## Schroder Asian Income Fund

#### Interim Short Report 16 January 2013 to 15 July 2013





### Schroder Asian Income Fund Review of Investment Activities

# From 15 January 2013 to 15 July 2013, the price of A Accumulation units on a selling price to selling price basis rose 5.62%. In comparison, the MSCI All Country Pacific ex Japan Index generated a net return of 0.20%<sup>1</sup> in sterling terms.

#### 1 Source: MSCI.

The period started with optimism as China's equities rally, which began late in 2012, continued into the first two months of the year. However, continued soft China data and a weakening Japanese yen, that hurt big Asian exporters' competitiveness, dampened the mood. The Federal Reserve's comments on possible 'tapering' of quantitative easing, in May, saw a widespread sell off in markets, particularly in traditional income yielding equities such as Real Estate Investment Trusts.

Two of the best performing countries for the fund over the period were Korea and Thailand. Korea was the leading contributor as our underweight position and positive stock selection benefited fund performance, with the broader market down on weak global demand along with the competitive threat to its large exporters of a weakening yen. Our Thailand holdings also contributed strongly on the back of the country's rising middle class and continued robust domestic consumer spending story.

Looking ahead, despite remaining cautious over China we are still finding many opportunities in quality blue chips in ASEAN and Hong Kong that, in our view, have been oversold recently. The region continues to remain attractive on the back of its positive demographics and structural growth story. We maintain our belief that focusing on dividends remains one of the strongest long term equity strategies.



Fund Manager: Richard Sennitt

#### Fund Information

	Interim	Final
Accounting dates	15 July	15 January
Revenue allocation dates	15 September	15 March
Ongoing charges figure	For the period to 15.7.13	For the year to 15.1.13
A Income units	1.69%1	1.70%
A Accumulation units	1.69%1	1.70%
Z Income units	0.94%1	0.95%
Z Accumulation units	0.94%1	0.95%

1 The Ongoing charges figure is annualised based on the fees suffered during the accounting period.

#### Performance Record

Fund performance	Net Asset Value as at 15.7.13 pence per unit	Net Asset Value as at 15.1.13 pence per unit	Net Asset Value % change
A Income units	221.49	214.93	3.05
A Accumulation units	309.75	293.96	5.37
Z Income units	56.57	54.69	3.44
Z Accumulation units	62.56	59.15	5.77

	3 months	6 months	5 years
Schroder Asian Income Fund	(1.68)%	5.62%	104.08%
MSCI All Country Pacific ex Japan Index	(2.98)%	0.20%	65.77% <sup>1</sup>

Fund Source: A Accumulation units on a selling price to selling price basis to 15.7.13.

Index Source: MSCI, net return in sterling terms to 15.7.13.

1 With effect from 14 December 2009 the benchmark changed to the MSCI All Country Pacific ex Japan Index. Prior to this date the benchmark was 90% MSCI All Country Pacific ex Japan Index and 10% MSCI Japan Index. The full track record for the previous index has been kept and chain linked to the new one.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance and it might not be repeated. The value of investments and the revenue from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Because of this, you are not certain to make a profit on your investments and you may lose money.

### Performance Record (continued)

Unit price range	A Income units		A Accumul	ation units
Year to 31 December	Highest buying p	Lowest selling p	Highest buying p	Lowest selling p
2008	182.60	97.88	196.30	107.60
2009	182.70	104.80	212.50	119.00
2010	222.70	159.40	272.00	189.50
2011	222.80	164.80	272.10	210.20
2012	223.30	183.10	299.30	233.60
2013 to 15 July	244.20	209.80	334.00	286.80

	Z Income units		Z Accumul	ation units
Year to 31 December	Highest buying p	Lowest selling p	Highest buying p	Lowest selling p
2008	-	-	-	_
2009	-	-	-	-
2010	-	-	-	-
2011	51.26	41.50	51.26	41.93
2012	55.01	46.20	58.33	46.66
2013 to 15 July	62.32	53.56	67.37	57.91

Net revenue Year to 31 December	A Income units pence per unit	A Accumulation units pence per unit
2008	6.3524	6.7610
2009	6.9836	7.7943
2010	8.7200	10.3118
2011	8.7439	10.8015
2012	9.4440	12.1990
2013 to 15 July	9.3797	12.7362

Year to 31 December	Z Income units pence per unit	Z Accumulation units pence per unit
2008	-	-
2009	-	-
2010	-	-
2011	Nil	Nil
2012	2.3690	2.4007
2013 to 15 July	2.4185	2.5685

### Portfolio Information

Spread of investments	% of net assets as at 15.7.13	% of net assets as at 15.1.13
Hong Kong/China	15.44	15.75
Malaysia	1.85	1.07
Philippines	0.98	0.00
Singapore	15.09	17.85
South Korea	6.22	7.52
Taiwan	15.63	12.16
Thailand	7.42	6.85
Australia	20.85	23.22
New Zealand	1.52	2.21
Bermuda	4.88	5.97
Cayman Islands	1.59	2.39
United Kingdom	4.10	1.95
Net other assets	4.43	3.06

Major holdings	% of net assets as at 15.7.13		% of net assets as at 15.1.13
Taiwan Semiconductor		Taiwan Semiconductor	
Manufacturing	4.34	Manufacturing	4.44
HSBC Holdings	4.10	Amcor	2.99
Amcor	3.41	Swire Pacific A	2.51
Taiwan Mobile	2.91	Glow Energy	2.34
Sun Hung Kai Properties	2.36	Fortune Real Estate	
United Overseas Bank	2.34	Investment Trust	2.32
Bangkok Bank	2.24	Venture	2.29
Advanced Information Services	2.13	BOC Hong Kong Holdings	2.28
Australia & New Zealand		Bangkok Bank	2.28
Banking Group	2.11	Suncorp Group	2.21
Brambles	2.10	Yue Yuen Industrial Holdings	2.18



### Investment Objective & Policy

The fund's investment objective is to provide a growing income and capital growth for investors over the long term primarily through investment in equity and equity related securities of Asian companies which offer attractive yields and growing dividend payments. The emphasis of the fund will be investment in the Asia Pacific excluding Japan (including Australia and New Zealand) region.

Investment will be in directly held transferable securities. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, warrants and money market instruments.

### Risk Profile

#### Risk and reward indicator



The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the fund's future risk profile.

The fund is in this category because it can take higher risks in search of higher rewards and its price may rise and fall accordingly.

The fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time.

A fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk free investment.

#### Risk Profile (continued)

#### **Specific risks**

The fund invests in assets which are exposed to currencies other than sterling. Exchange rates may cause the value of overseas investments and the revenue from them to rise or fall.

The fund invests in less developed markets which are generally less well regulated than the UK. They may be less liquid and may have less reliable custody arrangements.

The fund invests in emerging markets and the Far East. This involves a high degree of risk and should be seen as long term in nature.

As a result of the expenses being charged wholly to capital, the distributable revenue of the fund may be higher, but the capital value of the fund may be eroded which may affect future performance.

For these reasons, the purchase of units should not normally be regarded as a short term investment.

#### Report & Accounts

This document is a short report for the Schroder Asian Income Fund for the period ended 15 July 2013. The long form Report & Accounts for the fund are available on our website www.schroders.co.uk or upon written request to Schroders, FREEPOST, RLTZ-CHSY-HBUT, PO Box 1102, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2XX.

### Other information

The information contained in this report is designed to enable unitholders 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 Manager.

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document and details of investment charges and costs are available on request or can be downloaded from our website **www.schroders.co.uk**.



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