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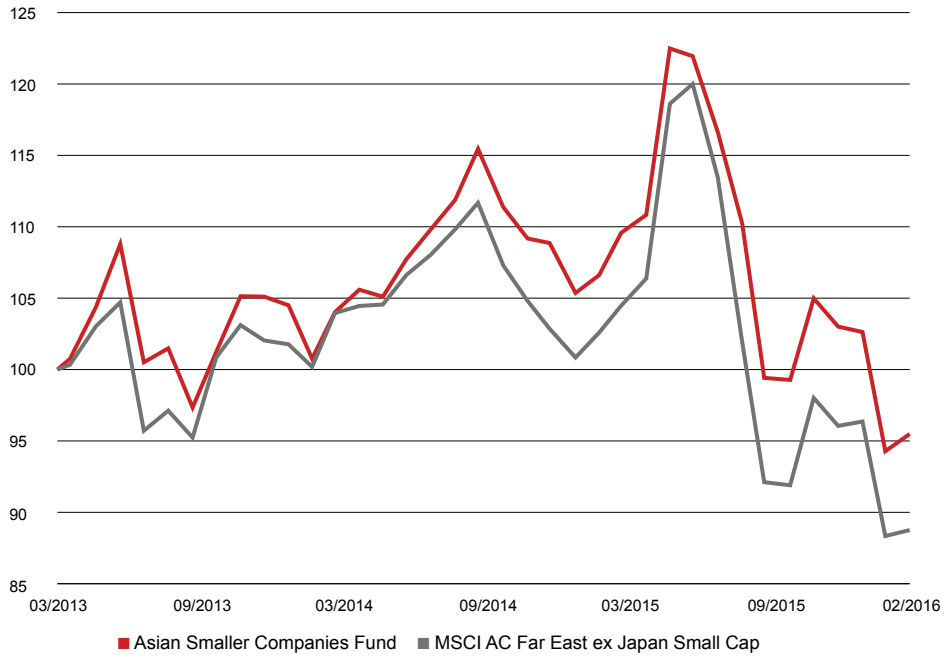
Asian Smaller Companies Fund

Fund Review

The fund outperformed the benchmark by 0.80% during February (net of fees and other expenses). Attribution analysis shows that country allocation was a positive contributor while stock selection results detracted from the relative performance. In terms of country allocation, the underweight position in Korea and overweight positions in Indonesia and the Philippines added value, while the underweight position in Taiwan had a negative impact. There were positive stock selection contributions from Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia, with negative results in Singapore, China and Hong Kong.

Asian equities followed the global equity markets lower during February. Banks were sold off worldwide, weighed down by concerns about ever lower and in some cases negative interest rates. In China, the People's Bank of China announced another 50 basis point cut in the reserve requirement ratio for bank deposits. Meanwhile in Europe, deflation fears and worries over the United Kingdom's European Union membership referendum scheduled for June weighed on the market. The MSCI All Country Far East ex Japan Small Cap Index outperformed the MSCI All Country Far East ex Japan Index, especially in the Philippines, China and Indonesia.

Performance of USD 100 since inception against Benchmark



Cumulative performance in USD (%) of Class Z shares

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	Since Inception
Fund	1.28	-7.30	-3.95	-6.96	-12.85	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	0.48	-7.59	-3.64	-7.89	-15.04	n/a	n/a

Standardised performance as at 31 December 2015 in USD (%) of Class Z shares

	2016/2015	2015/2014	2014/2013	2013/2012
Fund	-2.60	0.83	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	-4.44	-0.91	n/a	n/a

Source: Nomura Asset Management U.K. Ltd based on Net Asset Value per share calculated by BBH, in USD.

February 2016

Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth through investment in a portfolio of small capitalisation equity securities listed in Asian countries excluding Japan.

Investment Style

- Strong focus on fundamental analysis.
- Bottom up strategy with top down considerations.
- Quality approach to stock selection.

Benchmark

MSCI All Countries Far East ex Japan Small Cap Index

Key Facts

Launch Date	12th March 2013
Fund Type	ICVC
Domicile	Ireland
Base Currency	USD
NAV Currencies	EUR, GBP, USD
Year End	31 December
Morningstar Sector	Asia Ex Japan
Bloomberg Code	NASCZDU (USD, Z)
ISIN Code	IE00B6XTYC57 (USD, Z)
Trading Cutoff	12:00 GMT
Trading Frequency	Daily
Valuation Frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	15:00 GMT
Settlement	T + 4
Fund Size	USD 9.77 m
Number of holdings	71
NAV (I Share)	USD 95.49 (I Class)

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Top 10 Holdings

	% active weight
SITC International Hldgs	3.66
Minth Group Ltd	3.61
Kb Insurance Co Ltd	2.99
WT Microelectronics Co	2.80
Poya Co Ltd	2.53
Scientex Bhd	2.48
TXC Corp	2.44
Sheng Siong Group Ltd	2.37
China Merchants Hldgs Pac	2.22
Dongpeng Holdings	2.18

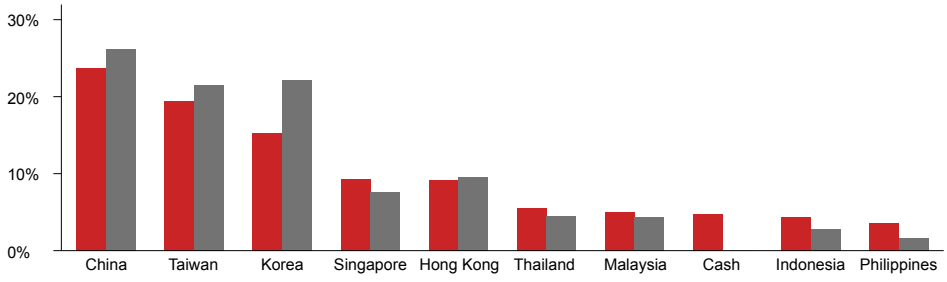
Top 10 Overweight

	% active weight
SITC International Hldgs	3.54
Minth Group Ltd	3.36
Kb Insurance Co Ltd	2.77
WT Microelectronics	2.71
Scientex Bhd	2.44
Poya Intl.	2.42
TXC Corp	2.36
Sheng Siong Group	2.30
China Mrch.Hdg.(Pac.)	2.17
Dongpeng Holdings	2.15

Top 10 Underweight

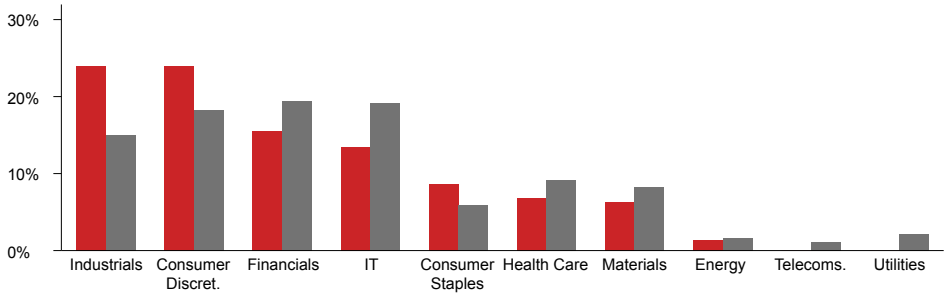
	% active weight
SATS	-0.41
Vtech Holdings	-0.39
Hopewell Holdings	-0.38
Shenzhen Intl.Hdg.	-0.37
Sunny Optical Tech.(Gp.)	-0.36
Esprit Holdings	-0.34
Singapore Post	-0.33
Tech Pro Tech. Dev.	-0.33
Venture	-0.33
Medy-Tox	-0.31

Geographic Breakdown



	China	Taiwan	Korea	Singapore	Hong Kong	Thailand	Malaysia	Cash	Indonesia	Philippines
Fund	23.75	19.48	15.20	9.27	9.20	5.55	4.95	4.71	4.32	3.58
Benchmark	26.21	21.48	22.09	7.59	9.58	4.42	4.31	0.00	2.76	1.56

Sector Breakdown



	Industrials	Consumer Discret.	Financials	IT	Consumer Staples	Health Care	Materials	Energy	Telecoms.	Utilities
Fund	24.01	23.93	15.48	13.49	8.70	6.79	6.26	1.35	0.00	0.00
Benchmark	15.00	18.25	19.42	19.14	5.91	9.12	8.30	1.62	1.15	2.11

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Investment Manager

Nomura Asset Management Singapore Ltd

Fund Manager



Wakaba Kawai has over 16 years' investment experience and has been at Nomura since 2005.

Share Class Details

Management Fee	1.00% (I Class)
	1.50% (A Class)
Min Initial Sub	$1m (I Class)
	$5,000 (A Class)
Min Further Sub	$250k (I Class)
	$2,500 (A Class)
Initial Commission	0.00% (I Class)
	Max 5.00% (A Class)

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