

As of 31 December 2023

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

# **Asia Opportunities Equity Strategy**

Total Strategy Assets:1 \$307.2 million

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

# INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Seeking long term capital appreciation by owning high quality businesses run by high quality management team that we believe can reliably compound earnings and generate cashflow over time.
- In Asia, we feel this type of company tends to exhibit three key characteristics:
  - Established companies with leading market positions.
  - Good management teams who care about shareholder returns.
  - Returns-focused capital allocation and prudent balance sheet management.
- Fundamental research is critical in helping us to identify these characteristics and seek to exploit market inefficiencies:
  - Focus on the long term. Be patient.
  - Gain a better understanding of the durability of a company's prospects than the market.
  - More accurately assess a company's intrinsic value than other market participants.

# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Typically 40-70 stock portfolio
- Individual positions typically range from 0.50% to 6.00%.
- Country and sector weightings a residual of stock selection.
- Cash position typically less than 5%.

#### BENCHMARK

MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Net

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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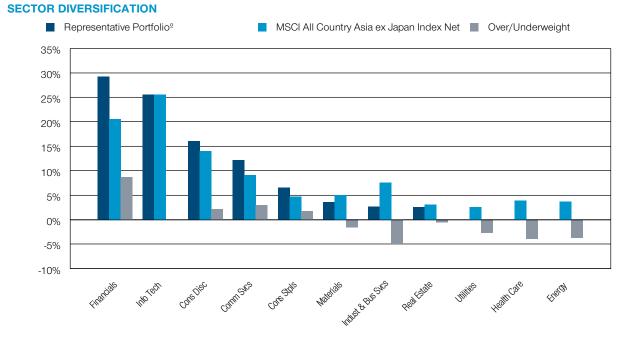
- 20 years of investment experience; 11 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.S., State University of New York

<sup>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund and a sub-fund of a Luxembourg domiciled SICAV.

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# **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	12.0%
Samsung Electronics	9.3
Tencent Holdings	6.0
Axis Bank	4.8
AIA Group	3.4
Bank Central Asia	3.3
ICICI Bank	3.2
HDFC Bank	2.2
DBS Group	2.2
Chailease Holding	2.2
Total	48.6%



# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

		MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index	
	Representative Portfolio <sup>e</sup>	Net	
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)* $^{\circ  \dagger}$	8.6%	10.1%	
Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)*° <sup>†</sup>	19.8X	18.6X	
Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)° <sup>†</sup>	15.4%	12.5%	
Price to Book (trailing)°	3.0X	2.3X	
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$65,326	\$33,424	
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$153,271	\$114,041	
Number of Issuers	47	1,187	
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	67.6%	35.2%	
Portfolio Turnover <sup>††</sup>	38.6%	_	
Active Share	67.7%	_	

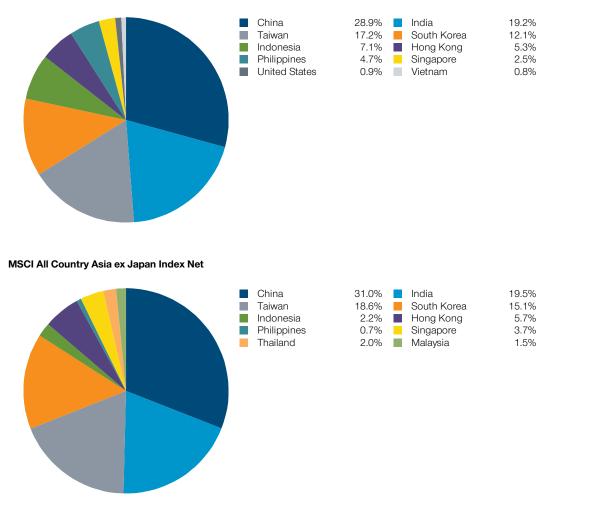
°Investment Weighted Median.  $^{*}$  I/B/E/S @ 2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

<sup>+</sup>These statistics are based on the portfolio's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary. <sup>e</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

<sup>††</sup>Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSIFICATION** 

# Representative Portfolio<sup>2</sup>



<sup>o</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

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#### **TOP AND BOTTOM FIVE OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS**

Indonesia

Philippines

United States

Vietnam

India

Taiwan

Malaysia

Thailand

China

-10%

0%

10%

Index Net
Over/Underweighting

Representative Portfolio<sup>e</sup>MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan

20%

30%

40%

South Korea

### PERFORMANCE

	Three Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception 31 May 2014
Asia Opportunities Equity Composite (Gross)	4.25%	0.30%	-7.80%	5.02%	6.50%
Asia Opportunities Equity Composite (Net)	4.07	-0.40	-8.44	4.29	5.76
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Net	6.43	5.98	-6.74	3.69	3.60
Value Added (Gross)	-2.18	-5.68	-1.06	1.33	2.90
Value Added (Net)	-2.36	-6.38	-1.70	0.60	2.16

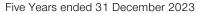
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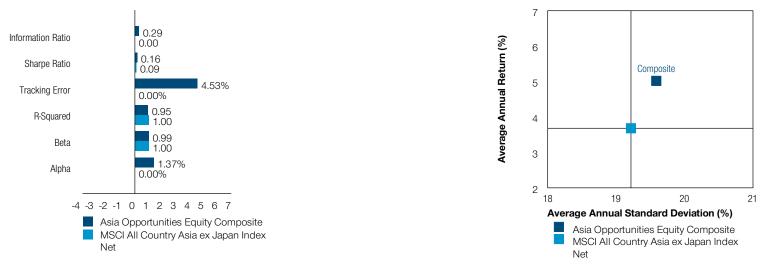
Gross performance returns are presented before management and all other fees, where applicable, but after trading expenses. Net of fees performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable management fee that would be charged based on the fee schedule contained within this material, without the benefit of breakpoints. Gross and net performance returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and are net of all non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains.

See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.

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# **RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**





Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Statistics based on monthly gross returns. Returns would have been lower as the result of the deduction of applicable fees.

### FEE SCHEDULE

# Asia Opportunities Equity Composite

The Asia Opportunities Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in companies in Asia, excluding Japan, with faster earnings growth and reasonable valuation levels relative to market/sector averages. (Created May 2014, incepted May 31, 2014.)

First \$50 million	70 basis points
Next \$50 million	65 basis points
Above \$100 million	62.5 basis points on all assets *
Above \$200 million	50 basis points on all assets *
Minimum separate account size	\$50 million

\*A transitional credit is applied to the fee schedule as assets approach or fall below the break point.

# GIPS<sup>®</sup> Composite Report

#### **Asia Opportunities Equity Composite**

Period Ended December 31, 2022 Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	<u>2014<sup>2</sup></u>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gross Annual Returns (%)	3.99	0.40	5.73	44.44	-10.18	26.70	28.62	-4.36	-18.28
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	3.24	-0.86	4.41	42.69	-11.32	25.14	27.04	-5.56	-19.32
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Net (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.75	-9.17	5.44	41.72	-14.37	18.17	25.02	-4.72	-19.67
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.97	-8.90	5.76	42.08	-14.12	18.52	25.36	-4.46	-19.35
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.61	14.54	13.99	18.67	17.14	21.70
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Net 3-Yr St. Dev.	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.83	14.60	14.61	18.66	17.22	20.70
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.83	14.60	14.61	18.67	17.23	20.70
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Comp. Assets (Millions)	21.2	27.5	27.2	103.9	274.8	484.6	1,115.0	1,103.4	488.1
# of Accts. in Comp.	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	4	2
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2	1,482.5	1,653.6	1,237.4 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.26%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** <sup>2</sup>May 31, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

<sup>3</sup>Effective July 1, 2018, the benchmark for the composite changed from gross to net of withholding taxes. The change was made because the firm viewed the new benchmark to be more consistent with the tax impacts of the portfolios in the composite. Historical benchmark representations have been restated.

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