

Aberdeen Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund

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Performance Data and Analytics to 31 March 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 Japan and those from Asia Pacific emerging market countries.

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 Japan.

Performance (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Annualised			Launch
					3 years	5 years		
Fund	2.89	7.22	0.31	1.87	13.43	8.85		7.37
Benchmark	3.36	7.25	-2.18	2.44	14.02	11.14		10.64
Difference	-0.47	-0.03	2.49	-0.56	-0.59	-2.29		-3.27
Sector average	3.42	8.05	-3.06	0.85	14.57	11.44		10.72
Sector ranking	4/5	4/5	1/5	3/5	4/5	5/5		5/5
Quartile	–	–	–	–	–	–		–

Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 31/03

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	1.87	5.18	36.22	-12.17	19.23

Calendar year performance (%)

	Year to date	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund		7.22	-7.48	19.97	25.31
Benchmark		7.25	-7.86	20.61	25.50
Difference		-0.03	0.38	-0.63	-0.19
Sector average		8.05	-9.10	24.97	26.15
Sector ranking		4/5	3/5	4/5	4/5
Quartile		–	–	–	–

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc

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 equities extended gains in March on renewed hopes of a US-China trade deal and the Federal Reserve's accommodative stance. This was despite continued worries over slowing global growth. Notably, concerns about the US economy caused 10-year Treasury bond yields to fall below those of three-month bonds, a key recession signal.

Indian shares rallied, thanks to increased expectations for the government to prevail in upcoming general elections. This outcome would likely ensure the continuation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's structural reforms, which will be positive for the economy. Chinese stocks also rose as trade talks appeared to progress well, along with Beijing's pledge to support growth. In earnings updates, Tencent reported lower fourth-quarter profits due to mark-to-market investment losses and costs incurred for Tencent Music's listing. However, revenue growth from its online advertising, cloud and payments businesses remained robust.

Japanese equities lagged their Asian peers due to ongoing growth worries. Hence, we took advantage of reasonable valuations to initiate three holdings with good growth potential. Kansai Paints is the market leader in automotive paints, and offers exposure to India's structural growth where it is the third largest in the decorative paints segment. It also has solid research and product development capabilities.

In the tech sector, we introduced systems integrator SCSK Corp, which has a major presence in the financial, manufacturing and distribution sectors. Its longer-term potential is promising amid a shift towards more fee-generating projects, alongside its vigilance in maintaining profitability. Net One Systems, meanwhile, specialises in building network infrastructure, and has nimbly adapted to include cloud and security systems. It has built a good reputation in connecting different equipment and configurations securely. Its focus on higher-margin services should also be beneficial as networks become more complex.

Against this, we pared Renesas Electronics. Its short-term outlook is clouded by inventory adjustments for industrial applications and concerns over its acquisition of US chipmaker Integrated Device Technology. That said, we remain comfortable with our position given its wide moat and market-leading technology.

Elsewhere, we reduced our position in Bank of the Philippine Islands because we are more cautious about the banking sector's near-term outlook with credit costs unsustainably low.

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	5.7
Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus PLC	Other	4.4
Aberdeen New Thai Invst Tst	Thailand	3.7
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	3.5
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	3.1
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	3.1
Keyence Corp	Japan	2.7
AlA Group Ltd	Hong Kong	2.5
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	Indonesia	2.4
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	China	2.1
Total		33.2

Total number of holdings

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*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	%
Japan	24.1
China	19.2
Hong Kong	9.0
India	8.8
Australia	6.1
Singapore	6.1
South Korea	5.6
Thailand	4.4
Taiwan	4.2
Indonesia	3.6
Other	6.6
Cash	2.3
Total	100.0

Key information

Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific
Sector	IA Asia Pacific including Japan
Fund size	£ 115.3 m
Date of launch	1 October 2012 ^a
Investment team	Asia Pacific Equity Team
Fund advisory company	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
Historic Yield	0.97% (I Acc)

The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The fund charges 100% of the annual management charge to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions for the year and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent.

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Sector breakdown	%
Financials	36.0
Information Technology	12.0
Materials	10.3
Communication Services	8.3
Healthcare	7.7
Industrials	6.9
Consumer Discretionary	6.1
Other	10.4
Cash	2.3
Total	100.0

Fund risk statistics	3 years	5 years
Annualised Standard Deviation of Fund	12.35	12.35
Annualised Standard Deviation of Index	11.71	11.75
Beta	1.01	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.24	0.79
Annualised Tracking Error	3.42	3.75
Annualised Information Ratio	0.28	-0.08
R-Squared	0.92	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 Acc)	
SEDOL	B0XWNK3
ISIN	GB00B0XWNK36
BLOOMBERG	ABEAJ12 LN
REUTERS	LP68179348
VALOREN	2518909

Additional information	
Fund type	OEIC
Domicile	United Kingdom
Currency	GBP
Registered for sale	Please refer to www.aberdeenstandard.com
Minimum investment	£500,000
Charges	Current initial 0.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) ^a	1.14%
Price as at 31/03/19	158.73p
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.

^aThe 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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