

# AGCM China Stars Fund



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## The US has already lost the trade war with China, Trump concedes

During the month of March, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class decreased by -0.5%. The month started out on a strong note with positive earnings reports and upward movements in most of our holdings, but it all reversed after the White House announced two packages of tariffs aimed mainly at China. The Facebook scandal raised concerns about increased regulation and Trump's angry tweets about Amazon contributed to a sell-off in the technology sector. Rational or not, the fall in US technology stocks brought the Chinese counterparts Tencent, Alibaba and Baidu lower as well. On the positive side, we have so far enjoyed mostly quite strong financial reports for fiscal year 2017 by our fund holdings. For Tencent, full year 2017 net earnings increased by 74%, Alibaba by 45%, Baidu by 57% and JD.com by 180%. Alibaba announced it will buy China's largest food delivery company Ele.me for USD 9.5 billion. With a fleet of 3 million couriers serving 1.3 million merchants across China, the consolidation will add about 10% or so to Alibaba's already fast-growing revenues.

Regarding the ongoing trade dispute between the US and China, we believe there will be a positive outcome in the coming months rather than an outright trade war. Trump and his cabinet realize that China will respond to more tariffs with tough counter-measures that would hurt economic growth and would not be welcomed by most Americans. China's leaders have a huge advantage in staying power over Donald Trump. Also, the US business interests in China are much larger than what the trade data alone shows. General Motors sold more cars in China than in the US last year. There are 310 million iPhones in use in China, which is more than double the number in the US. These cars and phones do not show up as US exports to China, since they were produced and sold in China. A third reason why Trump is unlikely to go too far is that China could send US interest rates higher simply by stepping back from future US Treasury auctions and gradually selling US Treasuries in the market, at a point where the supply of US Treasuries is already growing due to the US tax cuts and the balance sheet reduction by the Federal Reserve. As Trump tweeted a few days ago, the US has already lost the trade war with China many years ago "by the foolish or incompetent people who represented the U.S.". Our base case scenario is that Trump the Dealmaker wants China to agree to a partial reduction of the huge trade imbalance and that China will agree to that. China will prefer to make some concessions because it is winning anyways and it would be counter-productive to China's long-term ambitions to anger the American public with trade sanctions against US corporations and farmers.

Earlier in the month in Beijing, the National People's Congress appointed Liu He "economic tsar". Another old ally to president Xi, Wang Qishan, was appointed vice president. These and other key appointments confirm the continuation of Xi Jinping's main policies of further supply-side reforms, ambitious investment programs in science, technology and infrastructure, expansion of welfare and healthcare. Great investment opportunities ahead for us.

China is planning to launch Chinese Depositary Receipts (CDRs) "very soon" in order to attract overseas-listed Chinese companies to return to the domestic stock markets in Shanghai and Shenzhen. Demand is likely to be high among Chinese investors who have not been able to participate in the success of US-listed Chinese companies like Alibaba, Baidu and JD.com which are household names in China. There are still technical issues to resolve but when it happens, it should be supportive for the ADR share prices.

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Monthly Report

March 2018



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## Performance

As of 29/03/2018	1 month	3 month	YTD	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	-0.5%	+4.3%	+4.3%	+14.3%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	-0.4%	+4.5%	+4.5%	+15.3%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	-0.5%	+4.8%	+4.8%	+16.9%

## Top 5 holdings

As of 29/03/2018

Company name
Alibaba Group
Tencent Holdings
Hangzhou Hikvision
Midea Group
JD.com

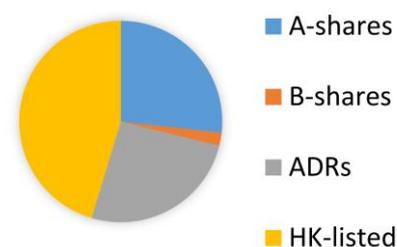
## Industry breakdown

As of 29/03/2018

Consumer	27%
IT Internet	24%
Healthcare	17%
IT Equipment	11%
Financials	11%
Real Estate	5%
Telecom	2%
Industrials	2%

## Market breakdown

As of 29/03/2018



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## Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 400 million
Number of holdings:	30
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. fee
Fund management Company:	SEB Fund Services Luxembourg
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 114.3 (RC8) SEK 115.3 (RC9) SEK 116.9
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
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