHANGE LISTING	98.35	96.37
EQUITIES	98.35	96.37
Consumer Discretionary	21.35	17.55
Industrials	19.00	22.96
Information Technology	13.88	18.25
Consumer Staples	9.40	6.01
Health Care	9.00	13.12
Communication Services	8.08	3.00
Real Estate	6.96	8.08
Utilities	3.43	2.95
Materials	2.80	2.08
Financials	2.36	2.37
Energy	2.09	-
OTHER TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS	-	0.50
EQUITIES	-	0.50
Real Estate	-	0.50
Total Investments	98.35	96.87
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	1.65	3.13
Total	100.00	100.00

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 March 2024

	Emerging Markets Equity Fund (USD)*	Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund (USD)*	Emerging Markets Discovery Fund (USD)*	Asia Dividend Fund (USD)
ASSETS				
Investment in securities at market value (note 2C)	1,882,127	1,948,075	16,561,187	63,794,539
Investment in securities at cost (note 2G)	1,722,074	1,728,416	15,168,025	63,451,481
Cash and cash equivalent at bank	134,215	160,038	28,016	3,060,968
Amount receivable on sales of investments	53,492	47,656	-	-
Interest and dividends receivable	4,559	6,247	17,751	346,129
Subscriptions receivable	_	_	_	19,373
Unrealized gain on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	_	_	_	-
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	91,281	88,033	87,451	92
TOTAL ASSETS	2,165,674	2,250,049	16,694,405	67,221,101
LIABILITIES				
Amounts payable on purchases of investments	21,614	28,998	14,365	_
Redemptions payable	_	_	_	91,565
Management fees and administration fees payable (note 2I and note 4)	_	_	_	493,885
Payable for foreign taxes (note 9B)	3,038	3,672	74,539	35,268
Unrealized loss on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	_	_	_	_
Accrued expenses and other payables (note 7 and note 8)	11,616	11,653	7,091	720,569
TOTAL LIABILITIES	36,268	44,323	95,995	1,341,287
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,129,406	2,205,726	16,598,410	65,879,814

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Funds launched on 15 September 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

### As at 31 March 2024

	Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund (USD)	China Dividend Fund (USD)	Pacific Tiger Fund (USD)	Asia Innovative Growth Fund (USD)
ASSETS				
Investment in securities at market value (note 2C)	133,097,931	4,731,747	167,627,389	14,908,123
Investment in securities at cost (note 2G)	121,264,605	5,741,002	156,646,136	13,056,378
Cash and cash equivalent at bank	16,757,326	147,105	8,371,181	678,754
Amount receivable on sales of investments	_	93,333	2,919,974	171,187
Interest and dividends receivable	506,145	2,456	674,409	41,822
Subscriptions receivable	136,700	5,146	65,016	316
Unrealized gain on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	_	_	_	_
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	2,127	50,228	_	74,822
TOTAL ASSETS	150,500,229	5,030,015	179,657,969	15,875,024
LIABILITIES				
Amounts payable on purchases of investments	_	_	2,551,222	225,304
Redemptions payable	2,446,783	127,044	161,347	1,264
Management fees and administration fees payable (note 2I and note 4)	178,707	_	502,401	_
Payable for foreign taxes (note 9B)	316,480	_	589,134	73,424
Unrealized loss on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	-	_	_	_
Accrued expenses and other payables (note 7 and note 8)	458,083	4,535	602,224	26,568
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,400,053	131,579	4,406,328	326,560
TOTAL NET ASSETS	147,100,176	4,898,436	175,251,641	15,548,464

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

### As at 31 March 2024

	Asia Sustainable Future Fund (USD)	China Fund (USD)	China A-Share Fund (USD)	India Fund (USD)
ASSETS				
Investment in securities at market value (note 2C)	5,585,079	27,604,965	3,471,094	45,142,920
Investment in securities at cost (note 2G)	5,572,615	31,960,712	4,180,080	37,011,106
Cash and cash equivalent at bank	932	315,290	205,835	3,055,513
Amount receivable on sales of investments	16,328	149,972	31,683	
Interest and dividends receivable	2,876	3,527	_	2,231
Subscriptions receivable	<b>—</b> .	30,787	-	253,407
Unrealized gain on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	_	_	_	_
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	105,843	51	76,091	37,958
TOTAL ASSETS	5,711,058	28,104,592	3,784,703	48,492,029
LIABILITIES				
Amounts payable on purchases of investments	5,093	147,837	38,068	_
Redemptions payable	_	73,878	_	119,903
Management fees and administration fees payable (note 2I and note 4)	_	156,533	_	_
Payable for foreign taxes (note 9B)	45,169	_	_	1,277,581
Unrealized loss on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	_	_	_	_
Accrued expenses and other payables (note 7 and note 8)	37,223	182,469	16,172	43,237
TOTAL LIABILITIES	87,485	560,717	54,240	1,440,721
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5,623,573	27,543,875	3,730,463	47,051,308

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

### As at 31 March 2024

	Japan Fund (USD)	Asia Small Companies Fund (USD)	China Small Companies Fund (USD)	Combined (USD)
ASSETS				
Investment in securities at market value (note 2C)	111,474,992	185,482,660	202,047,274	985,360,102
Investment in securities at cost (note 2G)	87,150,762	177,281,635	226,824,112	948,759,139
Cash and cash equivalent at bank	4,734,934	265,542	8,962,090	46,877,739
Amount receivable on sales of investments	730,134	157,597	720,361	5,091,717
Interest and dividends receivable	746,055	73,594	-	2,427,801
Subscriptions receivable	1,044,625	1,249,630	141,018	2,946,018
Unrealized gain on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	200,876	_	_	200,876
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	127	95,225	1,325	710,654
TOTAL ASSETS	118,931,743	187,324,248	211,872,068	1,043,614,907
LIABILITIES				
Amounts payable on purchases of investments	1,568,121	420,205	2,142,154	7,162,981
Redemptions payable	185,484	2,885,151	2,822,441	8,914,860
Management fees and administration fees payable (note 2I and note 4)	127,587	_	1,030,892	2,490,005
Payable for foreign taxes (note 9B)	_	1,784,729	_	4,203,034
Unrealized loss on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E and note 15)	342	_	_	342
Accrued expenses and other payables (note 7 and note 8)	313,500	5,363	435,755	2,876,058
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,195,034	5,095,448	6,431,242	25,647,280
TOTAL NET ASSETS	116,736,709	182,228,800	205,440,826	1,017,967,627

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Emerging Markets Equity Fund (USD)*	Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund (USD)*	Emerging Markets Discovery Fund (USD)*	Asia Dividend Fund (USD)
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	_	_	_	130,672,918
INCOME				
Dividend income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	13,382	15,391	55,098	2,712,207
Interest income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	1,893	2,408	3,129	117,035
Other income	3	4		9
TOTAL INCOME	15,278	17,803	58,227	2,829,251
EXPENSES				
Overdraft interest on bank accounts	4	_	254	103
Management fees and administration fees (note 4)	9,360	9,588	84,548	1,067,819
Domiciliation and Administrative Agent fees (note 5)	40,221	39,816	40,106	56,677
Transfer agency fees (note 6)	22,109	22,109	22,277	52,183
Professional fees (note 7)	312	326	2,334	24,510
Directors fee (note 8)	53	53	222	4,240
Depositary fees (note 5)	25,347	25,367	25,541	44,824
Taxe d'abonnement (note 9A)	604	621	4,181	43,237
Transaction costs (note 10)	12,188	9,719	51,787	171,905
Other expenses (note 7 and note 8)	11,476	11,388	13,459	103,746
TOTAL EXPENSES	121,674	118,987	244,709	1,569,244
Advisory Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed (note 2I)	107,319	104,146	119,963	250,878
NET INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	923	2,962	(66,519)	1,510,885
Net realized gain/(loss) on sales of investments (note 2D)	(28,207)	(12,941)	156,987	(1,025,152)
Net realized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	_	_	_	477
Net realized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(210)	(148)	7,140	(23,211)
Net realized gain/(loss) for the year	(28,417)	(13,089)	164,127	(1,047,886)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investments (note 2D)	160,053	219,659	1,393,161	1,408,861
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign tax provision (note 9B)	(3,038)	(3,672)	(74,539)	15,180
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	_	_	_	-
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(110)	(129)	(374)	597
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) for the year	156,905	215,858	1,318,248	1,424,638
Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of operations	129,411	205,731	1,415,856	1,887,637
Subscriptions	1,999,995	1,999,995	15,182,554	3,995,213
Redemptions	- -	· -	_	(69,919,764)
Dividend distributions (note 13)	_	_	_	(756,190)
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	2,129,406	2,205,726	16,598,410	65,879,814

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Funds launched on 15 September 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund (USD)	China Dividend Fund (USD)	Pacific Tiger Fund (USD)	Asia Innovative Growth Fund (USD)
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	582,642,991	12,010,238	372,888,450	33,885,188
INCOME				
Dividend income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	8,406,852	305,053	5,482,612	207,171
Interest income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	517,374	15,957	414,153	16,608
Other income	1,858		17,133	4,438
TOTAL INCOME	8,926,084	321,010	5,913,898	228,217
EXPENSES				
Overdraft interest on bank accounts	1,642	_	8,885	1,366
Management fees and administration fees (note 4)	3,345,031	95,032	2,777,169	181,436
Domiciliation and Administrative Agent fees (note 5)	108,319	41,752	32,528	41,726
Transfer agency fees (note 6)	211,847	38,251	99,322	43,828
Professional fees (note 7)	245,925	5,793	89,318	8,011
Directors fee (note 8)	17,392	360	13,363	936
Depositary fees (note 5)	136,302	35,482	15,346	37,530
Taxe d'abonnement (note 9A)	122,577	3,641	135,157	5,273
Transaction costs (note 10)	1,484,571	33,692	1,603,416	271,881
Other expenses (note 7 and note 8)	258,324	58,989	96,644	27,594
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,931,930	312,992	4,871,148	619,581
Advisory Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed (note 2I)	1,358,625	180,164	425,537	222,289
NET INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	4,352,779	188,182	1,468,287	(169,075)
Net realized gain/(loss) on sales of investments (note 2D)	(78,915,648)	(2,092,035)	(36,861,545)	(639,140)
Net realized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	7,122	2	794	(12)
Net realized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(251,979)	(738)	(365,870)	(23,703)
Net realized gain/(loss) for the year	(79,160,505)	(2,092,771)	(37,226,621)	(662,855)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investments (note 2D)	16,936,309	(747,730)	(941,188)	631,539
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign tax provision (note 9B)	95,741	_	940,800	(75,330)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	_	_	_	_
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(32,089)	(2,631)	21,482	7
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) for the year	16,999,961	(750,361)	21,094	556,216
Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of operations	(57,807,765)	(2,654,950)	(35,737,240)	(275,714)
Subscriptions	52,254,585	1,329,278	13,572,940	693,986
Redemptions	(425,912,845)	(5,730,871)	(175,418,487)	(18,754,996)
Dividend distributions (note 13)	(4,076,790)	(55,259)	(54,022)	_
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	147,100,176	4,898,436	175,251,641	15,548,464

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Asia Sustainable Future Fund	China Fund	China A-Share Fund	India Fund
	(USD)	(USD)	(USD)	(USD)
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	5,675,775	91,726,439	4,696,473	20,794,499
INCOME				
Dividend income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	47,487	1,421,973	61,421	233,695
Interest income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	748	46,024	11,761	27,385
Other income	<del>.</del> .		·····	7,489
TOTAL INCOME	48,235	1,467,997	73,182	268,569
EXPENSES				
Overdraft interest on bank accounts	51	6,347	_	1,938
Management fees and administration fees (note 4)	50,970	614,508	36,027	366,607
Domiciliation and Administrative Agent fees (note 5)	38,729	50,300	57,989	50,902
Transfer agency fees (note 6)	41,101	64,966	60,785	43,649
Professional fees (note 7)	4,521	25,989	2,359	21,390
Directors fee (note 8)	238	3,202	190	985
Depositary fees (note 5)	35,281	42,259	35,334	36,405
Taxe d'abonnement (note 9A)	2,843	16,536	1,966	19,347
Transaction costs (note 10)	18,020	235,440	13,672	213,235
Other expenses (note 7 and note 8)	48,284	96,669	19,275	62,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	240,038	1,156,216	227,597	817,214
Advisory Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed (note 2I)	179,589	318,387	184,129	220,603
NET INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	(12,214)	630,168	29,714	(328,042)
Net realized gain/(loss) on sales of investments (note 2D)	186,543	(33,220,785)	(495,214)	4,711,541
Net realized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	_	_	_	_
Net realized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(1,265)	56,455	(1,087)	(43,415)
Net realized gain/(loss) for the year	185,278	(33,164,330)	(496,301)	4,668,126
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investments (note 2D)	40,148	12,754,752	(503,828)	6,474,758
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign tax provision (note 9B)	(42,275)	_	_	(855,604)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	_	_	_	_
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	(13)	(30)	(3,153)	(278)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) for the year	(2,140)	12,754,722	(506,981)	5,618,876
Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of operations	170,924	(19,779,440)	(973,568)	9,958,960
Subscriptions	41,212	38,855,818	9,214	30,407,105
Redemptions	(264,338)	(83,258,942)	(1,656)	(14,109,256)
Dividend distributions (note 13)	_	_	_	
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	5,623,573	27,543,875	3,730,463	47,051,308

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Japan Fund (USD)	Asia Small Companies Fund (USD)	China Small Companies Fund (USD)	Combined (USD)
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	153,063,646	140,659,746	352,810,552	1,901,526,915
INCOME				
Dividend income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	1,582,622	1,632,958	4,193,424	26,371,346
Interest income, net of foreign withholding tax (note 2H)	129,966	129,487	237,341	1,671,269
Other income	· –	_	-	30,934
TOTAL INCOME	1,712,588	1,762,445	4,430,765	28,073,549
EXPENSES				
Overdraft interest on bank accounts	7,145	18,222	4,507	50,464
Management fees and administration fees (note 4)	1,025,304	2,112,209	3,337,325	15,112,933
Domiciliation and Administrative Agent fees (note 5)	94,275	66,016	48,863	808,219
Transfer agency fees (note 6)	103,427	122,389	113,914	1,062,157
Professional fees (note 7)	31,951	110,461	76,282	649,482
Directors fee (note 8)	4,133	7,221	11,751	64,339
Depositary fees (note 5)	39,736	55,914	53,692	644,360
Taxe d'abonnement (note 9A)	52,710	77,027	105,499	591,219
Transaction costs (note 10)	239,682	425,834	901,567	5,686,609
Other expenses (note 7 and note 8)	66,396	212,442	207,008	1,294,450
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,664,759	3,207,735	4,860,408	25,964,232
Advisory Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed (note 2I)	497,980	637,773	526,690	5,334,072
NET INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)	545,809	(807,517)	97,047	7,443,389
Net realized gain/(loss) on sales of investments (note 2D)	8,624,980	2,439,343	(67,841,147)	(205,012,420)
Net realized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	902,109	-	-	910,492
Net realized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	590,465	(143,160)	(265,772)	(466,498)
Net realized gain/(loss) for the year	10,117,554	2,296,183	(68,106,919)	(204,568,426)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on investments (note 2D)	16,546,794	7,256,013	8,159,271	69,788,572
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign tax provision (note 9B)	-	(1,234,242)	-	(1,236,979)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts (note 2E)	180,601	_	_	180,601
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on foreign exchanges (note 2F)	4,833	(17,921)	(30,731)	(60,540)
Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) for the year	16,732,228	6,003,850	8,128,540	68,671,654
Increase/(decrease) in net assets as a result of operations	27,395,591	7,492,516	(59,881,332)	(128,453,383)
Subscriptions	23,381,555	110,228,774	59,448,959	353,401,183
Redemptions	(87,104,083)	(76,152,236)	(146,937,353)	(1,103,564,827)
Dividend distributions (note 13)	_	_	_	(4,942,261
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	116,736,709	182,228,800	205,440,826	1,017,967,627

## Statement of Changes in Number of Shares

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Class I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>		Class I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	_	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-
Shares subscribed	199,500	Shares subscribed	403
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	-
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	199,500	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	40
EMERGING MARKETS EX CHINA EQUITY FU	$ND^1$		
Class I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>		Class I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	_	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	-
Shares subscribed	199,500	Shares subscribed	403
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	-
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	199,500	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	403
EMERGING MARKETS DISCOVERY FUND			
Class I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>		Class I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	_	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	
Shares subscribed	1,588,600	Shares subscribed	403
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	-
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,588,600	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	403
ASIA DIVIDEND FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,254,211	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	902,132
Shares subscribed	40,745	Shares subscribed	9,624
Shares redeemed	1,227,488	Shares redeemed	426,576
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,067,468	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	485,18
Class A Acc (USD)		Class A Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,923,997	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	730,400
Shares subscribed	89,578	Shares subscribed	27,536
Shares redeemed	644,393	Shares redeemed	151,853
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,369,182	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	606,083
Class I Acc (GBP)		Class I Dist (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	182,088	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,436,067
Shares subscribed	5,709	Shares subscribed	32,374
Shares redeemed	51,133	Shares redeemed	1,356,066
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	136,664	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	112,375
Class A Acc (GBP)		Class A Dist (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	163,740	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	34,761
Shares subscribed	6,745	Shares subscribed	17
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Shares redeemed	77,337	onal concaccined	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Commenced operations on 15 September 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Class I Acc (EUR)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	260,761
Shares subscribed	44,243
Shares redeemed	283,354
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	21,650

Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	10,559,564	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	520,573
Shares subscribed	1,158,665	Shares subscribed	977
Shares redeemed	10,699,414	Shares redeemed	505,511
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,018,815	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	16,039
Class A Acc (USD)		Class A Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	837,208	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	50,980
Shares subscribed	121,499	Shares subscribed	1,072
Shares redeemed	221,223	Shares redeemed	44,072
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	737,484	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	7,980
Class S Acc (USD)		Class S Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,460,579	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	416,283
Shares subscribed	893	Shares subscribed	26,292
Shares redeemed	1,230,201	Shares redeemed	405,706
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	231,271	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	36,869
Class I Acc (GBP)		Class I Dist (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,888,670	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	415,734
Shares subscribed	449,041	Shares subscribed	48,454
Shares redeemed	1,730,650	Shares redeemed	257,020
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	607,061	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	207,168
Class A Acc (GBP) <sup>2</sup>		Class S Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,383	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,317,930
Shares subscribed	_	Shares subscribed	45,542
Shares redeemed	2,383	Shares redeemed	1,059,692
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	_	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	303,780
Class S Dist (GBP)		Class I Acc (EUR)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	14,329,630	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,778,690
Shares subscribed	716,670	Shares subscribed	414,557
Shares redeemed	8,788,592	Shares redeemed	1,659,041
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	6,257,708	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	534,206

<sup>2</sup> Closed on 6 November 2023.

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ASIA EX IAPAN TOTAL RETURN EQUITY FL	IND (CONTINUED)

Class S Acc (EUR) <sup>3</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	682,230
Shares subscribed	-
Shares redeemed	682,230
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	_

### **CHINA DIVIDEND FUND**

Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	324,501	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	78,149
Shares subscribed	23,355	Shares subscribed	5,914
Shares redeemed	229,880	Shares redeemed	38,734
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	117,976	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	45,329

Class A Acc (USD)		Class A Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	217,050	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	61,050
Shares subscribed	56,463	Shares subscribed	2,811
Shares redeemed	93,758	Shares redeemed	25,438
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	179,755	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	38,423

### PACIFIC TIGER FUND

Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Dist (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	14,425,262	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	37,193
Shares subscribed	353,225	Shares subscribed	74
Shares redeemed	8,628,081	Shares redeemed	27,828
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	6,150,406	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	9,439

Class A Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,338,658	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	813,755
Shares subscribed	106,920	Shares subscribed	51,867
Shares redeemed	369,602	Shares redeemed	356,276
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,075,976	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	509,346

Class I Dist (GBP)		Class A Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	253,979	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	116,259
Shares subscribed	6,803	Shares subscribed	25,154
Shares redeemed	179,141	Shares redeemed	34,461
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	81,641	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	106,952

Class I Acc (EUR)		Class I Acc (JPY)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	10,253	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,086,303
Shares subscribed	53	Shares subscribed	324,507
Shares redeemed	-	Shares redeemed	523,081
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	10,306	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	2,887,729

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Share class is operational but does not have any shareholders as of the date of this report.

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ASIA INNOVATIVE	GROWTH FUND
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Class I Acc (USD)		Class S Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,902,250	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,781,920
Shares subscribed	92,631	Shares subscribed	
Shares redeemed	751,165	Shares redeemed	1,771,29
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,243,716	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,010,62
Class I Acc (GBP)			
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	317,139		
Shares subscribed	12,281		
Shares redeemed	296,557		
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	32,863		
ASIA SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	574,509	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	838
Shares subscribed	4,306	Shares subscribed	1
Shares redeemed	27,315	Shares redeemed	
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	551,500	O Shares outstanding at the end of the year	
CHINA FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class A Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,074,674	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	261,39
Shares subscribed	386,054	Shares subscribed	1,002,57
Shares redeemed	985,225	Shares redeemed	1,116,13
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	475,503	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	147,83
Class S Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	836,396	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	639,29
Shares subscribed	_	Shares subscribed	965,98
Shares redeemed	825,806	Shares redeemed	637,98
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	10,590	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	967,29
Class A Acc (GBP)		Class S Acc (JPY) <sup>4</sup>	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	43,499	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,000,00
Shares subscribed	1,933	Shares subscribed	
Shares redeemed	14,873	Shares redeemed	5,000,00
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	30,559	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	•••••
CHINA A-SHARE FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	499,000	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,50
Shares subscribed	200	Shares subscribed	75
Shares redeemed	200	Shares redeemed	
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	499,000	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	3,25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Closed on 21 February 2024.

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INDIA	<b>FUND</b>
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Class I Acc (USD)		Class A Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	406,913	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	136,97
Shares subscribed	436,783	Shares subscribed	240,28
Shares redeemed	248,649	Shares redeemed	46,85
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	595,047	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	330,40
Class S Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	358	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	212,91
Shares subscribed	_	Shares subscribed	356,37
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	146,62
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	358	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	422,65
Class A Acc (GBP)			
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	105,712		
Shares subscribed	9,411		
Shares redeemed	32,038		
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	83,085		
JAPAN FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class A Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,985,219	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	782,05
Shares subscribed	820,146	Shares subscribed	353,86
Shares redeemed	1,598,403	Shares redeemed	457,02
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	5,206,962	62 Shares outstanding at the end of the year	
Class S Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (USD) Hedged	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	432	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	327,83
Shares subscribed	_	Shares subscribed	123,30
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	116,96
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	432	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	334,17
Class I Acc (GBP)		Class I Acc (EUR) Hedged	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,386,571	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	9,55
Shares subscribed	105,952	Shares subscribed	2,21
Shares redeemed	2,443,874	Shares redeemed	21
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	48,649	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	11,55
ASIA SMALL COMPANIES FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class A Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,508,441	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,009,55
Shares subscribed	1,414,351	Shares subscribed	152,81
Shares redeemed	323,016	Shares redeemed	475,24
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	2,599,776	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	687,11

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ASIA SMALL	COMPANIES	FUND	(CONTINUED)
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Class S Acc (USD) <sup>5</sup>		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	_	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,240,03
Shares subscribed	8,008	Shares subscribed	1,923,83
Shares redeemed	_	Shares redeemed	1,179,38
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	8,008	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	1,984,48
Class S Acc (GBP)		Class I Acc (EUR)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,007,748	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	874,68
Shares subscribed	801,919	Shares subscribed	86,70
Shares redeemed	1,168,196	Shares redeemed	336,28
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	2,641,471	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	625,10
Class S Acc (EUR) <sup>5</sup>			
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	_		
Shares subscribed	457		
Shares redeemed	_		
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	457		
CHINA SMALL COMPANIES FUND			
Class I Acc (USD)		Class A Acc (USD)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,796,944	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	2,854,83
Shares subscribed	1,380,163	Shares subscribed	345,80
Shares redeemed	3,264,137	Shares redeemed	850,40
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	3,912,970	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	2,350,23
Class S Acc (USD)		Class I Acc (GBP)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	6,823,718	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	3,072,20
Shares subscribed	251,709	Shares subscribed	813,99
Shares redeemed	3,643,870	Shares redeemed	1,386,77
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	3,431,557	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	2,499,42
Class S Acc (GBP)		Class A Acc (EUR)	
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	623,757	Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	202,49
Shares subscribed	506,351	Shares subscribed	59,34
Shares redeemed	131,000	Shares redeemed	107,90
Shares outstanding at the end of the year	999,108	Shares outstanding at the end of the year	153,92
Class S Acc (EUR)			
Shares outstanding at the beginning of the year	77,885		
Shares subscribed	9,883		
	14,904		

72,864

Shares outstanding at the end of the year

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 5}}$  Commenced operations on 30 November 2023.

## Statement of Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share and **Net Asset Statistics**

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY F	UND <sup>1</sup>		
Net Assets	2,129,406	n.a.	n.a.
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	10.65	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	10.45	n.a.	n.a.
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	199,500	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	403	n.a.	n.a.
EMERGING MARKETS EX CHINA	A EQUITY FUND <sup>1</sup>		
Net Assets	2,205,726	n.a.	n.a.
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	11.03	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	10.82	n.a.	n.a.
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	199,500	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	403	n.a.	n.a.
EMERGING MARKETS DISCOVE	RY FUND <sup>1</sup>		
Net Assets	16,598,410	n.a.	n.a.
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	10.45	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	10.25	n.a.	n.a.
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup>	1,588,600	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup>	403	n.a.	n.a.
ASIA DIVIDEND FUND			
Net Assets	65,879,814	130,672,918	181,629,856
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD)	18.16	17.35	20.30
I Dist (USD)	13.10	12.88	15.40
A Acc (USD)	16.62	16.03	18.91
A Dist (USD)	12.29	12.17	14.69
I Acc (GBP)	21.59	21.08	23.24
I Dist (GBP)	15.49	15.69	17.70
A Acc (GBP)	19.88	19.59	21.79
A Dist (GBP)	14.62	14.78	16.82
I Acc (EUR)	11.04	10.50	12.02
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	1,067,468	2,254,211	2,712,673
I Dist (USD)	485,180	902,132	1,221,586
A Acc (USD)	1,369,182	1,923,997	1,998,111
A Dist (USD)	606,083	730,400	842,047
I Acc (GBP)	136,664	182,088	214,119
I Dist (GBP)	112,375	1,436,067	1,867,262
A Acc (GBP)	125,931	163,740	191,999
A Dist (GBP)	31,454	34,761	38,847
I Acc (EUR)	21,650	260,761	100,348

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Commenced operations on 15 September 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share and Net Asset Statistics (continued)

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
ASIA EX JAPAN TOTAL RETURN EQ			
Net Assets	147,100,176	582,642,991	535,629,559
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD)	17.54	19.32	22.33
I Dist (USD)	14.11	16.02	18.89
A Acc (USD)	16.51	18.36	21.40
A Dist (USD)	12.60	14.58	17.35
S Acc (USD)	11.48	12.63	14.57
S Dist (USD)	9.86	11.07	13.07
I Acc (GBP)	20.82	23.44	25.53
I Dist (GBP)	16.91	19.57	21.74
A Acc (GBP) <sup>2</sup>	_	10.52	11.57
A Dist (GBP) <sup>3</sup>	_	-	11.28
S Acc (GBP)	12.12	13.62	14.82
S Dist (GBP)	10.47	12.10	13.43
I Acc (EUR)	10.08	11.04	12.49
S Acc (EUR)⁴	_	11.09	12.53
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	1,018,815	10,559,564	2,875,135
I Dist (USD)	16,039	520,573	274,565
A Acc (USD)	737,484	837,208	1,260,962
A Dist (USD)	7,980	50,980	62,001
S Acc (USD)	231,271	1,460,579	1,822,755
S Dist (USD)	36,869	416,283	882,675
I Acc (GBP)	607,061	1,888,670	1,476,704
I Dist (GBP)	207,168	415,734	381,431
A Acc (GBP) <sup>2</sup>	_	2,383	5,529
A Dist (GBP) <sup>3</sup>	_	_	500
S Acc (GBP)	303,780	1,317,930	1,888,443
S Dist (GBP)	6,257,708	14,329,630	16,085,039
I Acc (EUR)	534,206	1,778,690	181,673
S Acc (EUR) <sup>4</sup>	_	682,230	1,207,786
CHINA DIVIDEND FUND			
Net Assets	4,898,436	12,010,238	16,670,988
NAV Per Share		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
I Acc (USD)	14.24	19.04	18.77
I Dist (USD)	10.42	14.58	14.86
A Acc (USD)	13.25	17.86	17.76
A Dist (USD)	9.46	13.36	13.73
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	117,976	324,501	513,725
I Dist (USD)	45,329	78,149	84,594
A Acc (USD)	179,755	217,050	272,993
A Dist (USD)	38,423	61,050	67,083

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Closed on 6 November 2023.
 <sup>3</sup> Closed on 23 August 2022.
 <sup>4</sup> Share class is operational but does not have any shareholders as of the date of this report.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share and Net Asset Statistics (continued)

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
PACIFIC TIGER FUND			
Net Assets	175,251,641	372,888,450	387,704,287
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD)	17.89	19.53	21.72
I Dist (USD)	9.91	11.18	12.81
A Acc (USD)	15.77	17.35	19.47
I Acc (GBP)	21.32	23.79	24.93
I Dist (GBP)	13.43	15.49	16.46
A Acc (GBP)	19.59	22.03	23.31
I Acc (EUR)	9.94	10.79	11.75
I Acc (JPY)	1,586.90	1,526.64	1,550.00
Shares Outstanding	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
I Acc (USD)	6,150,406	14,425,262	11,816,459
I Dist (USD)	9,439	37,193	87,792
A Acc (USD)	1,075,976	1,338,658	1,655,776
I Acc (GBP)	509,346	813,755	1,323,002
I Dist (GBP)	81,641	253,979	292,386
A Acc (GBP)	106,952	116,259	122,323
I Acc (EUR)	10,306	10,253	10,253
I Acc (JPY)	2,887,729	3,086,303	3,470,275
ASIA INNOVATIVE GROWTH FUND		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Assets	15,548,464	33,885,188	32,816,319
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD)	6.75	6.61	7.07
S Acc (USD)	6.77	6.62	7.08
I Acc (GBP)	7.37	7.37	7.44
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	1,243,716	1,902,250	1,675,994
S Acc (USD)	1,010,628	2,781,926	2,569,587
I Acc (GBP)	32,863	317,139	285,089
ASIA SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FUND <sup>5</sup>	32,003	3.7,1.57	200,000
Net Assets	5,623,573	5,675,775	n.a
NAV Per Share	3,023,373	3,073,773	
I Acc (USD) <sup>5</sup>	10.18	9.86	n.a
I Acc (GBP) <sup>5</sup>	9.60	9.51	n.a.
Shares Outstanding	9.00	7.51	11.0
I Acc (USD) <sup>5</sup>	551,500	574,509	n a
I Acc (GBP) <sup>5</sup>	851	838	n.a n.a
CHINA FUND	631	636	11.0
Net Assets	27,543,875	91,726,439	100,325,825
NAV Per Share	27,045,075	91,720,439	100,323,823
I Acc (USD)	12.52	17.24	10.20
• •	13.53	17.24	18.35
A Acc (USD)	11.68	15.01	16.11
S Acc (USD)	7.70	9.79	10.40
I Acc (GBP)	15.34	19.98	20.04
A Acc (GBP)	14.11	18.52	18.74
S Acc (JPY) <sup>6</sup>	····· <del>-</del>	1,179.74	1,143.80
Shares Outstanding	475.500	1 22 / 22 /	4 445 ==
I Acc (USD)	475,503	1,074,674	1,012,784
A Acc (USD)	147,833	261,396	328,011
S Acc (USD)	10,590	836,396	1,323,251
I Acc (GBP)	967,295	639,294	569,453
A Acc (GBP)	30,559	43,499	28,249
S Acc (JPY) <sup>6</sup>	_	5,000,000	5,000,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Commenced operations on 21 July 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Closed on 21 February 2024.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share and Net Asset Statistics (continued)

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
CHINA A-SHARE FUND <sup>5</sup>			
Net Assets	3,730,463	4,696,473	n.a.
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD) <sup>5</sup>	7.42	9.36	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>5</sup>	7.00	9.02	n.a.
Shares Outstanding	•••••••••	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
I Acc (USD) <sup>5</sup>	499,000	499,000	n.a.
I Acc (GBP) <sup>5</sup>	3,257	2,504	n.a.
INDIA FUND	3,23,	2,50	
Net Assets	47,051,308	20,794,499	26,952,333
NAV Per Share	47,031,300	20,754,455	20,932,333
I Acc (USD)	27.79	20.22	21.11
A Acc (USD)	24.98	18.32	19.80
S Acc (USD)	23.87	17.33	18.51
	35.39	26.31	25.77
I Acc (GBP) A Acc (GBP)	33.39	23.84	24.15
Shares Outstanding	31.80	23.04	24.13
I Acc (USD)	595,047	406,913	518,144
A Acc (USD)	393,047	136,975	214,125
S Acc (USD)	350,401	358	358
	422,659	212,915	203,672
I Acc (GBP) A Acc (GBP)	83,085	105,712	138,929
	83,083	103,712	130,929
JAPAN FUND	117.727.700	152.062.646	202.021.077
Net Assets	116,736,709	153,063,646	202,021,966
NAV Per Share	10.24	1.110	15.40
I Acc (USD)	18.24	14.19	15.49
A Acc (USD)	17.17	13.46	14.82
S Acc (USD)	18.75	14.58	15.91
I Acc (USD) Hedged	25.31	16.47	15.88
I Acc (GBP)	22.17	17.63	18.15
I Acc (EUR) Hedged	22.14	14.67	14.37
Shares Outstanding	5.206.062	5.005.210	0.216.004
I Acc (USD)	5,206,962	5,985,219	8,316,984
A Acc (USD)	678,892	782,056	851,247
S Acc (USD)	432	432	432
I Acc (USD) Hedged	334,171	327,831	369,446
I Acc (GBP)	48,649	2,386,571	2,288,772
I Acc (EUR) Hedged	11,552	9,552	9,570
ASIA SMALL COMPANIES FUND		140 (50 74)	05 500 071
Net Assets	182,228,800	140,659,746	85,598,071
NAV Per Share			
I Acc (USD)	22.01	21.07	20.89
A Acc (USD)	20.43	19.72	19.74
S Acc (USD) <sup>7</sup>	10.00	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP)	27.59	26.98	25.22
S Acc (GBP) <sup>8</sup>	9.81	9.58	n.a
I Acc (EUR)	13.17	12.54	12.17
S Acc (EUR) <sup>7</sup>	10.11	n.a.	n.a.
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	2,599,776	1,508,441	1,567,750
A Acc (USD)	687,113	1,009,550	771,092
S Acc (USD) <sup>7</sup>	8,008	n.a.	n.a
I Acc (GBP)	1,984,485	1,240,033	758,672
S Acc (GBP) <sup>8</sup>	2,641,471	3,007,748	n.a
I Acc (EUR)	625,109	874,687	925,412
S Acc (EUR) <sup>7</sup>	457	n.a.	n.a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Commenced operations on 21 July 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Commenced operations on 30 November 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Commenced operations on 2 February 2023.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share and Net Asset Statistics (continued)

Values per share in Share Class currency

	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
CHINA SMALL COMPANIES	FUND		
Net Assets	205,440,826	352,810,552	517,414,003
NAV Per Share		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
I Acc (USD)	20.55	25.00	29.24
A Acc (USD)	19.05	23.35	27.54
S Acc (USD)	10.00	12.10	14.09
I Acc (GBP)	9.82	12.21	13.46
S Acc (GBP)	10.77	13.32	14.60
A Acc (EUR)	5.23	6.38	7.37
S Acc (EUR)	5.42	6.53	7.44
Shares Outstanding			
I Acc (USD)	3,912,970	5,796,944	6,031,047
A Acc (USD)	2,350,236	2,854,834	3,370,500
S Acc (USD)	3,431,557	6,823,718	11,621,012
I Acc (GBP)	2,499,423	3,072,204	2,863,725
S Acc (GBP)	999,108	623,757	1,631,664
A Acc (EUR)	153,926	202,491	233,117
S Acc (EUR)	72,864	77,885	95,689

### Notes to Financial Statements

### As at 31 March 2024

#### 1. GENERAL

MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS (the "Fund") is an investment company organized under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a "société d'investissement à capital variable" (SICAV) and is authorized under Part I of the amended Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010, implementing the Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament ("UCITS V Directive") and of the Council of 23 July 2014 amending Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"). The Fund was incorporated on 5 February 2010.

The Fund's articles of incorporation have been deposited with the Luxembourg Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés and were published in the Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations (the "Mémorial") on 25 February 2010 and the last update was published on 31 March 2016.

The Fund is registered under number B-151275 with the Luxembourg Trade and Company Register.

The Fund appointed Carne Global Fund Managers as Management Company on 4 November 2019.

The Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund, Emerging Markets Discovery Fund, Asia Dividend Fund, Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund, China Dividend Fund, Pacific Tiger Fund, Asia Innovative Growth Fund, China Fund, China A-Share Fund, India Fund, Japan Fund, Asia Small Companies Fund and China Small Companies Fund are considered to be within the scope of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"). The Asia Sustainable Future Fund is considered to be within the scope of Article 9 of SFDR.

For each Article 8 Sub-Fund, detailed information on the achieved environmental or social characteristics is available in the unaudited Annex IV disclosures on pages 80 to 166 and 180 to 245 of the financial statements. For Article 9 Sub-Fund, detailed information on the achieved environmental or social characteristics is available in the unaudited Annex V disclosures on pages 167 to 179 of the financial statements.

The objective of the Fund is to provide investors with access to the markets of the Asia Pacific region, through diversification of investments. Each Sub-Fund will have a specific investment objective.

At the closing date, fifteen Sub-Funds were available for investments.

Each Sub-Fund offers the following Classes of Shares:

Sub-Fund	Share Classes
Emerging Markets Equity Fund <sup>1</sup>	I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup> ; I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup> ;
Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund <sup>1</sup>	I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup> ; I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup> ;
Emerging Markets Discovery Fund <sup>1</sup>	I Acc (USD) <sup>1</sup> ; I Acc (GBP) <sup>1</sup> ;
Asia Dividend Fund	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); A Acc (GBP); A Dist (GBP); I Acc (EUR);
Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD); S Acc (USD); S Dist (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); A Acc (GBP); S Acc (GBP); S Dist (GBP); I Acc (EUR); S Acc (EUR) <sup>2</sup> ;
China Dividend Fund	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD);
Pacific Tiger Fund	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); A Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); A Acc (GBP); I Acc (EUR); I Acc (JPY);
Asia Innovative Growth Fund	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
Asia Sustainable Future Fund	I Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
China Fund	I Acc (USD); A Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP); A Acc (GBP); S Acc (JPY);
China A-Share Fund	I Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
India Fund	I Acc (USD); A Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP); A Acc (GBP);
Japan Fund	I Acc (USD); A Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (USD) Hedged; I Acc (GBP); I Acc (EUR) Hedged; S Acc (EUR) Hedged³;
Asia Small Companies Fund	I Acc (USD); A Acc (USD); S Acc (USD) <sup>4</sup> ; I Acc (GBP); S Acc (GBP); I Acc (EUR); S Acc (EUR) <sup>4</sup> ;

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#### 1. GENERAL (continued)

Sub-Fund Share Classes

	I Acc (USD); A Acc (USD); S Acc (USD);
China Small Companies Fund	I Acc (GBP); S Acc (GBP);
	A Acc (EUR); S Acc (EUR);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commenced operations on 15 September 2023.

Each Sub-Fund may offer both accumulation ("Acc") and distribution Shares ("Dist"). Unless otherwise provided for in the Fund's Prospectus, in relation to Shares referenced as "Acc" Shares, no distributions will be made and all interests and other income earned by the Sub-Fund will be reflected in the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of such Shares. In relation to Shares referenced as "Dist" Shares, it is the intention of the Board of Directors of the Fund to distribute substantially all the income earned on investments at least annually. All classes belonging to the same Sub-Fund will be commonly invested in adherence with the specific investment objective of the relevant Sub-Fund but may differ with regard to fee structure, minimum subscription amount, dividend policy or other particular features described in the Fund's Prospectus. All Classes of Shares except I Acc (JPY), S Acc (USD), S Dist (USD), S Acc (GBP), S Dist (GBP), S Acc (JPY), I Acc (GBP), I Dist (GBP), A Acc (GBP) and A Dist (GBP) are listed on Euro MTF.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A) PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations relating to UCITS and generally accepted accounting principles in Luxembourg.

#### **B) COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Combined Financial Statements equal the sum of the financial statements of all Sub-Funds.

The Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Combined Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets are expressed in USD. The currency of all Sub-Funds is USD and therefore there is no currency translation adjustment.

#### C) VALUATION OF THE INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES AND MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS

The Fund's equity securities are valued based on market quotations or at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Fund when no market quotations are available or when market quotations have become unreliable.

Market values for equity securities are determined based on the last sale price on the principal (or most advantageous) market on which the security is traded. If a reliable last sale price is not available, market values for equity securities are determined using the mean between the last available bid and ask price. Securities are valued through valuations obtained from a commercial pricing service or at the most recent mean of the bid and ask prices provided by investment dealers in accordance with the Fund's Pricing Policies.

Securities that trade in over-the-counter markets, including most debt securities (bonds), may be valued by other thirdparty vendors or by using indicative bid quotations from dealers or market makers, or other available market information.

Events affecting the value of foreign investments may occur between the time at which they are determined and the Fund's valuation point of 2:00 p.m. Luxembourg time. When such events occur, each Sub-Fund may apply a modelderived factor, as provided by an independent pricing service, to the closing price of equity securities traded on foreign securities exchanges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund may determine not to fair value securities where it believes that the impact of doing so would not have a material impact on the calculation of a Sub-Fund's NAV on that day.

The Board of Directors of the Fund has delegated the fair value analysis and assessment to the Investment Manager's Valuation Committee (the "Valuation Committee"), subject to the Fund's Pricing and Valuation Policy and Procedures (the "Pricing Policies"). The Fund has retained third-party pricing services that may be utilized by the Valuation Committee under circumstances described in the Pricing Policies to provide fair value prices for certain securities held by the Fund. To propose the fair value price of the suspended securities, the Valuation Committee may use techniques such as analysis of the price movements of selected proxies / indices whose performance might indicate valuation changes of the suspended securities.

When fair value pricing is used, the prices of securities used by a Sub-Fund to calculate its Net Asset Value differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities for that day. All fair value determinations are made subject to the Board of Directors of the Fund's oversight.

The NAVs reflect dealing prices as of 28 March 2024. Certain markets were open on 29 March 2024, however, those movements were determined to be immaterial for financial statement purposes for all Sub-Funds except Pacific Tiger Fund and Asia Innovative Growth Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Share class is operational but does not have any shareholders as of the date of this report.

<sup>3</sup> Dormant since 24 July 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Commenced operations on 30 November 2023.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The below table shows how the NAV and NAV per share would have been, if it was calculated on March 29, 2024 for Pacific Tiger Fund and Asia Innovative Growth Fund.

#### **Pacific Tiger Fund**

Class	NAV calculated using closing prices as at March 29, 2024	NAV per share calculated using closing prices as at March 29, 2024	Performance difference with NAV per share calculated using closing prices as at March 29, 2024
l Acc (USD)	110,657,647	17.99	0.56%
I Dist (USD)	94,072	9.97	0.61%
A Acc (USD)	17,062,506	15.86	0.57%
I Acc (GBP)	10,938,529	21.48	0.75%
I Dist (GBP)	1,104,457	13.53	0.74%
A Acc (GBP)	2,110,862	19.74	0.77%
I Acc (EUR)	103,209	10.01	0.70%
I Acc (JPY)	4,615,393,160	1,598.28	0.72%

#### Asia Innovative Growth Fund

Class	NAV calculated using closing prices as at March 29, 2024	NAV per share calculated using closing prices as at March 29, 2024	share calculated using closing prices as at  March 29, 2024
I Acc (USD)	8,457,589	6.8	0.74%
S Acc (USD)	6,892,990	6.82	0.74%
I Acc (GBP)	244,238	7.43	0.81%

#### D) NET REALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON SALES OF INVESTMENTS AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON **INVESTMENTS**

Net realized gain or loss on sales of investments are calculated on the basis of first in first out cost method of the investments sold. At year end, holdings in securities have been valued at their last available prices on the main market for the relevant security. The net realized gain or loss and net change in unrealized gain or loss are included within the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

### E) FORWARD CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS

A forward currency exchange contract is an agreement to buy or sell a specific amount of foreign currency at a certain rate, on or before a certain date. Outstanding forward currency exchange contracts are valued at forward market rates for the remaining period from valuation date to the maturity of the contracts.

Forward foreign exchange contracts will be valued by reference to the price at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken.

The unrealized gain and loss are shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under "Unrealized gain on forward currency exchange contracts" and "Unrealized loss on forward currency exchange contracts."

Net realized gain/(loss) and net change in unrealized gain/(loss) as a result thereof are included in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets under "Net realized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts" and "Net change in unrealized gain/(loss) on forward currency exchange contracts," respectively.

### F) CONVERSION OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in USD.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the current prevailing exchange rates on the transaction date. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into USD at the exchange rate as at 31 March 2024.

Conversion gains or losses resulting from changes in the exchange rate during the period and realized gains and losses on the settlement of foreign currency transactions are reported in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the current period.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments in equity securities that are due to changes in the foreign exchange rate from those that are due to changes in market prices of equity securities.

The accounting records and the financial statements of each Sub-Fund are expressed in USD.

Bank accounts, other net assets and market value of the investments in securities expressed in currencies other than the currency of a Sub-Fund are converted at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Income and expenses in currencies other than the currency of a Sub-Fund are converted at the rate of exchange prevailing at the transaction date.

Net realized gain and loss on foreign exchanges and net change in unrealized gain and loss on foreign exchanges represent: (i) foreign exchange gains and losses from the sale and holding of foreign currencies; (ii) gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on securities transactions and (iii) gains and losses arising from the difference between amounts of dividends and interest recorded and the amounts actually received.

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#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### G) COST OF INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

Cost of investments in securities in currencies other than the currency of a Sub-Fund is converted into the Sub-Fund's currency at the exchange rate applicable at purchase date. Cost of Investments is calculated using first in first out method.

#### H) INCOME

Interest income is accrued on a daily basis and may include the amortization of premiums and accretions of discounts. Bank and time deposits interest income are recognized on an accrual basis.

Dividends are credited to income on the date upon which the relevant securities are first listed as 'ex dividend' provided that the amount of a dividend is known with reasonable certainty.

#### FEE WAIVER

The Investment Manager may, for such time as it considers appropriate, choose to waive all or part of the fees that it is entitled to receive, or to reimburse a Sub-Fund for other expenses, in order to reduce the impact such fees and expenses may have on the performance of the Share Class. The Investment Manager will reimburse on a monthly basis the amount of the fee waiver or expense reimbursement to the respective Sub-Fund. Fees that have been previously waived and expenses that have been previously reimbursed may be recovered by the Investment Manager.

The waived fees are settled monthly on a net basis with management and administration fees and therefore they are presented as one line item in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under "Management fees and administration fees payable."

The amounts of the fees waived for the current period is separately disclosed as "Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed" in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

#### **I) USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### 3. EXCHANGE RATES

The exchange rates to 1 USD used in the financial statements as at 31 March 2024 are:

Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.5360	Euro (EUR)	0.9252	Saudi Riyal (SAR)	3.7506
Bangladesh Taka (BDT)	109.75	Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)	7.8246	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.3497
Brazilian Real (BRL)	4.9941	Indian Rupee (INR)	83.4025	South African Rand (ZAR)	18.9775
British Pound (GBP)	0.7910	Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	15,855.00	South Korean Won (KRW)	1,346.25
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.3568	Japanese Yen (JPY)	151.1950	Taiwan New Dollar (TWD)	32.0035
Chilean Peso (CLP)	980.7750	Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	4.7330	Thai Bhat (THB)	36.4875
Chinese Yuan (CNY)	7.2275	Mexican Peso (MXN)	16.5620	Turkish Lira (TRY)	32.3263
Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNH)	7.2616	Philippines Peso (PHP)	56.2150	Vietnamese Dong (VND)	24,795.00
Emirati Dirham (AED)	3.6722	Polish Zloty (PLN)	3.9881		

#### 4. MANAGEMENT FEES AND ADMINISTRATION FEES

The Management Company receives an amount corresponding to the Management Company Fee, which may be up to 0.02% per annum of the NAV of the relevant Sub-Fund calculated on each Valuation Day. The fee is accrued daily and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Investment Manager receives an amount corresponding to the Management Fee, which may be up to 1.50% per annum of the NAV of the Sub-Fund calculated on each Valuation Day. The Management fees in the table represent the maximum effective fees paid to the Investment Manager.

	Management Fees	Share Classes
Emerging Markets Equity Fund*	0.75%	l Acc (USD)**; l Acc (GBP)**;
Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund*	0.75%	I Acc (USD)**; I Acc (GBP)**;
Emerging Markets Discovery Fund*	1.00%	I Acc (USD)**; I Acc (GBP)**;
Asia Dividend Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); I Acc (EUR);
	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD); A Acc (GBP); A Dist (GBP);

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### 4. MANAGEMENT FEES AND ADMINISTRATION FEES (continued)

	Management Fees	Share Classes
Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Func	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); S Acc (USD); S Dist (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); S Acc (GBP); S Dist (GBP); I Acc (EUR); S Acc (EUR);
	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD); A Acc (GBP);
China Dividend Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD);
Clina Dividend Fund	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Dist (USD);
Pacific Tiger Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Dist (USD); I Acc (GBP); I Dist (GBP); I Acc (JPY); I Acc (EUR);
	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Acc (GBP);
Asia Innovative Growth Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
Asia Sustainable Future Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
China Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP); S Acc (JPY);
	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Acc (GBP);
China A-Share Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
India Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP);
maia runa	1.25%	A Acc (USD); A Acc (GBP);
Japan Fund	0.75%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (USD) Hedged; I Acc (GBP); I Acc (EUR) Hedged;
	1.25%	A Acc (USD);
Asia Small Companies Fund	1.00%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD)**; I Acc (EUR); S Acc (EUR)**; I Acc (GBP); S Acc (GBP);
	1.50%	A Acc (USD);
China Small Companies Fund	1.00%	I Acc (USD); S Acc (USD); I Acc (GBP); S Acc (GBP); S Acc (EUR);
·	1.50%	A Acc (USD); A Acc (EUR);

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

In addition, the Investment Manager receives an Administration Fee payable monthly in arrears, which may be up to 0.25% per annum of the NAV of the Sub-Fund calculated on each Valuation Day for each Share Class. The Administration Fee is for administrative services provided to each Sub-Fund.

#### 5. DEPOSITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FEES

The Depositary and the Administrative Agent receive from the Fund aggregate fees that are generally expected to amount to a maximum of 0.5% per annum of the total net assets of each Sub-Fund, which is not inclusive of any nonstandard service and any reasonable expenses properly incurred by the Depositary and Administrative Agent. To the extent that fees paid to the Depositary and the Administrative Agent exceed the referenced maximum amount, each Sub-Fund will remain subject to the maximum total expense ratio for that Sub-Fund as disclosed reflected in the appendix of the Fund's Prospectus. The fees effectively charged to each Sub-Fund are disclosed in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets of the Sub-Fund. The Depositary and Administrative Agent fees are payable monthly in arrears. Transaction costs are charged separately.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The details of the dates on which the share classes were launched during the reporting period are included in Note 1.

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#### 6. TRANSFER AGENCY FEES

The Transfer Agent receives a minimum annual fee of USD 3,000 per Sub-Fund. The fees effectively charged to each Sub-Fund are disclosed in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets of the Sub-Fund. The Transfer agency fees are payable monthly.

#### 7. OTHER EXPENSES

The Fund bears its operational costs including but not limited to regulatory fees, taxes, professional fees (legal and auditing), publishing and printing expenses, the cost of preparing the explanatory memoranda (prospectus among others), financial reports and other documents for the Shareholders.

Professional fees are disclosed in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets of the Sub-Fund.

In addition to the fees paid to the Fund's transfer agent, the relevant Sub-Funds bear the cost of fees paid to certain service providers, such as distributors or financial intermediaries, which in addition to the transfer agent provide transfer agency, record-keeping and shareholder servicing to certain shareholders. Such fees accrued to pay these service providers are a component of "accrued expenses and other payables" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as well as included in "other expenses" in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

#### 8. COMPENSATION OF THE FUND'S IDENTIFIED STAFF

The Fund has no employees and has identified members whose professional activities have a material impact on its risk profile (the "Identified Staff"). The Fund's Identified Staff is composed of the four members of its Board of Directors. Two of the directors are employees of the Investment Manager and do not receive additional compensation in respect of their roles as directors of the Fund. The aggregate compensation the Fund paid for independent director services, all of which is composed of fixed remuneration, for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 was EUR 70,000.

None of the Identified Staff of the Fund receives any variable remuneration in exchange for professional services rendered to the Fund.

#### 9. TAXATION

#### A) TAXE D'ABONNEMENT

The subscription tax is payable quarterly and calculated on the total net assets of each Sub-Fund at the end of the relevant quarter at a rate of 0.05% per annum.

This rate is reduced to 0.01% (i) for Sub-Funds or individual classes of shares reserved to one or more institutional investors or (ii) funds or Sub-Funds having the exclusive objective to invest in money market instruments as defined by the amended law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings of collective investment.

The portion of a Sub-Fund's assets invested in other Luxembourg funds, which have already been subject to subscription tax, is excluded for the purposes of computing the tax.

#### **B) PROVISION FOR FOREIGN TAXES**

The Sub-Funds may be subject to foreign taxation related to income received, capital gains on the sale of securities and certain foreign currency transactions in the foreign jurisdictions in which they invest. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Sub-Funds invest. When a capital gain tax is determined to apply, the Sub-Funds may record estimated deferred tax liability on unrealized gains in excess of unabsorbed realized losses in an amount that may be payable if those securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

#### 10. TRANSACTION COSTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the Fund incurred transaction costs which have been defined as brokerage fees and commissions and depositary transaction fees relating to purchase or sale of transferable securities or other eligible instruments as follows:

Sub-Fund (USD)	<b>Brokerage Fees and Commissions</b>	<b>Depositary Transaction Fees</b>	<b>Total Transaction Costs</b>
Emerging Markets Equity Fund*	4,936	7,252	12,188
Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund*	5,238	4,481	9,719
Emerging Markets Discovery Fund*	39,945	11,842	51,787
Asia Dividend Fund	141,055	30,850	171,905
Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund	1,445,242	39,329	1,484,571
China Dividend Fund	21,089	12,603	33,692
Pacific Tiger Fund	1,587,688	15,728	1,603,416
Asia Innovative Growth Fund	226,059	45,822	271,881
Asia Sustainable Future Fund	7,127	10,893	18,020
China Fund	219,337	16,103	235,440
China A-Share Fund	3,802	9,870	13,672
India Fund	175,848	37,387	213,235
Japan Fund	222,937	16,745	239,682
Asia Small Companies Fund	392,352	33,482	425,834
China Small Companies Fund	880,102	21,465	901,567

<sup>\*</sup> The Sub-Funds launched on 15 September 2023.

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#### 11. TRANSACTIONS WITH CONNECTED PERSONS

All transactions entered into between the Fund and the Investment Manager, the Directors of the Fund, the Depositary or any entity in which those parties or their connected persons have a material interest have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms. The Fund has not entered into any transactions through a broker who is a connected person, nor has the Fund entered into any transactions which are outside the ordinary course of business or not on normal commercial terms.

#### 12. SOFT DOLLAR ARRANGEMENTS

The Investment Manager may effect transactions with or through the agency of another person with whom the Investment Manager or an entity affiliated to the Investment Manager has arrangements under which that person will, from time to time, provide to or procure for the Investment Manager and/or an affiliated party goods, services or other benefits such as research and advisory services, specialized computer hardware or software. No direct payment may be made for such goods or services but the Investment Manager may undertake to place business with that person provided that person has agreed to provide best execution with respect to such business and the services provided must be of a type which assist in the provision of investment services to the Fund. The total monetary value of these arrangements for the year ended 31 March 2024 is USD 171,930.

#### 13. DIVIDENDS

The Fund intends to declare and distribute dividends representing substantially all of the investment income attributable to distribution Shares. Dividends in respect of these Shares will normally be payable at least annually, will be declared in the currency of denomination of the relevant share class and will be recorded on ex-date. Interim dividends in respect of the distribution Shares of any particular Fund may be paid from the attributable net investment income and realized capital gains with a frequency and at such intervals as the Board of Directors of the Fund may decide.

The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong ("SFC") requires disclosure of the composition of dividends distributed by SFC authorized funds. This disclosure includes the amount of the distribution per share as well as the portion of the dividend paid out of capital or effectively out of capital on a rolling twelve-month period.

The following dividend payments were made during the twelve months ended 31 March 2024:

		Date of Dividend	Dividend per	Dividend paid out of Net Distributable Income for	Dividend Paid out of Capital or Effectively Out
	Ex-Date	Payment	Share	the Period (%)	of Capital (%)
ASIA DIVIDEND FUND					
I Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.100430	69.96%	30.04%
I Dist (USD)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.134272	71.95%	28.05%
I Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.048868	43.88%	56.12%
I Dist (USD)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.071528	58.96%	41.04%
A Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.092617	39.70%	60.30%
A Dist (USD)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.101567	46.64%	53.36%
A Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.045798	0.00%	100.00%
A Dist (USD)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.068661	27.00%	73.00%
I Dist (GBP)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.127422	67.25%	32.75%
I Dist (GBP)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.168896	70.98%	29.02%
I Dist (GBP)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.178654	48.06%	51.94%
I Dist (GBP)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.086216	58.50%	41.50%
A Dist (GBP)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.109985	40.03%	59.97%
A Dist (GBP)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.125722	47.21%	52.79%
A Dist (GBP)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.054885	0.00%	100.00%
A Dist (GBP)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.080500	33.46%	66.54%

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#### 13. DIVIDENDS (continued)

		Date of Dividend	Dividend per	Dividend paid out of Net Distributable Income for	Dividend Paid out of Capital or Effectively Out
	Ex-Date	Payment	Share	the Period (%)	of Capital (%)
ASIA EX JAPAN TOTAL R	ETURN EQUITY	FUND			
I Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.121464	70.87%	29.13%
I Dist (USD)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.131329	72.15%	27.85%
I Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.090133	27.21%	72.79%
I Dist (USD)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.090219	42.48%	57.52%
A Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.118123	37.21%	62.79%
A Dist (USD)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.284831	48.72%	51.28%
A Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.047587	0.00%	100.00%
A Dist (USD)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.062919	0.00%	100.00%
S Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.082359	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a.¹
S Dist (USD)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.084241	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a. <sup>1</sup>
S Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.038813	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a. <sup>1</sup>
I Dist (GBP)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.143463	70.63%	29.37%
I Dist (GBP)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.203652	73.80%	26.20%
I Dist (GBP)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.064294	42.01%	57.99%
I Dist (GBP)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.080712	51.86%	48.14%
S Dist (GBP)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.096533	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a.¹
S Dist (GBP)	09/27/23	10/04/23	0.110871	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a. <sup>1</sup>
S Dist (GBP)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.042455	n.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.a. <sup>1</sup>
S Dist (GBP)	03/27/24	04/03/24	0.051876	n.a.¹	n.a.¹
CHINA DIVIDEND FUND					
I Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.215843	83.82%	16.18%
I Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.305075	74.44%	25.56%
A Dist (USD)	06/28/23	07/05/23	0.195415	71.39%	28.61%
A Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.292940	52.89%	47.11%
PACIFIC TIGER FUND					
I Dist (USD)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.314960	30.48%	69.52%
I Dist (GBP)	12/13/23	12/29/23	0.438246	43.05%	56.95%

<sup>1</sup> This Sub-Fund and/or share class is not authorized in Hong Kong, therefore disclosure of the portion paid out of distributable income and out of capital is not required.

#### 14. SWING PRICING

The Board of Directors of the Fund implemented a price adjustment policy in order to protect the interests of the Fund's Shareholders. The purpose of the price adjustment policy is to allocate the costs associated with large inflows and outflows to investors transacting that day, thereby protecting the long-term Shareholders from the worst effects of dilution. It achieves this purpose by adjusting the price at which deals in a Sub-Fund are transacted. In other words, Sub-Funds' prices may be adjusted up (when there are large net capital inflows) or down (when there are large net capital outflows) depending on the level and type of investor transactions on a particular day. In this way the existing and remaining Shareholders do not suffer an inappropriate level of dilution. The Fund will only trigger an adjustment in the price when there are net capital flows.

The Board of Directors of the Fund have applied partial swing pricing method for the period. Accordingly, rather than setting a single swing threshold with a single swing factor for each Sub-Fund, the Board of Directors of the Fund has chosen to deploy a more refined approach, with multiple thresholds and multiple factors. The application of swing pricing, the thresholds and factors may vary from Sub-Fund to Sub-Fund. If on any Valuation Day the aggregate transactions in Shares of a Sub-Fund result in a net increase or decrease of Shares which exceeds such threshold preset by the Board of Directors from time to time for that Sub-Fund (relating to the cost of market dealing for that Sub-Fund), the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund will be adjusted by an amount not exceeding 2% of that Net Asset Value, which reflects both the estimated fiscal charges and dealing costs that may be incurred by the Sub-Fund and the estimated bid/offer spread of the assets in which the Sub-Fund invests. Once an adjustment is made to the price, that price is the official price for that Sub-Fund for all deals that day.

Effective as of 10 August 2020, the Board of Directors of the Fund determined to only apply an adjustment in the price when there are net capital outflows to a Sub-Fund.

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#### 14. SWING PRICING (continued)

During the year ended 31 March 2024, Asia Dividend Fund, Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund, China Dividend Fund, Pacific Tiger Fund, Asia Innovative Growth Fund, Asia Sustainable Future Fund, China Fund, India Fund, Japan Fund, Asia Small Companies Fund and China Small Companies Fund have applied swing pricing.

Upon request, the Fund will also provide investors the impact of swing pricing on a day in which that investor has transacted, with an appropriate lag before such information is provided. Investors should be aware that the Board of Directors of the Fund may change the swing thresholds and swing factors at any time without notice to investors, so the information provided may not be indicative of the impact that swing pricing may have on future transactions in the shares of the Sub-Fund.

A periodic review is undertaken in order to verify the appropriateness of swing factor being applied.

#### 15. FORWARD CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS

As at 31 March 2024, Japan Fund has outstanding hedge share class forward currency exchange contracts as follows:

Currency Purchased	Amount Purchased	Currency Sold	Amount Sold	Commitment USD	Maturity Date	Counterparty	Share Class	Unrealized Gain/(Loss) USD	% of Net Assets
Unrealized	Unrealized Gain on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts								
USD	7,134,887	JPY	1,047,244,404	6,940,138	04/15/24	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York	l Acc (USD) Hedged	194,748	0.17
EUR	240,509	JPY	38,640,827	256,075	04/15/24	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York	l Acc (EUR) Hedged	4,002	0.00
USD	529,401	JPY	79,564,029	527,275	04/15/24	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York	l Acc (USD) Hedged	2,126	0.00
Total Unre	alized Gain o	on Forward	d Currency Exch	ange Contra	cts			200,876	0.17
Unrealized	d Loss on For	ward Curr	ency Exchange	Contracts					
EUR	13,162	JPY	2,161,266	14,323	04/15/24	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York	l Acc (EUR) Hedged	(90)	(0.00)
USD	708,284	JPY	106,915,740	708,536	04/15/24	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. New York	I Acc (USD) Hedged	(252)	(0.00)
Total Unre	alized Loss o	n Forward	Currency Cont	racts				(342)	(0.00)
Net Unrea	lized Gain or	n Forward	Currency Excha	nge Contract	s			200,534	0.17

#### 16. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SECURITIES PORTFOLIO

A copy of the changes in the securities portfolio for the period is available free of charge at the registered office of the Fund.

#### 17. ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS

Economic and financial market uncertainties remain elevated, driven by higher sustained inflation and tightening monetary policy as Central Banks have increased base rates, along with the tightening of credit conditions as illustrated with recent events in the banking sector. These market conditions may contribute to additional volatility and fluctuation in market variables including but not limited to interest rates, foreign exchange, equity prices, commodity prices, widening credit spreads, implied volatilities and asset correlations.

Events arising in Ukraine, as a result of military action being undertaken by Russia in Ukraine, may impact securities directly or indirectly related to companies domiciled in Russia and/or listed on exchanges located in Russia ("Russian Securities"). As at 31 March 2024, the Fund does not have direct exposure to Russian Securities. The Directors are monitoring developments related to this military action, including current and potential future interventions of foreign governments and economic sanctions.

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#### 18. SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION

The Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund, Emerging Markets Discovery Fund, Asia Dividend Fund, Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund, China Dividend Fund, Pacific Tiger Fund, Asia Innovative Growth Fund, China Fund, China A-Share Fund, India Fund, Japan Fund, Asia Small Companies Fund and China Small Companies Fund are considered to be within the scope of Article 8 of SFDR. The Asia Sustainable Future Fund is considered to be within the scope of Article 9 of SFDR.

#### 19. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The Sub-Funds Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund and Emerging Markets Discovery Fund launched on 15 September 2023.

#### **20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there were no subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

## Performance and Expenses

			Ave	erage Annua	al Total Retu	rn <sup>1</sup>			
	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception	Inception Date	Portfolio Turnover Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Total Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>
EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND*									
I Acc (USD)	4.51%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.50%	15 Sep 2023	118.31%	0.90%
I Acc (GBP)	5.13%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.50%	15 Sep 2023	118.31%	0.90%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	2.44%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.04% 5			
EMERGING MARKETS EX CHINA EQUITY F	UND*	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •						
I Acc (USD)	5.25%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.30%	15 Sep 2023	119.27%	0.90%
I Acc (GBP)	5.87%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.20%	15 Sep 2023	119.27%	0.90%
MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	4.10%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13.45%5			
EMERGING MARKETS DISCOVERY FUND*		• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
I Acc (USD)	0.29%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.50%	15 Sep 2023	54.31%	1.15%
I Acc (GBP)	0.79%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.50%	15 Sep 2023	54.31%	1.15%
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	1.11%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.59%5			
ASIA DIVIDEND FUND									
I Acc (USD)	2.54%	4.67%	-8.74%	0.11%	3.20%	4.38%	30 Apr 2010	13.99%	0.90%
I Dist (USD)	2.58%	4.63%	-8.74%	0.12%	3.20%	4.48%	26 Aug 2010	13.99%	0.90%
A Acc (USD)	2.28%	3.68%	-9.56%	-0.71%	2.48%	3.81%	26 Aug 2010	13.99%	1.72%
A Dist (USD)	2.22%	3.65%	-9.57%	-0.71%	2.47%	3.80%	26 Aug 2010	13.99%	1.75%
I Acc (GBP)	3.15%	2.42%	-6.12%	0.81%	6.07%	6.06%	28 Feb 2011	13.99%	0.90%
I Dist (GBP)	3.15%	2.47%	-6.10%	0.82%	6.08%	6.06%	28 Feb 2011	13.99%	0.90%
A Acc (GBP)	2.90%	1.48%	-6.96%	0.00%	5.37%	5.39%	28 Feb 2011	13.99%	1.76%
A Dist (GBP)	2.87%	1.52%	-6.96%	-0.02%	5.35%	5.38%	28 Feb 2011	13.99%	1.71%
I Acc (EUR)	4.84%	5.14%	-6.25%	0.87%	n.a.	1.45%	15 May 2017	13.99%	0.90%
MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	5.13%	12.11%	-1.96%	4.80%	5.30%	5.29%5			
ASIA EX JAPAN TOTAL RETURN EQUITY FU	IND	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
I Acc (USD)	2.10%	-9.21%	-10.89%	2.76%	n.a.	6.98%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	0.90%
I Dist (USD)	2.09%	-9.20%	-10.90%	2.76%	n.a.	6.97%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	0.90%
A Acc (USD)	1.79%	-10.08%	-11.69%	1.91%	n.a.	6.20%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	1.80%
A Dist (USD)	1.79%	-10.04%	-11.68%	1.90%	n.a.	6.19%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	1.80%
S Acc (USD)	2.14%	-9.11%	-10.75%	3.01%	n.a.	2.22%	13 Dec 2017	23.30%	0.75%
S Dist (USD)	2.07%	-9.07%	-10.75%	3.00%	n.a.	2.21%	13 Dec 2017	23.30%	0.75%
I Acc (GBP)	2.66%	-11.18%	-8.32%	3.48%	n.a.	9.20%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	0.90%
I Dist (GBP)	2.72%	-11.11%	-8.32%	3.49%	n.a.	9.20%	30 Nov 2015	23.30%	0.90%
S Acc (GBP)	2.71%	-11.01%	-8.19%	3.73%	n.a.	3.10%	13 Dec 2017	23.30%	0.75%
S Dist (GBP)	2.75%	-11.01%	-8.17%	3.74%	n.a.	3.11%	13 Dec 2017	23.30%	0.75%
I Acc (EUR)	4.46%	-8.70%	-8.43%	n.a.	n.a.	0.22%	31 Jul 2020	23.30%	0.90%
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	2.44%	4.36%	-6.52%	2.27%	n.a.	5.82%5			

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Based on the Inception Date of the I Acc (USD) Share Class.

Average A	Annual	Total	Return '

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	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception	Inception Date	Portfolio Turnover Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Tota Expense Ratio
CHINA DIVIDEND FUND	3 months	1 year	3 years	3 years	10 years	псериоп	inception Date	Ratio	Katio
I Acc (USD)	-3.52%	-25.21%	-13.91%	-4.60%	3.19%	3.22%	31 Jan 2013	49.11%	1.00%
I Dist (USD)	-3.52%	-25.21%	-13.92%	-4.60%	3.21%	3.22%	31 Jan 2013	49.11%	1.00%
A Acc (USD)	-3.78%	-25.81%	-14.61%	-5.35%	2.52%	2.55%	31 Jan 2013	49.11%	1.80%
A Dist (USD)	-3.76%	-25.79%	-14.61%	-5.35%	2.52%	2.56%	31 Jan 2013	49.11%	1.80%
MSCI China Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>		-16.90%		-6.19%	1.42%	0.71%5	31 jan 2013	12.1170	1.007
PACIFIC TIGER FUND									
I Acc (USD)	-0.78%	-8.40%	-10.80%	-0.75%	3.26%	4.27%	30 Apr 2010	178.77%	0.90%
I Dist (USD)	-0.80%	-8.44%	-10.80%	-0.75%	n.a.	2.37%	31 Oct 2014	178.77%	0.909
A Acc (USD)	-1.07%	-9.11%	-11.56%	-1.54%	2.55%	3.41%	26 Aug 2010	178.77%	1.68%
I Acc (GBP)	-0.19%	-10.38%	-8.23%	-0.06%	6.15%	5.96%	28 Feb 2011	178.77%	0.90%
I Dist (GBP)	-0.30%	-10.40%	-8.24%	-0.07%	n.a.	4.92%	31 Oct 2014	178.77%	0.90%
A Acc (GBP)	-0.51%	-11.08%	-9.02%	-0.86%	5.41%	5.27%	28 Feb 2011	178.77%	1.709
I Acc (JPY)	6.02%	3.95%	-1.05%	5.61%	n.a.	6.81%	27 Mar 2017	178.77%	0.909
I Acc (EUR)	1.43%	-7.88%	-8.32%	n.a.	n.a.	-0.12%	30 Apr 2019	178.77%	0.909
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	2.44%	4.36%	-6.52%	2.27%	4.49%	4.64%5			
ASIA INNOVATIVE GROWTH FUND						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
l Acc (USD)	6.97%	2.12%	-11.66%	n.a.	n.a.	-12.20%	23 Mar 2021	575.16%	0.909
S Acc (USD)	7.12%	2.27%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-12.82%	27 May 2021	575.16%	0.759
I Acc (GBP)	7.75%	0.00%	-9.09%	n.a.	n.a.	-9.61%	23 Mar 2021	575.16%	0.909
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	2.44%	4.36%	-6.52%	n.a.	n.a.	-6.77%5			
ASIA SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FUND			• • • • • • • • • • • • •			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
I Acc (USD)	1.70%	3.25%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.06%	21 Jul 2022	45.96%	0.909
I Acc (GBP)	2.24%	0.95%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-2.38%	21 Jul 2022	45.96%	0.909
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	2.44%	4.36%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.27%5			
CHINA FUND		• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • •				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
I Acc (USD)	-1.81%	-21.52%	-19.76%	-4.04%	2.46%	2.17%	26 Feb 2010	7.24%	1.009
A Acc (USD)	-2.10%	-22.19%	-20.41%	-4.79%	1.77%	1.15%	26 Aug 2010	7.24%	1.809
S Acc (USD)	-1.79%	-21.35%	-19.57%	n.a.	n.a.	-6.45%	30 Apr 2020	7.24%	0.759
I Acc (GBP)	-1.29%	-23.22%	-17.45%	-3.38%	5.33%	3.32%	28 Feb 2011	7.24%	1.009
A Acc (GBP)	-1.47%	-23.81%	-18.12%	-4.13%	4.61%	2.67%	28 Feb 2011	7.24%	1.809
MSCI China Index (USD)⁴	-2.19%	-16.90%	-18.79%	-6.19%	1.42%	1.73%5			
CHINA A-SHARE FUND									
l Acc (USD)	-0.67%	-20.73%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-16.15%	21 Jul 2022	58.23%	1.009
I Acc (GBP)	-0.14%	-22.39%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-18.99%	21 Jul 2022	58.23%	1.009
MSCI China A Onshore Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	-0.68%	-17.09%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-13.70%5			

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Based on the Inception Date of the I Acc (USD) Share Class.

			Average Annual Total Return <sup>1</sup>						
	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception	Inception Date	Portfolio Turnover Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Total Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>
INDIA FUND									
I Acc (USD)	4.75%	37.44%	13.26%	11.73%	11.59%	8.35%	30 Jun 2011	75.91%	1.00%
A Acc (USD)	4.52%	36.35%	11.38%	10.27%	10.56%	7.44%	30 Jun 2011	75.91%	1.80%
S Acc (USD)	4.78%	37.74%	12.58%	11.45%	n.a.	11.27%	5 Feb 2016	75.91%	0.75%
I Acc (GBP)	5.39%	34.51%	16.71%	12.61%	14.76%	10.42%	30 Jun 2011	75.91%	1.00%
A Acc (GBP)	5.16%	33.39%	14.78%	11.16%	13.71%	9.50%	30 Jun 2011	75.91%	1.80%
S&P Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	4.07%	32.15%	12.67%	11.84%	11.05%	7.96%5			
JAPAN FUND									
I Acc (USD)	15.01%	28.54%	1.55%	8.13%	n.a.	6.97%	30 Apr 2015	151.77%	0.80%
A Acc (USD)	14.77%	27.56%	0.75%	7.30%	n.a.	6.25%	30 Apr 2015	151.77%	1.60%
S Acc (USD)	15.03%	28.60%	1.60%	8.24%	n.a.	7.94%	8 Jan 2016	151.77%	0.75%
I Acc (USD) Hedged	24.25%	53.67%	15.89%	17.32%	n.a.	14.20%	3 Apr 2017	151.77%	0.80%
I Acc (GBP)	15.65%	25.75%	4.46%	8.86%	n.a.	9.34%	30 Apr 2015	151.77%	0.80%
I Acc (EUR) Hedged	23.89%	50.92%	14.09%	15.44%	n.a.	12.04%	3 Apr 2017	151.77%	0.80%
MSCI Japan Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	11.16%	26.20%	4.08%	8.16%	n.a.	6.13%5			
ASIA SMALL COMPANIES FUND									
I Acc (USD)	-1.39%	4.46%	4.71%	12.47%	7.56%	7.49%	30 Apr 2013	-24.00%	1.15%
A Acc (USD)	-1.64%	3.60%	3.80%	11.53%	6.81%	6.76%	30 Apr 2013	-24.00%	2.05%
S Acc (USD)	-1.38%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.00%	30 Nov 2023	-24.00%	1.00%
I Acc (GBP)	-0.79%	2.26%	7.76%	13.27%	n.a.	10.77%	30 Apr 2014	-24.00%	1.15%
S Acc (GBP)	-0.81%	2.40%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1.64%	2 Feb 2023	-24.00%	1.00%
I Acc (EUR)	0.77%	5.02%	7.61%	n.a.	n.a.	8.84%	30 Dec 2020	-24.00%	1.15%
S Acc (EUR)	0.90%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.10%	30 Nov 2023	-24.00%	1.00%
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index (USD) <sup>4</sup>	0.52%	17.26%	2.83%	8.38%	5.23%	4.94%5			
CHINA SMALL COMPANIES FUND									
I Acc (USD)	-2.42%	-17.80%	-18.10%	2.32%	4.96%	6.14%	29 Feb 2012	57.52%	1.25%
A Acc (USD)	-2.61%	-18.42%	-18.75%	1.55%	4.27%	5.48%	29 Feb 2012	57.52%	1.94%
S Acc (USD)	-2.25%	-17.36%	-17.69%	2.85%	n.a.	0.00%	29 Jun 2018	57.52%	0.75%
I Acc (GBP)	-1.80%	-19.57%	-15.75%	n.a.	n.a.	-0.43%	30 Jan 2020	57.52%	1.25%
S Acc (GBP)	-1.73%	-19.14%	-15.29%	3.59%	n.a.	1.27%	11 May 2018	57.52%	0.75%
A Acc (EUR)	-0.57%	-18.03%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-21.27%	15 Jul 2021	57.52%	1.94%
S Acc (EUR)	-0.18%	-17.00%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-20.23%	15 Jul 2021	57.52%	0.75%

MSCI China Small Cap Index (USD)4

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Carne Global Fund Managers (Luxembourg) S.A. (the "Management Company") has designed and implemented a remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy") in line with the provisions on remuneration as set out by the European Directive 2009/65/EC ("UCITS Directive"), as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU ("UCITS V Directive") as implemented into Luxembourg in the Law of 10 May 2016 (the "2016 Law").

The Management Company has developed and implemented remuneration policies and practices that are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management of the Fund, do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles/rules governing the Fund, and do not impair compliance with the Management Company's duty to act in the best interest of the Fund and ultimately its investors.

The Board of Directors of the Management Company is responsible for the design, implementation and regular review of the Remuneration Policy. In reviewing the Remuneration Policy, the Board of Directors of the Management Company will consider whether the remuneration framework operates as intended and ensure that the risk profile, long-term objectives and goals of the Fund are adequately reflected. No material amendments were made to the Remuneration Policy and no irregularities were uncovered during the period under review.

A copy of the Remuneration Policy is available, free of charge, at the registered office of the Management Company and at the following address: www.carnegroup.com.

The below table outlines the total remuneration paid to Identified Staff of the Management Company during the financial year<sup>3</sup>:

	Number of beneficiaries	Total remuneration* (EUR)	Fixed remuneration (EUR)	Variable remuneration (EUR)
Senior management	13	2,700,392	2,065,370	635,022
Other material risk takers	13	1,581,520	1,107,338	474,182

The Management Company has also determined that, on the basis of number of sub-funds/net asset value of the UCITS relative to the number of sub-funds/assets under management, the portion of the total remuneration attributable to the UCITS is €75,951.

Total remuneration = sum of fixed remuneration and variable remuneration paid to identified staff of the Management Company during the Management Company's financial year. Identified Staff comprises = Directors of the Company, Chief Business Development Officer, Senior Business Development Officer, Person responsible for the Permanent Risk Function,

Carne's Responsable du Contrôle, Conducting Officers of the Company, Head of Legal, members of the Investment Committee and members of the Valuation Committee.

31 December is the financial year end of the Management Company.

Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (Unaudited) As at 31 March 2024	
As at 31 March 2024, the Sub-Funds do not hold any instruments falling into the scope of the Luxembourg Law of 6 June 2018 implementing the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 ("SFT Regulation").	

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

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Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Legal entity identifier: 2549007LUQF4KZGGX077

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

#### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



## To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	418 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 351
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	89.9%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	5.1%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	28%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over three quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (418 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 19% higher than the benchmark (351 tCO₂e/€m Rev). This is largely due to cement companies in the portfolio. Despite the high carbon intensity, both companies are seeing a reduction in their intensity over time and have approved Science Based Targets.
- 2. On average over the course of three quarters, 89.9% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that had a GHG reduction plan (or carbon reduction initiatives), which was measured quarterly.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had direct exposure to four companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 28% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Emerging Markets companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of sustainability indicators listed above.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 184 tCO₂e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 106 tCO₂e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 418 tCO₂e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements. Where portfolio companies were carbon intensive, the Investment Manager tracked the companies' historical emissions and decarbonization plans. The portfolio's weighted average carbon footprint was lower than the benchmark over three quarters. Throughout the year, more than 85% of the companies in the portfolio had implement initiatives to reduce GHG (or carbon)

The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

• PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. During the reference period, there were eight companies flagged for involvement, but only four with significant involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- o Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- o Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

• PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

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PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 21.6% vs. the benchmark of 17.6%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAL 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 10% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 45.9%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024								
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country					
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	7.6	Taiwan					
Co., Ltd.								
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	6.3	South Korea					
Tencent Holdings, ltd.	Information and communication	4.9	China					
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.6	Vietnam					
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	3.2	India					
Meituan Class B	Transportation and storage	2.8	China					
Banco BTG Pactual SA	Financial and insurance activities	2.6	Brazil					
PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Indonesia					
Trip.com Group, Ltd. ADR	Administrative and support service	2.3	China					
	activities							
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	Mining and quarrying	2.3	United States					
Kaspi.KZ JSC ADR	Financial and insurance activities	2.3	Kazakhstan					
GCC SAB de CV	Manufacturing	2.2	Mexico					
Globant SA	Information and communication	2.1	Luxembourg					
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.0	China					
Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank	Financial and insurance activities	2.0	Vietnam					

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 15 September 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	6.3	South Korea
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	5.9	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			

Prologis Property Mexico SA de CV REIT	Real estate activities	4.2	Mexico
Tencent Holdings, ltd.	Information and communication	4.0	China
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.0	Vietnam
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	3.7	India
Banco BTG Pactual SA	Financial and insurance activities	2.6	Brazil
ICICI Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	2.6	India
Woodside Energy Group, Ltd.	Mining and quarrying	2.5	Australia
Globant SA	Information and communication	2.4	Luxembourg
TotalEnergies SE ADR	Mining and quarrying	2.4	France
PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Indonesia
Prudential PLC	Financial and insurance activities	2.2	United
			Kingdom
Applied Materials, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.2	United States
Dino Polska SA	Manufacturing	2.1	Poland

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	5.5	South Korea
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	5.2	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.5	Vietnam
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information and communication	4.1	China
Prologis Property Mexico SA de CV	Real estate activities	3.7	Mexico
REIT			
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	3.4	India
Woodside Energy Group, Ltd.	Mining and quarrying	3.0	Australia
TotalEnergies SE ADR	Mining and quarrying	2.8	France
ICICI Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	2.7	India
Infosys, Ltd. ADR	Information and communication	2.5	India
Banco BTG Pactual SA	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Brazil
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PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.2	Indonesia
Globant SA	Information and communication	2.1	Luxembourg
H World Group, Ltd. ADR	Accommodation and food service	2.0	China
	activities		
AIA Group, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.0	Hong Kong



## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 88.6%of Emerging Markets Equity Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

#### What was the asset allocation?



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 88.6% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 11.4% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	3.1%	
Administrative and support service activities	2.0%	
Financial and insurance activities	22.0%	
Information and communication	11.5%	
Manufacturing	33.7%	
Mining and quarrying	3.3%	
Real estate activities	3.3%	
Transportation and storage	2.4%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7.3%	

During the reference period, there were eight companies flagged for involvement with fossil fuels through power generation activities (GCC SAB, Freeport-McMoRan, UltraTech, Ayala Corp, Prio SA,

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rules.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

TotalEnergies, Reliance Industries and Woodside Energy) but only four with significant involvement (TotalEnergies, Prio SA, Reliance Industries and Woodside Energy).



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Emerging Markets Equity Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>i</sup>?

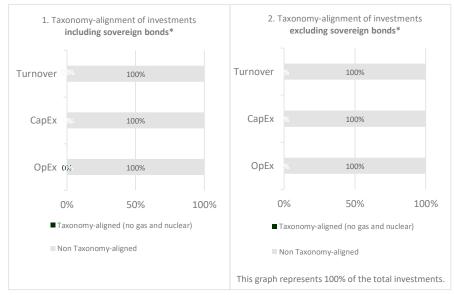
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

#### **⊠** No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Emerging Markets Equity Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company on topics such as ESG disclosure, data security and privacy, content quality, employee turnover, board composition and skillset,

capital management, and data centre carbon. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



Reference

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the financial

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characteristics that they promote.

#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

benchmarks are measure whether environmental or

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

practices.

2020/852

of

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**Equity Fund** 

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

- Yes
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_ %

- ○ 図 No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - $\square$  With a social objective
- It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	475 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 391
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	88.4%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	5.9%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	31.1%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over three quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (475 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 21.5% higher than the benchmark (391 tCO₂e/€m Rev). This is largely due to cement companies in the portfolio. Despite the high carbon intensity, both companies are seeing a reduction in their intensity over time and have approved Science Based Targets.
- 2. On average over the course of three quarters, 88.4% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that had a GHG reduction plan (or carbon reduction initiatives), which was measured quarterly.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had direct exposure to four companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 31.1% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Emerging Markets companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of sustainability indicators listed above.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant

negative impacts of investment decisions on

sustainability factors relating to environmental,

social and employee

matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption

and anti-bribery matters.

### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 210 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 120 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 475 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements. Where portfolio companies were carbon intensive, the Investment Manager tracked the companies' historical emissions and decarbonization plans. The portfolio's weighted average carbon footprint was lower than the benchmark over three quarters. Throughout the year, more than 85% of the companies in the portfolio had implement initiatives to reduce GHG (or carbon) emissions. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. During the reference period, there were nine companies flagged for involvement, but only four with significant involvement, which was less than the benchmark.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

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Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 11.6% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 43.2%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

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Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
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Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	10.0	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
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FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.6	Vietnam
HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR	Financial and insurance activities	3.6	India
Banco BTG Pactual SA	Financial and insurance activities	3.1	Brazil
PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.6	Indonesia
Reliance Industries	Manufacturing	2.4	Brazil
Dino Polska SA	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.4	Poland
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Globant SA	Information and communication	2.4	Uruguay
Despegar.com, Corp.	Administrative & support service	2.4	Argentina
	activities		
Kaspi.KZ JSC ADR	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Kazakhstan
GCC SAB de CV	Manufacturing	2.4	Mexico
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	Mining and quarrying	2.3	United States
UltraTech Cement	Manufacturing	2.2	India

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	9.8	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	6.6	South Korea
Prologis Property Mexico SA de CV	Real estate activities	4.3	Mexico
REIT			
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PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Indonesia
Dino Polska SA	Manufacturing	2.4	Poland

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	9.3	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	6.0	South Korea
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.7	Vietnam
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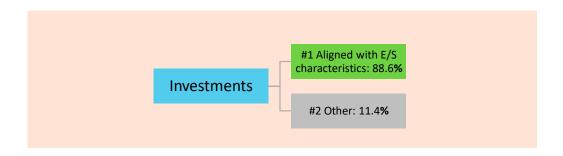


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The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 88.6% of Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

## What was the asset allocation?

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#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	1.7%	
Administrative and support service activities	3.2%	
Financial and insurance activities	23.8%	
Information and communication	9.8%	
Manufacturing	33.7%	
Mining and quarrying	5.9%	
Real estate activities	4.6%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	5.9%	

During the reference period, there were nine companies flagged for involvement with fossil fuels through power generation activities (GCC SAB, Anglo American, Freeport-McMoRan, UltraTech, Ayala Corp, Prio SA, TotalEnergies, Reliance Industries and Woodside Energy) but only four with significant involvement (TotalEnergies, Prio SA, Reliance Industries and Woodside Energy).



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

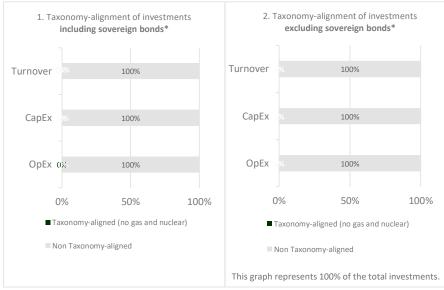
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting operational activities of investee companies.

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

#### **⊠** No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



## What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Emerging Markets ex China Equity Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



## What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company on topics such as ESG disclosure, compensation, voting rights, diversity & inclusion, cybersecurity & data management, and carbon credits. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Emerging Markets Discovery Fund Legal entity identifier: 254900YAJGG7RA6TIZ85

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

#### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU)

2020/852 establishing a list of environmentally sustainable

economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with

the Taxonomy or

☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %

Yes

- ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



## To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	107 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 450
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	94.5%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	33.1%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- On average over three quarters, the Fund's weighted average carbon intensity (107 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 76% lower than the benchmark (450 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. On average over the course of three quarters, 94.5% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark, which was measured quarterly.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund did not have any direct exposure to any investee company with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 33.1% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Emerging Markets companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of sustainability indicators listed above.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



Principal adverse impacts are the

most significant negative impacts of investment

decisions on

sustainability factors relating to environmental,

social and employee matters, respect

for human rights, anti-corruption

and anti-bribery matters.

#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 316 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 28 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 107 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. Over the three quarters, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was consistently lower than the benchmark. Throughout the year, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, the Fund had two companies with some indirect exposure to the fossil fuel sector.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 19.5% vs. the benchmark of 14.6%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 27.5% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 84.5%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting  ${\it the}$ greatest proportion of  $investments \ {\rm of} \\$ the financial product during the reference period, which is: 15 September 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Shriram Finance, Ltd. Co., Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.09	India
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	4.63	India
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	Information and communication	3.80	China
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Co.	Financial & insurance activities	3.48	Saudi Arabia
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	3.11	China
Hugel, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.09	South Korea
M31 Technology Corp.	Information and communication	2.90	Taiwan
Wiwynn Corp.	Information and communication	2.89	Taiwan
Airtac International Group	Manufacturing	2.72	China
Grupo SBF SA	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.68	Brazil
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	Real estate activities	2.62	India
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd. H Shares	Manufacturing	2.60	China
Vamos Lcacao de Caminhoes	Administrative and support service	2.52	Brazil
Manquinas e Equipamentos	activities		
Finolex Cables, Ltd.	Manufacturing	1.98	India
YDUQS Participacoes SA	Education	1.97	China

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Investee Company Sector		Country
Shriram Finance, Ltd. Co., Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.4	India
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.2	India
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	3.6	China
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	Information and communication	3.6	China
Hugel, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.5	South Korea
Vamos Lcacao de Caminhoes	Administrative and support service	3.1	Brazil
Manquinas e Equipamentos	activities		
YDUQS Participacoes SA	Education	3.1	China
Airtac International Group	Manufacturing	3.0	China
Silergy Corp.	Manufacturing	3.0	Taiwan
M31 Technology Corp.	Information and communication	2.9	Taiwan
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	Real estate activities	2.7	India

Grupo SBF SA	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.6	Brazil
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Wiwynn Corp.	Information and communication	2.5	Taiwan
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Co.	Financial & insurance activities	2.3	Saudi Arabia
Zhihu, Inc. ADR	Information and communication	2.3	China

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	y Sector		Country
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.5	India
Shriram Finance, Ltd. Co., Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.2	India
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	4.6	China
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	Information and communication	3.7	China
Hugel, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.4	South Korea
YDUQS Participacoes SA	Education	3.2	China
Airtac International Group	Manufacturing	3.1	China
M31 Technology Corp.	Information and communication	2.6	Taiwan
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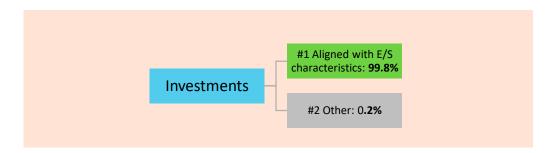


## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 99.8% of Emerging Markets Discovery Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What was the asset allocation?



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 99.8% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 0.2% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	0.7%	
Administrative and support service activities	6.2%	
Education	3.7%	
Financial and insurance activities	19.2%	
Human health and social work activities	1.0%	
Information and communication	16.7%	
Manufacturing	36.0%	
Mining and quarrying	0.6%	
Other service activities	0.9%	
Real estate activities	5.0%	
Transportation and storage	2.7%	
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.5%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6.4%	

During the reference period, there were two companies flagged for indirect involvement with fossil fuels through power generation activities (GT Holdings and HEG). The company flagged as operating in the mining and quarrying sectors is not involved in fossil fuels.



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Emerging Markets Discovery Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

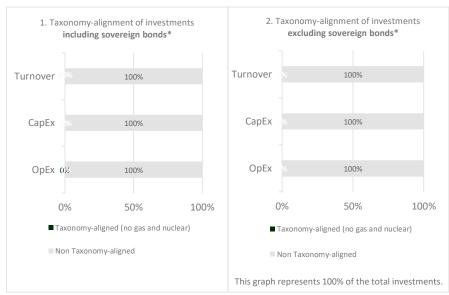
☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas

☐ In nuclear energy

#### ⊠ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



- \*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.
- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? Not applicable.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

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- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Not applicable.



## What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Emerging Markets Discovery Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

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The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
  - Not applicable.
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

■ ☐ Yes

an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %  $\square$  In economic activities that qualify as

☐ It made sustainable investments with

the EU Taxonomy  $\square$  In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally

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sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

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- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



## To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
	(as of 31 March 2024)
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	84 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev (€m) vs. 205
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	92.3%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	3.8%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	34.7%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (84 tCO₂e/€m Rev) was 58% lower than the benchmark (205 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 92.3% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had a direct exposure to two companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 34.7% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manage'sr exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 2525 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 32 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 97 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions and where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. There were four companies that flagged for involvement, two being significant.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

• PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

 PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 22.2% vs. the benchmark of 20.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

### Optional indicators:

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund did not have exposure to any investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 34.1%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 29 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024				
Investee Company	e Company Sector % of NAV			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	4.5	Taiwan	
Co., Ltd.				
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information and communications	3.1	China	
	technology			
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financial & insurance activities	2.9	Japan	
ITOCHU Corp.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.8	Japan	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
ORIX Corp.	Financial & insurance activities	2.7	Japan	
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.7	India	
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	South Korea	
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.4	Japan	
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	Financial and insurance activities	2.3	South Korea	
Delta Electronics, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.2	Taiwan	
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	Information and communication	2.2	India	
AIA Group, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.1	Hong Kong	
Ampol, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.0	Australia	
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.0	Japan	
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	Financial & insurance activities	2.0	Indonesia	

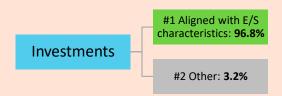


### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 96.8% of Asia Dividend Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

#### What was the asset allocation?



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 96.8% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 3.2% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Sector	Weights (%)		
Accommodation and food service activities	1.6%		
Administrative and support service activities	1.9%		
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.6%		
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3.4%		
Financial and insurance activities	17.7%		
Human health and social work activities	1.6%		
Information and communication	16.5%		
Manufacturing	40.1%		
Real estate activities	4.5%		
Transportation and storage	1.3%		
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	0.8%		
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	5.9%		

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. There were four companies that flagged for involvement (Ampol, Intochu, Nippon Gas, and Guangdong Investment), two being significant.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Asia Dividend Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green
- economy. operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

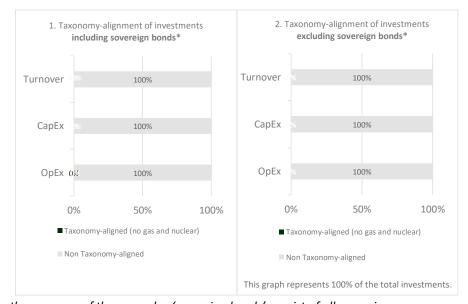
Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

⊠ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

🭘 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Asia Dividend Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager

promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a major automobile company in Japan on topics such as EV strategy, product safety and quality, board composition, variable compensation scheme, and capital efficiency. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

i Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

practices.

2020/852

of

The EU Taxonomy

is a classification

system laid down

in Regulation (EU)

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activities. That

Regulation does not include a list

sustainable economic

of socially

sustainable economic activities.

Sustainable investments with an environmental

objective might

be aligned with the Taxonomy or Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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**Equity Fund** 

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

## Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

- Yes
- It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - $\square$  With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

## To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	85 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 341
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	96.1%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0.3%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	30.7%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over four quarters, the Fund's weighted average carbon intensity (85 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 75% lower than the benchmark (341 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. On average over the course of four quarters, 96.1% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had a direct exposure to one company with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 30.7% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustainability Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023

The aggregated carbon intensity of the Fund and	Portfolio: 85	Portfolio: 96
the carbon intensity of the Index (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev(€m)).	Benchmark: 341	Benchmark: 351
The share of investee companies having a lower	96.1%	81.4%
carbon intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant	0.3%	0.0%
exposure to the fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy	30.7%	27.0%
eligible.		
The share of investments having exposure to, or	0%	0%
ties with the sectors described in the Activity-		
based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in	0%	0%
severe breach of any of the ten principles of the		
UN Global Compact.		

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 5443 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 19 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 85 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. Over the four quarters, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was consistently lower than the benchmark. Throughout the year, more than 95% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. Over the year, there were two companies flagged for involvement.

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- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
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- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
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The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 20.2% vs. the benchmark of 17.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

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Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 14.7% of investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 40.8%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

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#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	10.7	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	4.5	Vietnam
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.3	South Korea
DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	4.3	Singapore
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. ADR	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of	2.9	China
	motor vehicles & motorcycles		
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.9	India
Frontken Corp Bhd	Manufacturing	2.7	Malaysia
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information and communication	2.6	China
Asia Commercial Bank JSC	Financial & insurance activities	2.5	Vietnam
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.5	China
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.4	China
HDFC Bank, ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.4	India
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	Information and communication	2.3	India
Axis Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.3	India
PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	Financial & insurance activities	2.2	Indonesia

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	10.0	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.8	China
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.4	South Korea
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	4.0	India
Ashok Leyland, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.7	India
Midea Group Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	3.5	China
AIA Group, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	3.5	Hong Kong
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	3.4	India
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	Information and communication	3.4	India
PT Bank Raykat Indonesia Persero Tbk	Financial & insurance activities	3.1	Indonesia
SINBON Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.9	Taiwan
Voltronic Power Technology	Manufacturing	2.8	Taiwan
		51.6	12

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	7.7	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.0	China
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.7	South Korea
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Chailease Holding Co., Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	2.6	Taiwan
Poya International Co., Ltd.	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of	2.5	Taiwan
	motor vehicles & motorcycles		
Ashok Leyland, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	India
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	Information and communication	2.4	India
AIA Group, Itd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Hong Kong
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.3	India
NetEase, Inc.	Information and communication	2.3	China
		47.4	15

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	8.2	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.3	China

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.6	South Korea
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FPT Corp.	Information & communication	2.7	Taiwan
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Poya International Co., Ltd.	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of	2.5	Taiwan
	motor vehicles & motorcycles		
Universal Vision Biotechnology Co.,	Human health & social work	2.4	Taiwan
Ltd.	activities		
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Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	Manufacturing	2.4	Taiwan
E Ink Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.4	Taiwan
SINBON Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	Taiwan
JD.com Inc. Class A	Information & communication	2.4	China
Ashok Leyland, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	India

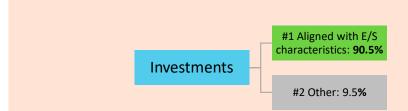


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Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

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In practice, 90.5% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics (95.9% in 2023). The remaining portion of 9.5% of the portfolio (4.1% in 2023) was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	1.0%	
Administrative and support service activities	2.5%	
Construction	0.5%	
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.0%	
Financial and insurance activities	21.6%	
Human health and social work activities	2.0%	
Information and communication	10.0%	
Manufacturing	39.8%	
Real estate activities	1.5%	
Transportation and storage	3.0%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7.4%	

During the reference period, there were two companies flagged for involvement with fossil fuels (Reliance Industries and Samsung C&T).



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy <sup>i</sup> ?	
☐ <b>Yes:</b> ☐ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy
⊠ No	
The graphs below show in gre	een the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU

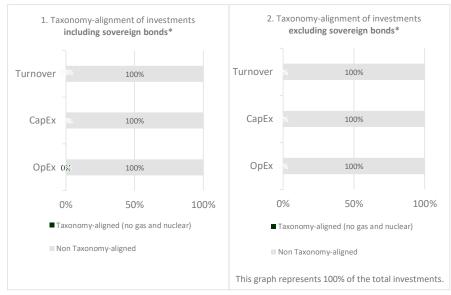
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Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting operational activities of investee companies.

sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



## What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



## What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



## What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a major automobile company in South Korea on corporate governance practices and supply chain audits. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

i Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

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sustainable economic

activities. That

Regulation does

not include a list of socially sustainable

investments with an environmental

objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or

economic activities. Sustainable Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: China Dividend Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300EIQDZ7BDAC1C42

## **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

## Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %

> ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

 $\boxtimes$  No

☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With a social objective

☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



## To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI China Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The aggregated carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	104 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 240
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	84.1%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	5.7%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	19.6%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, on average over four quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (104 tCO₂e/€m Rev) was 27% lower than the benchmark (240 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 84.1% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. As of the last quarter, the Fund had direct exposure to two companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 10.6% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Chinese companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 209 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 48 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 104 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 80% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. There were two companies flagged for significant involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 19.9% vs. the benchmark of 19.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund did not have any exposure to any investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 47.9%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes
the investments
constituting <b>the</b>
greatest
proportion of
investments of
the financial
product during
the reference
period, which is:
1 April 2023 to
31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	8.85	China
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	6.19	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Postal Savings Bank of China Co., Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	3.71	China
H Shares			
Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd. D Shares	Manufacturing	3.61	China
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A	Financial & insurance activities	3.56	China
Shares			
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	3.49	China
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group	Manufacturing	3.42	China
Co., Ltd. A Shares			
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.40	China
PICC Property & Casualty Co., Ltd. H	Financial & insurance activities	3.40	China
Shares			
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	3.34	China
China Suntien Green Energy Corp.,	Electricity, gas, steam and air	3.24	China
Ltd. H Shares	conditioning supply		
Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd. H Shares	Manufacturing	3.19	China
CITIC Telecom International Holdings,	Information and communication	3.05	China
Ltd.			



#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 96.6%of China Dividend Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

What was the asset allocation?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics: 96.6% Investments #2 Other: 3.4%

#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 96.6% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining 3.4% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Sector	Weights (%)		
Accommodation and food service activities	8.6%		
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3.1%		
Financial and insurance activities	16.8%		
Information and communication	13.5%		
Manufacturing	31.3%		
Mining and quarrying	2.4%		
Real estate activities	3.6%		
Transportation and storage	7.7%		
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1.2%		
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	8.4%		

There were two companies flagged for significant involvement (Petrochina and China Suntien).



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

China Dividend Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>i</sup>?

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

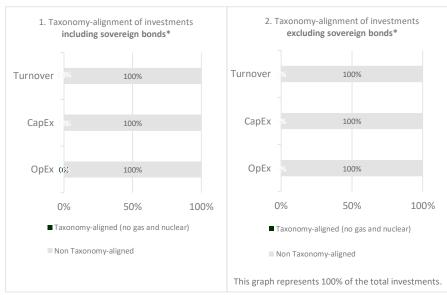
- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee

companies.

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

☑ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.



How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, China Dividend Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a ship builder in China on topics such as green vessels and the energy transition. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

i Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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Product name: Pacific Tiger Fund Legal entity identifier: 5493004HFG2YMHVU5347

# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %

- ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	146 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 341
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	94.6%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0.9%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	34.7%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (146 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev) was 57% lower than the benchmark (341 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. On average over four quarters, 94.6% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had direct exposure to two companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 34.7% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustainability Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
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The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund	Portfolio: 146	Portfolio: 188
and the carbon intensity of the Index (tCO₂e/Rev	Benchmark: 341	Benchmark: 351
(€m)).		
The share of investee companies having a lower	94.6%	94.5%
carbon intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant	0.9%	0.8%
exposure to the fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy	34.7%	32.0%
eligible.		
The share of investments having exposure to, or	0%	0%
ties with the sectors described in the Activity-		
based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in	0%	0%
severe breach of any of the ten principles of the		
UN Global Compact.		

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 10687 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 44 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 146 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. Over the reporting period, there were three companies flagged for involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)

- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 18.5% vs. the benchmark of 17.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 11.7% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 40.8%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery

The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	10.2	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.9	South Korea
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	3.9	China
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.0	India
Meituan Class B	Transportation and storage	2.8	China
Hyundai Motor Co.,	Manufacturing	2.5	South Korea
SK Hynix, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.4	South Korea
China Resources Beer Holdings Co.,	Manufacturing	2.2	China
Ltd.			
Cummins India, ltd.	Manufacturing	2.0	India
FPT Corp.	Information and communication	1.9	Vietnam

Zomato, ltd.	Transportation and storage	1.8	India
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	1.8	India
Titan Co., ltd.	Manufacturing	1.7	India
Tata Motors, Ltd.	Manufacturing	1.7	India
Contemporary Amperex Technology	Manufacturing	1.6	China
Co., Ltd. A Shares			

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	9.0	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	8.8	South Korea
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	4.5	China
Central Pattana Public Co., Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.3	Thailand
Titan Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.2	India
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.1	India
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.0	India
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	3.0	Indonesia
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.8	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Kweichow Moutai co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.5	China
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	China
Pidilite Industries, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	India
Tata Motors, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	India
		50.3	13

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	6.8	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	6.2	South Korea
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	4.4	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	4.0	China
Meituan B Shares	Transportation and storage	3.7	China
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.3	Hong Kong
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.3	India
Central Pattana Public Co., Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.0	Thailand
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	Accommodation and food service	2.6	China
	activities		
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial and insurance activities	2.6	China
Kweichow Moutai co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.6	China
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.5	Indonesia
AIA Group, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.5	Hong Kong

Titan Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.4	India
		50.0	14

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	7.2	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	6.2	South Korea
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	4.0	China
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.6	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Meituan B Shares	Transportation and storage	3.6	China
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.4	India
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	3.1	Hong Kong
Central Pattana Public Co., Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.0	Thailand
AIA Group, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.9	Hong Kong
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	Accommodation and food service	2.8	China
	activities		
Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	2.6	China
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	Financial and insurance activities	2.5	Indonesia
China Resources Beer Holdings Co.,	Manufacturing	2.4	China
Ltd.			
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial and insurance activities	2.2	China
SM Prime Holdings, Inc.	Real estate activities	2.2	Philippines

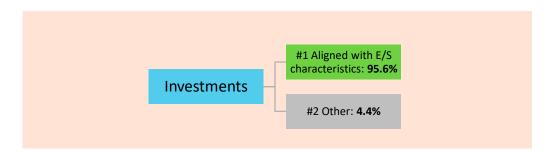


#### Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 95.6% of Pacific Tiger Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

#### What was the asset allocation?



To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 95.6% (97.9% in 2023) of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 4.4% (2.1% in 2023) of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	1.5%	
Administrative and support service activities	1.1%	
Construction	0.5%	
Education	0.5%	
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.4%	
Financial and insurance activities	14.9%	
Human health and social work activities	1.3%	
Information and communication	7.7%	
Manufacturing	53.8%	
Mining and quarrying	1.5%	
Real estate activities	2.1%	
Transportation and storage	4.0%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4.4%	

Over the reporting period, there were three companies (PetroChina, SembCorp Industries, and Samsung C&T Corp) flagged for involvement in fossil fuels, two being significant and one being not significant.



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Pacific Tiger Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

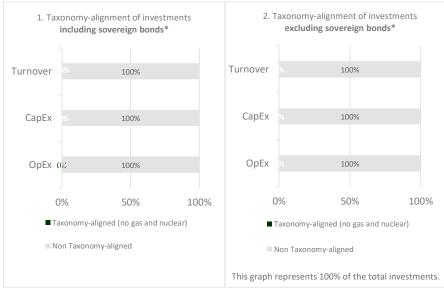
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. - operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

⊠ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

🭘 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Not applicable.



# What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Pacific Tiger Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a major automobile company in South Korea on topics such as corporate governance, external board evaluation, board composition, EV transition, and labor and supply chain audits. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social

characteristics

that they promote. Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

practices.

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The EU Taxonomy

is a classification

system laid down in Regulation (EU)

establishing a list

environmentally

sustainable economic

activities. That

Regulation does

not include a list of socially sustainable

investments with an environmental

objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or

economic activities. Sustainable Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance	
	(as of 31 March 2024)	
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	75 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 305	
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)	
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	95.4%	
than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	4.1%	
fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	43.7%	
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%	
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%	
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.		

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (75 tCO₂e/€m Rev) was 75% lower than the benchmark (205 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 95.4% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had a direct exposure to two companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 43.7% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery

matters.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 310 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 22 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 75 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 95% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. There was one company flagged for involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

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There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
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PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 21% vs. the benchmark of 18%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

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The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 6.1% of investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 34%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 29 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Manufacturing	10.0	Taiwan
Co., Ltd.			
Zomato, Ltd.	Transportation & storage	6.2	India
NVIDIA Corp.	Manufacturing	5.3	United States
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.2	South Korea
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	4.2	China
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.1	India
SK Hynix, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.8	South Korea
Tata Motors, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.5	India
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information and communications	3.5	China
	technology		
Sea, Ltd. ADR	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.1	United States
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Trip.com Group	Administrative and support service	2.9	United States
	activities		



### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 95.9% of Asia Innovative Growth Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

What was the asset allocation?

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics: 95.9% Investments #2 Other: 4.1%

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The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 95.9% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 4.1% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	0.5%	
Administrative and support service activities	2.8%	
Financial and insurance activities	10.1%	
Information and communication	6.9%	
Manufacturing	54.8%	
Real estate activities	0.8%	
Transportation and storage	11.2%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7.8%	

There was one company flagged for involvement with fossil fuels (Reliance Industries, Ltd.).



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Asia Innovative Growth Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

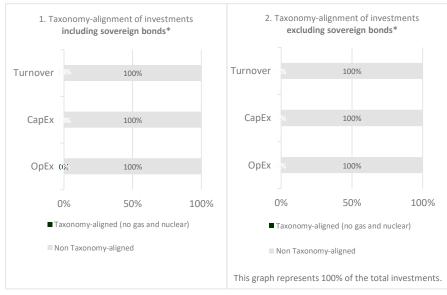
are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>i</sup>?

☐ Yes:  $\square$  In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

#### ☑ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Asia Innovative Growth Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a major automobile company in Japan on topics such as EV strategy, product safety and quality, board composition, variable compensation scheme, and capital efficiency. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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# **Sustainable Investment Objective**

### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

- ✓ Yes
- It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 55.7%
  - $\boxtimes$  In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☑ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- It made sustainable investments with a social objective: 43.6%

- □ No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☐ It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any** sustainable investments



To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators

measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The sustainable investment objective of the Fund was to make sustainable investments contributing to:

#### **Environmental Focus Areas:**

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Clean elements (air, water and earth)
- Circular economy
- Sustainable production and consumption

### Social Focus Areas:

- Health and wellbeing
- Human capital development
- Inclusive development
- Sustainable development enablers

In this regard, the Fund achieved this objective by investing 55.7% in companies contributing to E focus areas and 43.6% in companies contributing to S focus areas using a pass/fail approach.

Furthermore, this Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below. The Fund conducted the activity-based screening, norms-based screening and DNSH assessment during the reference period to achieve the sustainable investment objective.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the Index provider. In addition, the Fund achieved its commitment to have a weighted average GHG intensity 25% less than its benchmark.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objectives of the Fund and their respective performance were:

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The total share of sustainable investments (in % of NAV).	98.6%
The share of sustainable investments contributing to each of the	See table below for
eight categories and sub-categories above – either through revenue	breakdown at <i>economic</i>
generated from business activities contributing to these outcomes	activity level
or through exposure to products and services delivering these	
outcomes.	
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	151 tCO₂e/€m Rev vs. 341
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/€m Rev
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	95.4%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact or the OECD	
Guideline for Multinational Enterprise.	

All values are based on the average positions over the reporting period, unless otherwise specified.

- 1. The total share of the Fund's sustainable investments (in % of NAV) was 98.6% using a pass/fail approach.
- 2. The share of sustainable investments contributing to each of the eight categories and subcategories above (either through revenue generated from business activities contributing to these outcomes or through exposure to products and services delivering these outcomes). At the focus area level the sub-category breakdown was the following (based on economic activity):

	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	25.3%
ENVIRONMENTAL	Clean elements	0.6%
ENVIRONIVIENTAL	Circular economy	0.0%
	Sustainable production and consumption	18.6%
	Health and wellbeing	4.2%
SOCIAL	Human capital development	6.3%
JOCIAL	Inclusive development	27.5%
	Sustainable development enablers	3.7%

- 3. The Fund's carbon intensity (151 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 56% lower than the benchmark (341 tCO₂e/€m Rev). As such the Fund met its commitment to have a carbon intensity at least 25% lower than of the Index.
- 4. On average, more than 90% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark, which was measured quarterly.
- 5. During the reporting period, the Fund did not have exposure to companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 6. According to the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 7. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement

### ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustaina	bility Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
The tota	l share of sustainable investments	98.6%	93.0%
SUSTAIN	ABLE INVESTMENT FOCUS AREAS		
Environi	mental Focus Areas	44.4%	37.9%
a)	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	25.3%	21.8%
b)	Clean elements	0.6%	0.5%
c)	Circular economy	0.0%	0.0%
d)	Sustainable production & consumption	18.6%	15.6%
Social Fo	ocus Areas	41.6%	41.4%
a)	Health and wellbeing	4.2%	3.3%

b) Human capital development	6.3%	6.5%
c) Inclusive development	27.5%	23.8%
d) Sustainable development enablers	3.7%	7.8%
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the	Fund: 151	Fund: 120
carbon intensity of the Index (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev (€m)).	Benchmark: 341	Benchmark: 350
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon	95.4%	90%
intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the	0%	0%
fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in severe	0%	0%
breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.		

# How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The Investment Manager holistically assessed the environmental, social and governance performance of the company. In addition, the Investment Manager also relied on negative news flow monitoring to ensure that the sustainable investments made by the Fund did not cause significant harm to other sustainable investment objectives.

In addition to the activity-based screening, norm-based screening, and assessment of the companies' contribution to the sustainable investment objectives, the Fund took into account and monitored principal adverse impact (PAIs) indicators as further described below.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

PAI indicators were taken into account throughout the entire investment process as follows:

- Pre-investment phase: the Investment Manager screened each potential investment against PAIs that are relevant and material, depending on the industry and country.
- Post-investment phase: the PAI indicators were then updated and evaluated on an annual basis. In the case where a company saw deterioration in one or more PAI, or exceeded an industry or country norm, the Fund engaged with this company to remediate this point. In the case where the company did not remediate the issue raised within a reasonable period of time, the Fund then divested.
- Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The Fund's Sustainable Investment Guidelines constitute a norm-based negative screening that excludes companies in severe breach or non-compliance to any of the ten principles of the UN

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights. anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises at a very early stage of the investment process.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 236 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 45 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 151 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. Over the four quarters, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. Throughout the year, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. There were no companies flagged for involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥10%)

Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

PAI 5 & PAI 6: Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

PAI 7: There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity

### Emissions to water Hazardous waste ratio

PAI 8 & PAI 9: Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and **OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises** 

PAI 10 & PAI 11: The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

#### Unadjusted gender pay gap

PAI 12: Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

#### Board gender diversity

PAI 13: Over the four quarters, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 21.5% vs. the benchmark of 17.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

PAI 14: The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

### Any revenues from:

- Controversial weapons
- Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### Optional indicators:

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 19.1% exposure to investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 40.8%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting  ${\ensuremath{\text{the}}}$ greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	7.7	China
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	6.7	India
Meituan Class B	Transportation and storage	6.2	China
Micron Technology, Inc.	Manufacturing	6.1	United States
Bandhan bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	5.4	India
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	4.5	South Korea
JD Health International, Inc.	Human health and social work	4.4	China
	activities		
Indus Towers, Ltd.	Administrative and support service	4.3	India
	activities		
Lam Research Corp.	Manufacturing	3.7	United States
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.6	India

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company Sector % of NAV Country			
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	7.5	India
Bandhan bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	7.1	India

Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	6.9	China
JD Health International, Inc.	Human health and social work	5.4	China
	activities		
Micron Technology, Inc.	Manufacturing	5.0	United States
Meituan Class B	Transportation and storage	4.4	China
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	4.1	United States
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	4.1	South Korea
M31 Technology Corp.	Information and communication	3.3	Taiwan
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.3	India
		51.3	10

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Bandhan bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	7.5	India
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	7.4	India
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	7.1	China
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	5.8	United States
JD Health International, Inc.	Human health and social work	5.5	China
	activities		
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing,	Transportation and storage	4.9	Hong Kong
Ltd.			
Meituan B Shares	Transportation and storage	4.8	China
Micron Technology, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.9	United States
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	3.8	South Korea

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	7.1	India
Bandhan bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	6.9	India
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	6.8	United States
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	6.5	China
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. Pfd.	Manufacturing	5.0	South Korea
Meituan B Shares	Transportation and storage	4.9	China
JD Health International, Inc.	Human health and social work	4.8	China
	activities		
Ecopro BM Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.0	South Korea
Micron Technology, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.7	United States
Contemporary Amperex Technology	Manufacturing	3.2	China

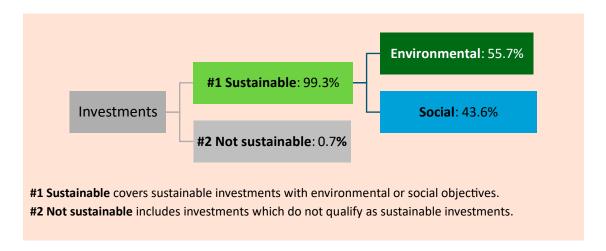


# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

As further outlined below, the total proportion of sustainable investments of the Fund was 99.3%.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?



The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in sustainable investments (#1 Sustainable), with minimum 30% of them contributing to positive environmental outcomes and 30% to positive social outcomes.

In practice, the Fund invested 99.3% of its NAV in sustainable investments, with 55.7% of them contributing to positive environmental outcomes (48% in 2023) and 43.6% to positive social outcomes (45% in 2023). The remaining portion of 0.7% of the portfolio (7% in 2023) was invested in other investments which includes: cash, cash equivalents, or hedging instruments (#2 Not sustainable).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Administrative and support service activities	5.0%	
Education	1.8%	
Financial and insurance activities	15.4%	
Human health and social work activities	4.4%	
Information and communication	14.9%	
Manufacturing	42.9%	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.8%	
Real estate activities	6.1%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2.0%	

None of the Fund had exposure to revenues from exploration, mining, extraction, production, processing, storage, refining or distribution, including transportation, storage and trade of fossil fuels.



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Sustainable Future Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee

companies.

- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green
- economy. operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

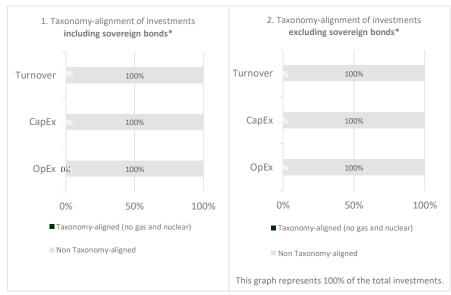
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

**⊠** No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

🍘 are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities was 0%. This is due to limitations on company disclosed information on alignment with the technical screening criteria referred to in Article 16 and Article 10(2). However, the Fund has exposure to companies that contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and support the transition to a climate-neutral economy.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

55.7%. The Fund does not invest in jurisdictions where the EU Taxonomy alignment disclosure it required.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

43.6%.



What investments were included under "#2 Not sustainable", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Not sustainable" included liquid assets, i.e. cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments, together with two investments where it is the Investment Manager's opinion that the investment contribute to at least one of the sustainable objectives of the Fund, but for which there is insufficient data to demonstrate the DNSH test. The Investment Manager believes that strong minimum environmental and social safeguards and in place for these investments, and they comply with the activity-based screening as well as the norm-based negative screening of the Fund's investment strategy. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with investee companies on topics such as ESG data disclosure, emissions, positive impact on the environment, access to healthcare, animal testing, executive compensation, board committees, board governance and effectiveness. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

	How did this final	ncial product perf	orm compared w	vith the broad ma	rket index?	
	Not applicable.					
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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

## Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %

☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

 $\boxtimes$  No

☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With a social objective

☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI China Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	61 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev (€m) vs. 255
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	94.8%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	2.2%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	16.6%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over four quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (61 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 75% lower than the benchmark (254 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 94.8% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had direct exposure to one company with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 16.6% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Chinese companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustainability Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
The aggregated carbon intensity of the Fund and	Portfolio: 61	Portfolio: 50
the carbon intensity of the Index.	Benchmark: 255	Benchmark: 277

The share of investee companies having a lower	94.8%	97.0%
carbon intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant	2.2%	0.0%
exposure to the fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy	16.6%	21.0%
eligible.		
The share of investments having exposure to, or	0%	0%
ties with the sectors described in the Activity-		
based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in	0%	0%
severe breach of any of the ten principles of the		
UN Global Compact.		

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 1328 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 29 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 61 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. Over the four quarters, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. Over the reporting period, there were two companies flagged for involvement, but only one with significant exposure.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
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- o Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 20.4% vs. the benchmark of 19.7%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

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Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

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Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 35.1% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 53.9%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	10.1	China	
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	7.2	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	5.9	China	
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A	Financial & insurance activities	4.6	China	
Shares				
JD.com, Inc. Class A	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.9	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
PDD Holdings, Inc. ADR	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.6	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
PetroChina Co., Ltd. H Shares	Mining & quarrying	3.4	China	
Wuliangye Yibin Co., Ltd. A Shares	Manufacturing	3.1	China	
Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China	Financial & insurance activities	2.8	China	
China International Capital Corp.	Financial & insurance activities	2.8	China	
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	Financial & insurance activities	2.7	China	

#### The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	

Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	8.7	China
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	8.5	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
PDD Holdings, Inc. ADR	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	6.8	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
JD.com, Inc. Class A	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	4.8	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A	Financial & insurance activities	4.2	China
Shares			
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	4.1	China
KE Holdings, Inc. ADR	Financial & insurance activities	3.9	China
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial & insurance activities	3.5	China
China International Capital Corp.	Financial & insurance activities	3.3	China
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	Manufacturing	2.1	China
Electronics			
Galaxy Entertainment Group, Ltd.	Accommodation and food service	2.0	China
	activities		

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	8.4	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	7.7	China	
PDD Holdings, Inc. ADR	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	6.2	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	4.9	China	
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A	Financial & insurance activities	4.4	China	
Shares				
China International Capital Corp.	Financial & insurance activities	3.8	China	
JD.com, Inc. Class A	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.5	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial & insurance activities	3.1	China	
Contemporary Amperex Technology	Manufacturing	2.7	China	
Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.1	China	

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	7.8	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	Information & communication	7.7	China	
PDD Holdings, Inc. ADR	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	5.5	China	
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
Meituan Class B	Transportation & storage	5.4	China	

JD.com, Inc. Class A	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	4.6	China
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A	Financial & insurance activities	4.2	China
Shares			
China International Capital Corp.	Financial & insurance activities	3.5	China
Contemporary Amperex Technology	Manufacturing	3.0	China
CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares	Financial & insurance activities	2.7	China
China Construction Bank Corp. H	Financial & insurance activities	2.5	China
Shares			



#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 100% of China Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

#### Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

rules.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

What was the asset allocation?



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 100% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics (100% in 2023).

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector		Weights (%)

Accommodation and food service activities	2.7%
Administrative and support service activities	1.1%
Construction	0.4%
Education	0.5%
Financial and insurance activities	15.8%
Healthcare	0.4%
Human health and social work activities	0.9%
Manufacturing	27.5%
Mining and quarrying	3.4%
Real estate activities	4.9%

During the reference period, there were two companies flagged for involvement with fossil fuels (Petrochina and ENN Energy).



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

China Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

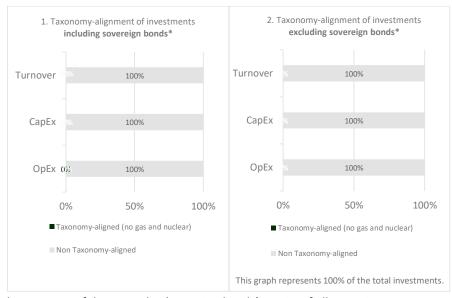
complying with the EU Taxonomy <sup>i</sup> ?		
☐ <b>Yes:</b> ☐ In fossil gas	$\Box$ In nuclear energy	
⊠ No		

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting operational activities of investee

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

companies.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, China Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



## What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company on topics such as ESG disclosure, GHG emissions, CDP disclosure, FAIRR introduction and board diversity. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?
Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? $\boxtimes$ No Yes

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852

practices.

establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or

- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI China A Onshore Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	119 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 322
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	94.6%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	28.3%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over four quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (119 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 63% lower than the benchmark (322 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the review period, 94.6% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund did not have direct exposure to companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 28.3% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Chinese companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustainability Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023

The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund	Portfolio: 119	Portfolio: 88
and the carbon intensity of the Index (tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev	Benchmark: 322	Benchmark: 331
(€m)).		
The share of investee companies having a lower	94.6%	84.0%
carbon intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant	0%	0%
exposure to the fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy	28.3%	29.0%
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severe breach of any of the ten principles of the		
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What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

• Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

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Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 32.9% of investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 77%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and

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Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Kweichow Moutai	Manufacturing	5.4	China/Hong Kong
China Merchants Bank	Financial and insurance activities	5.0	China/Hong Kong
Himile Mechanical Science and	Manufacturing	4.3	China/Hong Kong
Technology			
Focus Media Information	Manufacturing	3.9	China/Hong Kong
Technology			
Sungrow Power Supply	Manufacturing	3.6	China/Hong Kong
Will Semiconductor	Manufacturing	3.6	China/Hong Kong
BYD Company	Manufacturing	3.6	China/Hong Kong
Contemporary Amperex Technology	Manufacturing	3.3	China/Hong Kong
Midea Group	Manufacturing	3.3	China/Hong Kong
Jason Furniture Hangzhou	Manufacturing	3.2	China/Hong Kong
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	Manufacturing	3.2	China/Hong Kong
Shanghai Jinjiang International	Accommodation and food activities	3.0	China/Hong Kong
Hotels			
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group	Manufacturing	3.0	China/Hong Kong
Fuyao Glass Industry Group	Manufacturing	3.0	China/Hong Kong

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Kweichow Moutai	Manufacturing	5.9	China/Hong Kong
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	Manufacturing	4.3	China/Hong Kong
Will Semiconductor	Manufacturing	4.2	China/Hong Kong
Midea Group	Manufacturing	4.1	China/Hong Kong
Focus Media Information	Manufacturing	4.1	China/Hong Kong
Technology			
Himile Mechanical Science and	Manufacturing	3.9	China/Hong Kong
Technology			
WuXi AppTec	Manufacturing	3.5	China/Hong Kong
Jason Furniture Hangzhou	Manufacturing	3.4	China/Hong Kong
Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic	Manufacturing	2.8	China
Luxshare Precision Industry	Manufacturing	2.8	China
Wolong Electric Group	Manufacturing	2.7	China
Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent	Manufacturing	2.7	China
Controls			
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group	Manufacturing	2.6	China/Hong Kong
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	Manufacturing	2.6	China
Electronics			

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Kweichow Moutai	Manufacturing	7.0	China
Himile Mechanical Science and	Manufacturing	4.2	China
Technology			
Focus Media Information	Manufacturing	4.1	China
Technology			
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	Manufacturing	4.0	China
WuXi AppTec	Manufacturing	3.8	China
Midea Group	Manufacturing	3.7	China
Jason Furniture Hangzhou	Manufacturing	3.5	China
Shanghai Jinjiang International	Accommodation and food service	3.5	China
Hotels	activities		
China Jushi	Manufacturing	3.4	China
Will Semiconductor	Manufacturing	3.3	China
Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic	Manufacturing	3.0	China
China Vanke	Real estate activities	2.8	China
Wanhua Chemical Group	Manufacturing	2.6	China
Wolong Electric Group	Manufacturing	2.7	China

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Kweichow Moutai	Manufacturing	5.8	China

Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals	Manufacturing	3.8	China
Himile Mechanical Science and	Manufacturing	3.7	China
Technology			
Midea Group	Manufacturing	3.5	China
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	Manufacturing	3.5	China
Focus Media Information	Manufacturing	3.5	China
Technology			
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical	Manufacturing	3.5	China
Electronics			
Shanghai Jinjiang International	Accommodation and food service	3.4	China
Hotels	activities		
China Jushi	Manufacturing	3.2	China
Zhejiang Shuanghuan Driveline	Manufacturing	3.1	China
OPT Machine Vision Tech	Manufacturing	2.8	China
Hefei Meiya Optoelectronic Tech	Manufacturing	2.7	China
Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic	Manufacturing	2.7	China
China Vanke	Real estate activities	2.6	China
Sungrow Power Supply	Manufacturing	2.5	China

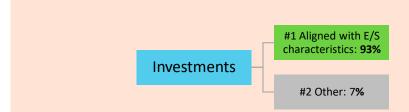
**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 93% of China A-Share Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

## What was the asset allocation?



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 93% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics (95.2% in 2023). The remaining portion of 7% (4.8% in 2023) of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	2.8%	
Administrative and support service activities	1.5%	
Construction	2.0%	
Financial and insurance activities	5.7%	
Information and communication	4.0%	
Manufacturing	75.1%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.9%	



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

China A-Shares Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy <sup>i</sup> ?		
☐ <b>Yes:</b> ☐ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy	
⊠ No		

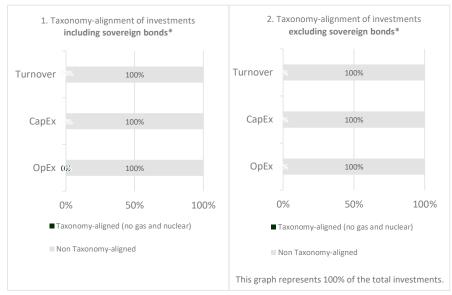
The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee
- companies. capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. operational

expenditure (OpEx) reflecting operational activities of investee companies.

are 🥙 sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?
  - Not applicable.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, China A-Share Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company on topics such as ESG disclosure, GHG emissions, CDP disclosure, FAIRR introduction, and board diversity.. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?
Not applicable.
How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?
Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

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is a classification system laid down Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - $\square$  In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
  - It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the S&P Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index and the secondary benchmark is the MSCI India Index which were indicated for performance comparison only. The indices did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such these indices did not qualify as reference benchmarks under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of each index provider.

## How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	165 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 565
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	99%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	5.9%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	24.7%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (165 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev) was 70% lower than the benchmark (565 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 99% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. As of the last quarter, the Fund had a direct exposure to one company with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 24.7% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Indian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

PAI 1: GHG emissions 2021 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)

- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 49 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 165 tCO2e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. During the reference period, there were nine companies flagged for involvement, but only four with significant involvement, which was less than the benchmark.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- o Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

 PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 22.5% vs. the benchmark of 19.4%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

 PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 12.7% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 30.8%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery

The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 29 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024						
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country			
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	Manufacturing	6.16	India			
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	5.47	India			
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	5.30	India			
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	4.77	India			
Infosys, Ltd.	Information and communication	4.35	India			
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	Information and communication	3.18	India			
IndusInd Bank, ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	3.11	India			
Zomato, ltd.	Transportation and storage	2.68	India			
Axis Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.45	India			
Thermax, ltd.	Manufacturing	2.36	India			
Federal Bank, Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.36	India			
Cummins India, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.30	India			
Neuland Laboratories, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.06	India			
Bajaj Auto, Ltd.	Manufacturing	1.97	India			
Bajaj Finance, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	1.96	India			



#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 95.9% of India Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

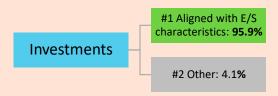
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What was the asset allocation?

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#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 95.9% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 4.1% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Sector	Weights (%)		
Accommodation and food service activities	0.7%		
Construction	0.5%		
Financial and insurance activities	29.1%		
Human health and social work activities	0.8%		
Information and communication	11.8%		
Manufacturing	41.6%		
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.1%		
Real estate activities	1.2%		
Transportation and storage	4.6%		
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3.5%		



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

India Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies. capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy. operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee

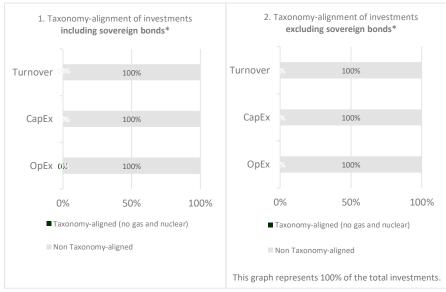
companies.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

⊠ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Not applicable.



# What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, India Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company in the pharmaceutical space on topics such as GMP compliance, quality control and internal audit. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in the Investment Manager's stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

#### Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? $\boxtimes$ No Yes ☐ It made sustainable investments with ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and an environmental objective: \_\_\_ % while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities the EU Taxonomy that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU

Taxonomy

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☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities

that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under

- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product

are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI Japan Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	66.2 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 85.2
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	79.7%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0.12%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	38.2%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. On average over four quarters, the Fund's carbon intensity (66.2 tCO₂e/€m Rev) during the reference period was 22% lower than the benchmark (85.2 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. Over the course of four quarters, 79.7% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had exposure to one company with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector through its products and services.
- As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 38.2% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

#### ... and compared to previous periods?

Sustainability Indicator	31 March 2024	31 March 2023

The weighted average carbon intensity of the	Portfolio: 66.2	Portfolio: 61.2
Fund and the carbon intensity of the Index	Benchmark: 85.2	Benchmark: 86.2
(tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev (€m)).		
The share of investee companies having a lower	79.7%	81.3%
carbon intensity than the Index.		
The share of investments having a significant	0.12%	0.7%
exposure to the fossil fuel sector.		
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy	38.2%	33.6%
eligible.		
The share of investments having exposure to, or	0%	0%
ties with the sectors described in the Activity-		
based exclusion list.		
The share of investments in companies that are in	0%	0%
severe breach of any of the ten principles of the		
UN Global Compact.		

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

• How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

• Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- Principal adverse
- impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.
- PAI 1: GHG emissions 4169 tCO2e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 44 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)
- PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 66 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. Over the four quarters, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. Throughout the year, more than 75% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, there were five companies flagged for involvement. One was significant through products and services supporting the oil and gas sector and the others had insignificant exposure (trading companies) and/or ownership.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

- PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 17.2% vs. the benchmark of 17.3%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

# **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 17% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 28.3%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery

The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Keyence Corp.	Manufacturing	4.6	Japan
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.6	Japan
Tokyo Electron, Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.3	Japan
Hitachi, Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.3	Japan
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financial and insurance activities	4.1	Japan
ORIX Corp.	Financial and insurance activities	3.5	Japan
Mitsubishi Corp.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.1	Japan
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	Manufacturing	3.0	Japan
Renesas Electronics Corp.	Manufacturing	3.3	Japan
Fast Retailing Co., ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.0	Japan
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		
Recruit Holdings Co., ltd.	Administrative and support service	3.0	Japan
	activities		
Toyota Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.9	Japan

NEC Corp.	Information and communication	2.8	Japan
Isetan Mitsukoshi Holdings, Ltd.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	2.8	Japan
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles		

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 December 2023			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	5.6	Japan
Keyence Corp.	Manufacturing	5.0	Japan
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financial and insurance activities	4.1	Japan
Sony Group Corp.	Manufacturing	4.0	Japan
Hitachi, Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.0	Japan
Renesas Electronics Corp.	Manufacturing	3.5	Japan
Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	3.1	Japan
FUJIFILM Holdings Corp.	Manufacturing	3.0	Japan
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.9	Japan
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	Manufacturing	2.9	Japan
Mitsubishi Electric Corp.	Manufacturing	2.8	Japan
Disco Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan
Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.	Real estate activities	2.5	Japan
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	Financial and insurance activities	2.5	Japan
Pan Pacific International holdings	Real estate activities	2.5	Japan
Corp.			
		50.9	15

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 September 2023				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	Manufacturing	3.6	Japan	
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	Financial and insurance activities	3.4	Japan	
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	Financial and insurance activities	3.3	Japan	
ITOCHU Corp.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3.3	Japan	
ORIX Corp.	Financial and insurance activities	3.2	Japan	
Hitachi, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.1	Japan	
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	3.1	Japan	
Keyence Corp.	Manufacturing	2.9	Japan	
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.9	Japan	
Renesas Electronics Corp.	Manufacturing	2.7	Japan	
Toyota Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.7	Japan	
Asics Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan	
Toyota Tsusho Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan	
Sony Group Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan	
Mitsubishi Electric Corp.	Manufacturing	2.5	Japan	
Credit Saison Co., Ltd.	Financial and insurance activities	2.4	Japan	
		50.1	17	

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 30 June 2023						
Investee Company Sector % of NAV Countr						
Keyence Corp.	Manufacturing	4.2	Japan			
Sony Group Corp.	Manufacturing	4.2	Japan			
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.0	Japan			
Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.	Financial and insurance activities	3.9	Japan			
Renesas Electronics Corp.	Manufacturing	3.7	Japan			
ITOCHU Corp.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair	3.4	Japan			
	of motor vehicles and motorcycles					
Ajinomoto Co., Inc.	Manufacturing	3.2	Japan			
ORIX Corp.	Financial and insurance activities	3.2	Japan			
Hitachi, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.1	Japan			
Denso Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan			
Asics Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan			
CUC, Inc.	Administrative and support service activities	2.6	Japan			
Toyota Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.6	Japan			
Mitsubishi Electric Corp.	Manufacturing	2.5	Japan			
Suzuki Motor Corp.	Manufacturing	2.4	Japan			
OBIC Co., Ltd.	Information and communication	2.3	Japan			

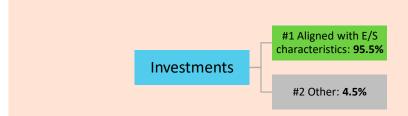


# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 95.5% of Japan Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

## What was the asset allocation?



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 95.5% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics (96.3% in 2023). The remaining portion of 4.5% (3.7% in 2023) of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	1.4%	
Administrative and support service activities	2.8%	
Construction	1.6%	
Financial and insurance activities	12.3%	
Information and communication	8.0%	
Manufacturing	47.9%	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.6%	
Real estate activities	6.5%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	14.3%	

During the review period, there were five companies flagged for involvement. One was significant through products and services supporting the oil and gas sector (JGC Holdings) and the others had insignificant exposure (trading companies) and/or ownership (Toyota Tsusho, Itochu Corp, Nippon Steel, Mitsubishi Corp).



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

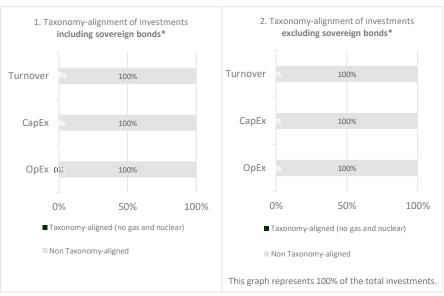
Japan Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related accomplying with the EU Taxonomy <sup>i</sup> ?			
	☐ <b>Yes:</b> ☐ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy	
	⊠ No		

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under

Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Japan Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



# What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with a major automobile company on topics such as EV strategy, product safety and quality, board composition, variable compensation scheme, and capital efficiency. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



## How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or characteristics that they promote.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

i Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

practices.

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The EU Taxonomy

is a classification

system laid down in Regulation (EU)

establishing a list

environmentally

sustainable economic

activities. That

Regulation does

not include a list of socially sustainable

investments with an environmental

objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or

economic activities. Sustainable Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %

> ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

 $\boxtimes$  No

☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ With a social objective

☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	152 tCO₂e/Rev (€m) vs. 342
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	89.6%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	0%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	33.6%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (152 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev) was 56% lower than the benchmark (342 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 89.6% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund did not have any exposure to companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 33.6% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Asian companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

## ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 7714 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 46 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 152 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- o Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 18% vs. the benchmark of 15.4%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAL 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 10.7% of investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 80.8%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery

The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 29 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024			
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	6.86	India
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	Financial & insurance activities	5.40	India
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd. ADR	Information & communication	4.10	China
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	3.63	China
Hugel, Inc.	Manufacturing	3.50	South Korea
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	Real estate activities	3.32	India
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd. H Shares	Manufacturing	3.03	China
Airtac International Group	Manufacturing	2.92	Taiwan
M31 Technology Corp.	Information and communication	2.56	Taiwan
Silergy Corp.	Manufacturing	2.43	Taiwan
Eugene Technology Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.25	South Korea
Finolex Cables, Ltd.	Manufacturing	2.12	India
GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Manufacturing	2.09	Philippines
Tongcheng Travel Holdings, Ltd.	Administrative and support service	2.01	China
	activities		
Andes Technology Corp.	Information and communication	1.93	Taiwan



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

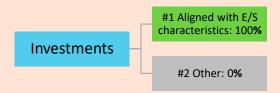
The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 100% of Asia Small Companies Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

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# What was the asset allocation?



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The Fund committed to investing at least 85% of its NAV in companies aligned with the E&S characteristics promoted (#1) and the remaining portion (<15%) in "Other" investments.

In practice, 100% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	1.0%	
Administrative and support service activities	3.0%	
Education	1.7%	
Financial and insurance activities	14.0%	
Human health and social work activities	1.4%	
Information and communication	15.9%	
Manufacturing	49.1%	
Other service activities	1.5%	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.8%	
Transportation and storage	4.0%	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4.4%	



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

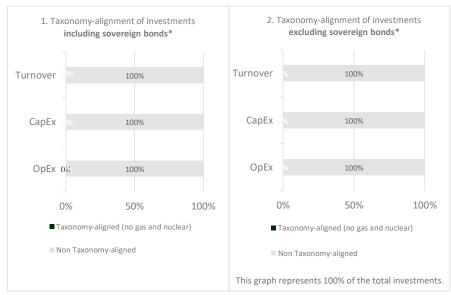
Asia Small Companies Fund did not commit to investing in any sustainable investments within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomyi?

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

**⊠** No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



<sup>\*</sup>For the purposes of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

As mentioned above, Asia Small Companies Fund's portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy is not calculated.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"#2 Other" included liquid assets, such as cash, cash equivalent, such as hedging instruments. Their purpose was for the cash to ensure potential outflows to be served. Currency hedges generated positive or negative profit and loss which amounts are integrated into the so-called "cash equivalent" bucket. These investments (cash and cash equivalent) did not pursue necessarily E/S safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager ensured that the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics were met during the reference period. On a quarterly basis, the sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated. The use of third-party monitoring was also performed to be compliant with E&S characteristics of the Fund for the activities and norms-based exclusions. As part of the investment process, the Investment Manager promoted effective stewardship among the companies represented in the Fund. Portfolio Managers alongside the ESG team have engaged with investee companies individually and collaboratively on ESG topics. For

example, during the review period, the Investment Manager engaged with an investee company on topics such as ESG disclosure, data security, privacy, content quality, employee turnover, board composition and skillset, capital management, and data centre carbon footprint. More information and examples of voting and engagement can be found in our stewardship report online.

The ESG team prioritizes engagements based on several factors, including a lack of ESG disclosure, the materiality of issues, policy and regulatory changes, and corporate governance, which are considered to be relevant in terms of potential adverse impacts.



## How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark? Not applicable.
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm anv environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

Template periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: China Small Companies Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300BIBGH0BX901I95

# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

# Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU)

2020/852 establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or

- Yes
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: \_\_\_ %
  - ☐ In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It made sustainable investments with a social objective: \_\_\_ %

- $\boxtimes$  No
- ☐ It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of \_\_\_ % of sustainable investments
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
  - ☐ With a social objective
- ☑ It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments



# To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The characteristics that were promoted by this Fund include sound corporate governance and a commitment to have a weighted average carbon intensity profile lower than the Index. The Fund invested in companies with a strong commitment to reducing their ecological footprint as well as accompanies with little involvement in fossil fuel exploitation. Additionally, the Fund invested in companies that have taken steps to mitigate climate change.

Furthermore, the Fund used both activity- and norm-based exclusions, further detailed in the investment strategy below.

The primary benchmark index that was used is the MSCI China Small Cap Index and was indicated for performance comparison only. This Index did not take into account the ESG characteristics promoted by the Fund, which were achieved by the investment process followed by the Investment Manager. As such this Index did not qualify as a reference benchmark under SFDR. A description of the Index methodology can be found on the website of the index provider.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Performance
The weighted average carbon intensity of the Fund and the carbon	85 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/Rev (€m) vs. 383
intensity of the Index.	tCO₂e/Rev (€m)
The share of investee companies having a lower carbon intensity	94.4%
than the Index.	
The share of investments having a significant exposure to the fossil	5.7%
fuel sector.	
The share of investments being EU Taxonomy eligible.	35.8%
The share of investments having exposure to, or ties with the	0%
sectors described in the Activity-based exclusion list.	
The share of investments in companies that are in severe breach of	0%
any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.	

- 1. As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's carbon intensity (85 tCO₂e/€m Rev) was 77% lower than the benchmark (383 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/€m Rev).
- 2. During the reference period, 94.4% of the Fund's assets were invested in companies that have a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.
- 3. Over the reporting period, the Fund had a direct exposure to two companies with significant exposure to the fossil fuel sector. However, one company's exposure is indirect through products and services that support the oil and gas sector.
- 4. As per EU Taxonomy classification system, about 35.8% of the Fund was invested in companies that operate in eligible activities related to climate mitigation and adaptation. However, Chinese companies are not subject to the EU Taxonomy regulation and eligibility is based on the Investment Manager's understanding of eligible industries.
- 5. According to the Investment Manager exclusion policy, the Fund did not contain any investments that are on the exclusion list.
- 6. The portfolio does not contain any companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Investment Manager relies upon third party data providers for norms-based screening, as well as the Investment Manager's own judgement.

### ... and compared to previous periods?

Not applicable. During previous periods, the Fund did not disclose the use of the sustainability indicators listed above.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental. social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Not applicable.



## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager reviewed and monitored the following Principal Adverse Indicators on a quarterly basis: all values are based on the average positions over the reporting period.

- PAI 1: GHG emissions 7444 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2)
- PAI 2: Carbon footprint 40 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per enterprise value (€m)

PAI 3: GHG intensity of investee companies 85 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/Rev(€m)

The Investment Manager focused on scope 1 + 2 carbon emissions to assess investee companies in the Fund, aimed to reduce its owned emissions through engagements, and invested in companies whose carbon footprints and carbon intensities were lower than the benchmark. As of 31 March 2024, the weighted average carbon intensity of the portfolio was lower than the benchmark. During the review period, more than 90% of the companies in the portfolio had a lower carbon intensity than the benchmark.

For the investee companies, with carbon intensity higher than the benchmark, the Investment Manager engaged with the companies to understand how they are managing their carbon emissions, where there was room for improvement. The Investment Manager also acted as lead investor or co-lead engagements with investee companies and have asked companies to disclose more on their climate resilience strategies.

PAI 4: Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector

Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark, but overall there were two companies flagged for involvement.

The Investment Manager's Exclusion Policy covers the exclusions of activities with high negative climate impact:

- Arctic oil, gas, exploration, and extraction (≥5%)
- Thermal coal extraction (≥5%)
- o Thermal coal power generation, unless a transition plan towards renewable energy is in place (≥10%)
- o Palm oil production and distribution (≥50%)
- PAI 5: Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- PAI 6: Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 7: Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas

There has not been significant exposure to companies negatively affecting biodiversity.

- PAI 8: Emissions to water
- PAI 9: Hazardous waste ratio

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics in aggregate.

PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

PAI 11: Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

The Fund had 0% of investments in companies in breach of these norms. As part of the Investment Manager's exclusion policy, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in severe breach of any of the ten principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines.

PAI 12: Unadjusted gender pay gap

Where these factors are material and disclosed, they have been reviewed. However, there is a lack of data on these metrics.

PAI 13: Board gender diversity

As of 31 March 2024, the Fund's weighted average female representation was about 19.9% vs. the benchmark of 19.8%. There are some investee companies in the Fund that do not have females on their boards. The Investment Manager sent board diversity letters to these companies as part of the Investment Manager's engagement strategy, informing them that the Investment Manager will be voting against directors up for re-election of new board members in 2024 unless a more diverse member is added to the board.

PAL 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons

The Fund did not have any exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager will exclude direct investment in corporate issuers which have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, namely issuers deriving:

Any revenues from:

Controversial weapons

Revenues exceeding 5% of total annual revenues from:

Weapons production (civilian and military firearms)

Revenues exceeding 10% of total annual revenues from:

Military contracting for weapons, related products and/or services

#### **Optional indicators:**

Investments in companies without carbon emissions reduction initiatives

This metric assesses whether investee companies have taken any initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the review period, the Fund had 11.4% in investee companies that did not have carbon reduction initiatives or measures to reduce carbon emissions compared to the benchmark of 88.6%. This could be due to a lack of disclosure on such initiatives.

Cases of insufficient action taken to address breaches of standards of anti-corruption and bribery

The Fund did not have exposure to companies with insufficient action to address breaches of anti-corruption and bribery.

The Investment Manager aimed at mitigating the adverse impacts of its investment decision on sustainability factors by engaging with the investee companies. The Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies where there was room for improvement on relevant PAIs, depending on the industry in which the investee operates.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that data gathering remains a challenge, especially for companies where disclosure is not required. Therefore, in the absence of data, the Investment Manager relies on modelled/estimated data from third parties, which may not fully reflect the reality.



# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period, which is: 29 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

Largest Investments of the Fund: % of NAV as of 31 March 2024				
Investee Company	Sector	% of NAV	Country	
Samsonite International SA	Manufacturing	5.03	China	
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd.	Manufacturing	4.94	China	
KE Holdings, Inc. A Shares	Real estate activities	4.06	China	
Anhui Yingjia Distillery Co., Ltd. A	Manufacturing	3.95	China	
Shares				
Kanzhun, Ltd. ADR	Information & communication	3.90	China	
Tongcheng Travel Holdings, Ltd.	Administrative and support service	3.59	China	
	activities			
ENN Natural Gas Co., Ltd. A Shares	Electricity, gas, steam and air	3.49	China	
	conditioning supply			
ACM Research, Inc. Class A	Manufacturing	3.36	China	
Alchip Technologies, Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.32	China	
Jason Furniture Hangzhou Co., Ltd. A	Manufacturing	3.23	China	
Shares				
Giant Biogene Holding Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing	3.17	China	
Legend Biotech Corp. ADR	Manufacturing	3.02	China	
China Overseas Property Holdings,	Real estate activities	3.01	China	
Ltd.				
Hisense Home Appliances Group Co.,	Manufacturing	2.94	China	
Ltd. H Shares				



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The Fund did not commit to make sustainable investments. As further outlined in the sub-question below, 98.3% of China Small Companies Fund's investments into target fund adhered to the binding elements of the investment strategy and were therefore considered being aligned with the environmental and social characteristics.

### What was the asset allocation?

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In practice, 98.3% of the Fund's NAV promoted E&S characteristics. The remaining portion of 1.7% of the portfolio was invested in cash (#2 Other Investments).

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Investments in Economic Sectors (NACE): % NAV as of 31 March 2024		
Sector	Weights (%)	
Accommodation and food service activities	0.5%	
Administrative and support service activities	7.0%	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.6%	
Education	2.1%	
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3.4%	
Information and communication	9.5%	
Manufacturing	62.8%	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3.4%	
Real estate activities	7.0%	
Transportation and storage	1.1%	

Exposure to companies directly active in the fossil fuel sector was lower than the benchmark, but overall there were two companies flagged for involvement (ENN Natural Gas and Yantai Jereh).



# To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

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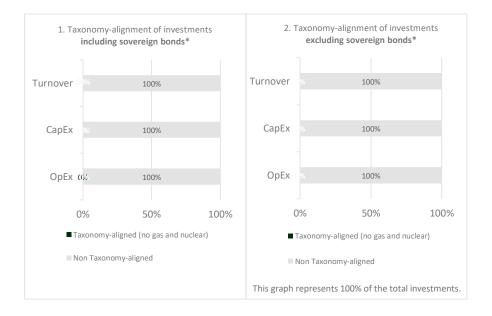
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Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>i</sup>?

☐ Yes: ☐ In fossil gas ☐ In nuclear energy

⊠ No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



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What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

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What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

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Not applicable.

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How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

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# Disclosures and Index Definitions (Unaudited)

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Performance details provided for the Sub-Funds are based on a NAV to NAV basis, assuming reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, and are net of management fees and other expenses.

#### **Calculation Method of the Risk Exposure**

The methodology used in order to calculate the global exposure is the commitment approach in accordance with the CSSF Circular 11/512 as amended by CSSF Circular 18/698.

#### **Index Definitions**

The MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation-weighted index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted small cap index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation-weighted index of the stock markets of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI China Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation-weighted index of Chinese equities that includes H shares listed on the Hong Kong exchange, and B shares listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges, Hong Kong-listed securities known as Red Chips (issued by entities owned by national or local governments in China) and P Chips (issued by companies controlled by individuals in China and deriving substantial revenues in China), and foreign listings (e.g., ADRs).

The MSCI China A Onshore Index captures large and mid cap representation across China securities listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges.

The MSCI China Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted small cap index of the Chinese equity securities markets, including H shares listed on the Hong Kong exchange, and B shares listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges, Hong Kong-listed securities known as Red Chips (issued by entities owned by national or local governments in China) and P Chips (issued by companies controlled by individuals in China and deriving substantial revenues in China), and foreign listings (e.g., ADRs).

The MSCI Emerging Markets ex China Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that captures large and mid cap representation across 23 of the 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries excluding China: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index of the stock markets of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted small cap index of the stock markets of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungry, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

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The S&P Bombay Stock Exchange 100 (S&P BSE 100) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation-weighted index of the 100 stocks listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The MSCI India Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index of Indian equities listed in India.



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