

Principal ASEAN Dynamic Fund - Class SGD

31 August 2021

Fund Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to aim to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in the ASEAN region.

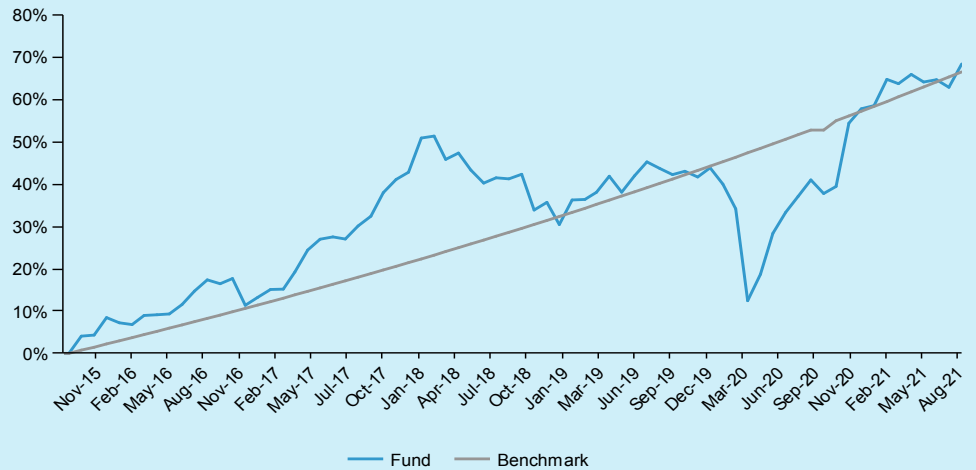
Currency: SGD ISIN Code: MYU1001FG001

Bloomberg Ticker: CIMATRS MK

Fund Information

Domicile	Malaysia
Base Currency	US Dollar (USD)
Fund Inception	30 September 2015
Benchmark	9% p.a.
Application Fee	Up to 5.00% of the NAV
Management Fee	Up to 1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.06% p.a. of the NAV
Total Fund Size (USD)	USD 14.75 million
NAV per unit (As at 31 August 2021)	SGD 1.6773
Trustee	HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Berhad
Custodian	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd and assets held through HSBC Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (in Malaysia) and HSBC Institutional trust Services (Asia) Limited (outside Malaysia)

Fund Performance



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Cumulative Performance (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund	6.71	3.39	2.60	2.21	19.46	19.24	43.51	68.48
Benchmark/Target Return	5.91	0.72	2.18	4.40	9.00	29.50	53.86	66.59

Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	9.71	10.28	-8.66	26.15	4.41	N/A
Benchmark	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	N/A

Note: September 2015 to August 2021.

Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

Source : Lipper

Top 10 Holdings

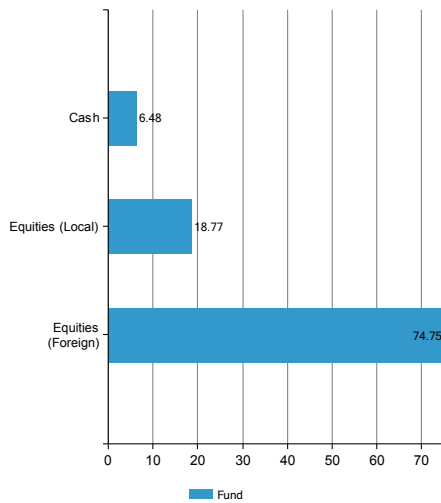
	Country	% of net assets
United Overseas Bank Ltd	Singapore	6.61
Bank Central Asia	Indonesia	5.97
SEA LTD	United States	5.49
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	Singapore	5.10
DBS Group Hldg Ltd	Singapore	4.97
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	Indonesia	2.95
Bank for Foreign Trade of Viet	Vietnam	2.90
Telekomunikasi TBK PT	Indonesia	2.81
Genting Bhd	Malaysia	2.63
Bangkok Dusit Medical Service	Thailand	2.62

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

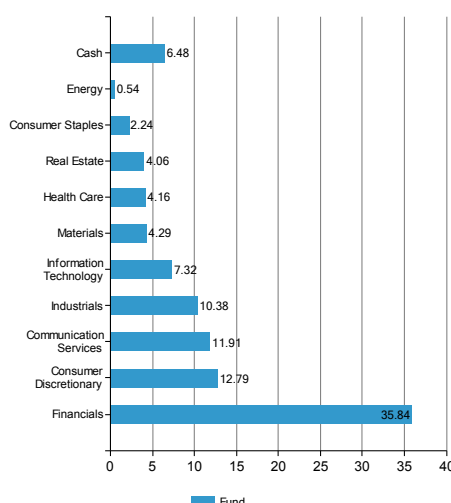
Fund Risk Statistics

Beta	0.67
Information Ratio	-0.10
Sharpe Ratio	0.39
3 years monthly data	

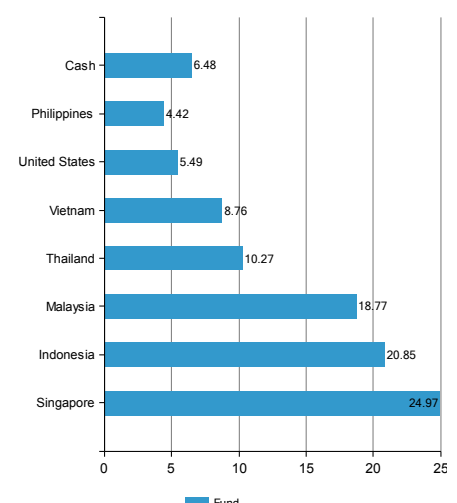
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



Source: Factset. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding and/or inclusion or exclusion of cash will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

Fund Manager's Report

The Fund rose +3.39% for the month, outperforming the absolute benchmark by +2.67%. At the country level, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand were the outperformers. Meanwhile, Communication Services, Consumer Discretionary and Health Care were the sector contributors.

MSCI ASEAN index (USD terms) gained +5.51% for the month and YTD declined -1.54%. Outperformers were Philippines (+11.25%), Thailand (+11.04%), Malaysia (+8.36%) and Indonesia (+8.10%), whilst Singapore (-2.33%) and Vietnam (+1.11%) underperformed.

Mobility restrictions were being eased progressively in ASEAN and some countries are in the midst preparing to move from COVID-19 pandemic into endemic phase as major cities entering herd immunity. Economic activities are improving but further monetary and fiscal assistance are required. The emergence of new economy stocks in Indonesia and Philippines, and MSCI inclusion of SEA Ltd are garnering foreign investors attention. Earnings revision has been rather mixed depending on the COVID-19 situation. However, ASEAN were seeing some positive earnings revisions which means corporates are more prepared to manage the current COVID-19 situation.

ASEAN markets saw foreign inflows for the month due to the rise of new economy stocks, major cities in ASEAN approaching herd immunity and the regulatory uncertainty in China. ASEAN currencies appreciated against USD. MSCI ASEAN is currently trading at 15.5x forward 12 months Price-to-Earnings Ratio vs. the 5-year historical average of 14.2x.

We believe ASEAN equities will provide investors a combination of recovery plays and long-term structural themes. Hence, we have adopted a barbell approach of cyclicals and growth. As economic activities continue to improve and vaccination progresses, we are increasingly more positive on cyclical sectors and stocks benefiting from reopening such as tourism-related. Cyclical sectors include financials, consumer, basic materials, real estates. We continue to like structural growth themes of ASEAN e-commerce & fintech, Vietnam and technology & supply chain shift.

From a technical viewpoint, ASEAN has been under-performing North Asia since 2018 and we do think that 2021 will be a year where this asset class will shine simply because it is under-owned and foreign investor positioning is too underweight.

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