

## Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth through investment principally in the stock markets of the Asian Region (excluding Japan).

## Investment Trust Facts

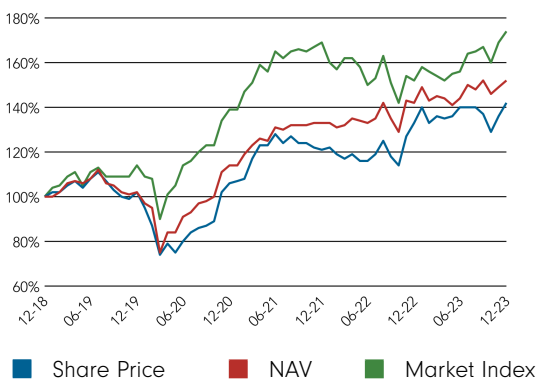
Launch date:	13.06.96
Portfolio manager:	Nitin Bajaj
Appointed to trust:	01.04.15
Years at Fidelity:	20
Total Net Assets (TNA):	£ 388m
Ordinary shares in Issue:	71,691,511
Share price:	514.00p
NAV:	541.88p
Discount:	5.15%
Gross Market Gearing:	14.9%
Net Market Gearing:	6.6%

## Performance Comparator

Market Index: MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap (N) Index

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

## Performance to 31.12.23 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 13.06.96*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	5.0	3.8	7.1	7.1	34.2	42.5	586.9
NAV Cumulative Growth	2.1	0.1	7.0	7.0	33.8	52.2	594.3
Index Cumulative Growth	3.3	4.0	14.7	14.7	25.3	74.1	370.8
Share Price Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	10.3	7.3	7.2
NAV Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	10.2	8.8	7.3
Index Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	7.8	11.7	5.8

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

\*Performance commencement date.

## Key Risks

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Overseas investments may be more volatile than established markets. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility.

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

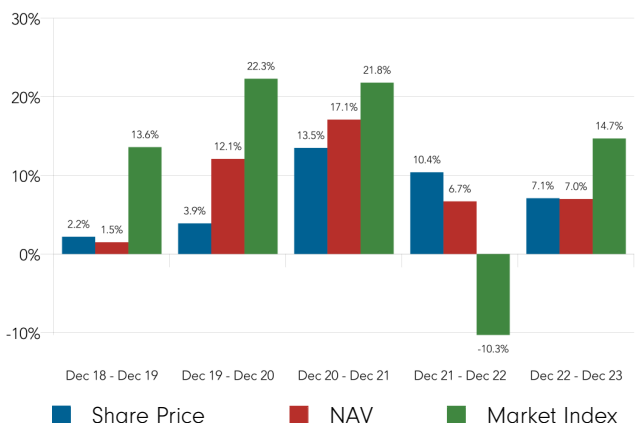
The Trust's NAV rose 7.0% during the 12-month period ended 31 December 2023, underperforming its reference index which rose by 14.7%. The Trust's share price rose 7.1% over the same period.

Stock selection was the key contributor to the Trust's relative performance. Our investment process leads us to take contrarian positions in undervalued businesses. We have been finding a lot of such opportunities in China, where heightened perception of risks has led to a sharp decline in stock prices. But despite attractive valuations China continues to underperform and drag down the Trust's relative returns versus the index. On the other hand, an underweight in Taiwan also held back relative returns. From a sector perspective, selections within energy and utilities added value. The Trust is managed with an absolute return focus, completely agnostic of the index, with a bias towards high quality and value stocks.

Given this approach, stock selection was the key contributor to the Trust's relative performance. Of late, investors seem to be rotating out of growth stocks and into value names in the Asian small cap space, which also aided performance. This trend should continue as small cap value stocks remain at a significant discount to small cap growth stocks in Asia.

Overall, the Trust was overweight consumer discretionary, financials, consumer staples and energy sectors. At a country level, it was most overweight China, Indonesia, and Hong Kong.

## Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



Performance is shown against a hybrid benchmark as calculated by Fidelity. MSCI Asia Pacific Ex Japan Small Cap Index replaced MSCI Asia Pacific Ex Japan as official benchmark from 1 February 2020.

**Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)**

	Exposure (% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	114.9
Net Equity	103.3
Other	3.4
Uninvested Cash	0.0

Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

**Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)**

GBP	Net	Index	Relative
>10bn	20.8	0.0	20.8
5-10bn	10.0	0.1	9.8
1-5bn	25.1	56.5	-31.4
0-1bn	45.6	41.8	3.8
<b>Total Market Cap Exposure</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>98.5</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	1.7	1.5	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)**

GICS Sector	Net	Index	Relative
Financials	20.1	9.3	10.9
Consumer Discretionary	17.2	11.3	6.0
Industrials	16.0	16.6	-0.6
Consumer Staples	14.1	5.2	8.9
Materials	9.3	11.2	-1.9
Real Estate	6.6	7.3	-0.6
Utilities	4.7	2.4	2.3
Energy	4.1	1.5	2.7
Health Care	3.9	10.0	-6.1
Information Technology	3.5	21.4	-17.9
Communication Services	2.7	4.0	-1.3
<b>Total Sector Exposure</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	1.0	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Country Exposure (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
China	29.9	9.0	20.9
India	19.4	30.3	-10.9
Indonesia	15.6	2.3	13.3
Hong Kong	9.9	4.1	5.8
Korea (South)	8.0	15.8	-7.8
Australia	5.8	0.0	5.8
United States	4.1	0.1	4.0
Singapore	3.0	4.6	-1.6
Macau	2.2	0.1	2.1
Malaysia	1.0	2.8	-1.8
Others	3.3	31.1	-27.8
<b>Total Country Exposure</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	1.0	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

**Top Net Long Positions (% TNA)**

	GICS Sector	Country	Net	Index	Relative
AXIS BANK LTD	Financials	India	4.2	0.0	4.2
HDFC BANK LTD	Financials	India	3.8	0.0	3.8
BANK NEGARA INDO PT TBK	Financials	Indonesia	2.9	0.0	2.9
GENPACT LTD	Industrials	United States	2.7	0.0	2.7
INDOFOOD CBP SUKSES MAK TBK PT	Consumer Staples	Indonesia	2.6	0.0	2.6
PTC INDIA LTD	Utilities	India	2.5	0.0	2.5
BANK MANDIRI PERSERO TBK PT	Financials	Indonesia	2.5	0.0	2.5
BOC AVIATION LTD	Industrials	China	2.3	0.0	2.3
GALAXY ENT GROUP LTD	Consumer Discretionary	Macau	2.2	0.0	2.2
GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LTD	Materials	Australia	2.1	0.0	2.1

**Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
AXIS BANK LTD	4.2	0.0	4.2
HDFC BANK LTD	3.8	0.0	3.8
BANK NEGARA INDO PT TBK	2.9	0.0	2.9
GENPACT LTD	2.7	0.0	2.7
INDOFOOD CBP SUKSES MAK TBK PT	2.6	0.0	2.6
BANK MANDIRI PERSERO TBK PT	2.5	0.0	2.5
PTC INDIA LTD	2.5	0.0	2.5
BOC AVIATION LTD	2.3	0.0	2.3
GALAXY ENT GROUP LTD	2.2	0.0	2.2
GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LTD	2.1	0.0	2.1

**Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)**

	Net	Index	Relative
Short Position - name withheld	-0.8	0.0	-0.8
Short Position - name withheld	-0.3	0.3	-0.6
Short Position - name withheld	-0.5	0.1	-0.5
Short Position - name withheld	-0.5	0.0	-0.5
COFORGE LTD	0.0	0.4	-0.4
MAPLETREE INDUSTRIAL REIT	0.0	0.4	-0.4
ASIA VITAL COMPONENTS CO LTD	0.0	0.4	-0.4
CHICONY ELECTRONICS CO LTD	0.0	0.3	-0.3
ELITE MATERIAL CO LTD	0.0	0.3	-0.3
KING YUAN ELECTRONICS CO LTD	0.0	0.3	-0.3

**Net Long Positions Concentration (% TNA)**

	Fund	Index
Top 10	27.8	3.5
Top 20	45.4	6.4
Top 50	75.3	13.3

Full portfolio listings, with the appropriate time lag as agreed by the Board, are available on request from Fidelity Investment Trusts. Figures may not always sum to totals due to rounding.

## Approach and Style

The portfolio manager aims to generate outperformance mainly through fundamentals-driven bottom-up security selection approach within the Asia Pacific ex Japan smaller companies universe. The focus is on investing in smaller companies because they tend to be less well researched, which leads to greater valuation anomalies. The manager's fundamental analysis involves the evaluation of various factors including, but not limited to, stock valuation, financial strength, cash flows, company's competitive advantages, business prospects and earnings potential. His style is tilted towards value and he has a two to three year investment horizon.

## Administrative & Dealing Information

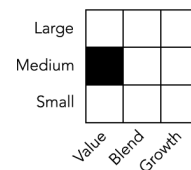
Financial Year End:	31st July
Reference currency:	UK Sterling (GBP)
Company domicile:	United Kingdom
Company legal structure:	Investment Trust
Capital guarantee:	No
ISIN:	GB0003322319
SEDOL:	0332231
Bloomberg:	FAS LN
Distribution frequency:	Annual
Charges made to income or capital:	Income
Other Ongoing Costs (including AMC/excluding Portfolio transaction costs):	0.96%
Portfolio Transaction Costs:	0.58%
Annual Management Charge:	0.70% (net assets) +/- 0.20% (based on performance relative to the Market Index)

Last VMF adjustment (+/- 0.2%) applied at month end: +0.20%

## Independent Assessment

Information in this section is the latest available at date of publication. Further details can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments, these are not a reliable indicator of future results.

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## Portfolio Construction – Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve the fund's objectives.

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as geared.

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

## How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- **Aggregation:** all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company. The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities - ie not aggregated.
- **Categorisation:** for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.
- **Derivatives:** all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.
- **"Basket" securities:** securities that represent a number of company shares - like index futures or options - are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

**ESG Metrics**

The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. Representation of this data is for informational purposes only. If the SFDR classification is shown as 6 below then this fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics nor does it have a sustainable investment objective. If it is shown as 8, the fund promotes environmental or social characteristics. If it is shown as 9, the fund has a sustainable investment objective. Product-specific information can be found on our website at [www.fidelityinternational.com](http://www.fidelityinternational.com)

**Sustainability Characteristics (31.12.2023)**

	Fund	Index
MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	BBB	N/R
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/\$M Revenue)	270.2	323.4
SFDR Classification	N/A	N/A

**MSCI Ratings Distribution % (31.12.2023)**

■ Fund      ■ Index

N/A - Not Applicable  
N/R - Not Rated

ESG Fund rating based on holding as at 31.07.23 with 66.1% security coverage. Carbon intensity data based on holdings as at 31.12.23 with 96.8% security coverage.

**Glossary**

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating:** This shows the fund’s ESG rating based on the Quality Scores given to the fund by MSCI. This ranges from AAA, AA (Leader), A, BBB, BB (Average) to B, CCC (Laggard). To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund’s gross weight must come from covered securities (and excluding cash), the fund’s holdings date must be less than one year old and the fund must have at least ten securities.

**Weighted Average Carbon Intensity:** is calculated as the sum of each portfolio weight multiplied by the Co2e per \$M of Revenue of each holding. This metric provides a snapshot of the fund’s exposure to carbon-intensive companies and includes scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions. For carbon data, the coverage of underlying securities must be over 50% for data to be shown.

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**MSCI Ratings Distribution:** This shows the percentage distribution of ESG ratings in the fund, based on the Net Asset Value of holdings excluding cash, liquidity funds, derivatives and Exchange Traded Funds.

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## Glossary / Additional Notes

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### Equity Exposure notes

#### GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

#### NET EQUITY

The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.

#### OTHER

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

#### UNINVESTED CASH

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

#### Investment Trust Facts

##### NAV

The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

##### PREMIUM

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

##### DISCOUNT

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

##### GEARING

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

##### FAIR VALUE

The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

#### General notes

##### TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

##### INDEX

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

##### TOP NET LONG POSITIONS

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the trust's total net assets are effectively invested. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

##### TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS

Those positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

##### NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the trust and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between fund and index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.

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## Glossary / Additional Notes

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### ONGOING COSTS (KID)

These include Portfolio transaction costs (the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments) and Other ongoing costs (the costs that we take each year for managing the investment).

These are based on the methodology prescribed by EU Regulation (PRIIPS) and differ from other presentations of costs such as the Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) in the Company's Annual Report & Accounts.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

These are costs incurred when trading underlying investments.

### SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.

More information is available at <http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us>

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.

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