

# AGCM China Stars Fund



ASIA GROWTH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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## Tech stocks down, financials up, strong fundamentals across the board

During the month of April, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +1.0%. A quick summary of the fund development in April would be, technology stocks underperformed, financials stocks outperformed and quarterly financial reports by our holdings were generally strong. Stocks in the technology sector globally were negatively impacted by multiple factors. Rising long term rates in the US with the 10-year Treasury reaching 3%, rising risk of increased regulation of internet stocks after the Facebook data scandal, and soft Apple iPhone sales weighing on the Asian component supply chain. Internet search engine Baidu was one of the few technology stocks which performed well, rising 11% in April, largely due to a strong quarterly report.

Financial markets were spooked by growing trade tensions, not least the Trump administration's announcement on April 4 to impose 25% tariffs on 1,333 itemized Chinese products worth about USD 50 billion per year. Just a few hours later, China responded by announcing an additional 25% tariffs on US autos, aircraft and agricultural products. Chinese President Xi Jinping calmed investors with a conciliatory tone in his speech at the Boao Asia Forum on April 10. There, Xi Jinping announced plans to further open and liberalize China's economy, including lowering tariffs for autos and enforcing the legal intellectual property of foreign firms. The Trump administration seems to have targeted China's "Made in China 2025" strategy, a highly ambitious program for the nation to become a manufacturing superpower. Through investments in technology and advanced manufacturing, China seeks to climb the value chain and to increase exports of higher value-added products such as IT, telecom, electrical vehicles, robotics and smart manufacturing. China will go ahead with its "Made in China 2025" program regardless of attempts by the US to obstruct. It is a key strategy by Beijing for China to avoid the so called "middle-income trap".

China's Politburo, a key decision-making body comprising the Communist Party's top 25 officials met in Beijing after which a statement said that while there had been an upturn in China's cyclical growth, structural and deep-rooted problems remained and more effort needed to be made to fight the "three tough battles" — controlling financial risks, reducing poverty and fighting pollution. Top leaders called for action to expand domestic demand to ensure the economy maintains a stable growth rate.

In Hong Kong, the HK Stock Exchanges announced the biggest change to its IPO rules in two decades, now allowing companies with shares of different voting rights. The new rule is a victory for the exchange and its Chief Executive Officer Charles Li, who championed the changes after losing Alibaba, Baidu, JD and other technology giants to listing venues in New York, where dual-class shares and similar structures have long been permitted. A "double-digit" number of firms plan to list under the new regime and the first IPO is expected by July, according to Charles Li.

Yu'e Bao, the world's largest money market fund was founded by Alibaba affiliate Alipay in 2013. Yu'e Bao overtook JPMorgan Chase U.S. government money market fund as the world's largest such fund in April 2017, and has grown its assets to 1.7 trillion yuan (USD 267 billion) at the end of the first quarter this year as millions of users migrate to its affiliated online-payment application, Alipay. Most Alipay users transfer payments and refunds from online transactions into Yu'e Bao to earn returns that far exceed bank deposit rates. As investors in Alibaba, we look forward to the IPO of Alipay later this year when assets such as Yu'e Bao will become more easily visible.

**Gustav Rhenman**, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

April 2018



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## Performance

As of 30/04/2018	1 month	3 month	YTD	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+1.0%	+1.1%	+5.3%	+15.5%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+1.1%	+1.4%	+5.6%	+16.6%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+1.1%	+1.3%	+6.0%	+18.2%

## Top 5 holdings

As of 30/04/2018

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

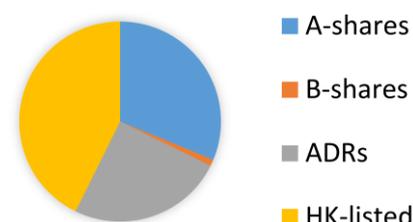
## Industry breakdown

As of 30/04/2018

Consumer	29%
IT Internet	23%
Healthcare	17%
Financials	12%
IT Equipment	10%
Real Estate	6%
Industrials	2%

## Market breakdown

As of 30/04/2018



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## Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 379 million
Number of holdings:	30
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. fee
Fund management Company:	SEB Fund Services Luxembourg
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 115.5 (RC8) SEK 116.6 (RC9) SEK 118.2
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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