

**Fund Monthly Report** 

#### Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Multi Income Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve income and long-term capital growth by investing in an actively managed portfolio of debt securities, listed REITs, and other listed securities in the Asia Pacific region.
- 2. The Fund invests in emerging markets and may be subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks.
- The Fund invests directly in listed REITs, equities 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 local and global marketplace.
- 4. The Fund may invest in lower-rated fixed income instruments, including below investment grade and non-rated debt securities, 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 Multi Income Fund ("APM")

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# Selectively Overweight Asian Investment Grade Bonds



# Highlights;

- 1. Positive development in trade negotiations boosts Chinese equity markets
- 2. The Fund selectively overweight BBB-rated Asian investment grade bonds
- 3. Tactically adds laggard high yield stocks to enhance return

#### Fund Features

The Fund focuses on high yielding Asia Pacific bonds and equities, distributions from both bonds and equities are the main source of income.

# **Market Review and Outlook**

#### Bonds

- The U.S. Treasury yields plummeted following the FOMC meeting, which signaled the pause for a further rate hike. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield dropped 31basis points to 2.405% at the end of March, the lowest level since December 2017.
- In March, overall Asian high yield bonds spread continued to tighten, supported by the risk on sentiment, limited supply and inflows. Chinese high yield property bonds were supported by muted new issuance due to reporting season.
- In the Southeast Asia markets, we expect Indonesian and Indian commodity names to continue benefit from favourable commodity prices while the sector may be impacted by new supply for funding their CapEx plans.



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### **Equities**

- China's onshore and offshore equity markets continued to rally in March, mainly driven by the positive developments in the U.S.-China trade negotiations and favourable global liquidity environment. The property sector outperformed the most on stronger than expected result and contracted sales guidance.
- Australia equities continued to trend up but underperformer the region in March. The main drag was the energy sector which returned some gains post very strong outperformance in previous two months. REITs delivered the strongest returns, reacting to the drop in the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield.
- Taiwan equities gained in March, markets opened lower in the first week but strengthened thereafter driven by positive news-flow around U.S. technology sector rebound.

#### Investment Strategy

#### <u>Bonds</u>

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, the Fund maintains a neutral strategy on duration. We continue to overweigh selective BBB-rated names but underweight and took profit from the technology sector.
- In terms of Asian high yield bonds, we will turn slightly defensive and trim names with tight valuations and long duration due to the supply pressure, particularly on the Chinese property sector.

### Equities

- The Fund took profit on outperforming stocks and switched into those with attractive dividend yields.
- The Fund continues to position into higher yielding names in Australia and Singapore. We remain positive on REITs, as the market expectations of further rate hikes have diminished.
- Given the market momentum, the Fund will tactically consider the laggards with decent yields in order to enhance return.

### **Fund Performance and Dividend**

Performance<sup>2</sup> : A USD (Distributing)



Dividend

March 2019	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>3</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.04900	5.8%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.49000	5.8%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.04000	5.8%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.49000	6.6%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.04000	5.8%
A EUR Hedged (Distributing)	EUR 0.02700	3.3%

A USD (Distributing) launched on 11 May 2012.



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# **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000122330	BEAPUAA HK
A RMB Hedged (Accumulating)	HK0000282605	BEAARHA HK
A EUR Hedged (Accumulating)	HK0000405701	BEAAEHA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000107257	BEAPMIU HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000107265	BEAPMIH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162815	BEAPAAH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000194255	BEAPARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000162849	BEANZDH HK
A EUR Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000405693	BEAAEHD HK

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

- 1. Source: ©2019 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. Data as of 31 March 2019. The rating is for A USD (Distributing).
- 2. Source: Lipper, as at 31 March 2019. The quoted return is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 11 May 2012. Performance is calculated in the respective class of denominated currencies on a NAV to NAV basis. Gross income is re-invested.
- 3. Annualised dividend yield = (dividend of March 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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