

Fund Monthly Report

Important note:

- 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 primarily investing in debt securities denominated in Asian or other currencies and primarily issued by Asian government or corporate entities.
- 2. The Fund is subject to general investment risk, Asian market concentration risk, emerging market risk and currency risk.
- 3. The Fund invests in debts securities and are subject to risks in interest rates, credit/counterparty, downgrading, below investment grade and non-rated securities, volatility and liquidity, valuation and sovereign debt and credit rating which may adversely affect the price of the debt securities.
- 4. The manager may at its discretion make distributions from income and/or capital in respect of the distributing classes of the Fund. 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 the 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 a freely convertible currency as it is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. 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 the RMB could adversely affect the value of investors' investments.
- 7. The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for hedging and investment purposes which may not achieve the intended purpose and may result in significant losses. Risks associated with derivative instruments include counterparty/ credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk.
- 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

Asian High Yield Bonds Recover from Recent Correction



Highlights:

- 1. Asian high yield bonds have recovered from recent correction
- 2. China rolls out more supportive measures amid epidemic
- 3. The Fund maintains a balanced level of higher beta and longer duration bonds

Fund Features

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

Market Review and Outlook

Interest Rate Market

- In January, the U.S. Treasury yields were lower compared to the previous month due to virus fear. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield traded in a volatile range between 1.51% and 1.92% and closed at 1.51% at the end of the month.

Asian High Yield Bonds

- The market started strongly at the beginning of January. However, coronavirus outbreak in the last week of the month triggered sell-off in the market, after which we saw bond prices recovered from the correction.
- In terms of sectors, Indian names and Chinese financial names outperformed because they were less impacted by the disease on a fundamental basis. On the other hand, Chinese property and Macau gaming names underperformed as their operations were more affected.



Asian Local Currency Bonds

- The positive market sentiment reversed in the second half of January amid the coronavirus outbreak. Bond yields went down for those markets that are more sensitive to the U.S. Treasury yields, such as Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong. Indonesian bonds managed to keep the gains due to the Bank of Indonesia's intervention in the foreign exchange and bond markets.

Market Outlook

- Given the outbreak situation in the Mainland, the Chinese government has rolled out measures, including liquidity injection to the financial system and reportate cut, and to support the more impacted companies.
- We are aware of the negative impact on China's economic growth in the first quarter, but we believe part of the market output and demand could be deferred to later part of the year.

Investment Strategy

- The Fund will position constructively and maintains a balanced level of higher beta and longer duration bonds given the epidemic and policy measures to support the economy.
- At the same time, the Fund continues to look for opportunities to pick up names with attractive valuation and continue to diversify across sectors.

Fund Performance and Dividend

Performance²: A USD (Distributing)



A USD (Distributing) launched on 28 August 2008.

Dividend

January 2020	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield ³
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.06651	5.8%
H HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.05336	5.8%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.04166	5.0%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.57640	6.6%



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One of the Top Investment (Hong Kong)

One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian G3 Bonds Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)5

Gold Winner. Regional Bond⁶

Best-In-Class, Asia Pacific Fixed Income Hard Currency⁷

Asia Pacific Bond, **Hard Currency** (3 Years & 5 Years) 8

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
I HKD (Accumulating)*	HK0000486685	BEABIHK 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
I HKD (Distributing)*	HK0000484854	BEABIHA HK

^{*} For professional investor only

Source of the fund information: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 31 January 2020.

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- Source: Lipper, as at 31 January 2020. 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 January x 12) / last month end NAV x 100%. Please refer to dividend notice available on website for dividend composition information and details. 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, 2019 Research for Asian G3 Bonds, October 2019.
- Source: The Asset, 2019 Research for Asian Local Currency Bonds, October 2019.
- Source: Fund Selector Asia, January 2020.
- Source: BENCHMARK, November 2019.
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