2007 Semi-Annual Report

## New Era PRC Fund

July 2007 ~ December 2007



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### MANAGER'S REPORT

### PERFORMANCE

	1 July 2007	1 July 2006
	to	to
	31 Dec 2007	29 Dec 2006
New Era PRC Fund	31.39%	39.88%
Benchmark: MSCI		
China Free Index	36.71%	47.83%

The Chinese markets continued to perform very strongly in the second half of 2007 as investor sentiment remained positive despite concerns stemming from the impact of the sub-prime debacle on credit markets.

Markets rose from July to October as liquidity remained plentiful despite rising local interest rates and higher reserve requirements for the banking sector. However, in November and December the Chinese markets corrected as investors became increasingly concerned about the impact of the credit crunch on the global economy and whether the US economy would slip into recession in 2008, impacting Chinese exports. Domestic interest rates were raised further to control significant inflationary pressures, particularly in food prices, which contributed to the sell-off.

In December the Chinese government changed its monetary stance from 'neutral' to 'biased towards tightening'. Subsequently, the central bank hiked the one-year deposit rate by another 27 basis points (bps) and the reserve requirement ratio by a further 1%. They also cut the current account interest rate by 9 bps to 0.81%, the first reduction since 2002, in an attempt to encourage more long-term deposits.

The Chinese economy remained robust over the period with retail sales of +18.8% in November, while auto sales were up +23.2% for the 11 months to November. Economic prospects also remained positive in Hong Kong where the property sector benefited from falling interest rates.

The very strong performance of the A-share market in 2007 is unlikely to be repeated in 2008 as valuations are expensive. We remain positive on China's economic outlook as rising wages are positive for domestic consumption which we believe will become the key economic driver as investment and exports slow. A market pull-back would be viewed as an opportunity to add.

The government's austerity measures may have a short-term negative impact on sentiment. However, longer term a more moderate rate of growth is preferred. Also, stronger market leaders will emerge as weaker industry participants exit the market. Valuations for exporters and manufacturers are generally more attractive, and those with technological leadership and cost advantages will benefit from the long-term outsourcing trend to China and market share gains.

# Investment Portfolio As at 31 December 2007

4	Holdings as at 31.12.2007	Market value US\$	% of net asset value	4	Holdings as at 31.12.2007	Market value US\$	% of net asset value
Listed investments (98		033	value	Listed investments (98		033	value
Elsted investments ()	,,,,,,			Elsted investments (70			
Listed on the Stock Ex	change of Ho	ong Kong (89.0	15%)	Listed on the Stock Ex	change of Ho	ng Kong (89.0	05%)
Anhui Conch Cement			- / -/	China			- / - /
Co Ltd – H	12,000	104,270	0.72	Communications			
Anhui Expressway				Services Corp			
Co Ltd – H	184,000	170,257	1.17	Ltd– H	573,362	568,747	3.91
ASM Pacific				CNOOC Ltd	388,000	660,358	4.53
Technology	22,500	165,662	1.14	Denway Motors Ltd .	172,000	108,453	0.74
Beijing Enterprises	ŕ			Enric Energy	ŕ		
Holdings Ltd	14,000	64,861	0.45	Equipment			
Belle International	,	,,,,,		Holdings Ltd	159,000	179,524	1.23
Holdings Ltd	152,000	227,918	1.57	Foxconn	ŕ		
Byd Electronic Co	,	,		International			
Ltd	60,500	117,235	0.81	Holdings	106,942	239,300	1.64
Chen Hsong				Glorious Sun	,	,	
Holdings Ltd	158,000	94,361	0.65	Enterprises Ltd	107,900	63,610	0.44
China Dongxiang				Golden Eagle Retail	,.	,.	
Group Co	286,000	211,857	1.45	Group Ltd	96,000	100,887	0.69
China Infrastructure				GZI Real Estate			
Machinery				Investment Trust	175,000	69,078	0.47
Holdings Ltd	90,000	138,643	0.95	Haitian International			
China Mengniu				Holdings	116,000	83,252	0.57
Dairy Co Ltd	228,000	834,239	5.73	Hengan International			
China Merchants				Group Co Ltd	78,000	349,874	2.40
Bank Co Ltd - H	86,500	354,744	2.44	Hong Kong Aircraft			
China Merchants				Engineering Co			
Holdings				Ltd	6,800	184,580	1.27
International Co				Hong Kong & China			
Ltd	78,000	483,327	3.32	Gas	52,000	159,276	1.09
China Oilfield				Hopewell Highway			
services Ltd	264,000	600,892	4.13	Infrastructure Ltd .	338,900	290,568	2.00
China Resources				Hung Hing Printing			
Land Ltd	52,000	114,626	0.79	Group	296,592	118,594	0.81
China Resources				IDS Group	66,000	203,004	1.39
Power Holdings				Kerry Properties Ltd	9,001	72,270	0.50
Co	285,000	1,002,621	6.88	Kingboard Chemical			
China Resources				Holdings Ltd	79,900	475,132	3.26
Enterprise Ltd	124,667	531,242	3.65	Kingboard Laminates			
China Shenhua				Hldg Ltds	90,500	60,892	0.42
Energy Co Ltd	24,244	144,635	0.99	Li & Fung Ltd	111,600	449,815	3.09
China Shipping				Li Ning Co Ltd	22,655	84,200	0.58
Development Co				Luk Fook Holdings			
Ltd – H	154,500	405,912	2.79	International Ltd	120,000	110,114	0.76
China Telecom Corp				Minth Group Ltd	266,000	392,720	2.70
Ltd- H	400,000	317,322	2.18	Parkson Retail Group			
				Ltd	23,000	273,985	1.88

## Investment Portfolio (continued) As at 31 December 2007

I interest of the second of th	Holdings as at 31.12.2007	Market value US\$	% of net asset value	Listed investments (98	Holdings as at 31.12.2007	Market value US\$	% of net asset value
Listed investments (9	98./0%)			Listed investments (98	3.70%)		
Listed on the Stock E (continued) Pacific Textiles		Tong Kong (89.6	ŕ	Listed on the Stock Ex Republic of China ( China International	0 5	henzhen, Peoplo	?'s
Holdings Ltd Ping An Insurance (Group) Co Of	,	35,695	0.25	Marine Container Group Co Ltd – B China Merchants	124,700	231,251	1.59
China Ltd – H Ports Design Ltd Shandong Weigao		283,584 158,584	1.95 1.09	Property Development – B China Vanke Co Ltd	11,875	33,482	0.23
Group Medical Polymer Co Ltd Shangri-La Asia	20,000	46,086	0.32	- B Yantai Changyu Pioneer Wine Co -	146,801	380,041	2.61
Limited (Hong Kong Listing)		151,945	1.04	В	67,759	508,010	3.49
Sino Gold Ltd Tencent Holdings	, , , ,	62,355	0.43			1,152,784	7.92
Ltd Times Ltd Tingyi (Cayman)		277,285 65,315	1.90 0.45	Listed on the Stock Ex Guocoland Ltd	27,000	ingapore (1.52% 105,846	0.73
Holding Corp Vinda International	70,000	111,242	0.76	Yanlord Land Group Ltd	50,000	114,687	0.79
Holdings Xinao Gas Holdings	132,000	71,390	0.49			220,533	1.52
Ltd Yue Yuen Industrial	,	260,522	1.79	Total listed			
Holdings Ltd	16,500	58,787	0.40	investments		14,369,838	98.70
Listed on the Stock E	'vohanga of N	12,965,647	89.05	Total Forex Forward Contract		(30)	0.00
Wuxi Pharmatech	xchunge oj iv	ew tork, Americ	cu (0.00 /0)				
Cayman Inc	400	11,696	0.08	Other net Assets		192,600	1.30
Listed on the Stock E Republic of China Shanghai Jinqiao		hanghai, People	?'s	Total listed investments		14,562,408	100.00
Export Processing ZoneDevelopment Co Ltd – B	11,248	19,178	0.13	Total listed investments, at historical cost		7,975,171	

## Statement of Movements in Portfolio Holdings For the Period from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007

	Portfolio Additions	holdings Disposals	Bonus/ Split		Portfolio Additions	holdings Disposals	Bonus/ Split
(I) Equities				Enric Energy Equipment			
				Holdings Ltd	-	120,000	-
Listed on the Stock Exchange		•		Foxconn International			
Alibaba.Com Ltd	3,500	3,500	-	Holdings	41,000	_	-
Anhui Conch Cement Co				Geely Automobile Holdings			
Ltd – H	_	8,000	-	Ltd	_	695,000	-
Anhui Expressway Co				Glorious Sun Enterprises			
Ltd – H	_	22,000	-	Ltd	-	-	-
ASM Pacific Technology	22,500	-	-	Golden Eagle Retail Group			
Beijing Enterprises				Ltd	_	29,000	-
Holdings Ltd	14,000	_	_	GZI Real Estate Investment			
Belle International Holdings				Trust	_	63,000	_
Ltd	152,000	_	_	Haitian International		,	
Byd Electronic Co Ltd	60,500	_	_	Holdings	116,000	_	_
Chen Hsong Holdings Ltd	12,000	_	_	Harbin Power Equipment	,		
China Aoyuan Property	12,000			Company Ltd – H	36,000	36,000	_
Group	12,000	12,000	_	Hengan International Group	50,000	50,000	
China Dongxiang Group Co.	286,000	12,000	_	Co Ltd	18,000	8,000	_
China Foods Ltd	280,000	162,000	_	Hidili Industry Intl	10,000	8,000	
China Infrastructure	_	102,000	_	Development Ltd	5 000	5,000	
	40.000	12,000		*	5,000	5,000	_
Machinery Holdings Ltd .	40,000	12,000	_	Hong Kong Aircraft	6,000		
China Mengniu Dairy Co	427.000	44.000		Engineering Co Ltd	6,800	-	_
Ltd	135,000	14,000	-	Hong Kong & China Gas Hopewell Highway	109,000	57,000	-
Ltd – H	_	110,500	_	Infrastructure Ltd	142,000	_	_
China Merchants Holdings		.,		Huaneng Power	,		
International Co Ltd	36,000	_	_	International Inc – H	_	112,000	_
China Oilfield services Ltd	36,000	218,000	_	Hung Hing Printing Group	38,000	-	_
China Resources Land Ltd	32,000	24,000	_	IDS Group	-	_	_
China Resources Power	32,000	21,000		Kerry Properties Ltd	_	18,500	_
Holdings Co	92,000	68,000	_	Kingboard Chemical		10,500	
China Resources Enterprise	72,000	00,000		Holdings Ltd	_	31,000	_
Ltd	38,000	28,000	_	Kingboard Laminates Hldg		31,000	
China Shenhua Energy Co	36,000	28,000	_	Ltds	_	33,000	
Ltd		17,500		KWG Property	54,000	67,000	_
	_	17,300	_	Li & Fung Ltd	16,000	6,000	_
China Shipping	20,000	82.000		=	10,000		_
Development Co Ltd – H . China Telecom Corp	28,000	82,000	_	Li Ning Co Ltd Luk Fook Holdings	_	38,000	_
Ltd – H	50,000	460,000	-	International Ltd	120,000	-	-
China Communications				Minth Group Ltd	94,000	_	_
Services Corp Ltd- H	394,922	52,167	_	Parkson Retail Group Ltd		28,500	_
China High Speed				Pacific Textiles Holdings			
Transmission Equipment				Ltd	33,000	_	_
Group Co Ltd	78,000	78,000	_	Ping An Insurance (Group)			
CNOOC Ltd	,	264,000	_	Co Of China Ltd – H	_	39,500	_
	58 000				4 000	-	_
Denway Motors Ltd	58,000	114,000	_	Ports Design Ltd	4,000	-	

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JULY 2007 TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Portfolio Additions	holdings Disposals	Bonus/ Split		Portfolio Additions	holdings Disposals	Bonus/ Split
(I) Equities (continued)				Listed on the Stock Exchange China	of Shenzhen,	People's Repu	blic of
Listed on the Stock Exchange	of Hong Kons	(continued)		China International Marine			
Prime Success International	oj mong mong	, (солилиси)		Container Group Co			
Group Ltd	_	182,000	_	Ltd – B	86,400	_	_
Shandong Weigao Group		102,000		China Merchants Property	00,100		
Medical Polymer Co Ltd	_	8,000	_	Development -B	_	39,325	_
Shangri-La Asia Limited		0,000		China Vanke Co Ltd – B	_	77,300	_
(Hong Kong Listing)	52,000	4,000	_	Shenzhen Chiwan Wharf		77,300	
Sino Gold Ltd	200	4,000	_	Holdings Ltd – B	_	31,062	_
Sino-Ocean Land Holdings	200			Yantai Changyu Pioneer		31,002	
Ltd	17,000	17,000	_	Wine Co – B	20,550	11,000	
Tencent Holdings Ltd	11,000	25,000	_	wille C0 – B	20,330	11,000	_
Times Ltd	137,000	23,000	_	Listed on the Stock Exchange	of Cingapora		
Tingyi (Cayman) Holding	137,000	_	_	Cosco Corp (Singapore)	oj Singupore		
Corp	16 000	26,000	_	Ltd	21 000	21,000	
Vinda International	16,000	26,000	_	Guocoland Ltd	21,000 27,000	21,000	_
	201.000	160 000			50,000	_	_
Holdings Wumart Stores Inc – H	301,000	169,000	_	Yanlord Land Group Ltd	30,000	_	_
	- 0.00	423,200	-	(II) Post-			
Xinao Gas Holdings Ltd	8,000	64,000	-	(II) Bonds			
Xinjiang Xinxin Mining Ind	7.000	7.000		L'action de Contraction	CNOW	TIC 4	
Co Ltd	7,000	7,000	_	Listed on the Stock Exchange	of New York,	USA	
Yue Yuen Industrial		10.000		JP Morgan Intl Derivatives			
Holdings Ltd	-	19,000	_	MTN Conv 0% 12/06/		02.040	
	437467040			2009	-	92,949	_
Listed on the Stock Exchange	-						
Perfect World Co Ltd	2,400	2,400	-				
Listed on the Stock Exchange	of New York.	USA					
Wuxi Pharmatech Cayman	.,, .						
Inc	400	_	_				
Listed on the Stock Exchange China	of Shanghai,	People's Repu	blic of				
Shanghai Jinqiao Export							
Processing							
ZoneDevelopment Co							
Ltd - B	_	37,430	_				

## New Era PRC Fund

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (UNAUDITED) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Dec 2007 US\$	Dec 2006 US\$
ASSETS		
Investments	14,369,838	46,015,249
Bank Balances	259,727	1,706,443
Dividends receivable and other receivables	6,114	26,401
Amounts due from brokers	14,264	75,961
Amounts due from brokers	14,204	
TOTAL ASSETS	14,649,943	47,824,054
LIABILITIES		
Other payables	44,391	74,749
Amounts due to brokers	43,114	_
Amounts due to unitholders	_	35,918
Unrealized loss on a forex foreign exchange contract	30	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	87,535	110,667
NET ASSETS	14,562,408	47,713,387
Financial by:		
Capital account	14,562,408	47,713,387
Units in issue	197,239.73	1,139,078.59
Net asset value per unit	73.83	41.88

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## RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NET ASSET VALUE PER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PUBLISHED NET ASSET VALUE

	2007 US\$	2006 US\$
Net asset value used for calculating published net asset value per unit	14,597,623	47,900,302
Adjustment to fair value of trading securities and trading securities sold, not yet purchased*	(35,215)	(186,915)
Net asset value per the financial statements	14,562,408	47,713,387
Number of units in issue	197,239.73	1,139,078.59
Published net asset value per unit in issue	74.00	42.05

<sup>\*</sup> The published net asset value per unit issued is calculated using last traded price at the close of business on the balance sheet date in determining the fair value of investment securities, in accordance with the Trust Deed and Explanatory Memorandum, instead of using last bid price for securities held and last ask price for securities to be purchased, as required under International Financial Reporting Standards.

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