

**SUPPLEMENT**  
**Guinness China A Share Fund**  
**Dated 19 April 2024**

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Guinness China A Share 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Greater China Fund
- Guinness Multi-Asset Balanced Fund
- Guinness Multi-Asset Growth Fund
- Guinness China RMB Income Fund

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong is open for northbound trading through Stock Connect 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.
“China A Shares”	means shares denominated in CNY trading on mainland China exchanges: including but not limited to the Shanghai Stock Exchange, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and the Beijing Stock Exchange.
“CNH”	is the abbreviation given to CNY that is bought and sold in the offshore market outside mainland China and refers to the exchange rate used in conversion. The currency unit is the same as the CNY.
“CNY”	is the official abbreviation for the Chinese Yuan, also called the Renminbi (RMB) which is the formal name of China’s currency.
“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.
“Initial Price”	means GBP/EUR/USD 10.00 or CNH 100 per relevant Share Class.

“RMB” is short for Renminbi, the official name of China’s currency. The Yuan is the unit of currency hence, 1 Renminbi Yuan or 1 Yuan. The currency is also informally known as the Chinese Yuan (CNY, see above).

“Stock Connect Scheme” is a Mutual Market Access programme through which Mainland China and Hong Kong investors can trade and settle shares listed in the other market via the stock exchanges and clearing houses in their home market.

“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 Renminbi CNH.

## 3. Classes

The Company has established the following Classes:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Minimum Subscription (*Initial Subscription)</b>	<b>Management Fee Tier 1 fee rate</b>	<b>Management Fee Tier 2 fee rate</b>
Class C GBP Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
Class C EUR Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
Class C USD Accumulation	Nil	1.99%	1.75%
I USD Accumulation	US\$10 million	0.89%	0.89%
Class Y GBP Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y EUR Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y CNH Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class Y USD Accumulation	Nil	0.89%	0.75%
Class F GBP Accumulation	Nil	0.35%	0.35%
Class F EUR Accumulation	Nil	0.35%	0.35%
Class F USD Accumulation	Nil	0.35%	0.35%

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 F Shares: (Founder Shares)** For those founder shareholders who subscribe as part of the initial offer of the Class F Shares, or unless otherwise explicitly agreed in writing with the Investment Manager.

## **4. Fees and Expenses**

All or part of the fees and expenses of the Fund may be charged to the capital of the Fund. For further information on fees and expenses of the Fund, please refer to the section of the Prospectus headed "Fees and Expenses".

### *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 Depositary, 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. Subject to the requirements of the Central Bank, 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.

For the avoidance of doubt, the portion of the Management Fee remaining after the payment of administration expenses (as described above) will be retained by the Investment Manager as an investment management fee.

#### *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. Whilst the Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics in the manner described in the “Investment Strategy” of this Supplement, the Fund has not elected to invest in Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective as defined in Article 2(17) of the SFDR, and it follows that the Fund does not elect to invest in taxonomy aligned investments, which are a sub-set of “Sustainable Investments”. The percentage of investments of the Fund aligned with the EU Taxonomy (including in transitional and enabling activities) is therefore 0% of the net assets of the Fund.

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 proportion of this financial product 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 long-term capital appreciation.

## **8. Investment Policy**

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Fund intends to directly invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities (China A Shares) of Mainland China-listed companies with a market capitalization typically in excess of US\$500 million at the time of initial investment. The Fund may invest through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme (together, the “Stock Connect scheme”).

The equity or equity related securities in which the Fund may invest include common stocks, real estate investment trusts (REITs), depositary receipts, preferred stocks, , rights and warrants. The Fund will not invest in rights issues but may acquire and hold them if they are issued by companies held in the Fund. Any warrants would be related to equities which meet the investment criteria of the Fund. No more than 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund will be invested in warrants. The securities in which the Fund may invest will be listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange. The Fund will not invest in Russia/Russian securities.

Under normal market conditions the Fund intends to invest in at least 20 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 outside China which derive at least 50% of their revenues from China or have at least 50% of their assets in China.

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 (subject to UCITS diversification requirements), cash investments such as bank deposits and certificates of deposit or high quality investment grade short-term money market instruments (such as commercial paper, treasury bills and bankers acceptance). 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 equity 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 China A Onshore Net

Return 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. The economic and market factors are linked to the Investment Manager’s belief that a focus on structural growth themes is the best approach for identifying companies which can grow earnings. The Investment Manager analyses trends it sees in China as well as in global markets to identify these structural growth themes. Detailed analysis of the underlying business is carried out through the due diligence process. This involves financial analysis of the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statements.

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 0.01 of a Share.

Subscription monies, representing less than 0.01 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 Company 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 Company 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**

Written 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**

### ***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
- Risks Associated with investment in China
- Risks associated with the Stock Connect Scheme

## **15. Sustainability Risk**

The management of sustainability risk forms an important part of the due diligence process implemented by the Investment Manager.

When assessing the sustainability risk associated with underlying investments, the Investment Manager is assessing the risk that the value of such underlying investments could be materially

negatively impacted by environmental, social or governance factors.

Using both quantitative and qualitative processes, sustainability risk is identified, monitored and managed by the Investment Manager in the following manner:

Prior to acquiring investments on behalf of the Fund, the Investment Manager uses ESG research from proprietary analysis and/or from third party data providers ("Data Providers") in order to assess the relevant investment against sustainability risks. This process incorporates applying both an exclusion policy (further details of which are available from the Investment Manager) whereby potential investments are removed from the investment universe on the basis that they pose too great a risk to the Fund on sustainability, ethical or other grounds or based on the view of the Investment Manager (for example, cluster munitions) and assessment of sustainability risks and opportunities.

During the life of the investment, sustainability risk is monitored through review of ESG factors to determine whether the level of sustainability risk has changed materially since the initial assessment has been conducted. The sustainability risk associated with a particular investment is taken into consideration when the Investment Manager considers changing the Fund's exposure to the relevant investment, taking into account the best interests of the Shareholders of the Fund.

The Investment Manager has determined that the sustainability risk (being the risk that the value of a Fund could be materially negatively impacted by environmental, social or governance events, conditions or practices) faced by underlying investments is not material. This is supported by the integration of sustainability risk assessment into the investment management process and by the diversification of holdings in each of the Funds that mitigates the chance of the sustainability risk of an individual holding materially negatively impacting the value of the Fund.

## **16. 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.

Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**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.

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.

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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**



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

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are:

- The fund will not invest in companies, as per the Investment Manager's exclusion policy (directly involved in the design, manufacture or sale of cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines, and companies that generate more than 30% of 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 at (<https://www.guinnessgi.com/about-us/responsible-investment#tab-literature>).
- The Investment Manager assesses the environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, in particular with respect to company-specific ESG factors and overall disclosure through qualitative and quantitative analysis of company and third-party data. Examples of ESG factors include climate and environmental indicators, social and human capital factors, management remuneration and incentivisation, carbon intensity and carbon transition risk, and governance factors.

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 would consider it relevant to undertake engagement activities in the event that it identifies a company in its portfolio that does not comply with the exclusion policy. In such a scenario, the Investment Manager will contact the company directly for confirmation of their involvement in an excluded activity. Following confirmation of their involvement in this activity, the Investment Manager will divest any such holdings within 90 business days.

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

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund are:

- To implement the exclusion policy, exclusion lists of companies are created based on information provided by independent third-party sources. The exclusion lists are updated on an annual basis and are distributed periodically across the firm. In the event the Investment Manager identifies a company in the Fund that does not comply with these policy requirements, the Investment Manager will contact the company directly for confirmation of their involvement in an excluded activity. Following confirmation of involvement in this activity, divestment of any such holdings will be made within 90 business days.
- To measure the attainment of environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, the Investment Manager first identifies the specific exposures to each company, determined by its industry. Once identified, the Investment Manager analyses the significance of the

exposure and progress made by management in mitigation and improvement. This analysis incorporates both third party sources as well as the Investment Manager's own data. The investment manager will use 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 at (<https://www.guinnessgi.com/funds/guinness-china-a-share-fund#tab-literature>).

- ***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.





**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.

## What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

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

In seeking to achieve its investment objective the Fund intends to directly invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities (China A Shares) of Mainland China-listed companies with a market capitalization typically in excess of US\$500 million at the time of initial investment. The Fund may invest through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme (together, the “Stock Connect scheme”).

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. The economic and market factors are linked to the Investment Manager’s belief that a focus on structural growth themes is the best approach for identifying companies which can grow earnings. The Investment Manager analyses trends it sees in China as well as in global markets to identify these structural growth themes. Detailed analysis of the underlying business is carried out through the due diligence process. This involves financial analysis of the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statements.

The fund will not invest in companies, as per the Investment Manager’s exclusion policy (directly involved in the design, manufacture or sale of cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines, and companies that generate more than 30% of 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 at (<https://www.guinnessgi.com/about-us/responsible-investment#tab-literature>).

The Investment Manager assesses the environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, in particular with respect to company-specific ESG factors and overall disclosure through qualitative and quantitative analysis of company and third-party data. Examples of ESG factors include climate and environmental indicators, social and human capital factors, management remuneration and incentivisation, carbon intensity and carbon transition risk, and governance factors.

To measure the attainment of environmental and social credentials of investee companies, and their governance practices, the Investment Manager first identifies the specific exposures to each company, determined by its industry. Once identified, the Investment Manager analyses the significance of the exposure and progress made by management in mitigation and improvement. This analysis incorporates both third party sources as well as the Investment Manager’s own data.

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 would consider it relevant to undertake engagement activities in the event that it identifies a company in its portfolio that does not comply with the exclusion policy. In such a scenario, the Investment Manager will contact the company directly for confirmation of their involvement in an excluded activity. Following confirmation of their involvement in this activity, the Investment Manager will divest any such holdings within 90 business days.

- ***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 at (<https://www.guinnessgi.com/about-us/responsible-investment#tab-literature>).

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 at (<https://www.guinnessgi.com/about-us/responsible-investment#tab-literature>).

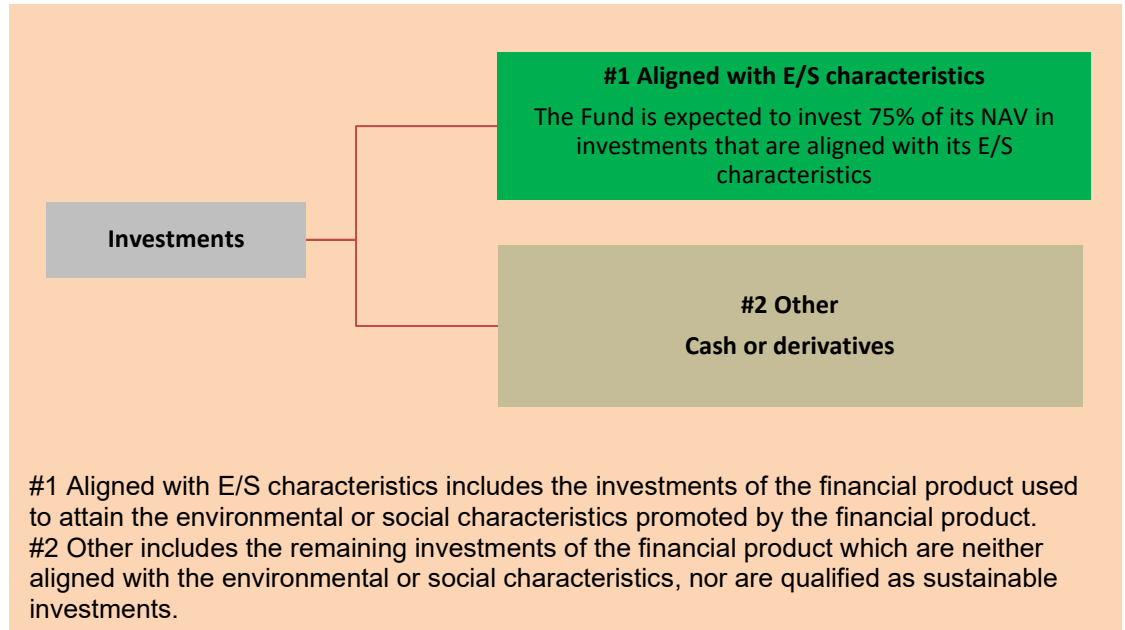


## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

**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.



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

There are no minimum environmental or social safeguards.

### ● **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.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**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.

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



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

0%

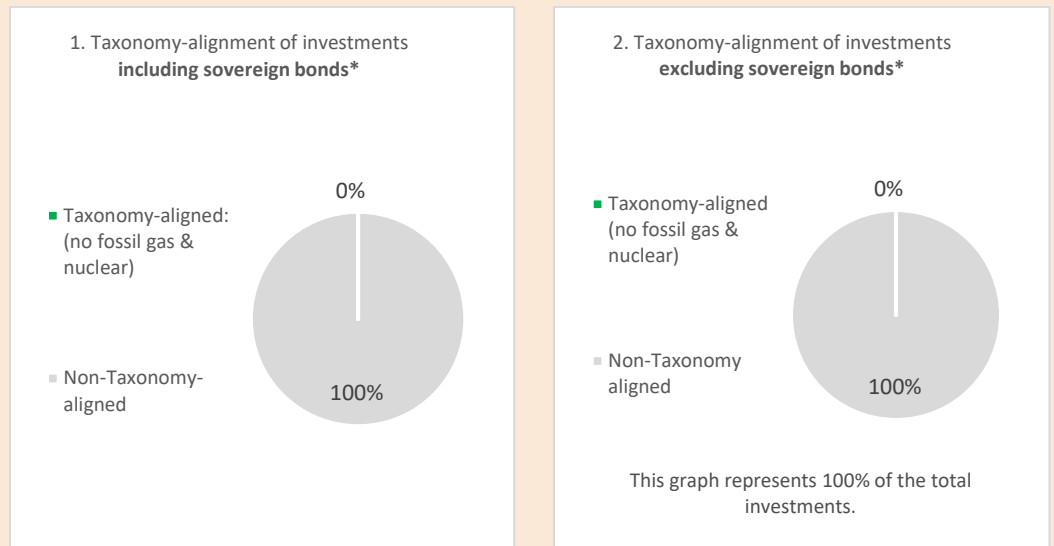
- **Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

Yes:

In fossil gas     In nuclear energy

No

*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.

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



**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.



**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

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

- ***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-china-a-share-fund>