

Value Partners Greater China High Yield Income Fund

NAV per unit: USD16.41 (P Acc USD) / USD8.04 (P MDis USD)

Fund size : USD5,933.8 million

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- Value Partners Greater China High Yield Income Fund (the "Fund") primarily invests in a portfolio of fixed and floating rate bonds and other debt securities, including convertible bonds, in the Greater China region.
- The Fund may invest in high yielding securities which may be unrated or below investment grade and debt securities issued by special purpose vehicles. The Fund is therefore exposed to higher credit/insolvency risk and default risk.
- The Fund primarily invests in the Greater China region and therefore is subject to emerging market and concentration 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. Adverse development in such region may affect the value of the underlying securities in which the Fund invests.
- In respect of the distribution shares 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 share of the Fund.
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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital appreciation by primarily investing in Greater China debt securities, including but not limited to high yield, convertible and mainland Chinese offshore bonds.

Commentary

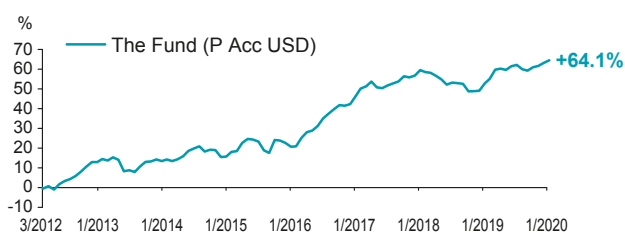
Portfolio review:

Asian credit markets started 2020 on a high note, however quickly giving up some of the gains upon escalation to the rapid coronavirus outbreak that swept through the region. Despite China being at the front line of the highly contagious virus originating from Wuhan, Asian credits managed to finish the month in positive territory. Driven by flight to quality and risk aversion, high grade credits outperformed high yield ones. During the month, we took profits on some positions that were close to their fair value in our view and selectively added to others on market weakness. We also focused on managing the liquidity of the fund and were comfortable with our positioning.

Outlook:

We remain cautiously optimistic on Asian credits in 2020, especially Chinese credits. Spreads of Chinese high yield are now close to 250 basis points over comparable US high yield credits. Judging from past experience, the 2003 SARS outbreak lasted about six months, and the market recovered quickly upon containment of the virus stabilization to the number of casualties. The length of the current coronavirus remains an unknown, and will, therefore continue to expect near-term market weakness. However, once the situation stabilizes, we expect a strong recovery as investors turn away from sentiments and refocus on valuations and relative value. Ultimately, emerging market credits including Asia at least provide cheaper valuations and strong current income that will serve as a cushion to offset some of the shock events in the global market.

Performance since launch



Performance update

	The Fund (P Acc USD)
One month	+0.8%
Year-to-date	+0.8%
One year	+7.6%
Three years	+12.3%
Five years	+41.7%
Since launch	+64.1%
Annualized return ^	+6.5%
Annualized volatility ^	5.6%

The Fund – P Acc USD: Monthly performance from 27 Mar 2012 to 31 Jan 2020

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2012	N/A	N/A	-0.3%	+1.2%	-1.7%	+2.7%	+1.6%	+1.0%	+1.4%	+2.1%	+2.3%	+2.1%	+13.0%
2013	+0.0%	+1.3%	-0.6%	+1.4%	-1.1%	-5.0%	+0.5%	-0.8%	+2.6%	+2.1%	+0.2%	+0.9%	+1.2%
2014	-0.7%	+0.7%	-0.7%	+0.8%	+1.3%	+2.3%	+1.0%	+0.9%	-2.2%	+0.8%	-0.2%	-2.9%	+1.1%
2015	+0.3%	+2.0%	+0.3%	+3.5%	+1.6%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-3.6%	-1.1%	+5.5%	-0.2%	-1.0%	+6.1%
2016	-1.5%	+0.2%	+3.6%	+2.2%	+0.6%	+1.8%	+2.9%	+1.8%	+1.6%	+1.5%	-0.2%	+0.6%	+15.9%
2017	+2.8%	+2.6%	+0.7%	+1.6%	-1.9%	-0.3%	+0.9%	+0.7%	+0.7%	+1.7%	-0.4%	+0.6%	+10.1%
2018	+1.8%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.7%	+0.7%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-2.5%	+0.1%	+0.1%	-4.9%
2019	+2.5%	+1.5%	+3.0%	+0.3%	-0.4%	+1.1%	+0.4%	-1.4%	-0.4%	+1.1%	+0.4%	+0.9%	+9.4%
2020 (YTD)	+0.8%												+0.8%

^ Annualized return and volatility are calculated from inception based on published NAV. Volatility is a measure of the theoretical risk in terms of standard deviation; in general, the lower the number, the less risky the investment, and vice versa.

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Dividend information – Class MDis ¹

Classes ²	Dividend amount / unit	Annualized yield ³	Ex-dividend date
P MDis USD	0.0573	8.6%	31-1-2020
P MDis HKD	0.0576	8.6%	31-1-2020
P MDis SGD Hedged	0.0604	8.3%	31-1-2020
A MDis AUD Hedged	0.0527	8.1%	31-1-2020
A MDis CAD Hedged	0.0551	8.3%	31-1-2020
A MDis EUR Hedged	0.0431	6.0%	31-1-2020
A MDis GBP Hedged	0.0497	7.3%	31-1-2020
A MDis NZD Hedged	0.0549	8.1%	31-1-2020

Top holdings

Name	Sector ⁴	Country / region	%
Panda Green Energy Group Ltd 8% 01/20/2022	Utilities	China/Hong Kong	1.6
MNC Investama Tbk PT 9% 05/11/2021	Media	Indonesia	1.5
Redsun Properties Group Ltd 13.5% 12/03/2020	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.2
Easy Tactic Ltd 8.125% 02/27/2023	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.2
Mongolian Mining Corp/ Energy Resources LLC 9.25% 04/15/2024	Materials	Mongolia	1.1
Ronshine China Holdings Ltd 11.25% 08/22/2021	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.1
Yango Justice International Ltd 9.5% 04/03/2021	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.1
Ronshine China Holdings Ltd 10.5% 03/01/2022	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.1
Redsun Properties Group Ltd 11.5% 03/04/2021	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.0
Modern Land China Co Ltd 12.85% 10/25/2021	Real estate	China/Hong Kong	1.0

NAVs & Codes

Classes ²	NAV	ISIN	Bloomberg
P Acc USD	16.41	KYG9319N1097	VPGPCUA KY
P Acc HKD	16.30	KYG9319N1253	VPGPCPA KY
P MDis USD	8.04	KYG9319N1170	VPGPUMD KY
P MDis HKD	8.00	KYG9319N1337	VPGPMD KY
P MDis SGD Hedged	8.71	KYG9319N1824	VPPSHMA KY
A Acc EUR Hedged	10.44	KYG9319N3804	VPGAEHA KY
A MDis AUD Hedged	7.83	KYG9319N2327	VPGCAUD KY
A MDis CAD Hedged	7.96	KYG9319N2400	VPGCCAD KY
A MDis GBP Hedged	8.18	KYG9319N3317	VPGCAGH KY
A MDis EUR Hedged	8.57	KYG9319N3499	VCHAMEH KY
A MDis NZD Hedged	8.18	KYG9319N2574	VPGCHNZ KY

Sector exposure ^{4, 5}

Real estate	64.4%
Energy	5.1%
Diversified financials	4.7%
Materials	3.8%
Utilities	3.1%
Transportation	2.9%
Retailing	2.6%
Media	1.6%
Technology, hardware & equipment	1.5%
Others	12.4%
Cash ⁶	-2.1%

Average duration 1.6 years

Yield to worst ⁷ 11.5%

Number of bond issuers 222

Geographical exposure ⁵

China/Hong Kong	84.2%
Indonesia	6.1%
Australia	2.3%
CEEMEA	1.4%
Mongolia	1.3%
Singapore	1.1%
India	1.0%
Others	4.7%
Cash ⁶	-2.1%

Currency breakdown

USD	90.7%
CNY	4.7%
HKD	4.2%
IDR	0.2%
SGD	0.2%

Credit ratings

BBB	0.7%	Investment grade	0.7%
BB	16.2%		
B & Below	54.8%	High yield	71.0%
Non-Rated ⁸	30.4%	Average credit rating ⁹	B
Cash ⁶	-2.1%		

Fund facts

Manager: Value Partners Hong Kong Limited
 Base currency: USD
 Administrator: HSBC Trustee (Cayman) Limited
 Custodian: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
 Launch date: P Acc & MDis USD/HKD – 27 Mar 2012
 A MDis AUD/CAD/NZD – 23 Sep 2013
 P MDis SGD – 26 Sep 2014
 A MDis EUR – 5 Feb 2015
 A MDis GBP – 14 Apr 2015
 A Acc EUR – 16 Jul 2018
 Dividend policy ¹: MDis – Aim at Monthly distribution, subject to Manager's discretion

Fee structure (Class A and Class P)

Minimum subscription	HK\$80,000/USD10,000 or equivalent
Minimum subsequent subscription	HK\$40,000/USD5,000 or equivalent
Subscription fee	Up to 5%
Management fee	1.5% p.a.
Performance fee	Nil
Dealing day	Daily

Senior investment staff

Co-Chairmen & Co-Chief Investment Officers:

Cheah Cheng Hye; Louis So

Deputy Chief Investment Officer: Renee Hung

Senior Investment Director: Norman Ho, CFA

Fixed income investment team:

Chief Investment Officer, Fixed Income: Gordon Ip, CFA

Senior Fund Managers: Elaine Hu; Edwin Kam, CFA; Jason Yan, CFA, ACCA

Key awards



Lipper Fund Awards from Refinitiv Hong Kong 2019
Best US Dollar Bond Fund: High Yield (3 and 5-year) ¹⁰
 ~ Refinitiv

Benchmark Fund of the Year Awards 2018, Hong Kong
US Dollar High Yield Fixed Income Fund: Best-in-Class ¹¹
 ~ Benchmark

Offshore China Fund Awards 2018
Best Total Return – Greater China Fixed Income Fund (3 and 5-year): Winner ¹²
 ~ HKCAMA and Bloomberg

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Source: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited and Bloomberg, data as at the last valuation date of the month as stated above, unless stated otherwise. Performance is calculated on NAV to NAV in base currency with dividend reinvested and net of fees. All indices are for reference only. Our portfolio disclosure policy can be obtained from the Investment Manager upon request to email fis@vp.com.hk.

¹ The manager intends to declare and pay monthly dividends equal to all or substantially all of the net income attributable to each of the Distribution Classes. However, there is neither a guarantee that such dividends will be made nor will there be a target level of dividend payout. No dividends will be paid with respect to the Accumulation Classes. 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 that have been originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease in the value of units. Please refer to the Explanatory Memorandum for further details including the distribution policy. ² Each hedged share class will hedge the Fund's base currency back to its currency of denomination on a best efforts basis. However, the volatility of the hedged classes measured in the Fund's base currency may be higher than that of the equivalent class denominated in the Fund's base currency. The hedged classes may be suitable for investors who wish to reduce the impact of changes in exchange rates between their local currency and the Fund's base currency. ³ Annualized yield of MDis Class is calculated as follows: (Latest dividend amount/NAV as at ex-dividend date) x 12. Investors should note that yield figures are estimated and for reference only and do not represent the performance of the Fund, and that there is no guarantee as to the actual frequency and/or amount of dividend payments. ⁴ Classification is based on Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). ⁵ Exposure refers to net exposure (long exposure minus short exposure). Due to rounding, percentages shown may not add up to 100%. ⁶ Cash refers to net cash on hand excluding cash for collaterals and margins. ⁷ Investors should note that the Yield to worst figure is for reference only and does not represent the actual performance of the Fund or the dividend yield received by investors. A positive yield does not imply a positive return. ⁸ Including bonds whose issuers do not seek credit ratings (Greater China Paper 19.1%, Equity-linked Investments 6.3%, Others 2.6%, Loan 2.4%). ⁹ The average credit rating is calculated by assigning a sequential integer to all credit ratings from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), taking a simple, asset-weighted average of debt holdings by market value and rounding to the nearest rating. The letter rating may be based on bond ratings from different agencies and is provided to indicate the average credit rating of the portfolio's underlying bonds without taking into account derivative positions and unrated securities. As the risk of default increases disproportionately as a bond's rating decreases, the simple weighted average of credit ratings is not a statistical measurement of the portfolio's default risk. ¹⁰ The award reflects the fund's 3 and 5-year performance up to the end of 2018. ¹¹ The award reflects performance up to 30 September 2018. ¹² The award reflects the fund's 3 and 5-year performance up to 30 September 2018. ¹³ For Hong Kong investors only.

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