



Martin Currie Asia Unconstrained Trust



30 SEPTEMBER 2017

PROFILE

Objective	To achieve returns commensurate to Asia ex Japan nominal GDP growth
Benchmark	Unconstrained
Sector	Asia Pacific – excluding Japan
Launch	1985

PORTFOLIO

Country allocation

	31 Aug	30 Sep
Hong Kong	25.6%	24.8%
China	19.4%	19.7%
India	16.0%	15.4%
Singapore	14.9%	14.9%
South Korea	10.9%	11.9%
Taiwan	5.7%	5.7%
Malaysia	3.5%	3.5%
Thailand	3.3%	3.3%
Indonesia	2.0%	2.1%
Cash	1.9%	1.9%
Gearing*	(3.2%)	(3.2%)

Top 10 holdings (55.2% of total portfolio)

Samsung Electronics	7.6%
Tencent Holdings	7.5%
AIA	7.4%
Taiwan Semiconductor	5.7%
HSBC	5.4%
Global Logistic Properties	4.8%
Tata Consultancy Services	4.4%
China Mobile	4.3%
ENN Energy	4.2%
Hero MotoCorp	3.9%
Number of holdings	26
Number of countries	9

Key facts

Total net assets	£155.2m
Share price (p)	376.1
Net asset value per share (p)	429.5
Discount (premium)	12.4%
Historic net yield†	4.3%

PERFORMANCE

Cumulative performance over periods to 30 September 2017

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	(4.1%)	(0.4%)	6.8%	20.4%	44.5%	70.8%
NAV	(4.2%)	0.0%	3.6%	15.3%	42.0%	55.4%

12-month performance

	To end Q3 2017	To end Q3 2016	To end Q3 2015	To end Q3 2014	To end Q3 2013
Share price	20.4%	32.4%	(9.3%)	1.5%	16.4%
NAV	15.3%	35.5%	(9.1%)	0.2%	9.3%

Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Source: Martin Currie. The NAV basis used is cum-income in £. Please note prior to July 2017 the NAV basis used was ex-income NAV in £. Ex-income NAVs exclude current-year income, while cum-income NAVs include current-year income. These figures do not include the cost of buying and selling shares in an investment trust. If these were included, performance figures would be reduced.

On 11 July 2014 the investment policy changed from benchmark relative Asia Pacific including Japan to an unconstrained Asia ex Japan strategy.

MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

Asian equities fell in August, the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan dropping by 4.1% in sterling terms. At a country level, the Philippines and Thailand held up relatively well, while India and Taiwan were the weakest. In sector terms, healthcare and consumer discretionary performed best, while materials and financials fell the most.

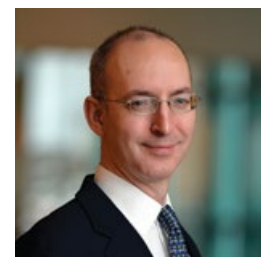
Over the month, the company's NAV fell 4.2%.

At the stock level, Korean tech giant Samsung was the strongest contributor, as it gained on a combination of brokers upgrading third-quarter forecasts and strong pre-orders for the Galaxy Note 8 – as well as continued positive data from the DRAM industry. Chinese gas distributor ENN Energy performed well, as natural gas consumption growth has remained strong. There was additional optimism over the potential for rural gas demand after a competitor held an investor day on the topic. Luggage manufacturer Samsonite was another strong contributor over the month.

On the other side, the most notable detractor was pan-Asian insurer AIA. A mixed reception to an acquisition in Australia, worries about the impact of a stronger dollar on emerging markets (where AIA has significant exposure) and a likely slowdown of new business growth in Hong Kong weighed on the stock. Indian motorcycle manufacturer Hero MotoCorp also fared badly. The poor performance was driven by profit-taking following a strong run, as well as (relative to Hero) strong August scooter sales numbers for a competitor; and the latter remained weak due to the overhang from the departure of the CEO, following a very public spat with one of the company founders. Indian IT services company Tata Consultancy was another negative over the month.

In terms of portfolio activity, there were no purchases or outright sales over the month.

Andrew Graham



*The risk outlined at the end of this document relating to gearing is particularly relevant to this company but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given.

†Source for historic yield: Martin Currie as at 30 September 2017. The historic yield reflects dividends declared for the 12 months to 31 March 2017 as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Investors may be subject to tax on their dividends.

The NAV stated in our reporting is inclusive of current year revenue. All sources (unless indicated): Martin Currie as at 30 September 2017.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 36,124,496

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harry Wells (chairman) Anja Balfour
Peter Edwards Martin Shenfield
Gregory Shenkman

KEY INFORMATION

Year end 31 March
Annual general meeting July
Dividend paid August and December
Investment management fee as at 31 March 2017[^] 0.75%
(0.75% on net assets up to £150m
0.60% on net assets over £150m)
Ongoing charge – 31 March 2017[§] 1.1%
TIDM code MCP
Reuters code MCPL
Sedol code 0569512

[^]Percentage of net assets, calculated quarterly.

[§]Percentage of shareholders' funds. Includes annual management fee.

Net asset value and dividend history

Year end	Share price	NAV per share	Discount/ (premium)	Dividend per share
2000	178.8p	210.9p*	15.2%	0.90p
2001	133.8p	161.0p	16.9%	1.00p
2002	112.0p	140.6p	20.3%	1.50p
2003	87.5p	105.1p	16.7%	1.00p
2004	145.0p	155.6p	6.8%	1.40p
2005	165.5p	175.1p	5.5%	1.10p
2006	244.3p	239.5p	(2.0%)	1.40p
2007	246.0p	265.6p	7.4%	2.80p
2008	271.3p	300.8p	9.8%	3.10p
2009	169.5p	209.3p	19.0%	3.30p
2010	236.5p	291.1p	18.8%	3.70p
2011	274.3p	320.7p	14.5%	4.50p
2012	276.5p	330.0p	16.2%	5.50p
2013	298.5p	359.4p	17.0%	6.50p
2014+	263.8p	313.4p	15.8%	7.50p
2015	320.8p	361.2p	11.2%	7.50p
2016	280.0p	327.2p	14.4%	7.75p
2017‡	364.5p	427.3p	14.7%	16.28p

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*This is the diluted net asset value until 30 June 2000 when the warrants expired. From 2001 the net asset value is represented.

†From 2014 the company year end changed to 31 March.

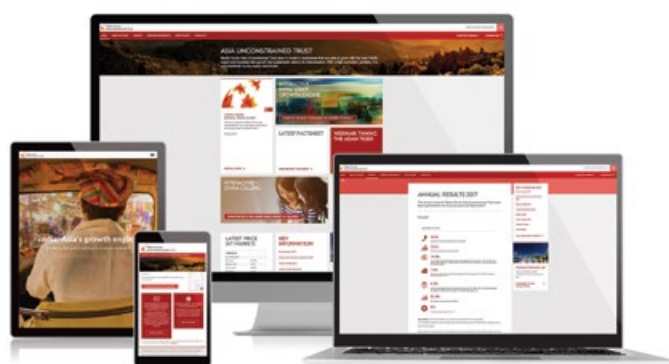
‡2017 final dividend will be paid in August 2017.

MANAGER'S BIOGRAPHY

Andrew joined Martin Currie in 2010 and heads our Asia team. Alongside the Martin Currie Asia Unconstrained Trust he is lead manager on the Martin Currie Asia Pacific and Asia Long-Term Unconstrained strategies. He joined us from Sofaer Global Research, bringing with him over 20 years' experience of managing Asia-Pacific equities. At Sofaer, where he was a partner, Andrew managed the company's Japan absolute return fund and co-managed its Pacific-region absolute return fund. Prior to this he spent five years as senior vice president at Putnam Investments, where he co-managed its International Capital Opportunities Fund, focusing particularly on the Asia-Pacific region. Earlier in his career Andrew held portfolio management roles at both Scottish Widows Investment Partnership and Kemper Investment Management.

WEBSITE

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