

AGCM China Stars Fund



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Earnings keep growing but trade conflict weighs on equity markets

During the month of May, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class decreased by 12.5%. The trade negotiations between the US and China hit a roadblock in early May when the White House accused China of backtracking on a trade deal that was near completion. President Trump announced in a tweet on May 5, that the US would raise tariffs to 25% on USD 200 billion of Chinese goods coming into the US. China responded by announcing it would raise tariffs on USD 60 billion of US imports to China. Chinese state media initially played down the event in order not to worry consumers to an extent which could harm the economic growth. It was not until the US imposed export restrictions on Huawei that the mood in Beijing changed markedly. On Sunday June 2, China's government presented a "white paper" on the trade dispute which placed the blame for the stalled negotiations on the US government. Beijing has hinted at countermeasures ranging from blocking exports of rare earth minerals, going after US business interests in China and punishing companies that have restricted access to high-tech components. As a result of the intensified trade conflict, the MSCI China index has fallen 14% in one month. The 12-month forward P/E for MSCI China has fallen to 10.8x which is about 10% from the bottom during the global sell-off in December last year.

Alibaba's share price development illustrates the irrational investor reactions to the trade dispute. Alibaba is a pure domestic Chinese consumption story with almost no exports to the US. Since the trade negotiations between the US and China stalled in early May, investors have sold off Chinese equities to such an extent that Alibaba's share price has fallen by 20%, erasing USD 80 billion of its market capitalization. This is in a period when the company is growing revenues at an annual rate of 40-50%. Just a few days ago, global communications group WPP and consulting firm Kantar ranked Alibaba's brand value at USD 131 billion, soaring 48% from 2018, overtaking McDonald's, Home Depot, Nike and Louis Vuitton. In addition, recent reports by leading financial media, claim that Alibaba is planning a secondary listing in Hong Kong. Alibaba does not comment on market rumors but Charles Li, the Chief Executive for Hong Kong Stock exchange, said on April 29th that Alibaba "will 100 percent come back, it's just a matter of timing". A Chinese listing would most likely lead to a higher valuation since Alibaba is an admired company in its home country, currently unavailable to most Chinese investors since it is only listed in the US.

During the month of May, we received a few additional 1Q result announcements by our fund holdings which were even better than most 1Q-reports from April. Alibaba reported revenue growth of +51% and earnings growth of +42% year-over-year with ever higher user numbers and growing ARPU (Average Revenue per User). Tencent reported revenue growth of +16% and earnings growth of +14% year-over-year, while indicating that its ability to monetize games will normalize. NetEase reported revenue growth of +30% and earnings growth of +125%. In other words, our holdings continue to develop very well, growing rapidly along with the rising Chinese consumers.

We maintain a relatively defensive positioning with a high share of less volatile holdings such as healthcare and consumer stocks. It seems like the trade conflict will continue for some time, but we feel confident about the long-term growth potential and earnings power of all our holdings.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

May 2019



Performance

As of 31/05/2019	1 month	YTD	1 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	-12.5%	+15.3%	-11.8%	+4.5%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	-12.4%	+15.6%	-11.3%	+6.1%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	-12.7%	+15.2%	-12.1%	+6.8%

Top 5 holdings

As of 31/05/2019

Company name
Alibaba Group
Hangzhou Hikvision
Tencent Holdings
Baidu Inc
Qingdao Haier

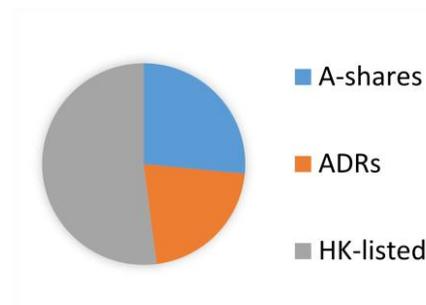
Industry breakdown

As of 31/05/2019

Consumer	31%
Healthcare	26%
Communi...	15%
Financials	11%
Real Estate	7%
Info Tech	6%
Industrials	3%

Market breakdown

As of 31/05/2019



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Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 222 million
Number of holdings:	30
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. fee
Fund management Company:	FundRock Management Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 104.5 (RC8) SEK 106.1 (RC9) SEK 106.8
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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