

SUPPLEMENT
Guinness Asian Equity Income Fund
Dated 1 December, 2022

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Guinness Asian Equity Income Fund (the “Fund”), a Fund of Guinness Asset Management Funds plc (the “Company”), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds authorised by the Central Bank on 19th December, 2007 as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

As at the date of this Supplement the Company has the following Funds:

- Guinness Sustainable Energy Fund
- Guinness Global Energy Fund
- Guinness Global Money Managers Fund
- Guinness Global Equity Income Fund
- Guinness Global Innovators Fund
- Guinness Sustainable Global Equity Fund
- Guinness European Equity Income Fund
- Guinness Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund
- Guinness Asian Equity Income Fund
- Guinness Best of Asia Fund
- Guinness Best of China Fund
- Guinness Multi-Asset Balanced Fund
- Guinness Multi-Asset Growth Fund
- Guinness Best of Britain Fund (*unlaunched)
- Guinness European Equity Fund (*unlaunched)
- Guinness Alternative Energy Income Fund (*unlaunched)
- Guinness Global Energy Income Fund (*unlaunched)
- Guinness Renminbi Yuan & Bond Fund (*unlaunched)
- Guinness Global Equity Fund (*terminated)
- Guinness US Equity Fund (*terminated)

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 1 December 2022 (the “Prospectus”).

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading “Management and Administration” accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. Investors should read and consider the section of the Prospectus entitled “Risk Factors” before investing in the Fund.

Shareholders and prospective investors should note that all or part of the fees and expenses of the Fund may be charged to the capital of the Fund. If all or part of the fees and expenses of the Fund are charged to the capital of the Fund this would have the effect of lowering the capital value of an investment in the Fund. Capital may be eroded and “income” will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. Thus, on redemptions of Shares, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested.

The Fund may invest substantially in deposits and/or in money market instruments. An investment in the Fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by any government, government agencies or instrumentalities or any bank guarantee fund. Shares of the Fund are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and the amount invested in Shares may fluctuate up and/or down.

Profile of a Typical Investor: Investment in the Fund is suitable only for those persons and institutions for whom such investment does not represent a complete investment program, who understand the degree of risk involved (as detailed under the section of the Prospectus and Supplement headed “Risk Factors”), can tolerate a medium level of volatility and believe that the investment is suitable based upon investment objective and finance needs. Investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

1. Interpretation

The expressions below shall have the following meanings:

“Business Day”	means any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Dublin and London are generally open for business or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders. For the avoidance of doubt, a day during which banks in Ireland are closed due to red weather warnings issued by the Met Éireann will not be a Business Day unless the Directors determine otherwise.
“Dealing Day”	means each Business Day or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders in advance provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day every fortnight.
“Dealing Deadline”	means 3.00 p.m. Irish time on each Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors may determine and notify in advance to Shareholders provided always that the Dealing Deadline is no later than the Valuation Point.
“Valuation Point”	means 11.00 p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day.

All other defined terms used in this Supplement shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

2. Base Currency

The Base Currency shall be US\$.

3. Classes

The Company has established the following Classes:

Class	Minimum Subscription	Management Fee Tier 1 fee rate	Management Fee Tier 2 fee rate
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	(*Initial Subscription)	(*Up to)	(*Up to)
C EUR Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
C GBP Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
C USD Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
I USD Accumulation	US\$10 million	0.89%	0.89%
I USD Distribution	US\$10 million	0.89%	0.89%
Class Y GBP Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y GBP Distribution	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y EUR Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y EUR Distribution	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y USD Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y USD Distribution	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Z GBP Distribution	Nil	0.74%	0.60%

The Tier 1 fee rate applies to the Fund Net Asset Value up to the Tier 1 value. The Tier 1 value shall not exceed \$500 million.

When the Fund Net Asset Value exceeds the Tier 1 value the Tier 2 fee rate applies to the excess of the Net Asset Value above the Tier 1 value.

Share Class Descriptions

The below provides a description of the typical type of investor the Company, in conjunction with the Distributor, would expect to invest into each Share Class. These are not exhaustive descriptions. There are a wide range of valid reasons why an investor might be in a particular Share Class.

Class C Shares: (Advised Platform Investors) For investors whose financial intermediaries and/or platforms do not charge investors directly for the services they provide; commissions, rebates, platform and other fees may be paid by the Investment Manager where agreed with the relevant intermediary and/or platform and in accordance with applicable law.

Class I Shares: (Institutional Shares) For investors who can make an initial investment equal to or greater than US\$10 million; a rebate may be paid by the Investment Manager where agreed and in accordance with applicable law.

Class Y Shares: (Clean Fee Shares) For investors where there is no arrangement for rebates or commissions to be paid from the Investment Manager. This share class is only available to EU investors who invest via a financial Intermediary if that financial intermediary is prohibited by the local laws or regulations applicable to them to receive and/or retain any commissions or other non-monetary benefits or who are approved by the Investment Manager or based on contractual arrangements with their clients.

Class Z Shares: (Founder Shares) The Class Z Shares are closed to new investors, subject to the discretion of the Company and the Investment Manager to determine otherwise.

4. Fees and Expenses

All or part of the fees and expenses of the Fund may be charged to the capital of the Fund.

Management Fee

The Manager will pay to the Investment Manager out of the assets of the Fund a maximum fee as detailed above in Section 3. Classes (plus VAT, if any, thereon), accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears.

The fee for each Share Class is payable on the Net Asset Value of that Share Class at the rates detailed in Section 3. Classes.

The Investment Manager shall be responsible for paying the administrative expenses of the Fund, to include establishment costs, fees and expenses payable to the Manager, the Custodian, the Administrator, including transfer agency transaction fees, Directors fees, any Paying Agent appointed by or on behalf of the Company, and general administrative expenses, which include but are not limited to legal and other professional advisory fees, company secretarial fees, Companies Registration Office filings and statutory fees, regulatory fees, auditing fees, translation and accounting expenses, taxes and governmental expenses applicable to the Fund, costs of preparation, translation, printing and distribution of reports and notices, all marketing material and advertisements and periodic update of the Prospectus, stock exchange listing fees, all expenses in connection with registration, listing and distribution of the Fund and Shares issued or to be issued, all expenses in connection with obtaining and maintaining a credit rating for the Fund or Classes or Shares, expenses of Shareholders meetings, Directors' insurance premia, expenses of the publication and distribution of the Net Asset Value, clerical costs of issue or redemption of Shares, postage, telephone, facsimile and telex expenses and any other expenses in each case together with any applicable value added tax. Expenses directly attributable to the generation of additional income for the Fund will be paid out of any such additional income; this may include tax reclaim fees and stock lending fees.

The Investment Manager may decide to reimburse a Shareholder, intermediary, distributor or other person or otherwise provide any of them with a rebate or commission out of all or part of any fees paid to it by the Company in respect of a Class of Shares. The terms of any such reimbursement, rebate or commission are a matter solely between the Investment Manager and the relevant Shareholder, intermediary, distributor or other person, provided always that a condition of any such arrangement is that the Fund shall not incur any additional obligation or liability whatsoever, and such arrangement is in accordance with applicable law.

Global Distributor

The Global Distributor shall be entitled to receive a distribution fee of up to 5% on subscription proceeds in respect of any Class C or Class Y Shares. Subject to, and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, this fee may be waived in whole or in part at the discretion of the Global Distributor.

The fees of any sub-distributor appointed by the Global Distributor will be paid out of the portion of the fees payable to it for the distribution of Shares of the Fund.

For the avoidance of doubt, a distribution fee is not payable on the occurrence of an automatic conversion or merger of Shares from one Class to another Class.

5. Minimum Subscription

The Minimum Subscription (**Initial Subscription*) limits are detailed above under the section headed "3. Classes".

Subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Directors reserve the right to differentiate between Shareholders and to waive or reduce the Minimum Subscription.

6. Classification of the Fund pursuant to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (the “SFDR”)

The Fund shall be classified as an Article 8 Fund pursuant to the SFDR. While the Fund promotes environmental characteristics in the manner described herein, it does not currently commit to investing in any “sustainable investments” with an environmental objective within the meaning of SFDR. Accordingly, it should be noted that the Fund is not in scope of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 (the “**Taxonomy Regulation**”) and the investments underlying the Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

7. Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with both income and long-term capital appreciation.

8. Investment Policy

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Fund intends to primarily invest in equity and equity related securities of companies that are either primarily traded on market exchanges in the Asia Pacific Region including Japan (the “Region”) or that derive at least 50% of their revenues from business activities in that Region, but which may be listed and traded on other Recognised Exchanges. The Fund intends to invest primarily in companies which pay dividends.

These equity and equity related securities include common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks, rights and warrants, which are generally listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange. No more than 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund will be invested in warrants.

Under normal market conditions the Fund intends to invest in between 25 and 75 stocks. The Investment Manager may invest the Fund's assets in securities of companies with a wide range of market capitalizations and in companies domiciled throughout the world, including companies domiciled in or traded on markets in the Region.

The Fund may invest in China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange via the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme, or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme (as further described in the section headed “Stock Connect Scheme” in the Prospectus).

The philosophy of the Fund is to remain invested. In order to comply with the requirements of the German Investment Tax Act, the Fund will invest at least 51% of the Fund's Net Asset Value at any time in equities which are listed on a stock exchange or traded on a regulated market. The term “equities” in this context does not include units or shares of investment funds, real estate investment trusts (REITs) or depositary receipts. When current market, economic, political or other conditions are unstable and would impair the pursuit of the Fund's investment objective, the Fund may temporarily invest up to 49% of its assets in cash, cash investments such as bank deposits or high quality investment grade short-term money market instruments including, but not limited to, commercial paper and treasury bills. The Fund will not invest in bonds, be they investment grade or with a credit quality below “speculative grade”, nor will the Fund invest in asset backed securities (ABS) or similar assets

with a credit quality of investment grade or below investment grade. When the Fund takes a temporary defensive position, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

The financial derivative instruments which the Fund may utilise include futures, options and forward foreign exchange contracts (details of which are set out in the section of the Prospectus headed “Financial Derivative Instruments and Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management”) for efficient portfolio management purposes, hedging purposes, to reduce portfolio risk or to obtain in a more efficient way exposure that would otherwise be obtained by direct investment in securities in accordance with the investment objective and policies above, and as further detailed below. The leveraged exposure of the Fund through the use of derivatives will not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, as measured using the commitment approach in accordance with the UCITS Regulations. It is expected that the use of financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes, hedging purposes and to indirectly gain exposure to underlying equity and/or equity related securities where the Investment Manager feels it is more efficient to do so, will actively reduce the risk profile of the Fund.

Futures and options may be used to hedge against downward movements in the value of the Fund’s portfolio, either by reference to specific securities (i.e. equity or equity related securities) or markets to which the Fund may be exposed. These derivative instruments may also be used to reduce the Fund’s direct exposure to equity or equity related securities or markets on a short or medium term basis where it is more efficient to use derivatives for this purpose, or to gain indirect exposure to equity or equity related securities where the Investment Manager feels that such use of financial derivative instruments is in the best interests of the Fund.

Forward foreign exchange contracts will only be used for hedging purposes or to alter the currency exposure of the underlying assets in accordance with the limits set out by the Central Bank. The Fund will not be leveraged as a result of engaging in forward foreign exchange contracts.

The Fund may enter into stocklending and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only, subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. The maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of stocklending and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements shall be 30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. However, the Investment Manager does not anticipate that the Fund’s exposure to stocklending and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements will exceed 0%- 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The types of assets that will be subject to stocklending and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements will be equity and equity related securities.

The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan Index (the “Benchmark”) by virtue of the fact that it uses the Benchmark solely for performance comparison purposes. The Benchmark is not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund or as a performance target and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Benchmark. Shareholders’ attention is drawn to the fact that the Benchmark is not an index which integrates environmental and social considerations.

Investment Strategy

Investments are selected using a combination of analysis of economic and market factors, screening the investible universe for key identifiers of quality, value, earnings trend and price momentum, and detailed analysis of the underlying business. From this the Investment Manager develops high conviction investment ideas which produce relatively low Fund portfolio activity.

The Fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of SFDR. Further information on the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund is available

at Annex I of this Supplement.

9. Offer

The Shares in the Fund are being issued at the Net Asset Value per relevant Share Class.

10. Application for Shares

Applications for Shares may be made through the Administrator (whose details are set out in the Application Form). Applications accepted and received by the Administrator prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any applications received after the Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline for processing on that Dealing Day provided that such application(s) have been received prior to the Valuation Point for the particular Dealing Day. Applications received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances as determined and agreed by the Directors, and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders.

Initial applications should be made using an Application Form obtained from the Administrator and may be sent by post or alternatively by telefax or email, without a requirement to submit an original Application Form, together with such other papers (such as documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks) as may be required by the Directors or their delegate. No redemptions will be processed until the Application Form and such other papers as may be required by the Directors have been received and all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Subsequent applications to purchase Shares following the initial subscription may be made to the Administrator by telefax or email or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors without a requirement to submit original documentation and such applications should contain such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

Fractions

Subscription monies representing less than the subscription price for a Share will not be returned to the investor. Fractions of Shares will be issued where any part of the subscription monies for Shares represents less than the subscription price for one Share, provided however, that fractions shall not be less than .01 of a Share.

Subscription monies, representing less than .01 of a Share will not be returned to the investor but will be retained by the Company in order to defray administration costs.

Method of Payment

Subscription payments net of all bank charges should be paid by CHAPS, SWIFT or telegraphic or electronic transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form enclosed with this Prospectus. Other methods of payment are subject to the prior approval of the Company. No interest will be paid in respect of payments received in circumstances where the application is held over until a subsequent Dealing Day.

Currency of Payment

Subscription monies are payable in the currency of denomination of the relevant Share Class.

However, subscriptions may be made in any freely convertible currency accepted by the Administrator but will be converted into the currency of denomination of the relevant Share Class at the rate of exchange available to the Administrator. The cost of conversion shall be deducted from the monies subscribed by an investor and the amount remaining will then be invested in Shares. The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that the value of Shares subscribed for in a currency other than the currency of denomination of the relevant Share Class will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the relevant currency of denomination.

Timing of Payment

Payment in respect of subscriptions must be received in cleared funds by the Administrator no later than 3 Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day provided that the Company reserves the right to defer the issue of Shares until receipt of cleared subscription monies by the Fund. If payment in cleared funds in respect of a subscription has not been received by the relevant time, the Manager or its delegate may (and in the event of non-clearance of funds, shall) cancel the allotment and/or charge the investor interest based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) as fixed by the Bank of England + 1.5% for the relevant subscribed currency, which will be paid to the Manager together with an administration fee of Stg£100, or its relevant subscribed currency equivalent. The Company may waive either of such charges in whole or in part. In addition, the Manager has the right to sell all or part of the investor's holding of Shares in the Fund or any other Fund of the Company in order to meet such charges.

Confirmation of Ownership

Confirmation of each purchase of Shares will be sent to Shareholders within 48 hours of the purchase being made. Confirmation will normally be dispatched by email or facsimile where the relevant and proper contact details have been provided to the Administrator, or alternatively by post at the discretion of the Administrator. Title to Shares will be evidenced by the entering of the investor's name on the Company's register of Shareholders and no certificates will be issued.

11. Redemption of Shares

Requests for the redemption of Shares should be made to the Administrator whose details are set out in the Application Form on behalf of the Company by way of a signed application form or facsimile or written communication or email or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Requests for redemption received prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any requests for redemption received after the Dealing Deadline for a Dealing Day will be processed on the next Dealing Day unless the Company in its absolute discretion determines otherwise. Redemption requests received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances as determined and agreed by the Directors, and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders. Redemption requests will only be accepted for processing where cleared funds and completed documents including documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks are in place from original subscriptions. No redemption payment will be made from an investor holding until the subscription application form and all documentation required by or on behalf of the Company (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) has been received from the investor and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

The redemption price per Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share.

Method of Payment

Redemption payments following processing of instructions received by telefax will only be made to the bank account detailed on the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator in writing.

Currency of Payment

Shareholders will normally be repaid in the currency of denomination of the relevant Share Class. If, however, a Shareholder requests to be repaid in any other freely convertible currency, the necessary foreign exchange transaction may be arranged by the Administrator (at its discretion) on behalf of the Shareholder and the cost of conversion shall be deducted from the redemption proceeds payable to the Shareholder.

Timing of Payment

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares will be paid within 5 Business Days of the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

Withdrawal of Redemption Requests

Requests for redemption may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

Compulsory/Total Redemption

Shares of the Fund may be compulsorily redeemed and all the Shares may be redeemed in the circumstances described in the Prospectus under the sub-headings "Compulsory Redemption of Shares" and "Total Redemption of Shares".

12. Conversion of Shares

Subject to the Minimum Subscription requirements of the relevant Fund or Classes, Shareholders may request conversion of some or all of their Shares in one Fund or Class to Shares in another Fund or Class or another Class in the same Fund in accordance with the procedures specified in the Prospectus under the heading "Conversion of Shares".

13. Dividends and Distributions

Distribution Shares

The Company may in general meeting declare dividends but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. Dividends, if declared, will be paid semi-annually within four months of declaration. It is intended that the Fund will pursue a distribution policy so that the Fund will be able to obtain certification as a "Reporting Fund" under the United Kingdom Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 for the purpose of United Kingdom taxation. A failure of the Fund to comply with this requirement will result in the Fund failing to obtain such certification.

If sufficient income is available in respect of the Fund, the Directors' current intention is to make distributions in each financial year of substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) accruing to that proportion of the Fund attributable to the Distribution Share Classes in respect of the period from the relevant Ex-Dividend Date (as set out below) to the following semi-annual period (a Distribution Period).

Dividends may be paid out of net investment income. Dividends will not be paid out of the capital of the Fund.

Fees and expenses may be charged against income, or against capital in order to enable the Fund to pay a larger distribution amount. Where fees and expenses are paid out of the capital of the Fund, the capital of the Fund may be eroded and income will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth.

The dividend distribution dates of the Fund are set out below.

Ex-Dividend Date

First Business Day in January

First Business Day in July

For Distribution By

Last Business Day in January

Last Business Day in July

Equalisation

The Fund operates equalisation in relation to all Distribution Share Classes. A Shareholder who has purchased Distribution Shares during a Distribution Period will receive a distribution made up of two amounts:

- income which has accrued from the date of purchase, and
- capital which represents the return of the equalisation element.

The effect is that income is distributed to Shareholders in proportion to the duration of their ownership of the Distribution Shares in the relevant Distribution Period. All Distribution Shares purchased during a Distribution Period will contain in their purchase price an amount called equalisation which represents a proportion of the income (if any) of the Fund, attributable to the relevant Distribution Share Class, that has accrued (but has not been distributed) up to the date of issue. The amount of equalisation is averaged across all the Shareholders of the relevant Distribution Share Class and is refunded to them as part of the first distribution after their purchase of Distribution Shares. Such returned equalisation may be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes depending on the tax rules in the country where a Shareholder pays tax. Shareholders of all Distribution Share Classes who redeem their Shares will receive an amount which will include the income accrued to the date of redemption and which may be treated as income for tax purposes, subject to the tax rules in the country where a Shareholder pays tax.

Shareholders of Distribution Shares may elect in their application for Shares either to receive dividends in cash or to reinvest the dividend amount in further Shares. In the absence of the Shareholder making the election as above, the Fund shall reinvest the dividend payment in Shares, until otherwise directed in writing by the Shareholder. If dividends are to be paid in cash, they will normally be paid by electronic transfer at the Shareholder's risk and expense.

If a dividend is not payable, all income and gains of the Fund will be accumulated within the Fund. Dividends which are not claimed or collected within six years of payment shall revert to and form part of the assets of the Fund. Dividends will be paid by cheque or bank transfer at the expense of Shareholders. Shareholders may elect to re-invest dividends in additional Shares in the Fund by ticking the appropriate box on the Application Form.

Accumulation Shares

Income attributable to Accumulation Share Classes will not be distributed but will be accumulated within the Fund.

14. Risk Factors

The attention of investors is drawn to the “Risk Factors” section in the Section of the Prospectus entitled “The Company”, in particular the following risk factors:

- Investment in Equity Securities
- Concentration Risk
- Special Risks Associated with investment in Asia Pacific
- Risks associated with the Stock Connect Scheme

15. Investment Restrictions

Notwithstanding Point 3.1 of Appendix I – Investment Restrictions in the Prospectus, the Fund may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in aggregate in other collective investment schemes.

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

- ☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** ____%
- ☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
 - ☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- ☐ It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective:** ____%

- ☐ It promotes **Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ____% of sustainable investments
- ☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
 - ☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
 - ☐ with a social objective
- ☒ It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The fund promotes environmental and social characteristics in the following manner:

The fund will not invest in companies as per the Investment Manager's exclusion policy (to include, but not limited to, companies directly involved in the design, manufacture or sale of cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines, and companies that generate a certain revenue, as determined by the Investment Manager, via thermal coal extraction or thermal coal power generation). For further details on the exclusions applied, a copy of the exclusion policy can be found [here](#).

The Investment Manager undertakes engagement activities, where relevant, to encourage investee companies to improve aspects of some or all of their environmental, social or governance practices.

The Investment Manager assesses the environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, in particular with respect to company-specific material ESG factors and overall disclosure through qualitative and quantitative analysis of company and third-party data. Examples of ESG factors may

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

include, but are not limited to, climate and environmental indicators, social and human capital factors, management remuneration and incentivisation, carbon intensity and carbon transition risk, and governance factors.

● ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

To measure the attainment of the environmental or social characteristics, the investment manager will use material climate, other environmental and social indicators to the extent that relevant data is available, alongside an assessment of management remuneration and incentivisation, carbon intensity and carbon transition risk, and governance factors.

More information on the indicators can be found in the sustainability related website disclosures [here](#).

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

Not applicable. The fund promotes environmental and social characteristics, but does not commit to make any sustainable investments.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

n/a

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

n/a

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

n/a

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Currently, third party methodology and ratings provide different and often conflicting outcomes. The Investment Manager is continuing to monitor data that is reliably made available.



What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with both income and long-term capital appreciation.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Fund intends to primarily invest in equity and equity related securities of companies that are either primarily traded on market exchanges in the Asia Pacific Region including Japan (the “Region”) or that derive at least 50% of their revenues from business activities in that Region, but which may be listed and traded on other Recognised Exchanges. The Fund intends to invest primarily in companies which pay dividends.

The Investment Manager assesses the environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, in particular with respect to company-specific material ESG factors and overall disclosure through qualitative and quantitative analysis of company and third-party data. Examples of such ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, climate and environmental indicators, social and human capital factors, management remuneration and incentivisation, carbon intensity and carbon transition risk, and governance factors. Such assessments are designed to aid evaluation of a company’s competitive advantages, growth drivers, profitability, and exposure to material risks alongside traditional financial metrics.

The Investment Manager analyses how well a company manages its material ESG exposures. For the environmental and social categories, the Investment Manager evaluates factors specific to the company’s industry and for the governance category, the Investment Manager evaluates a company with consideration to regional norms.

The Fund will not invest in companies as per the Investment Manager’s exclusion policy. A copy of the exclusion policy can be found [here](#).

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the environmental, social and governance characteristics outlined above on a regular basis through ongoing monitoring of key indicators using company and third-party data providers.

- ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Fund will not invest in companies as per the Investment Manager's exclusion policy. A copy of the exclusion policy can be found [here](#).

The Investment Manager's ESG analysis as described above.

- ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

No such commitment.

- ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Good governance practices (including, but not limited to, sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance) are assessed by the Investment Manager using company and third-party data. The Investment Manager's good governance policy is available [here](#).

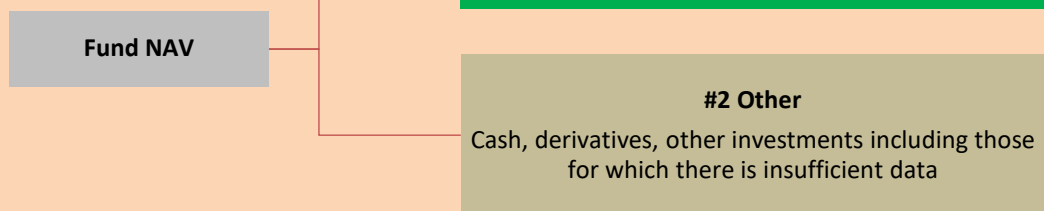


What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The above asset allocation is a minimum asset allocation and allocations may be higher than the minimum disclosed at any given time.

● ***How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?***

Derivatives are not used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

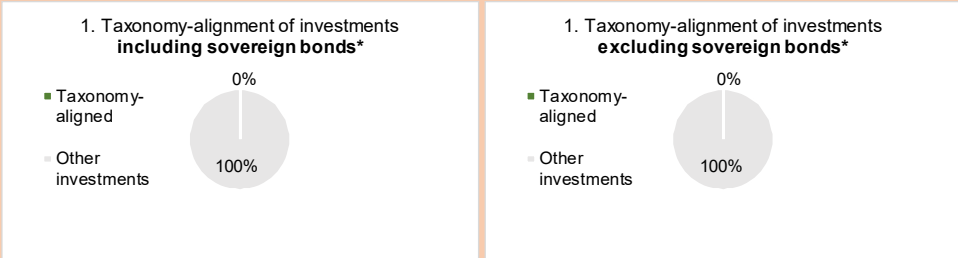
Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of NAV.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

0% of NAV.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of NAV. The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics, but does not commit to make any sustainable investments. Taxonomy-aligned investments are a sub-set of sustainable investments.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

0% of NAV. The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics, but does not commit to make any sustainable investments.



What investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments such as cash held as ancillary liquidity or derivatives used for hedging purposes, in accordance with the provisions in the Supplement for the Fund.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

No

- *How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?*

n/a

- *How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?*

n/a

- *How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?*

n/a

- *Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?*

n/a

Where can I find more product specific information online?



More product-specific information can be found on the website:

<https://www.guinnessgi.com/funds/guinness-asian-equity-income-fund>

Reference benchmarks
are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.