

# First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund

31 December 2024

<b>Minimum initial investment</b>	US\$1,000	<b>Initial charge</b>	4.0% (Cash / SRS)
<b>Minimum subsequent investment</b>	US\$100	<b>Management fee</b>	1.0% p.a.
<b>Share class</b>	Class A (SGD - Q Dist)	<b>Distribution frequency**</b>	Quarterly
<b>Inception date</b>	1 November 2016	<b>ISIN code</b>	SG9999009385
<b>Benchmark</b>	J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index (SGD Index) (Hedged to SGD)	<b>Total fund size</b>	US\$5.6mn

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2024.

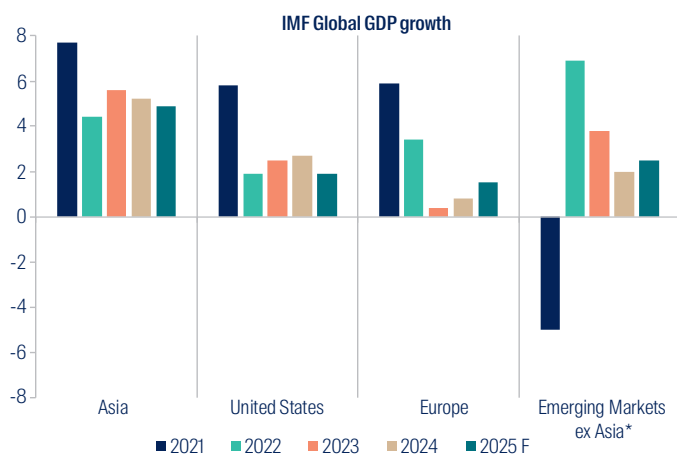
	Annualised performance in SGD (%)			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Fund (Ex initial charges)	0.4	-3.0	-1.3	0.2
Fund (Inc initial charges)	-3.6	-4.3	-2.1	-0.3
Benchmark*	2.3	-1.0	0.7	1.9

Source: Lipper, First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2024. Since inception: 1 November 2016. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested. \*J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index (SGD Index) (Hedged to SGD).

## Why invest in the First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund?

### 1. Asia's resilience in growth

- Asia remains the fastest growing region, with countries such as Indonesia and India still having a strong domestic story to support strong growth
- Asian countries compare favorably against developed markets as a resource rich region moving up the global value chain, with further growth potential coming from a younger demography
- In China, fiscal and monetary support is expected to remain strong to help the economy recover



\*Exclude Turkey and Argentina.

Source: First Sentier Investors, IMF, Deutsche Bank and HSBC as of Q4 2024.

### 2. Relatively stable inflation in Asia

- Inflation has been less of a problem for Asia when compared to developed economies and ex-Asia emerging markets
- Asian central banks to have more flexibility in their monetary policies, should the need arise as global growth slows



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Source: First Sentier Investors, IMF, Deutsche Bank and HSBC as of Q4 2024.

### 3. Asian Investment Grade (IG) credit is looking attractive from an all-in yield perspective

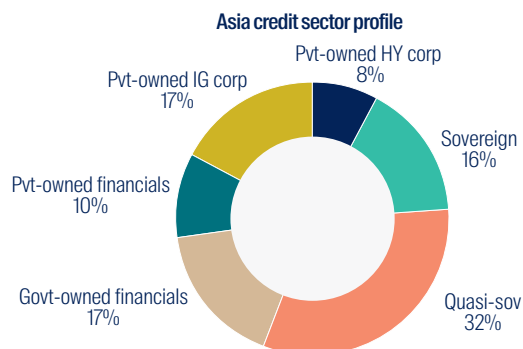
- At current yields of approximately 5%, Asian IG offers an attractive income
- With stable debt ratios and still healthy cash balances, solid fundamentals in Asian IG corporates will help the asset class remain resilient through a downturn



Source: Bloomberg as of 31 December 2024.

### 4. Strong government and ownership support among Asia's credit issuers

- Sovereigns such as Indonesia and the Philippines have enjoyed improving economic fundamentals in the region
- Quasi-sovereigns benefit from strong government backing



Source: J.P Morgan. Data as of 30 June 2024.

#### About the Asian Fixed Income team

With members across Hong Kong and Singapore, the Asian Fixed Income team has more than 14 years average industry experience. Led by Nigel Foo, the team aims to achieve consistent risk-adjusted returns, with risk management at the centre of the team's investment philosophy.



Seasoned investment professionals



Research-driven and disciplined investment process



Truly integrated approach to ESG

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2024.

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