

# New Asia Fund

As of March 31, 2024



Portfolio Manager: Anh Lu Managed Fund Since: 2009 Joined Firm: 2001

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital through investments primarily in the common stocks of companies located (or with primary operations) in Asia (excluding Japan).

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

| Symbol   | PRASX                              |
|--|------------------------------------|
| CUSIP  | 77956H500                          |
| Inception Date of Fund                                 | September 28, 1990                 |
| Benchmark  | MSCI AC Asia ex Japan<br>Index Net |
| Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus) | 1.00%                              |
| Fiscal Year End  | October 31                         |
| 12B-1 Fee  | -                                  |
|  |                                    |

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

Asia ex-Japan equities extended their advance in March, with Taiwan and South Korea leading gains as technology stocks raced higher. Chinese equities rose modestly amid tentative signs of economic stabilization. Globally, investor sentiment was firm as the U.S. Federal Reserve continued to signal three interest rate cuts this year despite a recent pickup in inflation.

Growing optimism about artificial intelligence drove a rally in Taiwan's technology-oriented stock market, even as the central bank unexpectedly increased its benchmark interest rate to curb inflation. Technology heavyweights in South Korea also surged. News of the government stepping up its push for corporate governance reforms boosted the stock market further.

Chinese equities held on to gains despite selling pressure during the month. The National People's Congress set an economic growth target of around 5% for 2024, unchanged from the previous year. Meanwhile, it unveiled no major fiscal stimulus. Investors turned their attention to the potential for monetary easing after the central bank flagged room for further cuts to banks' reserve requirement ratio. Key economic indicators were encouraging, with exports, industrial production, and retail sales in the first two months of 2024 exceeding market expectations. However, the property sector continued to struggle.

Indian equities closed slightly higher. The economy performed well above expectations, growing 8.4% year-on-year in the quarter to December 2023. However, regulators' concerns over potentially excessive valuations of small- and mid-cap stocks sparked declines in these names. Elsewhere, Hong Kong equities tumbled. Stocks in Thailand fell amid growing political uncertainty.

## **PERFORMANCE**

(NAV, total return) Annualized One Five Fifteen Three One Three Ten Months Month Year Years Years Years Years New Asia Fund 1.40% 0.76% -4.36% -10.48% 1.51% 4.15% 9.70% 2.38 8.04 MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Net 2.54 3.99 -6.841.94 4.18

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit troweprice.com. The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

Share prices are subject to market risk, including loss of the money you invest. In addition, there are risks associated with unfavorable currency exchange rates and political or economic uncertainty abroad.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

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#### **RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

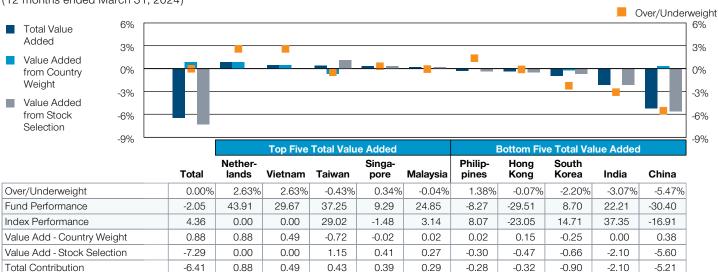
|                                 | Active Share*<br>(as of<br>3/31/24) | Annualized<br>Std.<br>Deviation | Alpha  | Beta | R-Squared | Information<br>Ratio | Sharpe<br>Ratio | Tracking<br>Error |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| New Asia Fund                   | 61.6%                               | 19.83%                          | -0.33% | 1.00 | 0.94      | -0.09                | -0.03           | 4.71%             |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index Net | -                                   | 19.29                           | 0.00   | 1.00 | 1.00      | 0.00                 | -0.01           | 0.00              |

<sup>\*</sup>Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

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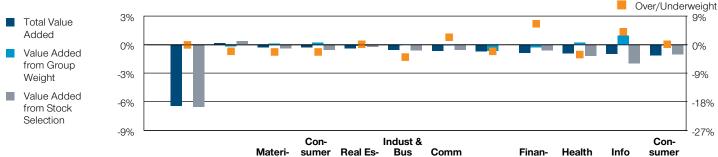
# COUNTRY ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. MSCI ALL COUNTRY ASIA EX JAPAN INDEX (TOP AND BOTTOM 5 BY TOTAL VALUE ADDED)

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)



#### SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. MSCI ALL COUNTRY ASIA EX JAPAN INDEX

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)



|                             | Total | Utilities | wateri-<br>als | Staples | tate   | Svcs   | Svcs   | Energy | rinan-<br>cials | Care   | Tech  | Disc   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Over/Underweight            | 0.00% | -2.09%    | -2.21%         | -2.20%  | 0.17%  | -3.85% | 2.42%  | -2.08% | 6.65%           | -3.03% | 4.12% | 0.19%  |
| Fund Performance            | -2.05 | 58.01     | -16.30         | -20.83  | -25.95 | -5.68  | -17.54 | 15.47  | 2.22            | -62.81 | 18.95 | -12.99 |
| Index Performance           | 4.36  | 14.45     | -7.41          | -10.23  | -22.58 | 2.87   | -13.33 | 30.43  | 4.15            | -2.82  | 27.33 | -6.46  |
| Value Add - Group Weight    | 0.10  | -0.17     | 0.13           | 0.24    | -0.12  | 0.03   | -0.09  | -0.66  | -0.27           | 0.21   | 0.98  | -0.08  |
| Value Add - Stock Selection | -6.50 | 0.37      | -0.38          | -0.51   | -0.22  | -0.58  | -0.51  | -0.01  | -0.57           | -1.14  | -1.93 | -1.03  |
| Total Contribution          | -6.41 | 0.20      | -0.25          | -0.27   | -0.34  | -0.55  | -0.60  | -0.67  | -0.83           | -0.93  | -0.95 | -1.11  |

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All numbers are percentages. Analysis represents the total performance of the portfolio as calculated by the FactSet attribution model and is inclusive of other assets. Non-equity positions are excluded from structure shown. Returns will not match official T. Rowe Price performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources and does not capture intra-day trading. Performance for each security is obtained in the local currency and, if necessary, is converted to USD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. Figures are shown with gross dividends reinvested. Sources: Financial data and analytics provider FactSet. Copyright 2024 FactSet. All Rights Reserved. MSCI/S&P GICS Sectors; Analysis by T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price uses the current MSCI/S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for sector and industry reporting. Figures are shown gross of fees. Returns would be lower as a result of the deduction of such fees. Performance returns are in USD.

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#### **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 45.3% of total net assets.

|                                       | Country     | Industry                       | % of Fund |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor<br>Manufacturing | Taiwan      | Semicons & Semicon Equip       | 14.1%     |
| Samsung Electronics                   | South Korea | Tech. Hard., Stor. & Periph.   | 8.5       |
| Tencent Holdings                      | China       | Interactive Media & Services   | 4.9       |
| DBS Group                             | Singapore   | Banks                          | 3.2       |
| Bank Central Asia                     | Indonesia   | Banks                          | 2.8       |
| ASML Holding                          | Netherlands | Semicons & Semicon Equip       | 2.6       |
| ICICI Bank                            | India       | Banks                          | 2.5       |
| AIA Group                             | Hong Kong   | Insurance                      | 2.4       |
| Alibaba Group Holding                 | China       | Broadline Retail               | 2.4       |
| Reliance Industries                   | India       | Oil, Gas & Consumable<br>Fuels | 1.9       |

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

|  | New Asia Fund | MSCI AC Asia ex<br>Japan Index Net |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of Issuers                                | 71            | 1,122                              |
| Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)       | \$69,024      | \$36,833                           |
| Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)*° †      | 18.0X         | 18.0X                              |
| Price to Book (trailing)°                        | 3.1X          | 2.6X                               |
| Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° † | 11.7%         | 11.7%                              |
| Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)° †        | 15.5%         | 12.6%                              |
| Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total               | 61.3%         | 36.8%                              |
| Total Assets (all share classes)                 | 1,983,652,456 | -                                  |
| Percent of Portfolio in Cash                     | 1.9%          | -                                  |

<sup>°</sup>Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.  $^*$  I/B/E/S @ 2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSIFICATION**

|                                 |       |        |       | South | Hong | Singa- | Indone- | Nether- |         | Philip- |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
|                                 | China | Taiwan | India | Korea | Kong | pore   | sia     | lands   | Vietnam | pines   | Other |
| New Asia Fund                   | 23.9% | 20.0%  | 17.5% | 12.2% | 4.8% | 3.9%   | 3.6%    | 2.6%    | 2.6%    | 2.1%    | 4.8%  |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index Net | 29.3  | 20.5   | 20.6  | 14.9  | 4.8  | 3.6    | 2.2     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.7     | 3.4   |
| Over/Underweight                | -5.5  | -0.4   | -3.1  | -2.7  | -0.1 | 0.3    | 1.4     | 2.6     | 2.6     | 1.4     | 1.5   |

## **SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

|                                 | Indust &     |                 |              |              |             |                  |                |               |        |           |                |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|-----------|----------------|
|                                 | Info<br>Tech | Finan-<br>cials | Cons<br>Disc | Comm<br>Svcs | Bus<br>Svcs | Real Es-<br>tate | Materi-<br>als | Cons<br>Stpls | Energy | Utilities | Health<br>Care |
| New Asia Fund                   | 31.5%        | 26.9%           | 13.7%        | 11.5%        | 3.8%        | 2.8%             | 2.5%           | 2.2%          | 1.9%   | 0.6%      | 0.5%           |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index Net | 27.4         | 20.2            | 13.5         | 9.1          | 7.7         | 2.6              | 4.7            | 4.4           | 4.0    | 2.7       | 3.6            |
| Over/Underweight                | 4.1          | 6.7             | 0.2          | 2.4          | -3.8        | 0.2              | -2.2           | -2.2          | -2.1   | -2.1      | -3.0           |

<sup>†</sup>These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

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#### **Definitions**

Active Share is a holdings based measure of active management representing the percentage of a portfolio's holdings that differ from those in its benchmark. Compared to tracking error, which measures the standard deviation of the difference in a manager's returns versus the Benchmark returns, Active Share allows investors to get a clearer understanding of what a manager is doing to drive performance, rather than drawing conclusions from observed returns. The greater the difference between the asset composition of a product and its benchmark, the greater the active share is.

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