

# **Fund Monthly Report**

#### Important note:

- 1. BEA Union Investment China High Yield Income Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve medium to long term capital growth and regular income by primarily investing in high yield debt securities that are issued or guaranteed by entities which are incorporated in China or have significant operations in or assets in, or derive significant portion of revenue or profits from China.
- 2. The Fund may invest significantly in below investment grade or non-rated debt securities, including high yield bonds, which are generally subject to lower liquidity, higher volatility and greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated securities.
- 3. The Fund's investments are concentrated in China. The value of the Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.
- 4. 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.
- 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 these 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 freely convertible and is subject to foreign exchange control policies of the Chinese government. 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 RMB would adversely affect the value of investor's investment in the Fund.
- 7. The Fund may use certain financial derivative instruments for hedging and investment purposes, which may not achieve the intended purpose and may result in significant losses.
- 8. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

# **BEA Union Investment China High Yield Income Fund ("CHY")**

# **Risk-on Sentiment Continue to Support China High Yield Bonds**



# Highlights:

- 1. Overall bond spreads tighten as a result of risk-on sentiment
- 2. Muted issuance during reporting season boosted Chinese high yield property bonds
- 3. The Fund adds higher beta names with attractive valuations and improved fundamentals

#### **Fund Features**

- The Fund targets to generate additional return through dynamic trading.
- Managed by seasoned investment professionals to ensure selection of quality bonds.

#### **Market Review and Outlook**

#### Review of Interest Rate Market

- The U.S. Treasury yields plummeted following the FOMC meeting, which signaled the pause for a further rate hike.
  The dovish stance of the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) shift mainly occurred in the context of downside risk to growth and muted inflation.
- The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield dropped 31 basis points to 2.405% at the end of March, the lowest level since December 2017.

## Chinese High Yield Bonds

- In March, overall market spreads 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.
- Chinese high yield industrial bonds underperformed in March due to weak full-year results announced by certain issuers and their tight valuations.
- We expect there will be more beta and duration chasing in the market, names with an exceptionally attractive yield and material fundamental improvement will continue to outperform the market.



### **Investment Strategy**

- The Fund has been picking up bonds in the primary market with new issue premium. We added some higher beta names with attractive valuation, improved funding access and fundamentals.
- The Fund took partial profit from bonds with tight valuations. 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.

# **Fund Performance and Dividend**

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



\* Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 22 April 2016.

### Dividend

March 2019	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>2</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.06940	8.5%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.70300	8.5%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.06580	8.5%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.74700	9.3%



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#### **Recent Award**







One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>3</sup>

One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>4</sup>

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House Award, Best-In-Class, Asia Fixed Income

# **Highly Regarded Award-Winning Fixed Income Team**

- The fixed income professionals of BEA Union Investment Management Limited have been recognised by the Asset as "One of the Astute Investors in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong) 3" and "One of the Astute Investors in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong) 4" in 2018.
- The company has been named "One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian G3 Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>3</sup>" and "One of the Top Investment Houses in Asian Local Currency Bonds (Hong Kong)<sup>4</sup>" in 2018 by the Asset, and "Best Fund House in Asia Fixed Income<sup>5</sup>" by BENCHMARK in 2017.

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The Asian Bond and Currency fund, managed by the same fixed income team, has won 37 fund awards<sup>6</sup> since 2012.

#### **Fund Code**

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000288032	BEACYAU HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000288040	BEACYAH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000288057	BEACYAA HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000288065	BEACYAR HK

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

- 1. Source: Lipper, as at 31 March 2019. The quoted NAV is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 22 April 2016, 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 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.
- 3. Source: The Asset, 2018 Research for Asian G3 Bonds, October 2018.
- 4. Source: The Asset, 2018 Research for Asian Local Currency Bonds, June 2018.
- 5. Source: BENCHMARK, November 2017.
- 6. The fund has won 37 fund awards since 2012. Organisations which have granted awards to the fund include Asia Asset Management, AsianInvestor, BENCHMARK, Fund Selector Asia, Fundsupermart.com and Thomson Reuters Lipper.

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