

# AGCM China Stars Fund



February 1, 2017

## A good start to 2018. Alibaba delivers another great quarter.

During the month of January, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +4.1%.

The fund's best performers in January include the Chinese brokers led by CITIC Securities, share price rising by +24%. CITIC rides on a recovering mainland A-share stock market environment with rising trading volumes, prices and a stronger IPO momentum. Chinese property developers also recorded strong gains, China Resources Land share price increasing by +35% and COLI by +21%. For years we have argued that the risks in China's real estate market have been vastly exaggerated especially by US-based investors who have not bothered to do their own on-the-ground research. Home appliances and consumer companies also outperformed on the back of a strong property market and Chinese consumers using some of their rapidly growing disposable incomes for upgrades of their existing homes. Bus maker Zhengzhou Yutong Bus saw its share price fall by -9%, as a consequence of near term uncertainties regarding the new energy vehicle subsidies in China. We view this as a temporary setback, the long-term growth outlook for China's largest bus maker remains intact.

Our largest holding Alibaba continues to fire on all cylinders. On February 1, it reported its December quarter financial results. Core commerce revenues grew by +57% year-on-year while revenues from the Digital Media and Entertainment business increased by +33%. Cloud computing grew by +103% and has now become a meaningful contributor to Alibaba's overall growth. Again, Alibaba's management raised its revenue guidance for the full fiscal year ending March 31, guiding for 55-56% topline growth. Artificial intelligence drives user engagement for Taobao. Tmall continues to be the platform of choice in China for the world's top brands.

Alibaba's management announced that Alibaba will take a 33% ownership stake in China's leading fintech company Ant Financial which it now only has a pre-tax income sharing agreement with. This is positive for Ant Financial since it will get a much clearer shareholder structure, with Alibaba as a strategic investor. Ant Financial was valued at around USD 60 bn in the last funding round in April 2016 but should be higher by now, and will be substantially higher if and when Ant Financial goes public. Shareholders will after the transaction in a more clear way get to participate in this very exciting growth business. From what we understand, Ant Financial's IPO preparations are underway, and the listing venue is likely to be China's mainland A-share market or the Hong Kong stock exchange. A mainland listing would be welcomed by China's government, due to the sensitive nature of Ant Financial's business from a regulatory standpoint.

In our monthly reports last year, we gave some examples of the highly ambitious investment plans in new technologies outlined in China's latest five-year plan. During January we witnessed the sign-off on the development of a 600 km/h magnetic levitation train project. With this technology, a train ride from Beijing to Shanghai will be shortened to 2 hours from currently 5 hours with the existing high-speed trains. We look forward to the commercial launch of this technology but until then we will have to settle for a ride with the stocks exposed to this project.

**Gustav Rhenman**

Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

January 2018



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## Performance

As of 31/01/2018	1 month	3 month	YTD	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+4.1%	+4.3%	+4.1%	+14.2%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+4.2%	+4.8%	+4.2%	+15.0%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+4.6%	+5.2%	+4.6%	+16.7%

## Top 5 holdings

As of 31/01/2018

Company name
Alibaba Group
Hangzhou Hikvision
Tencent Holdings
Midea Group
Jiangsu Hengrui

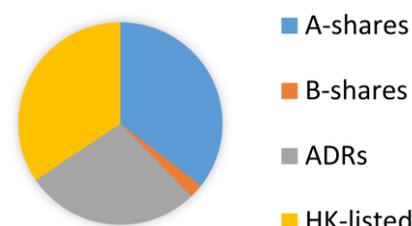
## Industry breakdown

As of 31/01/2018

Consumer	34%
IT Internet	21%
Healthcare	18%
IT Equipment	15%
Financials	8%
Real Estate	3%
Industrials	1%

## Market breakdown

As of 31/01/2018



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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 Company:	SEB Fund Services Luxembourg
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 114.2 (RC8) SEK 115.0 (RC9) SEK 116.7
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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