BAMC Asia Equity Fund

As at 30 November 2024

Introduction

BAMC Asia Equity Fund (the "Fund") is an open-ended fund. The Fund is actively managed and seeks to invest in equities and equity-related securities of companies or institutions domiciled in, operating principally from, or deriving significant revenue from, the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

Key Information

Fund Name	BAMC Asia Equity Fund	Investment Assets	Listed equities
Inception Date	15 November 2023	Fund Currency	USD
Fund Manager	Banjaran Asset Management (Cambodia) PLC	Fund Advisor	Banjaran Asset Management Pte Ltd
Trustee	Stronghold Trustee Co., Ltd	Initial Sales Charge	Up to 5.0%
Management Fee	1% per annum	Advisor Fee	1% per annum
Bloomberg Ticker	BAMCAEU KH	Dealing	Daily
Minimum Initial Investment	US$200	Net Asset Value (NAV)/Unit	US$106.04/unit (as at 30 November 2024)

Historical NAV Performance

Commencement date: 23 July 2024
*Includes the effect of the fees payable by the Fund
Source: Banjaran Asset Management (Cambodia) PLC, as at 30 November 2024

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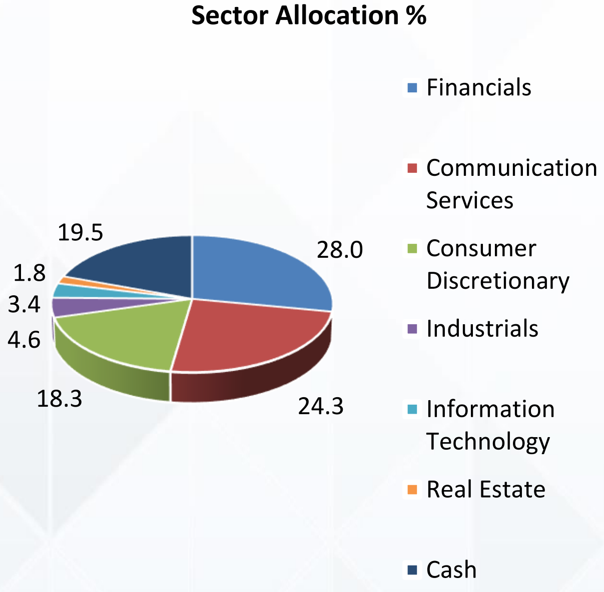
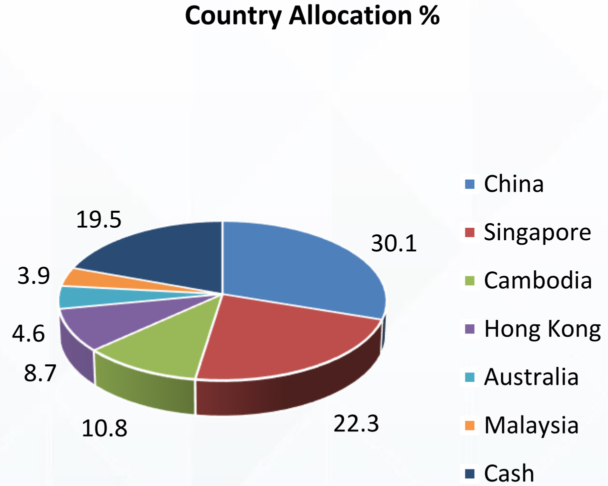
Fund Analysis

Share Class	NAV/unit (US$)	Performance (%)			
		1-month	3-month	Year-to-date	Since inception
BAMC Asia Equity Fund (Charges applied)*	106.04	(3.63)	(0.27)	6.04	6.04

Inception date: 15 November 2023 @ US$100
*Includes the effect of the fees payable by the Fund
Source: Banjaran Asset Management (Cambodia) PLC, as at 30 November 2024





Stock	Ticker	Country Domicile	Market Cap US$
Top Holdings:			
NetLink NBN Trust	NETLINK SP	Singapore	2.5 Billion
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	9988 HK	China	205.1 Billion
Tencent Holdings Ltd	700 HK	China	473.9 Billion
HSBC Holdings plc	5 HK	Hong Kong	167.6 Billion
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	DBS SP	Singapore	89.9 Billion

Source: Yahoo Finance, as at 30 November 2024

Market Review

Asian equities exhibited mixed performance in November 2024, influenced by the continued strengthening of the greenback following Donald Trump's re-election as U.S. President. The prospect of heightened trade and technology tensions under a second Trump presidency led to declines in China and Hong Kong stock markets. Trump's campaign pledge to impose tariffs of 60% or more on Chinese manufactured goods contributed to this sentiment. Consequently, the Hang Seng Index and Hang Seng China Enterprises Index both fell by 4.4%, while the CSI 300 Index edged up by 0.7%.

South Korea's KOSPI Index declined by 3.9%, driven by foreign equity outflows amid investor concerns over global trade tensions and their impact on economic growth. The Bank of Korea unexpectedly cut interest rates by 25 basis points in response to these growth concerns.

Conversely, Australia's market performed robustly, with the S&P/ASX 200 Index surging by 3.4%, marking its second-best monthly performance of the year, led by technology stocks.

Among ASEAN markets, Malaysia's KLCI declined by 0.5%. In contrast, Singapore's STI rose by 5.1%, buoyed by resilient banking stocks. Overseas investors sought exposure to the region, shifting from China and Hong Kong amidst the ongoing U.S.-China tensions.

General Outlook and Views

As the U.S. elections conclude, the market has swiftly discounted extreme scenarios under a Trump administration. The market is significantly more prepared this time, extrapolating from Trump's first term. Historically, reality often diverges from extreme campaign proposals. Should the new Trump administration's policies prove less extreme, we could see a significant reversal of the ongoing Trump trade. Meanwhile, the narrative around U.S. inflation and the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut prospects has shifted due to the incoming administration's promised policies and recent strong economic data.

China's counter-cyclical stimulus measures following its policy shift could favour Asian markets. While tariffs may contribute to volatility in the Chinese market, we see value in maintaining diversified exposure to Asia ex-Japan. Our long-term investment strategies allow us to navigate short-term economic fluctuations. We believe our Chinese holdings are at valuation levels that, given their long-term growth outlooks and competitive positioning, more than compensate for the risks.

Financial inclusion in Asia is expanding rapidly, bringing banking services to a broader population. This growth is driven by robust economic activity and rising consumer confidence, leading to strong demand for loans. The wealth management sector is also flourishing as individuals seek to manage their increasing assets. Technological advancements and digital banking innovations are enhancing operational efficiency and customer satisfaction. These trends, supported by favourable regulatory environments and solid economic fundamentals, present compelling opportunities. Consequently, we have initiated positions in DBS Group Holdings Ltd ("DBS"), Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd ("OCBC"), and HSBC Holdings plc ("HSBC"), believing these investments will significantly strengthen our portfolio and drive future growth.

We will cover these stock picks in more detail in the next section. Looking ahead, we are considering expanding our exposure to other notable markets in the region and rebalancing our positions to further diversify our portfolio.

Portfolio Review

In November, the portfolio declined by 3.63%, primarily due to our exposure to the Chinese market amid underwhelming quarterly numbers beset by economic and geopolitical uncertainty. Year to date, the Fund has delivered a return of 6.04%.

We have initiated new positions in banking stocks, including DBS, OCBC and HSBC. As mentioned, we have rotated our holdings to this sector, believing that a higher-for-longer interest rate environment will sustain bank profitability, supported by their strong fundamentals.

Our new holding, DBS, is a leading financial services group in Asia, offering a comprehensive range of services such as consumer banking, corporate banking, investment banking and wealth management. With a robust balance sheet and strong capital position, DBS has consistently demonstrated resilience, navigating economic challenges while pursuing growth opportunities in Southeast Asia's rapidly evolving financial landscape. We believe DBS is well-positioned for growth given its dominant regional presence, strong focus on digitalisation, robust financial performance, and history of delivering consistent profitability. It has consistently returned value to shareholders through attractive dividends and share buybacks.

Another new position, OCBC, is also a leading financial services organisation in Asia. The bank offers a comprehensive suite of financial services, including retail and corporate banking, wealth management and insurance. OCBC presents a strong opportunity in the regional banking sector, with a significant presence in the ASEAN market and a key role in the Johor-Singapore Economic Zone, characterised by robust fundamentals and a resilient growth trajectory. With a solid capital base, the bank has consistently delivered healthy financial performance, evidenced by steady profit margins and dividend payouts. We believe these factors position the bank well to navigate potential economic headwinds and capitalise on growth opportunities in the region.

Lastly, we have added HSBC, a global banking giant with a diverse geographic footprint and a strong international network. We believe HSBC is well-positioned for long-term growth, driven by its focus on wealth management and international trade finance. Furthermore, HSBC's strong capital position and ongoing cost-reduction initiatives, enhance its profitability prospects. The bank’s substantial balance sheet, combined with strong capital ratios, positions it well to navigate financial challenges and capitalise on growth opportunities. In recent years, HSBC has strategically pivoted towards its Asian roots, signalling a long-term commitment to the region as a key growth driver. The bank has been rewarding shareholders by unlocking the value of its suboptimal businesses. It has also reaffirmed its intention to distribute capital returns to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks.

Thank you for joining us on this journey!