# Class: A USD

# PineBridge Asia ex Japan Small Cap Equity Fund



## **RISK DISCLOSURE:**

- The Fund invests primarily in smaller to medium-sized companies in the Asian region and may be exposed to additional risks (e.g. equity, small and/or mid capitalised companies, emerging markets, market volatility, country selection and liquidity risks, risks associated with Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect etc.).
- The Fund may use financial derivative instruments ("FDI") for efficient portfolio management (including hedging) purposes only but will not use FDI extensively for any purpose. The use of FDI may expose the Fund to various risks such as counterparty, liquidity, correlation, credit, volatility, valuation and settlement risks.
- Dividends, if any, may be paid out of capital of the Fund at the discretion of the Manager. This amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value of the Fund.
- Investors may be subject to substantial losses due to investment loss risk and the leveraging effect of using FDI.
- Investors should not rely solely on this material to make investment decisions.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)**

## Elizabeth Soon

Head of Asia Ex-Japan Equities

## **BENCHMARK**

MSCI All Country Asia Pacific ex Japan Small Cap Daily Total Return Net Index

Asset Class	Equity
Fund Inception	01 Sep 1994
Fund Base Currency	USD
Fund Size (million)	US\$ 1373.6
No. of Securities	85
Legal Structure	UCITS
Income Treatment	No Distribution: Dividends Reinvested
Initial Charge	Maximum 5%
ISIN	IE00B12V2V27
Bloomberg	PBISEAS
RATING(S)	
Morningstar	***

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To seek long term capital appreciation by investing in smaller to medium-sized companies in the Asian Region i.e. companies whose assets, products or operations are in the Asian Region. In practice, at least 50% of the Sub-Fund's investment will be in companies whose free float adjusted market capitalisation at the time of purchase is less than USD 1.5 billion.

Past performance does not predict future returns. Please see the Risk Disclosure box above.

#### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE IN UNIT CLASS CURRENCY VS BENCHMARK (%) Benchmark 20 15.1 15 10 7.5 6.1 5.4 5 1.8 1.2 1.3 0.6 0.40 -5 -4.6 -10 1 Month 3 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Since Inception

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE IN UNIT CLASS CURRENCY VS BENCHMARK (%)

	2024 YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	1.3	11.6	-23.9	6.9	23.5	19.1	-15.4	34.4	4.3	1.9	9.6
Benchmark	0.6	18.0	-19.7	18.8	26.0	10.6	-17.9	32.5	0.7	-3.8	1.6

Source: PineBridge Investments.

The Fund performance is calculated net of fees on NAV to NAV in USD with dividends reinvested. Returns over one year are annualized. Performance is representative of A class in USD. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than the base currency of the fund. Source of benchmark: MSCI. The benchmark is used for information purposes only and is calculated dividend reinvested. No benchmark is directly identical to the Sub-Fund and its

performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance of the Sub-Fund.

# UNIT CLASS INFORMATION (For a full list of available share classes, please visit pinebridge.com.hk\*)

		Price as at	Minimum	Management	Service	<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>	
Unit Class	Inception Date	31/03/24	Investment	Fee	Fee	as at 31/12/23	Entry/Exit Fee
A USD	19 Apr 2006	US\$ 36.22	US\$ 1,000	1.30%	0.50%	1.93%	5% / 3%

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# **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

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•	FUND	BENCHMARK			
Information Technology	26.6	19.1			
Industrials	26.2	17.5			
Financials	14.2	9.7			
Materials	6.9	12.7			
Consumer Discretionary	6.7	11.5			
Consumer Staples	6.2	4.4			
Utilities	4.7	2.2			
Communication Services	3.7	3.5			
Other	3.2	19.4			
Cash	1.6	0.0			

## **FUND ANALYSIS**

	3 YEARS
Information Ratio	-0.8
Sharpe Ratio	-0.4
Alpha (%)	-6.2
Tracking Error (%)	7.7
Standard Deviation (%)	16.9
Beta	0.9
R Squared (%)	81.0

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Wtd Avg Mkt Cap US\$ million	6,204.8
P/E Ratio	17.3
P/B Ratio	2.1
ROE (%)	16.3
Debt to Equity Ratio	0.42

# **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN (%)**

1	FUND	BENCHMARK		
Taiwan	29.4	21.4		
India	21.4	23.5		
China	16.9	7.5		
Hong Kong	7.0	3.1		
South Korea	5.2	12.7		
Singapore	4.4	3.7		
Australia	4.2	19.2		
Indonesia	3.8	1.6		
Other	6.0	7.2		
Cash	1.6	0.0		

# **TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)**

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Alchip Technologies, Limited	4.3
Bank of Baroda	4.1
Sembcorp Industries Ltd.	3.8
Shree Cement Limited	3.6
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	3.2
Chicony Power Technology Co., Ltd.	3.2
SINBON Electronics Co., Ltd.	2.9
Tencent Music Entertainment Group	2.8
Asmedia Technology Inc.	2.6
Sieyuan Electric Co., Ltd.	2.3

## **GLOSSARY**

Alpha: Measures the relative performance generated by the fund compared to the benchmark. An alpha of 1.0 indicates that the fund has outperformed its benchmark by 1%, after adjusting for risk of the benchmark.

Beta: Reflects sensitivity of the fund's returns to that of benchmark returns. A beta of 1.05 suggests that the fund could perform 5% better than the benchmark in up market and 5% worse in down market, assuming all other factors remain constant.

Exit Fee: Fee charged to investors when they redeem unit from a fund.

Information Ratio: Measures the funds returns above the benchmark returns relative to the risk (volatility) of the excess returns. It is a measure that identifies the consistency of the manager to outperform the benchmark.

**Initial Fee:** Fee charged to investors when they purchase units in a fund.

Management Fee: Percentage of the fund's assets that unitholders pay annually as remuneration to the investment adviser for managing the fund. R Squared: Reflects the proportion of fund performance explained by changes in the benchmark. A high R-squared indicates the fund's performance has been in line with the benchmark. A low R-squared indicates the fund's performance has not been in line with the benchmark.

Service Fee: Percentage of fund's assets that retail unitholders pay annually for distribution services.

Sharpe Ratio: Measure of the fund's risk adjusted performance calculated as the portfolio returns in excess of the risk-free rate, divided by the risk (volatility) i.e. the Standard Deviation. The higher the Sharpe Ratio the better the returns compared to the risk taken.

Total Expense Ratio (TER): Estimated percentage (annualized) of fund assets used to pay for management fees and operating expenses, including service fees (if any) incurred by the fund. Fund expenses are reflected in the NAV. When calculating the TER, PineBridge has used the amount of expenses that it has received or estimated in its capacity as the Fund's Manager. Please note that the expense ratio includes variable expenses that are based on a number of factors including fund size, transactions, and other expenses. No assurance can be given that the TER will be realized over any future given period.

Tracking Error: Reflects the degree of variability of fund returns in relation to the benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance is to the benchmark.

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