

FSSA Asia All-Cap Fund

The fund aims to achieve capital growth over the medium to long term (at least three years).

The fund's investment strategy is centred on identifying quality companies in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan), buying them at a sensible price and holding for the medium to long term (at least three years).

The strategy aims for capital preservation; the potential downside of an investment is evaluated as much as the upside. Benchmark indices are not used in the portfolio construction process as they may not fully represent the available opportunities in the markets.

Performance

We have assessed performance considering absolute return, relative return and the performance in negative markets for each share class that are, aligned with the investment objective and proposition of the fund.

The share class is rated Green for performance.

Quality of service

In assessing quality of service, we have reviewed the investment proposition of the fund and found that it was run in accordance with the investment team's philosophy and purpose.

We have reviewed proxy voting and corporate engagement and found that the fund adheres to First Sentier Investors' Principles and Policy for Responsible Investment and Stewardship.

We have reviewed our governance functions, how we oversee fund liquidity, compliance breaches, and complaint handling to ensure that investors receive the appropriate support when needed.

We have also reviewed the information that is available to investors on monthly factsheets, and found that it provides appropriate information on the characteristics of the fund and share classes. We seek to continuously develop our support to investors and tailor it to their needs.

All share classes are rated Green for quality of service.

Classes of units

This fund has a single share class and is rated Green for classes of units.

AFM costs

We have reviewed the AMC to ensure that it is in line with the value provided through investment returns.

The share class is rated Green for AFM costs because the application of costs is fair and reasonable.

Economies of scale

The AMC of the class B shares reflects pricing that is set for the investment strategy as a whole and considers the expected capacity of the strategy.

First Sentier's UK Fund Board limits the overall investor cost by capping additional expenses at a maximum of 0.20%. This serves to ensure that the OCF an investor pays is no higher than 0.20% above the AMC.

The additional expense cap prevents investors from suffering large third-party costs when the share class has low levels of AUM, while allowing investors to benefit from economies of scale as AUM increases.

Based on our assessment the share class is rated Green for economies of scale.

Comparable market rates

We have compared the OCF of the share class against a relevant peer group and it was above the median.

Based on our assessment this share class is rated Amber for comparable market rates.

Comparable services

Based on our assessment the share classes are rated Green for comparable services, as the fees charged are comparable to other funds and mandates of the same investment strategy and similar size.

Overall rating

This fund has a single share class and is rated Green and is providing value to investors.

The fund has the following share classes:

Share class	Launch date	AUM £	AMC %	OCF %	Overall rating	Performance	Quality of service	Classes of units	AFM costs	Economies of scale	Comparable market rates	Comparable services
Class B (Acc) GBP	26-Oct-15	95,208,822	1.00	1.05								