

# FSSA Asian Growth Fund

- The Fund invests primarily in equity or equity-related securities of companies that are listed, or have their registered offices in, or conduct a majority of their economic activity in Asia excluding Australia, Japan and New Zealand.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets which may have increased risks than developed markets including liquidity risk, currency risk/control, political and economic uncertainties, high degree of volatility, settlement risk and custody risk.
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Lead portfolio manager	Approx. no. of stocks	Benchmark	Maximum cash	Minimum market cap
Richard Jones	40 – 50	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Index	10%	>US\$1.5bn

Minimum initial investment	US\$1,000	Initial charge	5.0%
Minimum subsequent Investment	US\$500	Management fee	1.5% p.a.
Share class	Class I (USD - Acc)	NAV/share	US\$62.92
Inception date	5 August 1999	ISIN code	IE0008368411

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2021. The Fund is a sub fund of Ireland domiciled First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund Plc.

## Why invest in the FSSA Asian Growth Fund?

### 1. An opportunity to tap into the wealth of the Asia Pacific region

- There are 4.5 billion people living in Asia – approximately 60% of the world's total
- Asia is the main contributor to global growth since major advanced economies still recovering from the global financial crisis
- We believe rising incomes and increased levels of urbanisation have helped to boost consumption and create domestic champions, while increased R&D spending and a focus on innovation have created globally competitive leaders

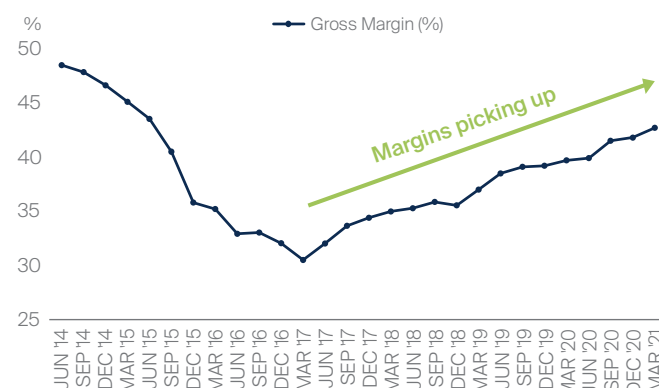
### Asia Pacific – the world's growth engine



### 2. Technology upgrade and 5G uplift

- Mediatek is a quality Taiwanese fabless semiconductor company
- Had a challenging few years but has since stabilised due to investments in “growth” areas such as IoT (Amazon Echo, WiFi devices), ASIC (customised chips) and power switches (power chips found in all electronic/ IoT devices)
- Backing the management – Rick Tsai (ex-TSMC) is now the sole CEO; former CEO MK Tsai remains as chairman
- A strong balance sheet and rising dividend provide additional margins of safety

### Signs of a turnaround

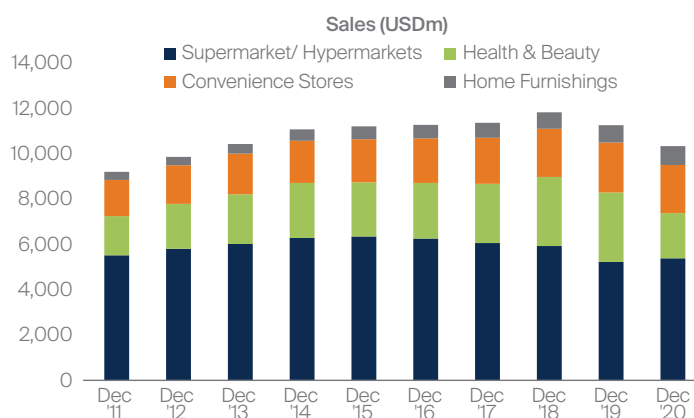


Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Company Reports and FSSA Investment Managers, as at 30 June 2021

### 3. Leading pan-Asian retailing group taking market share

- Dairy Farm is a high quality business and part of the Jardine Group, with family ownership/long-term stewardship (130-yr history) with around 10 thousand stores across 11 countries along with professional management
- HK/Macau growth remains strong, particularly health & beauty, 7-Eleven, IKEA and Maxim's. Indonesia, as well as newer markets such as Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines have the potential to become future growth drivers
- Supermarkets face threats from greater competition and e-commerce; but multi-year transformation in progress. New CEO, Ian McLeod, was appointed in 2017 and has overseen a significant shift in personnel and culture

### Supermarkets facing headwinds, but other businesses have grown strongly



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### Cumulative performance in USD (%)

	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
FSSA Asian Growth Fund	-0.3	3.4	3.4	40.5	66.8	529.2
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Index	-1.2	-4.7	-4.7	40.8	70.8	378.9

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2021. Since inception: 5 August 1999. The FSSA Asian Growth Fund Class I (USD - Acc) is the non-dividend distributing class of the fund. The performance quoted are based on USD total return (non-dividend distributing) of the respective class. Nav-Nav (USD total return). The Fund's calendar year performance: 3.4% (2021); 17.6% (2020); 15.6% (2019); -4.5% (2018); 24.3% (2017). The benchmark displayed is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index until 30 April 2002, the MSCI AC Far East ex Japan Index from 1 May 2002 until 1 November 2005 and the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Index from 2 November 2005 onwards. Gross of tax benchmark performance is shown before 1 July 2016 and net of tax benchmark performance is shown after the aforementioned date. Acc represents share class with dividends accumulated. On 22 September 2020, First State Asian Growth Fund was rebranded as FSSA Asian Growth Fund.

### About FSSA Investment Managers

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We are bottom-up investors, using fundamental research and analysis to construct high-conviction portfolios. We conduct more than a thousand direct company meetings a year, seeking to identify high quality companies to invest in. We look for founders and management teams that act with integrity and risk awareness; and dominant franchises that have the ability to deliver sustainable and predictable returns over the long term. As responsible, long-term shareholders, we have integrated ESG analysis into our investment process and engage extensively on environmental, labour and governance issues.

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