# LionGlobal Asia Pacific Fund



The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in the equities markets of the Asia Pacific (ex Japan) region. The Fund will be investing in emerging and developed markets. There is no target industry/sector.

#### **Fund Manager's Commentary**

The MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan index rose by 0.8% in SGD terms for the month of May 2021 on signs that the global recovery is broadening out. India was the best performer during the month as the second Covid-19 wave appears to have peaked. Australia was the second best performing country with financials and the consumer sector leading the way. Malaysia and Taiwan were the worst performing countries. Malaysia was dragged down by resurgence in Covid-19 cases while Taiwan also suffered from technology sector fatigue. Sector wise, Energy was the top performer, fueled by rising oil prices amid a tightening demand-supply situation.

The top stock contributor to our performance was Ngern Tidlor a microfinance play in Thailand which had a very strong initial public offering debut in the market. Second best contributor was ICICI which reported better than expected results. A bunch of the Fund's A-share names like Yunnan Energy, Qingdao Tgood and Kweichow Moutai also performed well during the month as the A-share market saw a recovery after being in the doldrums for a few months. The biggest detractor to the portfolio came from New Oriental Education which got hammered by the weight of regulatory concerns as the Chinese government seeks to tighten their grip on the sector.

We believe markets will continue to remain choppy going forward. While the global recovery is expected to gain more traction and become more broad based as the rate of vaccination increases, we believe much of that is already priced into the markets and the peaking out of fiscal stimulus and monetary stimulus could be a potential headwind for the markets. We believe the focus will likely return to the earnings front and on names whose earnings can surprise on the upside. We are positive on China, especially on China A-shares, as the market has corrected quite significantly, and valuations have now come down to quite reasonable valuations. We have already seen policy start to normalize in China ahead of the rest of the world, and this should stabilize in the near term. On the regulatory front, much of the risk seems to have been priced into the stock market, and any relaxation from the worst case scenario would be a reprieve for the market.

#### **Fund Facts**

SGD Class: 19 May 1995 USD Class: 02 Aug 2004
Cash, SRS <sup>2</sup>
S\$ / US\$ 1,000
Currently 4% Maximum 5%
Currently 1.5% p.a. Maximum 1.5% p.a.
Every dealing day
S\$3.541/US\$2.609
S\$124.8 million

#### Codes

SGD Class:	SG9999002562
	OCBSETF
USD Class:	SG9999002570
	OCBAPUS

### Performance (%)

		1-year	3- years p.a.	5- years p.a.	10- years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	NAV	47.2	11.4	14.5	6.0	5.1
	NAV^	39.8	9.5	13.3	5.4	4.9
	Benchmark#	41.3	10.1	13.5	7.3	5.5
USD Class <sup>1</sup>	NAV	57.5	10.9	14.8	5.0	9.5
	NAV^	49.6	9.0	13.7	4.4	9.2
	Benchmark#	51.2	10.6	14.4	6.5	10.4

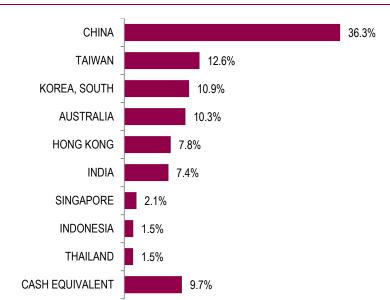
Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance

Source: Lion Global Investors Ltd / Morningstar

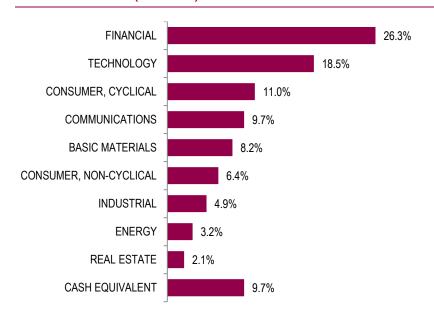
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## Country Allocation (% of NAV)



### Sector Allocation (% of NAV)



## Top 10 Holdings (% of NAV)

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	8.0
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	6.6
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	6.4
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	4.7
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	3.3
BHP BILLITON LTD	3.2
AIA GROUP LTD	2.5
ICICI BANK LTD	2.2
DBS GROUP HLDGS LTD	2.1
TECHTRONIC INDUSTRIES CO LTD	1.9

- # Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan
  ^ NAV: Figures include Initial Charge
  (in respective Fund's Currency)
- Returns based on single pricing. Return periods longer than 1 year are annualised.
   Dividends are reinvested net of all charges payable upon reinvestment and in respective share class currency terms.
- <sup>2</sup> Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("SRS") monies may be used to purchase SGD Class Units only.

The above is based on information available as of 31 May 2021, unless otherwise stated. Securities referenced are not intended as recommendations to buy or sell. Opinions and estimates constitute our judgment and along with other portfolio data, are subject to change without notice.

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