EVANS & PARTNERS Asia Fund

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 (Index) was up 0.2% in AUD terms whilst being down 2.9% in USD terms, as the Australian dollar depreciated during the month. Alongside global markets, Asian markets were highly volatile during the month, amid the outbreak of COVID-19, with economic activities being severely impacted in China. Surprisingly, China (+4.2%) was the best performing market for the month as the country enacted strict quarantine policies which saw new cases peaking and economic activities gradually resuming.

The Evans & Partners Asia Fund (Fund) returned -0.7% in NTA terms, underperforming the Index by 0.9%, partly due to country allocation and stock selection. The Fund's overweight position in Techtronic Industries (+3.0%) and New Oriental Education (+8.6%) boosted returns, whilst being overweight in HCL Technologies (-7.9%) and ASM Pacific (-10.5%) which were impacted by concerns over supply chain disruption in the Technology sector - detracted from overall performance.

Governments and central banks are expected to implement supportive policies to help combat the looming economic slowdown caused by the spread of COVID-19. We expect Asian economies to ride through the storm safely and for long-term economic prosperity to remain unscathed.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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Assistant Portfolio Manager

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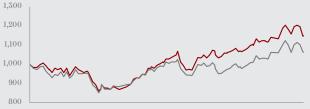
FUND PERFORMANCE¹

릙		1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION (P.A.)
9	NTA	-0.7%	2.6%	8.2%	17.4%	-	-	8.0%
2	MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (Net, AUD)	0.2%	3.2%	9.3%	9.5%	-	-	3.5%
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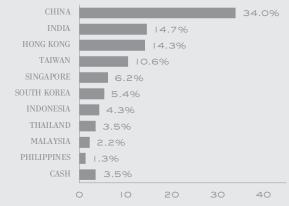
TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Alibaba Group Holding	Singapore Telecommunications				
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HCL Technologies	Tencent				
Ping An Insurance	TSMC				
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	United Overseas Bank				

PERFORMANCE CHART¹



COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

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Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile



Notes: Data at 29 February 2020 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. Chart data range: 14 May 2018 to 29 February 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.



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