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.

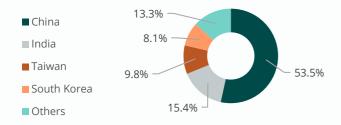
Asia Equities

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.

Geographical Breakdown



Top Equity Holdings

| Tencent | World-leading internet and technology company offering |
|--------------|---|
| Holdings | high-quality digital content and services. |
| Alibaba | China's biggest e-commerce company for online and |
| Group | mobile marketplaces in retail and wholesale trade. |
| Ping An | World-leading retail financial services provider for |
| Insurance | integrated finance and healthcare. |
| China Tower | China's largest telecommunications infrastructure service |
| Cillia Tower | provider. |
| TSMC | World's largest contract manufacturer of semiconductor. |

Asia Equities

Fertile ground for investing into compelling growth opportunities

Dynamic Risk MitigationRisk management to mitigate risk of negative compounding



Sector Allocation

| Consumer Discretionary | 25.3% |
|------------------------|-------|
| Communication Services | 18.6% |
| Financials | 18.2% |
| Information Technology | 13.5% |
| Consumer Staples | 9.5% |

Portfolio Statistics*

| | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Price-Earnings (P/E) Ratio | 13.83 | 13.72 |
| Earnings-Per-Share (EPS) Growth | 28.08 | 28.75 |

*Current Price-Earnings (P/E) ratio and Earnings-Per-Share (EPS) Growth figures retrieved from Bloomberg. Reference benchmark is the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index.

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Market & Portfolio Developments

Market Review

2023 started with robust market performance. Asia ex Japan equities recorded a positive performance of 8.63% in January. The lifting of China's zero-Covid policy in December, which have constrained the country's economic growth for years, helped to drive this growth. This was coupled with an overall risk-on appetite as many investors anticipate slower rate hikes as inflation cools. Those who had stayed out of the markets, fearing that markets would have tanked further following December's decline, would have missed out on these gains – emotions tend to get in the way of successful investing.

Main Contributors 'What did well?'

China 'A' equities contributed positively to performance on loosening Covid-19 restrictions and continued government measure to support the country's property market. **South Korea** and **Taiwan equities** also witnessed significant growth which contributed to the portfolio's performance.

Main Detractors 'What underperformed?'

India equities was the only market to end January in negative territory after a period of solid growth.

Market Outlook

Should investors expect the current market rally to continue in the coming months? Just as likely as markets may continue to rise it may also quickly reverse. Such is the nature of markets: no one knows exactly where they are headed in the short run. Instead, we focus on fundamentals and valuations to invest in areas where we are confident can deliver strong returns over a longer time-horizon. This is why our portfolio is currently positioned in such opportunities like China which are expected to lead markets in the next cycle.

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 ² | 4% p.a. | - | | | | |
| Min. Subscription | SGD 500,000 USD 400,000 | SGD 50,000 USD 40,000 | | | | |
| Account Opening Fee ³ (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 ⁴ | 0% | 20% | | | | |
| Fund Name | Meranti Capital VCC Asia Fund | | | | | |
| Dealing Frequency | Monthly | | | | | |
| Base Currency | USD | | | | | |
| Inception Date | 2 November 2020 | | | | | |
| Fund Domicile | Singapore | | | | | |
| Investment Manager | Finexis Asset Management | | | | | |
| Fund Administrator | ASCENT Fund Services (Singapore) | | | | | |
| Custodian | Standard Chartered Bank | | | | | |
| Auditor | KPMG LLP | | | | | |
| Broker | Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. | | | | | |
| Legal Advisors | BTPLaw LLC | | | | | |
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² 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. ³ Waiver of account opening fees for investors through the platforms. ⁴ Charged on high water mark basis, with zero hurdle rate.

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Share Class Performance History

| USD B ¹ | 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% | -2.00% | -1.84% | -1.88% | -4.04% | -2.76% | 0.20% | -11.43% | -10.21% | 19.68 | 1.095 | -19.57% ⁵ |
| 2023 | 8.835 | | | | | | | | | | | | 8.835 |
| 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% | -2.21% | -1.99% | -2.04% | -4.31% | -2.95% | 0.03% | -11.98% | -10.20% | 18.85 | 0.945 | -21.93%5 |
| 2023 | 8.68%5 | | | | | | | | | | | | 8.835 |
| 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 | -4.71% | -0.89% | -2.14% | -1.99% | -2.02% | -4.18% | -2.95% | 0.05% | -11.56% | -10.34% | 19.50 | 0.945 | -21.02%5 |
| 2023 | 8.68%5 | | | | | | | | | | | | 8.835 |

¹ Performance based on the Lead Series. ² Since inception of 2 Nov 2020. ³ Since inception of 3 May 2021. ⁴ Since inception of 2 August 2021. ⁵ Manager's estimated return. Actual return will be updated in the following month.

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