

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of listed equities whose businesses are predominantly focused on the Asia ex-Japan region. It seeks to outperform MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan net total return (USD) Index over full market cycles, without undue risk to the capital.

**INVESTOR PROFILE**

Institutional investors requiring a UCITS accredited fund managed to provide long-term growth from a portfolio of Asia ex-Japan equities.

**TIME HORIZON**

Longer than five years.

**DOMICILE**

Luxembourg

**DEPOSITARY**

RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.

**INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Foord Asset Management (Guernsey) Limited

**SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Foord Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. Limited

**FUND MANAGERS**

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**INCEPTION DATE**

27 July 2021

**BASE CURRENCY**

US dollars

**EQUITY INDICATOR**

Indicates the relative weight of equities in the portfolio. A higher weight could result in increased volatility of returns.

**MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY**

Asia ex-Japan Equity

**TYPE OF SHARES**

Accumulation

**BENCHMARK**

MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan net total return (USD) Index

**INITIAL SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT**

US\$10 000

**SUBSEQUENT INVESTMENT AMOUNT**

US\$1 000

**FUND SIZE**

\$107.1 million

**MONTH END SHARE PRICE: CLASS R**

\$8.62

**NUMBER OF SHARES: CLASS R**

4.8 million

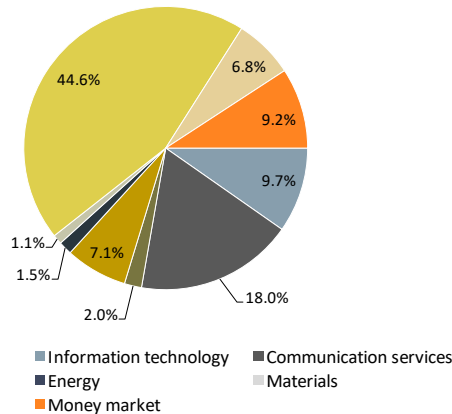
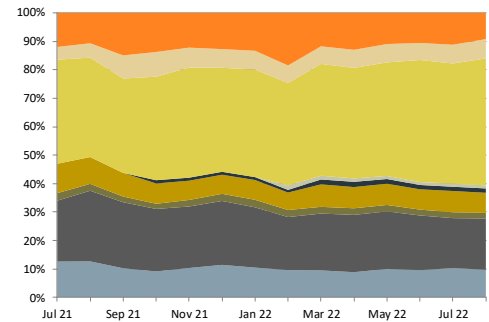
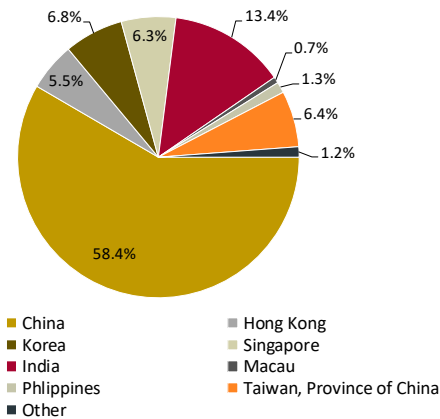
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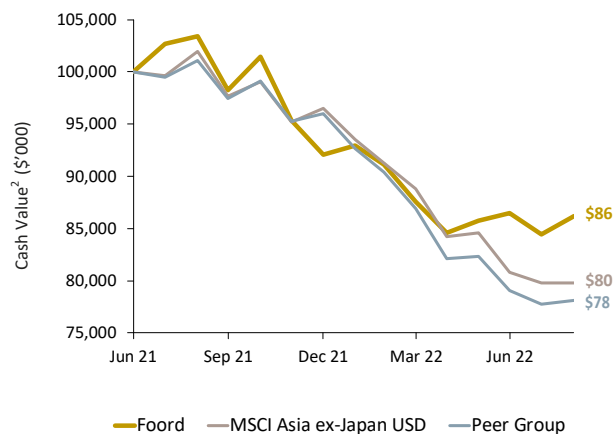
**ANNUALISED COST RATIO (CLASS R)**

12 MONTHS

TER —Basic	0.97%
—Performance	1.28%
Transaction costs	0.19%
Total cost ratio	2.44%

**PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**

**CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

**GEOGRAPHIC COUNTRY EXPOSURE**

**TOP 5 INVESTMENTS**

SECURITY	% OF FUND
JD.Com Inc - CL A	8.7
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	8.1
Tencent Holdings	7.2
Trip.com Group Ltd	7.2
Baidu Inc	6.2

**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED)<sup>1</sup>**

	CASH VALUE <sup>2</sup>	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 12 MONTHS	LAST 6 MONTHS	LAST 3 MONTHS	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH
FOORD <sup>3,4</sup>	\$ 86 150	-12.7%	-16.7%	-5.4%	0.4%	-6.4%	2.0%
MSCI ASIA EX JAPAN USD	\$ 79 791	-18.6%	-21.7%	-12.6%	-5.7%	-17.3%	0.0%
PEER GROUP <sup>4,5</sup>	\$ 78 109	-20.1%	-22.7%	-13.6%	-5.1%	-18.6%	0.5%

<sup>1</sup> Returns in USD unless otherwise stated.

<sup>2</sup> Current value of 100 000 notional currency units invested at inception (graphically represented above)

<sup>3</sup> Class R shares

<sup>4</sup> Net of fees and expenses

<sup>5</sup> Asia ex-Japan Equity (provisional), Source: Morningstar

**COMMENTARY (percentage returns in US dollars unless otherwise stated)**

- Global equities (-3.7%) declined following Fed Chairman Powell's hawkish Jackson Hole comments — hopes of a dovish Fed pivot were dashed by Powell's commitment to tighten financial conditions despite knowingly causing "pain" to households
- Emerging markets (+0.4%) outperformed, led by Brazilian (+6.4%) and Indian (+4.1%) bourses — despite the recent oil price decline, oil's strong 12-month gain (+36.1%) continues to propel the Brazilian economy, while Indian markets rebounded on stronger economic activity
- Asia ex-Japan bourses (-0.0%) were flat for a third consecutive month, while Chinese stocks (+0.2%) rose marginally — supported by more accommodative domestic policies and the start of an accounting audit by US regulators on Chinese US listed stocks
- Thai shares (+5.6%) rose sharply, boosted by recovering tourism, rising exports and a stronger currency, while Indonesian (+5.2%) equities also did well on improving economic fundamentals — Hong Kong (-3.5%) underperformed on negative sentiment from additional COVID-19 lockdowns in various Chinese cities and concerns regarding US rate hikes
- Energy stocks (+5.4%) gained the most on increasing economic growth optimism while utilities (+3.3%) also rose on rising inflation expectations — healthcare (-3.5%) and information technology (-3.2%) were the largest detractors on the back of regulatory and earnings uncertainty
- Fund outperformance was driven by consumer discretionary investments such as VIPShop (+26.7%) and JD.com (+5.6%) — off benchmark holdings in Jardine Cycle and Carriage (+17.3%) also contributed positively

**FEE STRUCTURE**

The annual fee comprises a fixed standard fee plus a performance fee, subject to an overall minimum.

The annual fee may be adjusted up daily (subject to fulfilling the performance conditions) by the performance fee, calculated as the difference between the portfolio performance and the benchmark return for the same period multiplied by the performance fee sharing rate.

**FEE RATES (CLASS R)**

Subscription and switching fees	0.00%
Standard annual fee	0.85%
Performance fee sharing rate	15%
Minimum annual fee	0.85%
Maximum annual fee	Uncapped

**PERFORMANCE FEES**

Performance fees align investor and manager return objectives by rewarding the manager for outperformance. A performance fee is chargeable only when the portfolio performance exceeds the benchmark. Should the portfolio underperform it must first recover the underperformance since the performance fee last crystallised or the inception of the share class, whichever is later.

The performance fee is calculated and accrued on a daily basis. If the performance conditions are no longer satisfied, all performance fees previously accrued during that accounting period (calendar year) are reversed.

**PERFORMANCE FEE EXAMPLES FOR FOORD ASIA EX-JAPAN (CLASS R)**

	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4
Share class performance	4.00%	4.00%	5.00%	-4.00%
Benchmark performance	6.00%	2.00%	3.00%	-5.00%
Sub-fund's GAV <sup>1</sup>	\$1,040,000	\$1,081,600	\$1,050,000	\$960,000
Notional NAV <sup>1</sup>	\$1,060,000	\$1,081,200	\$1,030,000	\$950,000
Outperformance	No	\$400	\$20,000	\$10,000
Is a performance fee payable?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Performance fee accrual	None	\$60	\$3,000	\$1,500
		[\$400 x 15%]	[\$20,000 x 15%]	[\$10,000 x 15%]

<sup>1</sup> The notional GAVs illustrated in the above table are based on the initial value of USD 1,000,000. The notional GAVs get reset after a performance fee is fully crystallised.

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**TER**

A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average value of the portfolio. The quantum of transaction costs is affected by the quantum of the gross in- and outflows over the periods presented. The annualised TER for the Fund's financial year ended 31 December 2021 was 0.97%.

Note: For South African investors, this document is a Minimum Disclosure Document.

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