

Client Update

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Investment Objective & Policy

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in large and mid capitalisation equities in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia).

Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 31 Dec 2011

Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since Launch
Fund return	2.9	-7.5	-8.0	57.2	84.3	-	230.9
Benchmark return	4.6	-14.5	-15.0	59.8	42.7	-	153.6
Sector return	4.7	-14.6	-16.2	58.0	44.1	-	149.0
Quartile rank	4	1	1	3	1	-	1

Annual performance (% in GBP) to 31 Dec 2011

Period	12 mths to 31/12/11	12 mths to 31/12/10	12 mths to 31/12/09	12 mths to 31/12/08	12 mths to 31/12/07
Fund return	-8.0	26.7	34.8	-16.2	40.0
Benchmark return	-15.0	21.8	54.2	-33.4	34.2
Sector return	-16.2	23.7	52.1	-33.1	36.1
Quartile rank	1	1	4	1	1

Manager's comments

- Asia Pacific ex-Japan markets rose over the month, in line with World markets.
- Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia performed the best, while India, Singapore and South Korea were weak.
- In sector terms, Information Technology, Telecom Services and Financials outperformed, while Energy, Materials and Consumer Discretionary were weak.
- There were no major purchases over the month.
- We sold Shinsegae (South Korea: Consumer Discretionary), as we prefer the recently spun off E-Mart business, and Quanta Computer (Taiwan: Information Technology) on concerns about the quality of its financials.
- We also sold Indian Information Technology firms Infosys Technologies and Wipro on valuation concerns.
- We retain substantial concerns on the potential stock market impact of a number of major macro issues, including the future of the Eurozone and the fiscal position of the US and other governments.
- Worldwide, there will be a lot more talk about politics in 2012.
- The Fund remains defensively positioned.

Fund information

Launch date	01/12/2003
Fund size (£m)	5,309
IMA sector	Asia Pacific ex Japan
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index
Number of holdings	51
Fund managers	Angus Tulloch / Alistair Thompson
ISAable fund	Yes
Minimum investment	£1,000 lump sum / £50 per month
Charges	Initial 4.0%; Annual 1.5%
Share type available	Accumulation & Income
Research rating	Feri Trust: B OBSR: AAA S&P Fund Management: AAA
Fund Yield	1.04%

Ten largest holdings

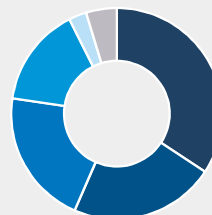
Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Taiwan Semiconductor	7.2	Newcrest Mining	3.8
Cheung Kong Holdings	5.2	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	3.7
DBS Group	5.2	Axiata Group	3.2
Hong Kong & China Gas	4.6	QBE Insurance Group	3.0
Samsung Electronics	4.6	Woodside Petroleum	2.9

Sector breakdown



- Financials: 26.2% (*33.6%)
- Telecom Services: 14.0% (*5.7%)
- Information Technology: 12.9% (*13.2%)
- Consumer Staples: 12.9% (*6.5%)
- Industrials: 7.8% (*8.5%)
- Utilities: 7.0% (*3.1%)
- Health Care: 5.9% (*1.5%)
- Energy: 4.6% (*7.4%)
- Materials: 3.8% (*12.7%)
- Consumer Discretionary: 0.0% (*7.9%)
- Cash: 4.7% (*0.0%)

Regional breakdown



- Greater China: 34.3% (*37.7%)
- Australasia: 22.3% (*26.2%)
- South East Asia: 20.8% (*14.4%)
- Korea: 15.3% (*15.3%)
- Indian Subcontinent: 2.7% (*6.3%)
- Cash: 4.7% (*0.0%)

* Index Allocation

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Important Information / Risk Factors:

Past performance is not a guide to future performance, and investment markets and conditions can change rapidly. If your fund invests in equity markets, it will be more volatile than an investment in cash or fixed deposits. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. There is no guarantee you will get back the amount invested. If your fund invests in overseas markets, currency movements may affect both the income received and the capital value of your investment. If it invests in the shares of small companies, in emerging markets, or in a single country or sector, it may be less liquid and more volatile than a broadly diversified fund investing in developed equity markets. This fund should be considered a long-term investment. You should read the fund's Prospectus before investing, including in particular the sections on the risk factors applicable to any investment. The views expressed herein should not be relied upon when making investment decisions.

Statistical sources: All performance data for the First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund A Accumulation Shares as at 31 December 2011 : Source for fund - Lipper Ltd, net of fees, income reinvested net of tax; source for benchmark - RIMES, income reinvested net of tax. All other portfolio details and non performance information (top 10 holdings, fund size, sector and country breakdown): First State's own records. Any research or analysis used in the preparation of this document has been procured by First State for its own use and should not be relied upon by others. Since launch performance figures have been calculated from 31 December 2003.

Further details: First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund is a sub-fund of First State Investments ICVC, an open-ended investment company. Copies of the Prospectus and Simplified Prospectus for the First State Investments ICVC are available free of charge by writing to: Client Services, First State Investments (UK) Limited, 23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 1BB, by telephoning 0800 587 4141 between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday or by printing the documents out from the website www.firststate.co.uk. Issued by First State Investments (UK) Limited, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. A member of IMA. Registered number: 2294743. Registered address: 3rd Floor, 30 Cannon Street, London EC4M 6YQ.

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