

# **Fund Monthly Report**

#### Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment China Gateway Fund (the "Fund") seeks medium to long term capital growth and income through investing primarily in equity securities and/or debt securities, that are either (a) traded in China or (b) issued by entities incorporated in China or entities which have significant operations in or assets in, or derive significant portion of revenue or profits from China.
- The Fund's investments are concentrated in China and may be subject to high concentration risk and more volatility than that of funds having a more diverse portfolio of investment. The value of the Fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the China market.
- The Fund invests in debts or fixed income securities are exposed to interest rates, credit/counterparty, downgrading, volatility and liquidity, valuation and sovereign debt, credit rating risks and credit rating agency risk (for mainland China onshore debt securities) which may adversely affect the price of the debt securities.
- 4. 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's value.
- 5. The Fund invests in emerging markets and may be subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks.
- 6. The Fund is subject to China tax risk and any increased tax liabilities on the Fund may adversely affect the Fund's value.
- 7. The Fund may invest in below investment grade, or rated BB+ or below by a China credit rating agency, or non-rated debt securities, which are subject to greater volatility and liquidity risks than higher-rated debt securities.
- 8. The Fund may invest in China A-Shares via Stock Connects, China interbank bond market via Foreign Direct Access Regime and/or Bond Connect which are subject to regulatory risks and various risks such as quota limitation (for Stock Connects), volatility risk, liquidity risk, settlement and counterparty risk. Change in the relevant rules and regulations may have potential retrospective effect. When there is suspension in trading, the Fund's ability to invest in the China market may be adversely affected.
- 9. 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. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. The Fund may invest in other funds that may not be regulated by the SFC. There is no guarantee that the underlying funds will also have sufficient liquidity to meet the Fund's redemption request.
- 14. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

# **BEA Union Investment China Gateway Fund ("CGF")**

# Chinese Economic Data Surprise on the Upside



# Highlights:

- 1. Chinese economic data surprise on the upside
- 2. Improvement in corporate confidence is expected
- 3. The Fund continues to overweight sectors with structural growth theme

### **Fund Features**

- ➤ A one-stop solution for investing in Chinese stocks and bonds. Access to onshore and offshore investment channels, providing a way to fully capture investment opportunities in Chinese stocks and bonds.
- Flexible allocation in stocks and bonds to balance risk and return.



### **Market Review and Outlook**

#### **Equities**

- In December, both Chinese onshore and offshore equity markets posted a strong gain. The key driver was the mitigation of geopolitical risk as the U.S.-China phase one trade deal had been reached. On the other hand, economic data came in above expectation and more monetary easing measures were announced.
- In terms of sectors, cyclical sectors such as property, material and energy outperformed, while defensive sectors such as healthcare, consumer staples and utilities lost traction.

#### **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. Chinese industrial bonds underperformed, the sector was dragged by the concerns over default risk in individual names.

# **Investment Strategy**

#### Equities

- Given the more accommodative monetary policy environment, we expect improvement in corporate confidence level and pick up in private investment and profitability.
- Market valuation remains reasonable, the Fund has been adding exposure on financial and selective macro-sensitive sectors. At the same time, the Fund is taking profit from recent outperformers.
- The Fund continues to overweight sectors that have specific structural growth theme, such as mass consumption, new energy, technology names that benefit from localisation, healthcare and construction machinery.

#### **Bonds**

- In December, we added higher beta names on the back of the positive sentiment. The Fund has been picking up bonds with new issue premium in the primary market.
- The Fund will position constructively and maintains a higher level of higher beta and longer duration bonds in view of the strong Chinese property market and the positive progress on U.S.-China trade talk.

## **Fund Performance and Dividend**

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



<sup>\*</sup> Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 31 January 2018.

#### Dividend

December 2019	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>2</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.029	4.2%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.290	4.2%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.023	3.5%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.320	4.8%





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## **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000257458	BUCGAUA HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000257441	BUCGAUD HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000257433	BUCGAHD HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000375482	BUCGARH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000375474	BUCGAAH 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 31 January 2018, 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 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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