31 December 2020

Lead portfolio manager

Inception date



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Minimum market cap

IE0032834883



- The Fund invests primarily in equity or equity-related securities of companies that are listed, or have their registered offices in, or conduct a majority of their economic activity in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.
- The Fund's investments may be concentrated in a single sector, country, specific region or small numbers of companies/countries which may have higher volatility or greater loss of capital than more diversified portfolios.
- Investing in securities of small/mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and more volatile prices to adverse economic developments.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets which may have increased risks than developed markets including liquidity risk, currency risk/control, political and economic uncertainties, high degree of volatility, settlement risk and custody risk.
- The Fund may expose to China market risk including repatriation risk, uncertainties to PRC taxation policies and risks associated with StockConnects, QFII/RQFII, SME board, the ChiNext market and/or the STAR board. The Fund may also expose to RMB currency and conversion risk.
- The Fund may use FDIs for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes, which may subject the Fund to additional liquidity, valuation, counterparty and over the counter transaction risks.
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- It is possible that a part or entire value of your investment could be lost. You should not base your investment decision solely on this document. Please read the offering document including risk factors for details.

Martin Lau	50 - 70	MSCI AC Asia Pa	> US\$1.5bn	
Minimum initial investment		US\$1,000	5.0%	
Minimum subsequent Investment		US\$500	Management fee	1.5% p.a.
Share class		Class I (USD - H-Dist)	Class I (USD - H-Dist) NAV/Per share	

ISIN code

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2020. The Fund is a sub fund of Ireland domiciled First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund Plc.

14 July 2003

Benchmark

Why invest in the FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund?

1. An opportunity to tap into the wealth of the Asia Pacific region

- There are 4.5 billion people living in Asia approximately 60% of the world's total
- Asia is the main contributor to global growth since major advanced economies still recovering from the global financial crisis

Approx. no. of stocks

 We believe rising incomes and increased levels of urbanisation have helped to boost consumption and create domestic champions, while increased R&D spending and a focus on innovation have created globally competitive leaders

Asia Pacific - the world's growth engine



2. Invest in the rise in technology and networked connectivity

 Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC) is the world's largest dedicated foundry (makes semiconductor chips on behalf of tech companies) with 56% global market share

Maximum cash

- Major beneficiary of secular growth in smart technology and 'Internet of Things' – which should continue to see steady demand growth
- Franchise remains strong and governance standards are high.
 Management have been proven to execute well

Taiwan Semiconductor - Long-term growth in earnings per share



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet and FSSA Investment Managers, as at 30 June 2019. All figures in Taiwan Dollars.

FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund

Quarterly Fund Flyer



3. Leading pan-Asian retailing group taking market share

- Dairy Farm is a high quality business and part of the Jardine Group, with family ownership/long-term stewardship (130-yr history) with around 10 thousand stores across 11 countries along with professional management
- HK/Macau growth remains strong, particularly health & beauty,
 7-Eleven, IKEA and Maxim's. Indonesia, as well as newer markets such as Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines have the potential to become future growth drivers
- Supermarkets face threats from greater competition and e-commerce; but multi-year transformation in progress. New CEO, lan McLeod, was appointed in 2017 and has overseen a significant shift in personnel and culture

Supermarkets facing headwinds, but other businesses have grown strongly



Source: FactSet, Company Reports and FSSA Investment Managers, as at 30 June 2020

Cumulative performance in USD (%)

	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund	20.3	20.7	20.7	35.4	88.9	902.1
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Net Index	19.1	22.4	22.4	25.6	83.9	519.8

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2020. Since inception: 14 July 2003. The FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund Class I (USD – H-Dist) is the semi-annually dividend distribution class of the fund, the performance quoted are based on USD total return (with dividend reinvested). Dividends are not guaranteed and may be paid out of capital. NAV-NAV (USD total return). The Fund's calendar year performance: 20.7% (2020); 18.6% (2019); -5.4% (2018); 36.8% (2017); 2.0% (2016). Gross of tax benchmark performance is shown before 1 July 2016 and net of tax benchmark performance is shown after the aforementioned date. Acc represents share class with dividends accumulated. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities. On 22 September 2020, First State Asian Equity Plus Fund was rebranded as FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund.

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We are bottom-up investors, using fundamental research and analysis to construct high-conviction portfolios. We conduct more than a thousand direct company meetings a year, seeking to identify high quality companies to invest in. We look for founders and management teams that act with integrity and risk awareness; and dominant franchises that have the ability to deliver sustainable and predictable returns over the long term. As responsible, long-term shareholders, we have integrated ESG analysis into our investment process and engage extensively on environmental, labour and governance issues.

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