

**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")**

 $\star \star \star \star$ Morningstar Overall Rating<sup>1</sup>

## Chinese Property and Industrial Bonds Outperform on Rate Cut



## Highlights;

- 1. Chinese property and industrial bonds outperform on the rate cut by the People's Bank of China
- 2. We look for Asian bonds that are set to benefit from global monetary easing
- 3. We will consider laggard stocks with decent yields to enhance returns

## **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 February, the U.S. Treasury yields were dramatically lower from 1.51% to 1.15% due to pandemic fear. The 10year U.S. Treasury yield traded in a volatile range between 1.15% and 1.51% and closed at 1.15% at the end of the month.
- At the beginning of February, Asian high yield bond market rebounded from the sell-off in January with the expectation on policy support from China and well control of new infection cases. However, the virus spread in the Middle East and Europe led to another sell-off.
- In terms of sectors, Chinese high yield property and industrial names outperformed because the People's Bank of China cut the loan prime rate and rolled out supportive measures for industries. Indonesian names underperformed as a result of the devaluation of Indonesian rupiah, Indian names also underperformed due to sell-off from foreign investors.



#### **Equities**

- The MSCI Asia Pacific ex Japan Index continued its weakness in February, mainly dragged by Thailand, Indonesia and Australia.
- In February, offshore Chinese equities recovered from the correction in January. The Chinese government introduced supportive policies to encourage work resumptions, credit lending and infrastructure investments. Chinese property stocks outperformed due to easing expectations.
- Australian market's underperformance was broad-based as corporate earnings confirmed weakness in the underlying data. As more companies missed estimates, earning revisions remain negative. At the same time, the weak Australian dollar and the coronavirus outbreak caused capital outflow.

## **Investment Strategy**

#### **Bonds**

- We remain cautious on global economic development amid coronavirus outbreak and OPEC disagreement. We will continue to look for solid names with exceptionally low valuations that are set to benefit from global monetary easing.
- At the same time, the Fund has been invested in bonds with new issue premium in the primary market.

#### **Equities**

- We took profit from outperformers, rotated into names with attractive and sustainable dividend yields supported by strong free cash flow.
- We will opportunistically consider the companies with a structural turnaround in capital gains or laggards with decent yields to enhance returns.

## **Fund Performance and Dividend**

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



Dividend

February 2020	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>3</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.05000	5.9%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.50000	5.9%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.03500	5.2%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.50000	6.7%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD 0.03500	5.1%
A EUR Hedged (Distributing)	EUR 0.02800	3.5%

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 29 February 2020. The rating is for A USD (Distributing).
- Source: Lipper, as at 29 February 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 February 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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