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FTGF Martin Currie Asia Pacific Urban Trends Income Fund

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1. Introduction

As an active manager of long-term concentrated portfolios stewardship sits at the heart of our approach to investment. We are motivated by a belief that this both helps protect and enhance the risk-adjusted return on our clients' capital. Ultimately, we want to ensure that the interests of company managements are aligned with their shareholders (our clients), and that the former take this into account when making decisions. We place a particular emphasis on governance, strategy and capital allocation, and pay significant attention to material 'sustainability' (environmental or social) issues that might influence long term value creation. Our stewardship activity manifests itself principally in monitoring and engagement – both privately or in collaboration with other investors – and our voting activity. With regards to the former we build strong relationships with investee companies, ensuring that our engagement is not constrained by our clients' minority-shareholder status. Nonetheless, we will join collaborative efforts, particularly when deemed likely to be more efficacious than acting alone. Our voting policy is determined by our internal guidelines, with an expectation that companies will comply with (local) best practice or explain why this is not the case. Where clients assign us proxies we will vote with their best interests in mind. When voting against management we endeavour to inform them of our rationale for doing so in advance of the vote so as to allow due time for a response. All resolutions are reviewed in this context, with the responsibility for initial proposals residing with the investment team with oversight by our independent Stewardship, Sustainability & Impact team. As well as our internal research, we utilise the services of proxy advisor Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), which provides its own research on resolutions presented for company meetings. We use their platform to instruct the votes. Our governance and oversight documents, which apply across all regions, are reviewed annually, to ensure that we stay abreast of developments and best practice.

2. Commentary – Martin Currie Asia Pacific Ex Japan Real Income investment team

How do the main elements of the investment strategy contribute to the medium to long-term performance?

The FTGF Martin Currie Asia Pacific Urban Trends Income Fund is specifically designed for investors looking for a high, stable and growing income stream, with lower volatility than the broader equity market.

The strategy invests in a diversified portfolio of quality listed Real Asset securities including REITs, infrastructure and utilities, from developed and emerging Asia Pacific ex Japan countries.

Our approach is premised on the philosophy that the performance of Real Assets is driven by their unique leverage to the key demographic themes of population and urbanisation growth.

Our key thesis is that as urban population grows, so too will demand for Real Assets to service everyday needs. With a growing demand, coupled with the nondiscretionary nature of the services provided, Real Assets often have strong pricing power, proven cash flows, and the ability to grow income distributions regardless of the economic cycle. Given these attractive characteristics, real assets are generally less volatile than the wider equity market or sector-specific strategies and have a lower correlation with the returns of other asset classes.

While the global megatrend of urban population growth is enduring and is expected to hold well into the future, not all countries and cities are growing, and some are in fact going backwards. Our approach is to invest where Real Asset demand growth is underpinned by a naturally growing customer base, avoiding low growth regions like Japan where population declines become an investment headwind. As such we focus on select target countries, regions and cities in the Asia Pacific (ex Japan) region with the most attractive demographic growth.

Our experienced investment team is solely focused on identifying the best listed Real Asset investment opportunities using a disciplined and repeatable investment approach based on proprietary research into Valuation, Quality, Direction and Sustainable Dividends.

Stewardship is a critical element of our investment philosophy, and our Active Ownership approach, which includes ESG integration, engagement and voting, has been embedded directly into our investment process for more than 12 years.

Real Assets also help build the sustainable cities of the future. Embedded into our process is a focus on the sustainable economic pathway of every investment we make; critically we believe that through fundamental active ownership we can achieve better returns that also help make the world a better place.

For income investors, we also don't think it is appropriate to include any particular security in our portfolio just because it has a large weight in an arbitrary index. Our benchmark unaware portfolio construction, with low security and sector concentrations, addresses the common problems that equity indices face with concentration, income impairment and inflation protection. Our diversified portfolio of listed real assets also addresses the issues that direct-investing or unlisted funds face with diversification, liquidity and transparency. To improve capital growth, we also avoid income enhancement derivative strategies.

Governance and sustainability analysis is integrated into our approach with our analysis focusing on those factors that are potentially material to the investment case. We engage with companies both to build our understanding and to focus on change where we identify potential risks or an opportunity for improvement.

This strategy aims to generate significant real returns over the longer term rather than short-term outperformance relative to an index.

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This strategy aims to generate significant real returns over the longer term and is unsuitable for investors who want short-term outperformance relative to an index.

How is the Fund managed in-line with the Prospectus?

The investment team maintains a strong understanding of their mandates and prospectus investment guidelines, and they are the first line of defence in our 'three lines of defence' model. The second line of defence is our Risk and Compliance team which uses a monitoring system called Bloomberg CMGR to code investment guidelines where possible. The third line of defence is internal audit which conducts periodic review and assessment of mandate compliance controls within the first and second lines. Portfolio managers receive regular daily portfolio positioning data generated from Bloomberg AIM, allowing them to monitor compliance with fund investment restrictions.

2.1. Commentary on specific Fund investments

Our aim when producing our proprietary governance and sustainability risk ratings is to provide fundamental insight into material ESG issues that can influence long-term returns for companies, to assess where the companies in which we invest can have a material impact on key common ESG issues such as climate change, human rights, cyber security and workers' rights and to highlight potential areas for engagement. The level of research and engagement varies depending on region, sector and, critically, the materiality of the issues in question. The overarching aim is to assess the extent to which ESG factors will contribute to, or detract from, the long-term value creation of a firm.

The top five holdings in the fund on an absolute basis and their respective Governance and Sustainability risk ratings are as follows:

Stock name	Sector	Fund weight %	Governance Risk Rating	Sustainability Risk Rating
Link REIT	Real Estate	5.4	4	2
Guangdong Investment	Utilities	5.4	4	1
Transurban Group	Infrastructure	4.7	2	1
Scentre Group	Real Estate	4.6	4	2
Embassy Office Parks REIT	Real Estate	4.6	4	2

Source: Martin Currie as at 31 December 2022. FTGF Martin Currie Asia Pacific Urban Trends Income Fund. Index: The composite index is comprised of 50% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan REITS (Net Dividends) Index and 50% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Utilities (Net Dividends) Index. We use a range of quantitative and qualitative inputs to identify each company's potential exposure to ESG risks as well as its management of ESG risks. This ESG risk analysis helps us form a company specific rating for Governance and Sustainability (environmental and social) respectively. We apply a risk rating from 1 (low risk) to 5 (high risk).

Below we summarise the key ESG risks across the top five holdings and provide further commentary from the fund where we feel warranted.

Link REIT. Link REIT is a high quality, best-in-class landlord, and is the largest owner of retail facilities and car parks in Hong Kong and China. Link is the largest REIT in Asia (ex- Australia). Its well diversified retail assets are primarily focused on mid-market shopping malls with a non-discretionary focus. They are well located on top of or next to suburban transport nodes and residential towers which ensures strong foot traffic, tenant sales and ultimately rent. Shifting customer preferences to online is a headwind, however the non-discretionary focus ensures the robustness of the business. Non-discretionary trades, like supermarkets, ensure its tenant sales and earnings are not cyclical and less volatile than broader market.

Link REIT is one of the most reliable Asian stocks for consistent distribution growth, having never cut its dividend, even during Covid and the protests. Growth is expected to continue from organic rent growth, asset completions, buy-backs, and acquisitions. The low gearing provides the Group with considerable flexibility in capital management.

Link REIT has over 100 well-located properties in Hong Kong, which account for around 10% of all retail space. Its attractive and productive asset base has a competitive advantage with strong pricing power over retail rents. Its assets are also difficult to replicate given their locations around key transport nodes. This results in less competition in the suburban areas where they compete resulting in an attractive pricing buffer. Link REIT is lowly geared and has an impressive track record of margin improvement, tenant sales growth and high occupancy. The internal management are strong and are focused on cost control with excellent ESG credentials.

In terms of sustainability, Link REIT is rated highly with strong progress and ongoing efforts on sustainability as well as minimal harm from its rent collecting model focused on convenience retail and everyday needs. Many of its tenants provide essential services and implements rent increases in a mindful way. Assets and tenants were well managed during the protests and COVID-19 from an occupancy standpoint. They issue a comprehensive sustainability report annually which supports Link's understanding of ESG issues. Link REIT have also implemented several initiatives including "20/20 Vision" which involves reducing CO_2 emissions, reducing energy and a waste management program. The company is targeting net zero in 2035.

The company is a key contributor to UN SDG #7 - AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY, through its renewable energy developments progressing onsite and also procuring more renewable energy; and SDG #12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION through significant efforts and improved outcomes to reduce waste and increase recycling.

In terms of governance, we have no issues and/or board workings and salaries seem reasonable.

Guangdong Investment. Guangdong Investment is a Hong Kong-listed Chinese utility/infrastructure conglomerate, providing services to Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Dongguan. It has three main divisions – water, property, and toll roads – with its water business as the main driver of overall profits and dividends.

Guangdong Investment is the monopoly provider of water to Hong Kong. Its main water segment has high barriers to entry, low cyclicality, minimal substitutes, and some pricing power. There is a long-term price advantage given alternatives/ substitutes would be expensive and time consuming (i.e., desalination, alternative pipelines). Other non-water segments have high barriers to entry with limited cyclicality. Property is dominated by its rental business, which has good office and retail locations in Hong Kong and Guangzhou with high occupancy.

Guangdong Investment has a historically strong dividend track record, having only cut it once during the GFC. Guangdong Investment has a consistent, steady revenue stream with a low degree of cyclicality. Its core Hong Kong water business has high visibility, while the China water business is expected to grow meaningfully in the years ahead given growth from acquired and won projects as well as from the huge underlying need to develop more water projects given the growing urban population. We see ongoing income growth from further acquisitions, re-gearing, building out its existing backlog of projects and urban population growth. The Group's low gearing provides considerable re-gearing potential and will enable the Group to grow more in water via acquisitions and new project wins in China.

In terms of sustainability, Guangdong Investment is rated highly. Water is an essential service that plays a vital role in everyday life. There are vast needs for investment in water in the Guangdong region of China and in Hong Kong given a rapidly urbanising population due to rural to urban internal migration. The company is an important supplier of water for Hong Kong and the Guangdong province and supplies a quality essential service that is better than alternatives (such as desalination) both from a price and environmental impact. One of the key Sustainability issues is around water availability and quality. We are encouraging the Group to increase transparency around water usage/ leakage. Clean and sustainable water is a key management focus, and they are using capex and technology to improve the sustainability of the water supply. Going forward, we expect sale / shutdown of thermal coal assets and more investment in the water business which will help improve its sustainability metrics further.

The company is a key contributor to UN SDG #6 - CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION as it works to improve the quality and reliability of water supply and to provide additional capacity, and provide water flood prevention, irrigation. Their water supply channels and canals are also enclosed and covered in order to protect the water from pollutants carried through natural runoff into the waterway, reduces evaporation and water loss.

As a State-Owned Enterprise ("SOE") of the Guangdong government, which owns a 56% stake, Governance risks are a key focus. We see room for improvement in various areas of Governance and have shared with the company our perspective on its Governance profile. The Board could be improved in a number of ways, including adding more independent directors, refreshing directors with a tenor 10+ years (to encourage true independence) and having an independent Chairman with less executives and more females on the board. While this feedback was taken on, we note that SOE change can be slow from a governance perspective. However, we have been encouraged by what the company has achieved for shareholders and the Guangdong government's substantial investment and reputation does create alignment with shareholders.

Transurban Group. Transurban Group is one of the world's largest toll-road operators. Transurban owns, manages, and develops urban toll road networks, predominately in Australia's major capital cities, but also in the USA (Washington) and Canada (Montreal). Transurban's high quality and geographically well diversified assets are an integral part of Australia's transport network.

They have a long-term competitive advantage both in protecting existing assets and in developing new assets in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane and in recent years in the USA (Virginia). Transurban have very long-term concessions ensuring consistent revenues for years to come. Its tolling mechanism provides inflation protection, as toll rates charged are mostly linked to Australian and USA CPI. It also has deflation protection, with a minimum guaranteed price rise mechanism.

Transurban's long tenor debt makes inflation good for business. While debt is higher than average industrial stocks, gearing within infrastructure is better than average. The Company's dominant market position also means asset expansions are typically contracted on favourable terms for Transurban. Transurban's toll prices remain affordable in the context of very low demand elasticity when tolls are regularly increased, particularly given the alternative of spending longer on ever more crowded alternative roads.

Its management team is very highly regarded, and its track record on acquisitions and developments is strong.

While Transurban offers a reasonable yield that captures both traffic growth and price increases in revenue, we are particularly attracted to its defensive dividend growth outlook. This growth is driven by reopening post-Covid, an attractive 'inflation plus' toll price rise regime, acquisitions, and new toll roads as well as capacity expansions completing in coming years.

In terms of sustainability, Transurban is rated highly. Transurban is quite conscious of sustainability and its social licence to operate. They have always operated with a long-term horizon and have shown a strong ability to work with all major political parties in an effort to improve road transport. Road transport is a key source of environmental emissions, however toll roads tend to flow better than average hence reducing emissions. Transurban are targeting Net Zero GHG emissions by 2050, with Scope 1&2 net zero on track before 2030. The future development of fuel efficient vehicles and EV will see the transport / toll road sector emissions fall in the long term. From a social perspective, Transurban is focused on providing assistance to customers who are struggling to pay tolls through hardship plans, and are well placed to manage these risks.

The company is a key contributor to UN SDG #3 - GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING through the design of toll roads which reduce the probability of road accidents and congestion; SDG #9 - INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE with its construction and maintenance of significant essential road infrastructure; and SDG #11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES through toll road efficiency efforts include pooling lanes and focus on reducing environmental footprint by reducing carbon intensity of construction materials and through road design.

In terms of governance, we rate the management team highly. Their investment discipline saw them avoid the pre GFC speculative tunnel developments and then acquired many projects off distressed sellers for a fraction of the construction price and have played the long game well. It was also encouraging in 2020 to see the Board exercise discretion against management during Covid. A key area of weakness for Transurban has always been remuneration both in terms of high absolute levels and the setting of KPI's which do not appear to be challenging enough, and we are engaging on this topic.

Scentre Group. Scentre Group owns and manages large shopping centres which operate under the 'Westfield' banner in Australia and New Zealand. Its strategy is to build and own the highest quality regional 'living centres' and position them as an essential part of the community's social and economic fabric. Scentre's shopping centres are strategically located in Australia's capital cities and regional towns which have growing population catchments. Over 65% of Australia's population already live within a 30-minute drive of a Westfield Living Centre. Shifting customer preferences to online is a headwind, however a high proportion of its diverse tenants deliver experience-based offerings, providing retail services and experiences like dining, entertainment, health, fitness, financial, education and beauty services, which can only be consumed on-site.

Scentre is a high-quality REIT with high occupancy levels and a diverse tenant mix, with strong liquidity and covenant position. Scentre's super regional malls typically have zoning protection that provides high barriers to entry in physical space. Tenants gravitate towards Scentre's high quality assets with high productivity and high dollar profits per square metre as they continue to rationalise stores due to the impacts from increased online penetration and Covid disruption. This strong tenant demand/occupancy trend translates to the power to push up retail rents as tenant sales grow. Differentiated behaviour during Covid from Scentre on maintaining lease terms with better tenant depth at Westfield assets has also helped lease negotiations. This market strength is evidenced by the avoidance of high turnover rents and low vacancy rates during Covid. Re-leasing spreads for new rental agreements have continued to trend back to pre-Covid levels, demonstrating a strong ability to maintain yield.

In terms of Sustainability, Scentre rates well and a heightened focus on Sustainability issues over the past few years has seen a catch-up to peers and towards industry leading practice. While the business has a low risk overall for environmental and social issues, management are strong on corporate culture and community engagement, and emissions/waste reduction is a key focus. Scentre is also targeting Net zero emissions by 2030, and energy efficiency initiatives include LED, building management and energy analytic controls/systems.

The company is a key contributor to UN SDG #12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION through its significant efforts and improved outcomes to reduce waste and increase recycling (provided as a service to customers).

In terms of governance, we rate them as above average. Scentre has transitioned governance well from a Lowy family dominated business to a more balanced well governed organisation, albeit the new CEO is Frank Lowy's grand-nephew. Management are receptive to shareholder feedback (e.g., improved REM structures), are conscious of their social licence to operate and are yet to raise dilutive equity.

Embassy Office Parks REIT. Embassy Office Parks REIT is a high-quality Indian office landlord and is the largest office REIT in Asia by square feet. Assets include business parks in key IT hubs of Mumbai, Bangalore and Pune.

Tenants are mainly multi-national IT and finance companies as well as those in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector. The company is an attractive play on Indian office demand which continues to benefit from strong demand from IT and outsourcing providers. The portfolio and tenant base (i.e. IBM), are of high quality, with long lease terms and attractive rental escalators. Business strength is above average owing to the hard to replicate large campus style assets (cost, land parcel sizes), and exposure to Bangalore which is the strongest sub-market in India. These large-scale assets also offer scale and cluster benefits (tenants want to be with other tenants). Space provided is on a 'soft shell basis', which means tenants are required to provide for fit out capex, so notable costs create barriers to switching. The REIT is well managed and execution on development and acquisitions has been strong to date. Gearing is low.

An attractive yield combined with steady and consistent income growth makes this a desirable income stock. The quality nature of the tenants, high retention and long weighted average lease expiries (WALE) also ensures limited volatility in the dividend. The under-rented portfolio (i.e. rents below market), underlying rental escalators, and a growth pipeline from developments should lead to attractive income growth. The REIT also has right of first refusal on its sponsor's (Embassy Group) development portfolio, which provides another avenue for future lower risk development growth.

In terms of Sustainability, Embassy rates well. The company provides a net sustainability benefit through their provision of office space while reducing carbon emissions and contributing to social efforts. They have invested in their own solar facilities and are conscious of their carbon footprint and are targeting notable reductions in emissions and energy use. They are generally providing good disclosure on environmental and social efforts. While there are no identified modern slavery issues we believe more could be done and/or disclosed on human capital development.

The company is a key contributor to UN SDG #7 - AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY through its development of a large Solar Park to provide renewable energy to tenants and significantly reduce office emissions; and SDG #11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES as all wastewater is treated and 49% of total water withdrawal is recycled. Embassy is also doing social programs around waste management and water sanitation in India.

In terms of Governance, we see an opportunity for improvement. Embassy is externally managed by Indian property developer Embassy Group and real estate manager Blackstone. Management fees seem reasonable and the Board appears well qualified however the board is not majority independent, does lack female representation and the Chair is not independent. Capital Group is now the largest non-sponsor shareholder (~15%) which we think reflects positively on the group.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a useful lens through which we can analyze the sustainability of companies that we invest in. As long-term owners, we are able to leverage our extensive knowledge of the companies we invest in as well as the meaningful engagement we have with them to assess materiality. Our process is to look at specific economic activities that directly contribute to the achievement of 37 targets we have identified as being most relevant to achieving the SDGs. The strategy does not necessarily target particular sustainability outcomes.

3. Fund review of turnover and turnover costs

Annual turnover %	1.53%	*Lesser of (purchases or sales)/Average fund size x 100*
Fund transaction costs (GBP)	8,963	*Total brokerage and execution charges*

4. Proxy voting

ISS is our proxy voting advisor and provides voting recommendations for Martin Currie in accordance with their own policy which is closely aligned with our internal policy. As appropriate, they engage with public issuers, shareholders, activists, and other stakeholders to seek additional information and to gain insight and context in order to provide informed vote recommendations.

Where clients assign us the proxies Martin Currie's starting point is to act in the best interests of our clients. Our voting decisions are informed by both our own internal work and that of our proxy advisor and specialist governance advisor. We assess voting matters on a case-by-case basis, taking into account a company's circumstances but are guided by our over-arching principles on good corporate governance. The assessment is carried out by the member of the investment team with responsibility for the stock in conjunction with our independent Stewardship, Sustainability & Impact team. We recognise that regulatory frameworks vary across markets and that corporate governance practices vary internationally. Where the recommendations of our advisors, both for and against proposals, are supported by our guidelines and our internal research we will generally vote in accordance with these recommendations.

4.1. Significant votes

Company Name	AGL Energy	China Merchants Port	China Tower Corp
Company descriptor	AGL is involved in both the generation and retailing of electricity for residential and commercial use in Australia.	China Merchants Ports is one of the largest port groups globally with a strong presence on the East Coast of China in key port hubs like Shenzhen and Shanghai.	China Tower Corp is the world's largest telecommunications tower infrastructure service provider with a dominant market share in China.
Issue	Shareholder approval for the election of directors.	Shareholder approval for the election of directors.	Shareholder approval for the election of directors.
Governance, Environmental or Social	Governance	Governance	Governance
Objective	We aimed to facilitate improvements in the company's Governance skills set and diversity through Board composition.	We wanted to see the group move towards an independent board, including having an independent Chairman, removing most if not all executive directors from the board, setting term limits, limit external directorships of existing board members, setting age limits and having more women on the board.	We aimed to facilitate improvements in the company's diversity and Board composition. There are currently no women on the board.

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4.1. Significant votes (cont)

Company Name	AGL Energy	China Merchants Port	China Tower Corp
Scope and process (of relevant engagement)	We had a meeting with the Chair and key board members to discuss board composition ahead of the AGM .	We engaged with the company's Investor Relations to express our views ahead of the AGM.	We engaged with the company's Investor Relations to express our views following the AGM.
(Voting) outcome	We voted FOR the election of Dr. Kerry Elizabeth Schott as Director, which was against management's recommendations. Management were concerned her energy market skill set was too similar to the AGL Chair. We instead see that while she lacks ASX experience, her skills should help balance decarbonization with reliability. The result was that Dr. Schott was elected to the Board.	We voted AGAINST the election of several individuals: • Weidong Deng as this director is an executive and is overboarded; • Ying Hay Kut as this director has been on the board for 30 years; • Lee Yip Wah (Peter) as this director has been on the board for 21 years; • Ka Fai (David) Li as this director has been on the board for 15 years and is overboarded. While the company has taken on our feedback, we note that as a Chinese State-Owned Enterprise (SOE), change can be slow from a governance perspective, and we will be monitoring this through ongoing dialogues and engagements with the company.	We voted AGAINST the election of Mr Gao Chunlei for several reasons: • He is an executive and the company already has 2/13 board members which are executive; • His addition would decrease the % of independent directors; • His addition does not add to board gender diversity. At an extraordinary meeting earlier in the year we also voted AGAINST several director elections: • Zhang Zhiyong (Chairman) as he is a non-independent as he is closely connected with the shareholders / sponsors, and has sub-par board attendance; • Mai Yanzhou (Director) as whilst well qualified, seems to be overboarded and is also non-independent and has a poor attendance track record. We reached out to the company to express our concerns who accepted that (gender) Diversity is important for board composition and that they are working to find suitable candidates to meet the HK stock exchange listing requirement to have at least one female board member by the end of 2024.

5. Conflicts of interest

A fundamental ethical principle of Martin Currie is to pay due regard to the interests of our clients and to manage potential conflicts of interest fairly. We take a holistic view of conflict risk and conflict mitigation and have policies, systems and controls in place to identify such potential conflicts between ourselves and our clients, as well as between one client and another, to achieve consistent treatment of conflicts of interest throughout the business. We aim to manage any conflicts of interest that may arise and to ensure, as far as practicable, that such conflicts do not adversely affect the interests of our clients. A robust conflict management process is in place which is owned by the Executive Risk Group (ERG). Activities which could create a potential conflict of interest are recorded on the conflicts register and are reviewed by the business regularly to ensure that controls in place remain adequate to mitigate any risk of a conflict arising. The output of this review is reviewed by the ERG. There were no conflicts of interest in relation to this fund during 2021.

6. Securities lending policy

We do not participate in security lending for this fund.

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The analysis of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors forms an important part of the investment process and helps inform investment decisions. The strategy/ies do not necessarily target particular sustainability outcomes.

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- Investing in foreign markets introduces a risk where adverse movements in currency exchange rates could result in a decrease in the value of your investment.
- This strategy may hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments falls in value this can have a greater impact on the strategy's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- Smaller companies may be riskier and their shares may be less liquid than larger companies, meaning that their share price may be more volatile.

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