# La Française JKC Asia Equity

NAV per Share:

Class I Class GP

EUR 83.55 EUR 80.79 EUR 88.05 USD 85.24 USD 81.19 USD 88.73

Class P

# Market and management comments Performance summary

THE WORD OF THE MANAGER AND MACRO ANALYSIS ACROSS ASIA We commented that 2015 had been a year of extremes. It turned out that the start of 2016 was even worse, repeating almost all major risks factors highlighted in 2015 in merely a month: investors witnessed yet another slump of the China A share market (SHCOMP index was down 22.7%), a fast RMB depreciation in the first week of the month (down 1.9%) with short selling pressure even spreading to the HKD, a phenomenon last seen back in August 1998 during the Asian Financial crisis, a collapse of oil price to below USD 30 a barrel, and a rapid change of views on the US Fed rate hike outlook reflecting renewed concerns about a possible China hard landing, a less robust recovery of the US economy and a global growth slowdown. As a result, some indices we track recorded their steepest monthly drops since October 2008 and September 2011 respectively (the MSCI China was down 12.3% and the MSCI AC Asia Ex JP index was down 7.7%). The only bright spot was that South East Asian markets proved to be much more resilient during the month both on the equity and the currency front: The Thai index actually gained 1% in January; Indonesian and Malaysian markets were also relatively resilient (up 0.5% and down 1.5% respectively). The worst market was no doubt China, followed by Singapore (-8.8%) and India (-4.8%). Currency wise, the Malaysian Ringgit gained 3.9%, followed by the Thai Bhat and the Indonesian Rupiah (both up 0.9%). The worst performing currency was the Indian Rupee (-2.5%) followed by the Korean Won (-2.6%).

The first thing we want to highlight is that although we understand global investors tend to associate the turmoil in China's financial markets with a real economy crisis. recent macro numbers in China are not particularly bad. If anything, numbers are actually showing that the rebalancing from production to services is continuing and that the inflection point of the downtrend is probably behind us. The unusually strong positive correlation developed between the oil price and equity indices over the past weeks is not only new but also puzzling to us. We tend to believe that too much begrishness is priced in Asia on a low oil price as most Asian economies are net oil importers. As to the RMB and China's capital account opening process, we recognized a step backward in the reform progress with tight controls now in place, particularly on the offshore RMB market, to discourage investors from shorting the Yuan. The RMB now seems to be under control and is expected to gradually depreciate at the pace determined by PBoC to make up for the divergence in Effective Exchange Rate between the RMB and other leading currencies that developed last year. Further easing from Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank and potentially a more dovish than expected Fed rate hike policy should also help ease the downward pressure of the RMB and on other Asian currencies. Another important implication of this trend is that liquidity may flow back into emerging markets should mounting evidence point to a much muted USD upside than previously anticipated.

Elsewhere in Asia, Taiwan held its parliamentary and presidential elections on 16th January with the opposition's Democratic People's Party (DPP) winning not only the presidency, but also gaining control of the legislature for the first time. It should enable newly elected president Tsai Ying-wen to push ahead with her reform agenda. In the past eight years under President Ma Ying-jeou of the Kuomintang cross-strait relations had improved. More turbulence is expected under an "anti-China" DPP government although the economic implications of a deterioration in cross-strait relations may be relatively small as suggested by history. Tsai has pledged big increases in spending on housing and infrastructure; however, due to budget deficit constraints, the economy is unlikely to receive a sudden injection of fiscal stimulus that could have boosted the growth outlook. Economists forecast Taiwan's GDP growth to recover from 0.9% in 2015 to 2% in 2016.

During the month, Bank Indonesia cut its policy rate by 25 basis points to 7.25%, which should provide a long-overdue boost to the struggling economy. Looking ahead, economists expect more loosening with the economy growing at its weakest pace since the global financial crisis, the inflation remaining low and the rupiah appearing to stabilize. Aggressive rate cuts are nevertheless unlikely as it would increase the rupiah's vulnerability to external shocks.

# THE FUND

In December the fund lost 9.3% when MSCI AC Asia ex. Japan benchmark dropped by 7.7%.

The cash position stood at 8.6% at the end of January. The underperformance of the fund in January was largely due to the fund's exposure in China to insurance companies, to property developers and to the largest water treatment company which all dropped very significantly.

# THE PORTFOLIO

The top performers within the fund this month were the South Korean blood glucose meter maker I Sens (+12.6%), followed by South Korean OLED material equipment maker SFA Engineering (+7.2%) and Indian Pharmaceutical company Sun Pharma (+6.4%). On the negative side, the Chinese meltdown had an indiscriminate impact on our Chinese holdings. China Taiping Insurance fell by 32.7% followed by Beijing Enterprise Water (-29.5%) and China Jinmao Group, a property developer (-23.8%). During the month, we trimmed our weighting in China State Construction, Shanghai Fosun Pharmaceutical, Shenzhou International while we added positions in insurance company AIA, in telecom equipment maker ZTE Corp and exited China Merchant bank, Zhuzhou CSR and Xtep International. We increased our weighting to South Korea by increasing our exposure to Samsung Electronics and by adding LG Chemical and SFA Engineering to the portfolio. In the Philippines, we replaced DNL and Universal Robina with GT Capital.

Performance summary	
Monthly return	-9.3%
Return (3-month)	-7.4%
Return since inception (7/2011)	-14.7%
Compound return (2-years annualized)	-6.4%
Maximum cumulative gains	26.3%
Maximum cumulative losses	-21.7%
Maximum monthly gain	8.4%
Maximum monthly loss	-10.4%
% up months	63.3%
% down months	36.7%
Sharpe ratio (monthly return 2-years annualized)	-0.47

Risk summary	
Standard deviation (monthly return 2-years annualized)	14.2%
VAR % (monthly @ 95% confidence level)	6.8%
Alpha (monthly return for 2-year annualized)	-1.4%
Beta (monthly return 2-year)	0.78
Top 5 stock holdings	22.0%
Top 10 stock holdings	37.2%
Top 20 stock holdings	59.7%
Total net cash position	8.6%

Top 10 holdings (As at 31st January 2016)			
Name	Industry	Country	
Tencent Holdings Ltd	Internet Software & Servic	China	6.8%
Lg Household & Health Care	Household Products	South Korea	4.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac	Semiconductors	Taiwan	3.9%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Technology Hardware, Stora	South Korea	3.6%
China Overseas Land & Invest	Real Estate Development	Hong Kong	3.6%
Ping An Insurance Group Co-H	Life & Health Insurance	China	3.5%
Nexteer Automotive Group Ltd	Auto Parts & Equipment	China	3.1%
Chongqing Changan Automobi-B	Automobile Manufacturers	China	3.1%
Posiflex Technology Inc	Electronic Equipment & Ins	Taiwan	2.9%
Amorepacific Corp	Personal Products	South Korea	2.7%

<b>Monthly Perform</b>	ances (%) net	of fees			
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	8.4	4.8	-4.6	2.5	-9.3
Feb	7.2	2.2	5.1	1.6	
Mar	-1.0	-0.3	-1.3	1.5	
Apr	0.9	1.8	-1.9	7.3	
May	-7.9	0.5	1.8	0.1	
Jun	2.3	-10.4	0.4	-4.0	
Jul	1.3	-1.1	1.6	-6.0	
Aug	0.3	-0.6	0.4	-9.7	
Sep	6.3	3.0	-2.9	-0.8	
Oct	1.7	5.5	0.3	5.1	
Nov	3.9	-0.4	-0.9	0.4	
Dec	0.9	0.8	-4.2	1.6	
Year	26.0	5.1	-6.3	-1.6	-9.3

# Cumulative performance (since inception) Class I USD



\*MSCI AC Asia ex Japan became the reference index with the addition of india to the investment universe on 18/06/15, prior to that the reference index was the MSCI AC Far East ex Japan. The charts and numbers reflect this change and display the MSCI AC Far East ex Japan prior to 16/06/15 and MSCI AC Asia ex Japan from that date onwerds.

# La Française JKC Asia Equity

Fund's AUM: USD 29.9 million AUM Asia strategy: USD 64.2 million

# Fund description and manager's strategy

The fund's objective is to provide investors with exposure to the Asian continent through investments in companies operating predominantly in Asia excluding Japan. The fund aims at providing above-average returns with a lower-than-average volatility by implementing a bottom-up value approach investment methodology combined with a top-down macro-driven country allocation.

### Countries of registration

La Francaise JKC Asia Equity is a UCITS IV SICAV authorised for retail distribution in France, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Spain, Austria, Singapore and Peru.\*

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#### Risk management

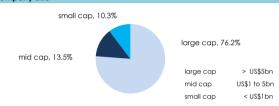
Risk is assessed and monitored on a permanent basis by JK Capital Management and Degroof Gestion Institutionnelle-Luxembourg.

Valuation of the portfolio is performed independently by Banque Degroof Luxembourg.

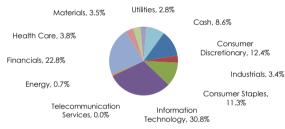
Euro-denominated shares in the fund are hedged against fluctuations in the Euro/USD exchange rate to give the opportunity to Euro-based investors to avoid any unwanted currency risk exposure. As a result, performances of Euro and USD classes of shares are very similar (however not identical due to the cost of hedging and to tracking errors) whatever the volatility of the Euro/USD exchange rate.

Hedging is implemented by Degroof Gestion Institutionnelle-Luxembourg , the risk manager of the fund, using monthly forward EUR/USD contracts, daily checks and adjustments and using a tracking error objective, calculated over a period of 52 weeks and accounting for new subscriptions or share sale, of 0.8%.

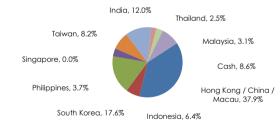
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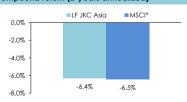
# Industry breakdown



# Geographic breakdown



# Compound return (2-years annualized)\*



# Standard deviation (monthly return 2 yrs ann.)\*



#### Portfolio valuation 2016 (e) PE 12.7 2016 (e) Profit Growth 16.6% 0.76 PF to Growth Dividend Yield (ex-cash) 1.71

Portfolio breakdown	·
Equities	91.49
Cash	8.69
Number of holdings	4

### La Française JKC Asia Equity - Product features

Portfolio Managers

Launch Date	Jul-11
Reference index	MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan ("MSCI")
Investment Manager	JK Capital Management Limited

based in Hong Kong

Entry/Exit Daily, with a 2-day notice **Management Fees** 

1.5% per annum (2.2% for Class P) plus

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performance incentive of 15% subject

to high-water mark

La Française AM International Custodian Banque Degroof Luxembourg Administrator Banque Degroof Luxembourg

Auditor KPMG

Tranches Class I EUR- Institutional EUR Class LUSD Institutional USD

> Class GP EUR- Private Banking EUR Class GP USD- Private Banking USD

Class P FUR- Retail FUR Class P USD- Retail USD

Minmum investments Class I- EUR 150,000/USD 200,000

Class GP- FUR 5.000/USD 6.000 Class P- FUR 500/USD 500

Legal Structure SICAV-UCITS IV Domicile Listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

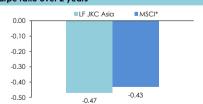
# Comparison with reference index

	LF JKC Asia	MSCI*
Jan-16	-9.3%	-7.7%
3 months	-7.4%	-11.5%
YTD 2016	-9.3%	-7.7%
2015	-1.6%	-10.7%
1 Year	-13.1%	-19.5%
3 Years	-16.1%	-17.0%
Since inception (7/2011)	-14.7%	-19.5%
Compound return (2-years annualized)	-6.4%	-6.5%
Sharpe ratio over 2 years	-0.47	-0.43
Standard deviation (monthly return 2 yrs ann.)	14.2%	15.7%

# Fund's Identification Codes:

Bloomberg Ticker	LFPAVIU LX Equity
ISIN code Class I EUR Institutional	LU0611874057
ISIN code Class I USD Institutional	LU0611874131
ISIN code Class GP EUR Private Banking	LU0611874214
ISIN code Class GP USD Private Banking	LU0611874305
ISIN code Class P EUR Retail	LU0611874487
ISIN code Class P USD Retail	LU0611874560

# Sharpe ratio over 2 years\*



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