# First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund

#### 31 December 2024

Minimum initial investment	US\$1,000
Minimum subsequent investment	US\$500
Share class	Class I (USD – Acc)
Inception date	14 July 2003
Benchmark	J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index
Initial charge	5.0%
Management fee	1.0% p.a.
NAV/per share	US\$18.25
ISIN code	IE0032834990
Total fund size	US\$1,269.8mn

Source: First Sentier Investors, as at 31 December 2024. The Fund is a sub fund of Ireland domiciled First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund plc.

### Why invest in the First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund?

### 1. Asia's resilience in growth

- Asia remains the fastest growing region, with countries such as Indonesia and India still having a strong domestic story to support strong growth
- Asian countries compare favorably against developed markets as a resource rich region moving up the global value chain, with further growth potential coming from a younger demography
- In China, fiscal and monetary support is expected to remain strong to help the economy recover

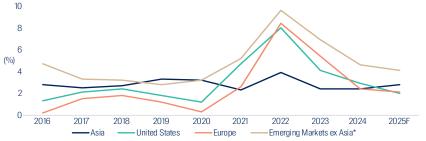


\*Exclude Turkey and Argentina.

Source: First Sentier Investors, IMF, Deutsche Bank and HSBC as of 31 December 2024.

### 2. Relatively stable inflation in Asia

- Inflation has been less of a problem for Asia when compared to developed economies and ex-Asia emerging markets
- Asian central banks to have more flexibility in their monetary policies, should the need arise as global growth slows



 The Fund invests primarily in debt securities of governments or quasi-government organization in Asia and/or issuers organised, headquartered or having their primary business operations in Asia.

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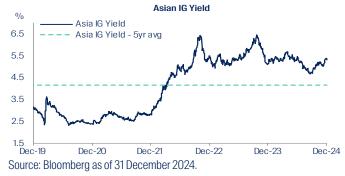
- The Fund's investments may be concentrated in a single, small number of countries or specific region which may have higher volatility or greater loss of capital than more diversified portfolios.
- The Fund invests in emerging markets which may have increased risks than developed markets including liquidity risk, currency risk/ control, political and economic uncertainties, high degree of volatility, settlement risk and custody risk.
- The Fund invests in sovereign debt securities which are exposed to political, social and economic risks. The Fund may also expose to RMB currency and conversion risk.
- The Fund invests in debts or fixed income securities which may be subject to credit, interest rate, currency and credit rating reliability risks which would negatively affect its value. Investment grade securities may be subject to risk of being downgraded and the value of the Fund may be adversely affected. The Fund may invest in below investment grade, unrated debt securities which exposes to greater volatility risk, default risk and price changes due to change in the issuer's creditworthiness.
- The Fund may use FDIs for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes, which may subject the Fund to additional liquidity, valuation, counterparty and over the counter transaction risks.
- For certain share classes, the Fund may at its discretion pay dividend out of capital or pay fees and expenses out of capital to increase distributable income and effectively a distribution out of capital. This amounts to a return or withdrawal of your original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that, and may result in an immediate decrease of NAV per share.
- It is possible that a part or entire value of your investment could be lost. You should not base your investment decision solely on this document. Please read the offering document including risk factors for details.

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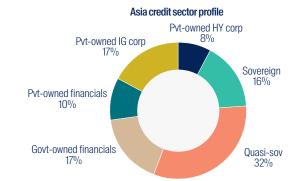
## 3. Asian Investment Grade (IG) credit is looking attractive from an all-in yield perspective

- At current yields of approximately 5%, Asian IG offers an attractive income
- With stable debt ratios and still healthy cash balances, solid fundamentals in Asian IG corporates will help the asset class remain resilient through a downturn



# 4. Strong government and ownership support among Asia's credit issuers

- Sovereigns such as Indonesia and the Philippines have enjoyed improving economic fundamentals in the region
- Quasi-sovereigns benefit from strong government backing



Source: J.P Morgan. Data as of 30 June 2024.

	Cumulative performance in USD (%)							
	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception		
First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund	-2.7	3.3	3.3	-3.2	0.7	82.5		
Benchmark	-1.6	4.2	4.2	0.7	7.6	150.2		

	Calendar year performance in USD (%)							
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund	3.3	5.2	-10.9	-1.8	5.9			
Benchmark	4.2	7.4	-10.0	0.0	6.9			

Source: Lipper & FSI, Nav-Nav (USD total return), as at 31 December 2024. Since inception: 14 July 2003. The First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund Class I (USD - Acc) is the non-dividend distributing class of the fund, the performance quoted are based on USD total return (non-dividend distribution). Past performance is not indicative of future returns. As of 9 March 2021, the name of benchmark of First Sentier Asian Quality Bond Fund has been amended to J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index (previously JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index). This is not a benchmark change and the update is to more accurately reflect the benchmark's name.

#### About the Asian Fixed Income team

With members across Hong Kong and Singapore, the Asian Fixed Income team has more than 14 years average industry experience. Led by Nigel Foo, the team aims to achieve consistent risk-adjusted returns, with risk management at the centre of the team's investment philosophy.



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