

VT HALO GLOBAL ASIAN CONSUMER FUND

April 2024 Fact Sheet



All Data at 12.00 GMT 30th April 2024

Portfolio Description

The VT Halo Global Asian Consumer Fund aims to achieve an annualised total return before fees of 8-12% over the period of an economic cycle of typically 5-7 years. This will be achieved from investing in companies globally which are exposed to the growth of the Asian middle class and the corresponding rise in their consumption.

Fund Manager's Comments

The Fund (B £ Acc class) rose 0.6% in April as strong stock selection in India was offset by weakness in the Fund's Indonesian and Vietnamese stocks. The Chinese markets saw a robust rebound with the MSCI China rising 8% during the month. The MSCI China is now up 17% in GBP from its January bottom. We have been highlighting for some time to clients that we believed valuations had more than discounted the negative news flow and whilst valuations for the market have moved higher to 12.4x P/E, this is still well below the 10-year average of 13.6x. The rally has been supported by Northbound flows (Global investors buying China A shares), where ytd buying is already over 60% higher than the whole of 2023's amount. One of the Fund's top contributors to performance this month was Tencent which rose 15%, buoyed by the announcement of a release date for its much-anticipated mobile game title DnF Mobile.

Indonesian equities underperformed this month with foreign investors selling over US\$2bn in bonds and equities. The central bank raised interest rates in a move that surprised markets. The move was prompted by concern over currency weakness and signalled to the market its commitment to exchange rate support. Whilst this provided some stability, Bank Rakyat subsequently reported results, where they increased guidance for credit costs leading to negative earnings revisions and stock performance. However, we feel that the stock price performance has more than discounted the negatives and an experienced lender like Rakyat, who has already taken corrective actions on underwriting should be able to come through this cycle stronger.

AIA reported a very strong set of second quarter earnings. They saw new business value growth of double digits across the board with mainland China growing +38% yoy in Q1, far ahead of expectations. Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia also saw double digit growth and India reported seeing "excellent" growth. Prior to this, investors had been concerned over the quality and growth trajectory of AIA's Chinese business and the stock was trading at historical lows in terms of valuation. On top of the strong results, management announced they will return 75% of annual net free surplus cash generation through dividends and buybacks, surprising the market positively. As part of this, the company announced an additional \$2bn buyback over and above the existing program taking the total buyback approved to \$12bn.

China Education reported 1HFY24 revenue growth of +18.3% and operating profit growth of 14% yoy. China Education group raised their dividend payout to 45% implying a dividend yield of 11% for FY24, with management targeting to maintain the current dividend policy of at least 30%-50% payout ratio in the next 3 years in addition to considering other shareholder return methods. We would like to point out that AIA and China Education are not anomalies in their shareholder return policies. Low valuations together with strong balance sheets and free cash flow generation has led to an increase of buybacks in the region with China and Hong Kong leading the pack. We have been highlighting to clients that Chinese companies are starting to really focus on improving shareholder return, in part encouraged by the CSRC who as part of their 9-step stock market reform package, encouraged listed firms to distribute dividends more frequently. We think this is a trend that will continue to play out.

B £ Acc NAV 162.5p

Investment Manager: Halo Global Asset Management

Fund Manager: Andrew Williamson-Jones

ACD: Valu-Trac Investment Management Ltd.

Fund Type: UK UCITS IV OEIC

Launch Date: 3 Nov 2014

Classes: B, C

Base Currency: Sterling

Dealing & Valuation: Daily 12.00pm

Year End: 30 June

Management fee: B: 0.95% p.a.
C: 0.75% p.a.

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Asset Under Mgt \$85.4m

Depository: National Westminster Bank PLC

Dealing Frequency: Daily

Daily NAV available: Bloomberg, Refinitive Morningstar & Valu-Trac

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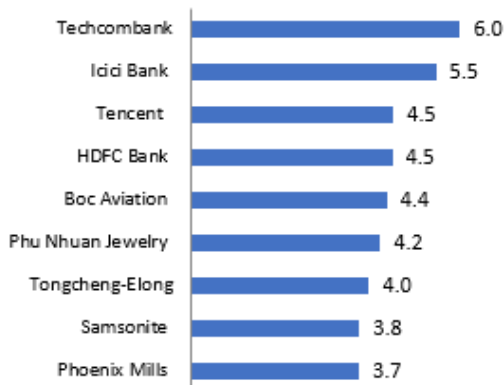
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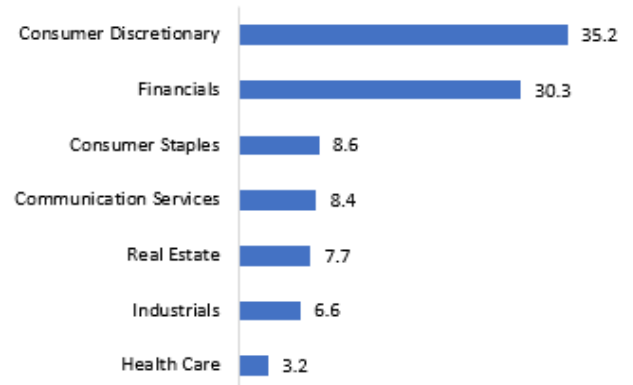


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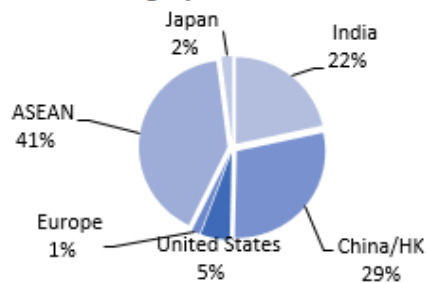
Top 10 Holdings (% of NAV)



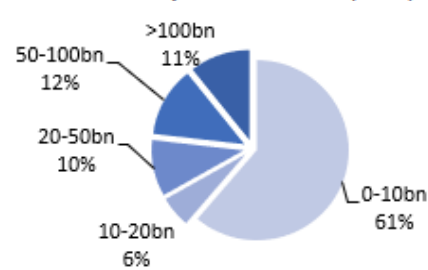
Sector Allocation (% of NAV)



Geographical Allocation %



Market Cap Allocation % (USD)



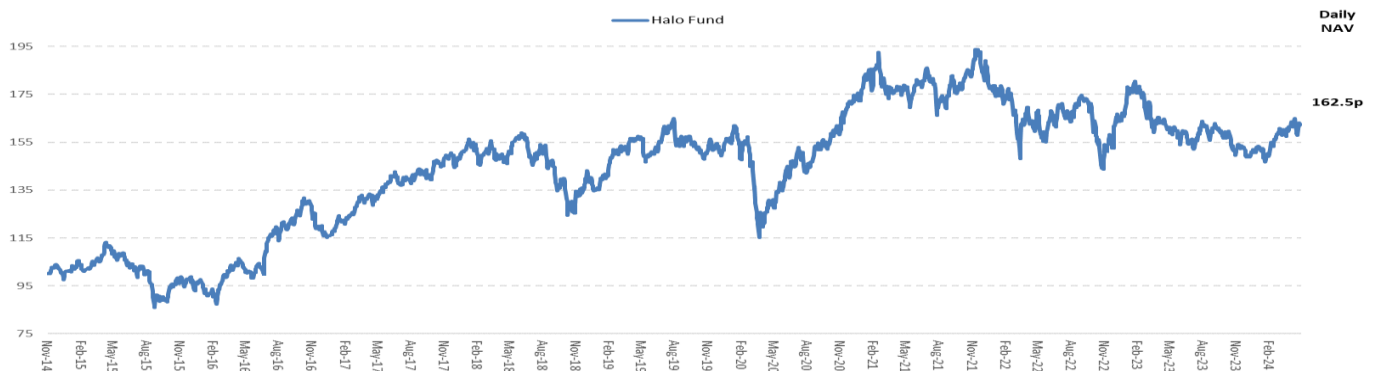
Annual Returns GBP (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	14.1	13.9	1.0	-5.7	-9.2

Rolling performance (%)	Ytd	1yr	3yr	5yr	Incep.
	6.3	0.7	-8.5	3.9	62.5

NB: performance numbers are net of fees.

Fund Performance since Inception

Performance data shown is of the B £ Net Acc. share class. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.** Data from Valu-Trac Administration Services and Reuters. This is for illustrative purposes only and in accordance with our Prospectus Halo does not benchmark against any index.



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