# Prudential Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Equity Index S3

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#### **Aims**

Objective: The investment strategy of the fund is to purchase units in the M&G PP Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Equity Index Fund - the underlying fund.

Underlying fund objective: The fund gains its exposure via the M&G Funds (1) BlackRock Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Equity fund. The underlying fund aims to be fully invested in the equity securities and equity related securities of companies that are constituents of the FTSE World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

Within the index-relative limits, the Investment Manager uses a structured and systematic, bottom up stock selection process to build a portfolio with similar risk-return characteristics as the index in order to meet the fund's investment objectives. In addition to the fund's objective, the Investment Manager aims to maximise the fund's ESG characteristics by overweighting its investments in securities which score well against the Investment Manager's ESG research framework and underweighting the securities which score less well.

Performance Objective: The fund aims to provide a total return (i.e. capital growth plus income), gross of the Ongoing Charges Figure, over any three year period.

#### **Benchmark**

Benchmark	FTSE World Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index
Sector	ABI Asia Pacific excluding Japan Equities

#### **Identification Codes**

Sedol Code	3424823
Mex Code	PURICK
Isin Code	GB0034248236
Citi Code	P562

#### **Fund Overview**

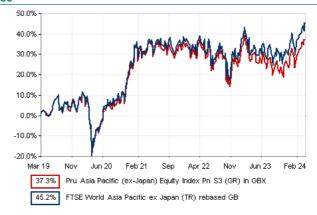
Daily price (19/04/2024)	616.60
Fund size (31/03/2024)	£5.37m
Underlying Fund size	£5.62m
Number of holdings	327
Launch date	31/03/2004

#### **Fund Charges**

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Annual Management Charge	Guide"
(AMC)	for your specific pension
	plan

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#### **Performance**



#### Discrete performance - to latest available quarter end

	31/03/19 to 31/03/20	31/03/20 to 31/03/21	31/03/21 to 31/03/22	31/03/22 to 31/03/23	31/03/23 to 31/03/24
Fund	-14.7%	53.1%	4.4%	-5.0%	5.9%
Benchmark	-14.1%	53.2%	5.3%	-4.1%	9.2%

#### Performance - to latest available quarter end

	Quarter	Annualised		
	1 2024	3 Years to 31/03/24	5 Years to 31/03/24	10 Years to 31/03/24
Fund	2.7%	1.7%	6.5%	7.9%
Benchmark	3.5%	3.3%	7.7%	8.6%

#### **Prudential Risk Rating**

#### **Higher Risk**

These are specialist equity funds that focus on set geographical regions or a particular type of share e.g. shares of smaller companies or those that conform to certain criteria.

These risk ratings have been developed by Prudential to help provide an indication of a fund's potential level of risk and reward based on the type of assets which may be held by the fund. Other companies may use different descriptions and as such these risk ratings should not be considered as generic across the fund management industry.

We regularly review our fund risk ratings, so they may change in the future. If, in our view, there is a material change in the fund's level of risk, for example due to a significant change to the assets held by the fund or in the way the fund is managed, we will provide information on the new risk rating. We recommend that you make sure you understand the risk rating of any fund before you invest.

You should also consider discussing your decision and the appropriateness of a fund's risk rating with an adviser.

### **Fund Managers**



Name: Richard O'Connor

Manager of the underlying fund for: 18 years, 9 months

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Portfolio data accurate as at: 31/03/24

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Name	% Weight	Sector	Country
1 TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED	9.63%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	Taiwan
2 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD	6.79%	Telecommunications Equipment	South Korea
3 BHP GROUP LIMITED	2.57%	Industrial Metals & Mining	Australia
4 CSL LTD	2.49%	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	Australia
5 AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED	2.31%	Banks	Australia
6 WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION	2.26%	Banks	Australia
7 COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	2.08%	Banks	Australia
8 SK HYNIX INC	1.98%	Technology Hardware & Equipment	South Korea
9 DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	1.86%	Banks	Singapore
10 AIA GROUP LIMITED	1.82%	Life Insurance	Hong Kong

#### **Asset Allocation**



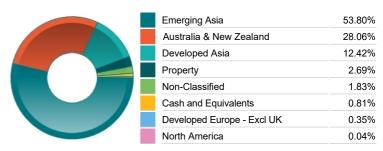
#### **Equity Sector Breakdown**

Technology	24.72%
Financials	22.39%
Telecommunications	9.91%
Industrials	9.28%
Basic Materials	6.43%
Consumer Discretionary	5.70%
Real Estate	5.28%
Other Sectors	16.30%

# Breakdown By Market Cap (%)

Mega	49.84%
Large	31.47%
Medium	11.09%
Small	0.39%
Micro	0.05%
Non-Classified	6.36%
Cash	0.81%

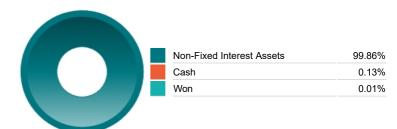
## **Regional Allocation**



## **Top Country Breakdown**

Taiwan	27.97%
Australia	25.88%
South Korea	21.08%
Hong Kong	7.71%
Singapore	4.71%
Direct Property and REITs	2.69%
Thailand	2.51%
Other Countries	7.44%

## **Fixed Interest Currencies**



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#### Commentary

Performance as at Q4 2023 - Asia Pacific ex Japan lagged the global equity market in the fourth quarter, not helped by the weak performance of China and Hong Kong, which together represent a sizeable weight of the regional index in market capitalisation terms. Some investors continue to be concerned by the lacklustre growth of the Chinese economy and problems in its property sector. Sentiment was also hurt by a cut in the country's credit outlook to negative, by ratings agency Moody's. Other markets that lagged the regional index included Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines. Better-performing markets included India, South Korea and Taiwan. India's stockmarket has benefited from significant interest from investors attracted by the robust economic growth of the world's most populous country. Taiwan and South Korea benefited from strength in the technology sector, which represents a significant proportion of both markets.

Source: M&G

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