

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 is 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.
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- 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")

Indonesian Bonds Outperform on Policy Support



Highlights:

- 1. Indonesian high yield bonds outperform on policy support
- 2. Chinese high yield property names extend the gains
- 3. The Fund increases metal and mining exposures to capture commodity prices recovery

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 the appreciation potential of Asian bonds.

Market Review and Outlook

Interest Rate Market

- In May, the U.S. Treasury yields were mostly stable. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield traded in a very narrow range between 0.61% and 0.72% and closed flattish for the month. We expect the U.S. Treasury yields will show a gradual upward tendency due to risk-on sentiment and economy reopening.

Asian High Yield Bonds

- The COVID-19 pandemic is further controlled in many countries except a few, governments announced the gradual lifting of lockdown and to reopen the economies. Asian high yield bond market saw strong inflows in May.





- India and Indonesia announced policy support amounted to 10% and 3.9% of the GDP respectively, Indian and Indonesian non-bank financial institution and commodity names outperformed as a result of policy support and recovery of commodity prices. Chinese property names extended their gains, despite at a smaller magnitude.

Asian Local Currency Bonds

- In May, the market continued to rebound as Asian central banks announced more rate cuts and easing policies. The gradual reopening of economies also boosted investor sentiment.
- Indonesian local currency bonds outperform due to the aggressive easing measures introduced by the central bank. The Indonesia rupiah was also well supported by the decent foreign inflows.

Market Outlook

- We expect Asian high yield bond market will continue to see inflows on the back of ample liquidity and policy support from the governments. We remain constructive on the Chinese high yield property sector and certain Indian and Indonesian names with attractive value.
- On the other hand, we are mindful of the re-emerging tension between the U.S. and China, as well as the potential second wave of COVID-19 infections.

Investment Strategy

- We are modestly optimistic towards Asian high yield bonds as economic activities resume globally; ample liquidity returns to the market, and governments' policy remains supportive. We will rotate into sectors with attractive valuations and maintain the liquidity level in the portfolio.
- The Fund has switched into laggards as well as the metal and mining sector to capture the recovery of commodity prices. At the same time, the Fund increased its exposures in emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds to capture the increasing inflows to the region.

Fund Performance and Dividend

Performance¹: A USD (Distributing)



A USD (Distributing) launched on 28 August 2008.

Dividend

May 2020	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield ²
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.06978	7.3%
H HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.05572	7.3%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.04647	6.8%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.58986	8.0%



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Gold Winner Regional Bond⁶

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

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 May 2020.

- Source: Lipper, as at 31 May 2020. The guoted 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 May 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.
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- Source: Fund Selector Asia, January 2020.
- Source: BENCHMARK, November 2019.

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