

First State Bridge

Monthly factsheet (in SGD)

July 2011

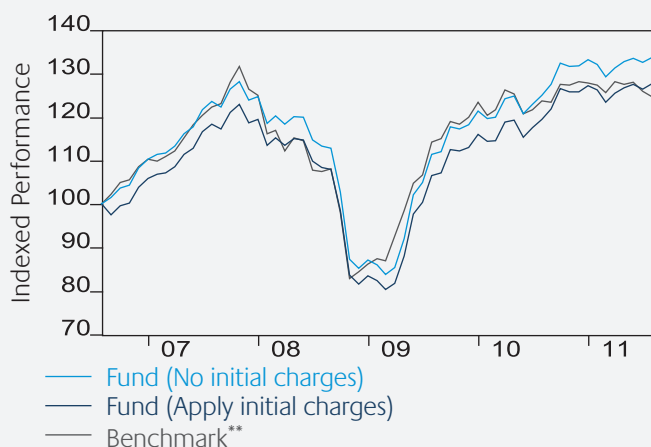
Investment objective

To provide investors with an annual distribution and medium term capital stability from investments focused in the Asia-Pacific ex Japan region by investing all or substantially all of its assets in the Dublin-domiciled First State Asian Equity Plus Fund (in relation to the equity portion) and the Dublin-domiciled First State Asian Quality Bond Fund (in relation to the fixed income portion).

Fund information			
Inception Date	14 Jul 03	Minimum Investment	S\$1,000 (Initial) S\$100 (Subsequent)
NAV Price	S\$1.3991	Management Fee	1.25% p.a.
Fund Size	S\$1299.5mn	Initial Charge	4.0% (Cash / SRS) 3.0% (CPF - Ordinary/Special Account)
Dealing	Monday to Friday (except public holidays)	CPF Classification	Medium to High Risk-Narrowly Focused (Regional)
Distribution Policy	Semi-annually on 30 Apr and 31 Oct*		

* First State Investments (Singapore) ("FSIS") intends to make semi-annual distributions on 30 April and 31 October each year. The distributions will be made out of the income, capital gains and/or capital of the Fund. Investors should note that the intention to make the semi-annual distributions is not guaranteed by FSIS or its distributors and FSIS may in future review the distribution policy depending on prevailing market conditions.

Total return for past 5 years ended Jul 11	Annualised (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	Inception
Fund (No initial charges)		7.0	5.7	6.0	8.2
Fund (Apply initial charges)		2.6	4.2	5.0	7.5
Benchmark**		0.6	5.1	4.5	6.6



Source: Lipper, First State Investments. Single pricing basis with net income reinvested.

** Customised benchmark calculated by First State Investments comprising 50% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index[^] (Unhedged) and 50% JP Morgan Asia Credit Investment Grade Index (Hedged to SGD)

[^] Previously known as MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free ex Japan Index and was renamed MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index with effect from 30 Jan 04.

Asset allocation [#]	%	Sector allocation [#]	%	Top 10 equity holdings	%
Fixed Income	45.1	Fixed Income	45.1	Newcrest Mining	2.4
Taiwan	8.5	Financials	14.0	Cheung Kong Holdings	2.1
Singapore	7.4	Consumer Staples	7.6	DBS Group	1.7
Hong Kong	7.3	Information Technology	6.3	QBE Insurance Group	1.6
South Korea	7.0	Telecom Services	5.4	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	1.5
Australia	6.3	Utilities	4.0	Chunghwa Telecom	1.4
China	5.2	Industrials	3.7	Singapore Telecom	1.3
India	3.8	Materials	2.6	Samsung Electronics	1.2
Thailand	1.9	Energy	2.3	Link REIT	1.2
Philippines	1.7	Consumer Discretionary	2.1	E-Mart	1.1
Malaysia	0.4	Health Care	1.2		
Vietnam	0.2	Others	0.3		
Liquidity	5.4	Liquidity	5.4		

[#] Allocation percentage is rounded to the nearest one decimal place and the total allocation percentage may not add up to 100%.

Manager's comment

- Market sentiment was influenced by concerns about the sovereign debt crisis in the eurozone and debates about extending the debt ceiling in the US.
- China remained weak on worries about local government debt.
- Asian central banks continued to raise interest rates to contain inflationary pressures.
- In Taiwan, Information Technology stocks lagged, while domestic sectors performed well.
- In bond markets, the JP Morgan Asia Credit Composite Investment Grade Index returned 1.27%.
- Asia ex-Japan credit has proven to be fairly defensive in the face of continuing volatility and risk aversion due to the peripheral Europe crisis and US debt ceiling impasse, reflecting the stronger fundamentals of Asian credit.
- By country, Thailand was the strongest performer among the major investment grade economies returning 2.23%, while Taiwan was the poorest performer decreasing by 0.86%.
- By investment grade sector, corporates were the strongest performers while sovereigns were the worst.
- Ratings agency Moody's highlighted governance and accounting risks ('red flags') associated with several Chinese non-financial corporates during the month, leading to nervousness towards Chinese high-yield debt.
- New Asian Dollar bond investment grade issuance was fairly subdued in July, with around \$3.85 billion of deals written.
- Recent debates about sovereign debt in the eurozone and the US reinforces our view that debt levels remain too high in Western economies, curtailing a full-blown economic recovery.
- We remain focused on stocks exposed to the domestic economy with strong franchises, predictable cashflows and pricing power.
- We are defensively positioned in terms of equity exposure and remain sceptical about commodity stocks.

For further information

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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.

The CPF interest rate for the Ordinary Account (OA) is based on the 12-month fixed deposit and month-end savings rates of the major local banks. Under the CPF Act, the CPF Board pays a minimum interest of 2.5% per annum when this interest formula yields a lower rate. The interest rate for the Special and Medisave Accounts (SMA) is pegged to the 12-month average yield of 10-year Singapore Government Securities (10YSGS) plus 1%. The interest rate to be credited to the Retirement Account (RA) will be the weighted average interest of the entire portfolio of Special Government Securities (SSGS) which the RA savings are invested in, which earn a fixed coupon equal to the 12-month average yield of the 10YSGS plus 1% at the point of issuance. For 2011, the minimum interest rate for the SMA and RA is 4% per annum. After 31 December 2011, the minimum interest rate of 2.5% per annum, as prescribed by the CPF Act, will apply to the SMA and RA. In addition, the CPF Board will pay an extra interest rate of 1% per annum on the first S\$60,000 of a CPF member's combined balances, including up to S\$20,000 in the OA. The first S\$20,000 in the OA and the first S\$40,000 in the Special Account will not be allowed to be invested under the CPFIS.