

## Orbis Asia ex-Japan Equity

The recent dramatic volatility in China's stockmarket has served investors with a timely reminder that investing is not without its risks. Chinese shares have fallen precipitously since mid-June, after more than doubling in value in the preceding twelve months. The government's efforts to boost the stockmarket have appeared to be largely in vain, but we believe that to indiscriminately join the sell-off would be a mistake.

Your Fund does not invest in stockmarkets, but rather in individual shares. As we noted in last quarter's commentary, your Fund has no exposure to China's domestic A-shares, which have since experienced the most severe price movements, and we continue to find these shares expensive. By contrast, we have identified attractive opportunities among the US and Hong Kong-listed shares of selected Chinese companies. In times like these, when the impact to companies' share prices is disproportionate to changes in fundamental value, we can find attractive buying opportunities. We are pleased to add to our highest-conviction ideas when they are available at lower prices, and take advantage of weakened sentiment to buy high-quality businesses.

In the last quarter, we increased the Fund's position size in Baidu, a major Chinese internet company. While 25% was knocked off Baidu's market value in the months of July and August, we are confident that the long-term value of the business did not experience any commensurate decline. Like other internet businesses, which in aggregate comprise 75% of your Fund's investments in China, Baidu's long-term profitability is largely supported by secular trends, such as increased mobile penetration and the proliferation of quality online services. We expect a slowdown in GDP growth to have little directional bearing on these trends.

Trading at 27 times our estimate of 2015 earnings, Baidu may not appear inexpensive. But, in our view, this is largely because it has prioritised innovation and long-term investments over short-term profit. If we exclude currently loss-making ventures and only include the profits from Baidu's core search business, which we expect to grow in excess of 20% annually, the stock trades at only ten times earnings. Newer segments include online video, where Baidu holds the #1 market position and online travel, where it is #2. One notable new venture is its ambitious online-to-offline (O2O) initiative, which broadly involves connecting online users with offline services. For example, a company may use online user data to inform its offline, 'storefront' strategy, or allow customers to purchase goods online, for pick-up in stores. While O2O holds considerable long-term potential, it is currently loss-making, and investor sentiment on this initiative remains weak.

Likewise, NetEase, your Fund's largest investment in China and one of the country's leading online game operators, stands to benefit from long-term secular trends, and we believe its shares have been overly punished amidst the recent market volatility. Trading at around ten times forward earnings ex-cash, we have taken advantage of its weaker share price to modestly increase the Fund's position size. A stockmarket correction is unlikely to cause people to stop playing NetEase's games, and with over 20% of its market capitalisation held in cash, it is well-positioned to withstand short-term headwinds. Having owned NetEase for over seven years, we remain confident in the company's founder, William Ding, who has led the company from strength to strength and achieved a five-fold increase in earnings over this period.

It is exciting when short-term volatility opens up an opportunity to buy a long-term winner—which we believe sums up your Fund's recent purchase of JD.com. Affiliated with Tencent, JD is China's second largest e-commerce player and its largest retailer. Its operations are comparable to Amazon's, with self-managed logistics, services and infrastructure (e.g. warehouses) supporting the sale and delivery of goods directly to consumers. Thanks to JD's scale and business model, whereby it sells and generates cash on products prior to paying related costs, its rapid expansion could be entirely self-funded, which is a very attractive characteristic. Moreover, as an e-commerce company, much of JD's growth capital expenditure (capex) is effectively recorded as marketing expenses in its income statement, which, in our view, causes earnings to be understated. JD's earnings are also affected by its keeping prices low in an effort to compete for market share. If the company continues to grab market share, it should be rewarded with rising profit margins as economies of scale lower procurement costs, while increasing the industry's barriers to entry.

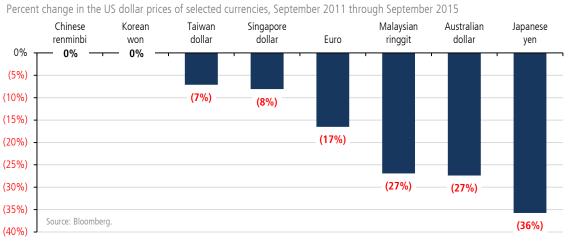
Since the earnings gestation period for internet businesses can be prolonged, we generally find that valuation multiples based on earnings are less useful. For e-commerce retailers, Gross Merchandise Value (GMV)—the total value of goods sold through the site—is a helpful measure in assessing long-term fundamental value. On an Enterprise Value (EV)-to-GMV basis, JD's discount relative to its peers becomes most apparent. Its EV is less than 0.5 times this year's expected GMV, while Amazon trades at around one times EV/GMV. If JD can indeed deliver on our expectations of 40% annual GMV growth through 2019—and better yet, cement a dominant position in Chinese retail—it may present an extraordinary long-term investment opportunity.



# Orbis Asia ex-Japan Equity (continued)

Our enthusiasm for the individual companies your Fund owns does not necessarily extend to the overall Chinese economy. While we have taken note of exciting developments in China's service economy, where mobile internet and e-commerce are bolstering economic growth and employment, the fault lines in its wider macroeconomic environment have been apparent for some time. High GDP growth on the back of debt-fuelled spending and sometimes-misguided large-scale industrial projects led by state-owned enterprises (SOE) is unlikely to be sustainable.

The recent devaluation of China's renminbi (RMB) has also compounded the market's jitters, though it has declined by less than 5% against the US dollar in the last year. Examined over four years, the RMB is unchanged against the US dollar, despite Chinese wages increasing at 10% per annum over that time, and other regional currencies performing weakly. Taking into account cyclical pressures and the high leverage resulting from China's years of credit expansion, there is the potential for the RMB to decline further. The Fund has used forward contracts to sell the RMB, reducing the exposure inherited through its holdings in Chinese equites to 19%, compared with the benchmark's weight of 28%.



China's currency has not weakened versus the US dollar as many other currencies have

While China's currency may see further depreciation and GDP growth is slowing, we still see attractive bottom-up investment opportunities. As long-term business owners, we must remember that macroeconomic concerns are important only to the extent that they represent deterioration in an investment's fundamental value. As we are in the business of owning companies, not lines on a price graph, short-term fluctuations are less of an issue. We remain focused on the gap between businesses' long-term fundamental value and their share prices, and are optimistic about the potential for attractive longterm returns from your Fund's Chinese investments.

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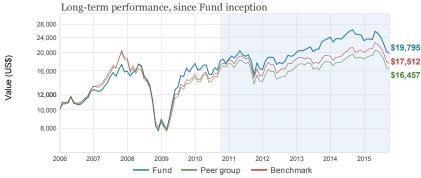
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## **Orbis SICAV** Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund

The Fund seeks higher returns than the average of the Asia ex-Japan equity markets, without greater risk of loss. The benchmark is the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan (Net) (US\$) Index, including income ("MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index"). Currency exposure is managed separately to equity exposure. The Fund may be long in benchmark or non-benchmark currencies without holding underlying assets in those currencies.

## Growth of US\$10,000 investment, dividends reinvested



## Returns (%)

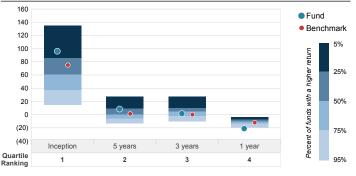
	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark		
Annualised		Net	Gross		
Since Fund inception	7.3	5.2	5.9		
5 years	1.8	(0.1)	0.4		
3 years	0.8	1.2	0.0		
1 year	(20.6)	(11.7)	(12.4)		
Not annualised					
Calendar year to date	(14.1)	(10.9)	(12.5)		
3 months	(17.6)	(15.9)	(17.0)		
1 month	(2.1)		(1.8)		
		Year	%		
Best performing calendar year since	2009	96.4			

Worst performing calendar year since inception 2008 (44.0)

### Risk Measures, since Fund inception

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Largest drawdown (%)	55	62	62
Months to recovery	20	90	81
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	23.8	22.1	22.7
Beta vs benchmark	1.0	1.0	1.0
Tracking error vs benchmark (%)	8.0	3.0	0.0

## Ranking within peer group, cumulative return (%)



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Orbis Fund share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the Funds, an investor's capital is at risk.

### Fact Sheet at 30 September 2015

Price	US\$18.69	Benchmark I	MSCI Asia ex	-Japan Index	
Pricing currency	US dollars	Peer group	Average As	sia ex-Japan	
Domicile	Luxembourg	Equ		uity Fund Index	
Туре	SICAV	Minimum inv	vestment	US\$50,000	
Share class Inve	stor Share Class	(1	Existing Orb	ois investors)	
Fund size	US\$2.4 billion	Dealing	Weekly	(Thursdays)	
Fund inception	1 January 2006	Entry/exit fe	es	None	
Strategy size	US\$2.4 billion	UCITS IV co	mpliant	Yes	
Strategy inception	1 January 2006	ISIN	LU	0241795839	

See Notices for important information about this Fact Sheet



#### Geographical & Currency Allocation (%)

Country	Equity	Currency	Benchmark
China	36	19	28
Korea	33	18	18
India	7	11	11
Hong Kong	7	19	13
Singapore	7	7	5
Russia	6	5	0
Malaysia	2	4	4
Taiwan	1	15	15
Other	0	2	7
Net Current Assets	1	0	0
Total	100	100	100

### Top 10 Holdings (%)

	MSCI Sector	%			
NetEase	Information Technology	10.0			
Baidu	Information Technology	6.7			
Korea Electric Power	Utilities	6.4			
KB Financial Group	Financials	5.9			
Sohu.com	Information Technology	5.5			
Lotte Shopping	Consumer Discretionary	4.9			
JD.com	Information Technology	4.6			
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	4.6			
Uni-President China Holdings	Consumer Staples	4.1			
Kiwoom Securities	Financials	3.9			
Total		56.6			
Portfolio Concentration &	Characteristics				
% of NAV in top 25 holdings		88			
Total number of holdings		40			
12 month portfolio turnover (%)	)	44			
12 month name turnover (%)		23			
Active share (%)					
Fees & Expenses (%), for la	ast 12 months				
Management fee1		2.19			
For 3 year performance in lir	ne with benchmark	1.50			
For 3 year outperformance/(underperformance) vs benchmark					
Fund expenses					
Total Expense Ratio (TER)		2.31			

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  1.5% per annum  $\pm$  up to 1%, based on 3 year rolling outperformance/ (underperformance) vs benchmark.

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12 month portfolio turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the lesser of total security purchases or sales in the Fund over the period, divided by the average net asset value of the Fund. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

12 month name turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period but no longer held at the end of the period, divided by the total number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

Active share is a measure of how actively managed the Orbis Equity Funds are. It is calculated by summing the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each individual stock in the specific Orbis Fund, versus the weight of each holding in the respective benchmark index, and dividing by two.

The total expense ratio has been calculated using the expenses, excluding trading costs, and average net assets for the 12 month period ending 30 September 2015.

Orbis Optimal SA Fund: Total Rate of Return for Bank Deposits is the compound total return for one-month interbank deposits in the specified currency. Beta Adjusted Exposure is calculated as Equity Exposure multiplied by a Beta determined using Blume's technique, minus Portfolio Hedging.

#### **Fund Information**

Orbis SICAV Global Balanced Fund: The benchmark is a composite index consisting of the MSCI World Index with net dividends reinvested (60%) and the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index (40%). Net Equity is Gross Equity minus stockmarket hedging. Fixed Income refers to fixed income instruments issued by corporate bodies, governments and other entities, such as bonds, money market instruments and cash and cash equivalents. Fixed Income regional allocation is based on the currency denomination of the instrument.

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