

# FIDELITY CHINA SPECIAL SITUATIONS PLC

31 MAY 2020

## Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio made up primarily of securities issued by companies listed in China and Chinese companies listed elsewhere. The Company may also invest in listed companies with significant interests in China.

## Investment Trust Facts

Launch date:	19.04.10
Portfolio manager:	Dale Nicholls
Appointed to trust:	01.04.14
Years at Fidelity:	24
Total Net Assets (TNA):	£ 1,390m
Ordinary shares in Issue:	526,324,717
Share price:	236.00p
NAV:	264.15p
Discount:	10.66%
Gross Market Gearing:	22.9%
Net Market Gearing:	22.0%

## Performance Comparator

Market Index: MSCI CHINA (N)

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

## Performance to 31.05.20 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 16.04.10*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	3.5	5.4	2.6	15.5	21.6	48.2	160.7
NAV Cumulative Growth	2.9	4.2	5.4	16.3	17.5	38.9	191.6
Index Cumulative Growth	1.5	2.1	1.8	14.3	25.4	38.5	98.8
Share Price Annualised Growth	-	-	-	15.5	6.7	8.2	9.9
NAV Annualised Growth	-	-	-	16.3	5.5	6.8	11.1
Index Annualised Growth	-	-	-	14.3	7.8	6.7	7.0

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

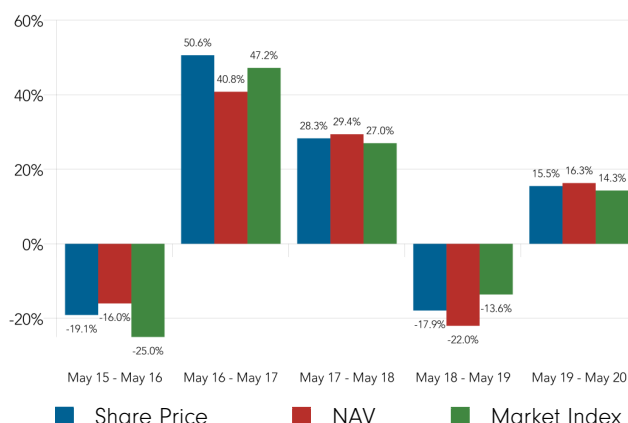
\*Performance commencement date.

## Portfolio Manager Commentary

The manager believes there are strong investment opportunities in Chinese stock markets. From China's recent National People's Congress meeting we saw China map out its policy support plan which has taken a gradual and relatively modest approach towards stimulus. We are seeing specific fiscal policy helping to increase credit access for small and medium sized enterprises through state owned banks and online vouchers that have been issued to people to boost local consumption. This should support GDP growth and employment in the short-term. It is likely that the government will closely target employment which could see them not over-spend resources on unnecessary projects. We continue to see economic activity recover in China and longer term trends around structural change continue to unfold. Thus, even at a milder pace of overall activity, there remains opportunities for growth with the shifts in demand patterns. The impact of the virus is likely to accelerate several of the structural shifts already underway, such as the shift to ecommerce and various online services. A significant weighting in such holdings should see the Trust benefit from such trends.

Over the 12 months to 31st May 2020, the Trust's NAV registered 16.3% in returns, outperforming its reference index which delivered 14.3% over the same period. Meanwhile, the Trust's share price rose 15.5% over the same period. Shares in Aurora Mobile fell after the mobile big data solutions platform company reported losses due to a weak advertising market coupled with some one-off losses. Noah Holding also held back returns amid weaker transaction volumes following the COVID-19 outbreak. Adding to performance was the Trust's high-conviction holding in China Meidong Auto Holdings. Its focus on lower-tier cities, a strong portfolio of luxury brands, strong revenues from after sales services and an improvement in new car sales margins contributed to its healthy sales and profits.

## Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



## Key Risks

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Overseas investments may be more volatile than established markets. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility.

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## Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)

	Exposure (% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	122.9
Net Equity	122.0
Other	-5.8
Uninvested Cash	0.0

Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

## Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)

GBP	Net	Index	Relative
>10bn	36.9	67.3	-30.3
5-10bn	9.3	11.3	-2.0
1-5bn	35.9	10.3	25.6
0-1bn	27.4	0.5	26.9
<b>Total Market Cap Exposure</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>89.3</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	12.5	10.7	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)

GICS Sector	Net	Index	Relative
Consumer Discretionary	45.4	28.8	16.6
Communication Services	20.0	22.1	-2.0
Information Technology	15.8	4.5	11.3
Health Care	14.7	5.1	9.6
Financials	13.5	17.9	-4.3
Industrials	8.3	5.3	2.9
Materials	6.4	2.2	4.2
Consumer Staples	6.0	4.1	1.9
Energy	2.6	2.6	0.0
Real Estate	1.6	4.9	-3.3
Utilities	-0.2	2.5	-2.7
<b>Total Sector Exposure</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
Other Index / Unclassified	-12.0	0.0	
<b>Total Equity Exposure</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## Country Exposure (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
China A-Shares	14.0	11.7	2.3
China B-Shares	0.4	0.1	0.3
China H-Shares*	19.7	21.6	-1.9
Red Chips*	6.1	8.5	-2.4
Listed in HK**	50.4	28.9	21.5
Listed in Singapore	0.0	0.0	0.0
Listed in USA	32.6	29.2	3.4
Listed in Taiwan	2.4	0.0	2.4
Listed in Australia	0.0	0.0	0.0
Listed in United Kingdom	2.4	0.0	2.4
Unlisted	6.1	0.0	6.1
Other	-12.1	0.0	-12.1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

\*As classified in the website of HKEx.

\*\*Non-H-share and non-Red-Chip companies listed in Hong Kong, held by the fund or as part of MSCI China.

## Top Net Long Positions (% TNA)

	GICS Sector
TENCENT HLDGS LTD	Communication Services
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	Consumer Discretionary
CHINA MEIDONG AUTO HOLDING	Consumer Discretionary
21VIANET GROUP INC	Information Technology
CHINA PAC INS GROUP CO LTD	Financials
WUXI APPTTEC CO LTD	Health Care
NOAH HLDGS LTD	Financials
SKSHU PAINT CO LTD	Materials
HUTCHISON CHINA MEDITECH LTD	Health Care
CHINA LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD	Financials

Country	Net	Index	Relative
China	14.5	14.8	-0.3
China	13.8	17.6	-3.7
China	5.7	0.0	5.7
China	3.6	0.0	3.6
China	3.1	0.4	2.7
China	2.7	0.2	2.5
China	2.6	0.0	2.5
China	2.5	0.0	2.5
Hong Kong	2.4	0.1	2.3
China	2.3	0.7	1.6

## Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
CHINA MEIDONG AUTO HOLDING	5.7	0.0	5.7
21VIANET GROUP INC	3.6	0.0	3.6
CHINA PAC INS GROUP CO LTD	3.1	0.4	2.7
NOAH HLDGS LTD	2.6	0.0	2.5
SKSHU PAINT CO LTD	2.5	0.0	2.5
WUXI APPTTEC CO LTD	2.7	0.2	2.5
HUTCHISON CHINA MEDITECH LTD	2.4	0.1	2.3
CHINA BIOLOGIC PRODUCTS	2.0	0.0	2.0
MONALISA GROUP CO LTD	1.9	0.0	1.9
PONY AI INC	1.9	0.0	1.9

## Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	13.8	17.6	-3.7
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	0.0	3.7	-3.7
PING AN INS GROUP CO CHINA	0.3	3.0	-2.7
INDUSTRIAL & COML BK CHINA	0.0	2.2	-2.2
CHINA MOBILE LTD	0.0	2.1	-2.1
JD COM INC	0.0	2.0	-2.0
BANK OF CHINA LTD	0.0	1.5	-1.5
BAIDU INC	0.0	1.4	-1.4
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO LTD	0.0	1.2	-1.2
TAL ED GROUP	0.0	1.1	-1.1

## Net Long Positions Concentration (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Top 10	53.3	49.5
Top 20	71.1	58.2
Top 50	101.5	72.1

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## Approach and Style

Fidelity China Special Situations seeks out investments in:

- Companies with good long-term prospects
- Cash generative businesses
- Companies controlled by strong management teams

Ideally these factors are not well understood by the market, and are therefore not reflected in valuations. The manager also focuses on smaller companies as these tend to be less well researched and, therefore, more mispriced. However, smaller companies tend to be higher risk, so risk management is key and meeting company management teams is essential in order to understand them and monitor their progress. He also stresses that investors must take a long-term view, and patience is sometimes required for these factors to be recognised.

Overall, the manager looks for undervalued companies that can deliver over the long-term.

## Administrative & Dealing Information

Financial Year End:	31st March
Reference currency:	UK Sterling (GBP)
Company domicile:	United Kingdom
Company legal structure:	Investment Trust
Capital guarantee:	No
ISIN:	GB00B62Z3C74
SEDOL:	B62Z3C7
Bloomberg:	FCSS LN
Distribution frequency:	Annual
Charges made to income or capital:	25/75*
Other Ongoing Costs (including AMC/excluding Portfolio transaction costs):	1.25%
Portfolio transaction costs:	0.25%
Annual Management Charge:	0.90% (net assets) +/- 0.20% (based on performance relative to the Market Index)
Last VMF adjustment (+/- 0.2%) applied at month end:	-0.20%

*\*Variable element of fee all charged to capital*

## Portfolio Construction – Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve the fund's objectives.

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as geared.

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

## How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- **Aggregation:** all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company. The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities - ie not aggregated.

- **Categorisation:** for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.

- **Derivatives:** all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.

- **"Basket" securities:** securities that represent a number of company shares - like index futures or options - are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

## Glossary / Additional Notes

### Equity Exposure notes

#### GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

#### NET EQUITY

The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.

**Glossary / Additional Notes****OTHER**

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

**UNINVESTED CASH**

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

**Investment Trust Facts****NAV**

The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

**PREMIUM**

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

**DISCOUNT**

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

**GEARING**

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

**FAIR VALUE**

The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

**General notes****TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)**

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

**INDEX**

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

**TOP NET LONG POSITIONS**

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the trust's total net assets are effectively invested. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

**TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS**

Those positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

**NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION**

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the trust and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between fund and index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.

**Glossary / Additional Notes****ONGOING COSTS (KID)**

These include Portfolio transaction costs (the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments) and Other ongoing costs (the costs that we take each year for managing the investment).

These are based on the methodology prescribed by EU Regulation (PRIIPS) and differ from other presentations of costs such as the Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) in the Company's Annual Report & Accounts.

**PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

These are costs incurred when trading underlying investments.

**SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION**

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.  
More information is available at <http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us>

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.  
More information is available at <http://www.icbenchmark.com/>

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