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1. BEA Union Investment Asian Bond and Currency Fund (the "Fund") seeks regular interest income, capital gains and currency appreciation from an actively managed portfolio of debt securities denominated in Asian or other currencies and primarily issued by Asian government or corporate entities.
2. The Fund invests in emerging markets, which are subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks.
3. The Fund may invest in lower-rated fixed income instruments, including below investment grade and non-rated debt securities, which are subject to greater credit and liquidity risks than higher-rated securities.
4. The manager may at its discretion make distributions from income and/or capital in respect of the distributing classes of the Fund. Investors should note that the distributions paid out of capital amount to a return or withdrawal of part of the unitholder's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such distribution may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit.
5. In terms of currency hedged class units, adverse exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund and the class currency of the currency hedged class units may result in a decrease in return and/or loss of capital for unitholders. Over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise and there can be no assurance that these currency hedged class units will be hedged at all times or that the manager will be successful in employing the hedge.
6. Investors may invest in RMB (Hedged) units. It should be noted that the RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency as it is subject to foreign exchange control policies of the Chinese government. There is also no assurance that the RMB will not be subject to devaluation. Any devaluation of the RMB could adversely affect the value of investors' investments. There is no guarantee that the hedging strategy will be effective and investors may still be subject to the RMB currency exchange risk.
7. The Fund may enter into futures contracts and currency forward contracts for hedging and investment purposes. Given the leverage effect embedded in futures and currency forward contracts, the Fund may be exposed to significant losses.
8. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

BEA Union Investment Asian Bond and Currency Fund ("ABC")

 ★★★★★
 Morningstar Overall Rating¹
Lower Rate Hike Expectation in the U.S. Boosts Asian Bonds

Highlights:

- 1. Lower rate hike expectation in the U.S. boosts performance of Asian bonds**
- 2. Chinese high yield property bonds continue to outperform**
- 3. The Fund added positions in corporate perpetual bonds**

Fund Features

- The Fund adopts unconstrained strategy, with maximum flexibility allowed in allocating assets among corporate bonds, government bonds, high yield bonds and investment grade bonds, actively hunting for alpha opportunities.
- Seeks stable dividends and exploits appreciation potential of Asian bonds.

Market Review and Outlook
Review of Interest Rate Market

- The U.S. Federal Reserve reinforced a more dovish stance at a meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee in December 2018 and lowered the rate hike expectation for 2019. U.S. Treasury yields dropped as a result.

Asian High Yield Bonds

- Chinese high yield property bonds continue to outperform as yields tightened for the B and BB-rated names. Chinese industrial bond yields rose further due to headline news and concerns about refinancing.
- Indonesian industrial bond yields widened slightly and continued their gradual rise in the past two months. Indonesian high yield property bonds have largely remained flat. Indian bond yields widened, mainly due to a correction of the previous very tight valuation.

Market Outlook

- We see attractive valuations across some higher-quality names after the market correction of the past few months. We are cautiously optimistic about emerging market currencies as a result of the lower rate hike expectations in the U.S. However, the course of trade talks between China and the U.S. is still a risk factor that may create market volatility. We still see a higher risk in privately-owned Chinese industrial names which have relatively tight onshore funding.

Investment Strategy

- The Fund continues to add exposure in Indonesian quasi-sovereign bonds in response to attractive valuations and the country's improved macro condition. We also added some positions in corporate perpetual bonds with decent carry.
- The Fund has been picking up bonds in the primary market, as we are seeing attractive new issue premiums in both the Asian investment grade and Asian high yield segments.
- We are looking for opportunities to add to its position in Asian local currency bonds.

Fund Performance and Dividend

Performance² : A USD (Distributing)



Dividend

December 2018	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield ³
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.06068	5.5%
H HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.04890	5.5%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.04840	6.0%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.57628	6.7%

A USD (Distributing) launched on 28 August 2008.

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One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong)⁴



One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)⁵



House Award, Best-In-Class, Asia Fixed Income⁶



WINNER OF THE 2018 THOMSON REUTERS LIPPER FUND AWARDS HONG KONG

Best Bond Fund, Asia Pacific, Hard Currency (3 & 5 years)⁷



Gold Winner, Regional Bond⁸

Fund Code

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000065208	BEABCAA HK
A RMB Hedged (Accumulating)	HK0000272531	BEARMHA HK
A EUR Hedged (Accumulating)	HK0000405735	BEABCAE HK
I USD (Accumulating)	HK0000081379	BEABCIA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000065216	BEABCAI HK
H HKD (Distributing)	HK0000081361	BEABCHD HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162856	BEAAUHD HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000194263	BEARMHD HK

Source of the fund data: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 31 December 2018.

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- Source: Lipper, as at 31 December 2018. The quoted return is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 28 August 2008. Performance is calculated in the respective class of denominated currencies on a NAV to NAV basis. Gross income is re-invested.
- Annualised dividend yield = (dividend of December x 12) / last month end NAV x 100%. The manager may at its discretion make distributions from income and/or capital in respect of the distributing classes of the Fund. Such distribution may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit. Dividend only applies to distributing classes and is not guaranteed. Past dividend record is not indicative of future dividend likely to be achieved. Please note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Investors should not make any investment decision solely based on information contained above. You should read the relevant offering document (including the key facts statement) of the Fund for further details including the risk factors.
- Source: The Asset, 2018 Research for Asian G3 Bonds, October 2018.
- Source: The Asset, 2018 Research for Asian Local Currency Bonds, June 2018.
- Source: BENCHMARK, November 2017.
- Source: Thomson Reuters Lipper, performance for A USD (Accumulating) as at 29 December 2017. Award logo from Thomson Reuters Lipper Awards, ©2018 Thomson Reuters. All rights reserved. Used by permission and protected by the Copyright Laws of the United States. The printing, copying, redistribution, or retransmission of this Content without express written permission is prohibited.
- Source: Fund Selector Asia, performance as at 30 June 2017.

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