



# **Strategy Description**

Meranti Asia Fund 'MAF' seeks long-term high growth of the portfolio by investing across Asia Pacific ex. Japan equity markets, while looking to mitigate risks during significant downturns. Instead of investing in flavour of the day concepts, the strategy focuses on structural characteristics that make sense and are backed by empirical research.

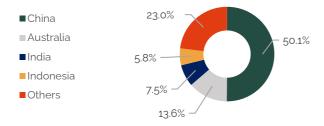
# **Key Features**

**Dynamic Risk Mitigation:** Financial crises are infrequent but inevitable. By managing risks in significant downturns, the strategy is designed to help investors endure systemic shocks and continue to invest with confidence.

**Asia Equities:** Invest into secular opportunities arising from the global shift of economic power to Asia.

**Active Strategy:** Index funds tend to focus on less than 5% of the 33,000+ listed companies in Asia. By investing across the universe using Fundamental, Valuation, and Technical principles; the ability to be different provides outperformance potential.

## Geographical Breakdown



## Strategy Backtest Statistics

Annualised	Volatility	Positive	Upside/Downside
Return		Months	Capture
11.92%	18.84%	59%	95/77%

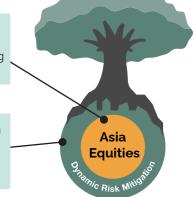
<sup>\*</sup> For illustrative purposes only. Calculated 29/8/2008 to 31/10/2020, inclusive of cost and fees as determined appropriate by the manager. These statistics may not be a good indication of actual performance which can differ meaningfully over shorter time periods.

## **Asia Equities**

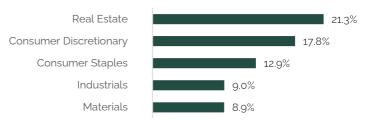
Fertile ground for investing into compelling growth opportunities

# Dynamic Risk Mitigation

Risk management to mitigate risk of negative compounding



### **Sector Allocation**



# **Top Equity Holdings**



### **Monthly Performance History**

SGD A	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	0.45%	-0.29%	-5.71%	3.00%	-4.63%	1.51%	-3.90%	-2.10%	-11.40%3
2022	-4.58% <sup>5</sup>												-4.58%5
USD A	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.98%	-4.50%	1.66%	-3.90%	-1.99%	-5.83%4
2022	-4.58%5												-4.58%5
USD B1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.15%	3.38%	11.81%²
2021	2.40%	0.94%	-1.34%	2.05%	0.08%	0.02%	-5.55%	3.13%	-4.36%	1.81%	-3.76%	-1.84%	-6.65%
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance based on the Lead Series. <sup>2</sup> Since inception of 2 Nov 2020. <sup>3</sup> Since inception of 3 May 2021. <sup>4</sup> Since inception of 2 August 2021. <sup>5</sup> Manager's estimated return. Actual return will be updated in the following month.

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## Market & Portfolio Developments

#### **Market Review**

Asset markets had a volatile start to the year, with Asian equities declining 3.99% alongside other major markets. The main reason cited for this is the increased likelihood that the Fed would raise interest rates soon, a milestone in unwinding years of QE that started from the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. To be clear, the Fed has not raised its Fed Funds rate since March 2020, but forwardlooking markets have already started to price in the impact of higher rates.

#### Main Contributors 'What did well'?

Our preference for 'Value' in the portfolio contributed positively to overall performance, as stocks with a larger margin of safety were more resilient in the broader sell-off.

What we did not invest into also helped with relative performance. Our FVT (Fundamental, Valuation, Technical) process leads us away from areas which are deemed to have poorer risk/reward. By doing so, we avoided a number of 'pricier' tech stocks which fell sharply in the past month. For reference, Korea's tech-heavy KOSPI index declined 10.56% in January.

#### Main Detractors 'What underperformed?'

Our portfolio's lower allocation to TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company) detracted from relative performance, as TSMC rebounded following months of weaker performance. We have avoided holding such names in our portfolio as they remain less attractively valued relative to other opportunities.

#### Outlook

Amid the continued VUCA environment (refer to the latest market commentary for a re-cap on VUCA), we continue our efforts in constructing a portfolio that is prepared for different scenarios rather than trying to predict or react to the next headline news.

For instance, our holdings of Value stocks are well positioned for the current environment, as they are expected to be more resilient amid rising interest rates.

**Fund Details** 

Item	Class A	Class B			
Currency	USD,	SGD			
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ99381758 (Distribution)	SGXZ76017904 (Accumulation)			
ISIN (SGD Class)	SGXZ64383987 (Distribution)	SGXZ78636883 (Accumulation)			
Projected Distribution <sup>6</sup>	4% p.a.	-			
Min. Subscription	USD 400,000 SGD 500,000	USD 40,000 SGD 50,000			
Account Opening Fee <sup>7</sup> (One-time)	USD 3,000 SGD 4,000	USD 3,000 SGD 4,000			
Min. Subsequent Subscription	USD 10,000 SGD 15,000	USD 10,000 SGD 15,000			
Redemption Fees					
1st Year of Investment	-	3%			
2nd Year of Investment	-	2%			
3rd Year of Investment	-	1%			
4th Year Onwards	-	0%			
Management Fee	1.78%	0%			
Performance Fee <sup>8</sup>	0%	20%			
Fund Name	Meranti Capital VCC				
Dealing Frequency	Asia Fund				
Base Currency	Monthly USD				
Inception Date	2 November 2020				
Fund Domicile					
Investment Manager	Singapore Finexis Asset Management				
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Fund Administrator	(Singapore)				
Custodian	Standard Chartered Bank				
Auditor	KPMG LLP				
Broker	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.				
Legal Advisors	BTPLaw LLC				

About Meranti: The Meranti fund series is named after the Meranti tree, which is native to Singapore and the region. It is a canopy and emergent tree; providing shade from its place at the top layer of a rainforest where sunlight is plentiful. To reach such great heights, the trees have a strong and wide system of roots to help provide stability while also gathering more nutrients. Likewise, Meranti funds were developed around a Dynamic Risk Mitigation process so that investors can invest with confidence and harvest the full potential of capital growth through market cycles.

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