# **AGCM China Stars Fund**



December 3, 2018

# A trade deal in sight and a giant Chinese tax reform underway

During the month of November, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +6.7%. Best performing stock was Chinese telecom equipment supplier ZTE, up +27% during the month, recovering after the easing of US sanctions. The largest contributor to the fund's overall performance was Tencent, up +16% after easing fears of government regulation of mobile phone gaming. The worst performing stock was Ctrip.com, China's leading online travel site, down -16% due to more cautious consumers.

With the US midterm elections out of the way in early November, there are now two key concerns among investors, namely global trade relations, and Federal Reserve's monetary policy. The good news is that the outlook on both fronts has recently improved. At the G20 meeting in Buenos Aires last weekend, the US agreed to postpone any further tariff hikes on Chinese imports by 90 days suggesting that a deal between the US and China is close. In other words, the likelihood of an amicable solution to the US - China trade dispute in the coming months has increased significantly. President Trump tweeted today "My meeting in Argentina with President Xi of China was an extraordinary one. Relations with China have taken a BIG leap forward! Very good things will happen." More details will be presented after the funeral of former President George H.W. Bush on December 5.

As regards to the other issue, Federal Reserve policy, Chairman Jerome Powell surprised markets in a speech last week at the Economic Club of New York, by saying that he considers the Federal Reserve's benchmark interest rate to be near a neutral level. To equity markets, this represents an important positive change compared to remarks made less than two months ago when Powell said the Fed was "a long way from neutral" interest rates.

Back in Asia, investor sentiment in the Chinese A-share market turned significantly more positive in late November. Chinese media focused on measures that Beijing has taken to counter the negative effects of the deleveraging campaign and the trade dispute. Credit conditions have been eased, infrastructure projects accelerated, and tax credits granted to exporters. One highly significant measure that has received surprisingly little attention in Western media, is the giant tax reform that China will finalize on January 1, 2019. In total, this tax reform amounts to Rmb 1.3 trillion (USD 190 billion) in reduced taxes. As a proportion of the economy, China's tax cut is almost twice as large as the US tax reform introduced this year which has had a substantial positive impact on economic growth, corporate earnings and the stock market. A large component of China's tax reform is directed at the lowand middle-class income earners intended to maximize the growth in private consumption, the key economic driver of China's economy.

Despite US criticism, China presses ahead with its Made in China 2025 program – a plan for China to join the world leading nations in ten defined high technology industries. US restrictions on technology transfers to China seems only to have spurred the Chinese to move even faster with this program. Xi Jinping is often seen in Chinese media, visiting high-tech companies urging them to press on with their efforts to make China self-sufficient and non-reliant on imports of foreign high-tech components. We expect a steady stream of exciting new investment opportunities in technology in the coming years.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

### **November 2018**



#### **Performance**

As of 30/11/2018	1 month	3 month	YTD	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+6.7%	-7.5%	-9.1%	-0.3%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+6.8%	-7.4%	-8.6%	+0.9%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+6.7%	-7.5%	-8.6%	+2.0%

#### **Top 5 holdings**

As of 30/11/2018

#### **Company name**

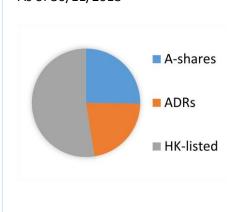
Alibaba Group		
Tencent Holdings		
Hangzhou Hikvision		
China Overseas Land & Inv Ltd		
Qingdao Haier		

## Industry breakdown



## Market breakdown

As of 30/11/2018



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### **Fund Facts**

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 394 million
Number of holdings:	30
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. fee
Fund management	FundRock Management
Company:	Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 99.7
	(RC8) SEK 100.9
	(RC9) SEK 102.0
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111
	SEK RC8 LU 1608617384
	SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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