AGCM China Stars Fund



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Northern Asia leads the recovery

During the month of April, the NAV of the AGCM Asia Growth Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +5.1%.

Major equity markets recovered in April, led by Wall Street's growing focus on the re-opening of the US economy, as well as the colossal monetary and fiscal stimulus by central banks and governments around the World. The IMF's policy tracker showed that as of April 15, fiscal measures in aggregate had thus far amounted to about USD 8 trillion, and liquidity injections by central banks amounted to over USD 6 trillion. Decelerating Covid-19 infection rates in the US and other hard-hit Western countries helped, as did signs of progress in pharmaceutical treatments. Market sentiment gradually turned from plain fear to "FOMO", fear of missing out on the rally. The CBOE volatility index (VIX) fell sharply from 53 to 34, still elevated but confirming the rising appetite for risk.

More statistics confirm that China's economy, which was first in and first out of the Covid epidemic, continues to recover. Traffic data from the last week of April for Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen, home to about 50 million people, shows traffic congestion are even heavier than during the same period last year. The nation's oil refiners have ramped up crude processing run rates in April to pre-outbreak levels. Taxis, buses and private cars have been running at normal levels in 31 regions and cities since April 4, according to the Ministry of Transport. Construction is back even stronger than before the crisis, and April construction PMI sub-index rose to 59.7. China NBS Manufacturing PMI came in at a healthy 50.8 in April while the more important NBS non-manufacturing PMI rose to 53.2. International trade remains weak and the travel and entertainment sectors have not yet recovered.

We are still waiting for the bulk of corporate financial reports for the first quarter of 2020, but a few of our holdings have reported. Pharmaceutical and medtech distributor Sinopharm contributed positively to the fund's performance in April. While the company was negatively affected by the Chinese lock-downs from late January onwards, first quarter revenue was down only -1% year-over-year. Hospital clinic consultations dropped, causing hospital direct sales to go down. Pharmacy and online sales on the other hand, grew strongly. While profits were weak during the first two months of 2020, Sinopharm's top-line growth turned positive in March and the management has guided for additional improvement from April and onwards.

Surveillance solutions provider Hikvision reported first quarter numbers which held up well, revenues down only - 5.2% to 9.4 bn RMB and net profit -2.6% to 1.5 bn RMB. Boosted public sector spending on various infrastructure segments benefits Hikvision, thermographic cameras to help manage the Covid-19 situation is one such example. Management announced listing plans for Hikvision's consumer sub-brand Ezviz, which focuses on smart home products, such as household cameras, alarm systems and video doorbells.

Despite the unprecedented fiscal and monetary stimulus employed by governments and central banks, it could take years for corporate profits to recover. According to UBS head of equities, it will take 5 years for European corporate earnings to return to 2019 levels. We believe that companies in Northern Asia (especially China, South Korea and Taiwan) are relatively much better positioned as corporate earnings in Northern Asia are less at risk due to more shallow economic downturns, and equity valuations in the region are significantly lower than in the West.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Performance

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As of 30/04/2020	1 month	YTD	1 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+5.1%	-6.7%	-5.0%	+13.2%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+5.2%	-6.5%	-4.6%	+15.4%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+5.1%	-6.7%	-5.1%	+16.0%



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Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman		
Inception date:	28-August-2017		
Fund size:	SEK 200 million		
Number of holdings:	30		
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. Fee		
Fund management	FundRock Management		
Company:	Company S.A.		
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 113.2		
	(RC8) SEK 115.4		
	(RC9) SEK 116.0		
Minimum subscription:	n.a.		
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111		
	SEK RC8 LU 1608617384		
	SEK RC9 LU 1608617467		

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