

# Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity Fund

I Inc

## Performance Data and Analytics to 30 June 2019

### Objectives and investment policy

Objective: To increase the value of the shareholder's investment over the long term (capital growth).

Investment policy: The Fund invests 80% or more of its total net assets in Asia Pacific equities, including those from Asia Pacific emerging market countries. The Fund has minimum exposure to Japan.

The Fund's equity investments can include all types of equities and equity related securities that are issued by companies that are incorporated, or generate a significant part of their earnings, in the Asia Pacific region, including those from Asia Pacific emerging market countries.

### Performance (%)

	Annualised						
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Launch
Fund	5.65	6.88	14.69	9.88	13.47	9.50	7.60
Benchmark	5.39	3.20	12.45	4.87	13.48	10.85	9.67
Difference	0.26	3.68	2.24	5.01	0.00	-1.35	-2.07

### Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 30/06

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	9.88	4.19	27.63	2.87	4.75

### Calendar year performance (%)

	Year to date	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	14.69	-5.00	22.08	25.55	-9.83
Benchmark	12.45	-8.32	25.43	27.70	-3.85
Difference	2.24	3.32	-3.36	-2.15	-5.98

Performance Data: Share Class I Inc

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net Income Reinvested.

These figures are gross of an initial charge: to the extent that this is paid, it will reduce performance from that shown.

The comparator shown may be used for risk monitoring and portfolio construction purposes, as well as to provide a performance comparator; it is not an integral part of the Objective and Investment Policy for the fund and should not be considered as such.

Past performance is not a guide to future results.

### Fund manager's report

Asian stocks advanced in June to close the second quarter on a bright note. Optimism returned amid hopes of a fresh trade breakthrough ahead of the G20 summit and looser monetary policy. Meanwhile, oil rose as stricter US sanctions on Iran fuelled supply disruption worries.

US and European policymakers signalled possible rate cuts in response to slowing global growth. In Asia, central banks in India and Australia cut their benchmark rates. Against this backdrop, we pared HSBC. We think an environment of falling interest rates could impede its ability to improve returns on equity. More broadly, we remain confident of our bank holdings, given their solid franchises and robust capital positions.

Prospects of lower borrowing costs buoyed the real estate sector, including China Resources Land. Singapore-based City Developments (CDL) also rallied after its second offer to privatise its subsidiary, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C). Having full control of M&C could accelerate the repositioning of its underlying hotel assets and unlock value for CDL.

Chinese stocks rebounded on renewed hopes of a trade truce. Both countries will restart talks, while US President Donald Trump refrained from imposing new tariffs and relaxed curbs on technology group Huawei. Beijing's latest measures to support car and electronics sales, as well as infrastructure investment, also aided sentiment. Meanwhile, we took advantage of price weakness to add to Wuxi Biologics. It is the leading contract-outsourcing company for biological drugs in China, and it is capturing global market share with its unique full value-chain proposition.

In contrast, the Indian market was hampered by rising oil prices and caution ahead of the Federal Budget. With valuations more attractive, we initiated SBI Life, India's biggest private life insurer. It has a solid capital base, and sole access to the extensive branch network of its parent, State Bank of India. We think it is well-placed as India's middle class shifts from public-sector insurers to private-sector ones. Against this, we scaled back our exposure to motorcycle maker Hero Motocorp, as we see rising risks to its growth prospects.

In June, we introduced Netherlands-based ASM International, the sole global supplier of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines. EUV imprints circuit designs onto chips, cutting costs and enabling greater miniaturisation. ASM generates the bulk of sales in Asia, which supports trends such as electrification, automation and machine learning. Heavyweights TSMC and Samsung Electronics count among its key clients. While the trade war clouds ASM's near-term outlook, we think its longer-term prospects remain promising. A solid balance sheet and healthy cash-generation should underpin better capital returns.

Elsewhere, we topped up Australian gaming machine maker Aristocrat Leisure following recent weakness.

Risk factors should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given in the prospectus for the fund. Please visit the attached link to our Jargon Buster which contains a glossary of terms used in this document > <http://glossary.aberdeen-asset.com/jargonbuster/>



### Top ten holdings

	Country	%
Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - China A Share Equity Fund	China	6.6
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	5.9
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	5.5
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	3.9
Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd	India	3.3
AIA Group Ltd	Hong Kong	3.2
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	China	3.1
Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd	Hong Kong	2.9
China Resources Land Ltd	China	2.6
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	Singapore	2.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>39.4</b>

**Total number of holdings** 62

\*Where the Fund invests in an open-ended collective investment scheme which is operated or managed by the ACD/the Manager or an associate of the ACD/the Manager, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

Country breakdown	%
China	25.0
Hong Kong	13.6
India	13.6
Singapore	9.2
Australia	8.8
South Korea	7.4
Taiwan	5.0
Indonesia	5.0
Thailand	4.3
Philippines	2.9
Other	4.3
Cash	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Key information

Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan
Sector	IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan
Fund size	£ 762.5 m
Date of launch	1 October 2012
Investment team	Asia Pacific Equity
Fund advisory company	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
Historic Yield	1.15% (I Inc)

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Sector breakdown	%
Financials	36.7
Information Technology	13.5
Communication Services	10.4
Materials	9.3
Real Estate	9.1
Consumer Discretionary	5.6
Industrials	5.1
Other	9.4
Cash	0.9
Total	100.0

Fund risk statistics		
	3 years	5 years
Annualised Standard Deviation of Fund	12.79	13.11
Annualised Standard Deviation of Index	12.95	13.52
Beta	0.95	0.92
Sharpe Ratio	1.28	0.69
Annualised Tracking Error	3.45	4.11
Annualised Information Ratio	0.34	-0.01
R-Squared	0.93	0.91

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments, Total Return, Gross of Fees, BPSS, Datastream.

Please note that risk analytics figures are calculated on gross returns whereas the performance figures are based on net asset value (NAV) returns. In addition, the risk analytics figures lag the performance figures by a month.

Codes (I Inc)	
SEDOL	B88N705
ISIN	GB00B88N7058
BLOOMBERG	ABEAI1I LN
REUTERS	LP68179400
VALOREN	19620107

Additional information	
Fund Type	OEIC
Domicile	United Kingdom
Currency	GBP
Registered for sale	Please refer to <a href="http://www.aberdeenstandard.com">www.aberdeenstandard.com</a>
Income payable	31 October
Minimum investment	£500,000
Charges	Current initial 0.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) <sup>a</sup>	1.21%
Price as at 30/06/19	150.32p
Deal closing time	12.00 noon (UK)
Daily valuation point	12.00 noon (UK)

Source: Simulated Ongoing charges Aberdeen Standard Investments as at 1 December 2018.

<sup>a</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Funds. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.00% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the Funds. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Funds.

## Important information

### Risk factors you should consider before investing:

- The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- Chinese Domestic Securities Market: The Fund may invest directly or indirectly in Chinese domestic securities markets via various channels, which involves additional risks as further described in the Fund's Prospectus.
- A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

### Other important information:

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