



#### Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Flexi Allocation Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve long-term capital growth and income by investing in equity securities or debt securities that are either traded in the Asia Pacific region or issued by companies incorporated in the Asia Pacific region or companies which have significant operations in or derive significant portion of revenue from 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 REITs, equities, ETFs 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 the Asia Pacific region.
- 4. The Fund may invest in below investment grade or non-rated debt securities including high yield bonds, 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 Flexi Allocation Fund ("AFA")**

## **Adding into China and Hong Kong Consumer Stocks**



## Highlights:

- 1. The Fund remains overweight in equities and adds into China and Hong Kong consumer stocks
- 2. Selectively invest in Australian equities, prefer companies with high quality earnings, recurrent income and sustainable dividends
- 3. The Fund is looking to take profit or switch opportunistically in Asian investment grade bonds

## **Fund Features**

- > The Fund is an Asia Pacific equity-biased mixed-asset income fund, which invests in a prudent selection of blue-chip stocks with stable earnings and dividend growth potential.
- The Fund captures Asia Pacific blue chips' appreciation potential using a strategy of lower volatility, it employs flexible allocation in Asia Pacific bonds to enhance returns and diversify portfolio risks.

## **Market Review and Outlook**

#### Equities

- China's onshore and offshore equity markets continued to move up in April. The markets started off with solid momentum but gradually faded after the politburo meeting signaled less easing than before.
- Australian equities continued to trend up but underperformed the region in April, led by the consumer sector on better than expected earnings and industry updates. We remain very selective in Australia and prefer companies with high quality earnings, recurrent income and sustainable dividends, and global leadership.





- Hong Kong equity market continued its upward trend in April. The banks in Hong Kong outperformed due to stronger HIBOR, while local property developers underperformed. The Macau gaming sector outperformed on better than expected earnings.
- Taiwan stock market continued the strong year-to-date rally amid expectations of semiconductor inventory correction to end by mid-year.

### **Bonds**

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, valuations have come to a fair level and further upside is limited. However there is no imminent catalyst for substantial sell-off given new supply still limited.
- In April, Asian high yield credit market remained stable overall. Chinese industrial, Indian corporates and Macau gaming sectors were top performing, where we see moderate spread tightening driven by the demand from diversification.
- We expect the recent tensions in trade dispute and mixed economic data will affect overall risk sentiment and add volatility to the market.

## **Investment Strategy**

## **Equities**

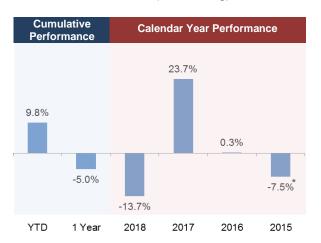
- The Fund remains overweight in equities; it has increased its allocation in equities via New Zealand, Indonesia and Taiwan.
- The Fund added mainly into consumer sectors in China, Hong Kong and New Zealand, while took profit from Australian materials and Chinese IT sectors.
- We remain cautiously constructive and mindful of a softer global growth outlook and continued uncertainty around the U.S.- China trade negotiations.

## **Bonds**

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, the Fund continues to overweight selective BBB-rated names and long-end bonds with sound technical factors. At the same time, we are looking to take profit or switch opportunistically.
- In terms of Asian high yield bonds, as certain sectors were impacted by the increase in bond issuance following the reporting period, we expect investors will turn more conservative, solid names with moderate duration and higher yield pickup will likely to outperform.

## **Fund Performance and Dividend**

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



# \* Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 6 February 2015.

## Dividend

April 2019	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>2</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.030	3.9%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.300	3.8%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.027	3.9%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.350	4.6%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD0.027	3.8%





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### **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000224250	BEAPAUA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000224201	BEAPAUI HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000224219	BEAPAHI HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224227	BEAPAUH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224235	BEAFARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224243	BEAPANH HK

Source of the fund data: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 30 April 2019.

- Source: Lipper, as at 30 April 2019. The quoted NAV is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 6 February 2015, 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 April 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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