



## ASCENDERCAPITAL

### FUND STRATEGY

The Fund seeks to invest in a balanced portfolio of high quality businesses across the Asian equity markets not accessible through passive and larger funds.

We focus exclusively on companies with a track record of profitability, capital efficiency and good corporate governance.

The Fund invests with a margin of safety by demanding attractive valuations and a strong financial position.

### FUND OVERVIEW

<b>Inception</b>	December 1, 2021
<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	Edouard Mercier & Jean-Charles Tisserand
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.5%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	20% of net alpha vs. MSCI AC Asia Small Cap
<b>Asset Classes</b>	Equities & Cash
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	US\$1,000,000
<b>Investing</b>	Monthly Liquidity
<b>Redemption</b>	Monthly Liquidity Early redemption fee for first 3 years
<b>Legal Entity</b>	Open ended investment fund incorporated in Cayman Islands
<b>Administrator</b>	Bolder Group
<b>Custodian</b>	DBS
<b>Auditors</b>	Grant Thornton
<b>Legal Advisors</b>	Ogier Global

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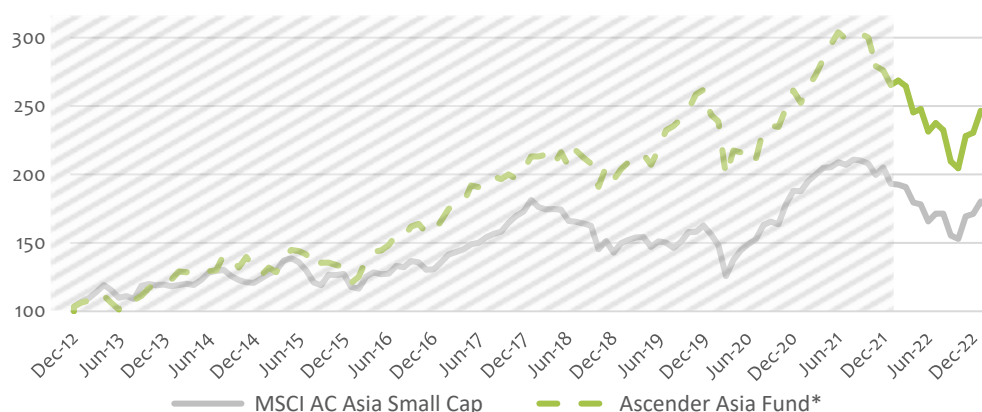
# ASCENDER ASIA FUND

February 2023 FACTSHEET – NAV 88.06

### PERFORMANCE AS OF 28 February 2023

Class	1 month	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Year	5 Year	Since Launch
<b>Lead Series - Class A (Gross)</b>	-1.0%	6.1%	-7.4%	2.8%*	6.1%*	12.5%*
<b>Lead Series - Class A (Net)</b>	-1.2%	5.6%	-9.4%	0.7%**	2.7%**	9.1%**
<b>MSCI Asia Small Cap</b>	-2.9%	2.2%	-9.1%	5.7%	-0.1%	5.6%

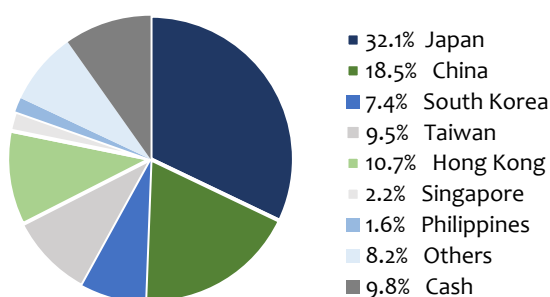
### PERFORMANCE CHART (TOTAL NET RETURN)



\* This has been calculated by removing cash and short positions from the Ascender Global Value Fund. Performance shown assumes investment of 95% and 5% in cash. Calculated before fund's costs and fees

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### GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN



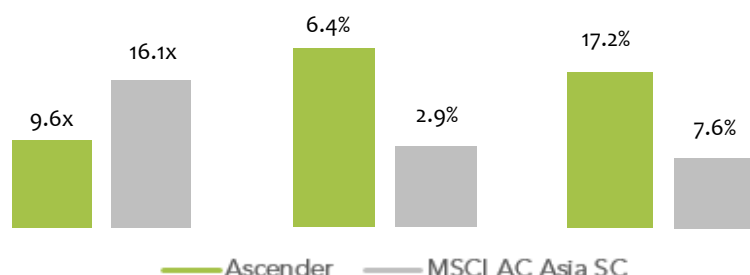
### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

P/E Ratio (TTM)	9.6x
EV/EBIT Ratio (TTM)	5.6x
Dividend Yield	6.4%
Return on Equity	17.2%
Net Cash to Mkt Cap	24.3%
7 Year EBIT Growth	11.0%
Median Mkt Cap	\$369m
# of Holdings	32
Gross Long	90.2%

### PRICE/EARNINGS

### DIVIDEND YIELD

### RETURN ON EQUITY





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## TOP 3 MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS FOR EQUITY POSITIONS

Contributors	Contribution (bps)	Detractors	Contribution (bps)
Innodisk	0.6%	Haitian	-0.4%
ITE Technology	0.4%	JNBY	-0.2%
AfreecaTV	0.4%	ValueCommerce	-0.1%

## LONG CONTRIBUTION YTD 2023

Asset Class	YTD Contribution
Equity (Long)	8.7%
Equity (Unrealized FX)	-2.0%

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Our investments in a basket of beaten down technology companies at the end of last year started to pay off this month.

We were very impressed by the energy and clear strategic vision of **Innodisk's** Chairman during our visit to the company based in Taipei. We already knew that standard digital memory prices were an input costs, providing the company with a built-in cyclical buffer. His explanations on the strengths of customer demand in their high-end industrial segment and on the increase of software content in their packaged memory modules driving higher Gross Margins ended up convincing us. The company reported a blow-out quarter during the month, driving the share price up by 18% since the beginning of the year.

We added back **KINX** to the portfolio on the back of a meeting in Seoul where the company clarified their Data Centre capacity expansion plan. It is rare for us to find company which can reinvest their cash flow into their own core business at the same predictable high Return on Equity. KINX is cementing its position as the only neutral service provider in a country dominated by its three largest telecommunications providers. A fire accident in Pangyo at one of their main competitor's facilities will be pushing demand their way more rapidly than envisaged. We were impressed by their unique open cloud services offering. They signed up one of the main Korean Chaebols, a very positive sign for future commercial successes in that sector. The company, which has seen annualized revenue growth of 19% over the past 5 years reported their highest revenue ever for 2022. The share price is up 23% since the beginning of the year.

One of our Japanese companies announced an aggressive options plan repricing and expanding it at a negative enterprise value. With a 2.6% shareholding of the company, we are taking some steps to address the situation. It has been a long time since we have had to flex our activist shareholder muscles, but we are finding that our past experience and contacts on the ground remain effective.

We met a few more companies in Japan and Hong Kong this month and will be on the road again in Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Mainland China for most of next month.



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## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%)\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY
2023	6.9	-1.2											5.6
2022	-3.8	1.2	-1.5	-7.2	1.0	-5.7	2.7	-2.2	-9.8	-2.4	11.5	1.1	-16.5
2021	-3.5	4.6	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.0	-1.6	0.9	0.4	-1.0	-7.1	-1.2*	5.4*
2020	7.0	-2.0	-16.7	9.5	-0.7	-3.8	1.6	10.1	1.4	-0.5	5.8	5.2	-0.2
2019	3.9	2.6	0.3	2.3	-3.5	5.5	6.3	1.3	2.2	3.0	4.4	1.3	33.6
2018	4.8	0.0	0.6	-3.6	4.5	-4.9	5.7	-2.3	-2.1	-8.1	7.8	-4.7	-3.6
2017	5.6	5.1	2.1	0.5	7.0	-0.6	3.4	0.8	-1.0	1.8	-1.6	3.3	29.3
2016	-8.6	3.6	10.1	4.2	0.7	2.7	5.1	-0.9	4.8	1.2	-4.0	0.0	19.1
2015	-4.3	4.5	-2.6	8.3	4.0	-0.6	-1.7	-7.2	3.1	0.1	-1.3	-1.2	0.1
2014	1.5	4.9	-0.5	1.8	-1.0	0.0	0.5	8.9	-2.0	-4.8	5.9	-5.6	8.8
2013	2.8	1.4	-1.5	4.9	-4.7	-4.5	8.3	-1.5	3.	5.1	2.9	0.8	17.3
2012												3.4	3.4

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