

# **Fund Special Report**

# Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment China High Yield Income Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve medium to long term capital growth and regular income by primarily investing in high yield debt securities that are issued or guaranteed by entities which are incorporated in China or have significant operations in or assets in, or derive significant portion of revenue or profits from China.
- 2. The Fund may invest significantly in below investment grade or non-rated debt securities, including high yield bonds, which are generally subject to lower liquidity, higher volatility and greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated securities.
- 3. The Fund's investments are concentrated in China. The value of the Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.
- 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. RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to foreign exchange control policies of the Chinese government. Non-RMB based (e.g. Hong Kong) investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' base currencies (for example HKD) will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB would adversely affect the value of investor's investment in the Fund.
- The Fund may use certain financial derivative instruments for hedging and investment purposes, which may not achieve the intended purpose and may result in significant losses.
- 8. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

# **BEA Union Investment China High Yield Income Fund ("CHY")**

# **Chinese High Yield Bonds Rebound Following Regulatory Boost**



# Highlights:

- 1. Chinese high yield industrial bonds rebound following window guidance from the People's Bank of China
- 2. Onshore credit market likely to get support from central government's fiscal and monetary policies
- 3. Several Chinese high yield property new issues show potential for capital appreciation

# **Fund Features**

- ➤ The Fund diversifies over 60 China high yield bonds.
- Selects quality China high yield bonds to target stable income and additional return.

# **Market Review and Outlook**

# Review of Interest Rate Market

- 10-year U.S. Treasury yields edged higher to around 3% in July, driven by hawkish statements from the Federal Reserve and more risk-on market sentiment.
- Global interest rates are expected to increase further due to the rate normalisation policies of major central banks, including the U.S. Federal Reserve.

# Chinese High Yield Bonds

- Due to improving investor sentiment, and supportive policy measures, Chinese high yield bond markets experienced a degree of recovery in July.
- Sentiment regarding Chinese high yield industrial bonds was supported by window guidance from the People's Bank of China (PBOC) and its partial relaxation of rules on wealth management products and asset management.



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- The China Development Bank clarified that the right to approve shanty town redevelopment loans remains with local branches, and that these loans are on track year-to-date. This partly relieved some concern about a quick slowdown in lower-tier city property sales.
- China's politburo meeting concluded with several fiscal policies to promote economic growth and maintain a neutral monetary policy. At the same time, the PBOC continues to deliver regulatory relief by injecting liquidity through money market operations, which in turn supports the onshore credit market.

# **Investment Strategy**

- In view of market sentiment having improved in July, the Fund switched some of its investment grade bond exposure into selective high yield bonds with solid financial profiles and towards more favourable sectors such as coal and oil.
- We continue to see idiosyncratic risk in the industrial sector, while onshore liquidity remains tight especially in relation to weaker credits. The Fund has been adding exposure on more defensive short-dated bonds and issuers with better credit quality.
- The Fund participated in several high yield new issues in the Chinese property sector which showed potential for capital appreciation.

# **Fund Performance and Dividend**

Performance<sup>1</sup>: A USD (Distributing)

# Cumulative Performance Calendar Year Performance 8.4%\* 7.0% -1.8% YTD 1 Year 2017 2016

# \* Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 22 April 2016.

# Dividend

July 2018	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>2</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.05490	6.7%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.54900	6.6%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.06480	8.2%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.71400	8.7%





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### Recent Award





One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>3</sup> House Award, Best-In-Class, Asia Fixed Income<sup>4</sup>

# **Highly Regarded Award-Winning Fixed Income Team**

• The fixed income professionals of BEA Union Investment Management Limited have been recognised by the Asset as "One of the Astute Investors in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>3</sup>" in 2018 and "One of the Astute Investors in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>5</sup>" in 2017.

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   The company has been named "One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>3</sup>" in 2018 and "One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>5</sup>" in 2017 by the Asset, and "Best Fund House in Asia Fixed Income<sup>4</sup>" by BENCHMARK in 2017.
- The Asian Bond and Currency fund, managed by the same fixed income team, has won 32 fund awards<sup>6</sup> since 2012.

# **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000288032	BEACYAU HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000288040	BEACYAH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000288057	BEACYAA HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000288065	BEACYAR HK

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

- 1. Source: Lipper, as at 31 July 2018. The quoted NAV is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 22 April 2016, performance is calculated in the respective class of denominated currencies on a NAV to NAV basis. Gross income is re-invested.
- 2. Annualised dividend yield = (dividend of July 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.
- 3. Source: The Asset, 2018 Research for Asian Local Currency Bonds, June 2018.
- 4. Source: BENCHMARK, November 2017.
- 5. Source: The Asset, 2017 Research for Asian G3 Bonds, October 2017.
- The fund has won 32 fund awards since 2012. Organisations which have granted awards to the fund include Asia Asset Management, AsianInvestor, BENCHMARK, Fund Selector Asia, Fundsupermart.com and Lipper.

Investments in the Fund are subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. For full details and risk factors of the Fund, please refer to the explanatory memorandum of the Fund. Investors should also read the explanatory memorandum of the Fund for detailed information prior to any subscription. The information contained herein is only a brief introduction to the Fund. Investors should be aware that the price of units may go down as well as up as the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The information contained in this document is based upon information which BEA Union Investment Management Limited considers reliable and is provided on an "as is" basis. This document does not constitute an offer, recommendation or solicitation to buy or sell any securities or financial instruments. The Fund has been authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") in Hong Kong. SFC authorisation is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors. This material and the website have not been reviewed by the SFC in Hong Kong.

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