

# Fullerton Lux Fund - Asia Absolute Alpha Class A (SGD) Acc

January 2025

## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term positive return, which include both capital appreciation and income.

## **Investment Focus and Approach**

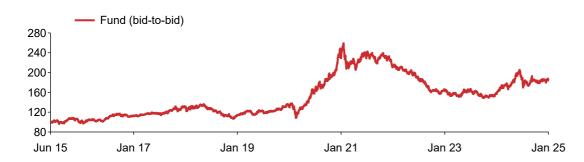
The Investment Manager seeks to achieve the objective of the Fund by investing primarily in, but not limited to, equities, stock warrants, index futures, cash and cash equivalents. The investment universe will include, but not limited to, equities and equities-related securities listed on exchanges in the Asia Pacific region, as well as equities and equities-related securities of companies which have operations in, exposure to, or derive part of their revenue from the Asia Pacific region, wherever they may be listed. The Investment Manager may also make indirect investments in equities via participatory notes and other eligible access products (where the underlying assets would comprise equities defined above). The Fund's investment in China "A" Shares listed on PRC Stock Exchanges may be made through the Stock Connects and/or any other means as may be permitted by the relevant regulations from time to time, for up to 35% of the Fund's net asset value.

#### SFDR Classification:

Article 8 fund.

In line with its ESG methodology, the fund promotes environmental characteristics but does not commit to make environmentally sustainable investments as defined in the taxonomy regulation.

#### Performance (%)



## **Performance Statistics**

2025 YTD Return	1.57%	Sharpe Ratio*	0.36
		Sortino Ratio*	0.68
		Maximum Drawdown*	-37.79%

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	SI. Ann. Ret.	SI. Ann. Vol.
Fund (bid-to-bid)	1.57	2.66	0.62	19.41	-3.93	7.45	6.78	13.74
Fund (offer-to-bid)	-3.26	-2.23	-4.17	13.72	-5.48	6.42	6.24	NA

\*Since Inception

Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis in SGD with net dividends and distributions (if any) reinvested. Offer-to-bid returns include an assumed preliminary charge of 5% which may or may not be charged to investors. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Source: Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd and Bloomberg.

#### **Market Review**

Equity markets started 2025 on a strong note with the MSCI All Country World Index notching up gains of 3.4% in January in dollars. Asian market also managed to deliver positive returns during the month with the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index ending the month up 0.8% in dollars. Korea, Singapore and Taiwan were the best performing markets in the region while Philippines, Malaysia and India ended the month with negative returns. Chinese equities were also up 1% (MSCI China) during the month led by a strong rally in Internet/E-commerce stocks in dollars.

Inauguration of Donald Trump as the 47th US president and the ensuing risk of tariff actions dominated the headlines during the month. In addition, DeepSeek, a Chinese AI startup unveiled a large language model which claimed to have performance comparable to Open AI's latest GPT 4.0 model at a fraction of training costs. Chinese tech stocks are benefiting from growth opportunities created by AI optimization models like DeepSeek, which are accelerating the expansion of the cloud business, despite earlier

Inception date 25 Jun 2015

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Fund size SGD 267.81 million

**Base Currency** 

USD

**Pricing Date** 

31 Jan 2025

NAV\*

SGD 18.78

Management fee\*\*

Up to 1.50% p.a.

Management company<sup>^</sup> fee\*\*
Up to 0.04% p.a. subject to a
minimum monthly fee of EUR
750.00 per Fund per month

applied at the Company level

Expense Ratio\*\*

1.68% p.a. (For financial year ended 31 Mar 2024)

Preliminary Charge\*\*

Up to 5% of subscription amount (equivalent to a max. of 5.26315% of the Net Asset Value per share)

**Dealing day** 

Daily

Deadline

1pm (CET); 5pm (Singapore time) on each Business Day

**Bloomberg Code** 

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#### Market Review (Cont'd)

concerns over hardware constraints that had posed a challenge to these stocks.

Economic data points were mixed. China 4Q GDP print was slightly above expectations at 5.4% YoY. However, December retail sales and industrial production remain anaemic while December CPI was also 0.1% indicating that deflation remains a risk. January's manufacturing PMI also dipped sequentially indicating that growth remains weak. Conversely, manufacturing PMIs across India, Korea and Indonesia strengthened sequentially.

#### **Investment Strategy**

Tariff risks and associated strength in USD is a headwind for Asia in the near term. However medium-term outlook for Asia remains healthy with both bottom-up earnings picture and top down macro environment relatively supportive for equity returns.

Chinese equities are likely to remain volatile, but the synchronized monetary and fiscal stimulus unveiled by China in end September should put a floor on Chinese equities. However, risk of tariffs and continuing deflationary pressures on the economy imply that the market direction will be dependent on further stimulus measures. Outside of China we expect earnings for the Information Technology sector to remain supported, driven largely by AI thematic and associated capital expenditure. Lastly, India is experiencing a near-term downward adjustment in growth expectations, but its medium-term structural story remains healthy.

As of Jan 2025, Valuations for Asia are also supportive as MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is still trading below its 5 year mean PER valuations of around 13x which is reasonable for the mid-teens earnings growth expectations for the region.

- \* Figures have been truncated to 2 decimal places. The official price is published on Fullerton's website.
- \*\*The list of cost is not exhaustive and the fund may incurs other expenses. Please refer to the Prospectus/KIID for more information.
- ^Management Company of the Fund is Lemanik Asset Management S.A.



# **Geographical Breakdown**

China	21.5%
Hong Kong	4.6%
India	9.1%
Indonesia	4.0%
Japan	5.6%
Korea	3.7%
Singapore	15.0%
Taiwan	13.4%
US	14.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	8.3%

# Sector Breakdown

Communication Services	18.9%
Consumer Discretionary	17.5%
Energy	1.0%
Financials	13.8%
Industrial	7.9%
Information Technology	27.1%
Real Estate	2.0%
Utilities	3.6%
Cash and cash equivalents	8.3%

# **Top 5 Holdings**

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9.2%
Broadcom Inc	6.2%
Meta Platforms Inc	4.4%
Sea Ltd-Adr	4.4%
NVIDIA Corp	4.3%



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