# 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 down 6.5% in AUD terms while in USD terms it was down 12.1% due to AUD weakness. Asian regional markets continued to be volatile amid the spread of COVID-19, increasing fear that we will enter a global recession despite various government stimulus packages and monetary easing. China (-0.6%) was the best performing market in the region as economic activity is gradually returning to normal. Indonesia (-24.5%) and India (-19.8%) were the worst markets in the region as the number of confirmed cases continued to escalate.

The Evans & Partners Asia Fund (Fund) declined 8.4% in NTA terms, underperforming the Index by 2.0%. The Fund's overweight position in Kweichow Moutai (+10.4%) contributed most to performance as the stock bucked the downward trend due to its product's unique position and strong demand. JOYY (+5.0%) also contributed positively to performance as people shifted to using online interaction applications amid the global lockdown. The Fund's Indian stocks – including HDFC Bank (-25.2%), HCL Technologies (-16.5%) and Maruti (-30.2%) underperformed, as the Indian government ordered a three-week lockdown in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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Assistant Portfolio Manager

# NTA per unit \$1.25

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Unit price (EAF) \$1.18

Gross assets

\$127.8 MILLION

12-month distribution yield (target: 4%)

4.2%

2.7%

Annualised performance since inception (14 May 2018)<sup>1</sup>

# FUND PERFORMANCE1

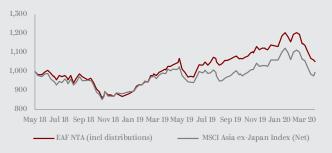
	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION (P.A.)
NTA	-8.4%	-7.1%	-1.6%	4.3%	-	-	2.7%
MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (Net, AUD)	-6.5%	-6.0%	0.9%	0.7%	-	-	-0.2%
Excess Return	-2.0%	-1.0%	-2.5%	3.6%	-	-	3.0%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

# TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Alibaba Group	Singapore Telecommunications			
CP ALL PCL	Techtronic Industries			
HCL Technologies	Tencent Holdings			
Kweichow Moutai	TSMC			
Ping An Insurance Group	United Overseas Bank Ltd			

# PERFORMANCE CHART<sup>1</sup>



### SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

#### COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile

Notes: Data at 31 March 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 31 March 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





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