# **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 market shocks and continue to invest with confidence.

## **Asia Equities**

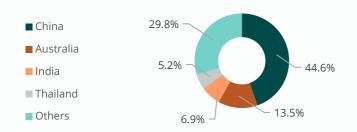
Invest into secular opportunities arising from the global shift of economic power to Asia.

## **Active Strategy**

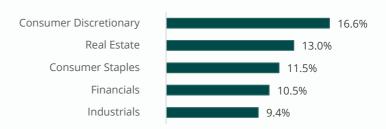
Index funds tend to focus on less than 5% of the 33,000+ listed companies in Asia. By investing across the universe using Fundamental, Valuation, and Technical principles; the ability to be different provides outperformance potential.

# Asia Equities Fertile ground for investing into compelling growth opportunities Dynamic Risk Mitigation Risk management to mitigate risk of negative compounding

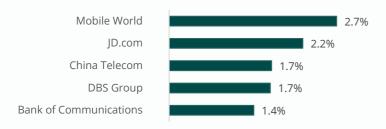
# **Geographical Breakdown**



# **Sector Allocation**



# **Top Equity Holdings**



# **Strategy Backtest Statistics\***

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

\*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.

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# **Market & Portfolio Developments**

#### **Market Review**

Markets started the same way February ended; on edge. Markets seesawed as they sold off on news of escalation and rallied on news of peace talks. Equity markets were volatile as headline news labelling China and Russia "uninvestable" roiled weak hands into selling, with Asian equities down 0.64%.

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

Guided by FVT (Fundamental, Valuation, and Technical) principles, our investment in **'Value'** contributed positively to overall portfolio performance amid broader market volatility, highlighting the merits of investing in stocks with favourable risk/reward as they prove to be more resilient to market decline given a larger margin of safety.

## Main Detractors 'What underperformed?'

On the whole, **China names** detracted from performance as a confluence of concerns (such as China's COVID-19 outbreak and ADR delisting) are aggravated by geopolitical tension stemming from the Ukraine-Russia conflict. However, looking beyond these near-term uncertainties, current washed out sentiment sets these positions up for a potential rebound on the back of lower valuations.

#### **Market Outlook**

Markets continue to remain uncertain and volatile, swaying investors to cut losses. However, such periods present a good opportunity to invest in areas where attractive risk/reward lie. We are positive about the state of economic fundamentals in Asia, treading opportunistically forward with our FVT process and expecting favourable set-ups (such as favourable medium-long term economic and policy cycles in China) to pave the path for positive portfolio returns.

#### **Fund Details**

Item	Class A	Class B					
Currency	SGD, USD						
ISIN (SGD Class)	SGXZ64383987 (Distribution)	SGXZ78636883 (Accumulation)					
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ99381758 (Distribution)	SGXZ76017904 (Accumulation)					
Projected Distribution <sup>2</sup>	4% p.a.	-					
Min. Subscription	SGD 500,000 USD 400,000	SGD 50,000 USD 40,000					
Account Opening Fee <sup>3</sup> (One-time)	SGD 4,000 USD 3,000	SGD 4,000 USD 3,000					
Min. Subsequent Subscription	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000					
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>4</sup>	0%	20%					
Fund Name	d Name Meranti Capital VCC Asia Fund						
Dealing Frequency	Monthly						
Base Currency	USD						
Inception Date	ber 2020						
Fund Domicile	Singapore						
Investment Manager	Finexis Asset Management						
Fund Administrator ASCENT Fund Services (Singapore)							
Custodian	ustodian Standard Chartered Bank						
Auditor	ditor KPMG LLP						
Broker	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.						
Legal Advisors BTPLaw LLC							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please note that the distributions (if any) may be declared semi-annually based on the Investment Manager's discretion. If distributions are made, such distributions are not a forecast, indication or projection of the future performance of the Fund. <sup>3</sup> Waiver of account opening fees for investors through the platforms. <sup>4</sup> Charged on high water mark basis, with zero hurdle rate.

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# **Share Class Performance History**

USD B <sup>1</sup>	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%
2022	-4.57%	-0.74%	-2.49%5										-7.64% <sup>5</sup>
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	-4.70%	-0.93%	-2.64% <sup>5</sup>										-8.08%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% <sup>4</sup>
2022	-4.71%	-0.89%	-2.64%5										-8.05%

<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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