

# First State Asian Growth Fund

## Monthly factsheet (in SGD)

June 2010

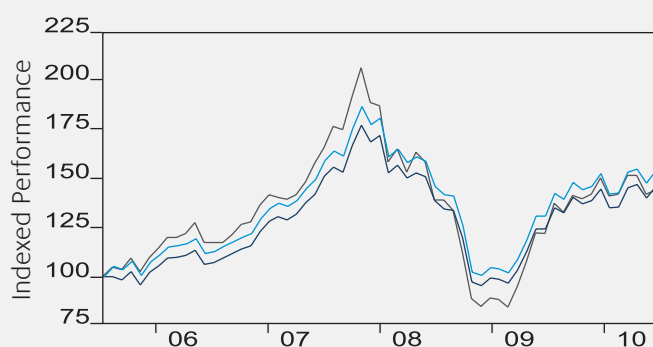
### Investment objective

To achieve long term capital appreciation by investing all or substantially all of its assets in the First State Asian Growth Fund (a Dublin-domiciled fund) which invests primarily in securities in the Asian region excluding Japan.

### Fund information

Launch Date	17 Sep 84	Minimum Investment	S\$1,000 (Initial) S\$100 (Subsequent)
NAV Price	S\$1.5755	Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Fund Size	S\$65.9mn	Initial Charge	5.0% (Cash) 3.0% (CPF - Ordinary Account)
Stock Split History	2 for 1 stock split (17 May 96)	CPF Classification	Higher Risk-Narrowly Focused (Asia)
Dealing	Monday to Friday (except public holidays)		

### Total return for past 5 years ended Jun 10



— Fund (No initial charges)  
 — Fund (Apply initial charges)  
 — Benchmark<sup>^</sup>

Annualised* (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Inception**
Fund (No initial charges)	17.4	-1.1	8.9	5.7	7.5
Fund (Apply initial charges)	11.6	-2.8	7.8	5.2	7.2
Benchmark <sup>^</sup>	18.1	-4.6	7.5	5.4	N/A

Source: Lipper. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested.

\* The performance prior to 18 Oct 02 is in relation to the Fund before its conversion to a feeder fund.

\*\* Inception date: 10 Oct 84

<sup>^</sup> MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index

Asset allocation	%	Sector allocation	%	Top 10 holdings	%
Hong Kong	24.7	Financials	24.4	Lihir Gold Ltd	8.3
South Korea	16.9	Consumer Staples	15.3	Hong Kong and China Gas Co	5.6
Taiwan	12.8	Information Technology	11.8	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	4.9
Singapore	11.0	Telecommunication Services	11.4	Cheung Kong (Hldgs) Ltd	4.8
Australia	8.3	Utilities	8.8	Swire Pacific Ltd	4.7
India	8.1	Materials	8.3	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Co	4.6
Thailand	5.8	Industrials	7.6	LG Corp	4.2
China	5.4	Energy	4.1	Amorepacific Corp	3.1
Philippines	2.1	Health Care	3.2	Shinsegae Co Ltd	3.0
Malaysia	1.4	Consumer Discretionary	1.6	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2.8
Liquidity	3.5	Liquidity	3.5		

### Manager's comment

- World markets declined during June as investors continued to worry about sovereign debt concerns in the eurozone and the global growth outlook.
- The MSCI Asia ex Japan Index increased by 1.7% in US dollar terms while the MSCI World Index declined by 3.4%.
- Indonesia, India and Thailand outperformed while Taiwan, South Korea and China lagged.
- At a sector level, Information Technology, Materials and Energy disappointed, while Consumer Staples, Telecom Services and Utilities outperformed.
- Fund performance was helped by Lihir Gold (Australia: Materials), which rose on a strong gold price and news that an agreement had been reached over the proposed Australian mining super tax.
- On the negative side, South Korean stocks LG Corp (Industrials) and Samsung Electronics (Information Technology) underperformed on political concerns.
- During the month we bought HDFC Bank (India: Financials), a good quality bank with a positive growth outlook.
- Credit concerns remain and continue to be met with further rounds of money printing. This continues to succeed in the short-term but we fail to see how such an extreme increase in money supply, and the accompanying moral hazard, can work in the longer-term.
- Unlike the US, the United Kingdom and European Union have recognised the need to cut government spending before the market forces it upon them.
- It remains to be seen if the incumbent administrations can survive such non-populist measures, and whether we see a return of quantitative easing over debt reduction in the long-term.

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Note: The above asset allocation pertains to the underlying fund. This report is prepared by First State Investments (Singapore) and is provided for information purposes only. Investors should read the Prospectus before deciding whether to subscribe for or purchase units in the Fund. The prospectus is available and copies may be obtained from the Manager and Distributors. The value of the units in the Fund and the income from them may rise as well as fall. Past performance figures are not necessarily a guide to future performance. Neither is any forecast made necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of the Fund. Where information is provided on top holdings, such information does not constitute a recommendation to buy these securities. Units are not available to U.S. persons.

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