

# VT HALO GLOBAL ASIAN CONSUMER FUND

## December 2024 Fact Sheet



All Data at 12.00 GMT 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 0.7% in December. Returns were muted across Asia with the MSCI AS Asia ex Japan index rising 0.2% in USD in December. Strong US yields and a corresponding dollar again weighed on the asset class with the 10-year US Treasury yield rising 37bps to 4.55%. 2024 overall was a year of concentrated returns with Bitcoin, the Magnificent 7 in the US and Gold delivering +122%, +19% and +27% respectively versus Asian equities at +12.5%, somewhat driven by China's re-rating (+21%, albeit off a low base) all USD.

The month started with much optimism in China, as the Politburo announced that it will embrace a "moderately loose" strategy for 2025, marking a notable shift in its stance since 2011. In addition, officials vowed to raise the fiscal deficit target next year and make boosting domestic demand a top priority for the next 12 months. Economic growth, however, remains uneven and Chinese PMI's in December were mixed, with the Caixin manufacturing for December easing to 50.5 from 51.5 in November, below consensus expectations of 51.7. Meanwhile, the Caixin services PMI rose to 52.2 in December from 51.5 in November. We believe that domestic demand is beginning to improve due to policy support. However, it's still early and we need more substantial and concrete stimulus to significantly boost domestic confidence and sustain a meaningful recovery from here. Clearly the risk going into 2025 is the threat of large tariffs from the US and investors will have to balance the trade-off between that and any potential Chinese stimulus.

Indian equities were weak in December with the MSCI India falling 2.8% in USD in the month. In fact, Indian equities have underperformed global markets over the past 3 months largely as economic momentum has been weaker than expected and has led to earnings cuts. Foreign outflows however, reversed in December with foreign portfolio investors net inflows into equities of \$2.3bn, whilst domestic mutual flows have remained robust, with flows into pure equity mutual funds consistently above \$4bn a month since May 2024. High inflation in India is finally catching up with the consumer and we are beginning to see signs of a slowdown in the urban mass market consumption. Listed company sales growth has been moderating (Macquarie staples universe of companies rolling 4 quarters sales growth is less than 4%). Credit growth is also moderating with bank credit growth at 11% in November, falling from 20% at the start of the year. Non-performing assets in the system have as a result been rising, however we are very comfortable with the Fund's positions in the two private banks ICICI and HDFC Bank, which have both demonstrated industry leading underwriting and credit costs. Consumption at Phoenix Mills (shopping mall operator) has also been moderating. However the company plans to add 2m sqft of office space in the next 2 years and due to two recent land parcel acquisitions it now has enough land to comfortably grow its EBITDA in the mid-teens level for the medium term. We continue to view Phoenix Mills as a low-risk compounder.

For our perspectives on 2025, be sure to read our upcoming "Insights piece".  
All the best for the New Year!

**B £ Acc NAV 161.2p**

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:	31 <sup>st</sup> July
Management fee:	B: 0.95% p.a. C: 0.75% p.a.

#### ISIN:

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Asset Under Mgt \$74.8m

Depository: National Westminster Bank PLC

Dealing Frequency: Daily

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

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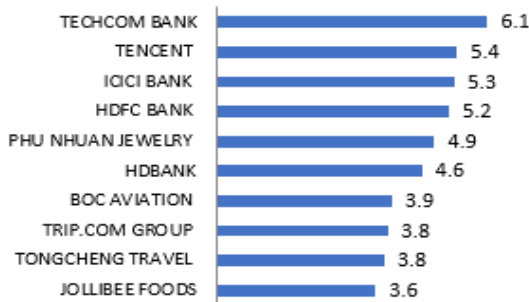
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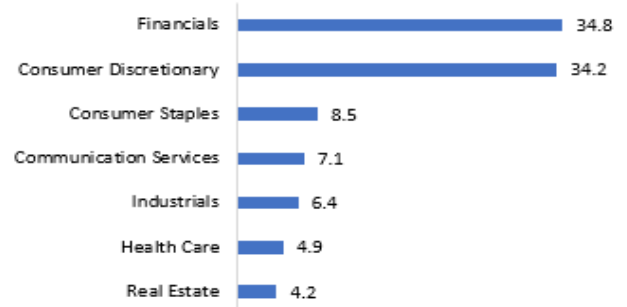


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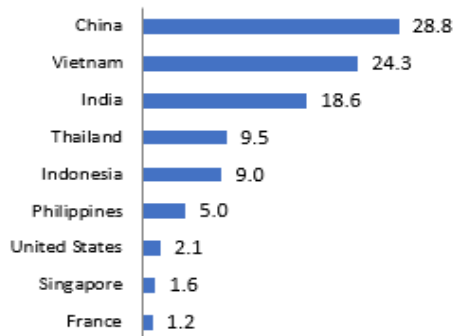
## Top 10 Holdings (% of NAV)



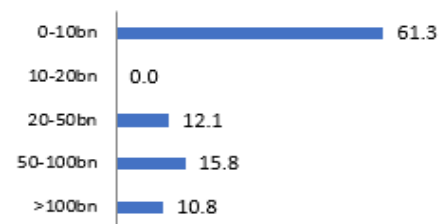
## Sector Allocation (% of NAV)



## Geographical Allocation %



## Market Cap Allocation % (USD)



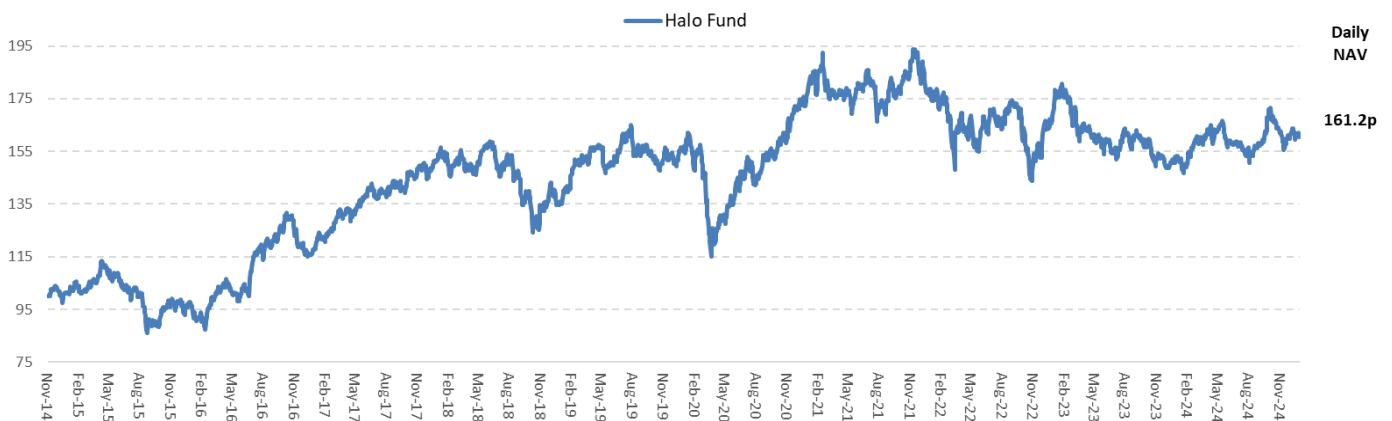
Annual Returns GBP (%)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	13.9	1.0	-5.7	-9.2	5.4

Rolling performance (%)	Ytd	1yr	3yr	5yr	Incep.
	5.4	5.4	-9.8	3.8	61.2

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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