



HSBC China Dragon Fund

Interim Report 2017

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Manager's report

Market review

Onshore Chinese equities registered strong gain during the 6-month period ended 30 September 2017 after a rather stable quarter in the beginning of the year.

In 2Q this year, the Chinese market was driven higher by generally robust macro data and positive upwards earnings revisions. China 1Q GDP and March activity growth surprised on the upside. Consumption related data has also been strong. The property market has also surprised on the upside, with real estate investment and new residential starts showing resilience despite further property tightening being announced. This positive data alongside strong sales led to a significant rally in the property sector in May. The technology sector was boosted by generally strong earnings results among the heavyweights. RMB showed signs of stabilisation in Q1 and started to appreciate against the USD in Q2 on the back of improving economic fundamentals, this has also been supportive of equity market returns. Moody's downgraded China's sovereign rating by one notch during May. However, there was no significant impact on either the equity or bond markets. On June 20th, MSCI announced the addition of 222 large-cap A-shares to its benchmarks after four years of discussion. The inclusion will be implemented in two stages, first in May and then in Aug 2018. The MSCI inclusion of A-shares gave relevant stocks a lift in June and added long-term upside potential for the market. Also in June, China made new strategy announcements on coal and steel production causing both sectors to rise.

Despite rising geopolitical tensions between North Korea and the U.S., the equity market continued to march higher in Q3, fuelled again by solid macro data and upwards earnings revision during the traditional earnings season of August. China's economy grew faster than expected in the second quarter as industrial output picked up and investment remained strong. Consumption related data has also been strong. The property market in Q3 remained solid with real estate investment and new residential starts continued to expand. Consolidation in property market continued with leading players posting strong sales numbers, driving the property sector higher during the quarter. S&P stripped China's sovereign rating by one notch in September after Moody's downgrade in May. However, the market reaction to the downgrade was somewhat muted. RMB remained pretty strong against the USD in Q3 until late September the greenback rallied as U.S. President Trump unveiled a framework for tax reform and U.S. Federal announced the balance sheet normalisation will commence in October. China announced another round of property tightening measures in tier 2/3 cities in late September, which triggered some profit-taking activities in the property sector.

On the last day of September, China announced a targeted reserve requirement cut in a bid to encourage more lending to smaller firms. The cut will be effective in 2018. Market believes this will create additional liquidity in the system and balance the deleveraging impact to the economy, booting overall sentiment in the equity market. We believe market performance will remain broadly supported in the run-up to the 19th Party Congress which will be kicked off on October 18.

Outlook

The economy ended the first three quarters of 2017 on a solid footing, supported by resilient consumer spending, rebound of PPI and commodity price, strong property sales and recovery of industrial profits. This has led to a significant upward earnings revision across different sectors, driving equity market higher. Given a relatively stable near term growth outlook and broadly expansionary fiscal policy stance, we remain positive on the near term outlook for Chinese equities. China continued to press ahead the supply side and SOE reforms and a further opening up of capital/financial markets, they should provide support to the Chinese equity market.

Longer term, the recovery of economic fundamentals will attract more investments into China. PBOC's FX reserves rose for the 8th consecutive month in September by US\$17bn to US\$3.1tn. The inclusion of A-share in MSCI global index will also drive inflow as we expect the inclusion factor will gradually increase from the current 5% level.

**For and on behalf of
HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited**

20 November 2017

Review report to the Manager of HSBC China Dragon Fund (“the Fund”)

Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial report of the Fund set out on pages 3 to 23 which comprises the interim statement of assets and liabilities of the Fund as of 30 September 2017 and the related interim statement of comprehensive income, interim statement of changes in equity and interim cash flow statement for the six month period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The Manager is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of the interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report as at 30 September 2017 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*.

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20 November 2017

Interim statement of assets and liabilities (unaudited)

As at 30 September 2017

	Note	30 September 2017 (Unaudited) HK\$	31 March 2017 (Audited) HK\$
Assets			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	7, 12	1,359,097,675	1,195,585,628
Other receivables	8(c)	2,479,597	1,684,964
Cash and cash equivalents	8(d)	34,831,375	302,578,533
Total assets		<u>1,396,408,647</u>	<u>1,499,849,125</u>
Liabilities			
Redemption payable		–	264,799,578
Accrued expenses and other payables	8(a), (b) & (c)	2,934,877	3,539,928
Total liabilities		<u>2,934,877</u>	<u>268,339,506</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>1,393,473,770</u>	<u>1,231,509,619</u>
Representing:			
Total equity		<u>1,393,473,770</u>	<u>1,231,509,619</u>
Number of units in issue	10	<u>107,423,977</u>	<u>107,423,977</u>
Net asset value per unit		<u>12.97</u>	<u>11.46</u>

Interim statement of comprehensive income (unaudited)

For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Note	Six months ended	
		30 September 2017 (Unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (Unaudited) HK\$
Dividend income		23,051,287	30,136,622
Interest income on deposits	4, 8(d)	43,679	118,187
Net gains from investments	5	152,320,716	41,339,008
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		455,265	(1,968,833)
Other income	8(b)	1,672,720	–
Net investment income		<u>177,543,667</u>	<u>69,624,984</u>
Management fees	8(a)	(9,769,256)	(12,455,149)
Transaction costs		(1,323,289)	(2,901,898)
Trustee's fees	8(b)	(637,131)	(908,477)
Custodian fees	8(c)	(520,809)	(816,547)
Auditor's remuneration		(49,863)	(145,874)
Legal and professional fees		(781,222)	(153,485)
Other operating expenses		<u>(254,480)</u>	<u>(594,894)</u>
Operating expenses		<u>(13,336,050)</u>	<u>(17,976,324)</u>
Profit before taxation		164,207,617	51,648,660
Taxation	6	<u>(2,243,466)</u>	<u>(2,355,923)</u>
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders and total comprehensive income for the period		<u><u>161,964,151</u></u>	<u><u>49,292,737</u></u>

Interim statement of changes in equity (unaudited)

For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Note	Six months ended	
		30 September 2017 (Unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (Unaudited) HK\$
Balance at the beginning of the period		1,231,509,619	1,787,843,955
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders and total comprehensive income for the period		161,964,151	49,292,737
Redemption of units during the period	14	<u>–</u>	<u>(361,212,339)</u>
Balance at the end of the period		<u>1,393,473,770</u>	<u>1,475,924,353</u>

Interim cash flow statement (unaudited)

For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2017 (Unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (Unaudited) HK\$
Operating activities		
Interest income received	45,335	118,180
Dividend income received	23,051,287	30,136,622
Management fees paid	(9,830,040)	(12,835,307)
Trustee's fees paid	(672,110)	(1,014,141)
Transaction cost paid	(1,323,289)	–
Tax paid	(2,243,466)	(2,638,728)
Proceeds from sales of investments	375,958,395	926,093,535
Payments for purchases of investments	(387,149,726)	(562,956,698)
Other operating expenses paid	(1,093,429)	(6,994,745)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(3,257,043)	369,908,718
Financing activity		
Payments on redemption of units	(264,799,578)	(361,212,339)
Net cash used in financing activity	(264,799,578)	(361,212,339)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(268,056,621)	8,696,379
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	302,578,533	28,362,084
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	309,463	(303,715)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	34,831,375	36,754,748

The notes on pages 7 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the unaudited interim financial report

For the six months ended 30 September 2017

1 Background

HSBC China Dragon Fund ("the Fund") is a closed-ended unit trust governed by its Trust Deed dated 20 June 2007 ("the Trust Deed"), as amended. The Fund is authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("the SFC") under Section 104(1) of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance ("HKSFO"). The Fund is also listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") (a subsidiary of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited). The period fixed for the duration of the Fund is eighty years after the date of inception.

Pursuant to the general meeting held on 7 January 2016, an extraordinary resolution was passed to include Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and any other similar stock connect programme between another city of the PRC and Hong Kong (currently also includes the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect) ("Stock Connect") into the investment objective of the Fund. With effect from 8 January 2016, the investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in A Shares directly through (i) the qualified foreign institutional investor ("QFII") investment quota of HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited ("the Manager") and (ii) Stock Connect; and indirectly through investment of (i) up to 40% of its net asset value in financial derivative instruments and securities linked to A Shares (such as CAAPs (including A Share participation certificates/notes and/or other access products issued by third party investment banks or brokers)) and (ii) up to 40% of its net asset value in exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") (including synthetic ETFs) authorised by the SFC with exposure to A Shares; provided that the Fund's investment in a Chinese A Share access product, being a security linked to A Shares or portfolios of A Shares which aim to replicate synthetically the economic benefit of the relevant A Shares or portfolio of A Shares ("CAAPs") and ETFs (including synthetic ETFs) authorised by the SFC with exposure to A Shares will not exceed 50% in the aggregate of its net asset value.

The Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net asset value in CAAPs issued by a single issuer; and the Fund's aggregate investment in (i) CAAPs shall not be more than 40% of its net asset value and (ii) A shares through the Stock Connect shall not be more than 30% of the Fund's net asset value.

Under the prevailing regulations in the PRC, foreign investors can invest in the PRC A Share market through institutions that have obtained QFII status in the PRC. The Fund itself is not a QFII, but may invest directly in A Shares via the US\$200 million QFII investment quota obtained by the Manager.

2 Significant accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2018. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the HKICPA. KPMG's review report to the Manager is included on page 2.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2017 that is included in the interim financial report as comparative information does not constitute the Fund's statutory annual financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. The auditor has expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 in their report dated 28 July 2017.

Notes to the unaudited interim financial report

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Hong Kong dollar reflecting the fact that the units of the Fund are issued in Hong Kong dollars.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except that investments are stated at their fair value as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

(c) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

All of the Fund's investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. This category comprises financial instruments held for trading, which are instruments that the Fund has acquired principally for the purpose of short-term profit-taking. These include investments in equities and equity-linked instruments.

Financial assets that are classified as receivables include deposits held by the Fund's custodian.

Financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss include accrued expenses and other payables.

(ii) Recognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

A regular way purchase or sale of financial assets and financial liabilities is recognised using trade date accounting. From this date, any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities are recorded.

Financial liabilities are not recognised unless one of the parties has performed their obligations under the contract or the contract is a derivative contract not exempted from the scope of HKAS 39.

(iii) Measurement

Financial instruments are measured initially at fair value (transaction price). Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately, while on other financial instruments they are amortised.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair values recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Measurement (continued)

Financial assets classified as receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses, if any.

Financial liabilities, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(iv) Fair value measurement principles

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Fund has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When applicable, the Fund measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument provided such price is within the bid-ask spread. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. In circumstances where the quoted price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the points within the bid-ask spread that are most representative of the fair value.

When there is no quoted price in an active market, the Fund uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price – i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Fund determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is supported wholly by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, the Fund measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

Portfolios of financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Fund on the basis of the net exposure to either market or credit risk, are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell a net long position (or paid to transfer a net short position) for a particular risk exposure. Those portfolio-level adjustments are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

The Fund recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

(v) Impairment

Financial assets that are stated at cost or amortised cost are reviewed at each date of the statement of assets and liabilities to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If any such indication exists, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's effective interest rate.

If in a subsequent period the amount of an impairment loss recognised on a financial asset carried at amortised cost decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the write-down, the write-down is reversed through profit or loss.

(vi) Derecognition

The Fund derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition in accordance with HKAS 39.

The Fund uses the weighted average method to determine realised gains and losses on derecognition.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

(vii) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of assets and liabilities when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and the transactions are intended to be settled on a net basis, or simultaneously, e.g. through a market clearing mechanism.

(viii) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

(d) Revenue recognition

Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Fund and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as follows:

Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Interest income on bank deposits is disclosed separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

Dividend income

Dividend income from listed investments is recognised when the share price of the investment goes ex-dividend. Dividends from other investments are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as dividend income when declared.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Revenue recognition (continued)

In some cases, the Fund may receive or choose to receive dividends in the form of additional shares rather than cash. In such cases, the Fund recognises the dividend income for the amount of the equivalent cash dividends with the corresponding debit treated as an additional investment.

(e) Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

(f) Taxation

Taxation comprises current tax and deferred tax. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities, and all deferred tax assets to the extent that is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised, are recognised.

(g) Translation of foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(h) Related parties

(a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Fund if that person:

- (i) has control or joint control over the Fund;
- (ii) has significant influence over the Fund; or
- (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Fund.

(b) An entity is related to the Fund if any of the following conditions applies:

- (i) The entity and the Fund are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others);
- (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member);
- (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party;
- (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
- (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Fund or an entity related to the Fund;

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Related parties (continued)

- (b) An entity is related to the Fund if any of the following conditions applies: (continued)
- (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); or
 - (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the group or to the group's parent.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

(i) Foreign exchange gains and losses

Foreign exchange gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised together with other changes in the fair value. Included in the statement of comprehensive income line item, "Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)" are net foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary financial assets and financial liabilities other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss.

(j) Units in issue

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

The Fund has one class of units in issue. Unitholders may not demand redemption of their units in the Fund unless otherwise permitted by the Trust Deed. Upon termination of the Fund, the unitholders are entitled to all net cash proceeds derived from the sale or realisation of the assets of the Fund less any liabilities, in accordance with their proportionate interest in the Fund at the date of termination. The units are classified as equity in accordance with HKAS 32.

(k) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Fund that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Fund's other components, whose operating results are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. Segment results that are reported to the chief operating decision maker include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. The chief operating decision maker of the Fund is identified as the Manager.

3 Changes in accounting policies

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Fund. None of these developments have had a material effect on how the Fund's result and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented in this interim financial report. The Fund has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period (see note 15).

4 Interest income on deposits

The Fund earned all its interest income from cash and cash equivalents.

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5 Net gains from investments

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2017 (unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (unaudited) HK\$
Realised losses	(11,159,555)	(86,400,317)
Unrealised gains	163,480,271	127,739,325
	<u>152,320,716</u>	<u>41,339,008</u>

Gains and losses presented above exclude dividend income.

6 Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Fund is exempted from taxation under section 26A (1A) of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance.

Under the current general provisions of the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law ("CIT") and published tax circulars, the Fund would be subject to PRC withholding tax at the rate of 10% in respect of its PRC sourced income earned, including capital gains realised on the sale of PRC A Shares, B Shares and H Shares listed companies, dividend income derived from PRC A Shares, B Shares and H Shares listed companies and interest income earned in respect of PRC bank deposits and corporate bonds. This withholding taxation basis should apply as it is intended that the Fund would be managed and operated in such a manner that it would not be considered a tax resident enterprise in China or otherwise as having a taxable permanent establishment in the PRC. The 10% withholding tax rate may be further reduced under an applicable tax treaty, which the PRC has entered into with the jurisdiction in which the beneficial owner of the relevant income is a resident.

The Offering Circular of the Fund gives the Manager the right to provide for withholding tax on such gains or income and withhold the tax for the account of the Fund. On the basis of the available information, the Manager has determined that it is appropriate to provide for PRC taxation at the withholding tax rate of 10% on dividend income from A Shares, B Shares and H Shares and interest income from PRC bank deposits and corporate bonds in the financial statements. The Manager had also determined that it was appropriate to provide for PRC taxation at the withholding tax rate of 10% on realised gains on A shares.

The Manager had determined that it was also appropriate to provide for PRC taxation at the withholding tax rate of 10% on unrealised gains on A Shares with effect from 26 July 2013.

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") and the China Securities Regulatory Commission have jointly promulgated the Circular Concerning the Temporary Exemption of the Corporate Income Tax for Gains Earned by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors and Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors from the Transfer of Domestic Shares and Other Equity Interest Investment in China ("the Circular").

According to the Circular, QFIs have been granted a temporary PRC CIT exemption on capital gains deriving from PRC A Shares and other equity interest investments in PRC enterprises on or after 17 November 2014. Realised capital gains generated by QFIs prior to 17 November 2014 would remain subject to the 10% withholding tax – unless otherwise exempt under the applicable double tax treaty.

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6 Taxation (continued)

As a result of the announcement of the Circular, the most significant change for the Fund was the cessation of withholding 10% of unrealised gains on its investments in A Shares as deferred tax liabilities as at 17 November 2014. The deferred tax liabilities in respect of unrealised gains recognised on A Shares amounted to \$22,547,473 as at 14 November 2014 have been released to the Fund. The Fund also ceased withholding 10% of realised gains on its investments in A Shares with effect from 17 November 2014.

Further to the Circular, the Manager has received the Notice on Tax Issues (HGSS6ST[2015] No.2) jointly issued by the Third Branch of Shanghai Municipal Office, SAT and the Third Branch of Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Local Taxation ("the Shanghai Tax Bureaus") on 1 April 2015 requesting the submission of tax documents and payment of the corresponding withholding tax by 30 September 2015 in respect of their PRC sourced income earned (including capital gains realised on the sale of PRC A Shares and other equity interest instruments prior to 17 November 2014). When the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 were issued, the Fund and the Manager, as the QFII investment quota holder, had appointed tax advisers and were in the process of preparing the tax filing to the Shanghai Tax Bureau.

On 12 October 2015, the Shanghai Tax Bureau determined that the withholding tax payable by the Fund in respect of their PRC sourced income earned (including capital gains realised on the sale of PRC A Shares and other equity interest instruments from 17 November 2009 to 17 November 2014) was \$11,030,907. The Manager considers that the tax assessment has been concluded upon the payment and settlement of the relevant tax by the Fund with the Shanghai Tax Bureau on 13 October 2015. Accordingly, the Fund had an over-provision of tax of \$121,553,537 as at 13 October 2015. Such overprovision has been released and recognised as a gain resulting in an actual increase of \$121,553,537 (5.13% of net asset value or \$0.58 per unit of the Fund) on the net asset value of the Fund as of 13 October 2015.

The Fund has settled its enterprise income tax liability with respect to the Fund's investment in CAAPs and has received tax provisions previously withheld by the brokers with respect to certain CAAPs amounting to HK\$483,404 ("Tax Refund") on 18 May 2016. In addition, upon the receipt of professional tax advice and consultation with the trustee of the Fund, the Fund had an over-provision of tax of HK\$14,484 ("Tax Overprovision") with respect to such CAAPs which had been released and recognised as a gain in the books of the Fund on 20 May 2016 resulting in an actual increase of HK\$14,484 (0.00% of net asset value or HK\$0.00 per unit of the Fund) on the net asset value of the Fund as of 20 May 2016. The aggregate effect of the Tax Refund and the Tax Overprovision resulted in an increase of HK\$497,888 (0.03% of net asset value or HK\$0.00 per unit of the Fund) on the net asset value of the Fund as of 20 May 2016.

Taxation in the interim statement of comprehensive income represents:

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2017 (unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (unaudited) HK\$
PRC dividend and interest income withholding tax	2,243,466	2,624,083
PRC capital gains tax – current	–	(268,160)
	<u>2,243,466</u>	<u>2,355,923</u>

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7 Investments at fair value through profit or loss

	30 September 2017 (unaudited) HK\$	31 March 2017 (audited) HK\$
Listed equities		
– outside Hong Kong	1,295,726,277	1,139,825,048
Equity-linked instruments		
– warrants	33,984,979	31,256,336
– participation note	29,386,419	24,504,244
	<u>1,359,097,675</u>	<u>1,195,585,628</u>

8 Related party transactions

The following is a summary of significant related party transactions or transactions entered into during the period between the Fund and the Trustee, the Manager and their Connected Persons. Connected Persons are those as defined in the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the SFC. All transactions during the period between the Fund and the Trustee, the Manager and their Connected Persons were entered into in the ordinary course of business and under normal commercial terms. To the best of the knowledge of the Trustee and the Manager, the Fund did not have any other transactions with Connected Persons except for those disclosed below.

(a) Management fees

The fee payable to the Manager is calculated at the rate of 1.5% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund payable monthly in arrears. The management fee charged to the Fund in respect of the period and payable at the end of the period amounted to \$9,769,256 (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016: \$12,455,149) and \$1,676,952 (as at 31 March 2017: \$1,737,736) respectively.

The Fund has invested directly in A Shares via the US\$200 million QFII investment quota obtained by the Manager.

(b) Trustee's fees

Prior to 1 July 2017, trustee fees payable to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited ("the Trustee") was calculated at the rate of 0.125% per annum for the first \$390 million of the net asset value of the Fund, and 0.1% per annum thereafter. With effect from 1 July 2017, trustee fee is calculated at the rate of 0.07% per annum on the net asset value of the Fund. The trustee fee is accrued daily and payable in arrears on a monthly basis. The trustee fee charged to the Fund in respect of the period and payable at the end of the period amounted to \$637,131 (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016: \$908,477) and \$94,533 (as at 31 March 2017: \$129,512) respectively. During the period, the Fund received a one-off rebate on trustee fees from the Trustee amounting to \$1,672,720 (2016: Nil).

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8 Related party transactions (continued)

(c) Custodian fee and deposit placed with Custodian

The custodian fee is calculated at the rate of 0.1% per annum of the net asset value of the assets held by the Fund's QFII custodian, Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. ("the QFII custodian") as determined by the QFII custodian (based on the actual number of calendar days in a year). The custodian fee charged to the Fund in respect of the period and payable at the end of the period amounted to \$520,809 (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016: \$816,547) and \$234 (as at 31 March 2017: \$2,052) respectively.

A minimum clearing reserve is required to be held with the QFII custodian. As at 30 September 2017, the Fund had \$2,479,589 (as at 31 March 2017: \$1,683,300) deposit held with the QFII custodian.

(d) Bank balances

Bank accounts are maintained with The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which is a member of the HSBC Group, and the QFII custodian. The bank balances held as at 30 September 2017 amounted to \$26,963,409 and \$7,867,966 respectively (as at 31 March 2017: \$277,877,705 and \$24,700,828 respectively). During the period, interest earned from HSBC Hong Kong and Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. amounted to \$2,295 and \$41,384 respectively (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016: \$1,113 and \$117,074 respectively).

(e) In its purchases and sales of investments, the Fund utilises the brokerage services of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which is a member of the HSBC Group. Details of transactions effected through this company are as follows:

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2017 (unaudited) HK\$	30 September 2016 (unaudited) HK\$
The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited		
Commission paid for the period	19,301	–
Average rate of commission	0.08%	–
Total aggregate value of such transactions for the period	24,125,796	–
Percentage of such transactions in value to total transactions for the period	3.07%	0.00%

(f) The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which is a member of the HSBC Group, has redeemed nil units of the Fund during the period ended 30 September 2017 (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016: 70,085). As at 30 September 2017, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited held 70,084 units (as at 31 March 2017: 70,084 units) of the Fund.

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9 Soft dollar practices

The Manager has entered into soft dollar commission arrangements with brokers under which certain goods and services used to support investment decision making. The Manager did not make direct payment for these services but transacted an agreed amount of business with the brokers on behalf of the Fund. Commission was paid from the Fund on these transactions.

10 Units in issue

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2017 (unaudited)	30 September 2016 (unaudited)
Number of units in issue brought forward	107,423,977	167,849,838
Units redeemed during the period	–	(33,569,920)
Number of units in issue carried forward	<u>107,423,977</u>	<u>134,279,918</u>

The Fund is a closed-ended unit trust. Unitholders may not demand redemption of their units in the Fund unless otherwise permitted by the Trust Deed. Apart from the units redeemed by the unitholders of the Fund under an offer made by the Manager as discussed in note 14, the Fund did not have any subscription or redemption of units during the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017 and the year ended 31 March 2017.

11 Financial instruments and associated risks

The Fund maintains investment portfolio in a variety of financial instruments as dictated by its investment management strategy.

Pursuant to the general meeting held on 7 January 2016, an extraordinary resolution was passed to change the investment objective of the Fund. With effect from 8 January 2016, the investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in A Shares directly through (i) the QFII investment quota of the Manager and (ii) Stock Connect; and indirectly through investment of (i) up to 40% of its net asset value in financial derivative instruments and securities linked to A Shares (such as CAAPs (including A Share participation certificates/notes and/or other access products issued by third party investment banks or brokers)) and (ii) up to 40% of its net asset value in ETFs (including synthetic ETFs) authorized by the SFC with exposure to A Shares; provided that the Fund's investment in CAAPs and ETFs (including synthetic ETFs) authorized by the SFC with exposure to A Shares will not exceed 50% in the aggregate of its net asset value.

The Fund will not invest more than 10% of its net asset value in CAAPs issued by a single issuer; and the Fund's aggregate investment in (i) CAAPs shall not be more than 40% of its net asset value and (ii) A Shares through the Stock Connect shall not be more than 30% of the Fund's net asset value.

The risk exposures inherent in the Fund as at 30 September 2017 are summarized below. Details of such investments held as at 30 September 2017 are shown in the investment portfolio.

The Fund's investing activities expose it to various types of risks that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The Manager and the Trustee have set out below the most important types of financial risks inherent in each type of financial instruments. The Manager and the Trustee would like to highlight that the following list of associated risks only sets out some of the risks but does not purport to constitute an exhaustive list of all the risks inherent in an investment in the Fund.

Investors should note that additional information in respect of risks associated with investment in the Fund can be found in the Fund's offering document.

During the period, the Manager invested in financial instruments which the Manager considered are commensurate with the risk level of the Fund in accordance with its investment objective.

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11 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities and the risk management policies employed by the Fund are discussed below.

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

The Fund is exposed to price risk arising from changes in the market prices of its investment assets. Price risk is managed by a diversified portfolio of investments across different industries in accordance with the investment objective of the Fund.

Price sensitivity

The impact on a 15% (31 March 2017: 15%) increase in value of the investments as at 30 September 2017, with all other variables held constant, is shown below. An equal change in the opposite direction would have reduced the net assets attributable to unitholders by an approximately equal but opposite amount.

	30 September 2017 (unaudited)			31 March 2017 (audited)		
	% of total net assets	Change in price %	Effect on net assets attributable to the unitholders HK\$	% of total net assets	Change in price %	Effect on net assets attributable to the unitholders HK\$
Investment assets						
Listed equities:						
– outside Hong Kong	92.98	15	194,358,942	91.68	15	169,360,067
Equity-linked instruments:						
– warrants	2.44	15	5,097,747	2.54	15	4,688,450
– participation note	2.11	15	4,407,963	1.99	15	3,675,637
	<u>97.53</u>		<u>203,864,652</u>	<u>96.21</u>		<u>177,724,154</u>

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from changes in interest rates which may affect the value of debt instruments and therefore result in potential gain or loss to the Fund. As at the end of the reporting period, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered relatively low as the Fund's financial instruments were predominantly non-interest bearing. The Fund's interest rate risk is managed on an ongoing basis by the Manager.

Except for the bank deposits, the Fund did not hold any interest-bearing assets as at 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017, therefore the Manager considers the Fund is not subject to significant interest rate risk. No sensitivity analysis is performed for 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017.

(iii) Currency risk

The Fund may invest in financial investments and enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than its functional currency. Consequently, the Fund is exposed to risks that the exchange rate of its functional currency relative to other foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of that portion of the Fund's assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Hong Kong dollar ("HKD").

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11 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Currency risk (continued)

The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of that asset or liability. The Manager may attempt to mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments.

In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Manager monitors the Fund's currency exposure on an ongoing basis.

At the date of statement of assets and liabilities the Fund had the following exposures (in HKD equivalent):

	Assets HK\$	Liabilities HK\$	Net exposure HK\$
30 September 2017 (unaudited)			
Renminbi	1,306,239,915	–	1,306,239,915
United States dollar	63,371,399	(110,249)	63,261,150
	<u>1,369,611,314</u>	<u>(110,249)</u>	<u>1,369,501,065</u>
31 March 2017 (audited)			
Renminbi	1,166,209,176	–	1,166,209,176
United States dollar	55,761,704	(111,506)	55,650,198
	<u>1,221,970,880</u>	<u>(111,506)</u>	<u>1,221,859,374</u>

Amounts in the above table are based on the carrying value of the assets and liabilities.

Currency sensitivity

As the HKD is pegged to the United States dollar ("USD"), the Fund does not expect any significant movements in USD/HKD exchange rate. During the period ended 30 September 2017, the HKD strengthened in relation to the Renminbi by approximately 4% (as at 31 March 2017: weakened by less than 6%). At 30 September 2017, had the HKD further strengthened in relation to the Renminbi by 4% (as at 31 March 2017: weakened by 6%), with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to unitholders would have (decreased)/increased by the amounts shown in the following table.

	HK\$
30 September 2017 (unaudited)	
Renminbi	<u>(52,249,597)</u>
31 March 2017 (audited)	
Renminbi	<u>69,972,551</u>

A 4% weakening of the HKD (as at 31 March 2017: strengthened by 6%) against the above currency would have resulted in an approximately equal but opposite effect on the basis that all other variables remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 31 March 2017.

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11 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The Fund's exposure to credit risk is monitored by the Manager on an ongoing basis. At 30 September 2017, all of the Fund's financial assets were exposed to credit risk.

Credit risk arising on transactions with brokers relates to transactions awaiting settlement. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used.

The Fund invests in A Shares via the QFII investment quota obtained by the Manager. These investments are held in a segregated account with the QFII custodian on behalf of the Fund. Substantially all of the assets of the Fund are held by the Trustee or the QFII custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Trustee or the QFII custodian may cause the Fund's rights with respect to securities held by the Trustee or the QFII custodian to be delayed or limited. There were no investments in debt securities as at 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017.

The majority of the cash held by the Fund is deposited with Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (the "banks").

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the banks may cause the Fund's rights with respect to the cash held by the banks to be delayed or limited. The Fund monitors the credit rating of the banks on an ongoing basis.

The Fund invests in over-the-counter equity-linked instruments, which expose the Fund to the risk that the counterparties to the financial instruments might default on their obligations to the Fund. The Manager considers the risk to be insignificant.

The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

At both 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017, there were no significant concentrations of credit risk to counterparties except to the Trustee, the QFII custodian and the banks.

The Manager considers that none of these assets are impaired nor past due at the end of the reporting period.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations arising from its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset, or that such obligations will have to be settled in a manner disadvantageous to the Fund.

The Fund's policy to manage liquidity is to have sufficient liquidity to meet its liability without incurring undue losses or risking damage to the Fund's reputation.

The Fund's equity and equity-linked instruments investments are considered to be readily realisable under normal market conditions as they are all listed on stock exchanges in Hong Kong or the PRC. The Fund, however, also invest in listed equity investments suspended for trading and unlisted equity linked-instruments, which are not publicly traded on exchanges and may be illiquid. The total value of listed equity investments suspended for trading and unlisted equity linked-instruments of the Fund as at 30 September 2017 was \$15,685,167 (as at 31 March 2017: \$23,435,533).

The Fund has one class of units in issue. Unitholders may not demand redemption of their units in the Fund unless otherwise permitted by the Trust Deed (see Note 14). All financial liabilities have contractual maturities of less than three months. At both 30 September 2017 and 31 March 2017, the Fund did not have significant exposures to liquidity risk.

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11 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

(d) Capital management

At 30 September 2017, the Fund had \$1,393,473,770 (as at 31 March 2017: \$1,231,509,619) of capital classified as equity.

The Fund's objective in managing the capital is to ensure a stable and strong base to maximise returns to all investors. The Manager manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies stated in the Trust Deed.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures during the period with respect to the Fund's approach to its capital management.

The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

During the period, no distributions were made to the unitholders of the Fund.

12 Fair value information

The Fund's financial instruments are measured at fair value on the date of statement of assets and liabilities. Fair value estimates are made at a specified point in time, based on market conditions and information about the financial instruments. Usually, fair values can be reliably determined within a reasonable range of estimates. For certain other financial instruments, including dividend and other receivables, deferred tax liabilities, accrued expenses and other payables, the carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments.

Valuation of financial instruments

The Fund's accounting policy on fair value measurements is detailed in significant accounting policy in note 2(c)(iv).

The Fund measures fair values using the three levels of fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 7, *Financial instruments: Disclosures*, with the fair value of each financial instrument categorised in its entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to that fair value measurement. The levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs.

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets, such as equities, are listed on recognised stock exchanges or have daily quoted prices are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments, the Fund determines fair value using valuation techniques.

The Fund uses widely recognised valuation models for determining the fair value of financial instruments which do not have quoted market prices in an active market. Valuation techniques include comparison to quoted prices for identical instruments that are considered less than active and other valuation models.

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12 Fair value information (continued)

The following analyses financial instruments measured at fair value at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised.

	30 September 2017 (unaudited)			
	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Listed equities	1,295,726,277	–	–	1,295,726,277
Equity-linked instruments	–	63,371,398	–	63,371,398
	<u>1,295,726,277</u>	<u>63,371,398</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,359,097,675</u>

	31 March 2017 (audited)			
	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Listed equities	1,129,067,113	–	10,757,935	1,139,825,048
Equity-linked instruments	–	55,760,580	–	55,760,580
	<u>1,129,067,113</u>	<u>55,760,580</u>	<u>10,757,935</u>	<u>1,195,585,628</u>

During the six months ended 30 September 2017, there were no transfers between the levels. A financial instrument that was classified on Level 3 as at 31 March 2017 was disposed by the Fund during the six months ended 30 September 2017.

The table below presents the reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	As at	Net losses	Sales	Purchases	As at	*Unrealized
	1 April 2017	included in			30 September	
	HK\$	statement of	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
		comprehensive				
		income				
		HK\$				
Equities	<u>10,757,935</u>	<u>(3,008,326)</u>	<u>(7,749,609)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

* Represents the amount of unrealised gains and losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income during the period for these Level 3 instruments.

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13 Segment information

The Manager makes the strategic resource allocation on behalf of the Fund and has determined the operating segments based on the internal reports reviewed which are used to make strategic decisions.

The Manager's asset allocation decisions are based on one single and integrated investment strategy and the Fund's performance is evaluated on an overall basis. Accordingly, the Manager considers that the Fund has one single operating segment which is investing in a portfolio of financial instruments to generate investment returns in accordance with the investment objective stipulated in the offering circular of the Fund. There were no changes in the operating segment during the period.

The segment information provided to the Manager is the same as that disclosed in the interim statement of comprehensive income and statement of assets and liabilities. The Fund is domiciled in Hong Kong.

14 Redemption of units under the Recurring Redemption Offer

On 7 January 2016, the Trust Deed was amended to allow the Manager to offer, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions before an offer can be made, a right to all unitholders to redeem part or all of their units in the Fund at the net asset value per unit calculated on the relevant redemption day, subject to a redemption levy of up to 2% of the net asset value per unit, as the Manager determines at its discretion taking into account the best interests of the unitholders ("the Recurring Redemption Offer"). Each Recurring Redemption Offer will be subject to applicable regulatory approvals. All redeemed units will be cancelled.

For the six months ended 30 September 2017, the Manager did not propose a Recurring Redemption Offer to the unitholders of the Fund.

For the six months ended 30 September 2016, the Manager offered a right to the unitholders to redeem their units in the Fund under the Recurring Redemption Offer. On 27 July 2016, 33,569,920 units, representing 20% of the total outstanding number of units as at 26 July 2016, were redeemed at a total amount of \$361,212,339. A redemption levy of \$0.04 per unit was charged and deducted from the redemption price and retained by the Fund. The redeemed units were then cancelled.

15 Possible impact of amendments, new standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the six months ended 30 September 2017

Up to the date of issue of this interim financial report, the HKICPA has issued a few amendments and new standards which are not yet effective for the period ended 30 September 2017 and which have not been adopted in this interim financial report. These include the following which may be relevant to the Fund:

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to HKAS 7, <i>Statement of cash flows: Disclosure initiative</i>	1 January 2017
HKFRS 9, <i>Financial instruments</i>	1 January 2018

The Fund is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments and new standards is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Fund's results of operations and financial position.

Investment portfolio (unaudited)

As at 30 September 2017

HSBC China Dragon Fund			
	Holdings	Market value HK\$	% of total net assets attributable to unitholders
Equities			
Listed investments			
<i>The People's Republic of China</i>			
Agricultural Bank of China – A Share	6,606,556	29,536,557	2.12
Air China Ltd – A Share	2,876,200	29,396,594	2.11
Angel Yeast Co Ltd – A Share	606,133	18,108,651	1.30
Bank of China Ltd – A Share	8,869,500	42,776,056	3.07
Bank of Hangzhou Co Ltd – A Share	1,319,360	21,566,229	1.55
Bank of Nanjing Co Ltd – A Share	2,845,910	26,415,414	1.90
BBMG Corp – A Share	2,065,100	15,387,731	1.10
Beijing New Building Materials Plc – A Share	1,442,330	29,076,865	2.09
Beijing Originwater Technology Co Ltd – A Share	1,368,300	28,917,105	2.07
China Communications Const – A Share	710,300	12,752,432	0.91
China Fortune Land Development Co Ltd – A Share	596,700	21,754,899	1.56
China Gezhouba Group Co Ltd – A Share	2,414,679	29,411,457	2.11
China International Travel Service Corp Ltd – A Share	640,658	25,921,092	1.86
China Life Insurance Co Ltd – A Share	1,038,939	33,818,651	2.43
China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone Holdings Co Ltd – A Share	1,919,864	41,181,905	2.95
China Petroleum & Chemical Corp – A Share	3,443,572	23,800,399	1.71
GoerTek Inc – A Share	1,698,734	40,345,552	2.90
Guangdong Provincial Expressway Development Co Ltd – A Share	3,242,840	32,573,098	2.34
Guotai Junan Securities Co Ltd	283,569	7,197,390	0.52
Guotai Junan Securities Co Ltd – A Share	1,426,400	36,204,089	2.60
Hangzhou Robam Appliances Co Ltd – A Share	778,310	38,559,431	2.77
Hongfa Technology Co Ltd – A Share	1,036,508	50,487,652	3.62
Hua Xia Bank Co Ltd – A Share	4,333,139	47,084,004	3.38
Huafa Industrial Co Ltd Zhuhai – A Share	2,170,800	19,537,768	1.40
Huangshan Tourism Development Co Ltd – A Share	519,300	10,304,376	0.74
Huatai Securities Co Ltd	314,500	8,351,510	0.60
Huatai Securities Co Ltd – A Share	1,695,406	45,021,302	3.23
Hubei Hongcheng General Machinery Co Ltd – A Share	996,656	43,096,555	3.09
Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine Co Ltd	112,403	7,908,594	0.57
Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine Co Ltd – A Share	607,128	42,717,091	3.07
Jiangsu Yanghe Brewery Joint-Stock Co Ltd – A Share	126,300	15,041,335	1.08
Kangde Xin Composite Material Group Co Ltd – A Share	934,700	23,263,373	1.67
Kunming Yunnei Power Co Ltd – A Share	3,132,550	14,887,193	1.07
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd – A Share	67,065	40,725,466	2.92
Luzhou Laojiao Co Ltd – A Share	470,336	30,962,132	2.22
New China Life Insurance Co Ltd – A Share	580,549	38,605,739	2.77
Qingdao Haier Co Ltd – A Share	2,167,510	38,380,456	2.75
SAIC Motor Corp Ltd – A Share	110,300	3,907,495	0.28

Investment portfolio (unaudited)

As at 30 September 2017

	HSBC China Dragon Fund		
	Holdings	Market value HK\$	% of total net assets attributable to unitholders
Equity (continued)			
Listed investments (continued)			
<i>The People's Republic of China (continued)</i>			
SDIC Power Holdings Co Ltd – A Share	2,070,491	17,833,196	1.28
Shan Dong Sun Paper Industry Joint Stock Co Ltd – A Share	3,555,914	41,684,684	2.99
Shandong Chenming Paper Holdings Ltd – A Share	2,321,405	53,418,082	3.83
Shenzhen Techand Ecology Environment Co Ltd – A Share	1,561,652	24,812,053	1.78
Soochow Securities Co Ltd – A Share	1,345,100	19,256,359	1.38
Tangshan Sanyou Chemical I – A Share	3,577,200	49,070,164	3.52
YOUZU Interactive Co Ltd – A Share	869,400	24,668,101	1.77
Equities (Total)		<u>1,295,726,277</u>	<u>92.98</u>
Equity-linked instruments			
Listed investments			
CICC Financial Trading Warrants 06 May 2018	905,343	33,984,979	2.44
Credit Suisse AG (Bank of China) PN 04 January 2022	2,840,921	13,701,252	0.98
		<u>47,686,231</u>	<u>3.42</u>
Unlisted but quoted investment			
CICC Financial Trading Ltd (Sc Mtr Ltd) PN 15 December 2018	442,758	15,685,167	1.13
		15,685,167	1.13
Equity-linked instruments (Total)		<u>63,371,398</u>	<u>4.55</u>
Total investments (Total cost of investments: \$1,119,707,719)		1,359,097,675	97.53
Other net assets		<u>34,376,095</u>	<u>2.47</u>
Total net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>1,393,473,770</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Statement of movements in portfolio holdings (unaudited)

For the period ended 30 September 2017

	<i>% of total net assets attributable to unitholders</i>	
	30 September 2017	31 March 2017
<i>Listed investments</i>		
Equities	92.98	92.55
Equity-linked instruments	3.42	3.50
	<u>96.40</u>	<u>96.05</u>
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<i>Unlisted but quoted investments</i>		
Equity-linked instruments	1.13	1.03
	<u>1.13</u>	<u>1.03</u>
Total investments	97.53	97.08
Other net assets	<u>2.47</u>	<u>2.92</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u><u>100.00</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>

Performance table (unaudited)

For the period ended 30 September 2017

(a) Total net asset value (at bid prices)

Year/period end

31 March 2012	HK\$2,757,458,558
30 September 2012	HK\$1,572,628,698
31 March 2013	HK\$1,752,201,348
30 September 2013	HK\$1,829,061,200
31 March 2014	HK\$1,628,843,669
30 September 2014	HK\$1,810,797,968
31 March 2015	HK\$2,855,917,483
30 September 2015	HK\$2,197,233,482
31 March 2016	HK\$1,787,843,955
30 September 2016	HK\$1,475,924,353
31 March 2017	HK\$1,231,509,619
30 September 2017	HK\$1,393,473,770

(b) Total net asset value per unit (at bid prices)

Year/period end

31 March 2012	HK\$7.89
30 September 2012	HK\$7.50
31 March 2013	HK\$8.35
30 September 2013	HK\$8.72
31 March 2014	HK\$7.76
30 September 2014	HK\$8.63
31 March 2015	HK\$13.61
30 September 2015	HK\$10.47
31 March 2016	HK\$10.65
30 September 2016	HK\$10.99
31 March 2017	HK\$11.46
30 September 2017	HK\$12.97

Performance table (unaudited)

For the period ended 30 September 2017

(c) Price record (Dealing NAV)

The Fund is a closed-ended fund listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and no unitholders may demand redemption of their units. In general, closed-ended funds may trade on the exchange at a discount or at a premium to their net asset value. There is no assurance that the units will be traded at a price that is equal to the net asset value. As the market price of the units may be determined by factors such as the net asset value and market supply and demand for the units, there is a risk that the units will be traded at a discount to its net asset value. In times of market disruption or when there is an insufficient number of buyers and/or sellers of the units, the bid/ask spread of the market price of the units may widen significantly. During the year ended 31 March 2013, the Manager offered a right to the unitholders to redeem not more than 40% of the aggregate number of units in issue. For the six months ended 30 September 2016, the Manager offered a right to the unitholders to redeem not more than 20% of the aggregate number of units in issue.

Year/period	Lowest HK\$	Highest HK\$
20 June 2007 (date of inception) to 31 March 2008	8.62	13.94
1 April 2008 to 30 September 2008	5.55	10.22
1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009	4.12	10.22
1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009	6.22	9.05
1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010	6.22	9.70
1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010	7.91	9.49
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011	7.91	10.52
1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011	7.50	10.28
1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012	7.21	10.28
1 April 2012 to 30 September 2012	7.14	8.42
1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013	7.14	9.41
1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013	7.79	9.58
1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014	7.60	9.58
1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014	7.39	8.69
1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	7.39	13.69
1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015	9.75	18.36
1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	9.27	18.36
1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016	9.69	11.41
1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017	9.89	11.58
1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017	11.08	13.29

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