

## Client Update

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### Investment Objective & Policy

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in equities in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia). The investment process will take account of sustainability themes and issues and requires positive engagement with companies in respect of these.

### Cumulative performance (% in EUR) to 31 Dec 2011

Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since <sup>^</sup> Launch
<b>Fund return</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>95.6</b>	-	-	<b>33.7</b>
Benchmark return	7.9	-7.5	-12.8	84.9	-	-	8.4

### Annual performance (% in EUR) 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
<b>Fund return</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	-	-
Benchmark return	-12.8	26.3	67.8	-	-

### 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.
- Over the month we bought XL Axiata as we are building conviction in the parent company of this well-positioned Indonesian telecoms company.
- We also bought Global Logistic Properties, a well-managed logistics and property company that is steadily building up a strong franchise in China.
- We sold ASM Pacific (Hong Kong), as valuations are extended given where we are in the semiconductor cycle.
- The outlook from the top down looks unpromising.
- It is very difficult to see anything but bad news coming out of Europe.
- Worldwide, there will be a lot more talk about politics in 2012.
- The Fund has significant holdings in companies with exposure to clean energy and energy efficiency, areas where we see very strong growth prospects.

### Fund information

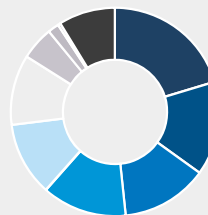
Fund launch date	19/12/2005
Share class launch date	01/05/2008
Fund size (€m)	244
IMA sector	Asia Pacific ex Japan
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index
Number of holdings	60
Fund managers	David Gait / Sashi Reddy
Minimum investment	€1,500 lump sum
Charges	Mandatory from 01/01/2012 Initial 4.0%; Annual 1.55%
Share type available	Accumulation
Research Rating	OBSR: A

<sup>^</sup> Performance calculations use the Share class launch date

### Ten largest holdings

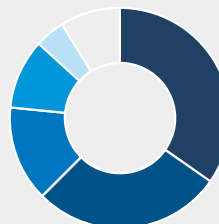
Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Taiwan Semiconductor	5.3	SMRT Corporation	3.4
Hong Kong & China Gas	4.6	Manila Water Company	3.3
Singapore Telecom	4.1	Marico	3.2
DBS Group	3.6	Axiata Group	3.0
DGB Financial Group	3.6	Samsung Fire & Marine	2.9

### Sector breakdown



- Financials: 20.3% (\*33.6%)
- Information Technology: 14.6% (\*13.2%)
- Consumer Staples: 13.5% (\*6.5%)
- Telecom Services: 13.2% (\*5.7%)
- Industrials: 11.5% (\*8.5%)
- Utilities: 10.9% (\*3.1%)
- Health Care: 5.1% (\*1.5%)
- Materials: 1.7% (\*12.7%)
- Consumer Discretionary: 0.4% (\*7.9%)
- Energy: 0.0% (\*7.4%)
- Cash: 8.8% (\*0.0%)

### Regional breakdown



- South East Asia: 34.7% (\*14.4%)
- Greater China: 27.8% (\*37.7%)
- Indian Subcontinent: 14.0% (\*6.3%)
- Korea: 10.3% (\*15.3%)
- Australasia: 4.4% (\*26.2%)
- Cash: 8.8% (\*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 Sustainability 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 May 2008.

Further details: First State Asia Pacific Sustainability 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](http://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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