



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

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

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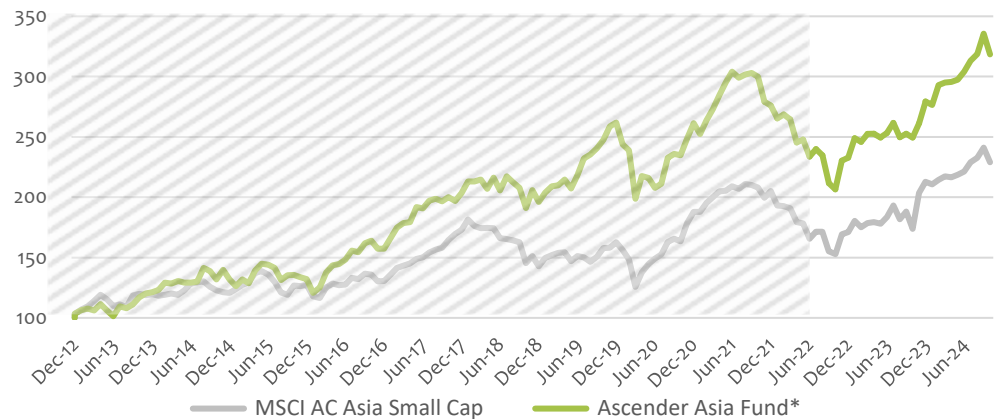
ASCENDER ASIA FUND

October 2024 FACTSHEET – NAV 114.23

PERFORMANCE AS OF 31 October 2024

Class	1 month	YTD	1 Year	Annualized		
				3 Year	5 Year	Since Launch
Lead Series - Class A (Gross)	-5.0%	16.6%	31.0%	4.7%*	8.4%*	13.6%*
Lead Series - Class A (Net)	-5.1%	14.0%	27.6%	2.0%**	5.2%**	10.2%**
MSCI Asia Small Cap	-5.0%	7.6%	21.7%	1.4%	6.6%	6.7%

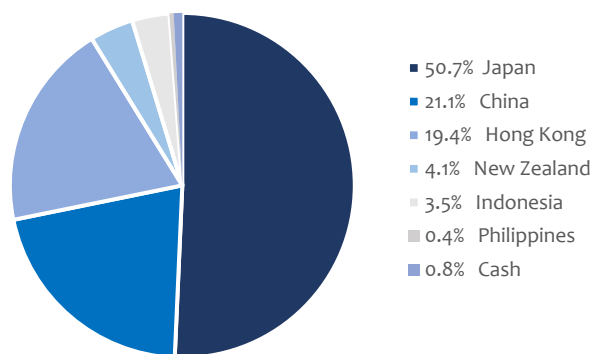
PERFORMANCE CHART (TOTAL NET RETURN)



* 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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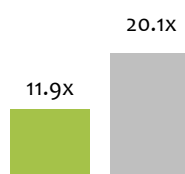
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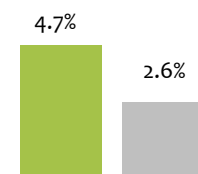
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

P/E Ratio (TTM)	11.9x
EV/EBIT Ratio (TTM)	7.0x
Dividend Yield	4.7%
Return on Equity	19.2%
Net Cash to Mkt Cap	26.1%
7 Year EBIT Growth	12.9%
Median Mkt Cap	\$651m
# of Holdings	25
Gross Long	99.2%

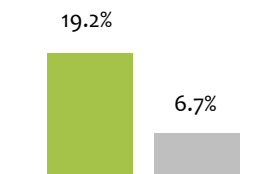
PRICE/EARNINGS



DIVIDEND YIELD



RETURN ON EQUITY





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TOP 3 MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS FOR EQUITY POSITIONS

Contributors	Contribution (bps)	Detractors	Contribution (bps)
Crystal Intl'	0.4%	Cresco	-0.6%
Digital Arts	0.04%	Modern Dental	-0.6%
GMA	0.01%	Alibaba	-0.5%

LONG CONTRIBUTION YTD 2024

Asset Class	YTD Contribution
Equity (Long)	21.0%
Equity (Unrealized FX)	-2.6%

MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Equity market volatility has increased over the last few months. In October, some of our Chinese holdings surrendered a portion of their gains from the previous month. Additionally, the Japanese currency was impacted by recent elections, with the yen weakening by 5.5%, accounting for half of our negative performance this month.

The only export-driven Chinese industrial company remaining in the portfolio is **Crystal International**. Based in Hong Kong, the company has shifted a significant portion of its 80,000-strong workforce from China to Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries over the past few years. Crystal International leads the industry in product tracking capabilities, allowing its brand partners to verify product origin and labor practices. The company's founder and his wife, now in their 80s, have handed leadership over to their son, Andrew, whom we have found to be highly professional and receptive to discussions on enhancing shareholder returns. Currently valued at 5x EV/EBIT and 9x P/E, the company is up 12% this month and 92% over the past year.

Approximately 30% of our portfolio is invested in **Japanese system integrators and software companies**. We view this group as a long-term investment due in part to their increasing recognition of pricing power. Prompted by rising costs from their own cloud infrastructure providers and significant salary pressures within the IT sector, these companies are enacting substantial price increases this year. While we believe they are moving too slowly and have yet to implement contractual inflation-adjusted price escalators and annual increases, we are actively engaging on these points. During our upcoming trip to Japan, we will present our research on this topic, continue advocating for stronger shareholder returns and encourage enhanced disclosures.

In the coming weeks, we will meet with 14 companies in Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Shenzhen, followed by meetings with 20 companies in Tokyo and Osaka. In early December, we will be in Korea. Our time in Beijing coinciding with the U.S. Election Day promises a unique perspective on this significant political event!



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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%)*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY
2024	-1.0	5.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	2.2	3.0	1.8	5.3	-5.1			14.0
2023	6.9	-1.2	2.7	0.0	-1.2	1.5	3.3	-4.6	1.2	-1.2	4.7	6.9	20.0
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	-15.6
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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