

## Important note:

1. BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Flexi Allocation Fund (the "Fund") seeks to achieve long-term capital growth and income by investing in equity securities or debt securities that are either traded in the Asia Pacific region or issued by companies incorporated in the Asia Pacific region or companies which have significant operations in or derive significant portion of revenue from the Asia Pacific region.
2. The Fund invests in emerging markets and may be subject to higher liquidity and volatility risks.
3. The Fund invests directly in REITs, equities, ETFs and managed funds, and is thus subject to the risks generally associated with such asset classes, including but not limited to liquidity of the asset class, changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic, business and social conditions in the Asia Pacific region.
4. The Fund may invest in below investment grade or non-rated debt securities including high yield bonds, which are subject to greater credit and liquidity risks than higher-rated securities.
5. The manager may at its discretion make distributions from income and/or capital in respect of the distributing classes of the Fund. Investors should note that the distributions paid out of capital amount to a return or withdrawal of part of the unitholder's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such distribution may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit.
6. In terms of currency hedged class units, adverse exchange rate fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund and the class currency of the currency hedged class units may result in a decrease in return and/or loss of capital for unitholders. Over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise and there can be no assurance that these currency hedged class units will be hedged at all times or that the manager will be successful in employing the hedge.
7. Investors may invest in RMB (Hedged) units. It should be noted that the RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency as it is subject to foreign exchange control policies of the Chinese government. There is also no assurance that the RMB will not be subject to devaluation. Any devaluation of the RMB could adversely affect the value of investors' investments. There is no guarantee that the hedging strategy will be effective and investors may still be subject to the RMB currency exchange risk.
8. The Fund may enter into futures contracts for hedging and investment purposes. Given the leverage effect embedded in futures contracts, the Fund may be exposed to significant losses.
9. Investors should not make an investment decision based solely on this material.

## BEA Union Investment Asia Pacific Flexi Allocation Fund

### Positive Factors Continue to Support Asia Pacific Equities



#### Highlights:

1. Chinese property stocks rebound after shanty town clearance programmes are accelerated
2. Oil prices rally in response to a weaker U.S. dollar and OPEC's production cuts agreement, which could help boost the energy sector
3. The Fund has risen 23.7%<sup>1</sup> in 2017

#### Fund Features

- The Fund is an Asia Pacific equity-biased mixed-asset income fund, which invests in a prudent selection of blue-chip stocks with stable earnings and dividend growth potential.
- The Fund captures Asia Pacific blue chips' appreciation potential using a strategy of lower volatility, it employs flexible allocation in Asia Pacific bonds to enhance returns and diversity portfolio risks.

#### Market Review and Outlook

##### Equities

- Mainland China's property sector rebounded as home prices stabilised. The recently announced acceleration of shanty town clearance programmes will help absorb inventory in 2018. Market data also showed that home sales and new home starts recovered in November last year.
- Crude oil prices have continued to rally in response to a weaker U.S. dollar and OPEC's agreement on production cuts. Earnings upgrade in the energy sector is expected.

- The market suspect the new smartphone model may have weaker sales than expected, which could impact overall smartphone shipments in 2018. This has caused a strong correction in the relevant technology stocks.
- The Bank of Thailand issued a more positive economic growth outlook, raising the country's GDP forecast for 2017 and 2018.

#### Bonds

- In terms of Asian investment grade bonds, long-dated Southeast Asian sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns, and state-owned oil companies outperformed in 2017. This was mainly driven by the accommodative interest rate environment, compressed yield spreads, and the strong recovery in commodity prices.
- In terms of Asian high yield bonds, Indonesia and India bonds outperformed because of lower bond issuance supply and scarcity value, as well as the strong recovery of commodity prices.

### Investment Strategy

#### Equities

- The IT sector in the Greater China region corrected near the year end of last year. The Fund is reducing its positions in Taiwan, while increasing its positions in materials and the financial sector.

#### Bonds

- The Fund continues to maintain its bond weighting between 20% and 30%. The portfolio's duration has remained underweight in light of the consensus market expectation of further U.S. rate hikes in 2018.

### Fund Performance and Dividend

#### Performance<sup>1</sup> : A USD (Distributing)



#### Dividend

December 2017	Dividend per Unit	Annualised Dividend Yield <sup>2</sup>
A USD (Distributing)	US\$ 0.042	5.0%
A HKD (Distributing)	HK\$ 0.420	4.9%
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	AU\$ 0.052	6.5%
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	RMB 0.590	6.9%
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	NZD0.057	7.1%

Throughout most of the time since launch, 100% of the Fund's dividends came from net distributable income.

\* Since launch till 31 December of the same year. A USD (Distributing) launched on 6 February 2015.

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## Fund Code

	ISIN	Bloomberg
A USD (Accumulating)	HK0000224250	BEAPAUH HK
A USD (Distributing)	HK0000224201	BEAPAUH HK
A HKD (Distributing)	HK0000224219	BEAPAHH HK
A AUD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224227	BEAPAUH HK
A RMB Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224235	BEAFARH HK
A NZD Hedged (Distributing)	HK0000224243	BEAPANH HK

Source of the fund data: BEA Union Investment Management Limited, as at 31 December 2017.

1. Source: Lipper, as at 31 December 2017. The quoted NAV is for A USD (Distributing) launched on 6 February 2015, performance is calculated in the respective class of denominated currencies on a NAV to NAV basis. Gross income is re-invested.
2. Annualised dividend yield = (dividend of December x 12) / last month end NAV x 100%. The manager may at its discretion make distributions from income and/or capital in respect of the distributing classes of the Fund. Such distribution may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit. Dividend only applies to distributing classes and is not guaranteed. Past dividend record is not indicative of future dividend likely to be achieved. Please note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Investors should not make any investment decision solely based on information contained above. You should read the relevant offering document (including the key facts statement) of the Fund for further details including the risk factors.

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