

AGCM China Stars Fund



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Equity markets and economic fundamentals go in opposite directions

During the month of July, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK decreased by -7.1%. Whereas Western equity markets had a very strong month in July, markets in Hong Kong and mainland China were down sharply. Contributing factors include renewed concerns around China's economy and Covid policy, as well as geopolitical tensions following measures by the US to restrict Chinese access to advanced technology. Tensions around a planned visit by senior US officials to Taiwan added to the selling pressure.

Economic fundamentals however tell a totally different story. In China, inflation remains low and stable. Even though its 5.5% growth target will not be reached this year, growth remains impressive given the drag from its zero-Covid strategy. Should China's leaders be seriously concerned about the economic growth rate, additional policy support would be forthcoming. But because China's leaders are more focused on long term growth and stability, it can pursue more responsible economic policies than those commonly pursued in the West where politicians look only as far as to the next election. In the EU and the US, central banks have painted themselves into a corner, now having to tighten monetary policies just as many countries are headed for recession. High inflation, rising interest rates and in the US case, a strong currency, does not bode well for corporate earnings.

On July 29th, China's Politburo released a statement detailing its most recent policies. The government aims to achieve "the best outcome possible" for the economy with "macro policies focusing on boosting demand". The statement infers further credit easing in the autumn, up from the already high 10.8% YoY growth in the first half of 2022. The Politburo's statement mentioned a heightened focus on containing financial risks and included pledges to "stabilize the property market", "ensure delivery of housing", and "resolve risks of local banks".

Comparing to a Politburo statement in April, there are a few nuances worth noting. The recent statement said China will stick to its zero-Covid strategy but this time adding "need to look at the relationship between virus prevention and economic growth" and "must ensure key functions of the economy and society". We believe China will over time soften its stance on Covid suppression, as public opposition to harsh lockdowns grows and vaccination protection increases. It is a process for a nation with a 1.4 billion population, but also for its leaders.

Chinese exports are holding up well, rising by +18% YoY in June. Exports are now up +14% YoY in the first six months of 2022. Chinese factory owners have managed to work around the Covid restrictions via pragmatic arrangements asking workers to sleep at the workplace or telling them to only come in if they test negative in the morning.

E-commerce giant Alibaba's share price took another beating on renewed fears that its US ADR listing is at risk. Under a US law passed in 2020, foreign companies may be delisted if they fail to submit their audit papers to a US accounting oversight body for three consecutive years. The more important news, implications of which many investors seem to have overlooked, is that Alibaba in late July decided to apply for a primary listing on the Hong Kong stock exchange, where it currently only has a secondary listing. A primary listing in Hong Kong will make Alibaba eligible for the Hong Kong- Shanghai stock connect through which hundreds of millions of mainland Chinese investors can then easily buy Alibaba shares. This important fact has yet to be more widely understood by investors.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

July 2022



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Performance

As of 31/07/2022	1 month	YTD	2 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	-7.1%	-0.8%	+6.8%	+24.3%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	-7.1%	-0.4%	+7.9%	+28.3%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	-7.9%	-0.9%	+6.6%	+27.4%

Top 5 holdings

As of 31/07/2022

Company name
Alibaba Group
China Mobile
Tencent Holdings
Midea Group
Sinopharm Group

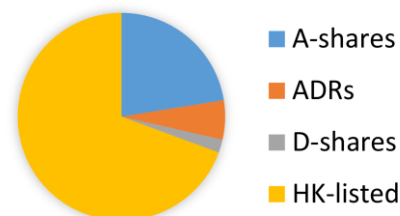
Industry breakdown

As of 31/07/2022

Financials	26%
Consumer	25%
Communi...	20%
Healthcare	13%
Real Estate	12%
Info Tech	1%
Industrials	1%

Market breakdown

As of 31/07/2022



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Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 140 million
Number of holdings:	37
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. Fee
Fund management Company:	FundRock Management Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 124.3 (RC8) SEK 128.3 (RC9) SEK 127.4
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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