

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term by investing in high quality companies in the Asia ex Japan region.

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index moved up 0.8% in AUD terms in December partly supported by a depreciating Australian dollar and outperforming the broader global market. The best performing markets were the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia, while China and South Korea underperformed. On a sector basis, defensive Utilities and Consumer Staples outperformed but Healthcare and Consumer Discretionary lagged.

The Fund returned -0.4% as measured in NTA terms for the month. Our overweight position in WH Group contributed most to the performance, benefiting from the temporary truce between the US and China. On the other hand, the overweight position in CSPC Pharmaceutical detracted due to growing negative sentiment surrounding the Chinese pharmaceutical sector due to concerns of drug price cuts from government central procurement.

Asian markets had a volatile year in 2018, with the market affected by US tariffs, currency volatility, and subdued economic growth. We expect to see some movement on a trade deal in 2019, and hope this will be accompanied by more stable market conditions generally.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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NTA per unit	Unit price	Gross assets
<b>\$1.09</b>	<b>\$1.09</b>	<b>\$142.3 MILLION</b>

12-month distribution yield (target)	Performance since inception (14 May 2018) <sup>1</sup>
<b>4.0%</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>

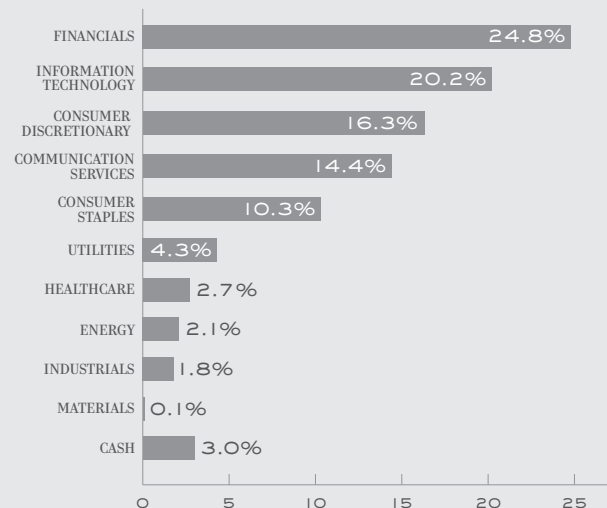
## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
NTA (%)	-0.4%	-8.5%	-9.3%	-	-	-	-11.8%
MSCI Asia Ex Japan Index (Net, AUD (%))	0.8%	-6.2%	-5.6%	-	-	-	-10.5%
Excess Return	-1.2%	-2.4%	-3.7%	-	-	-	-1.2%

## TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

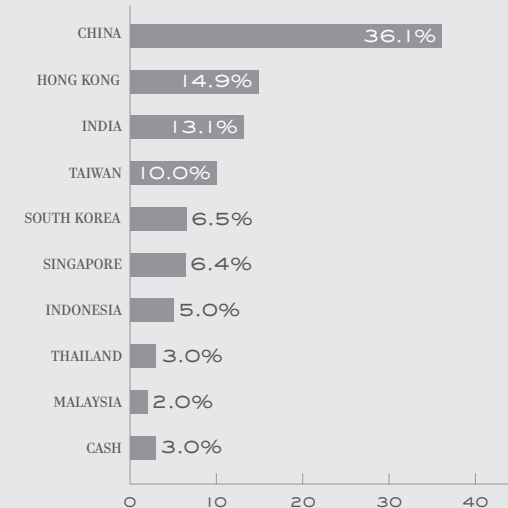
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	COMMUNICATION SERVICES
ASM Pacific Technology Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
HCL Technologies Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Techtronic Industries Co Ltd	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Tencent Holdings Ltd	COMMUNICATION SERVICES
Shenzhou International Group Holdings Ltd	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	United Overseas Bank Ltd	FINANCIALS

## SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

## COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile

Notes: Data at 31 December 2018 unless stated. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. 1. All returns are total returns, inclusive of reinvested distributions. NTA returns are net of fees and costs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception 14 May 2018.





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