Principal China-India-Indonesia Opportunities Fund

31 March 2024

3-year Fund Volatility 8.06 Low
Lipper Analytics
15 Mar 2024

Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve medium to long-term capital appreciation by capitalizing on investments ideas in undervalued listed companies which are domiciled or have significant operations in China, India and Indonesia. The 'significant operations' means the major business of the company. Between 70% to 98% (both inclusive) of NAV will be invested in equities and equity related securities with at least 2% of NAV invested in liquid assets for liquidity purposes. The Fund may also invest up to 28% of its NAV in other permissible investments.

Lipper Score

Total Return: 4

Consistent Return: 2

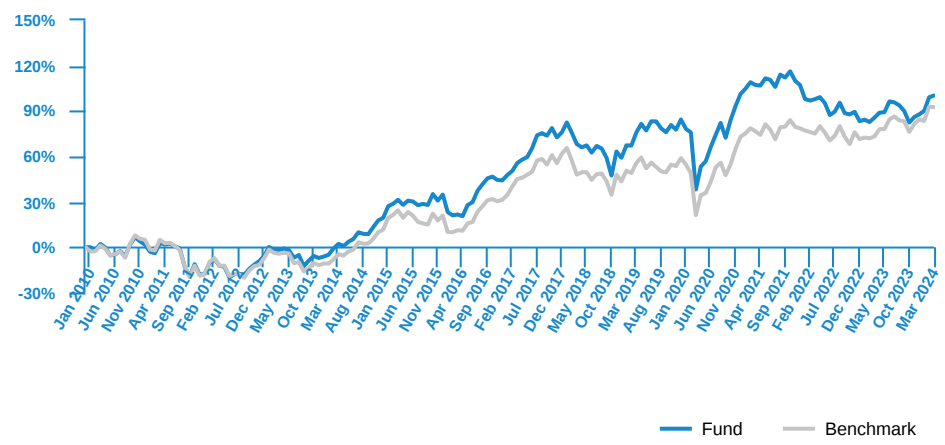
Morningstar Rating

Sustainability

Fund Information

ISIN Code	MYU1000DK000
Lipper ID	68037984
Bloomberg Ticker	CIMBCII MK
Domicile	Malaysia
Currency	MYR
Base Currency	MYR
Fund Inception	21 Jan 2010
Benchmark	An equally weighted custom composite index of MSCI China Index, MSCI India Index, MSCI Indonesia Index.
Application Fee	IUTA: 5.50% of the NAV per unit Principal Agency Distributor: 6.50% of the NAV per unit
Management Fee	1.80% p.a. of the NAV
Trustee Fee	0.045% p.a. of the NAV
Fund Size (MYR)	MYR 66.39 million
Fund Unit	148.90 million units
NAV per unit (As at 31 Mar 2024)	MYR 0.4458
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Date	11 Feb 2010
Initial Offering Period (IOP) Price	MYR 0.25

Fund Performance



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification do not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Cumulative Performance (%)	YTD	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception
Fund	6.65	0.61	6.65	5.44	7.86	-3.33	13.93	100.33
Benchmark	4.40	-0.05	4.40	5.16	11.22	9.09	23.81	92.69

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	2.48	-11.53	2.94	9.11	15.91	-9.55
Benchmark	7.61	-3.97	3.18	8.94	10.68	-11.27

Most Recent Fund Distributions			2022 Oct	2021 Oct	2020 Oct	2019 Oct
Gross (sen/unit)			1.35	1.53	1.09	1.34
Annualised Yield (%)			3.23	3.08	2.43	2.99

Note: January 2010 to March 2024.
Performance data represents the combined income & capital return as a result of holding units in the fund for the specified length of time, based on bid to bid prices. Earnings are assumed to be reinvested.
Annualised yield is calculated as the most recent monthly dividend distribution multiplied by the Fund's dividend frequency and divided by the latest NAV.
Source : Lipper

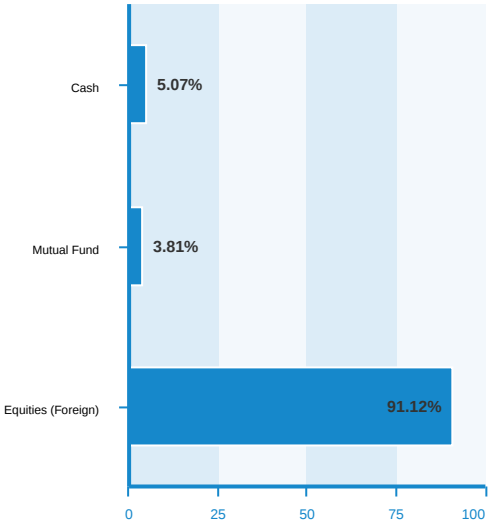
Top Holdings	Country	% of Net Assets
Bank Central Asia	Indonesia	8.77
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	Indonesia	8.08
Bank Mandiri	Indonesia	5.89
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	5.76
Jio Financial Services Ltd	India	3.78
Macrotech Developers Ltd	India	3.43
Tencent Hldg Ltd	Hong Kong SAR China	3.37
ICICI Bank Ltd	India	3.15
Bajaj Auto Ltd	India	2.89
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	China	2.50

Fund Risk Statistics	
Beta	0.78
Information Ratio	-0.25
Sharpe Ratio	-0.14

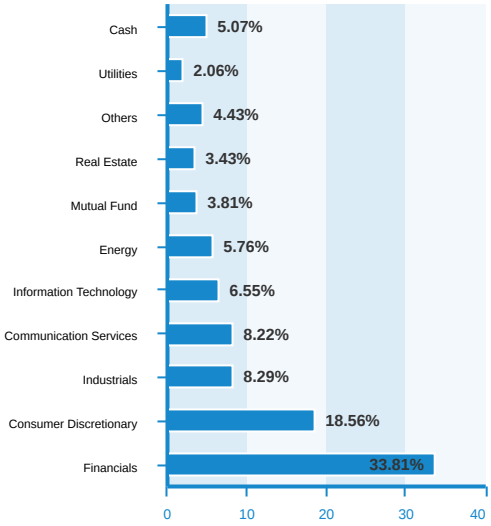
(3 years monthly data)

The holdings listed do not constitute a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Any repeated issuer shown means same issuer with different coupon rate and/or maturity date. Cash and/or derivative positions that are not part of the core investment strategy will not be reflected in the top holdings list.

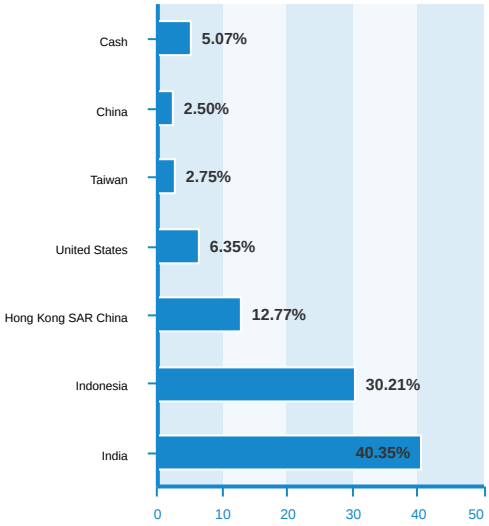
Asset Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)



Regional Allocation (%)



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Fund Manager's Report

The Fund was up 0.61% in MYR terms in March, outperforming the benchmark by 66 bps. YTD, the Fund is up 6.65%, outperforming the benchmark by 225 bps.

In March, MSCI China was broadly unchanged in US Dollar terms, while India was up 0.8% and Indonesia up 1.2%. We continue to be positive on India and have been increasing the Fund's allocation to India to 40%. India's parliamentary elections – to elect 543 members will commence on April 19th and be conducted across seven phases all the way through June 1st. The election pits the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi – who is aiming for a third term – against the opposition INDIA alliance. We expect political continuity. With a healthy real interest rate and peak monetary tightening in the US, we think the RBI has levers to reduce the policy rate if need be in the coming quarters, although there is no real urgency to do so given the resilient growth momentum. MSCI India is trading at 23.2x CY24E, in line than its 5-year average of 23.2x. In China the key development during the month was official PMI improving significantly to 50.8 (Feb: 49.1), and State Council announcing plans for promoting large-scale equipment upgrades and trade-in programs for consumer durables. Manufacturing exports have been improving for China led by stabilizing global demand and some restocking, which will benefit some Chinese exporters. The Chinese economy should continue to muddle along as the issues in property will not be easily resolved, in this environment we will focus on stock picking within China while allocating a lower than benchmark weight to the country.

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^Based on the fund's portfolio returns as at 15 March 2024, the Volatility Factor (VF) for this fund is 8.06 and is classified as "Low" (source: FIMM). The VF means there is a possibility for the fund in generating an upside return or downside return around this VF. The Volatility Class (VC) is assigned by FIMM based on quintile ranks of VF for qualified funds. VF is subject to monthly revision and VC will be revised every six months. The fund's portfolio may have changed since this date and there is no guarantee that the fund will continue to have the same VF or VC in the future. Presently, only funds launched in the market for at least 36 months will display the VF and its VC. We recommend that you read and understand the contents of the Master Prospectus dated 10 July 2023 which has been duly registered with the Securities Commission Malaysia, before investing and that you keep the said Master Prospectus for your records. Any issue of units to which the Master Prospectus relates will only be made upon receipt of the completed application form referred to in and accompanying the Master Prospectus, subject to the terms and conditions therein. Investments in the Fund are exposed to country risk, currency risk, liquidity risk, risk of investing in emerging markets, risks associated with investment in warrants, stock specific risk. You can obtain a copy of the Master Prospectus from the head office of Principal Asset Management Berhad or from any of our approved distributors. Product Highlight Sheet ("PHS") is available and that investors have the right to request for a PHS; and the PHS and any other product disclosure document should be read and understood before making any investment decision. There are fees and charges involved in investing in the funds. We suggest that you consider these fees and charges carefully prior to making an investment. Unit prices and income distributions, if any, may fall or rise. Past performance is not reflective of future performance and income distributions are not guaranteed. You are also advised to read and understand the contents of the Financing for Investment in Unit Trust Risk Disclosure Statement/Unit Trust Loan Financing Risk Disclosure Statement before deciding to borrow to purchase units. Where a unit split/distribution is declared, you are advised that following the issue of additional units/distribution, the NAV per unit will be reduced from pre-unit split NAV/cum-distribution NAV to post-unit split NAV/ex-distribution NAV; and where a unit split is declared, the value of your investment in Malaysian Ringgit will remain unchanged after the distribution of the additional units.

Carefully consider a fund's objective, risks, charges and expenses.
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