

Aberdeen All Asia Investment Trust PLC



Investment objective

To generate capital growth from a concentrated portfolio of companies domiciled, operating or generating revenue in the Asia Pacific region including Japan.

Benchmark

MSCI All Countries Asia Pacific (including Japan) index (in sterling terms).

Cumulative performance (%)

	Since AAM takeover							
As at 31/01/10	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10/11/06	
Share Price	240.5p	(2.5)	4.1	12.1	37.1	11.6	53.8	13.9
NAV ^A	272.6p	(4.0)	4.1	8.7	42.9	15.1	61.0	19.4
MSCI AC Asia Pacific		(2.2)	3.4	9.1	29.6	9.2	54.1	14.0

Discrete performance (%)

Year ending:	31/01/10	31/01/09	31/01/08	31/01/07	31/01/06
Share Price	37.1	(20.4)	2.3	(13.2)	58.8
NAV ^A	42.9	(23.7)	5.5	(5.8)	48.5
MSCI AC Asia Pacific	29.6	(17.9)	2.6	0.4	40.6

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis.

Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date.

Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers, Factset and Morningstar.

^A Excluding current year revenue.

Disclosure: Since 10/11/2006; Aberdeen All Asia Investment Trust has been managed by Aberdeen Asset Management ('AAM').

Historical performance (cumulative and discrete) are based on prices and net asset values under Gartmore Investment Limited to 9/11/2006; thereafter AAM.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of shares may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

Fund managers' report

Market Review

Asian markets fell in January, with sentiment hurt by fears about monetary tightening in China, along with proposed banking reforms and disappointing employment data in the US. Among the laggards were China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, whereas Indonesia and Japan outperformed.

China unexpectedly raised the proportion of deposits that banks must set aside as reserves in an attempt to curb bank lending. India similarly hiked lenders' reserve ratios. Most central banks kept interest rates unchanged, even though inflation has started to creep higher.

Exports saw a spurt across most of the region, boosted by China's sharp fourth-quarter GDP growth. Only Korea's economic growth decelerated amid declining exports and domestic demand.

In politics, Sri Lanka's incumbent president Mahinda Rajapaksa was re-elected in the nation's first peacetime election in decades. Despite winning, the president arrested his key opponent, which augurs badly for the country.

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

The risks outlined overleaf relating to gearing, emerging markets and exchange rate movements are particularly relevant to this trust but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given.

Ten largest equity holdings

	Country	%
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp.	Singapore	3.6
Canon	Japan	3.5
Samsung Electronics	Korea	3.1
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	3.1
Jardine Strategic	Hong Kong	3.0
QBE Insurance	Australia	3.0
Rio Tinto	Australia	2.8
Swire Pacific 'B'	Hong Kong	2.7
United Overseas Bank	Singapore	2.7
Standard Chartered	Hong Kong	2.6

Total **30.1**

Total number of investments **53**

Country allocation (%)

	Trust	Regional Index	Month's market change ^c
Japan	21.7	42.9	2.7
Singapore	15.9	2.8	(5.3)
Hong Kong	15.8	4.4	(5.9)
India	12.3	4.6	(4.6)
Australia	6.9	15.9	(6.3)
Korea	5.4	7.8	(3.6)
China	4.5	10.6	(7.9)
Malaysia	4.2	1.7	(0.1)
Thailand	4.1	0.8	(4.6)
Taiwan	3.8	6.9	(5.8)
Philippines	1.8	0.3	(5.1)
Indonesia	0.0	1.2	2.8
New Zealand	0.0	0.2	(5.3)
Cash	3.7	n/a	n/a

Total **100.0** **100.0**

^c Represents the individual country returns calculated using the MSCI Index series (£). Market change is Total Return in GBP. The Regional Index may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Portfolio characteristics

Three years to 31 January 2010 (£)

	Trust	Regional Index
Annualised statistics		
Rate of return	4.8	3.0
Standard deviation	23.0	21.1
Tracking Error	6.9	-
Information Ratio	0.3	-
Monthly statistics		
Max return	14.2	15.8
Min return	(13.3)	(12.1)
Average return	0.6	0.4
Regression statistics		
Beta	1.0	1.0
Correlation to index	1.0	1.0

Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Ltd, Russell/Mellon Analytical Services. Market Proxy: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Risk Free Proxy: Sterling 3 months Interbank Rate.

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All sources (unless indicated): Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited 31 January 2010.

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Fund managers' report – continued

Portfolio Review

There were no major portfolio changes during the month.

In portfolio-related news, carmaker Toyota Motor's faulty accelerator pedal problems seem set to worsen, with the number of recalled vehicles worldwide approaching the total number of units sold by its parent last year. Canon's full-year results exceeded expectations, mainly through good cost control. Samsung Electronics benefited from stronger earnings from its semiconductor and LCD divisions and expects sales of flat screen TVs to grow by 30% this year. Rio Tinto posted sharply increased fourth-quarter output, buoyed by Chinese demand.

Outlook

Looking ahead, it is uncertain how long the market correction will last. In the near term, sentiment appears highly sensitive to worries about the removal of fiscal stimulus and the start of the monetary tightening cycle. The faster regional economies recover, the more nervous investors will become. Given the extent of last year's rally, however, such a pullback would be healthy as market valuations will realign with fundamentals and present buying opportunities. As bottom-up stock pickers with a focus on quality, we are cautiously optimistic about the year ahead, believing that markets will become more discriminating after last year in which, generally, the shares of weaker companies performed best. Our focus will remain on well-run businesses that have good long-term prospects, emerging from the downturn in a stronger position than they entered it.

Key information

Calendar	
Year end	31 March
Accounts published	June
AGM	July
Dividend paid	July
Launch date ^D	October 1998
^D Previously managed by Gartmore Investment Limited	
Fund manager	Asian Equities Team
Total expense ratio	1.5%
Annual management fee	0.75%
Premium/(Discount)	(11.8)%
Yield	1.0%
Gearing^E	7.4%
Assets	
Gross assets	£m 46.3
Debt	3.2
Prior charges	nil
^E Gearing is expressed as a percentage of gross assets, which includes current year revenue, divided by shareholders' funds.	
Capital structure	
Ordinary shares	15,732,367
Allocation of expenses and interest	
Capital	0%
Revenue	100%
Trading details	
Reuters/Epic/Bloomberg code	ABAA
Stockbroker	J.P. Morgan Cazenove
Market makers	CANA, CAZR, WINS

Important information

Risk factors you should consider prior to investing:

- In common with most investment companies, investment trusts may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that a relatively small movement, down or up, in the value of a trust's assets will result in a magnified movement, in the same direction, of that NAV.
- Movements in exchange rates can impact on both the level of income received and the capital value of your investment. If the currency of your country of residence strengthens against the currency in which the underlying investments of the Trust are made, the value of your investment will reduce and vice versa.
- The value of shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to the future.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of shares in the Trust will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of investment trust shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread.
- The Trust invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of your investment could move sharply up or down. In some circumstances the underlying investments may become illiquid which may constrain the Investment Manager's ability to realise some or all of the portfolio. The registration and settlement arrangements in emerging markets may be less developed than in more mature markets so the operational risks of investing are higher. Political risks and adverse economic circumstances are more likely to arise putting the value of your investment at risk.

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