



## 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

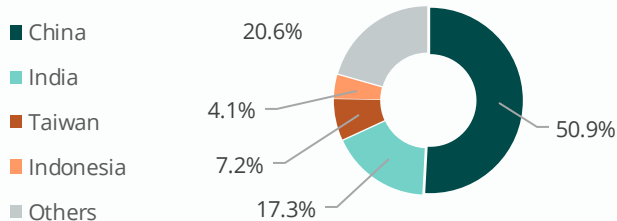
Fertile ground for investing into compelling growth opportunities

### Dynamic Risk Mitigation

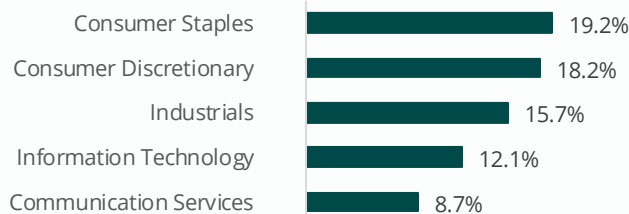
Risk management to mitigate risk of negative compounding



## Geographical Breakdown



## Sector Allocation



## Top Equity Holdings

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

## Portfolio Statistics\*

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price-Earnings (P/E) Ratio	11.33	11.91
Earnings-Per-Share (EPS) Growth	24.96	20.70

\*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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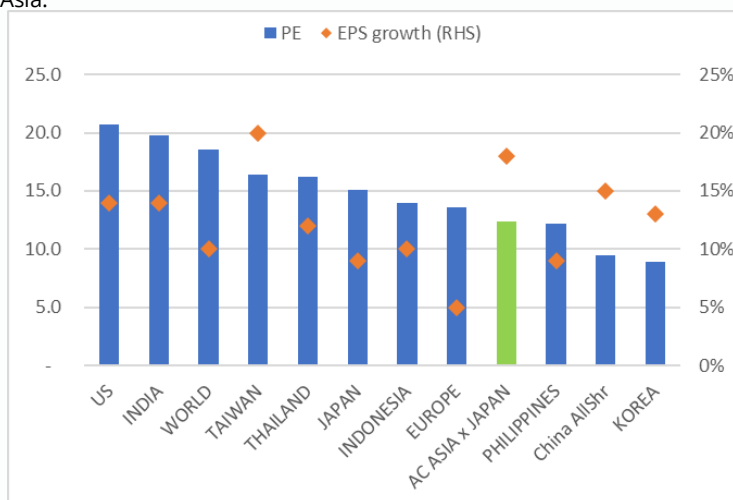
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# Market & Portfolio Developments

We discussed last month how Global equities have outperformed Asian equities by >90% since 2009, which coincided with the beginning of the era of easy money. Prior to that, Asian equities outperformed global equities by 160% over a multi-year period. These changes in performance leadership have coincided with regime shifts. As the world transitions out of the era of easy money, investment returns will be less driven by low and lowering interest rates and more driven by underlying structural growth and profitability. Under this new regime, Asia equity should be well positioned to regain its performance leadership, supported by its low base, higher real economy growth, and more reasonable valuation. The chart below shows that Asia equities valuation looks attractive relative to the other regions, particularly considering the better earnings growth.

To capitalize on this new regime, we are working more on specific stocks to add idiosyncratic engines to the portfolio, which should help compound the returns over time. We focus on quality companies with sustainable earnings power in growth industries, such as the global leading producer of the critical component for solar electrical systems, China's dominant supplier of smart grid equipment, and the dominant logistics operator in South East Asia. Meanwhile, we also see great bargains in certain mature industries, such as the top medical device provider in China yielding >10% free cash flow to market cap, and water supply and treatment utilities offering 8-12% dividend yield.

Why now? As counter-intuitive as it may seem, for equity investing the best time to invest is when one feels the worst. After the pace of recovery disappointed significantly in 2023, investors have practically given up hope, particularly on China. Therein lies the opportunity for the forward-looking investor to capture the next multi-year compounders at good prices in Asia.



## 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	Meranti Capital VCCAsia 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	

<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

Monthly Return, %													
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 <sup>2</sup>
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	1.11	-19.55
2023	8.69	-8.48	4.05	-2.86	-4.10	3.60	7.36	-8.37	-2.94	-4.40	4.89	1.90	-2.54
2024	-8.67 <sup>5</sup>												-8.67 <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 <sup>3</sup>
2022	-4.70	-0.93	-2.21	-1.99	-2.04	-4.31	-2.95	0.03	-11.98	-10.20	18.85	0.81	-22.03
2023	8.29	-9.00	3.68	-3.08	-4.45	3.19	7.00	-8.78	-3.28	-4.72	4.70	1.58	-6.60
2024	-8.52 <sup>5</sup>												-8.52 <sup>5</sup>
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2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.98	-4.50	1.66	-3.90	-1.99	-5.83 <sup>4</sup>
2022	-4.71	-0.89	-2.14	-1.99	-2.02	-4.18	-2.95	0.05	-11.56	-10.34	19.50	0.96	-21.00
2023	8.53	-8.61	3.89	-3.00	-4.24	3.44	7.20	-8.51	-3.09	-4.54	4.73	1.75	-4.27
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<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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