

# Phillip Asia Pacific Growth Fund

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & FOCUS

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve medium to long term capital appreciation through investing the Deposited Property primarily in investments in or of companies with either assets wholly or partially in, or revenues wholly or partially derived from investment in countries and territories in the Asia Pacific region (including Japan, Australia and New Zealand) selected by the Managers for the purpose of investment of the Deposited Property. The total overall investment in equities or shares of companies in Emerging Markets is capped at 50% of the Value of the Deposited Property. The Fund is growth oriented and is authorised to invest in stocks and bonds, including but not limited to convertible bonds.

The Managers seek to identify emerging trends, underappreciated growth prospects and undervalued franchises. The Managers combine top-down and bottom-up approaches in managing the Fund; top-down approach tackles the asset and geographical allocation decisions while bottom-up approach tackles vigorous quantitative and qualitative analysis to determine the absolute and relative attractiveness of the securities. Subject to the provisions of the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the MAS ("Code"), the Managers may also invest the Deposited Property into money market funds and collective investment schemes, including money market funds and collective investment schemes managed by the Managers during such time or times and on such terms as the Managers think fit in accordance with the investment objective and focus of the Fund. The management fees charged by the money market funds and collective investment schemes managed by the Managers will be rebated to the Fund, as may be agreed between the Managers and the Trustee. The Managers currently use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") for the purpose of hedging and/or efficient portfolio management.

## FUND PERFORMANCE (AS AT 31 OCT 2017)



TOTAL RETURNS	FUND	BENCHMARK
Since Inception	135.62%	38.84%
1 month	2.57%	4.71%
3 months	0.49%	5.25%
Year To Date	11.02%	17.17%

ANNUALISED RETURNS	FUND	BENCHMARK
1 year	12.36%	18.31%
3 years	4.19%	7.90%
5 years	4.53%	9.00%
10 years	-1.03%	-0.80%
Annualised Returns Since Inception	3.98%	1.51%

Fund Performance are cumulative returns and calculated on a Single pricing basis, with any income or dividends reinvested as of 31 Oct 2017. Source: Bloomberg & Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd.

## FUND AWARDS

### Standard and Poor's Fund Awards

Winner in the Equity Asia Pacific - 3 years Category (2004, 2005 and 2006)  
 Winner in the Equity Asia Pacific - 5 years Category (2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007)

### The Edge Lipper Fund Awards

Lipper Singapore Unit Trust Fund Awards—Equity Asia Pacific over Five Years (2003)  
 Best Fund over One Year - Equity Asia Pacific (2004)  
 Best Fund over Three Years - Equity Asia Pacific (2004, 2005 & 2006)  
 Best Fund over Five Years - Equity Asia Pacific (2004, 2006 & 2007)  
 Best Fund over Ten Years - Equity Asia Pacific (2010)

## FUND INFORMATION

Current Fund Size	S\$21.21 million
NAV Price	S\$2.236
Investment Manager	Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd
Inception Date	23 November 1995
Inception Price	S\$0.95
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index SGD
Subscription Mode	Cash/ SRS (UR 0131)
Bloomberg Ticker	AIBAPGI SP Equity
ISIN Code	SG9999006019
Minimum Initial Investment	S\$1,000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	S\$500
Minimum Holdings	1000 units or \$1000 equivalent
Initial Sales Charge	Currently up to 5%, maximum 5%
Management Fee (p.a.)	Currently 1.25%, maximum 1.75%
Switching Fee	Currently up to 1%, maximum 1%
Dealing Frequency	Daily SGT 3:30pm
Pricing	Forward Pricing
Realisation Fee	Currently NIL, maximum 1%
Trustee's Fee	Currently 0.2%, maximum 0.4%, subject to a minimum S\$25,000 p.a.

## ASSET ALLOCATION

Equities	93.14%
Cash and Accruals	6.86%

**GEOGRAPHICAL ALLOCATION  
(TOP TEN)**

China	20.07%
Japan	17.60%
Hong Kong	12.43%
Singapore	8.86%
Thailand	7.84%
South Korea	5.97%
United Kingdom	5.73%
Australia	5.54%
India	4.26%
Vietnam	1.98%

**SECTOR ALLOCATION**

Industrial	20.98%
Financial	20.54%
Basic Materials	11.73%
Communications	9.69%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	8.75%
Consumer, Cyclical	7.73%
Utilities	4.63%
Funds	4.39%
Technology	2.82%
Diversified	1.89%

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

Toray Industries Inc
Panasonic Corp
Tencent Holdings Ltd
Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd
China Merchants Port Holdings
China State Construction Inter
HSBC Holdings PLC
SEEK Ltd
China Communications Construct
Seibu Holdings Inc

*All figures above as at 31 Oct 2017 unless stated otherwise.*

*Sources: Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd & Bloomberg.*

**MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

Asia-Pacific markets saw broad-based strength in October, boosted by strong corporate earnings and encouraging economic data, and supported by a strong US market particularly in the technology sector. Political and economic continuity in Asia, as implied by Japan's strong election mandate for Prime Minister Abe as well as perceived consolidation of power under Xi Jinping in China after the party congress within the month, also helped fuel a renewed wave of buying. For the month, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index rose 4.7% in Singapore dollar terms. Japan, South Korea and India were leading markets for the month, while Australia and emerging ASEAN markets lagged.

The Fund rose 2.6% for October, benefiting from its Japan holdings in particular but to a lesser extent than the benchmark as it holds a balanced allocation across various Asian markets.

Within the month, we took profit on **Santen Pharmaceutical** and **Panasonic Corp** in Japan after good price rallies. We also sold **Indofood Sukses** in Indonesia as sales and margins are being affected by weak consumer spending, as shown by its recent quarterly results. New stocks added include **POSCO** and **China Life Insurance**. POSCO, from South Korea, is one of the world's largest steel product manufacturers, and we think they are well poised to benefit from stronger product margins following years of industry downturn. China Life Insurance is one of China's largest life insurers, and it will benefit from strong growth in the industry due to rising penetration of life insurance across the population over the long term.

We maintain our view that given current broad-based economic momentum so far together with a benign environment of caution-tempered optimism, any significant market downturn is unlikely. Things to look out for are signs of surging inflation in any key segments (such as oil price shocks) which may force the hands of central banks to tighten at unexpectedly high rates.

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