

# First State Regional China Fund

## Monthly factsheet (in SGD)

April 2010

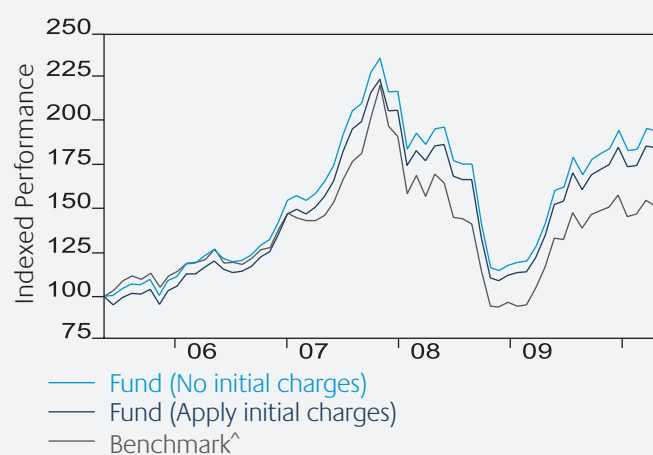
### Investment objective

To achieve long term capital appreciation by investing all or substantially all of its assets in the First State Greater China Growth Fund (a Dublin-domiciled fund) which invests primarily in securities issued by companies with either assets in, or revenues derived from, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

### Fund information

Launch Date	27 Sep 93	Minimum Investment	S\$1,000 (Initial) S\$100 (Subsequent)
NAV Price	S\$1.9240	Management Fee	1.5% p.a.
Fund Size	S\$511.7mn	Initial Charge	5.0% (Cash) 3.0% (CPF - Ordinary Account)
Stock Split History	1 for 1 stock split (2 Sep 97)	CPF Classification	Higher Risk-Narrowly Focused (Country-Greater China)
Dealing	Monday to Friday (except public holidays)		

### Total return for past 5 years ended Apr 10



Annualised* (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Inception**
Fund (No initial charges)	36.7	5.5	14.1	9.6	8.7
Fund (Apply initial charges)	29.9	3.7	13.0	9.0	8.4
Benchmark <sup>^</sup>	30.0	1.3	8.6	2.5	N/A

Source: Lipper. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested.

\* The performance prior to 18 Oct 02 is in relation to the Fund before its conversion to a feeder fund.

\*\* Inception date: 1 Nov 93

<sup>^</sup> MSCI Golden Dragon Index

Asset allocation	%	Sector allocation	%	Top 10 holdings	%
Hong Kong	29.6	Financials	27.5	Cheung Kong (Hldgs) Ltd	5.5
Red Chips	28.4	Information Technology	18.9	Jardine Matheson Hldgs Ltd	4.1
Taiwan	23.2	Consumer Discretionary	13.9	Delta Electronics Inc	4.0
H Shares	8.9	Consumer Staples	13.5	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Co	3.8
B Shares	5.4	Telecommunication Services	6.1	Li Ning Co Ltd	3.6
A Shares	1.5	Utilities	6.0	Yantai Changyu Pioneer Wine	3.5
Others	2.2	Energy	4.6	Hengan Intl Group Co Ltd	3.3
Liquidity	0.8	Industrials	3.6	CNOOC Ltd	3.1
		Health Care	2.3	China Resources Enterprise Ltd	2.8
		Materials	1.3	China Resources Power Hldgs Co	2.8
		Others	1.5		
		Liquidity	0.8		

## Manager's comment

- Despite continuing strength in economic data, stock markets in Greater China were largely unchanged in April, owing mainly to fears that the government would take further steps to tighten the availability of credit.
- Policymakers implemented measures to curb property speculation with interest rates raised for first, second and third homes, while families in Beijing are now restricted to owning one property.
- Property stocks were hardest hit by these measures, while the performance of Chinese banks was also affected.
- Our performance was helped by positions in Hotai Motor and Xinao Gas which both rose on announcing strong results.
- Exposure to China Vanke and China Resources Land had a negative impact owing to concerns over tightening measures.
- The main purchase during the month was Henderson Land which was attractively priced.
- In terms of sales, the key transaction was the disposal of Hang Lung to take profits following a period of strong performance.
- The recent steps adopted by the government to control economic growth reaffirm our previous concerns about rising interest rates.
- We believe that the recent market correction is a positive development as investors take a more realistic view of risk.
- We intend to selectively add to companies with solid fundamental businesses on further weakness.

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Note: The above asset allocation pertains to the underlying fund. This report is prepared by First State Investments (Singapore) and is provided for information purposes only. Investors should read the Prospectus before deciding whether to subscribe for or purchase units in the Fund. The prospectus is available and copies may be obtained from the Manager and Distributors. The value of the units in the Fund and the income from them may rise as well as fall. Past performance figures are not necessarily a guide to future performance. Neither is any forecast made necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of the Fund. Where information is provided on top holdings, such information does not constitute a recommendation to buy these securities. Units are not available to U.S. persons.

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