

# Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity Fund

I Inc

## Performance Data and Analytics to 28 February 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 (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Annualised		Launch
					3 years	5 years	
Fund	0.20	1.09	-2.49	-2.83	15.55	8.47	6.20
Benchmark	1.19	2.41	-3.53	-3.47	16.90	10.62	9.05
Difference	-0.99	-1.32	1.03	0.64	-1.35	-2.15	-2.85

### Discrete annual returns (%) - year ended 28/02

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	-2.83	13.18	40.29	-16.82	17.02

### Calendar year performance (%)

	Year to date	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund		2.91	-5.00	22.08	25.55
Benchmark		5.11	-8.32	25.43	27.70
Difference		-2.20	3.32	-3.36	-2.15

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 maintained their positive momentum in February. Growing hopes that China and the US could strike a trade deal, after President Donald Trump delayed a planned tariff hike, boosted markets. The Federal Reserve's (Fed) continued dovish tilt also lifted sentiment. But geopolitical tensions, particularly between India and Pakistan, came to the fore at the month's end, and capped gains.

Trade optimism, along with a surprise surge in credit growth in January, buoyed Chinese equities. Yum China's earnings were aided by encouraging results from its KFC business. Hence, we took advantage of relative strength to pare our position in the fast-food chain operator. Hong Kong markets also rose, led by insurers and diversified-financial companies. Notably, AIA was bolstered by fresh approvals to begin operations in three more mainland cities. During the month, we also met with AIA's chief risk officer and discussed the insurer's efforts to mitigate key risks.

On the policy front, central banks in Australia, Indonesia and Korea left benchmark rates unchanged, while India's central bank lowered its key rate. While slower rate increases may dampen the banking sector's interest income-led growth, we are confident of our holdings' long-term potential. In related portfolio activity, we reduced our exposure to OCBC on a tempering of expectations for growth in the coming year. While it continues to be a strong franchise, we believe that the smaller position better reflects this nearer-term outlook.

In February, we also built on positions in several companies that suffered temporary share-price declines, which we felt belied their solid long-term fundamentals. For example, Cochlear, a global leader in hearing implants, corrected as short-term competitive dynamics manifested more than the market expected. While we continue to monitor developments on the competitive front, we believe the company's commitment to investing in areas like technology and product innovation will give it a sustainable advantage over the longer term, instead of chasing nearer-term market share. Elsewhere, we capitalised on weakness in India to Hero Motocorp as we think it could benefit from pre-election pump priming.

Against this, we took profits from Siam Cement, which benefited from expectations of higher chemical spreads in a weaker oil-price environment. We also pared our exposure to Swire Pacific. We also exited Korean internet company Naver, due to its tougher outlook.

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	6.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	South Korea	5.3
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	5.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	4.3
Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd	Hong Kong	3.9
AIA Group Ltd	Hong Kong	3.1
Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd	India	3.1
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	Indonesia	2.7
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	China	2.6
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	Singapore	2.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>39.0</b>

### Total number of holdings

**60**

\*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	23.0
Hong Kong	15.9
India	12.8
Singapore	9.2
Australia	8.1
South Korea	7.9
Taiwan	5.3
Indonesia	4.5
Thailand	4.3
Philippines	3.8
Other	3.9
Cash	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Key information

Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan
Sector	IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan
Fund size	£ 693.4 m
Date of launch	1 October 2012
Investment team	Asia Pacific Equity Team
Fund advisory company	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
Historic Yield	1.29% (I Inc)

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Sector breakdown	%
Financials	37.0
Information Technology	12.8
Materials	10.1
Communication Services	9.4
Real Estate	8.9
Industrials	6.1
Consumer Discretionary	5.1
Other	9.3
Cash	1.3
Total	100.0

## 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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## Fund risk statistics

	3 years	5 years
Annualised Standard Deviation of Fund	12.83	12.97
Annualised Standard Deviation of Index	13.35	13.41
Beta	0.93	0.92
Sharpe Ratio	1.35	0.76
Annualised Tracking Error	3.55	4.05
Annualised Information Ratio	0.25	-0.12
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	ABEA111 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 28/02/19	134.88p
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.

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