UNITED CHINA A-SHARES INNOVATION FUND

Invest in growing resilience and tech innovation





Investment objective

The investment objective of United China A-Shares Innovation Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily into companies listed in China that are likely to be the main beneficiaries of technology, innovation and other growth trends. We seek innovative companies not just in technology but also in consumer, industrials, healthcare and materials in part due to the extensive use of e-commerce and mobile apps in consumer and business.

China – An innovation hub

Investing in China is investing in tomorrow's leading global innovation hub based on its lion's share of artificial intelligence (AI) applications, investments, talents and research papers. It is also one of the world's largest markets in terms of Internet and mobile users, revenue and platforms including mobile apps with continued annual growth uptrends.



Source: Gartner, China Academy of Indomation and Communications, China Money Network, Statists estimates as of December 2019

China's post-COVID-19 economy remains resilient

China remains well-positioned for a post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery and is on course to register a positive growth in its gross domestic product (GDP). Unlike many countries and regions, including Europe and the US which face steep GDP decline, the Chinese government has further flexible monetary and fiscal tools to boost the economy and markets compared to the rest. For instance, it still has room to cut interest rates while other countries are running out of policy options after falling into zero or negative rate territories as well as chalking up massive budget deficits. As a percentage of GDP, China's stimulus package stands at 3.6% compared to over 10% for Europe and US, and hence has more room to maneuver if needed. (Source: Bloomberg as of 31 August 2020).

China is expected to have a positive GDP in 2020, with a strong rebound in 2021 Estimated GDP¹ Growth



Source: UOBAM, International Monetary Fund (IMF), as of 24th June 2020 (for Singapore, as of 6th April 2020), ¹GDP is an abbreviation for 'gross domestic product'

China – Poised for new growth phase

The next cycle could see the Chinese market becoming more attractive to investors as it starts to play a larger role in the global economy. The central government has also embarked on a new economic model with a greater emphasis on domestic consumption to drive growth. It has also made innovation a top priority with new initiatives to upgrade its infrastructure and manufacturing in key sectors through extensive state spending in order to make China a major global player in these sectors.

a) Attractive valuations

Market and stock valuations have corrected to attractive levels following COVID-19 outbreak. Valuations are cheaper than most other developed nations. We believe that China 'A' shares will continue to do relatively well for the rest of the year as the economy and corporate earnings will be more resilient with core sectors doing well despite disruption from trade conflicts.

b) Rising weightage in global indices

China 'A' shares weightage in emerging and global indices will likely increase significantly over the next 5 to 7 years. We estimate* another US\$300-400 billion of inflows to China 'A' shares when we get to full inclusion (100%) from the current 20%. That will see the current free float of China 'A' shares owned by foreign investors increase to 17% from currently around 3.5%.





* Estimated by UOB Asset Management based on June 2020 data that another US\$300-400B of inflows to China 'A' when we get to full inclusion (100%) from the current 20%. That represents about an additional 10% of existing China 'A' Free Float market cap, bringing foreign ownership to 17% of free float, ceteris paribus. Actual data is presented through June 2020. Any data shown after that represents forecasts. Actual results may vary, perhaps significantly from the forecasted data presented. Any data shown after that represents forecasts.

c) Key market opportunities

Our managers are always on the lookout for companies within these sectors that offer differentiated products or services, cost leadership and are constantly innovating with clear viable drivers for future growth and return for investors.



Consumer staples

With the reopening of the Chinese economy, our focus is on areas where there is pent-up demand after resumption of normal activity and particularly in companies which have committed to invest more in research and development (R&D) and product upgrades to increase market share in their respective industries.



Information Technology

Information Technology continues to be a core part of our portfolio as China plans to accelerate the development of new infrastructure in areas such as 5G base stations and networks, data centres, electric vehicles, artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT).



Industrials

We seek innovative firms that produce high quality products more efficiently and priced cheaper compared to foreign competitors. These firms are gaining domestic market share and are expanding overseas as suppliers of products used in electric vehicles, consumer electronics and alternative power sources.



Materials

Through strong R&D and product upgrades, these companies have gained market share as manufacturers and suppliers of materials such as lithium, polysilicon and silicon wafers that make up vital parts of supply chains both domestically and abroad.



Healthcare

Chinese companies are fast becoming leading innovative drug makers, contract development and manufacturing organisations (CDMO) and healthcare equipment manufacturers globally. They do not only have a large domestic market but are seeking market opportunities abroad in the post-COVID-19 world.

Performance returns in SGD

The strategy has proven to be robust over the bull period in 2019 and resilient in the midst of the COVID-19 situation in 2020.

The fund outperformed major indices such as the CSI300 Index and MSCI China Index year-to-date in 2020 and since inception in Aug 2019.

	YTD ¹	1 Aug - 31 Dec 2019	Since 1 Aug 2019
United China A-Shares Innovation Fund	57.07%	20.51%	89.28%
Shanghai Shenzhen CSI300	18.91%	5.03%	24.89%
MSCI China Index	18.29%	9.12%	29.08%

Disclaimer: Performance figures in SGD terms converted from JPY. Comparative performances are calculated according to bid-to-bid basis. Past performance of the Fund or UOBAM and any past performance, prediction or forecast on the economy or markets are not necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of the Fund or UOBAM. Source: Bloomberg as of 30 September 2020.¹ YTD is an abreviation for 'Year-to-date'. Performance of United China-A Shares Innovation Fund is on a NAV basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

Performance returns vs other major indices – Since Inception

The strategy has proven to be resilient in the midst of the COVID-19 situation.

The fund outperformed major indices such as the Shanghai and Shenzhen Composite Indices, MSCI China Index and CSI 300 since inception till 30 September 2020, delivering positive returns.



Performance Comparison Since Inception from 1 August 2019

Enclosed the latest numbers as at 30 September 2020. Source: Bloomberg. Performance of United China-A Shares Innovation Fund is on a NAV basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

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Fund Name	United China A-Shares Innovation Fund
Investment objective	The investment objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in A-Shares of companies listed in the PRC (People's Republic of China) which are beneficiaries of technology, innovation and other growth trends.
Inception Date	Class JPY: 1st August 2019 Class SGD: 17 August 2020
Benchmark	No benchmark
Subscription Fees	Currently 5%; Max 5%
Subscription Mode	Cash and SRS
ISIN Code	Class JPY: SGXZ54424296 Class SGD: SGXZ49509284
Minimum subscription	S\$1,000/US\$1,000 (initial) S\$500/US\$500 (subsequent)
Fund Manager Sub-Manager	UOB Asset Management Ltd. Ping An Fund Management Company Limited.
Annual Management Fee	1.75%

Fund details

UOBAM

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Ping An Fund Management Company Limited

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