

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 is subject to general investment risk, equity market risk, asset allocation risk, Asian market concentration risk, emerging market risk and currency risk.
- The Fund invests in debts securities and are subject to risks in interest rates, credit/counterparty, downgrading, below investment grade or nonrated securities, volatility and liquidity, valuation and sovereign debt and credit rating risks 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 Asia Pacific Multi Income Fund ("APM")

 $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ Morningstar Overall Rating¹

Asian Investment Grade Bonds Remain Resilient Overall



Highlights;

- **1.** Asian investment grade bonds remain resilient overall
- 2. Asian equities continue fluctuating amid epidemic
- 3. Pre-emptive monetary easing smooths out market volatility

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

- In January, the Asian high yield bond 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.
- Overall, Asian investment grade bonds remained resilient despite short term volatility. Given the tight valuation, we expect credit spreads to continue range-bound and largely hinge on risk sentiment.
- In terms of sectors, Indian high yield names and Chinese high yield financial names outperformed because they were less impacted by the disease on a fundamental basis. Chinese high yield property and Macau gaming names underperformed since their operations were affected by the outbreak.



<u>Equities</u>

- The MSCI Asia Pacific ex Japan Index corrected in January, mainly due to concerns over coronavirus outbreak, the consumer discretionary sector underperformed the market.
- We expect Asian equity markets will remain volatile amid the ever-changing dynamics of trade talks, geopolitical risk and the incident of coronavirus. However, pre-emptive easing by central banks will smooth out the volatility.

Investment Strategy

<u>Bonds</u>

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, duration of the portfolio remains neutral. We adopt a more tactical approach and slightly underweight the China market.
- In terms of Asian high yield bonds, we 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.

Equities

- We took profit from outperformers, rotated into names with attractive and sustainable dividend yields supported by strong free cash flow.
- The Fund continues to position into higher-yielding names in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong. We remain positive towards bond-proxy stocks, REITS, companies committed to dividends and dividend growers.

Fund Performance and Dividend





Dividend

January 2020	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield ³
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.05100	6.0%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.51000	6.0%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.03600	5.3%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.51000	6.8%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.03600	5.2%
A EUR Hedged (Distributing)	EUR 0.02900	3.6%

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

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- 1. Source: ©2020 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. Data as of 31 January 2020. The rating is for A USD (Distributing).
- Source: Lipper, as at 31 January 2020. 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 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.

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