

AGCM China Stars Fund



ASIA GROWTH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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Politics and economic recovery in focus

During the month of June, the NAV of AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK increased by +3.0%.

In the first half of 2023, Chinese equity markets were relatively weak. The Hong Kong Hang Seng index has declined -4.4% year-to-date and the China mainland CSI300 index down -0.8%. After a strong start early in the year, driven by reopening enthusiasm, the rally reversed. Global investors found China's economic recovery unimpressive and political tensions between Washington and Beijing also weighed on sentiment. We see good reasons to be optimistic. The US Secretary of State Blinken's recent visit to Beijing and Treasury Secretary Yellen's upcoming visit, show how the Biden administration wants to improve relations with China. The US can simply not afford a major economic confrontation with China. As regards China's economic recovery, it is underway. Policy support will be fine-tuned to achieve GDP growth this year of close to 5%. An abrupt change in Covid policy late last year from zero-tolerance to zero restrictions, resulted in waves of covid infections which weighed on economic activity in the first half of this year. But these infection waves have retreated and life in China is getting back to normal. Personal consumption, especially domestic tourism is booming. Net exports and the trade surplus remain strong. The real estate sector has bottomed, weak developers are weeded out, and we expect solid growth in the coming years.

As an example, COLI, one of China's largest real estate developers, and a long-time holding in the fund, announced an update on its property sales as of May 2023. Contract sales of apartments rose 55% to Rmb 147 billion in May year to date. COLI has in five months completed 42% of its 2023 full-year sales target of Rmb 354 billion, which is an increase of 20% of its sales last year. This implies that it would require less than 4% of sales growth over June-December for the company to meet its full-year target.

JD.com, China's second largest e-commerce operator after Alibaba, unveiled in an internal letter to employees an ambitious 20-year strategic plan. The target is to create seven listed companies with a market value of at least 100 billion yuan (USD 15 billion) of which five are to be included among the World's top 500 companies. JD.com already has several listed affiliates including JD Health International and JD Logistics. This year, another two of JD's subsidiaries, have submitted listing applications to the Hong Kong exchange.

WeChat Pay and Alipay, the two most used Chinese mobile payment services, owned by Tencent and Alibaba respectively, have become so successful that urban China has in large become a cashless society. For years Alipay and WeChat Pay only allowed domestic Chinese bank cards to be connected to these payment apps. After the country reopened to overseas visitors this year, difficulties for foreigners in making everyday payments to restaurants and taxis have therefore become major problems. For this reason, Tencent and Alibaba have now decided to allow foreign users to link their credit cards issued by Visa and other major international issuers.

Earnings growth in China's corporate sector is improving, and the SOE reforms are ongoing. As in Japan and South Korea, policy makers in China are pushing for shareholder friendly reforms and higher stock market valuations.

Gustav Rhenman, Chief Investment Officer

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Monthly Report

June 2023



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Performance

As of 30/06/2023	1 month	YTD	2 year	Since launch August 28, 2017
AGCM China Stars Fund RC1 SEK	+3.0%	+4.3%	+1.6%	+35.2%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC8 SEK	+3.0%	+4.5%	+2.5%	+40.1%
AGCM China Stars Fund RC9 SEK	+3.2%	+4.5%	+1.2%	+39.4%

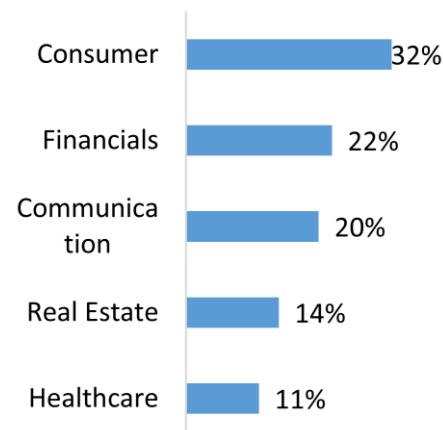
Top 5 holdings

As of 30/06/2023

Company name
Alibaba Group
Tencent Holdings
China Mobile
Midea
JD.com

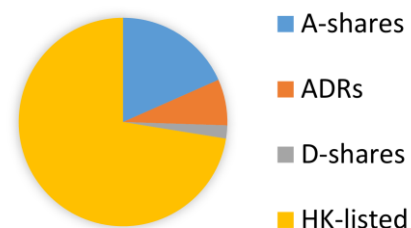
Industry breakdown

As of 30/06/2023



Market breakdown

As of 30/06/2023



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Fund Facts

Portfolio manager:	Gustav Rhenman
Inception date:	28-August-2017
Fund size:	SEK 149 million
Number of holdings:	37
Management fee (RC1):	1.35% + 10% perf. Fee
Fund management Company:	FundRock Management Company S.A.
NAV:	(RC1) SEK 135.2 (RC8) SEK 140.1 (RC9) SEK 139.4
Minimum subscription:	n.a.
ISIN code:	SEK RC1 LU 1608617111 SEK RC8 LU 1608617384 SEK RC9 LU 1608617467

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