# **Guinness China RMB Income Fund**

Investment Commentary - May 2025



### **RISK**

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus, supplement, KIDs and KIID for the Fund (available on our website), which contain detailed information on its characteristics and objectives and full information on the risks, 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.

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 quasi-sovereign 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 April reflected mounting pressures from escalating trade tensions with the US. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index dropped to 49, the lowest since December 2023, pushing the index back into contraction territory. This broad-based decline signalled weakness across both supply and demand, with input and output price indices falling significantly amidst subdued demand conditions and ongoing declines in global commodity prices.

Trade data revealed a strategic scramble to beat impending tariffs, with exports surging an impressive 12.4% year-on-year, exceeding market expectations. Whilst direct shipments to the US grew by nearly 9%, record-breaking exports to Vietnam, Thailand, and other Southeast Asian nations suggested companies were actively rerouting supply chains to circumvent punitive new trade barriers.

At the April Politburo meeting, policymakers acknowledged growing external economic pressures whilst confirming plans to ease monetary policy, though without announcing new stimulus beyond March approvals.

## **PORTFOLIO REVIEW**

The Fund's CNH Y class gained +0.29% in April. All bonds attributed to positive performance. The largest contributors were the longer maturity China Government bonds and Export-Import Bank of China 4.15% 2027. The yield on the 2-year benchmark China Government bond fell 4bps to 1.46%. The onshore and offshore renminbi gained +0.21% and +0.08%, respectively, against the dollar. Against the euro, the currencies returned -4.59% and -4.71%, respectively. The Al (weighted average rating factor) rated portfolio yields 2.15% and has a duration of 1.22 years.

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### **OUTLOOK**

Whilst Chinese officials expressed confidence in reaching China's 5% growth target, there are growing concerns that weakening domestic demand, subdued business confidence, and the persistent property market slowdown could see growth decline to 4.8% this year (according to the World Bank). Policymakers must therefore address the structural slowdown through deeper reforms to drive a more balanced, sustainable and high-quality expansion; policymakers have ample tools to deploy.

In terms of the renminbi, despite current aggressive US tariffs on Chinese goods, we expect Beijing will not seek a sharp renminbi devaluation given the limited effectiveness such a move would have against punitive tariffs and the potential domestic financial instability it would trigger. The People's Bank of China's consistent policy signals indicate a preference for currency stability. Beijing appears confident in its ability to absorb trade pressures through expanded exports to other markets and domestic demand stimulation, with recent subtle increases in exchange rate flexibility representing fine-tuning rather than policy shift.



# **Guinness China RMB Income Fund**

GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - FUND FACTS						
Fund size	¥31.4m					
Fund launch	09.03.2023					
OCF	0.60%					
Benchmark						
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				
China Govt Bond 3.60% 27/06/2028	8.5%	AAA	6.4	]				
China Govt Bond 2.52% 04/08/2028	8.2%	AA	18.5	China		69.8%		
China Govt Bond 3.31% 30/11/2025	8.0%	A	69.8	- United Arab	9.1%			
China Govt Bond 2.30% 16/06/2026	8.0%			Emirates -	9.1%			
China Govt Bond 3.39% 21/05/2025	8.0%			Germany	6.4%			
China Govt Bond 2.20% 27/07/2025	8.0%			-				
China Govt Bond 2.55% 17/06/2025	8.0%			Hong Kong	4.8%			
China Exim Bank 4.15% 18/06/2027	6.7%			-				
China Govt Bond 3.38% 04/07/2026	6.5%			Qatar	4.6%			
KFW 2.90% 24/02/2026	6.4%			-				
Top 10 holdings	76.2%			Cash	5.3%			
Number of holdings	14			J				

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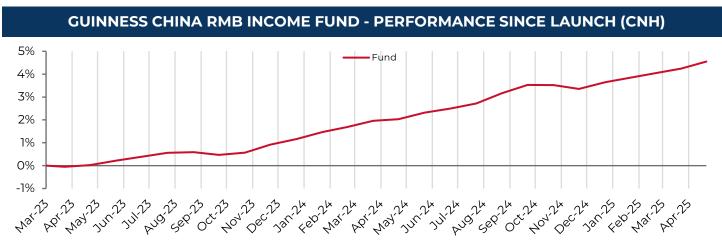


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	GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE							
(CNH)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr		
Fund	+0.3%	+0.9%	+2.5%	-	-	-		
(GBP)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr		
Fund	-3.2%	-4.5%	-4.2%	-	-	-		
(USD)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr		
Fund	+0.2%	+1.8%	+2.2%	-	-	-		
(EUR)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr		
Fund	-4.8%	-7.3%	-3.9%	-	-	-		

GUINNESS CHINA RMB INCOME FUND - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE										
(CNH)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	+2.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
(GBP)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	+1.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
(USD)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	-0.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(EUR)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	+6.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Source: FE fundinfo net of fees to 30.04.25. 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 OCF used for the Fund performance returns is 0.60%. which was the OCF over the calendar year 2024. 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.



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The documentation needed to make an investment, including the Prospectus, Supplement, Key Information Document (KID) / Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Application Form, is available in English from www.guinnessgi.com or free of charge from:-

- the Manager: Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited (Waystone IE) 2nd Floor 35 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin D04 A4EO, Ireland; or.
- the Promoter and Investment Manager: Guinness Asset Management Ltd, 18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ.

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The Fund is not authorised or recognised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS") and shares are not allowed to be offered to the retail public. The Fund is registered with the MAS as a Restricted Foreign Scheme. Shares of the Fund may only be offered to institutional and accredited investors (as defined in the Securities and Futures Act (Cap.289)) ('SFA') and this material is limited to the investors in those categories.

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