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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 is subject to equity markets risk such as changes in investment sentiment, economic conditions and issuer-specific factors which may adversely affect the fund value.
4. The Fund invests in debts or fixed income securities are exposed to interest rates, credit/counterparty, downgrading, volatility and liquidity, valuation and sovereign debt and credit rating risks which may adversely affect the price of the debt securities.
5. The Fund may invest in below investment grade or non-rated debt securities which are subject to greater volatility and liquidity risks than higher-rated securities.
6. The Fund is exposed to concentration risk in Asia Pacific region and may be more volatile than in a more diverse portfolio of investment.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The Fund may acquire financial derivative instruments for hedging and investment purposes. Given the leverage effect embedded in financial derivative instruments, the Fund may be exposed to significant losses.
11. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

BEA Union Investment **Asia Pacific Flexi Allocation Fund (“AFA”)**

Asian IT Stocks Rally on Trade Deal Optimism


Highlights:

- 1. Asian IT stocks rallied in December on trade deal optimism**
- 2. Chinese equities outperformed on easing geopolitical and policy risks**
- 3. The Fund maintains a higher level of higher beta Asian bonds on the back of positive sentiment**

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 relatively 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 potential and diversify portfolio risks.

Market Review and Outlook
Equities

- The MSCI Asia Pacific ex Japan Index rallied in December, mainly led by South Korea, China and Taiwan.
- In South Korea, the market outperformance was led by IT and healthcare sectors. The positive development in trade talks boosted IT sectors across Asia. The healthcare sector in Korea rallied on the back of earnings upgrade and rotation into laggards.

- Chinese equity market was outperformed, it was mainly led by property, materials and IT sectors due to lower geopolitical risk, policy easing and stabilising manufacturing sector.

Bonds

- In December, market sentiment turned positive following U.S. President Trump's optimistic comment on the phase one trade deal.
- In terms of sectors, Chinese high yield property bonds outperformed due to more city-level policy relaxation and expectations on onshore bond issuance quota relaxation. Indian financial and Macau gaming names traded strongly as investors' demand for longer duration and diversification.
- In December, the credit spreads of Asian investment grade bonds tightened due to thin liquidity in the market. We expect credit spreads to be range-bound given the tight valuation of bonds and potential supply of new issuance.

Investment Strategy

Equities

- We remain cautious and are mindful of moderating global growth and earnings revision. We have reduced the equities exposure in India, Thailand and Indonesia, and rotated into China, Taiwan and South Korea.
- We increased exposure in consumer services, financials and IT sectors, while reduced exposure in materials, consumer staples and energy sectors.
- We prefer defensive, domestically oriented, beneficiary of localisation themes and high quality earners with strong free cash flow, strong balance sheet and potential capital returns.

Bonds

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, duration of the portfolio remains neutral. We adopt a more tactical approach and overweight higher beta names on the back of positive sentiment in the market.
- In terms of Asian high yield bonds, we will position constructively and maintains a higher level of higher beta and longer duration bonds.

Fund Performance and Dividend

Performance¹ : A USD (Distributing)



Dividend

December 2019	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield ²
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.029	3.9%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.290	3.9%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.021	3.2%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.320	4.4%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.021	3.1%

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

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Fund Code

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000224250	BEAPUA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000224201	BEAPUI HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000224219	BEPAHI HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224227	BEPAUH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224235	BEAFARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224243	BEAPANH HK

Source of the fund information: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 31 December 2019.

1. Source: Lipper, as at 31 December 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 December x 12) / last month end NAV x 100%. Please refer to the 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.

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