



# FSSA China Growth Fund

## Fund snapshot

- High-conviction portfolio with bottom-up stock selection
- Aims to provide long-term capital appreciation
- Managed by a team of Asia and Global Emerging Markets specialists with a long track record



**Minimum market cap**  
All cap



**Geographical sector**  
China

- The Fund invests primarily in equity securities or equity-related securities issued by companies with either assets in, or revenues derived from China.
- 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
Martin Lau	40 - 60	MSCI China Net Index	10%	All cap
Minimum initial investment		US\$1,000	Initial charge	5.0%
Minimum subsequent investment		US\$500	Management fee	1.75% p.a.
Share class		Class I (USD - Acc)	NAV/share	US\$172.49
Inception date		17 August 1999	ISIN code	IE0008368742

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 March 2025. The Fund is a sub fund of Ireland domiciled First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund Plc.

## Why invest in the FSSA China Growth Fund?

### 1. China 2.0: Evolution and innovation

- Driven by increasing innovation, the market is developing and broadening out; it is no longer just about state-owned companies
- In 2020, China received the most number of patent applications globally<sup>1</sup>
- More graduates are returning overseas, transferring their knowledge and skillsets
- Tap into China's transformation with these long-term structural investment themes:



**Dominant consumer franchises**



**Beneficiaries of the rise in healthcare spending**



**High-quality financials**



**A more connected and automated world**

### 2. A differentiated, high-conviction portfolio constructed from the bottom up

- High-conviction portfolio built from the bottom up with a focus on quality management, strong financials and sustainable growth drivers

Portfolio characteristics	
Differentiated (high active share)	73.8%
High conviction (# holdings)	50
Concentrated (top 20 holdings)	68.1%
Cash generative, asset light companies (ROCE <sup>#</sup> )	34.7%
Profitability (ROE <sup>*</sup> )	18.8%
P/E ratio (next 24 month) <sup>†</sup>	12.1x

Source: First Sentier Investors, FactSet, MSCI as at 31 March 2025.

<sup>#</sup> Weighted Average Post-Tax ROCE run excluding values below zero or above 200% (GICS financial companies are excluded).

<sup>\*</sup> Weighted Average Return on Equity run excluding values below zero.

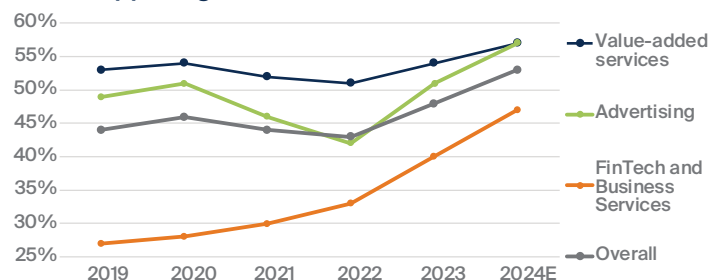
<sup>†</sup> Weighted Harmonic Average P/E ratio.

<sup>1</sup>Source: WIPO IP Portal, as at November 2021.

### 3. Tencent: The largest social media network and online gaming company in China

- As gaming business matures, company is monetising other areas like advertisements and e-commerce. Margin improvement trend is structural
- Visionary management, with a focus on quality and sustainable growth with strong ROIC mindset
- Buybacks doubled in 2024, divested maturing investments and returned cash to shareholders as special dividends

### Mobile app usage time share



Sources: Bloomberg, Questmobile, Morgan Stanley, FSSA Investment Managers as of 30 June 2024.

### Cumulative performance in USD %

	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
FSSA China Growth Fund	6.4	6.4	12.6	-14.2	7.8	31.3	1,625.0
MSCI China Net Index#	15.0	15.0	40.4	11.0	7.5	28.6	505.9

### Calendar year performance in USD %

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
FSSA China Growth Fund	3.4	-17.9	-19.7	-6.0	32.0
MSCI China Net Index#	19.4	-11.2	-21.9	-21.7	29.5

Source: Lipper, Nav-Nav (USD total return, non-dividend distributing), as at 31 March 2025. Since inception: 17 August 1999. #The benchmark displayed is the MSCI Golden Dragon Index until 31 May 2002 and the MSCI China Net Index from 1 June 2002 onwards. Gross of tax benchmark performance is shown before 1 July 2016 and net of tax benchmark performance is shown after the aforementioned date. FSSA China Growth Fund refers to Class I (USD - Acc), the non-dividend distributing share class.

## Why FSSA Investment Managers?

FSSA Investment Managers are specialists in Asia and Global Emerging Markets. Operating as an autonomous investment team within First Sentier Investors Group, we are a team of dedicated investment professionals based in Hong Kong, Singapore and London. Established in 1988, we are bottom-up investors with a different perspective, using fundamental research and analysis to construct high-conviction portfolios.



Quality focused



Absolute return mind-set



Benchmark indifference



ESG fully integrated

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