

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
Aberdeen Asian Income Fund Limited**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
To provide investors with a total return primarily through investing in Asian Pacific securities. The Company's investment policy is flexible, enabling it to invest in all types of securities, including equity shares, preference shares, debt, convertible securities, warrants and other equity-related securities. The Company is free to invest in any market segments or any countries in the Asia Pacific region. The Company may use derivatives to enhance income generation.	

Inception Date	20 December 2005
Fund Factsheet Link	http://tools.morningstar.co.uk/uk/cefreport/default.aspx?SecurityToken=F000008V0]2]0]FCGBR\$\$\$ALL

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Flavia Cheong	20 December 2005
Hugh Young	20 December 2005
Yoojeong Oh	1 January 2016
Christina Woon	1 January 2019

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	% of Equity
Giant	41.38%
Large	24.20%
Medium	24.53%
Small	8.56%
Micro	1.32%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings	59	
Assets in Top 10 Holdings	39.68%	
Name	Sector	% of Assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co...	Technology	7.90%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Participat...	Technology	7.64%
Venture Corp Ltd	Technology	3.87%
Taiwan Mobile Co Ltd	Technology	3.27%
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	Financial Services	3.19%
Ping An Insurance (Group) Co. of China Ltd Class H	Financial Services	3.02%
Tesco Lotus Ret Growth F&L Prp Ord	-	2.90%
AusNet Services Ltd	Utilities	2.72%
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	Communication Services	2.64%
China Mobile Ltd	Communication Services	2.53%

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Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	17.34%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	-2.37%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1 January 2015 to 31 May 2020:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Aberdeen Asian Income Fund Limited	-16.77%	28.37%	17.37%	-6.16%	14.20%	-18.05%
iShares MSCI AC Far East ex JPN ETF	-5.92%	27.34%	28.84%	-10.18%	13.60%	-5.89%

Performance over 12 months, 3 years, 5 years and since launch:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Aberdeen Asian Income Fund Limited	-12.63%	-6.93%	9.22%	204.39%
iShares MSCI AC Far East ex JPN ETF	3.31%	7.84%	33.53%	227.59%

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

UPDATE....

These updates have been written at the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, which has impacted the global financial markets in a way that has never been seen before.

The trust aims to deliver investors a good yield as well as capital growth over the long term. The fund has underperformed the index since launch but pays a yield of around 5% per annum. In an environment where income is becoming harder to find, this might be an attractive option for investors.

The team explained this is an active investment process which focuses around idea generation, research and peer review. The universe is around 800 stocks of which they look to invest in around 50 to 70.

In terms of the income, companies in Asia tend to hold a high level of cash compared to the US and Europe and are in a better position. Currently they have not had any significant cut in dividends. They have been able to increase dividends yearly over the last ten years and have a cash fund which they can use to top up dividends if needed.

The two biggest weightings for the fund are Singapore and Australia, although they have started to reduce some of their Australian bank exposure. In terms of sectors they are weighting towards technology, financials, real estate and communication services.

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The fund tends to be defensive when markets fall and will underperform in a momentum driven market. In terms of dividends, over 70% of holdings pay a dividend between 2% and 6%. In the recent sell off they supported a rights issue for New Zealand Airport and added APA Group and Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation.

The biggest risk now is Hong Kong and China, and whether international companies still want to use Hong Kong as an entry point to China.

In summary, there are many opportunities to invest in Asia and although this fund has a good management team the performance has been behind the index. It is difficult to see how this will reverse. However, for those seeking income they might be prepared to accept lower growth for the high level of income currently being paid.

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