

Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund - Class SGD

31 January 2024



Fund Objective

The Fund aims to provide regular income by investing primarily in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region and at the same time aims to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term. The Fund will be managed with the aim of achieving a stable and positive investment returns over the medium to long term through investments primarily in Asia Pacific ex Japan region, i.e. companies that are domiciled in, listed in, and/or have significant operations in the Asia Pacific ex Japan region. The fund may also invest up to 20% of its NAV in companies that are listed globally with some business/operations within the Asia Pacific ex Japan region to capture growth opportunities.

Lipper Score

Total Return

4

Consistent Return

4

Morningstar Rating



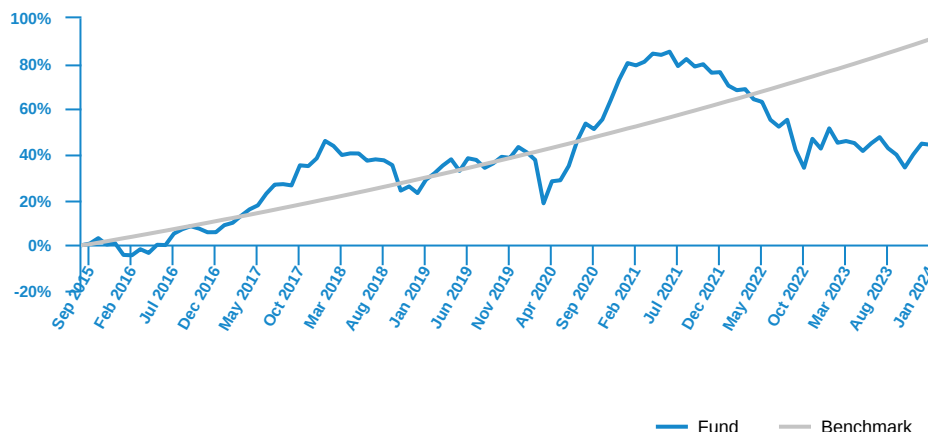
Sustainability



Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1001DP007
Lipper ID	68336981
Bloomberg Ticker	CPASSGD MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	SGD
Base Currency	USD
Fund Inception	9 Sep 2015
Benchmark	The Fund has a target return of eight percent (8%) per annum.
Application Fee	Up to 5.00% of the NAV
Management Fee	Up to 1.50% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	Up to 0.05% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (SGD)	SGD 59.14 million
Fund Unit	86.90 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Jan 2024)	SGD 0.6806

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	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Fund	-0.34	-0.34	7.47	-2.27	-4.77	-19.97	11.98	44.29
Benchmark	0.65	0.65	1.96	3.95	8.00	25.97	46.93	90.80

Calendar Year Returns (%)		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund		1.53	-19.12	1.90	20.75	16.52	-11.08
Benchmark		8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

Most Recent Fund Distributions		2023 Aug	2023 Apr	2023 Jan	2022 Oct	2022 Jul	2022 Apr
Gross (cent/unit)		0.21	0.54	0.52	0.54	0.55	0.62
Annualised Yield (%)		1.26	3.17	2.86	3.36	3.01	3.08

Most Recent Unit Splits							2020 Dec
Ratio							3:4

Note: September 2015 to January 2024.

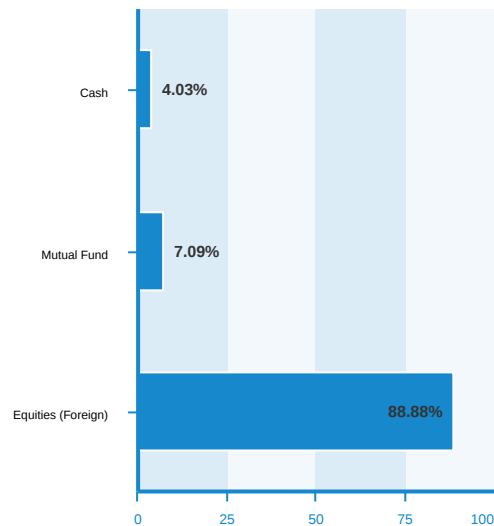
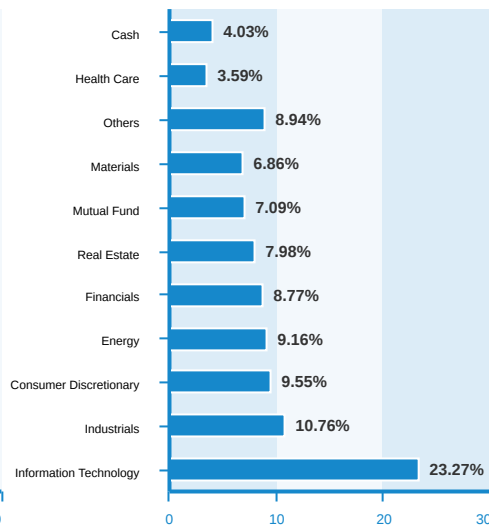
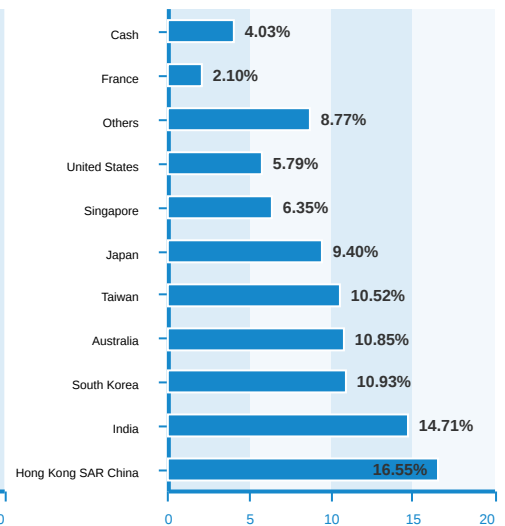
Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.

Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.

Source : Lipper

Top Holdings			Fund Risk Statistics	
	Country	% of Net Assets		
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	8.47	Beta	N/A
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd	South Korea	6.65	Information Ratio	-0.38
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	5.19	Sharpe Ratio	-0.24
CNOOC Ltd	Hong Kong SAR China	3.97	(3 years monthly data)	
NEXT FUNDS TOPIX Banks ETF	Japan	3.17		
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust	Singapore	3.02		
ITOCHU Corporation	Japan	2.83		
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	2.72		
Ultra Tech Cement Ltd	India	2.59		
Linde PLC	United States	2.50		

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Any repeated issuer shown means same issuer with different coupon rate and/or maturity date. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

Asset Allocation (%)**Sector Allocation (%)****Regional Allocation (%)**

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 was down 0.34% in SGD terms in January, underperforming the benchmark by 99 bps. YTD, the Fund is down 0.34%, underperforming the benchmark by 99 bps.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index slumped 4.8% in USD terms in January. The best performing markets were India and the Philippines, but China and Korea lagged. The USD appreciated by 1.9% and the US 10 year bond yields rose by a marginal 3 bps to 3.91% in January. US headline inflation rose 3.4% YoY, which is higher than expected in December and non farm payrolls also increased by more than expected. These suggested the employment market is still tight and it may be too early to expect US Fed to cut rates by March 24. Nevertheless, the prospects of a rate cut this year still look possible and the market has priced in about 100bps cut in interest rates in 2024. China continued to struggle with depressed confidence among households and businesses, exacerbated by the weak property market. Deflationary pressure persisted as December CPI printed -0.3%YoY. Despite the measures announced by the Chinese government in the last few months to support the economy, it seemed that they are not enough to address the economic weakness. China GDP growth in 2024 could decelerate from +5.2% in 2023 to ~4-4.5% in 2024 if the present momentum continues, so the outlook hinges critically on government policies. Concerns about weak China growth should gradually recede if we see more policy action. In Asia, there are growth drivers that will drive the earnings for 2024 and valuation does not look excessive. We will continue to diversify and position the portfolio in areas where they are likely to print strong earnings growth such as the semiconductor industry, beneficiaries of AI spend, lower interest rate, or rising capex as well as India. Other risks would be (1) Inflation may prove more sticky than expected, (2) continued weak business and consumer sentiment in China, (3) rising geopolitical risks.

^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 January 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 10.08 and is classified as "Moderate" (source: FIMM). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by FIMM based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. The Manager of the Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund (formerly known as CIMB-Principal Asia Pacific Dynamic Income Fund) is Principal Asset Management Berhad. The Manager has appointed Principal Asset Management (S) Pte. Ltd. (Company Registration No. 200607208K) as its Singapore Representative and agent for service of process in Singapore. Copies of the prospectus are available from the Singapore Representative at 50 Raffles Place, #22-03A Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 048623 or at www.cimb-principal.com.sg. Investors should read the prospectus before deciding to purchase any units in the Fund ("Units"). The listing of the Units does not guarantee a liquid market for the Units. The value of the Units and the income derived from them, if any, may fall as well as rise. Past performances of the Fund, the Manager are not necessarily indicative of their future performance. The information contained herein is for your general information only and does not have any regard to your specific investment objectives, financial situation and any of your particular needs. You may wish to seek advice from a financial adviser before making a commitment to purchase Units. If you choose not to seek advice from a financial adviser, you should consider whether the Fund is suitable for you. Although the information contained herein has been taken from sources that are believed to be accurate, no warranty or representation is made as to its correctness, completeness or accuracy. The Manager accepts no liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential loss arising from any use or reliance of the information herein.

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