## **Fund Overview**

#### **ABOUT THE FUND**

The Fund is a long only, style agnostic, fundamentally driven strategy. The team's core philosophy is to identify stocks with the best potential to deliver earnings surprises relative to expectations, which has historically been a persistent source of alpha in the region. The majority of risk relative to the benchmark and the majority of returns are expected to be achieved through idiosyncratic, stock specific risk taking. It will invest in Asia ex Japan companies across all market capitalisations and will typically be concentrated across 35-45 stocks. It will invest in equity securities (excluding securities convertible into equity securities) of issuers with a registered office in Asia ex Japan or of issuers which derive the majority of their revenues from activities in Asia ex Japan. Typically, it will invest predominantly in transferable securities, including ordinary shares, preference shares, common stocks, depositary receipts (including ADRs and GDRs), rights, warrants and other similar equity like securities.

### GLG Asia (ex-Japan) Equity Strategy

A bottom-up long-only strategy focused on the Asia (ex-Japan) region



# Investment philosophy

Fundamental

Bottom-up analysis focused on relative earnings revisions

Concentrated	
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High conviction all-cap portfolio with preference for mid-caps

Flexible

Style agnostic with flexibility to shift in/out of styles

#### 28 February 2025

FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT	\$16.60M
NAV PER UNIT (A\$)	1.3545
REDEMPTION VALUE PER UNIT (A\$)	1.3518

# **Fund Characteristics**

# **TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS**

Company Name	Fund
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD	11.36%
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	7.57%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	6.33%
ICICI BANK LTD	4.07%
AIA GROUP LTD	3.02%
BHARTI AIRTEL LIMITED	2.99%
XIAOMI CORPORATION	2.99%
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	2.81%
HONG KONG EXCHANGES & CLEAR	2.72%
INNOVENT BIOLOGICS, INC.	2.69%

## **HEADLINE EQUITY EXPOSURE**

No. of positions: 35

Active share: 64.65%

# **EQUITY EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAP**

Fund	Benchmark
0.00%	0.09%
1.82%	0.21%
15.71%	16.36%
23.04%	34.77%
54.49%	48.57%
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# Performance at 28 February 2025

	1 month %	3 months %	6 months %	1 year % pa	3 years % pa	5 years % pa	Since Inception % p.a. ¹
Fund <sup>2</sup>	4.72	9.85	14.38	23.80	N/A	N/A	15.77
Benchmark	1.34	6.79	11.28	19.52	N/A	N/A	15.26
Excess Return	3.38	3.06	3.10	4.28	N/A	N/A	0.51

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations

- 1. Inception date: 19 October 2022
- 2. Fund returns are calculated net of management fees and assume distributions are reinvested
- 3. MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index (A\$)

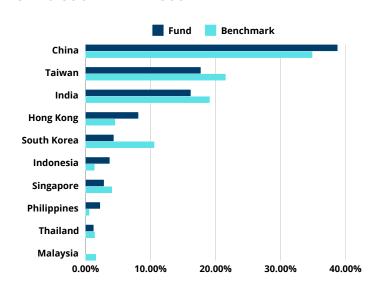




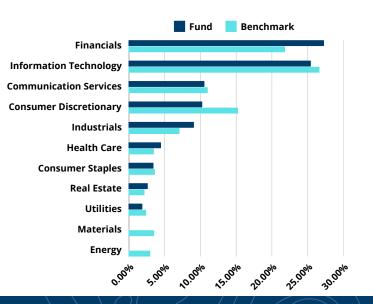
#### TOP AND BOTTOM CONTRIBUTORS

Top 5 Contributors	Contribution to Total Return %
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LIMITED	2.34%
XIAOMI CORPORATION	1.39%
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	0.94%
KE HOLDINGS INC	0.60%
INNOVENT BIOLOGICS, INC.	0.59%
Bottom 5 Contributors	4.440/
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD	-1.11%
MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LIMITED	-0.38%
BANK MANDIRI	-0.35%
BANK CENTRAL ASIA TBK PT	-0.24%
AUROBINDO PHARMA LIMITED	-0.20%

#### **TOP 10 COUNTRY EXPOSURE**



#### SECTOR EXPOSURE



#### PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (SINCE INCEPTION)

Fund	
1.01	Sharpe Ratio
95.56%	Correlation
0.95	Beta
0.60	Information Ratio
5.07%	Tracking Error
	Tracking Error

#### **TOP ACTIVE EQUITY POSITIONS**

Top 5 Overweights	Relative Exposure
ICICI BANK LIMITED	3.03%
INNOVENT BIOLOGICS, INC.	2.60%
QIFU TECHNOLOGY, INC.	2.59%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LIMITED	2.46%
KE HOLDINGS INC	2.42%

Top 5 Underweights	Relative Exposure
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	-2.94%
HDFC BANK LIMITED	-1.62%
MEITUAN	-1.49%
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	-1.21%
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORPORATION	-1.19%

# Manager Commentary

MSCI Asia ex Japan closed 1.3% higher in AUD over February, with several positive developments out of China supporting a rally in regional equities. Stocks across the Chinese tech complex outperformed materially - and now stand at over 30% off Januarylows - as enthusiasm surrounding the impact of DeepSeek led global investors to re-evaluate China's positioning within the Al landscape. This sentiment shift was bolstered by signs of an improving operating and regulatory environment domestically, after comments from President Xi at the symposium with top business leaders indicated a more favourable stance towards private enterprises. In contrast, Indonesia fell to a 3-year low as economic growth and currency stability concerns has seen the market slip 13% YTD. Similar dynamics also weighed on Thailand, which saw the BOT move with a surprise quarter point rate cut late in the month amidst weakness in domestic growth and concerns around trade tariffs.

The Fund delivered strong outperformance last month as several of our China positions benefitted significantly from continued optimism surrounding DeepSeek and the recent affirmation of government support for the private sector. The top performer was





Alibaba which rallied 44% amidst this backdrop and news that the company would be the developer of Al capabilities for Apple devices in China. Xiaomi was the other key contributor in this respect, also boosted by the release of its SU7 Ultra sports sedan and ambitious AI capex plans, which saw the stock add 35%. While both companies remain poised to capitalise on the turnaround in domestic consumption in China and the democratisation of lowercost AI, we decided to trim these stocks to control position sizing and harvest some of the profits we have made in recent months. Outside of the tech and consumer orbit, Beike ('KE Holdings') was a key contributor, rising over 30% on further signs of stability in China's property market. The stock benefitted from news statebacked developers were once again purchasing land at a premium as easing of bidding rules has helped revive land deals, in addition to reports of a government liquidity injection plan to address developer Vanke's funding gap.

Detractors came primarily from our Indonesian bank exposures as concerns around tighter liquidity dynamics weighed on expectations for loan growth and interest margins. This included Bank Mandiri, which lost 24% following a small miss to earnings and the company guiding for a normalisation of below-cycle credit costs this year. Bank Central Asia was the other drag in this part of the portfolio, down 11% against this backdrop despite a more resilient start to the year from a fundamental perspective, after reporting results in January. We remain invested in both stocks and believe most of the liquidity headwinds have already been reflected in the recent derating, with scope for improvements as FX pressures alleviate. Mahindra & Mahindra was the notable underperformer outside of the banks, losing nearly 14% on concerns around tariffs on the Indian autos sector.

In terms of portfolio activity, we reduced the overweight to China to just under 4% as we took profits on several positions that have performed incredibly well in recent months. This involved trimming part of JD.com alongside Xiaomi and Alibaba, with some of these proceeds recycled into Tencent, which has helped reduced the momentum exposure in the Fund. When including Hong Kong SAR, which carries high levels of China exposure, the Fund's aggregate positioning in the two markets is 7.5% overweight. Additionally, we added to the positions in Chailease and Bank Mandiri, which subsequently moved our financials overweight up to 5.5%. The former also helped bring idiosyncratic risk up slightly, ending the month at 74% while running an ex-ante tracking error of 4.0%. With earnings expectations and valuations still at depressed levels for Asia, we believe that even a modest improvement in the macro

environment has the potential to deliver a significant re-rating and outperformance versus world equities. The environment exists for this to happen, and we feel that many investors risk missing out on the opportunity if allocations to the region do not increase. Equity prices across Asia have always been closely tied to fundamentals, driven by improvements in earnings growth relative to market expectations, rather than absolute growth rates. For such a diverse region, it should come as no surprise that the drivers behind this potential improvement are also varied, ranging from possible fiscal and structural reform in China to the democratisation of Al catalysing a faster down-streaming of tech beneficiaries.

We believe that the conditions are in place for a material change in earnings expectations for the broader Asia region and history shows us that from an investment standpoint waiting for total clarity risks missing out on a significant part of the rally.

# **Fund Facts**

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

GLG Partners LP

APIR CODE

INCEPTION DATE

19 October 2022

**DISTRIBUTIONS**Generally annually

**RESPONSIBLE ENTITY** 

GSFM Responsible Entity Services Limited

MANAGEMENT FEE

PERFORMANCE FEE

0.95% p.a.

15.0% of the amount by which the return of the Units exceeds the

Benchmark, subject to HWM p.a.

BUY / SELL SPREAD

Buy 0.20% / Sell -0.20%



## **ANDREW SWAN**

Head of Asia (ex-Japan) Equities

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