

# **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.
- 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 ("APM")**



Morningstar Overall Rating<sup>1</sup>

# Add Exposure in High Dividend Stocks



# Highlights:

- 1. Asian high yield bonds experience recovery in September as investor sentiment improves
- 2. Indonesian investment grade corporate bonds outperform due to a more stable rupiah
- 3. The Fund adds exposure in high dividend stocks following market correction

## **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**

- 10-year U.S. Treasury yields had widened by 20 basis points to 3.06% by the end of September. This was driven by improved risk sentiment as the market digested headlines about the trade war and strong economic data in the U.S.
- Asian high yield bond markets experienced recovery in September, Chinese high yield industrial bonds also recovered following a resumption of onshore bond issuance and positive corporate event on individual names.
- Indonesian investment grade corporate bonds outperformed, due to an improvement in investor sentiment and a more stable rupiah.





### **Equities**

- Potential renegotiation on trade issues between China and the U.S. failed when the U.S. imposed additional tariffs on Chinese goods before the talks could begin. Detecting indications of a looming macro downturn, China's government introduced more supportive policies, particularly relating to consumer spending.
- Taiwan's technology sector underperformed due to market concerns about DRAM price correction and the potential impact of the trade war on Apple products.
- Australian equities continued to trend downward in September. The recent leadership change in the country will add uncertainty to its economic outlook and weigh on market sentiment.

## **Investment Strategy**

#### **Bonds**

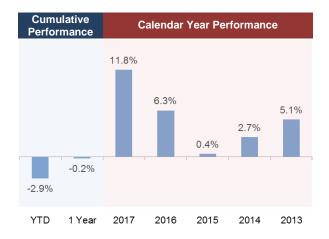
- The Fund maintained a fairly conservative strategy in September, with security selection skewed toward more defensive short-dated bonds and issuers with better credit quality.
- The Fund trimmed down its exposure in higher beta high yield names, especially Indonesian and Indian entities which are vulnerable to increasing concerns about their countries' macro condition.

#### Equities

- The Fund took the opportunity to add high dividend stocks following the recent market correction.
- The Fund continues to invest in higher yielding names in Australia, Taiwan, and Singapore. We remain positive on the banking sector which stands to benefit from upcoming interest rate hikes, and on companies with a commitment to dividends backed by strong cash flows and balance sheets.

### **Fund Performance and Dividend**

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



Dividend

September 2018	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>3</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.05100	6.0%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.52000	6.0%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.05300	7.5%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.61000	8.0%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.05300	7.5%

A USD (Distributing) launched on 11 May 2012.



# "Member-Gets-Coffee Voucher" Campaign

Subject to the terms and conditions

From now till 11 November 2018, the first 1,000 individuals who successfully sign up as BEA Union Investment member will be offered a coffee youcher.

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http://www.bea-union-investment.com/member-registration

#### **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000122330	BEAPUAA HK
A EUR Hedged (Accumulating)	HK0000405701	BEAAEHA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000107257	BEAPMIU HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000107265	BEAPMIH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162815	BEAPAAH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000194255	BEAPARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162849	BEANZDH HK
A EUR Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000405693	BEAAEHD HK

Source of the fund data: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 28 September 2018.

- 1. Source: ©2018 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. Data as of 28 September 2018. The rating is for A USD (Distributing).
- 2. Source: Lipper, as at 28 September 2018. 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 September 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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