

#### **RATINGS**

Overall Morningstar Rating™



#### **FUND FACTS (USD)**

Total Fund Assets \$220.5 million

MSCI China Small Cap

Benchmark Index
Management Fee 1.00%
Minimum Initial Investment \$1,000/£500

Minimum Subsequent

Investment \$100/£50
Fund Domicile Luxembourg
Available Share Classes A. I

Base Currency USD
Additional Dealing

Currencies Net Asset Value

> I Acc (USD) \$21.07 I Acc (GBP) £10.07

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Winnie Chwang Andrew Mattock, CFA
Lead Manager Lead Manager

GBP

**KEY RISKS** 

The value of an investment in the Fund can go down as well as up and possible loss of principal is a risk of investing. Investments in international, emerging and frontier market securities may involve risks such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange-rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation, which may adversely affect the value of the Fund's assets. Investing in Chinese securities involve risks. Heightened risks related to the regulatory environment and the potential actions by the Chinese government could negatively impact performance. The Fund invests in holdings denominated in foreign currency, and is exposed to the risk that the value of the foreign currency will increase or decrease. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, which may result in increased volatility. Investments in a single-country fund may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than diversified funds because of concentration in a specific country. The Fund invests in smaller companies, which are more volatile and less liquid than larger companies. Pandemics and other public health emergencies can result in market volatility and disruption. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

# MATTHEWS ASIA

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance. As of 29 February 2024, Matthews Asia had US\$8.5 billion in assets under management.

# China Small Companies Fund

Matthews Asia Funds

### Class I Shares

29 February 2024

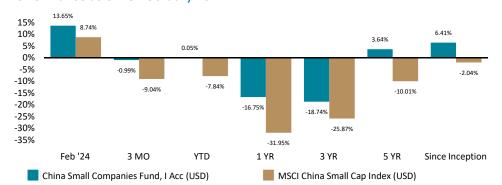
# **Investment Objective**

Long-term capital appreciation.

### **Available Share Classes**

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	CUSIP
I Acc (USD)	LU0721876877	B6T9RS6	L6263Q652
I Acc (GBP)	LU2075925870	BJN4L97	L6258V187

## Performance as of 29 February 2024<sup>†</sup>



China Small Companies Fund	Feb '24	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	Since Inception	Inception
I Acc (USD)	13.65%	-0.99%	0.05%	-16.75%	-18.74%	3.64%	6.41%	29 Feb 2012
I Acc (GBP)	14.04%	-0.89%	0.70%	-20.27%	-16.03%	n.a.	0.17%	30 Jan 2020
MSCI China Small Cap Index (USD)	8.74%	-9.04%	-7.84%	-31.95%	-25.87%	-10.01%	-2.04% <sup>1</sup>	n.a.

### Rolling 12 Month Returns (For the period ended 31 December 2023)

China Small Companies Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
I Acc (USD)	-15.73%	-30.72%	-2.88%	77.70%	31.36%
I Acc (GBP)	-20.32%	-22.34%	-1.58%	n.a.	n.a.
MSCI China Small Cap Index (USD)	-24.82%	-24.77%	-6.26%	27.21%	6.63%

- † All returns over 1 year are annualised
- 1 Index calculated from 29 February 2012

All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance shown. Investors investing in Funds denominated in non-local currency should be aware of the risk of currency exchange fluctuations that may cause a loss of principal.

Performance details provided are based on a NAV-to-NAV basis with any dividends reinvested, and are net of management fees and other expenses. Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.

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## 29 February 2024

TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>2</sup>		
	Sector	% of Net Assets
Alchip Technologies, Ltd.	Information Technology	5.2%
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Holdings, Ltd.	Industrials	4.9%
Samsonite International SA	Consumer Discretionary	4.3%
China Overseas Property Holdings, Ltd.	Real Estate	3.9%
KE Holdings, Inc.	Real Estate	3.8%
ACM Research, Inc.	Information Technology	3.7%
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	Industrials	3.7%
Anhui Yingjia Distillery Co., Ltd.	Consumer Staples	3.6%
Legend Biotech Corp.	Health Care	3.3%
Tongcheng Travel Holdings, Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	3.1%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN		39.5%
Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.		

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SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>3</sup>				MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>3,4</sup>			
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference		Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Consumer Discretionary	20.3	12.6	7.7	Mega Cap (over \$25B)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Industrials	19.9	14.8	5.1	Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	7.0	0.0	7.0
Information Technology	18.7	6.3	12.4	Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	62.4	0.3	62.1
Health Care	9.5	21.8	-12.3	Small Cap (under \$3B)	29.5	99.7	-70.2
Consumer Staples	7.9	4.8	3.1	Cash and Other Assets,			
Real Estate	7.7	9.3	-1.6	Less Liabilities	1.0	0.0	1.0
Communication Services	6.4	7.7	-1.3				
Utilities	3.1	4.2	-1.1				
Financials	2.3	5.1	-2.8				
Energy	2.0	1.9	0.1				
Materials	1.2	11.6	-10.4				
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	1.0	0.0	1.0				
Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit www.msci.com.							
Source: FactSet Research Systems				Source: FactSet Research Syst	tems		
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS			CHINA EXPOSURE (%)3	,11			
		Fund	Benchmark	Hong Kong Listed Compa	anies		39.1

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Number of Positions	47	225	Mainland China Listed Companies	21.8
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	ćr a	ć1 2	ADR/GDR	12.8
(in billions)	\$5.2	\$1.2	Other	25.3
Active Share <sup>5</sup>	95.5	n.a.	Other	25.5
P/E Using FY1 Estimates <sup>6</sup>	15.4x	7.6x	Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	1.0
P/E Using FY2 Estimates <sup>6</sup>	13.3x	6.9x	,,	
Price/Cash Flow <sup>7</sup>	11.6	4.4		
Price/Book <sup>8</sup>	2.6	0.6		
Return on Equity <sup>9</sup>	14.0	4.3		
EPS Growth (3 Years) <sup>10</sup>	29.3%	10.2%		
Source: FactSet Research Systems			Source: FactSet Research Systems	

- 2 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- 3 Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.
- Equity market cap of issuer. The Portfolio's market cap exposure breakdown presented is used for comparison purposes and the definition of the capitalization breakdown is from MSCI. The Fund defines Small Companies as companies with market capitalization. no higher than the greater of US\$5 billion or the market capitalization of the largest company included in the Fund's primary benchmark, the MSCI China Small Cap Index.
- Active Share is calculated by taking the absolute value of the difference between portfolio holdings and benchmark weights, summing all of these differences, and dividing by two. The calculation will result in an active share number between 0% which indicates the portfolio perfectly replicates the benchmark, and 100%, which indicates there is no overlap whatsoever between the portfolio and the index. Active Share was calculated including cash held in the Fund.
- The P/E Ratio is the share price of a stock as of the report date, divided by the forecasted earnings per share for a 12-month period (FY1) or a 24-month period (FY2). For the Fund, this is the weighted harmonic average estimated P/E ratio of all the underlying stocks in the Fund, excluding negative earners. There is no guarantee that the composition of the Fund will remain unchanged, or that forecasted earnings of a stock will be realized. Information provided is for illustrative purposes only.
- A measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. Because this measure deals with cash flow, the effects of depreciation and other non-cash factors are removed. Similar to price/earnings ratio, this measure provides an indication of relative
- 8 Price-to-Book Ratio (P/B Ratio) is used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. A lower P/B ratio could mean that the stock is undervalued.

- 9 Return on Equity (ROE) is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested, and is calculated as net income divided by shareholder's equity.
- 10 Earnings Per Share (EPS) is the amount of annual profit (after tax and all other expenses) attributable to each share in a company. EPS is calculated by dividing profit by the average number of shares in a company. Earnings growth is not a measure of a fund's future performance.
- 11 Mainland China listed Companies include A Shares and B Shares. A Shares are Mainland Chinese companies incorporated in China and listed on the Shanghai or Shenzhen exchanges, available mostly to local Chinese investors and qualified institutional investors. B Shares are mainland Chinese companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors. ADRs are American Depositary Receipts and GDRs are Global Depositary Receipts. Hong Kong Listed Companies include SAR (Hong Kong) companies, China-affiliated corporations, and H Shares. SAR companies are companies that conduct business in Hong Kong and/or mainland China. China-affiliated corporations [CAC], also known as "Red Chips," are mainland China companies with partial state ownership listed in Hong Kong, and incorporated in Hong Kong. H Shares are mainland Chinese companies listed on the Hong Kong exchange but incorporated in mainland China. Other represents Chinese companies listed in other countries or non-China companies with a majority of revenue coming from China such as Japan, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States or other non-China companies.

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