

Fullerton Lux Funds - Asian Currency Bonds - Class A (SGD) Dis

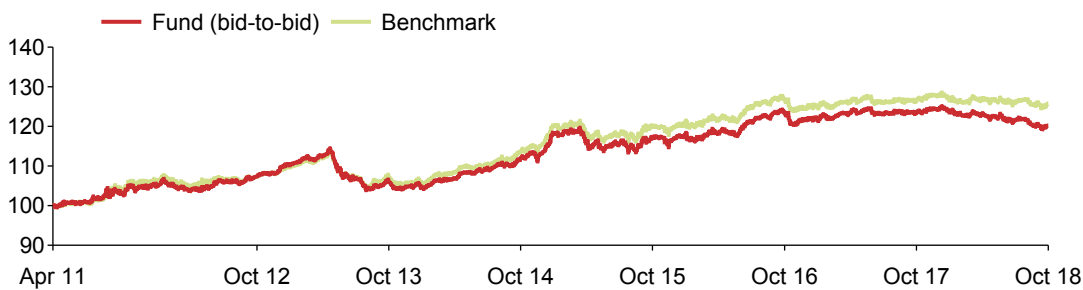
Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long term capital appreciation for investors.

Investment Focus and Approach

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in fixed income or debt securities, including convertibles, denominated primarily in Asian currencies and primarily issued by companies, governments, quasi-governments, government agencies or supranationals in the Asian region. These countries may include, but are not limited to China (including Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan), South Korea, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. The Investment Manager seeks to generate alpha through interest rate, credit and currency strategies by evaluating the relative value across markets and the outlook for credit. These views form the basis for formulating their duration, bond market allocation, currency and credit strategies. The Fund will be permitted to invest in fixed income or debt securities which are unrated or rated non-investment grade.

Performance (%)



	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	Sl. Ann. Ret.	Sl. Ann. Vol.
Fund (bid-to-bid)	-0.24	-1.02	-2.12	-2.60	0.92	2.55	2.47	3.64
Fund (offer-to-bid)	-4.99	-5.73	-6.78	-7.24	-0.71	1.56	1.81	NA
Benchmark	-0.11	-0.23	-0.78	-0.56	1.63	3.26	3.09	3.51

Returns of more than 1 year are annualised.

Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis in USD with net dividends and distributions (if any) reinvested.

Benchmark: Markit iBoxx ALBI (USD Unhedged) Index

With effect from 1 May 2016, the benchmark has been changed to Markit iBoxx ALBI (USD Unhedged) Index.

Prior to 1 May 2016, the index was HSBC Asian Local Bond Index.

Source: Fullerton Fund Management Company Ltd and Markit.

Market Review

October proved to be another volatile month for risk assets. Investor sentiment was fragile amid a sell-off in global equities, negative US-China trade friction headlines, and concerns about global growth. A spike in short-term US interest rates and a resurgent US dollar further weighed on sentiment. The US 10-year Treasury yield briefly breached the 3.2% level before ending the month at 3.14%. Amidst the market volatility, Asian local currency bond returns were weighed down by continued USD strength. Asian credits held their ground but ended the month with a negative return on the back of higher US Treasury yields and wider credit spreads.

In Asia, the Chinese authorities sent a stronger easing signal at the quarterly Politburo meeting held in end October, to counteract downward pressures on the economy. China's State Council also announced measures to improve the business environment and ease financing conditions for private enterprises. Key measures include fewer limitations on capital market access, a reduction of administrative red tape, as well as corporate tax cuts. Apart from these, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) also announced more support for private enterprises with the issuance of an additional RMB150 billion in relending and rediscount credits to encourage the financing of small and medium enterprises. Elsewhere, the Bank of Korea stayed on hold but retained a more hawkish guidance. Over in Indonesia, Bank Indonesia left the policy rate unchanged and said the decision is consistent with efforts to lower the nation's current account deficit. In currencies, most Asian currencies fell against broad US dollar strength with the exception of the Philippines peso which appreciated by 0.9% against the greenback.

Inception date

24 Jun 2015

Fund size

SGD 152.91 million

Base Currency

USD

Pricing Date

31 Oct 2018

NAV*

SGD 9.08

Management fee

Up to 1.0% p.a.

Distributions paid per unit

Mar 2016: SGD 0.200

Sep 2016: SGD 0.200

Mar 2017: SGD 0.200

Sep 2017: SGD 0.200

Mar 2018: SGD 0.200

Sep 2018: SGD 0.200

Preliminary Charge

Up to 5% subscription amount (equivalent to a max of 5.26315% of the Net Asset Value per share)

Dealing day

Daily

Deadline

1pm (CET); 5pm (Singapore time) on each Business Day

Bloomberg Code

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ISIN Code

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Investment Strategy

For most of this year, macro events – global trade dispute, deteriorating risk sentiment and market momentum – have been driving markets while fundamentals have taken a back seat. Market volatility will stay elevated as investors adjust their positions, take profit or cut losses going into year end. We expect the Fed to be cautious so as not to derail the positive growth momentum in US. The Fed will likely pause in mid-2019 when growth would have shown signs of tapering, given the US economy is already at such a late stage of its economic expansion. A cautious Fed is also supportive of Asian markets and spread sectors in general.

On portfolio strategy, we have reduced our underweight on duration. That said, we continue to maintain an overall underweight duration stance given elevated interest rate volatility and macro headwinds going into year end. We continue to allocate to risk selectively, favouring countries such as China (on stronger easing signals) and Thailand (on attractive relative valuation). Conversely, we have shifted to a more neutral stance in the more risk sensitive countries such as India and Philippines while favouring an underweight to the lower-yielding Asian markets (such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea).

Country Breakdown

Australia	2.4%
China	16.9%
Germany	1.5%
Hong Kong	1.6%
India	12.3%
Indonesia	10.9%
Korea	14.7%
Malaysia	12.2%
Philippines	5.6%
Singapore	6.3%
Supranational	3.7%
Thailand	8.6%
Others	2.0%
Cash	1.3%

Top 5 Holdings

Standard Chartered Bank SG 7.8% Apr 2021	4.1%
Korea Treasury Bond 5% Jun 2020	3.8%
Korea Treasury Bond 3% Sep 2024	3.0%
Republic Of Philippines 6.25% Jan 2036	2.6%
Thailand Government Bond 3.65% Jun 2031	2.4%

Rating Breakdown

AAA	6.1%
AA	15.4%
A	27.0%
BBB	45.4%
BB	2.6%
B	2.0%
CCC	0.1%
CC	0.1%
C	0.0%
Cash	1.3%

Fund Characteristics

Average duration (years)	5.6
Yield to Worst	5.1%

Credit Rating : Where the security is not rated by external rating agencies, Fullerton's internal rating methodology will apply.

Yield to Worst (YTW): Refers to YTW in base currency. Not guaranteed. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

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