# **AGCM China Stars Fund**



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# Why China outspends the World in infrastructure, 5G and AI

During the month of February, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +4.7%.

The activity in the Chinese property market is rising. While the year-on-year growth in transaction volumes for January and February are a bit difficult to interpret given last year's lockdowns, rising sales volumes and firm prices leave no doubt that the property market continues to recover from the pandemic-induced build-up in inventory. The share prices of our Chinese real estate developers rallied in late February on strong sales statistics and on news that the rules for land auctions in China will change in a way that favors the large players.

Chinese life insurance company Ping An reported a satisfactory result for full year 2020, operating profit increasing by 5% year-on-year. Quite an achievement considering the restrictions on face-to-face meetings during COVID-19 and the difficulties for sales agents to meet with customers. During the earnings call with Ping An's management after the report, the company guided for positive growth in the value of new business in 2021, with a gradual recovery throughout the year.

Following the examples of Alibaba and JD.com, social media platform Weibo and online travel agent Trip.com reported that they will also list on the Hong Kong stock exchange. Trip.com plans to raise up to USD 2 billion in a Hong Kong listing in April, whereas Weibo is targeting to raise USD 700 million in the second half of 2021. Secondary listings such as these have had a very positive effect on share prices. Investors based in China and Hong Kong tend to better recognize the value in high quality Chinese technology companies, than do Western investors.

China continues to invest in all sorts of hard and soft infrastructure, as a way of growing the economy and building a prosperous society. In late February, China's State Council announced some impressive and specific targets. By 2035, China will have a total of 400 large airports, 200,000 kms of railways, 460,000 kms of roads, 27 coastal ports, 36 riverside ports and 80 postal logistics hubs. This infrastructure will enable China to achieve the "1,2,3 transport circle", which refers to reducing all commutes in cities to less than one hour, travel between city clusters under two hours and having all major municipalities just a three-hour journey away from each other.

China has emerged as the global leader also in mobile 5G infrastructure, outspending the rest of the World combined by a factor two-to-one. The nation now has more than 718,000 5G base stations, 70% of the World's total, covering all of China's major cities. Domestic sales of 5G-enabled devices, mostly smartphones, have totaled more than 200 million to date, with more than nine of every ten smartphones sold in China now 5G-enabled. Combining 5G with China's Beidou satellite navigation network, the infrastructure is soon in place to welcome new growth industries such as electric autonomous driving vehicles, automated manufacturing and mobile entertainment. Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt recently said China is only one or two years behind the US in artificial intelligence and is catching up fast. The foundation is now being laid for even more amazing investment opportunities in Asia in the years ahead.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

### February 2021



#### **Performance**

As of 28/02/2021	1 month	YTD	2 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+4.7%	+9.8%	+18.8%	+35.7%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+4.7%	+9.9%	+19.9%	+38.9%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+5.2%	+10.9%	+20.5%	+40.8%

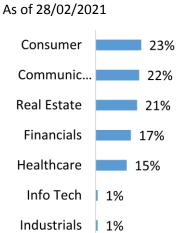
### **Top 5 holdings**

As of 28/02/2021

### **Company name**

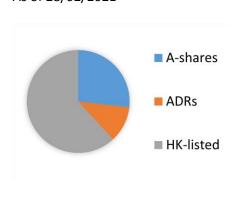
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Alibaba Group	
COLI	
Tencent Holdings	
Shanghai Pharma	
Midea Group	

## **Industry breakdown**



## Market breakdown

As of 28/02/2021



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## **Fund Facts**

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 198 million
Number of holdings:	33
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. Fee
Fund management	FundRock Management
Company:	Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 135.7
	(RC8) SEK 138.9
	(RC9) SEK 140.8
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111
	SEK RC8 LU 1608617384
	SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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