

# First Sentier Bridge Fund

Monthly Fund Factsheet 28 February 2021

### Objectives and investment strategy

The Fund aims to provide investors with income and medium term capital stability, and invests all or substantially all of its assets in the FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund (for equities) (the "Equity Underlying Sub-Fund") and the First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund (for fixed income) (the "Bond Underlying Sub-Fund") (collectively the "Underlying Sub-Funds"), under the Dublin registered First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund plc. The Equity Underlying Sub-Fund invests primarily (at least 70% of its net asset value) in equity securities or equity-related securities of companies that are listed, or have their registered offices in, or conduct a majority of their economic activity in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan). The Bond Underlying Sub-Fund invests primarily (at least 70% of its net asset value) in debt securities of governments or quasi-government organisation issuers in Asia and/or issuers organised, headquartered or having their primary business operations in Asia.

### Annualised performance in SGD (%)

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since incept.
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Ex initial charges)	13.6	7.6	9.1	7.1	7.6
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Inc initial charges)	9.0	6.2	8.2	6.7	7.3
Benchmark*	17.2	7.8	9.9	6.5	7.4

### Cumulative performance in SGD (%)

	3mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since incept.
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Ex initial charges)	3.7	13.6	24.7	54.6	262.1
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Inc initial charges)	-0.5	9.0	19.8	48.4	247.7
Benchmark*	5.0	17.2	25.2	60.0	251.8



Source: Lipper, First Sentier Investors. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested.

#### Available share classes

Share class	Inception date	NAV price	Distribution frequency#	ISIN code
Class A (Dist)	10 May 2018	S\$1.9457	Monthly	SG9999019137
Class A (Dist)	14 Jul 2003	S\$1.9586	Semi-annually	SG9999002067

#### **Fund information** Fund size S\$3,540.2mn Monday to Friday Dealing (except public holidays) Minimum initial investment \$\$1,000 Minimum subsequent investment S\$100 Management fee 1.25%p.a. Initial charge 4.0% (Cash / SRS) 0.0% (CPF - Ordinary / Special Acct) **CPF** classification Medium to High Risk-Narrowly Focused (Regional)

#### Asset allocation (%)

Equity	0/0		0/0		0/0
China	12.2	India	9.4	Taiwan	6.1
South Korea	5.8	Hong Kong	4.8	Japan	3.1
Singapore	2.0	Australia	1.9	USA	1.2
Indonesia	1.1	Other	1.8	Liquidity	0.4

Fixed income	0/0		0/0		0/0
China	23.0	Singapore	4.6	Indonesia	3.9
Hong Kong	2.9	Thailand	1.7	India	1.6
South Korea	1.6	Malaysia	1.6	USA	0.6
Taiwan	0.6	Other	0.6	Liquidity	8.3

Credit rating*	<sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub>	0/0	0/0
BBB	52.7 A	26.0 AAA	2.3
AA	2.3 BB	0.3 Liquidity	16.3

## Top 5 equity holdings (%)

Security name	Sector	0/0
Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)	(Info. Tech.)	3.7
HDFC Bank	(Financials)	2.5
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	(Comms Services)	2.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pfd NV	(Info. Tech.)	2.4
NAVER Corp.	(Comms Services)	1.7

## Top 5 issuers (%)

Issuer name	0/0
People's Republic of China (Government)	2.6
Pertamina Persero PT	2.0
China National Chemical Corp Ltd	1.6
China National Offshore Oil Corp	1.5
Country Garden Holdings Co Ltd	1.5

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#### **Important information**

- On 22 September 2020, First State Bridge Fund was rebranded as First Sentier Bridge Fund.
- # First Sentier Investors (Singapore) ("FSIS") intends to make semi-annual distributions on 28 February and 31 August each year. Distribution will be made on 29 February should that be the last business day in the month of February in that year. The distributions will be made out of the income, capital gains and/or capital of the Fund. Investors should note that the intention to make the semi-annual distributions is not guaranteed by FSIS or its distributors and FSIS may in future review the distribution policy depending on prevailing market conditions.
- \* Customised benchmark calculated by First Sentier Investors comprising 50% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Unhedged) and 50% JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index (Hedged to SGD). There has been a change in the data source for the JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index which was computed internally by the Manager based on the index in USD as the SGD hedged version of the index was not available when the Sub-Fund was launched. With effect from 1 October 2005, the benchmark data for the JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index (Hedged to SGD) will be sourced directly from the index compiler JP Morgan.

The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities.

- \* Allocation percentage is rounded to the nearest one decimal place and the total allocation percentage may not add up to 100%.
- \* Refers to investments of the underlying fund, First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund. Where available, the credit rating assigned by one of the 3 major external rating agencies (S&P, Moody's or Fitch) will be used. An internal rating assigned by First Sentier Investors will be used where the security is not externally rated. Liquidity refers to cash, money market securities, FX, bond futures & interest rate swaps.

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