

Investment Objective

Objective: maintain a consistent value-investing approach with a focus on liquidity and high return. It may include cash and cash equivalents under exceptional market conditions for capital protection and risk management.

Universe: invest in equities issued by companies incorporated in China or which have significant operations/profits from China.

Approach: primarly by strong stock picking ability and unique portfolio construction, supported by top-down systematic and dynamic shorting/hedging.

About the Fund

Inception Date	24-Jan-20
Manager	European & Global Investments
Investment Manager	Foundation AM
Sponsor	Apuano Capital
Custodian/Trustee	CACEIS Ireland
Auditor	Deloitte & Touche
Legal	Dillon Eustace
Dealing	Daily

Analysis Inst. Usd Class - 28/03/2024 Maximum Drawdown -43.68%

1yr Volatility (annualised)9.08%1yr Sharpe Ratio (annualised)-1.71Gain/Loss Ratio (since inception)1.15

Institutional A Usd Class Monthly Return (%)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
20)20	0.11	-4.77	-2.03	3.57	1.85	5.15	8.21	3.81	-2.78	4.11	-0.35	11.63	31.02
20)21	5.28	-2.93	-4.58	2.27	0.31	2.09	-0.85	-2.31	-2.14	1.44	-1.25	-2.51	-5.45
20)22	-8.20	1.64	-1.37	-2.12	-0.20	-0.01	-4.49	-0.49	-0.48	3.58	-5.70	-6.42	-22.30
20)23	8.91	-4.42	0.14	-4.84	-4.01	-0.69	1.56	-3.72	-3.39	-1.33	2.62	-0.62	-10.12
20)24	-0.02	3.12	-0.23										2.88

Total Assets in Usd as of 28.03.2024: 13,908,569

Performance - from 24/01/2020 to 28/03/2024



Market Commentary

During March, the manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose by 1.7 percentage points to 50.8, surpassing the neutral 50-point mark for the first time since October 2023 and exceeding expectations. Additionally, the Services PMI displayed robust growth, climbing 1.6 percentage points from 51.4 to 53.0, which notably outstripped the anticipated 51.5. Although these improvements are substantial, they are largely attributed to the post-Chinese New Year seasonal effect, a period that typically sees a spike in PMI figures. Consequently, the market has shown a muted response to these otherwise positive indicators.

Portfolio Commentary

In March, the Fund experienced a slight contraction of 0.2%. However, on a year-to-date basis, the Fund has delivered a solid 2.9% increase, outperforming the HSI Index, which saw a 3.2% decline, and surpassing the CSI 300's modest 1.4% advance, with all figures denominated in USD. The Information Technology sector led the charge among our core holdings, significantly boosting our long positions throughout the month.

Market Outlook and Strategy

In March, we observed a relatively quiet reporting season among companies, with the financial results of Chinese firms presenting a mixed picture that neither decidedly signals a recovery nor a downturn. The ongoing divergence in results within the same industries among the companies we monitor has been conspicuous, presenting us with opportunities to pursue alpha. Despite the variance in individual company results, we maintain an overall optimistic outlook on the broader Chinese market. As the current valuation of MSCI China at an attractively low forward P/E in the high single digits—distinctly lower than the S&P 500's high teens to low-20s valuations—and MSCI China's anticipated higher EPS growth for the next year compared to the S&P 500, our team is leaning towards a more bullish outlook on China relative to the US for 2024. The Fund's steadfast commitment to core holdings, flexible position control, and value-investing principles will help us navigate market volatility. It allows us to focus on the potential for mid to long-term outperformance offered by the 'Foundation Model'.

Classes* ISIN Codes		Bloomberg	NAV per	V per Performance		Management Fees	Distribution
		Codes	Share	Mar-24	Inception	(Perf. fee 15% with HWM)	Distribution
Institutional A Eur**	IE00BKTNRB94	APAFCAI ID	83.839	-0.41%	-16.16%	1.50%	IRL, ITA, CH
Institutional A Usd**	IE00BKTNRG40	AFAFCAI ID	89.003	-0.23%	-11.00%	1.50%	IRL, ITA, CH
Institutional ES A Eur**	IE0006NINYT4	TBD				1.50%	ES
Retail Premium A Eur	IE00BKTNRC02	APAFCAR ID	81.086	-0.47%	-18.91%	2.25%	IRL, ITA, CH
Retail Plus A Eur	IE00BKTNRD19	AFAFCAR ID	81.59	-0.46%	-18.41%	2.25%	IRL, ITA, CH
Retail A Eur**	IE0009US87U6	TBD				2.40%	IRL, ITA, CH
Retail ES A Eur**	IE000050PXM0	TBD				2.50%	ES

^{*}A: Accumulation, B: Distribution

^{**}All Inst Classes and Retail Eur, Retail ES A Eur are available on AllFunds Platform



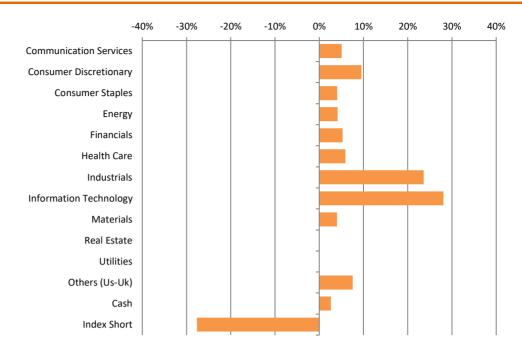
Sector Exposure

5.09% 9.54% 4.08% 4.15%
4.08%
4.15%
5.28%
5.93%
23.61%
28.09%
4.02%
0.00%
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7.59%
2.63%

100.00%

-27.65%

69.72%



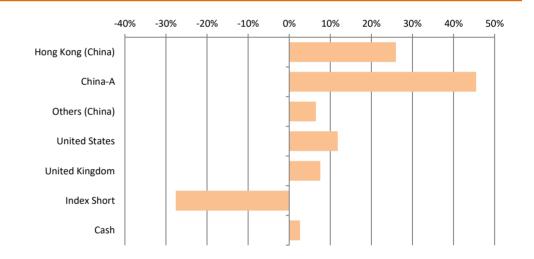
Geographical Exposure

Total

Index Short

Net Exposure

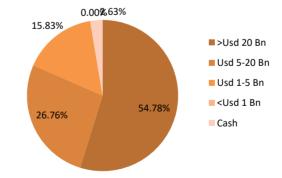
Country	%
Hong Kong (China)	25.98%
China-A	45.50%
Others (China)	6.50%
United States	11.80%
United Kingdom	7.59%
Index Short	-27.65%
Cash	2.63%



Market Capitalisation Exposure (Long)

Market	%
>Usd 20 Bn	54.78%
Usd 5-20 Bn	26.76%
Usd 1-5 Bn	15.83%
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Cash	2.63%

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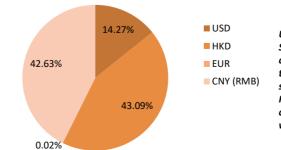


Currency Exposure

Total

Currency	Gross
USD	14.27%
HKD	43.09%
EUR	0.02%
CNY (RMB)	42.63%

Total	100.0%



Up to 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency, therefore the Sub-Fund may have a significant exposure to currency risk. The Fund classes denominated in non-base currencies are hedged at any time in line with the Prospectus.



Top 10 Holdings

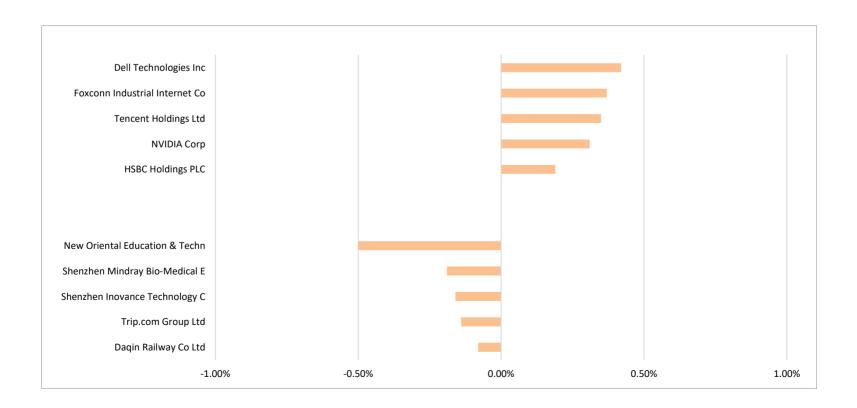
Rank	Company	Sector	% of Tot
1	Didi Global Inc	Industrials	6.50%
2	Zhongji Innolight Co Ltd	Information Technology	6.50%
3	Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical E	Health Care	5.93%
4	New Oriental Education & Techn	Consumer Discretionary	5.54%
5	Nari Technology Co Ltd	Industrials	4.59%
6	Naura Technology Group Co Ltd	Information Technology	4.24%
7	Guangdong Provincial Expresswa	Industrials	4.22%
8	Shenzhen Inovance Technology C	Industrials	4.20%
9	China Shenhua Energy Co Ltd	Energy	4.15%
10	Lenovo Group Ltd	Information Technology	4.14%

Top 5 Contributors

Company	SECTOR	T RETURN	C RETURN
Dell Technologies Inc	Information Technology	20.6%	0.42%
Foxconn Industrial Internet Co	Information Technology	21.3%	0.37%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	Communication Services	9.6%	0.35%
NVIDIA Corp	Information Technology	14.2%	0.31%
HSBC Holdings PLC	Financials	5.8%	0.19%

Top 5 Detractors

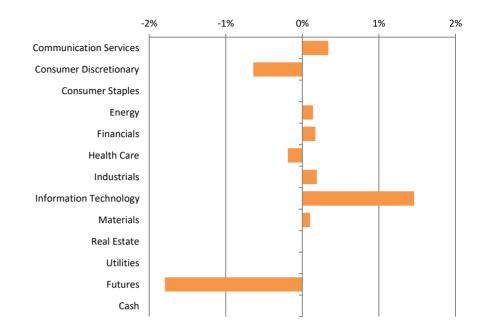
Company	SECTOR	T RETURN	C RETURN
New Oriental Education & Techn	Consumer Discretionary	-8.17%	-0.50%
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical E	Health Care	-3.13%	-0.19%
Shenzhen Inovance Technology C	Industrials	-3.60%	-0.16%
Trip.com Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	-3.21%	-0.14%
Daqin Railway Co Ltd	Industrials	-1.80%	-0.08%





Sector Attribution (MTD)

Sector	Attribution (%)
Communication Services	0.34%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.64%
Consumer Staples	0.00%
Energy	0.14%
Financials	0.17%
Health Care	-0.19%
Industrials	0.19%
Information Technology	1.46%
Materials	0.10%
Real Estate	0.00%
Utilities	0.00%
Futures	-1.79%
Cash	0.00%
Total	-0.23%



Fund Managers



Michael Liang Partner & CIO, CFA, industry experience since 1993.



Vivian Mui COO, industry experience since 2000.



Felix Li Compliance Officer, industry experience since 2005.



Leo Leng Analyst, industry experience since 2013.



Eugene Tse Analyst, industry experience since 2012.



Julian Wong Analyst, industry experience since 2019.



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