ALQUITY ASIA FUND: FACTSHEET AS AT: NAV: GBP I FEBRUARY 2022 112.51







# MONTHLY SUMMARY

Those NAV prices displayed with duplicated ISINs, in currencies other than the base currency of USD, are reflected only on an unofficial and indicative basis. The aforementioned NAVs are for guidance only and we can give no assurances of its accuracy. The official NAV for those ISINs is in USD.

- In February, the relevant Asian stock index declined by 2.4% in net USD terms, as geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine weighed on sentiment globally.
- In India, the RBI struck a more dovish tone than expected, keeping policy rates unchanged.
- In China, the PBoC made its biggest net injection of liquidity since Sept 2020 to ensure stability in the financial system.

#### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
JAN			-3.2%	2.9%	-1.4%
FEB			-2.1%	1.4%	-2.3%
MAR			-17.4%	-0.2%	
APR			9.9%	2.3%	
MAY			4.1%	1.0%	
JUN			6.8%	4.5%	
JUL			-1.1%	-6.9%	
AUG			2.3%	3.3%	
SEP			3.0%	-2.3%	
OCT			3.6%	1.3%	
NOV		-2.6%	5.8%	0.0%	
DEC		0.0%	5.1%	-2.3%	
ANNUAL		-2.6%	14.7%	4.6%	-3.7%



**GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION** 

\*Where the share class has not been running for 3 years, the volatility figure displayed is since the inception of the share class

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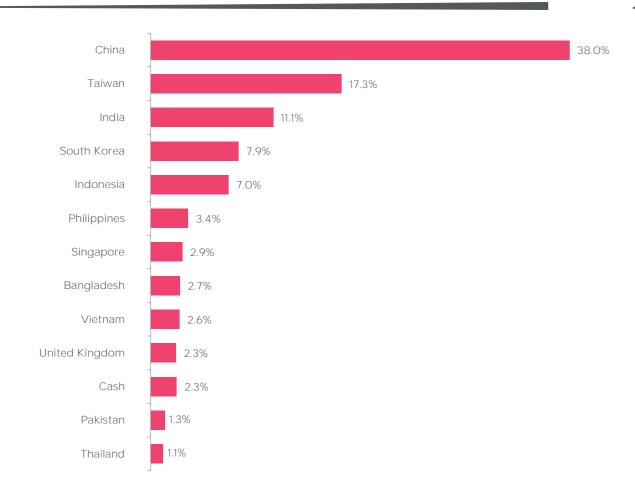
PERFORMANCE SUMMARY:						
1 Month:	-2.3%	1 Year:	-3.5%			
3 Months:	-5.9%	3 Years:	N/A			
6 Months:	-6.9%	Inception:	12.5%			
Year to Date:	-3.7%	Annualised:	5.3%			

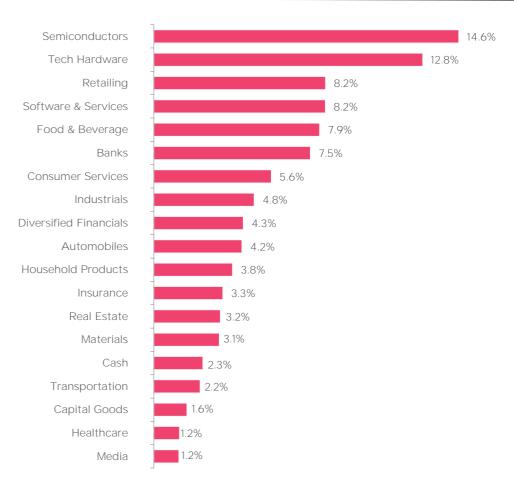
TURNOVER**	17.3%	**Average turnover of holdings (annualised) since the fund's inception

<sup>\*\*</sup>Turnover as of 28th February 2022

# SECTOR ALLOCATION

\*For the purposes of reporting, the unrealised capital gains have been removed from the portfolio characteristics calculations, however remain part of the Net Asset Value calculation





#### MONTHLY UPDATE

In February, the relevant Asian stock index declined by 2.4% in net USD terms, as geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine weighed on sentiment globally. However, trade and financial linkages between Asia and Russia/Ukraine are relatively limited and the recent policy shift in China towards supporting growth will help to underpin activity across the region.

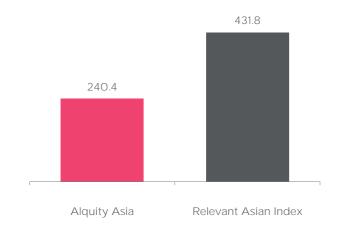
In China, the PBoC made its biggest net injection of liquidity since Sept 2020 to ensure stability in the financial system, while also indicating that it would loosen policy further going forward, aided by a continued easing of price pressures during February.

In India, the RBI struck a more dovish tone than expected, keeping policy rates unchanged. Given mounting inflation pressures and rich valuations, however, we took further profit on India, rotating into other Asian markets, where we see a more attractive risk-reward tradeoff in the next year. This includes Hanon in Korea, where valuations look attractive.

On the monetary policy front, central banks across the region kept interest rates on hold, as inflation pressures generally remain better contained than elsewhere in EM. Given this, we still believe that an accelerating Chinese economy, combined with attractive valuations will be a positive driver for broader Asian market returns in 2022.

In terms of strategy, we exited Escorts and Polycab in India, rotating into the banks and Lemontree Hotels. In Indonesia, we reduced Kino and exited Nippon Indosari, while in Pakistan we exited Bank Alfalah due to oil price concerns.

# SCOPE 1 & 2 GHG INTENSITY (TONNES/\$MN)



44%

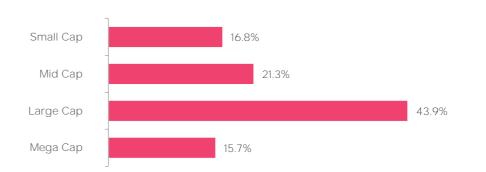
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Source: Alquity, as of 31st December 2021

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

1. TSMC	8.6%
2. Tencent Holdings	7.1%
3. SK Hynix	3.5%
4. HDFC Bank	3.0%
5. ICICI Bank	2.8%
6. HK Exchanges & Clear	2.4%
7. Antofagasta	2.3%
8. Pacific Basin Shipping	2.2%
9. China Resources Land	2.1%
10. Uni-President China	2.1%
TOTAL	36.1%

#### **CAPITALISATION**



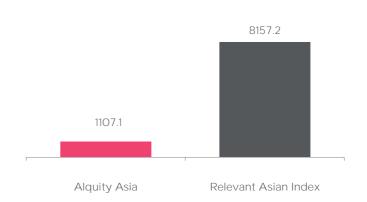
# PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS

In February, Alquity Asia Y class declined 2.33% in US Dollar terms (net) versus the 2.35% decline in the relevant Asian index.

The outperformance was driven by asset allocation, notably the overweight positions in Indonesia and Vietnam.

However, this was partly offset by negative stock selection from our positions in the Chinese and Taiwanese technology sectors. Stock selection from our commodity exposure (Antofagasta) and Korean technology exposure was positive.

# WATER INTENSITY (TONNES/\$MN)



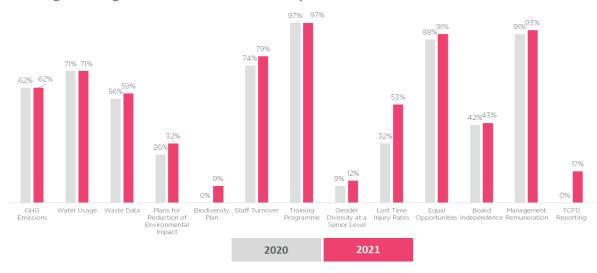
86%

less Water Intensity vs the Relevant Index

### **ESG: KEY PROGRESS INDICATORS**

For all portfolio holdings, we track a set of Key Progress Indicators "KPIs" that represent a general set of transparency and ESG standards we want all firms to meet over time. In each case, the assessment has a financial motivation and an associated positive potential impact in line with the principles of the UN Global Compact. The chart summarises the where we stand in relation to the KPIs for all the portfolio holdings. These KPIs support our engagement activity with our holdings. Please contact us or refer to our Responsible Investment brochure for full details.

#### Holdings meeting each KPI standard - % of companies 1



<sup>1</sup>Source: Alquity. Portfolio overview as of 31/12/2021. Holdings owned at both 31/12/2020 and 31/12/2021

#### TRANSFORMING LIVES

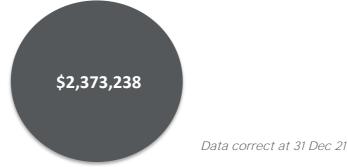
We donate a proportion of our fees from the Alquity Asia Fund to charity partners in the region, reinforcing our belief that social progress should also lead to financial success.

DONATIONS GENERATED BY THE ASIA \$485,922 **FUND:** LIVES TRANSFORMED DIRECTLY 1,954 LIVES TRANSFORMED INDIRECTLY 6,162

# Total Lives Transformed by Alquity



# Total Donations generated by Alquity



Source: Alguity Transforming Lives Foundation

For more information about the Alquity Transforming Lives Foundation please visit www.alquityfoundation.org

#### **FUND FACTS**

Alquity Asia Fund Fund

Share Class: I Class Inception Date: 12/11/2019 Fund AUM US\$ 42.3m

Number of Holdings: 53

**UCITS V SICAV** Fund Structure: Domicile: Luxembourg

Liquidity Daily Fund Manager Mike Sell Morningstar Rating No Rating Morningstar Sustainability Rating (D(D(D Minimum Investment: £5,000,000 Annual Management Fee: 0.80% Performance Fee: None

ISIN: LU1049767517 SEDOL: BK6YNF1 **ALQASGI** Bloomberg Ticker:

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Alquity Asia Fund is equity focused and targets attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term by investing in public companies across the Asian continent (ex. Japan). Our portfolio emphasises long-term themes, transparency and alignment of management. This is achieved by a fundamental process which incorporates both financial valuation and Environmental, Social and Governance analysis of material non-financial factors.

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