Guinness China A Share

Investment Commentary - September 2025



RISK

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

The Fund is an equity fund. Investors should be willing and able to assume the risks of equity investing. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movements, and you may not get back the amount originally invested. The Fund invests only in stocks of companies that are based in, or with significant business activities in, China; it is therefore susceptible to the performance of that region. In addition, at least 80% of the assets will be in China A shares, which have a greater participation by retail investors than other markets, so their performance may be more volatile. 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 Index MSCI China A Onshore Index Sector IA China / Greater China Managers Sharukh Malik Edmund Harriss EU Domiciled Guinness China A Share Fund

OBJECTIVE

The Fund invests in quality, profitable companies exposed to the structural growth themes we have identified in the China A share market. These themes are built upon changes we have seen in incomes, demographics, production advances and the application of technology in consumer, industrial and infrastructure settings. The Fund is actively managed and uses the MSCI China A Onshore Index as a comparator benchmark only.

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SUMMARY

In August, the Guinness China A Share Fund (Y class, GBP) rose by 10.2%, while the benchmark, the MSCI China A Onshore Net Return Index ("MSCI China A Onshore Index") rose by 10.5%. Therefore the Fund underperformed the benchmark by 0.3%.

Contributors to performance were stock selection in the Industrials and Communication Services sectors. The detractor was stock selection in the Information Technology sectors, driven by Al names which we believe are significantly overvalued. We believe if actual growth is lower than expected, these stocks could be subject to a large valuation derating.

The government launched further stimulus whereby it will subsidise one percentage point of interest on eligible personal and business loans. The maximum subsidy an individual is eligible for is CNY 3,000 (\$418), while the maximum for a business is CNY 10,000 (\$1,400). While the policy is positive, there is a possibility that funding for it was already included in this year's budget, so does not represent an increase in the fiscal deficit.

The government is to provide free schooling for all children in their final year of kindergarten at state schools, which account for the vast majority of preschools in China.

The tariff truce between the US and China was extended for a further 90 days.

For the macro data covering July, positive data points were:

- Industrial production grew by 5.7%.
- Exports grew by 7.2%.

Negative data points were:

- Fixed asset investment (FAI) fell by 5.2% which was the first fall in 3.5 years. Manufacturing FAI fell by 0.3%, infrastructure FAI fell by 5.2% and real estate FAI fell by 17%
- Retail sales growth decelerated to 3.7%. Growth was stronger for goods eligible for subsidies, whereas noneligible goods such as clothing and footwear were weak.



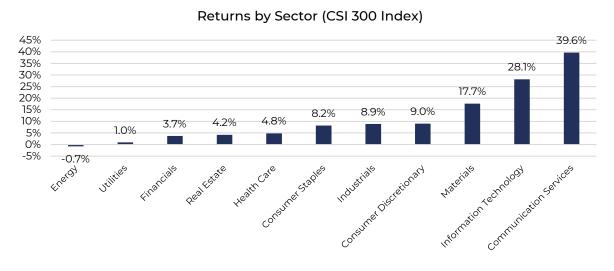
MARKET COMMENTARY

(Performance data in the section in USD terms unless otherwise stated)



(Data from 31/07/25 to 31/08/25, returns in USD, source: Bloomberg, Guinness Global Investors calculations)

In August, onshore markets significantly outperformed offshore markets, as the MSCI China A Onshore Index rallied by 12.8% while the Hang Seng Composite Index rose by 3.5% and the MSCI World Index rose by 2.6%. Retail activity in the onshore market increased, driven partly by AI stocks. We estimate nearly half of the gains in the onshore market were driven by AI names in the Information Technology sector. In particular, the biggest contributors to the sector's performance were Cambricon (+112.4%), Foxconn Industrial Internet (+57.0%), Eoptolink Technology (+90.1%) and Zhongji Innolight (+64.7%).



(Data from 31/07/25 to 31/08/25, returns in USD, source: Bloomberg, Guinness Global Investors calculations)

The best performing sectors in the month were Communication Services (total return +39.6%), Information Technology (+28.1%) and Materials (+17.7%). In the Communication Services and Information Technology sectors, AI names rallied driven by Cambricon (+112.4%), Foxconn Industrial Internet (+57.0%), Eoptolink Technology (+90.1%) and Zhongji Innolight (+64.7%). The strength in Materials was driven by the anti-involution policy which aims to cut overcapacity in certain sectors.

The weakest sectors were Energy (-0.7%), Utilities (+1.0%) and Financials (+3.7%). The Energy and Utilities sectors, which are regarded as more defensive areas, lagged in a risk-on environment. Financials lagged as investors sold off the high yield state-owned banks in favour of growth stocks.



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ATTRIBUTION

In August, the Guinness China A Share Fund (Y class, USD) rose by 12.5%, while the benchmark, the MSCI China A Onshore Index rose by 12.8%. Therefore in the Fund underperformed the benchmark by 0.3%.

In August, relative to the benchmark, areas which helped the Fund's performance were:

- Stock selection in the Industrials sector, driven by Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic and Shenzhen Inovance Technology.
- Stock selection in the Communication Services sector, driven by G-bits Network Technology.

In August, areas which detracted from the Fund's relative performance were:

• Stock selection in the Information Technology sector, driven by Cambricon Technologies, Foxconn Indusrial Internet, Eoptolink Technology, Zhongji Innolight and Hygon Information Technology. These are all AI names which we believe are significantly overvalued, in the sense that the majority of valuation is attributed to cashflows arising from future capital expenditure. We believe if actual growth is lower than expected, these stocks could be subject to a large valuation derating.

Portfolio Managers

Sharukh Malik Edmund Harriss



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GUINNESS CHINA A SHARE FUND - FUND FACTS					
Fund size	\$0.8m				
Fund launch	09.03.2023				
OCF	0.89%				
Benchmark	MSCI China A Onshore TR				

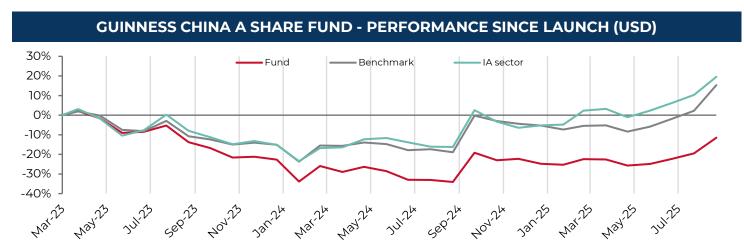
GUINNESS CHINA A SHARE FUND - PORTFOLIO									
Top 10 holdings		Sector		Coun	try				
Shenzhen H&T Intelligent	5.8%	Industrials	26.1%]					
G-bits Network Technology Xiam	5.6%	Consumer	20.6%						
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	4.1%	Discretionary - Information		China	98.4%				
Shengyi Technology	3.9%	Technology	20.0%	Criiria	96.4%				
Shandong Himile MS&T	3.7%	Consumer Staples	10.9%						
Xiamen Faratronic Co Ltd	3.6%	-							
Sino Wealth Electronic Ltd	3.6%	Materials -	6.5%	1					
Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic	3.3%	Communication Services	5.6%						
Shandong Sinocera Functional	3.3%	-							
China Tourism Group Duty Free	3.3%	Health Care -	5.5%	Cash	1.6%				
		Financials	3.1%						
Top 10 holdings	40.1%	Cook	1.60/						
Number of holdings	30	Cash -	1.6%	J					

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GUINNESS CHINA A SHARE FUND - CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE										
(GBP)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	+10.2%	+11.6%	+35.0%	-	-	-				
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+10.5%	+12.9%	+38.4%	-	-	-				
IA China/Greater China TR	+6.2%	+16.9%	+38.8%	-	-	-				
(USD)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	+12.5%	+20.4%	+38.8%	-	-	-				
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+12.8%	+21.7%	+42.3%	-	-	-				
IA China/Greater China TR	+8.4%	+26.1%	+42.7%	-	-	-				
(EUR)	1 Month	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr				
Fund	+10.0%	+6.5%	+31.2%	-	-	-				
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+10.3%	+7.7%	+34.6%	-	-	-				
IA China/Greater China TR	+6.0%	+11.6%	+34.9%	-	_	-				

GUINNESS CHINA A SHARE FUND - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE										
(GBP)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	-1.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+13.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IA China/Greater China TR	+13.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(USD)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	-2.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+11.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IA China/Greater China TR	+11.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(EUR)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	+3.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI China A Onshore TR	+19.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IA China/Greater China TR	+19.2%	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-



Source: FE fundinfo net of fees to 31.08.25. 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 0.89%. 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Documentation

The documentation needed to make an investment, including the Prospectus, the Key Investor 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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Residency

In countries where the Fund is not registered for sale or in any other circumstances where its distribution is not authorised or is unlawful, the Fund should not be distributed to resident Retail Clients.

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