# **Pacific Growth Fund**



## Period:

For the six months ended 28 February 2013 www.fandc.com



Fund Manager: Mark Perrin

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth through investment in companies based or trading in Asian and Pacific markets excluding Japan.

#### **Fund Facts**

Lead Fund Manager	Mark Perrin		
Deputy Fund Manager	June Lui		
Sector	Asia Pacific ex Japan		
Benchmark IMA Asia Pacific ex	x Japan Sector Median		
Launch date	23 October 1981		
Fund size at 31 Aug 2012	£267.1m		
at 28 Feb 2013	£379.9m		
Minimum	£1,000 lump sum,		
Investments	£50 per month		
Historic Yield	0.70%		
Share type	Accumulation/Income		
Number of stocks	61		
Initial charge	5.00%		
Annual charge	1.50%		
Ongoing charge	1.89%		
Account dates (interim)	28 February		
(annual)	31 August		
Distribution date	31 October		

## Market review

Asia-Pacific stock markets rose over the six months under review. The region's markets were weak initially as the outlook for China and the US turned less positive. The global rise in risk appetite in September saw markets recover, but sentiment remained brittle as geopolitical uncertainties in the region were high and concerns mounted regarding falling import demand from a recession-bound eurozone. The best-performing markets were Thailand and the Philippines.

## **Fund activity**

During the six months we bought CBA, which is our preferred Australian bank. We also bought Petrochina as we expect the company to benefit from fuel reforms, and Computershare which is a global leader in the provision of software solutions to the securities industry. Sells over the period included Korean bank Hana Financial. This trade was part of our move to reduce the portfolio's exposure to lower quality Korean banks. We also sold Australian bank ANZ, switching to CBA, and we cut our position in Thai financial company Kasikornbank following a strong 2012.

## **Outlook**

We remain positive on the outlook for the Asia-Pacific region in 2013, subject to ongoing macro event risk from Europe and the US. Valuations are attractive versus both Asia's own history and developed markets. The Chinese economy is showing clear signs of improvement, the leadership transition has passed without incident and we are able to find numerous attractive investment opportunities. Reform momentum has noticeably picked up in India and the economy appears to be stabilising after its recent dip. Korea and Taiwan will benefit from improving sentiment towards China and the ongoing success of global winners, such as Samsung Electronics. Furthermore, growth remains robust in the south-east Asian markets of Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

## **Summary Fund Performance**

Year	Share Class	Highest Share Price (pence)	Lowest Share Price (pence)	Distribution per Share (pence)
2013	4 Income	274.50	252.00	-
2013	1 Accumulation	295.00	271.60	-
2013	2 Accumulation	96.67	88.94	-
2013	3 Accumulation	329.00	302.30	-
2013	4 Accumulation	344.00	315.80	-

## Net Asset Value Record

Share Class	Share Type	Net Asset Value as at 31 August 2012 (pence)	Net Asset Value as at 28 February 2013 (pence)
4	Income	228.3	272.4
1	Accumulation	247.5	292.7
2	Accumulation	80.98	95.93
3	Accumulation	274.3	326.5
4	Accumulation	286.1	341.4

## Top Ten Holdings

As at 31 August 2012	%
Australia & New Zealand Banking	4.84
Samsung Electronics	4.57
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.69
BHP Billiton	3.06
Keppel	3.03
China Mobile	2.84
Kasikornbank	2.82
Kia Motors	2.69
Westpac Banking	2.62
Tencent	2.36
Total	32.52
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As at 28 February 2013	%
Samsung Electronics	5.34
BHP Billiton	4.49
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.63
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	3.53
Australia & New Zealand Banking	3.39
AIA	3.20
China Mobile	2.60
Keppel	2.40
PetroChina	2.34
HDFC Bank	2.16
Total	33.08

## Portfolio Breakdown

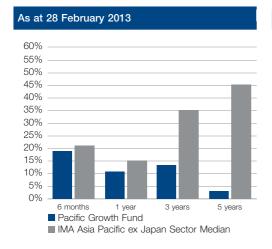
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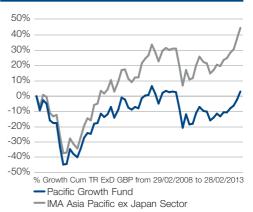
## As at 28 February 2013



## **Fund Performance**



## As at 28 February 2013



#### Standardised Performance

29 Feb 2008 to	28 Feb 2009 to	28 Feb 2010 to	28 Feb 2011 to	29 Feb 2012 to
28 Feb 2009	28 Feb 2010	28 Feb 2011	29 Feb 2012	28 Feb 2013
-40.01%	51.84%	4.57%	-2.17%	10.74%

Past Performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper. Share Class 1 accumulation shares. For past performance data for the full range of F&C Funds visit www.fandc.com

## **Risk Profile**

Emerging Markets Risk: this Fund invests in emerging markets which are less developed and have additional legal and political risks.

Currency Risk: your investment may be adversely affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

**Derivative Risk:** derivative values rise and fall at a greater rate than equities and debt instruments. Losses can be greater than the initial investment.

Liquidity Risk: the ability to buy and sell assets at a favourable price may be affected by a low level of counterparties willing to enter into a transaction with the Fund.

## **Report and Accounts**

Copies of the annual and half yearly Reports and Accounts for the F&C Investment Funds ICVC II, which include this Fund are available free of charge on request to the ACD or can be downloaded from our website **www.fandc.com** 

## Other information

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the period it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the period. For more information about the activities and performance of the Fund during this and previous periods, please contact the Authorised Corporate Director.

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## Fund Accounting and Unit Pricing

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