# **Value Partners Fund Series** Value Partners Asian Innovation Opportunities Fund



NAV per unit: Class A USD Unhedged Acc - USD16.96 | Class A USD Unhedged MDis - USD15.96

: USD38.8 million **Fund size** 



August 2023



- The Fund's investments are concentrated in the Asian market and therefore subject to emerging market risks. Generally, investments in emerging markets are more volatile than investments in developed markets due to additional risks relating to political, social, economic and regulatory uncertainty.
- The Fund is also subject to concentration risks due to its concentration in the sectors relating to innovative technology or business innovation. Such companies are characterised by relatively higher uncertainty and volatility in price performance when compared to other economic sectors.
- The Fund may invest in small and mid-capitalisation companies. The stocks of such companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are more volatile to adverse economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies in géneral.
- The Fund may invest in unrated or below investment grade bonds and financial derivative instruments. The Fund is therefore exposed to additional risks, including volatility risk, valuation risk, leverage risk, liquidity risk, correlation risk, counterparty/credit risk, legal risk, over-thecounter transaction risk and settlement risk.
- In respect of the distribution classes for the Fund, the Manager currently intends to make monthly dividend distribution. However, the distribution rate is not guaranteed. Distribution yield is not indicative of the return of the Fund. Distribution may be paid from capital of the Fund. Investors should note that where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount you originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease of the net asset value per unit of the Fund.
- · You should not make investment decision on the basis of this material alone. Please read the explanatory memorandum for details and risk factors.

#### **Investment objective**

To maximise return and income by investing primarily (i.e. not less than 70% of its Net Asset Value) in Asian equity and/or fixed income securities relating to Asian companies that are listed, or have their registered offices in Asia or that generate a predominant share of their sales and/or their profits in Asia which are related to innovative technologies or business innovations including but not limited to information technology, consumption services, healthcare and financials.

## **Performance since launch**



#### Performance update

|                                  | The Fund                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                  | (Class A USD Unhedged Acc) |
| Year-to-date                     | +20.2%                     |
| One month                        | -3.7%                      |
| One year                         | +17.5%                     |
| Three years                      | +24.8%                     |
| Five Years                       | N/A                        |
| Total return since launch        | +69.6%                     |
| Annualized return since launch ^ | +12.4%                     |

#### **NAVs & codes**

| Classes 1                 | NAV   | ISIN         | Bloomberg  |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| Class A AUD Hedged MDis   | 14.68 | HK0000475878 | VPAIAAH HK |
| Class A CAD Hedged MDis   | 15.44 | HK0000475886 | VPAIACH HK |
| Class A HKD Unhedged Acc  | 16.96 | HK0000475902 | VPAIOAU HK |
| Class A HKD Unhedged MDis | 15.96 | HK0000475910 | VPAIAHU HK |
| Class A NZD Hedged MDis   | 14.65 | HK0000475928 | VPAIANH HK |
| Class A RMB Hedged MDis   | 15.60 | HK0000475936 | VPAIARH HK |
| Class A SGD Hedged Acc    | 10.75 | HK0000475944 | VPAIASH HK |
| Class A USD Unhedged Acc  | 16.96 | HK0000475969 | VPASIAU HK |
| Class A USD Unhedged MDis | 15.96 | HK0000475977 | VPASAUU HK |

#### Dividend information - Class MDis 2

| Classes <sup>1</sup>      | Dividend<br>amount / unit | Annualized yield <sup>3</sup> | Ex-<br>dividend<br>date |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Class A AUD Hedged MDis   | 0.0065                    | 0.5%                          | 31-8-2023               |
| Class A CAD Hedged MDis   | 0.0126                    | 1.0%                          | 31-8-2023               |
| Class A HKD Unhedged MDis | 0.0189                    | 1.4%                          | 31-8-2023               |
| Class A NZD Hedged MDis   | 0.0286                    | 2.3%                          | 31-8-2023               |
| Class A RMB Hedged MDis   | 0.0069                    | 0.5%                          | 31-8-2023               |
| Class A USD Unhedged MDis | 0.0190                    | 1.4%                          | 31-8-2023               |

### Top holdings - equities 4

| Holdings                                     | Sector <sup>5</sup>                            | Geography     | %   |
|--|--|---------------|-----|
| Taiwan Semiconductor<br>Manufacturing Co Ltd | Semiconductors<br>& semiconductor<br>equipment | Taiwan        | 9.1 |
| Renesas Electronics Corp                     | Semiconductors<br>& semiconductor<br>equipment | Japan         | 5.7 |
| NVIDIA Corp                                  | Semiconductors<br>& semiconductor<br>equipment | United States | 3.9 |
| Sony Group Corp                              | Consumer durables & apparel                    | Japan         | 3.8 |
| Nexon Co Ltd                                 | Media & entertainment                          | Japan         | 3.2 |

These equities constitute 26% of the Fund.

## Top holdings - fixed income 4

| Holdings  | Sector 5                               | Geography | %   |
|---|--|-----------|-----|
| Lenovo Perpetual<br>Securities Ltd<br>5.875% 04/24/2025 | Technology,<br>hardware &<br>equipment | China     | 1.8 |
| SoftBank Group Corp<br>5.125% 09/19/2027                | Telecommunication services             | Japan     | 1.2 |

These fixed income securities constitute 3% of the Fund.

## The Fund - Class A USD Unhedged Acc: Monthly performance from 26 Feb 2019 to 31 Aug 2023

| Year       | Jan    | Feb   | Mar    | Apr    | May   | Jun    | Jul   | Aug   | Sep    | Oct   | Nov    | Dec   | Annual |
|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2019       | N/A    | -0.3% | +1.6%  | +0.9%  | -9.4% | +6.8%  | +0.8% | -0.4% | +2.4%  | +6.0% | +3.9%  | +7.3% | +20.2% |
| 2020       | -4.3%  | -4.1% | -10.6% | +12.1% | +2.9% | +12.7% | +8.4% | -2.2% | +3.8%  | +4.5% | +8.3%  | +7.6% | +43.0% |
| 2021       | +2.4%  | +3.0% | +0.4%  | +3.0%  | -0.2% | +0.0%  | -4.5% | -0.3% | -1.4%  | +1.8% | +1.0%  | +3.8% | +9.0%  |
| 2022       | -9.0%  | -1.8% | -0.7%  | -9.6%  | +3.5% | -11.4% | +3.6% | +1.0% | -10.3% | -0.5% | +14.2% | -4.1% | -24.7% |
| 2023 (YTD) | +12.2% | -3.5% | +5.3%  | -4.8%  | +5.0% | +4.5%  | +4.9% | -3.7% |        |       |        |       | +20.2% |

<sup>^</sup> Annualized return is calculated from inception based on published NAV.

#### **Portfolio characteristics**

| As at 31 Aug 2023                            |  |
|--|--|
| Portfolio yield <sup>6</sup>                 | 1.8%                                   |
|  | The Fund<br>(Class A USD Unhedged Acc) |
|  |  |
| Annualized volatility (3 years) <sup>7</sup> | 19.9%                                  |

#### Asset type by geography (%) 4

|                   | Equities | Fixed Income | Total |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Japan             | 27.6     | 1.2          | 28.8  |
| Taiwan            | 14.3     | -            | 14.3  |
| Hong Kong         | 11.4     | -            | 11.4  |
| China A-shares    | 11.0     | -            | 11.0  |
| South Korea       | 9.4      | -            | 9.4   |
| United States     | 9.3      | -            | 9.3   |
| H-shares          | 3.0      | -            | 3.0   |
| Red Chips         | 2.2      | -            | 2.2   |
| China             | -        | 1.8          | 1.8   |
| Cash <sup>8</sup> | -        | -            | 8.8   |
| Total             | 88.2     | 3.0          | 100.0 |
|                   |          |              |       |

#### Asset type by sector (%) 5

|  | Equities | Fixed Income | Total |
|--|----------|--------------|-------|
| Semiconductors<br>& semiconductor<br>equipment | 26.5     | -            | 26.5  |
| Technology, hardware & equipment               | 15.8     | -            | 15.8  |
| Media & entertainment                          | 8.7      | -            | 8.7   |
| Capital goods                                  | 7.5      | -            | 7.5   |
| Retailing                                      | 5.6      | -            | 5.6   |
| Telecommunication services                     | 4.3      | -            | 4.3   |
| Consumer durables & apparel                    | 3.8      | -            | 3.8   |
| Commercial services & supplies                 | 3.4      | -            | 3.4   |
| Food, beverage & tobacco                       | 3.3      | -            | 3.3   |
| Health care equipment & services               | 3.0      | -            | 3.0   |
| Consumer services                              | 2.9      | -            | 2.9   |
| Automobiles & components                       | 2.5      | -            | 2.5   |
| Information technology                         | -        | 1.8          | 1.8   |
| Communication services                         | -        | 1.2          | 1.2   |
| Insurance                                      | 0.9      | -            | 0.9   |
| Cash <sup>8</sup>                              | -        | -            | 8.8   |
| Total  | 88.2     | 3.0          | 100.0 |
|  |          |              |       |

## Credit ratings of fixed income 9

|           |                          | Investment grade | 1.8% |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|------|
| BBB  1.8% |                          | High yield       | 1.2% |
| BB   1.2% | Average credit rating 10 | BBB              |      |
|           |                          |                  |      |

#### **Fund facts**

Manager: Base currency: Trustee: Launch date:

Value Partners Hong Kong Limited

USD

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited 26 Feb 2019

- Class A AUD Hedged MDis Class A CAD Hedged MDis

- Class A HKD Unhedged Acc - Class A HKD Unhedged MDis - Class A NZD Hedged MDis - Class A RMB Hedged MDis

Class A USD Unhedged Acc

Class A USD Unhedged MDis 3 Mar 2023

- Class A SGD Hedged Acc

#### Fee structure (Class A)

|                                 | Acc  | MDis   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Share classes                   | HKD/USD unhedged,<br>SGD hedged <sup>1</sup> | HKD/USD unhedged,<br>AUD/CAD/NZD/<br>RMB/SGD hedged <sup>1</sup> |  |  |  |
| Minimum subscription            | USD10,000 or equivalent                      |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum subsequent subscription | USD5,000 or equivalent                       |  |  |  |  |
| Subscription fee                | Up to 5%                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Redemption fee                  | Nil  |  |  |  |  |
| Management fee                  | 1.5% p.a.                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Performance fee                 | N/A  |  |  |  |  |
| Dealing day                     | Daily  |  |  |  |  |
|                                 |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Senior investment staff

#### Co-Chairmen & Co-Chief Investment Officers:

Cheah Cheng Hve: Louis So

Senior Investment Directors: Norman Ho, CFA; Renee Hung Investment Director, Head of Multi-Assets: Kelly Chung, CFA

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Head of Credit Research & Strategy: Anna Ho

Fund Manager: Danielle Li

## **Key corporate awards**



CIO of the Year in Asia (Fixed Income) 11 CIO of the Year (Fixed Income, Hong Kong) 11 Winner: Mr. Gordon IP

~ Insight & Mandate, Professional Investment Awards 2020

Top Investment House in Asian G3 Bonds 12 Top Investment House in Asian Local Currency Bond 12 (both for the Hedge Fund category)

The Asset Benchmark Research Awards 2019

Asia ex-Japan Equity House: Best-in-Class **Greater China Equity House: Outstanding Achiever** ~ Benchmark Fund of the Year Awards 2018, Hong Kong 15

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