

Reasons-to-invest

China A Shares equities

Why invest in China?

China is the second largest economy and second largest stock market in the world. As the country evolves, the market is broadening out beyond previous state-owned enterprises. Trends such as consumption growth, R&D/innovation, and next generation manufacturing will continue to drive Chinese growth.

Dominant consumer franchises

Franchises leveraging rising incomes and demand for premium products offer growth potential

Healthcare spending

Healthcare spend per capita will grow benefitting companies providing drugs and medical services

Financial services growth

Positive demographics, rising income levels and urbanisation drive demand for financial products

Technology leaders

Higher R&D spend will promote technology champions within niche markets

Strategy overview

FSSA China A Shares strategy seeks to capture the major growth opportunities within China over the long-term. The strategy has a bottom-up approach with little reference to index weightings. Managed on an absolute return basis, portfolios focus on companies with proven management, sustainable growth drivers and strong financials.

Portfolio construction is shaped by four key investment themes: dominant consumer franchises, high quality banks, higher healthcare spend and industrial innovation.

Key strategy facts

- Aim: capital growth over the long term
- Universe: minimum 70% invested in China A shares
- Individual sector exposure cannot exceed 50%, exposure to companies with market cap less than US\$250m less than 20% of portfolio
- Lead manager: Winston Ke, 18 years investment experience

Why FSSA?

FSSA Investment Managers are specialists in Asia Pacific and Global Emerging Markets equity strategies. Our investment strategies cover regional and single country portfolios across the universe of small, mid and large-cap stocks.

An autonomous team within the First Sentier Group, we are bottom-up investors using fundamental research to construct high-conviction portfolios. ESG analysis is core to our process as we seek to identify high-quality, long-term investment opportunities.

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Investment approach

FSSA are long-term, fundamental bottom-up investors. Our investment approach is to research quality companies, buy them at a sensible price and hold for the long-term. We look for companies with proven management teams with a record of successfully managing their businesses across economic cycles.

The most attractive opportunities are likely to be companies with dominant franchises and an ability to deliver sustainable and predictable long-term returns. ESG engagement is core to our process as we believe companies with good or improving ESG standards are likely to be superior investments.

Long-term investors

Long-term investors. Promote improvement through active engagement

Bottom-up analysis

Bottom-up research. Ability to compound growth in excess of cost of capital

Quality companies

Strong management, high ESG standards, competitive advantage, record across cycles

Valuation discipline

Both financial and non-financial metrics to determine fair market value

Conservative approach

Resilient portfolios. Long term returns through consistent compounding of returns

Benchmark agnostic

Index considerations not part of portfolio construction. High-conviction portfolios

ESG integration

Sustainability issues viewed as investment issues. Active ESG engagement

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