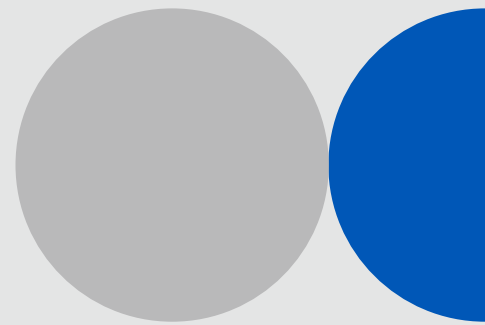


Asia Dragon Trust plc

Capturing growth from world-class Asian companies

Performance Data and Analytics to 31 May 2024



Strategic review

On 21st May 2024, the Board of Asia Dragon Trust plc announced a full strategic review of the future of the Company, including the ongoing investment management arrangements. There is no certainty that any changes will result from the strategic review. The Board will make further announcements in due course.

Investment objective

The Company aims to achieve long-term capital growth principally through investment in companies in the Asia Pacific region, excluding Japan (the "Investment Region").

Benchmark

MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index. This benchmark excludes Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 31/05/24	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since 1/9/21 ^A
Share Price	395.0p	5.9	11.9	11.6	7.7	(21.4)	10.4	(19.0)
NAV ^B	436.3p	(1.0)	3.8	7.1	2.5	(21.9)	6.6	(19.6)
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan		(0.1)	4.8	8.5	8.7	(9.6)	22.2	(7.5)

Discrete performance (%)

	31/05/24	31/05/23	31/05/22	31/05/21	31/05/20
Share Price	7.7	(12.8)	(16.4)	45.7	(3.5)
NAV ^B	2.5	(10.9)	(14.5)	40.4	(2.8)
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan	8.7	(6.2)	(11.3)	32.2	2.3

Total return; NAV cum income, with 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: abrdn Investments Limited, Lipper and Morningstar. **Past performance is not a guide to future results.**

^AAt the AGM in 2021, shareholders voted in favour of the introduction of a performance-related conditional tender offer, which provides that, in the event that the NAV total return per share fails to equal or exceed the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (sterling adjusted) over a five year assessment period commencing 1 September 2021, the Board will put forward proposals to shareholders to undertake a tender offer.

^BIncluding current year revenue.

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Ten largest equity holdings (%)

TSMC	Taiwan	11.6
Tencent	China	7.5
Samsung Electronics Pref.	Korea	7.1
AIA	Hong Kong	4.0
ASML	Netherlands	2.2
Kweichow Moutai	China	2.2
ICICI Bank	India	2.1
DBS	Singapore	2.1
ASM	Netherlands	2.1
SBI Life Insurance	India	1.8
Total		42.6

Total number of investments 65

All sources (unless indicated): abrdn: 31 May 2024.



1 Year Premium/Discount Chart (%)



Fund managers' report

Market and portfolio review

Asian markets fell in sterling terms in May, lagging developed markets, while performing slightly better than global emerging markets. Momentum in artificial intelligence (AI)-related trends, China's policy boost and optimistic expectations around the Indian elections drove market sentiment. Relatively soft US inflation data in April also eased some investor concerns around the US Federal Reserve's policy trajectory.

Taiwan was the standout performer for the month after raising its official GDP forecast for 2024 due to an increase in exports of AI-linked semiconductor products. On a relative basis, China and Hong Kong performed well as Chinese authorities unveiled a support package for the country's property sector to purchase unsold, completed homes to convert into affordable housing in cities with high inventory. In India, the election results came out in early June and surprised the market. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) formed a coalition government with key allies after the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance won by a relatively narrow majority. Existing BJP ministers have retained most of the key ministries while there are also some fresh faces in Modi's new cabinet. This is a positive development in our view. We will keep a close watch on the tone of the upcoming 2025 fiscal year budget, particularly around capital allocation.

On the corporate front, several of our holdings provided encouraging business updates and results. In China and Hong Kong, Tencent's results were a strong beat on consensus by both operating profit and net profit measures. Gaming remains better than feared with a strong turnaround in international games receipts. Alibaba Group reported a miss in its results stemming from higher investments into the domestic and cross border ecommerce business, as well as higher than expected retention incentives. Budweiser Brewing APAC's results were broadly in line with expectations with sales in Korea was not as bad as had been feared. Continued premiumisation helped offset some volume decline and profit margins improved.

Elsewhere in India, Bharti Airtel reported decent results and we are now watching for a post-election tariff hike, in terms of both timing and magnitude. Capex intensity is also expected to moderate, which is positive for the company's free cash flow yield. The April quarter figures from property development group Godrej Properties revealed its highest-ever quarterly

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

^c Represents the individual country returns calculated using the MSCI Index Series (£). Market change is total return in GBP.
^d Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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 OCF can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Companies.

Country allocation (%)

	Trust	Regional Index	Month's market change ^c
China	21.7	31.0	0.7
India	20.6	20.7	(0.9)
Taiwan	18.1	20.6	3.6
Korea	9.5	13.2	(5.2)
Hong Kong	8.6	5.1	0.8
Indonesia	4.5	1.8	(7.7)
Netherlands	4.3	-	-
Australia	3.4	-	-
Singapore	3.1	3.7	2.1
Vietnam	2.3	-	-
United Kingdom	1.6	-	-
Thailand	1.0	1.7	(3.2)
Philippines	0.9	0.6	(7.6)
Malaysia		1.6	2.5
Cash	0.4	-	-
Total	100.0	100.0	

Source: abrdn Investments Limited and MSCI. Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Fund risk statistics

	3 Years	5 Years
Annualised Standard Deviation of Fund	14.78	15.25
Beta	0.92	0.99
Sharpe Ratio	(0.62)	0.03
Annualised Tracking Error	3.44	3.68
Annualised Information Ratio	(0.94)	(0.47)
R-Squared	0.95	0.94

Source: abrdn & Factset.
 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.

Key information

Calendar

Year end	31 August
Accounts published	November
Annual General Meeting	December
Dividend paid	December
Launch date	1987
Fund managers	James Thorn, Pruksha lamthongthong
Ongoing charges ^d	0.91%
Annual management fee	0.75% on net assets up to £350m; 0.5% on net assets above £350m
Premium/(Discount) with debt at fair value	(9.5)%

Fund managers' report – continued

presales and cash flow was another positive. Prospects for the new financial year are also good with four new projects in hand.

Finally in Singapore, DBS's results were impressive with net interest income and wealth management fee income among the highlights. Asset quality remained good, and the dividend was maintained although there may be room to improve that later in the year. Results from Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC) were boosted by a contribution from insurer Great Eastern, which OCBC has recently proposed to take private by buying the remaining shares it does not already own.

In terms of engagement, we spoke with Telkom Indonesia's (Telkom) chief financial officer and found that the company does not have a domestic business in Myanmar. We also discussed ESG in general and we believe Telkom is quite advanced in the way it thinks about ESG management and reporting. Topics of discussion included the gender pay gap, Telkom's talent management programme and its framework on data privacy. Specifically on its human rights policy, all business units, subsidiaries and its supply chain must abide by the rules set by Telkom, which prohibit child or forced labour.

In May, we introduced Hong Kong-based ASMPT, which is a leading back-end semiconductor equipment manufacturer, with a primary focus on assembly and packaging machines and surface mount technology (SMT). ASMPT, of which ASM International is a key shareholder, is poised for structural growth of the advanced packaging segment, driven by accelerating thermo compression bonding (TCB) adoption and stronger silicon photonics demand. The company has a first-mover advantage in TCB with more than 10 years of experience, its technology is ahead of peers. It is also an early mover in silicon photonics, and has reputable customers such as Intel, TSMC and SK Hynix. ASMPT is in a healthy net-cash position and a dividend policy of 50% payout.

Against this, we exited Andes Technology and Ayala Land in view of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

The outlook for Asian equities is beginning to look more constructive due to broad-based growth across the region, and as a result of the fundamental strength of the companies in our portfolio. These are typically leaders in the industries and markets in which they operate. Furthermore, the turnaround in the IT and semiconductor cycle and near-shoring trends continue to benefit companies and countries in Asia. China is showing signs of bottoming and recent corporate results have underscored the strength of some business franchises. Ultimately, we continue to have conviction in our holdings and their ability to navigate the various crosswinds buffeting markets.

Over the longer term, we see the most attractive opportunities around some key structural themes in Asia. Rising affluence is spurring growth in premium consumption in areas including financial services, while urbanisation and an infrastructure boom is set to benefit property developers. Growing technology adoption and integration means a bright future for plays on gaming, internet, fintech and tech services like the cloud, with Asia's tech supply chains well positioned for the rollout of 5G, big data and digital interconnectivity. The region is also in the driver's seat when it comes to the green transition with plays on renewable energy, electric vehicles and environmental management all having a bright future.

^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.

^H Includes current year revenue.

The risks outlined overleaf relating to gearing, exchange rate movements and emerging markets are particularly relevant to this trust but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments made.
Important information overleaf

Key information continued

Yield ^E	1.7%
Net cash/(gearing) with debt at par ^F	(9.9)%
Active share ^G	66.8%

AIFMD Leverage Limits

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

Assets/Debt (£m)

Gross ^H	763.9
Debt	73.2
Cash & cash equivalents	4.9

Capital structure

Ordinary shares	158,335,171
Treasury shares	54,172,176

Allocation of management fees and finance costs

Capital	75%
Revenue	25%

Trading details

Reuters/Epic/ Bloomberg code	DGN
ISIN code	GB0002945029
Sedol code	0294502
Stockbrokers	WINS Investment Trusts
Market makers	SETsmm



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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