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First Sentier Bridge Fund

Monthly Fund Factsheet | 31 January 2024

Objectives and investment strategy

The Fund aims to provide investors with income and medium term capital stability, and invests all or substantially all of its assets in the FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund (for equities) (the "Equity Underlying Sub-Fund") and the First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund (for fixed income) (the "Bond Underlying Sub-Fund") (collectively the "Underlying Sub-Funds"), under the Dublin registered First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund plc. The Equity Underlying Sub-Fund invests primarily (at least 70% of its net asset value) in equity securities or equity-related securities of companies that are listed, or have their registered offices in, or conduct a majority of their economic activity in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan). The Bond Underlying Sub-Fund invests primarily (at least 70% of its net asset value) in debt securities of governments or quasi-government organisation issuers in Asia and/or issuers organised, headquartered or having their primary business operations in Asia.

Fund information

Fund size	S$3,131.9mn
Dealing	Monday to Friday (except public holidays)
Minimum initial investment	S$1,000
Minimum subsequent investment	S$100
Management fee	1.25%p.a.
Initial charge	4.0% (Cash / SRS) 0.0% (CPF - Ordinary / Special Acct)
CPF classification	Medium to High Risk-Narrowly Focused (Regional)

Annualised performance in SGD (%)

	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since incept.
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Ex initial charges)	-7.6	-6.2	0.8	3.9	5.5
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Inc initial charges)	-11.3	-7.5	0.0	3.5	5.3
Benchmark*	-0.3	-4.3	2.3	4.1	5.6

Cumulative performance in SGD (%)

	3mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Since incept.
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Ex initial charges)	3.2	-7.6	-17.5	4.2	199.8
Class A (SGD - H Dist) (Inc initial charges)	-1.0	-11.3	-20.8	0.0	187.8
Benchmark*	5.1	-0.3	-12.3	12.2	207.8

Available share classes

Share class	Inception date	NAV price	Distribution frequency#	ISIN code
Class A (Dist)	10 May 2018	S$1.4319	Monthly	SG9999019137
Class A (Dist)	14 Jul 2003	S$1.4369	Semi-annually	SG9999002067

Source: Lipper, First Sentier Investors. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested.

Credit rating breakdown❖

Credit rating❖	%		%		%
BBB	58.7	A	28.4	AA	6.7
AAA	3.1	D	0.4	BB	0.1
Liquidity	2.5				

Top 5 equity holdings (%)

Security name	Sector	%
HDFC Bank	(Financials)	4.3
Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC)	(Info. Tech.)	3.8
Midea Group	(Consumer Discret.)	2.4
CSL	(Health Care)	2.2
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	(Comms Services)	2.1

Top 5 issuers (%)

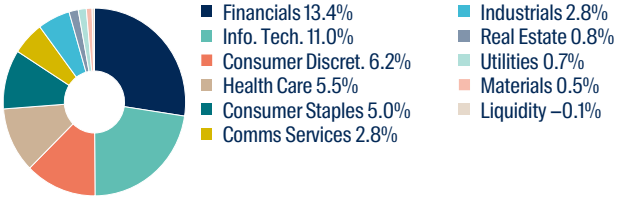
Issuer name	%
Pertamina Persero PT	2.7
Malaysia (Government)	2.2
Australia (Commonwealth of)	1.6
China National Offshore Oil Corp	1.6
PCCW LTD	1.5

Equity allocation (%)

Geographic breakdown+

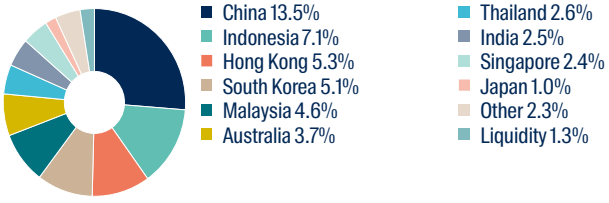


Sector breakdown+



Fixed income allocation (%)

Geographic breakdown+



Important information

First Sentier Investors (Singapore) ("FSIS") intends to make semi-annual distributions on 28 February and 31 August each year. Distribution will be made on 29 February should that be the last business day in the month of February in that year. The distributions will be made out of the income, capital gains and/or capital of the Fund. Investors should note that the intention to make the semi-annual distributions is not guaranteed by FSIS or its distributors and FSIS may in future review the distribution policy depending on prevailing market conditions.

* Customised benchmark calculated by First Sentier Investors comprising 50% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Unhedged) and 50% J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index (Hedged to S$). There has been a change in the data source for the J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index which was computed internally by the Manager based on the index in USD as the SGD hedged version of the index was not available when the Sub-Fund was launched. With effect from 1 October 2005, the benchmark data for the J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index (Hedged to S$) will be sourced directly from the index compiler JP Morgan.

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.

+ Allocation percentage is rounded to the nearest one decimal place and the total allocation percentage may not add up to 100%.

❖ Refers to investments of the underlying fund, First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund. Where available, the credit rating assigned by one of the 3 major external rating agencies (S&P, Moody's or Fitch) will be used. An internal rating assigned by First Sentier Investors will be used where the security is not externally rated. Liquidity refers to cash, money market securities, FX, bond futures & interest rate swaps.

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The CPF interest rate for the Ordinary Account (OA) is based on the 3-month average of major local banks' interest rates. Under the CPF Act, the CPF Board pays a minimum interest of 2.5% per annum when this interest formula yields a lower rate. The interest rate for the Special and Medisave Accounts (SMA) is pegged to the 12-month average yield of 10-year Singapore Government Securities (10YSGS) plus 1%, or current minimum interest rate of 4% per annum, whichever is higher. The interest rate to be credited to the Retirement Account (RA) will be the weighted average interest rate of the entire portfolio of Special Government Securities (SSGS) the RA savings are invested in which earn a fixed coupon equal to the 12-month average yield of the 10YSGS plus 1% at the point of issuance, or current minimum interest rate of 4% per annum, whichever is higher. As announced in September 2023, the Singapore Government will maintain the 4% per annum minimum rate for interest earned on all SMA and RA monies for another year until 31 December 2024. In addition, for CPF members below 55 years old, the CPF Board will pay an extra interest rate of 1% per annum on the first S$60,000 of a CPF member's combined balances, including up to S$20,000 in the OA. CPF members aged 55 and above will earn an additional 2% interest on the first S$30,000 of their combined balances (with up to S$20,000 from the OA), and an extra 1% interest on the next S$30,000. Only monies in excess of S$20,000 in the OA and S$40,000 in the Special Account can be invested.

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