

Prusik Asia Emerging Opportunities Fund



GROWTH INVESTING IN ASIA

31 July 2020

Monthly Fund Fact Sheet

Investment Objective

The fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing in companies operating in the Asian and Australasian ex Japan region, with a specific focus on the demographic growth markets.

Fund Facts

Fund Size (USD)	29.8m
Launch date	8 February 2008
Fund Managers	Heather Manners Anna Gallagher
Fund Structure	UCITS III
Domicile	Dublin
Currencies	USD (base), GBP, SGD

Performance (%)

	A USD	C GBP	D SGD
1 Month	4.24	4.12	4.21
3 Month	15.90	15.46	15.72
Year to Date	-9.35	-11.27	-10.03
2019	12.28	10.28	11.44
Since Launch	43.21	41.02	2.30
Annualised [†]	2.92	2.82	0.22

Source: Morningstar.

Launch Date: A: 08.02.08, C: 25.03.08, D: 15.01.10

[†]Since Launch Performance

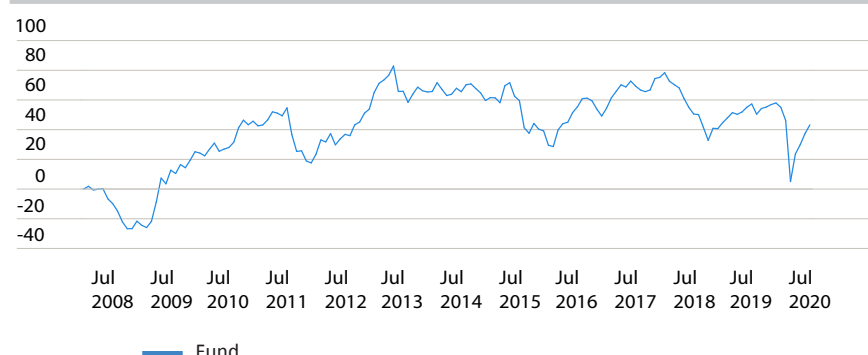
Investment Process

The starting point for the fund is an exclusive focus on the demographic growth markets in Asia, namely those with large, young and growing populations. Over the next few decades these countries are due to benefit from their demographic dividend, leading to GDP growth roughly double that of Asia's more economically mature nations. This backdrop provides a fertile hunting ground for companies which are able to compound their earnings over the long term. The fund combines a thematic approach with stock picking that favours market leaders with a clear, sustainable competitive edge, which helps drive above average earnings growth and ROEs over the long term.

Dividend Dates

Dividends paid twice annually (January and July)

Fund Performance - Class A USD (%)



Source: Morningstar. Total return net of fees.

Fund Manager Commentary

July saw the fund return 4.2%, driven by strong double digit returns in India, Pakistan and our ASEAN focused ecommerce and mobile gaming leader, **Sea Ltd.** While the fund is not measured against an index, to put this in context this was 3.5 and 3.7% shy of the MSCI Asia ex-Japan Smaller Companies Index and its all-cap counterpart, respectively. The key headwinds in the month were the fund's exposure to Vietnam and the Philippines with both countries seeing negative coronavirus developments.

Towards the end of the month, the Filipino government extended the lockdown measures in place in Manila for two weeks. Vietnam, which to date had had an impeccable record of zero coronavirus casualties and no new cases for over 3 months, suffered a severe outbreak in the tourist town of Danang. Events in Danang have led to a 10-fold increase in active cases from 43 cases in mid-July to 435 cases at the time of writing as well as Vietnam's first 11 COVID-19 related deaths. The authorities have been swift to act and we should remember that this remains a negligible number of cases in a global context. Nevertheless, it illustrates how sensitive individual markets can be to negative coronavirus developments and the prospect of further lockdown measures crimping economic growth. More broadly it highlights just how challenging a threat coronavirus remains, even to those countries most adept at handling the crisis. It is believed that the source of the new cases in Vietnam was illegal immigrants.

On a more positive note, the India portfolio continued its strong performance from June through to July with an 11.4% rise in the month. While India continues to feature in global headlines for its surging cases, it is important to highlight that its recovery rate stands at close to 70% and a peak appears to have been reached in cases in both Delhi and Mumbai, the country's two most important cities in terms of its governance and GDP contribution. The fund's largest weighting in India, **Reliance Industries**, increase by 22.9% in the month as management continued to receive investments from global tech heavyweights such as Google in Jio Platforms. At the time of writing the fund has 6.8% invested in **Reliance Industries**.

All data as at 31.07.20. Source: Prusik Investment Management LLP, unless otherwise stated.

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Top 5 Holdings (%)

Sea Ltd - ADR	8.0
FPT Corporation	7.0
Reliance Industries	6.9
Mobile World Investment Corporation	5.6
Ace Hardware Indonesia	4.5
Total Number of Holdings	34

Portfolio Financial Ratios

Price/Earnings Ratio	20.2x
Predicted Return on Equity (%)	15.9
Predicted Dividend Yield (%)	2.0

Risk Metrics

Tracking Error (% pa)	13.86
Beta	0.64
Alpha	0.22
Volatility (%)	16.44
Sharpe Ratio	0.28

Thematic Breakdown (%)

Emerging Technology	29.6	<div></div>
Modern Retail	25.0	<div></div>
Local Brands	19.0	<div></div>
Infrastructure	11.8	<div></div>
Financialisation	8.7	<div></div>
Leisure/Tourism	5.0	<div></div>
Cash	0.9	<div></div>

Geographical Breakdown (%)

India	30.7	<div></div>
Vietnam	26.3	<div></div>
Indonesia	18.0	<div></div>
Philippines	13.3	<div></div>
Singapore	8.0	<div></div>
Pakistan	2.9	<div></div>
Cash	0.9	<div></div>

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Management Fees

Annual Management Fee

Class A, B, C, D, U - 1.2% p.a. Paid monthly in arrears.

Performance Fee

No performance fee.

Dealing

Dealing Line	+353 1 603 6490
Administrator	Brown Brothers Harriman (Dublin)
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Min. Initial Subscription	USD 10,000
Subscription Notice	1 business day
Redemption Notice	1 business day

Share Class Details

Share Class			Sedol	ISIN	Month-end NAV
A	USD	Unhedged Non distributing	B2PKN21	IE00B2PKN210	143.21
B	USD	Unhedged Distributing	B2PKN32	IE00B2PKN327	132.34
C	GBP	Hedged Distributing	B2PKN43	IE00B2PKN434	64.72
D	SGD	Hedged Distributing	B3M3HJ5	IE00B3M3HJ55	176.94
U	GBP	Unhedged Distributing	BBQ37T7	IE00BBQ37T77	90.58

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