

# LionGlobal South East Asia Fund

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in quoted or listed securities (including real estate investment trusts) in South East Asia, particularly in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines and other countries within the region (including Hong Kong S.A.R.).

#### **Fund Manager's Commentary**

In March 2024, ASEAN markets were up 1.8% in SGD terms. All markets were up except for Thailand. The best performing market was Singapore while Thailand underperformed. Singapore did well after economic data showed that the manufacturing sector growth momentum has sustained for the seventh consecutive month, reflecting potential signs of a gradual recovery. The banks led the advance on resilient earnings outlook together with SEA Limited which saw its share price recover on lessened competition in Indonesia. Thailand was the worst performing market as economic outlook remained weak and delays in budget disbursement continued to weigh on sentiment. Consumer Staples and Materials sectors led the decline.

For the Fund, the main contributors to performance came from our overweight in Malaysia Airports in Malaysia, Cisarua Mountain Dairy (Cimory) in Indonesia and Bangchak Corp in Thailand. Malaysia Airports did well as the company finally signed the long awaited new operating agreements and lease agreements with the government. This reaffirmed the operation, management, and development of 39 airports and short take-off and landing airports by the company until 2069. Cimory in Indonesia did well after reporting robust earnings for last year and guided for good growth in 2024. Bangchak in Thailand outperformed as refining margins continued to remain high on strong demand while capacity additions are expected to be capped over the next few years. The detractors came mainly from our holdings in CP All in Thailand and our non-holdings in OCBC in Singapore. CP All underperformed as consumer sentiment in Thailand remained weak with delays in government fiscal spending while OCBC did well in Singapore on resilient earnings outlook.

ASEAN should be relatively resilient in the event of global slowdown and rising geo-political tensions. Although expectations are for interest rates to be cut especially by US Federal Reserve (Fed), recent stronger than expected economic and inflation data in US are pushing back the timeline for rate cuts which in turn is also delaying rate cuts in ASEAN. This may temper the market's positive expectations. However, ASEAN has witnessed some recovery in exports and manufacturing which is partly structural due to ASEAN being a key beneficiary of the reconfiguration of supply chain trend that started during the US-China trade war in 2018 and gained momentum after disruptions caused by COVID-19 and various geo-political events. The result is we are seeing continued Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) into ASEAN. In addition, we expect domestic fiscal spending and economic development and further recovery of tourism, especially in-bound tourism to further drive economic growth in ASEAN. Thus, we are positive on companies that are beneficiaries of domestic growth driven by fiscal spending and FDIs and from recovery of in-bound tourism. We are also invested in selective companies in the consumer, technology, clean energy, and industrials sectors that should capture some of the secular trends of rising middle income, adoption of technology and clean energy transition in ASEAN. Key risks include rate cuts expectations disappoint with inflation stickier-than-expected, recession or stagnating growth, geo-politics and some major credit events.

All data are sourced from Lion Global Investors and Bloomberg as of 31 March 2024 unless otherwise stated.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Inception Date:	SGD Class: 23 Feb 1996
	USD Class: 25 Jun 2004
Subscription Mode:	Cash, SRS <sup>2</sup>
Minimum Investment:	S\$ / US\$ 1,000
Initial Charge:	Currently 5% Maximum 5%
Management Fee:	Currently 1.5%p.a. Maximum 1.5%p.a.
Valuation Dealing:	Every dealing day
NAV Price <sup>3</sup> :	S\$1.396/ US\$1.035
Fund Size:	S\$10.5 million

#### **Grandfathered Class\***

Start Date:	04 Apr 2013
Initial NAV:	S\$1.000
NAV Price:	S\$1.003

#### Codes

SGD Class:	SG9999002620
	TLBASVI
USD Class:	SG9999002638
	OCBSEAU
SGD Grandfathered Class:	SG9999010169 LGLSEGF SP



#### Performance (%)

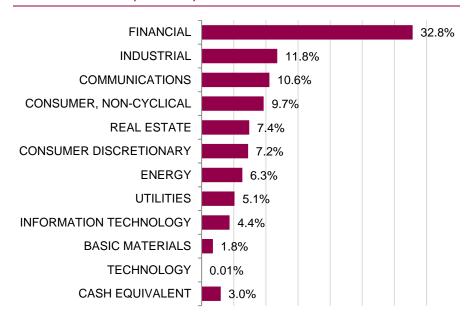
		1-year	3-years p.a.	5-years p.a.	10- years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
SGD Class <sup>1</sup>	NAV	-3.3	-2.6	-2.3	-0.1	3.9
	NAV^	-8.1	-4.3	-3.3	-0.6	3.7
	Benchmark#	-1.0	-1.2	-1.6	0.9	3.6
USD Class <sup>1</sup>	NAV	-4.7	-2.8	-2.2	-0.8	4.8
	NAV^	-9.4	-4.4	-3.2	-1.3	4.6
	Benchmark#	-2.5	-1.4	-1.5	0.1	7.3

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance Source: Lion Global Investors Ltd / Morningstar

### Country Allocation (% of NAV)



#### Sector Allocation (% of NAV)



#### Top 10 Holdings (% of NAV)

DBS GROUP HLDGS LTD	8.3
BANK CENTRAL ASIA TBK PT	4.7
SEA LTD	4.2
BANK RAKYAT INDONESIA PERSERO	4.2
BANK MANDIRI PERSERO TBK PT	2.8
CP ALL PCL	2.7
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	2.5
BANGKOK DUSIT MEDICAL SERVICES PCL	2.5
CAPITALAND ASCENDAS REIT	2.4
BDO UNIBANK INC	2.4

Inception to 31 December 2005: MSCI All Countries Far East Ex Japan. From 1 January 2006: MSCI AC ASEAN (In respective fund's currency)

- ^ NAV: Figures include Initial Charge.
- <sup>1</sup> Returns based on single pricing. Return periods longer than 1 year are annualised. Dividends are reinvested net of all charges payable upon reinvestment and in respective share class currency terms.
- <sup>2</sup> Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("SRS") monies may be used to purchase SGD Class Units only.
- <sup>3</sup> Price reflects 2 for 1 subdivision of units on 01 June 2006.
- \* Grandfathered Class is not available for subscription or switch-in.

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