

Client Update

Irish VCC

Investment Objective & Policy

This Fund aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Fund invests primarily in securities issued by companies with either assets in, or revenues derived from, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan and which are listed, traded or dealt in on Regulated Markets in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the US, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and Malaysia or in a member state of the OECD. The Fund may also invest in government and corporate debt securities such as, but not limited to, convertible and non-convertible debt securities, fixed and floating rate bonds, zero coupon and discount bonds or certificates of deposit each rated investment grade or, if unrated, of comparable quality as determined by the Investment Manager.

Cumulative performance (% in USD) to 31 Dec 2011

Period	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since Launch
Fund return	5.0	-12.5	-10.9	80.4	47.3	-	424.1
Benchmark return	5.0	-17.9	-18.4	55.0	8.3	-	176.9

Annual performance (% in USD) to 31 Dec 2011

Period	12 mths to 31/12/11	12 mths to 31/12/10	12 mths to 31/12/09	12 mths to 31/12/08	12 mths to 31/12/07
Fund return	-10.9	19.2	69.8	-45.3	49.3
Benchmark return	-18.4	13.6	67.1	-49.4	38.0

Manager's comments

- The eurozone's debt woes continued to weigh on investor sentiment, although macro data from the US showed signs of improvement.
- Market turnover was at a record low, partly because of the holiday season but also because investors remained wary.
- The strength of the US dollar and the weak global outlook resulted in poor performance by commodity-related companies.
- Sentiment towards China remained weak, with particularly poor performance from 'A' shares.
- Trading activity was limited over the month.
- We remain concerned about various global issues, notably sovereign indebtedness in Europe, high leverage in the banking system, the fiscal situation in the US and the economic slowdown in China.
- On the positive side, many of these issues are now widely recognised.
- We remain cautiously positioned, and continue to see value in the theme of consumption.
- The economic outlook for 2012 remains bleak, with a strong likelihood that global central banks will print money aggressively.

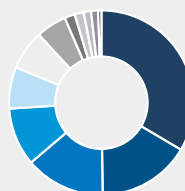
Fund information

Launch date	18/10/2002
Fund size (US\$m)	538
Benchmark	MSCI Golden Dragon Index
Number of holdings	53
Fund managers	Martin Lau/ Ho Hsiu Mei/ Xian Quanquang
ISAable fund	No
Minimum investment	US\$1,500 lump sum / US\$1,000 subsequent
Charges	Initial 5.0%; Annual 1.5%
Share type	Accumulation & Income

Ten largest holdings

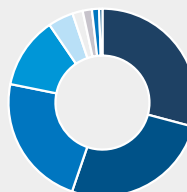
Stock name	%	Stock name	%
Cheung Kong Holdings	6.0	Chunghwa Telecom	3.5
CNOOC	4.2	Uni President Enterprises	3.4
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.2	ENN Energy Holdings	3.2
Hong Kong & China Gas	4.1	China Oilfield Services	3.1
Link REIT	3.9	Jardine Matheson	3.0

Sector breakdown



Financials	33.5% (*34.6%)
Consumer Staples	16.3% (*3.7%)
Information Technology	14.0% (*18.9%)
Utilities	10.2% (*4.5%)
Energy	7.3% (*9.3%)
Telecom Services	6.9% (*8.5%)
Consumer Discretionary	5.3% (*6.8%)
Industrials	1.8% (*6.5%)
Health Care	1.6% (*0.4%)
Materials	1.3% (*6.8%)
Multiple sectors	1.2% (*0.0%)
Cash	0.6% (*0.0%)

Share class breakdown



Hong Kong	29.1%
Taiwan	26.1%
Red Chips	22.9%
China H Shares	12.3%
China B Shares	4.4%
Singapore	1.8%
US Listed	1.6%
China A Shares	1.2%
Cash	0.6%

*Index Allocation

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Important Information / Risk Factors:

Past performance is not a guide to future performance, and investment markets and conditions can change rapidly. If your fund invests in equity markets, it will be more volatile than an investment in cash or fixed deposits. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. There is no guarantee you will get back the amount invested. If your fund invests in overseas markets, currency movements may affect both the income received and the capital value of your investment. If it invests in the shares of small companies, in emerging markets, or in a single country or sector, it may be less liquid and more volatile than a broadly diversified fund investing in developed equity markets. This fund should be considered a long-term investment. You should read the fund's Prospectus before investing, including in particular the sections on the risk factors applicable to any investment. The views expressed herein should not be relied upon when making investment decisions.

Statistical sources: All performance data as at 31 December 2011 : Source for fund - First State (using Barra Enterprise Performance), net of fees with income reinvested gross of tax; source for benchmark - RIMES, income reinvested gross of tax. All other portfolio details and non performance information (top 10 holdings, fund size, sector and country breakdown): First State's own records. Any research or analysis used in the preparation of this document has been procured by First State for its own use and should not be relied upon by others. Since launch performance figures have been calculated from 18 October 2002.

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