

# **Fund Monthly Report**

#### Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Multi Income Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve income and long-term capital growth by investing in an actively managed portfolio of debt securities, listed REITs, and other listed securities in the Asia Pacific region.
- 2. The Fund invests in emerging markets and may be subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks.
- 3. The Fund invests directly in listed REITs, equities and managed funds, and is thus subject to the risks generally associated with such asset classes, including but not limited to liquidity of the asset class, changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic, business and social conditions in local and global marketplace.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The Fund may enter into futures contracts for hedging and investment purposes. Given the leverage effect embedded in futures contracts, the Fund may be exposed to significant losses.
- 9. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

# **BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Multi Income Fund**



Morningstar Overall Rating<sup>1</sup>

# **Reduction in High-beta Energy and Commodity Bonds**



## Highlights:

- 1. Investment strategy turns defensive, reduction in energy and commodity bonds
- 2. Rosy outlook for Asian economies
- 3. The Fund has achieved 10.7% YTD and 9.6% in 1 year

### **Fund Features**

> The Fund focuses on high yielding Asia Pacific bonds and equities, distributions from both bonds and equities are the main source of income.

## **Market Review and Outlook**

### **Bonds**

- The U.S. Federal Reserve raised the interest rate by 0.25%, in line with market expectation, and kept its forecast unchanged for the next 3 years. Strong economic data in the U.S. will continue to support the central bank's interest rate normalisation policy.
- Asian high yield bond market softened, impacted by a profit taking surge and the expectation of a strong supply of new issues
- After two consecutive months of softening, the momentum of Asian local bond market turned positive in November as a result of stronger local currencies. The Malaysian and South Korean local bond markets outperformed, due to the strong appreciation of the local currencies.





## **Equities**

- Singapore's government revised its estimate of 2017 GDP upwards, leading forecasters to believe that the outlook for 2018 will also be more optimistic.
- Recognising reforms implemented by the Modi government, Moody's upgraded India's sovereign credit rating from Baa3 to Baa2. This was Moody's first revision of India's rating since 2004.
- Mainland authorities continue to push for the deleveraging of the financial sector, with their most recent efforts focusing on the asset management industry and micro-lenders.
- Consumer sentiment was weak in Australia. To support the economy, the Reserve Bank of Australia has signalled that
  it will keep its benchmark rate unchanged at the current record low level.

## **Investment Strategy**

#### Bonds

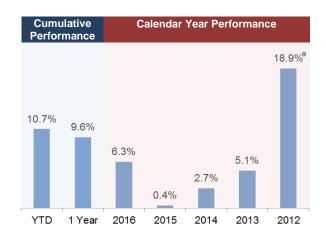
- The Fund turned more defensive and trimmed certain exposures in higher beta energy and commodity bonds.
- The Fund reduced long-dated bonds and bonds with weaker credit quality in the Chinese property sector, switching its investment into more defensive short-dated Chinese property bonds.

### **Equities**

- There were few changes in the equities portfolio as the Fund continued to add higher-yielding names in Australia and tactical reduced weaker performing stocks.

## **Fund Performance and Dividend**

Performance<sup>2</sup>: A USD (Distributing)



<sup>\*</sup> Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 11 May 2012.

#### Dividend

November 2017	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>3</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.05500	6.0%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.55000	6.0%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.06100	7.9%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.68000	8.3%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.06400	8.2%

Throughout most of the past 12 months, 100% of the Fund's dividends came from net distributable income.





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#### **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000107257	BEAPMIU HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000107265	BEAPMIH HK
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000122330	BEAPUAA HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162815	BEAPAAH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000194255	BEAPARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162849	BEANZDH HK

Source of the fund data: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 30 November 2017.

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- 2. Source: Lipper, as at 30 November 2017. The quoted return is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 11 May 2012. Performance is calculated in the respective class of denominated currencies on a NAV to NAV basis. Gross income is re-invested.
- 3. Annualised dividend yield = (dividend of November 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.

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