



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term by investing in high quality companies in the Asia ex Japan region.

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Evans & Partners Asia Fund (Fund) returned 5.7% in AUD terms for the 2020 financial year (FY20), outperforming the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index by 2.2%. With a defensive beta of 96.3% over the period, the Fund generated significant positive alpha.

Asian stock markets were generally positive at the end of 2019 driven by the signing of a first-stage US-China trade deal. In late January, however, markets fell after the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in China. Asian markets continued to decline over February and March as the pandemic spread to the rest of the world and forced global economic activity to slow dramatically. Markets have since recovered from March lows as governments and central banks responded strongly to the economic consequences of COVID-19, and the virus spread at a lower rate than initially feared.

The best performing sector was Healthcare (42.5%). Information Technology (+27.0%) and Communication Services (+21.9%) also performed strongly as working and studying from home increased. Real Estate (-16.3%), Utilities (-15.0%) and Industrials (-14.2%) were the worst performing sectors. On a country basis, Taiwan (+24.5%), China (+15.2%) and South Korea (+2.8%) were the strongest markets, where COVID-19 was generally better controlled. Indonesia (-23.1%), Thailand (-22.2%) and Singapore (-18.8%) were the worst performers, due to their

volatile currencies, external economic exposure, and the spread of COVID-19.

The top contributor to Fund performance was Naver Corp (+130.4%), benefiting from its leading position in ecommerce, online gaming and as a search engine in South Korea. Techtronic Industries (+32.2%), the Fund's largest active weight for FY20, also contributed positively due to strong demand for tools and new product releases. In addition, the solid recovery in demand for semiconductors saw TSMC (+44.4%) performing strongly and contributing to the Fund's performance. Conversely, CP All (-19.0%) detracted from performance due to potential risks associated with its takeover of Tesco as well as the impact from lockdown on the Thai economy. Singapore Telecommunications (-26.8%) also detracted from performance after delivering weak results amid soft performance from its subsidiaries. CNOOC (-28.7%) contributed negatively due to the collapse of oil prices as global demand weakened due to the pandemic.

Throughout 2020 the Responsible Entity (RE) has maintained active buyback and capital management initiatives. As COVID-19 unfolds across global markets, the RE will continue to explore strategies to enhance the Fund's efficiency and liquidity. Further updates will be provided to investors as appropriate.

We are pleased to have delivered a positive return to our investors. We continue to believe that Asian stock markets are positioned to outperform the rest of the world, through higher growth rates and declining risk.

NTA per unit  
**\$1.27**

Unit price (EAF)  
**\$1.22**

Gross assets  
**\$122.2 MILLION**

12-month distribution yield (target: 4%)  
**4.2%**

## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
NTA (%)	3.2%	4.1%	-3.3%	5.7%	6.0%	-	4.4%
MSCI Asia ex Japan Index (Net, AUD (%))	4.5%	3.4%	-2.9%	3.5%	4.2%	-	1.4%
Excess Return	-1.2%	0.7%	-0.4%	2.2%	1.8%	-	3.0%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

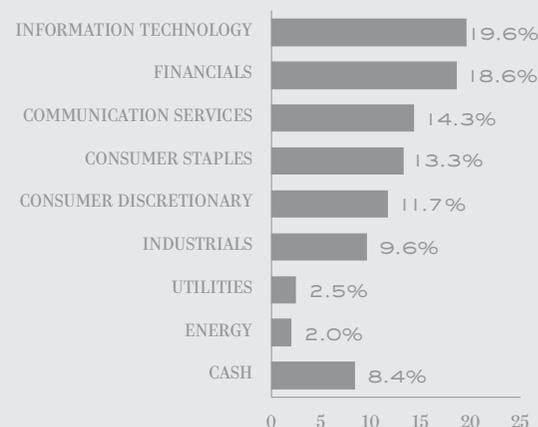
## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Alibaba	Techtronic Industries
CP ALL PCL	Tencent Holdings
HCL Technologies	TSMC
Kweichow Moutai	Uni-President Enterprises
Ping An Insurance Group	United Overseas Bank

## PERFORMANCE CHART<sup>1</sup>

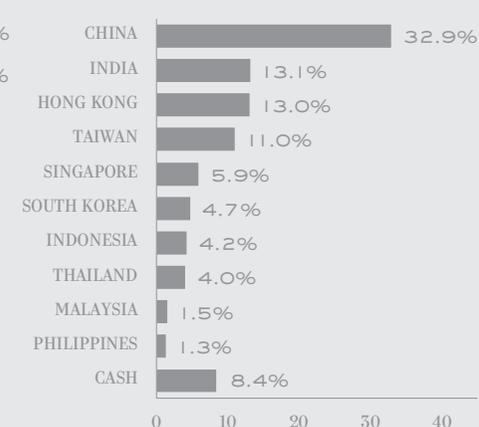


## SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

## COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile

Notes: Data at 30 June 2020 unless stated. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. 1. All returns are total returns, inclusive of reinvested distributions. NTA returns are net of fees and costs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception 14 May 2018. Chart data range: 14 May 2018 to 30 June 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





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