

Client Update

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Investment Objective & Policy

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in equity and equity type securities issued by companies established or having a predominant part of their economic activities in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Cumulative performance (% in GBP) to 30 Apr 2012

Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since Launch
Fund return	3.4	4.7	-1.5	56.1	83.0	-	289.5
Benchmark return	-0.4	5.1	-8.8	34.3	48.0	-	130.6
Sector return	0.7	2.6	-14.6	27.6	38.0	-	165.1
Quartile rank	1	1	1	1	1	-	1

Annual performance (% in GBP) to 30 Apr 2012

Period	12 mths to 30/04/12	12 mths to 30/04/11	12 mths to 30/04/10	12 mths to 30/04/09	12 mths to 30/04/08
Fund return	-1.5	10.0	44.2	-11.7	32.7
Benchmark return	-8.8	8.8	35.3	-15.8	30.9
Sector return	-14.6	6.6	40.4	-15.3	27.1
Quartile rank	1	2	1	1	1

Manager's comments

- The Greater China markets were subdued over the month on renewed concerns about the sovereign debt crisis in the eurozone.
- China's GDP growth declined to 8.1% with anecdotal evidence like auto sales suggesting that the economy has slowed considerably.
- The People's Bank of China cut the reserve requirement ratio (amount of liquid assets held by banks) by another 100 basis points (1%).
- During the month we bought Tong Ren Tang Technologies which has a strong brand and a positive outlook because of the ageing population.
- We sold Wing Hang Bank because the valuation was no longer cheap especially compared to Chinese banks which have fallen significantly.
- We maintain our relatively defensive positioning, with high weightings in telecom and consumer staple companies.
- Most investors believe China's economy will reaccelerate from the second quarter, but we are more conservative and feel comfortable with our minimal weighting in companies exposed to commodity prices.

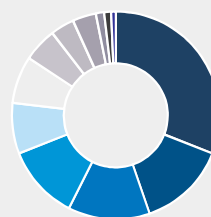
Fund information

Launch date	01/12/2003	
Fund size (£m)	545	
IMA sector	China/Greater China	
Benchmark	MSCI Golden Dragon Index	
Number of holdings	60	
Fund managers	Martin Lau / Seck Yee Hou & Xian Quanqiang	
ISAable fund	Yes	
Minimum investment	£1,000 lump sum / £50 per month	
Charges	Mandatory Initial 4.0%; Annual 1.75%	
Share type available	Accumulation	
Research rating	OBSR: Gold	S&P Fund Management: Platinum

Ten largest holdings

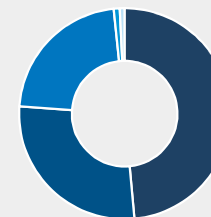
Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Cheung Kong Holdings	6.0	Jardine Matheson	3.4
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.3	China Oilfield Services	3.3
CNOOC	4.0	Uni President Enterprises	3.0
Link REIT	4.0	ENN Energy Holdings	3.0
Hong Kong & China Gas	3.8	Mindray Medical	2.8

Sector breakdown



- Financials: 31.0% (*34.6%)
- Consumer Staples: 13.7% (*3.5%)
- Utilities: 12.7% (*4.2%)
- Information Technology: 11.6% (*19.9%)
- Consumer Discretionary: 7.9% (*7.1%)
- Energy: 7.3% (*9.3%)
- Industrials: 5.3% (*6.7%)
- Health Care: 3.7% (*0.4%)
- Telecom Services: 3.7% (*8.0%)
- Multiple sectors: 1.3% (*0.0%)
- Materials: 1.1% (*6.5%)
- Cash: 0.7% (*0.0%)

Country breakdown



- China: 48.5% (*48.7%)
- Hong Kong: 27.6% (*22.3%)
- Taiwan: 22.2% (*29.0%)
- Singapore: 1.0% (*0.0%)
- Cash: 0.7% (*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 Greater China Growth Fund A Accumulation Shares as at 30 April 2012 : 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 Greater China Growth 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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