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Investment Trust

Performance Data and Analytics to 31 May 2021

Investment objective

To provide shareholders with a high level of capital growth through equity investment in the Asia Pacific countries excluding Japan.

Benchmark

MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan. This benchmark includes Australia and New Zealand.

Cumulative performance (%)

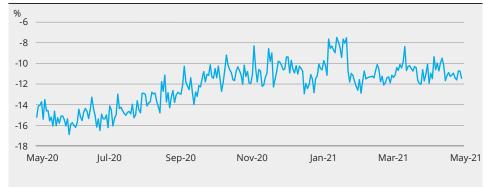
	as at 31/05/21	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price	327.0p	(0.5)	2.0	11.2	48.3	44.8	132.9
NAV ^A	366.3p	(0.8)	1.5	9.7	40.6	39.0	122.5
MSCI AC Asia Pacifi	c ex Japan	(1.2)	0.5	7.4	31.8	27.6	103.8

Discrete performance (%)

Year ending	31/05/21	31/05/20	31/05/19	31/05/18	31/05/17
Share Price	48.3	(4.2)	1.9	10.4	45.7
NAV ^A	40.6	(1.7)	0.6	10.3	45.0
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan	31.8	0.2	(3.4)	12.8	41.7

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis. Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value. Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, Lipper and Morningstar. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

1 Year Premium/Discount Chart (%)



^A Including current year revenue.

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Ten largest equity holdings (%)

Aberdeen Standard SICAV I -	India	9.4
Indian Equity ^c		
Samsung Electronics Pref	Korea	9.0
TSMC	Taiwan	8.8
Tencent	China	8.5
AIA Group	Hong Kong	4.2
CSL	Australia	3.1
Alibaba	China	2.7
Wuxi Biologics	China	2.5
BHP	Australia	2.3
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp.	Singapore	2.1
Total		52.6

Country allocation (%)

			Month's
	R	egional	market
	Trust	Index	change
China	29.8	36.6	(1.8)
Korea	11.8	12.7	(2.2)
India	11.1	9.7	5.9
Australia	10.5	14.0	0.6
Hong Kong	9.0	6.4	(1.3)
Taiwan	8.8	13.5	(3.8)
Singapore	6.1	2.1	(2.7)
New Zealand	2.4	0.5	(10.6)
Indonesia	1.8	1.1	(1.3)
Netherlands	1.7	-	-
United Kingdom	1.7	-	-
Philippines	1.6	0.6	2.9
Vietnam	1.3	-	-
Thailand	1.0	1.6	(3.1)
Sri Lanka	0.7	-	-
Malaysia	-	1.2	(4.4)
Cash	0.7	-	-
Total	100.0	100.0	

Month's market change represents the individual country total return calculated using the MSCI Index series Capital GBP. Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding. Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited and MSCI.

All sources (unless indicated):

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Fund managers' report

Market and portfolio review

Asia Pacific equities fell in May in sterling terms and lagged their broader emerging market and global peers. Spiking coronavirus infections in some countries and inflation worries weighed on regional stocks, in contrast to the economic reopening in Western countries. Technology stocks tracked their global counterparts lower, as investor concerns over inflation and stretched valuations added to increased regulatory scrutiny in China. Across markets, India fared the best on the back of improving infection numbers and positive corporate earnings for the quarter before its latest Covid-19 flare-up. Conversely, Taiwan, Malaysia and Thailand, which saw worsening coronavirus outbreaks, lagged.

Most of our holdings posted quarterly earnings that met or exceeded our expectations, though they were partly flattered by low-base effects from last year's pandemic lows. Chinese internet conglomerate Tencent reported revenue and profits that beat estimates. E-commerce giant Alibaba also did better than expected, despite falling into a net loss as a result of a US\$2.8 billion antitrust fine. Food-delivery and local services platform operator Meituan recorded healthy earnings too, though its shares retreated as China's antitrust watchdog continued to increase oversight of the internet, fintech and education spheres.

On the engagement front, China Conch Venture's chairman approached us for a meeting after noting that Aberdeen Standard Investments has become a large shareholder of the company. We had a good call, and liked the chairman's initiative in contacting us. His familiarity with capital markets, and views on alignment and the need to maximise shareholder value through realising value from the environmental business, were also positives.

In portfolio activity, we introduced Australian medical device maker Nanosonics. Its core product, Trophon, offers high-level disinfection of ultrasound probes that helps prevent cross-infection. Management's vision is to become a global leader in infection-prevention solutions. It plans to broaden its product portfolio over the medium term, enabled by investment in research and development and a solid balance sheet.

Elsewhere, we added to our positions in Singapore lenders, DBS and OCBC Bank, on an improving outlook. We believe they are well-positioned to benefit should interest rates start to rise. We are also hopeful that they will resume their previous payouts if the regulator lifts the cap on dividends. Against these, we fully divested our position in the Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - China A Share Equity Fund as we shifted to direct holdings in quality A Share names. We also exited Singapore property developer CapitaLand after a share-price rally on the back of a proposed group restructuring.

Outlook

The new waves of Covid-19 infections and rising inflation are emerging as causes for concern. We believe the potential disruption to the economic recovery from the recent flare-up in Covid-19 cases is unlikely to be as severe as last year. That said, given the amount of slack in the global economy, we expect major central banks to keep policy loose for now. This underpins the recovery story, along with reasonably attractive valuations for Asian stocks compared to developed markets.

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

^D Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 30 April 2020. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Companies.

^E Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.

^F Net gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds. ^G The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings.

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Fund risk statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Annualised Standard		
Deviation of Fund	13.76	13.12
Beta	0.99	0.96
Sharpe Ratio	0.90	1.27
Annualised Tracking Error	2.67	2.91
Annualised Information Ratio	1.04	0.54
R-Squared	0.96	0.95

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, BPSS & Datastream, Basis: Total Return, Gross of Fees, GBP.

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.

Key information Calendar

Year end	30 April
Accounts published	July
Annual General Meeting	August
Dividend paid	January, September
Launch date	May 1989
Fund manager	Asian Equities Team
Ongoing charges ^D	1.10%
Annual management fee	0.85% of net assets
Premium/(Discount)	(10.7)%
Yield ^E	1.3%
Net gearing [⊧]	7.3%
Active share ^G	66.6%

AIFMD Leverage Limits

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

Assets/Debt (£m)

Gross Assets	432.3
Debt	32.5
Cash	3.4

Capital structure

Ordinary shares	108,919,348
Treasury shares	8,179,701

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Fund managers' report - continued

In an environment of rising inflation and input costs, companies with stronger pricing power, such as those that we hold, should fare better. They will likely be able to pass costs through to customers and protect margins. We are watchful of macroeconomic and political developments and monitor their potential impact on the portfolio through earnings and company guidance. Nonetheless, we invest based on a long-term horizon. We believe many of the changes sparked by the pandemic are here to stay, including faster adoption of cloud computing and e-commerce. In addition, Asia's burgeoning middle class will fuel rising demand for healthcare services and wealth management, while the region's urbanisation and infrastructure needs remain vast. We remain focused on quality Asian companies that are best-placed to capitalise on these structural growth opportunities.

Allocation of management fees and finance costs

Capital	50%
Revenue	50%

Trading details

Reuters/Epic/	
Bloomberg code	ABD
ISIN code	GB00BBM56V29
Sedol code	BBM56V2
Stockbrokers	Panmure Gordon
Market makers	SETSmm

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- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future results.
- Investment in the Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.
- The Company may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that any movement in the value of the company's assets will result in a magnified movement in the NAV.
- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- The Company may charge expenses to capital which may erode the capital value of the investment.
- Movements in exchange rates will impact on both the level of income received and the capital value of your investment.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of the Company's shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread. If trading volumes fall, the bid-offer spread can widen.
- The Company invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of your investment could move sharply up or down.
- Yields are estimated figures and may fluctuate, there are no guarantees that future dividends will match or exceed historic dividends and certain investors may be subject to further tax on dividends.

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