

# AGCM China Stars Fund



ASIA GROWTH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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## China's journey to prosperity – New bold plans from the State Council

During the month of September, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK share class increased by +1.4%.

Evergrande's problems are unlikely to create a problem for China's financial system. The company's debt burden is insignificant given the scale of China's financial system. In recent years, other companies with similar scale of debt, were orderly restructured without systemic impact. The local government of Guangdong province has already begun the restructuring of Evergrande to protect stakeholders, in particular home buyers and suppliers. We believe the most likely outcome will be a major loss for equity holders, a substantial haircut for the corporate bondholders, but little if any impact on the banks involved.

Contrary to the widespread belief in the West, China's housing market is generally sound. There are around 30 million empty apartments in China, but it is a giant economy with 658 million households. In other words, there is on average only one empty apartment per every 20 households. These apartments are often held in expectation of someone in the household moving out. There are not the kind of financial system risks that developed in the U.S. which contributed to the Global Financial Crisis. Chinese banks have not made irresponsible mortgage loans, and homebuyers are required to make substantial down-payments in cash.

Chinese real estate developers are mostly well capitalized. Last year, Chinese regulators became concerned about debt levels among some of the developers and introduced strict limits on leverage. Those limits have pressured some of the less well-capitalized developers, such as Evergrande. The high-quality developers with solid balance sheets, which we own in our funds, are China's leaders in terms of size, balance sheet strength and corporate governance. Because of the recent indiscriminate selling by Western investors, these companies are now trading at 10-year low valuation multiples. Our portfolio holding COLI for example now trades at p/e 4x, with a stable dividend now yielding 7%, and a long-term growth rate of 8-10% per annum.

Western journalists seem to believe there are growth problems in China, especially for foreign companies. Well, US corporations in China disagree. According to a recent survey released by the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, American companies operating in China are more optimistic about the business outlook in the country than at any point since the start of the US-China trade war in 2018. More than three-quarters of the US companies surveyed said they are optimistic about the business outlook in China for the next five years.

On September 28, China's top governing body, the State Council, released a 61-page white paper detailing China's plans to become "a global leader in terms of composite national strength and international influence by year 2050". By then, "China will become a modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious, and beautiful." Objectives were outlined, including material, political, cultural, ethical, social, and eco-environmental progress. China's system and capacity for governance will be fully modernized and common prosperity will be realized. The Chinese people will enjoy a happier, safer, and healthier life. The Chinese nation will be a proud and active member of the international community. All according to the State Council's document.

**Gustav Rhenman**, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

September 2021



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## Performance

As of 30/09/2021	1 month	YTD	2 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+1.4%	+0.2%	+11.9%	+23.9%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+1.5%	+0.6%	+12.9%	+27.2%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+1.6%	+0.1%	+12.4%	+27.1%

## Top 5 holdings

As of 30/09/2021

Company name
COLI
Alibaba Group
Tencent
China Mobile
Sinopharm

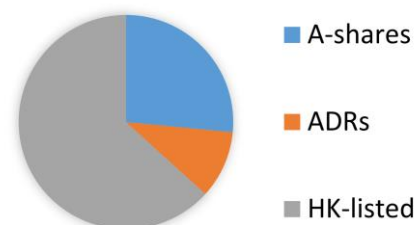
## Industry breakdown

As of 30/09/2021

Communi...	22%
Financials	22%
Consumer	21%
Real Estate	19%
Healthcare	13%
Info Tech	1%
Industrials	1%

## Market breakdown

As of 30/09/2021



## About Asia Growth Capital Management

Asia Growth Capital Management AB (AGCM) is a specialized investment management company managing investment funds investing in listed equities in Asia. The company was founded in Sweden in 2013 by a group of investment professionals and executives with extensive experiences from a wide range of different industries. The Chief Investment Officer has twice before been awarded by Lipper (Thomson Reuters) for managing the best performing Asia Fund among all regulated Asia funds registered for marketing in any EU country.

## Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 155 million
Number of holdings:	33
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. Fee
Fund management Company:	FundRock Management Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 123.9 (RC8) SEK 127.2 (RC9) SEK 127.1
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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