# **Guinness China RMB Income Fund**

Investment Commentary – December 2024



# RISK

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus, supplement, KIDs and KIID for the Fund, which contain detailed information on its characteristics and objectives, before making any final investment decisions.

The Guinness China RMB Income Fund is a bond fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of bond and fixed income investing. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movement, and you may not get back the amount originally invested. Further details on the risk factors are included in the Fund's documentation, available on our website.

Past performance does not predict future returns.

# ABOUT THE STRATEGY

Launch	09.03.2023
Sector	IA Specialist Bond
Manager	EPIC Investment Partners

# OBJECTIVE

The Guinness China RMB Income Fund aims to provide investors with a combination of capital appreciation and income. The Fund invests in a range of bonds and fixed income investments which will be denominated or hedged back to Renminbi (Renminbi or RMB being the official currency of China). The Fund buys government and quasisovereign bonds in the onshore China bond market and supranational and high-grade corporate credit in the offshore bond market. The Fund is actively managed without reference to a benchmark.

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# COMMENTARY

China's economic landscape in November revealed a nuanced picture of recovery and challenge. Policymakers unveiled further significant measures to address local government debt, while economic indicators showed promising signs. Infrastructure investment rebounded for the first time since March, equipment purchases surged 16.1% year-on-year, and retail sales grew 4.8% year-on-year, supported by trade-in programs and holiday spending. Meanwhile, the services sector demonstrated its strongest performance this year, indicating potential economic resilience.

Business sentiment experienced a notable uplift, with the manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 50.3 and crossing the crucial expansion threshold. The Caixin manufacturing PMI reached 51.5 in November—the highest since July—bolstered by improved supply, demand, and export orders. These developments suggest the effectiveness of pro-growth policies and stimulus measures implemented since September. However, challenges persisted, including weak industrial profits, ongoing pricing pressures, and a construction PMI that fell to 49.7, highlighting the complex economic landscape.

The real estate sector continues to be a critical focus, with emerging positive signals such as increased household loans and the first expansion in real estate services since June 2023. Factory-gate price trends, while below expectations, could potentially enhance China's export competitiveness.

### **PORTFOLIO REVIEW**

The China RMB Income Fund's CNH Y class performance fell 0.17% in November. The primary detractor to portfolio performance was the slight rise in yields at the short end of the Chinese government bond market after significant falls in recent months.

During the month the Agricultural Development Bank 3.4% 2024 and the China Government 3.38% 2024 bonds matured. We reinvested in China Government 3.38% 2026 and Export-Import Bank of China 4.15% 2027.

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### **Guinness China RMB Income**

The yield on the 2-year benchmark China Government fell 10bps to 1.37%. The onshore and offshore renminbi fell 1.57% and 1.47%, respectively, against the dollar. Against the euro the currencies returned +1.08% and +1.17%, respectively. The A1 (WARF) rated portfolio yields 2.40% and has a duration of 1.42 years.

# OUTLOOK

China's forthcoming Annual Central Economic Conference will be pivotal in defining the nation's economic recovery strategy. Policymakers are expected to build upon recent supportive measures, including strategic rate cuts and a comprehensive programme addressing local government debt, with a primary focus on maintaining the ambitious 5% growth target despite potential US trade challenges.

The government's approach appears strategically nuanced, centring on stimulating domestic economic activity through targeted interventions in property markets and consumer spending support. By carefully orchestrating monetary policy, fiscal measures, and sector-specific strategies, Chinese policymakers will be looking to create a robust and adaptive economic framework that can withstand anticipated challenges in external demand for 2025.



# **Guinness China RMB Income Fund**

GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - FUND FACTS						
Fund size	¥34.8m					
Fund launch	09.03.2023					
OCF	0.60%					
Benchmark	N/A					
Historic yield	2.7% (Y CNH Dist)					

Historic yield reflects the distributions declared over the past 12 months expressed as a percentage of the mid-market price, as at the latest month end. It does not include any preliminary charges. Investors may be subject to tax on the distribution.

# **GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - PORTFOLIO**

Top 10 holdings		Credit Rating		Country		
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China Govt Bond 3.6% 27/06/2028	8.5%	AAA	6.5%			
China Govt Bond 2.52% 04/08/2028	8.2%	AA A	14.3% 75.1%	China		75.1%
China Govt Bond 3.31% 30/11/2025	8.2%		73.170	Germany	6.5%	
China Govt Bond 3.39% 21/05/2025	8.1%			-	0.070	
China Govt Bond 2.30% 16/06/2026	8.1%			Hong Kong	4.9%	
China Govt Bond 2.55% 17/06/2025	8.1%			-		
China Govt Bond 2.20% 27/07/2025	8.1%			United Arab Emirates	4.9%	
China Exim Bank 3.35% 18/06/2027	6.7%			-		
China Govt Bond 3.38% 04/07/2026	6.6%			Qatar	4.6%	
KFW 2.90% 24/02/2026	6.5%			-		
Top 10 holdings	76.9%			Cash	4.2%	
Number of holdings	14			_		



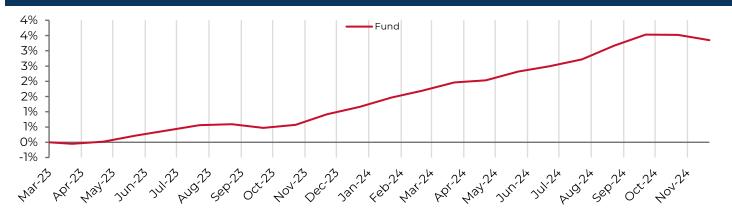
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GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE									
(CNH)	1 Month	YTD	l yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr			
Fund	-0.2%	+2.2%	+2.4%	-	-	-			
(GBP)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr			
Fund	-0.7%	+0.6%	+0.5%	-	-	-			
(USD)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr			
Fund	-1.9%	+0.3%	+0.9%	-	-	-			
(EUR)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr			
Fund	+0.9%	+5.0%	+4.2%	-	-	-			

GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE										
(CNH)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(GBP)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(USD)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(EUR)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





Source: FE fundinfo to 30.11.24. Graph is in CNH. Investors should note that fees and expenses are charged to the capital of the Fund. This reduces the return on your investment by an amount equivalent to the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF). The current OCF for the share class used for the fund performance returns is 0.60%. Returns for share classes with a different OCF will vary accordingly. Transaction costs also apply and are incurred when a fund buys or sells holdings. The performance returns do not reflect any initial charge; any such charge will also reduce the return.



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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• the Promoter and Investment Manager: Guinness Asset Management Ltd, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ.

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