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# UBS China A Opportunity Equity Fund USD P-acc

## Fund Fact Sheet

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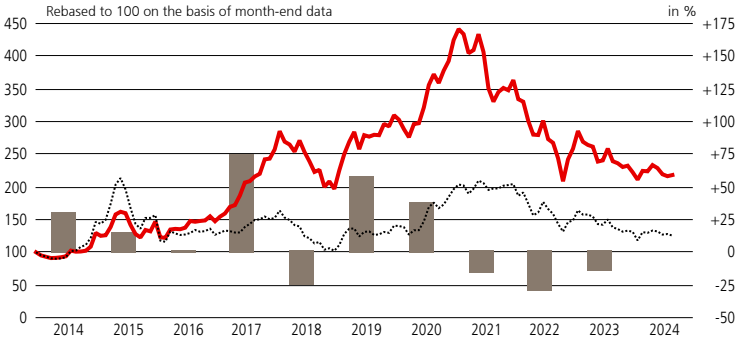
### Fund description

- The actively managed fund invests principally in Chinese firms and the majority of net assets are invested in China A Shares, which are stocks in Chinese companies that are registered in China's local markets and can only be traded by the local Chinese and selected foreign institutional investors who are allotted Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors ("QFII") quota.
- The Fund is managed by a team of experienced equity specialists who are well-acquainted with the Chinese financial markets.
- The portfolio manager is not tied to the benchmark in terms of investment selection or weight.

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of fund | **UBS (Lux) Investment SICAV - China A Opportunity (USD)** |
| Share class | UBS (Lux) Investment SICAV - China A Opportunity (USD) P-acc |
| ISIN | LU0971614614 |
| Securities no. | 22 299 089 |
| Bloomberg | UBCAPA2 LX |
| Currency of fund / share class | USD/USD |
| Launch date | 29.11.2013 |
| Issue/redemption | daily |
| Swing pricing | yes |
| Accounting year end | 31 January |
| Benchmark | MSCI China A Onshore (net div. reinv.) |
| Distribution | Reinvestment |
| Management fee p.a. | 1.60% |
| Ongoing costs p.a.[1] | 2.09% |
| Name of the Management Company | UBS Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A., Luxembourg |
| Fund domicile | Luxembourg |
| SFDR Classification | Art.8 |
| Overall Morningstar Rating | ★★★★ |

1 As at 17.07.2024, without transaction costs

### Performance (basis USD, net of fees)[1]




Fund performance net of fees (left-hand scale)
Fund performance per year in % net of fees (right-hand scale)
Index performance (left-hand scale)

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

| in % | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 YTD[2] | Aug. 2024 | 5 years | Ø p.a. 5 years |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund (USD) | 37.11 | -14.42 | -28.90 | -13.89 | -1.93 | 0.83 | -22.00 | -4.85 |
| Benchmark[3] | 39.70 | 4.03 | -27.23 | -11.65 | -4.51 | -1.92 | -0.86 | -0.17 |

The performance shown does not take account of any commissions, entry or exit charges.

1 These figures refer to the past. **If the currency of a financial product, financial service or its costs is different from your reference currency, the return and/or costs can increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations**. Source for all data and chart (if not indicated otherwise): UBS Asset Management.
2 YTD: year-to-date (since beginning of the year)
3 Benchmark in currency of share class (without costs)

Name changed on 24.11.2016: from UBS (Lux) Institutional SICAV II - China A Opportunity (USD) to UBS (Lux) Investment SICAV - China A Opportunity (USD)

### Current data

| | |
|---|---|
| Net asset value (USD, 30.08.2024) | 216.20 |
| Last 12 months (USD) – high | 243.34 |
| – low | 207.15 |
| Total fund assets (USD m) (30.08.2024) | 1 081.51 |
| Share class assets (USD m) | 617.78 |

| | 2 years | 3 years | 5 years |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beta | 1.04% | 0.97 | 0.95 |
| Volatility[1] | | | |
| – Fund | 23.36%% | 22.12% | 21.76% |
| – Benchmark | 20.48% | 20.56% | 20.27% |
| Sharpe ratio | -0.63 | -0.75 | -0.33 |
| Risk free rate | 4.98% | 3.55% | 2.40% |

1 Annualised standard deviation

### For more information

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### Sector exposure (%)

| Sectors | Portfolio |
|---|---|
| Consumer Staples | 21.79 |
| Health Care | 21.01 |
| Cash | 15.00 |
| Financial Services | 13.44 |
| Communication Services | 12.78 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.57 |
| Materials | 2.10 |
| Real estate | 0.90 |
| Industrials | 0.41 |
| Energy | 0.00 |
| Information Technology | 0.00 |
| Utility | 0.00 |

### 10 largest equity positions (%)[1]

| | Fund |
|---|---|
| Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd | 10.2 |
| China Merchants Bank Co Ltd | 9.4 |
| Yunnan Baiyao Group Co Ltd | 9.2 |
| Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co Ltd | 5.7 |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd | 4.5 |
| NetEase Inc | 4.4 |
| Midea Group Co Ltd | 3.9 |
| Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co Ltd | 3.9 |
| China Mobile Ltd | 3.8 |
| Dong-E-E-Jiao Co Ltd | 3.1 |

1 This is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security

### Benefits

Easy access to investment opportunities provided by a rapidly growing Chinese economy. Investors gain access to local Chinese shares, e.g. China A shares.
An experienced portfolio management team, that can leverage local investment expertise in the Chinese market via our joint venture UBS SDIC in China

### Risks

UBS Opportunity Equity Funds invest in equities and may therefore be subject to high fluctuations in value. As these UBS Funds pursue an active management style, each Fund's performance can deviate substantially from that of it's reference index. All investments are subject to market fluctuations. This Fund has specific risks related to Chinese investments, which can significantly increase given the specific market and market regulation. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money before the recommended holding period disclosed in the PRIIPs KID, if available for this share class.

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## ESG Report

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**ESG** is an abbreviation for Environmental, Social and Governance (factors). These factors are used to evaluate companies and countries on how advanced they are with respect to sustainability. Once sufficient data on these factors are available, they can be used to assess and compare assets and also to inform the investment process when deciding what assets to buy, hold or sell.

### ESG Performance

The following illustrations show the fund´s performance against sustainability criteria that are either explicitly part of the fund´s ESG objectives or are included in the investment process.

### UBS AM sustainability approaches applied

- ☑ Exclusion
- ☐ Impact
- ☑ ESG Integration
- ☑ Voting
- ☐ SI Focus
- ☑ Engagement program

Source: UBS Asset Management

### ESG details of the top 10 equity positions

(in % of fund AuM)[1,2]

| Holding (equities) | Weight | ESG Score |
|---|---|---|
| Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd | 10.2 | 3.0 |
| China Merchants Bank Co Ltd | 9.4 | 5.7 |
| Yunnan Baiyao Group Co Ltd | 9.2 | 4.2 |
| Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co Ltd | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd | 4.5 | 5.7 |
| NetEase Inc | 4.4 | 5.9 |
| Midea Group Co Ltd | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co Ltd | 3.9 | 5.2 |
| China Mobile Ltd | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| Dong-E-E-Jiao Co Ltd | 3.1 | 2.7 |

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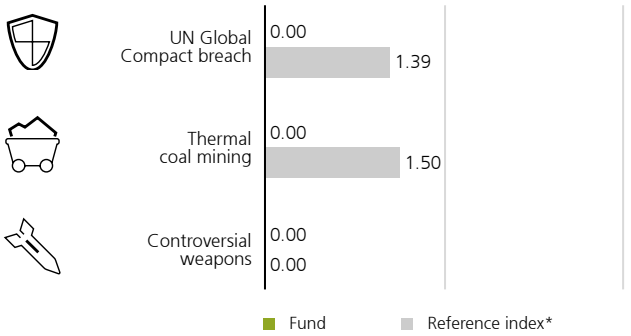
2 AuM = Assets under Management
Source: UBS AG

### Controversy check

(in % of fund AuM)[1,2]




1 The fund excludes issuers identified as violating the UN Global Compact principles without credible corrective action
2 AuM = Assets under Management

Source: MSCI ESG Research, UBS-AM exclusion policy (ISS Ethix and UNGC w/o credible corrective actions)
Reference Index: MSCI China A Onshore (net div. reinv.)

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## ESG Report

### ESG Transparency

This page provides transparency on key sustainability metrics that may be of interest to investors but are not part of the fund's investment process. The following metrics inform investors more broadly on their exposure to selected ESG topics.

### MSCI ESG scores, scaled

(holding-weighted average 0-10)

| | Fund | Reference index |
|---|---|---|
| | 4.8 | 3.5 |
| Environmental | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| Social | 4.6 | 3.8 |
| Governance | 5.0 | 4.2 |

Fund actual data coverage: 78.4%
Reference index actual data coverage: 95.6%

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI China A Onshore (net div. reinv.)

### External fund ratings[1]

MSCI ESG RATINGS BBB

CCC | B | BB | BBB | A | AA | AAA

1 As of 31.03.2024

Source: MSCI ESG Research, Morningstar

**Morningstar Sustainability Rating™**

As of 31.05.2024

### Weighted average carbon intensity, scaled - Corporate issuers

($tCO_2$ equivalent per USD million sales)

| Fund | Reference index |
|---|---|
| 182.1 | 299.4 |

Fund actual data coverage: 96.8%
Reference index actual data coverage: 97.7%

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI China A Onshore (net div. reinv.)

### Carbon footprint, scaled - Corporate issuers

($tCO_2$ equivalent per USD million invested)

| Fund | Reference index |
|---|---|
| 114.2 | 169.9 |

Fund actual data coverage: 96.8%
Reference index actual data coverage: 97.7%

Source: MSCI ESG Research
Reference Index: MSCI China A Onshore (net div. reinv.)

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**Glossary**

**Carbon footprint:** Expresses the greenhouse gas footprint of an investment sum. The carbon emissions scope 1 and 2 are allocated to investors based on an enterprise value (including cash) ownership approach and are normalized by the current fund value. The carbon footprint is a normalized measure of a fund's contribution to climate change that enables comparison with a benchmark, between funds and between individual investments. The metric is total carbon emissions expressed as per currency invested.
The metric is scaled up to 100%, if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds – fixed income: 50%, equities: 67%, multi-asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as "-".
Classification system to separate corporate and sovereign issuers: Bloomberg Barclays Methodology. Securitized bonds are excluded from the calculation. "No exposure" if the fund is not invested in the respective issuers for the month.

**Controversy check:** Controversial Business Involvement exposure is the exposure to companies with a revenue share exceeding a certain threshold of the respective field (production). Link to our exclusion policy for more details: -> www.ubs.com/si-exclusion-policy

**ESG score (UBS Blended ESG Score*)**: The UBS Blended ESG Score is based on UBS-internal and independent external ESG data sources. The UBS Blended ESG Score is industry-adjusted and measured on a scale from 0 (lowest/worst score) to 10 (highest/best score).The metric is scaled up to 100% if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds – fixed income: 50%, equities: 67%, multi-asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as "-".Classification system to separate corporate and sovereign issuers: Bloomberg Barclays Methodology. Securitized bonds are excluded from the calculation. "No exposure" if the fund is not invested in the respective issuers for the month.
*more details available at this *link*

**MSCI ESG scores** are provided by MSCI ESG Research and are measured on a scale from 0 (lowest/worst score) to 10 (highest/best score). The individual MSCI E-, S-, and G-score indicates the resilience of issuers to environmental, social or governance related risks that are most material to an industry. The aggregated MSCI ESG score is based on these MSCI E-, S-, and G-scores but normalizes them relative to industry peers. This leads to a weighted average industry-adjusted MSCI ESG score which is comparable across industries.
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**UBS AM sustainability approaches applied:**
Exclusion: Strategies that exclude securities from funds where they are not aligned to an investor's values. Includes customized screening criteria.
ESG Integration: Strategies that integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into fundamental financial analysis to improve the risk/return profile.
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## ESG Report

**Aggregation of ESG/carbon data**: ESG scores of holdings in the portfolio and the reference index are aggregated based on their respective individual weights and ESG scores (sumproduct).

**Fund of funds investments, derivatives and cash:** Derivatives and fund of funds investments used in the portfolio are treated on a lookthrough basis, whereby the economic exposures to the underlying basket of securities is treated as an actual investment in the individual securities that make up this basket. Broad market derivatives or fund of funds investments may lead to minimal exposures to securities that are excluded from direct investments.Derivatives have an effect on all metric calculations. Given that many of the reporting frameworks available to investors today do not cover the intricacies of derivatives, metrics are provided on a reasonable efforts basis.Portfolios for which we report the sustainability metrics may include cash.The information disclosed in this report, in particular the treatment of derivatives and cash, may or may not correspond with the investment characteristics of the fund and how the fund is managed. The sustainability metrics in this report may therefore differ from other UBS reports produced on the same date.

**MSCI ESG Fund Ratings** are designed to measure the environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics of a fund's underlying holdings, making it possible to rank or screen mutual funds and ETFs on a AAA to CCC ratings scale.

**Weighted average carbon intensity – corporate issuers/ carbon-intensive sovereign issuers:**These metrics measure a fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and governments. These metrics provide an insight into potential risks related to the transition to a lower-carbon economy, because companies with higher carbon intensity are likely to face more exposure to carbon related market and regulatory risks. These metrics are applicable across asset classes. It is the sumproduct of the fund weights and individual carbon intensities (carbon emissions scope 1+2 / USDm sales or GDP). The metric is scaled up to 100% if actual data coverage is above the defined thresholds – fixed income, 50%; equities: 67%, multi-asset: 50%. Otherwise, the metric is reported as "-". Classification system to separate corporate and sovereign issuers: Bloomberg Barclays Methodology. Securitized bonds are excluded from the calculation. "No exposure" if the fund is not invested in the respective issuers for the month.

The **Morningstar Sustainability Rating** helps investors see how mutual funds and ETFs are meeting environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) challenges. The rating is given as 1 to 5 "globes," with more globes indicating lower ESG risk. Notably, the number of globes a fund receives is determined relative to other funds in the same Morningstar Global Category.

**Active ESG:** Benchmark selection is driven by portfolio implementation considerations, in particular to closely reflect the financial objectives of the fund. For actively managed strategies, a traditional benchmark is generally selected to provide a broad investment universe to which active management is applied. This enables an assessment of the magnitude of ESG improvements against the traditional benchmark and allows the costs and benefits of investing sustainably to be assessed.

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UBS AM standard glossary. For additional investment terms, please refer to the online glossary here.

**Accumulation**: Reinvestment of income generated by the investment fund into the fund's assets.
**Active management**: Here the fund manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the fund's objectives.
**Alpha**: A fund's alpha is its outperformance relative to a benchmark. If a fund has a consistently high alpha this can indicate skillful management. If the benchmark returns 12% and the portfolio returns 14%, the outperformance (alpha) is equal to 14% - 12% = 2%. Compare with beta.
**Benchmark**: Index against which an investment fund's performance is measured. Also called a reference index.
**Beta**: A measure of risk that indicates an investment's sensitivity to fluctuations in the market, as represented by the relevant benchmark. For example, a beta of 1.2 tells us that the value of an investment fund can be expected to change by 12% if the market is forecast to move by 10%.
**Bonds**: Debt instruments with a fixed or variable rate of interest and generally with a fixed maturity and redemption date. The most common issuers are major companies, government bodies such as the federal government and the cantons, public institutions, and international organizations such as the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund.
**Commodities**: A tradeable item that can be further processed and sold. Industrial (metals), agricultural (wool, wheat, sugar) and bulk commodities (coal, iron ore) are examples. It is possible to invest in physical commodities or in derivatives based on commodity prices.
**Convertible bonds**: Bonds that feature a conversion right entitling the holder to convert the bond into shares of the company in question at a certain point in time and at a pre-defined conversion ratio.
**Corporate bonds**: Strictly speaking, corporate bonds are those issued by companies. Generally, however, the term is used to cover all bonds other than those issued by governments in their own currencies. Therefore the "credit" sector, as it is often known, includes issues by companies, supranational organizations and government agencies. The key feature that distinguishes corporate bonds from government bonds is the risk of default – see credit risk.
**Correlation**: A measure of the degree to which the price trends of various investment categories or instruments move in the same direction.
**Derivatives**: Investments whose value is linked to another investment, to the performance of a stock exchange or to some other variable factor, such as interest rates.
**Distribution**: Payment by an investment fund to distribute the income generated to its unit holders.
**Diversification**: Holding a variety of investments that typically perform differently from one another.
**Duration**: The duration represents the length of time for which capital is "tied up" in a bond investment. The concept of duration takes account of the time structure of returning cash flows (such as coupon repayments). The average duration of the portfolio is derived from the weighted average duration of the individual securities. The "modified duration" is derived from the duration and provides a measure of the sensitivity of bonds or bond portfolios to interest rate changes.
**Emerging economy or market**: Emerging markets or developing markets – mainly in Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America – that are growing quickly, but whose economies and stock markets have not yet reached Western standards.
**Equities**: Securities that represent an equity interest in a company. As a joint owner, the shareholder has rights of participation (voting right, right to information) and rights to assets (right to a share of profits, subscription rights).
**Exchange traded fund (ETF)**: An investment fund that is traded like stocks on an exchange. Most ETFs are index funds: they hold the same securities in the same proportions as a certain index.
**Feeder fund**: An investment fund that invests the majority of its assets into a master fund.
**Hedging**: Protecting investments against losses. UBS asset allocation funds and hedged UBS ETFs specifically hedge against exchange rate risks.
**High watermark**: The high watermark is used in connection with the performance fee. The fund manager calculates his or her share of the profits on the basis of the value increment over and above the last peak in the NAV. As a result, the performance fee does not become payable until all losses incurred have been completely recovered.
**High yield bonds**: Bonds issued by borrowers with lower credit ratings. Such bonds offer higher rates of interest, but at the same time there is also a higher risk of default, i.e. that interest payments will not be paid or that the face value will not be repaid.
**Illiquid**: Illiquid assets are those assets that cannot be easily bought, sold, or converted into cash. It may often be impossible to convert the asset to cash until the end of the life of the asset.
**Index**: Indicator of performance on one or more markets. The oldest and best-known stock market index is the Dow Jones. Indexes make it possible to compare the performance of a fund invested in a specific market with the development of that market.
**Index fund**: An investment fund that replicates a chosen stock market index in its stock selection and weightings as exactly as possible.
**Inflation-linked bonds**: An inflation-linked bond provides investors with protection from inflation by linking its principal amount or interest payments to a specific inflation index.
**Investment grade**: Term used to denote securities with ratings of between BBB and AAA, indicating that their credit quality is satisfactory or good.
**Leverage**: With derivative instruments, greater returns can be earned with a comparatively lower capital investment than with an investment in the actual underlying instrument. This effect is called leverage.
**Management style**: Manner in which investment decisions are made to achieve the investment objective (see also active management and passive management).
**Master fund**: Funds invested in respective feeder funds that are then invested into the master fund. The master fund holds the portfolio investments and conducts all trading activity.
**Maturity**: Period from the issue of a bond to its due date or to the premature repayment of the bond. Not to be confused with duration.
**Net asset value (NAV)**: Used to describe the value of a company's assets less the value of their liabilities.
**Ø** – Average.
**Over the counter (OTC)**: An over-the-counter financial contract is one that is not traded on an exchange but is "tailor-made" for a client by a financial institution.
**Passive management**: Passive management seeks to attain

performance equal to market or index returns.
**Performance fee**: For non-classical investment funds such as hedge funds, the investor must often pay, in addition to the conventional management fee, a supplementary performance fee in the form of a percentage (e.g. 20%) of the fund's annual increase in value.
**Physical replication**: In physical replication, an ETF invests directly in securities held in the benchmark it is tracking. To do so, the ETF can buy some or all of the securities that make up the replicated index – this method is called full replication and is suitable for liquid indexes.
**Rating**: The measure of a borrower's creditworthiness by special rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's. As a rule, UBS bond funds principally invest in bonds issued by prime borrowers.
**Reinvestment**: The possibility of reinvesting the distribution in the same fund. Certain funds offer investors a special reinvestment discount on the issuing price if the annual distribution is reinvested.
**Risk-free rate**: An investment with no chance of default and a known or certain rate of return.
**Share class**: An investment fund can issue several types of share certificates with different criteria. The share certificate classes may differ in the amount of fees, the appropriation of income or the currency of the share certificate class.
**Sharpe ratio**: A measure that expresses how much higher (or lower) a return an investor can expect compared to the risk-free rate of interest (e.g., interest rates on savings accounts) per unit of risk (volatility). The risk-free rate of interest varies from currency to currency.
**Standard deviation**: Statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the mean of the distribution. The greater the degree of dispersion the greater the risk.
**Swing pricing**: Method used to calculate the net asset values of investment funds. This method allows transaction costs arising from subscriptions made by incoming investors and redemptions made by outgoing investors to be borne by the incoming and outgoing investors, rather than existing investors.
**Synthetic replication**: In contrast to physical replication, synthetic replication means that an ETF does not invest directly in the securities held in the benchmark. Instead, it enters into a swap agreement with a counterparty that promises to pay the return on the replicated index to the ETF.
**Total expense ratio (TER)**: The ratio of total expense to a fund's average size over an annualized accounting period. Expenses are considered to include all expenses shown in the income account, including management, administration, custody, audit, legal and professional fees.
**Tracking error**: Measure of the deviation of a fund's return compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period, expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment fund is managed, the smaller the tracking error.
**UCITS**: Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities. A UCITS fund is an authorized fund that may be sold across all EU countries.
**Volatility**: A measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment.
**Yield to maturity**: Weighted average rate earned by an investor who buys the bond portfolio today at the market price and holds the bond portfolio until maturity, also assuming that all coupon and principal payments will be made on schedule.