

# FSSA Asia Focus Fund Class B GBP

a subfund of First Sentier Investors ICVC (the Company)

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term (at least three years).

The Fund invests at least 80% in shares of large and mid-sized companies based in or where the majority of their activities take place in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan) and are listed on exchanges worldwide. This includes companies that are listed on exchanges worldwide which provide to exposure to the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan). These companies generally have a total stock market value of at least US\$1 billion. The Fund may also invest up to 20% in shares of companies around the world. The Fund may invest up to 10% in other funds. The Fund will only use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently in limited cases.

## Fund information

Fund launch date	24 August 2015
Share class launch date	24 August 2015
Fund size (£m)	675.8
UK's Investment association sector	Asia Pacific Excluding Japan
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Net Index*
Number of holdings	47
Fund manager(s)	Martin Lau/Rizi Mohanty
Available as ISA	Yes, subject to ISA limits
Minimum investment	£1,000/£50 per month
Initial charge	0% <sup>c</sup>
Ongoing charges †	0.90%
Share type	Accumulation
Sedol	BWNGXJ8
ISIN	GBOOBWNGXJ86
Research rating ‡	Morningstar®:Gold Square Mile:Responsible AA RSM:Rated
Fund yield	1.5%

\*The benchmark for this Fund has been identified as a means by which investors can compare the performance of the Fund and has been chosen because its constituents most closely represent the scope of the investable assets. The benchmark is not used to limit or constrain how the portfolio is constructed nor is it part of a target set for Fund performance. This Fund is managed with a view to remaining within its IA Sector and its performance is shown against that IA sector but the performance of the sector is not part of a target set for Fund performance.

## Annual performance (% in GBP) to 31 May 2024

	12mths to 31/05/24	12mths to 31/05/23	12mths to 31/05/22	12mths to 31/05/21	12mths to 31/05/20
Fund return	-0.3	-1.2	-4.7	29.3	-0.9
Benchmark return	9.2	-6.3	-8.5	31.5	-0.1
Sector return	6.5	-6.1	-7.6	34.6	0.2
Quartile rank	4	1	2	3	2

## Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 31 May 2024

Period	3mths	6mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since Inception
Fund return	4.0	5.8	-0.3	-6.1	20.3	-	122.7
Benchmark return	4.3	8.7	9.2	-6.4	23.0	-	119.7
Sector return	3.8	7.8	6.5	-6.9	26.6	-	124.8
Quartile rank	2	3	4	2	3	-	2

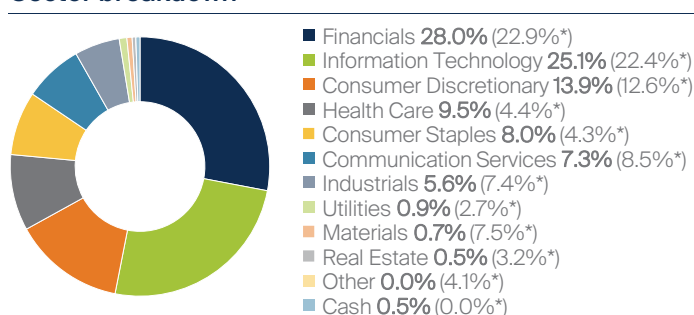
These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Sector returns calculated by Lipper and denote the arithmetic mean performance of funds in the relevant UK's Investment Association Sector. Quartile Ranking by Lipper methodology which ranks funds within a category according to performance: quartile 1 represents the top 25% and quartile 4 the bottom 25%.

## Ten largest company holdings

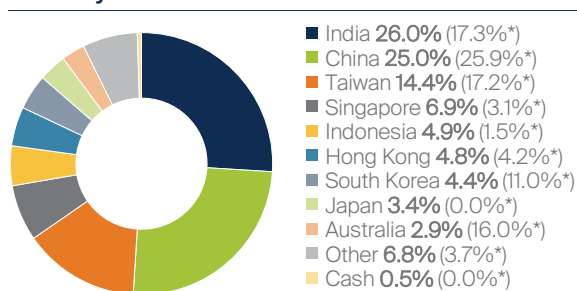
Stock Name	%
Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)	9.1
HDFC Bank	8.7
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	6.5
Midea Group	4.6
ICICI Bank Limited	4.3
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	3.6
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pfd NV	3.6
CSL	2.9
Tata Consultancy Serv. Ltd	2.9
MediaTek Inc	2.9

## Sector breakdown



\*Index weight

## Country breakdown



\*Index weight

Sector and country classifications provided by FactSet and First Sentier Investors. The Fund may hold multiple equity securities in the same company, which have been combined to provide the Fund's total position in that company. Index weights, if any, typically include only the main domestic-listed security. The above Fund weightings may or may not include reference to multiple securities.

All performance data for the FSSA Asia Focus Fund Class B (Accumulation) GBP as at 31 May 2024. Source for fund - Lipper IM / First Sentier Investors (UK) Funds Limited. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for benchmark - MSCI, income reinvested net of tax. Since inception performance figures have been calculated from 24 August 2015.

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The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.

**The Fund may experience the following risks:**

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

**Emerging market risk:** Emerging markets tend to be more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater liquidity risk, restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed settlement and difficulties valuing securities.

**Single country / specific region risk:** investing in a single country or specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company prospectus.

Investment should be made on the basis of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please seek independent financial advice.



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