

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

**Total Fund Assets** 

\$3.7 million

Index

MSCI China A Onshore

Benchmark Management Fee

0.75% Minimum Initial Investment \$1,000/£500

Minimum Subsequent

\$100/£50 Investment **Fund Domicile** Luxembourg

Available Share Classes USD Base Currency

**Additional Dealing** 

GBP Currencies

Net Asset Value

I Acc (USD) \$7.33 I Acc (GBP) £6.91

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Sherwood Zhang, CFA

Andrew Mattock, CFA

Lead Manager Lead Manager

The value of an investment in the Fund can go down as

#### **KEY RISKS**

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. 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. 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. China listed companies and trading of China A Shares are subject to market rules and disclosure requirements in the China stock market. Any changes in laws, regulations, rules and policies of the China A Share market may affect share prices. There are foreign shareholding restrictions and disclosure obligations applicable to China A Shares. The Fund will be subject to restrictions on trading (including restriction on retention of proceeds) in China A Shares as a result of its interest in the China A Shares. Part of the assets of the Fund may be invested in China A Shares through the use of a Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") license. There are rules and restrictions under current QFI regulations including rules on remittance of principal, investment restrictions, and repatriation of principal and profits. The Fund may invest in China A Shares trading on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via Stock Connect which is subject to a daily quota. If the daily quota is exceeded, buy orders will be rejected. Additional risks applicable to using Stock Connect include, but are not limited to, legal/beneficial ownership risk, clearing and settlement and custody risk, suspension risk, differences in trading days, operational risk, regulatory risk, Nominee Arrangements in Holding China A Shares, investor compensation, and taxation risks. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the prospectus.

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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 A-Share Fund

Matthews Asia Funds

#### Class I Shares

29 February 2024

### **Investment Objective**

Long-term capital appreciation

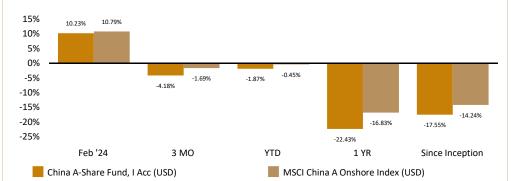
## Sustainability

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics according to Article 8 of SFDR. Furthermore, the Fund uses both activity- and norm-based exclusions. Information relating to the environmental and social characteristics of this Fund is available in the prospectus on our website.

#### **Available Share Classes**

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	CUSIP
I Acc (USD)	LU2459556184	BJLKMB6	L6258X696
I Acc (GBP)	LU2459556267	BJLKMQ1	L6258X712

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



China A-Share Fund	Feb '24	3 МО	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	Since Inception	Inception
I Acc (USD)	10.23%	-4.18%	-1.87%	-22.43%	n.a.	n.a.	-17.55%	21 Jul 2022
I Acc (GBP)	10.56%	-4.29%	-1.43%	-25.78%	n.a.	n.a.	-20.52%	21 Jul 2022
MSCI China A Onshore Index (USD)	10.79%	-1.69%	-0.45%	-16.83%	n.a.	n.a.	-14.24%	n.a.

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

China A-Share Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
I Acc (USD)	-18.00%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
I Acc (GBP)	-22.28%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
MSCI China A Onshore Index					
(USD)	-11.46%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

All returns over 1 year are annualised

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.

# China A-Share Fund

29 February 2024

TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>		
	Sector	% of Net Assets
Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd.	Consumer Staples	5.1%
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.	Financials	4.7%
Himile Mechanical Science and Technology (Shandong) Co.,		
Ltd.	Industrials	3.8%
Shenzhen Inovance Technology Co., Ltd.	Industrials	3.8%
Focus Media Information Technology Co., Ltd.	Communication Services	3.6%
Will Semiconductor Co., Ltd. Shanghai	Information Technology	3.3%
Jason Furniture Hangzhou Co., Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	3.2%
BYD Co., Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	3.1%
Midea Group Co., Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd.	Consumer Staples	2.9%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN		36.5%
Source: Brown Brothers Harriman (Luxembourg) S.C.A.		

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>2</sup>						
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference			
Industrials	29.6	15.8	13.8			
Consumer Discretionary	18.0	7.8	10.2			
Consumer Staples	15.4	11.3	4.1			
Information Technology	10.3	17.9	-7.6			
Financials	6.9	18.4	-11.5			
Materials	4.5	10.9	-6.4			
Communication Services	3.6	2.4	1.2			
Health Care	2.0	8.5	-6.5			
Utilities	0.0	2.9	-2.9			
Energy	0.0	2.8	-2.8			
Real Estate	0.0	1.3	-1.3			
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	9.8	0.0	9.8			

Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit www.msci.com.

Source: FactSet Research Systems

# MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)2,3

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
Mega Cap (over \$25B)	37.7	32.8	4.9
Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	23.4	24.4	-1.0
Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	22.7	33.3	-10.6
Small Cap (under \$3B)	6.4	9.5	-3.1
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	9.8	0.0	9.8

Source: FactSet Research Systems

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS					
	Fund	Benchmark			
Number of Positions	40	761			
Weighted Avg. Market Cap					
(in billions)	\$43.9	\$38.1			
Active Share <sup>4</sup>	99.7	n.a.			
P/E Using FY1 Estimates <sup>5</sup>	16.9x	13.4x			
P/E Using FY2 Estimates <sup>5</sup>	14.2x	11.8x			
Price/Cash Flow <sup>6</sup>	11.6	6.1			
Price/Book <sup>7</sup>	3.0	1.6			
Return on Equity <sup>8</sup>	19.5	14.9			
EPS Growth (3 Years) <sup>9</sup>	25.8%	24.5%			

CHINA EXPOSURE (%)2,10

Mainland China Listed Companies 90.2

Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities 9.8

Source: FactSet Research Systems Source: FactSet Research Systems

ESG CHARACTERISTICS				
As of 12/31/2023	Fund	Fund Coverage	Benchmark	Benchmark Coverage
Business Involvement				
Controversial Weapons <sup>11</sup>	0.0%	98%	0.2%	96%
Tobacco <sup>12</sup>	0.0%	98%	0.0%	96%
Sustainability Attributes				
UN Global Compact Violators <sup>13</sup>	0.0%	100%	0.2%	94%
GHG Intensity tCo2e/Rev(€M) <sup>14</sup>	108.8	100%	295.3	93%
Board Diversity <sup>15</sup>	20.6%	100%	19.8%	98%

- 1 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- 2 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.
- 3 Equity market cap of issuer.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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 value.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 Controversial weapons include companies with involvement in the following: anti-personnel mines; biological and chemical weapons; cluster weapons; depleted uranium; nuclear weapons and white phosphorus. A company is excluded if it is directly involved in the production, selling and/or distribution of (parts of) controversial weapons and this involvement concerns the core weapon system, or components/services of the core weapon system that are tailormade and essential for the lethal use of the weapon. Sourced from Sustainalytics, ISS and MSCI.
- 12 This represents companies that generate more than 5% of revenue from tobacco manufacturing exposure to or production or that generate more than 50% of revenue from tobacco retail. Sourced from Sustainalytics.
- 13 This represents companies that have been assessed as failing to comply with the 10 United Nations Global Compact Principles by ISS-ESG Norms-Based-Research. Different ESG research providers may come to different conclusions on the severity of the violation.
- 14 The factor identifies the normalized portfolio's total weighted average (scope 1 + scope 2) carbon emissions intensity, using the most recently available data (emissions data from 2020, 2021). Carbon intensity represents the issuer's total carbon emissions per EUR million of revenue (tCO2e divided by EUR million in revenue). Sourced from ISS ESG. Where not covered by external data providers, we have tried to source these data points.
- 15 Represents the weighted average ratio of female board members in investee companies.

# China A-Share Fund

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