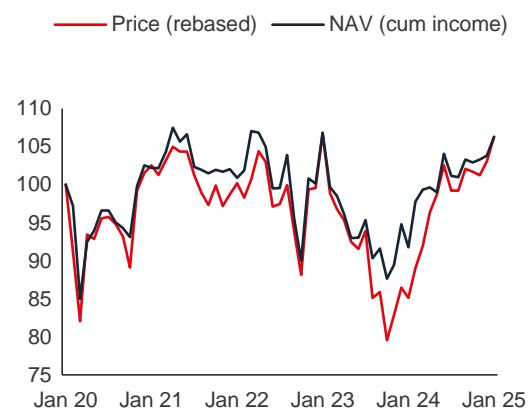
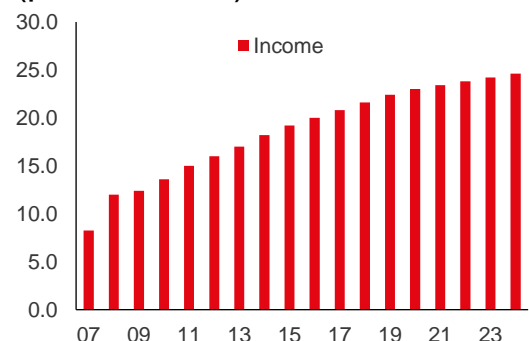


Share price performance (total return)



Dividend history (pence/share)



Please note that this chart could include dividends that have been declared but not yet paid.

Performance over (%)

	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y
Share price (Total return)	7.1	24.9	6.1	6.3	44.3
NAV (Total return)	5.1	15.8	5.3	6.3	43.7

Discrete year performance (%)

Discrete year performance (%)	Share price (total return)	NAV (total return)
31/12/2023 to 31/12/2024	19.2	9.5
31/12/2022 to 31/12/2023	-13.1	-5.4
31/12/2021 to 31/12/2022	0.8	-1.8
31/12/2020 to 31/12/2021	-2.8	-0.5
31/12/2019 to 31/12/2020	-4.0	-3.4

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Commentary at a glance

Contributors/detractors

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company was the key positive contributor to performance. HCL Technologies was a key detractor.

Outlook

We are observing significant opportunities in quality companies that are growing their earnings and increasing their dividends across many of our markets.

See full commentary on page 3.

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Company overview

Objective

The Company seeks to provide shareholders with a growing total annual dividend per share, as well as capital appreciation, from a diversified portfolio of investments from the Asia Pacific region.

Highlights

A portfolio of value orientated Asia Pacific equities with a focus on cash flow generation from companies with the ability to sustain and grow dividends.

Company information

NAV (cum income)	221.1p
NAV (ex income)	221.1p
Share price	230.5p
Discount(-)/premium(+)	4.3%
Yield	10.7%
Net gearing	6%
Net cash	-
Total assets	£391m
Net assets	£371m
Market capitalisation	£387m
Total voting rights	167,749,679
Total number of holdings	75
Ongoing charges (year end 31 Aug 2024)	1.08%
Benchmark	-

Source: BNP Paribas for holdings information and Morningstar for all other data. Differences in calculation may occur due to the methodology used.

Please note that the total voting rights in the Company do not include shares held in Treasury.

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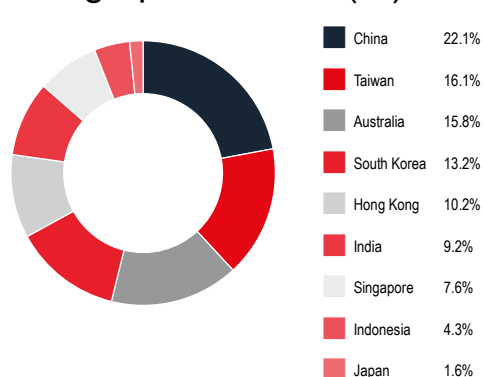
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Top 10 holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	6.3
MediaTek	3.4
China Construction Bank	3.2
Oversea-Chinese Banking	3.1
Macquarie Group	3.0
China CITIC Bank	2.9
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	2.8
ASE Technology	2.7
HSBC	2.7
Brilliance China Automotive	2.6

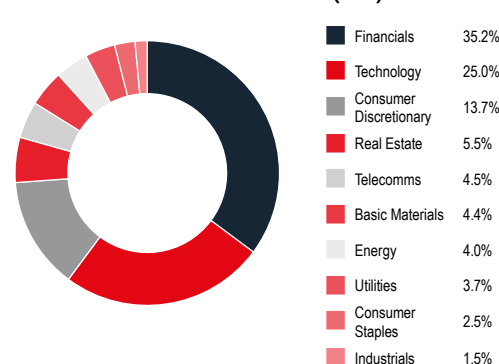
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Geographical focus (%)



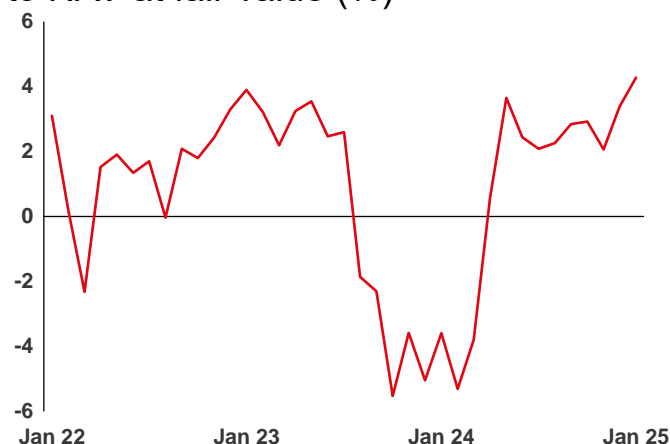
The above geographical breakdown may not add up to 100% as this only shows the top 10.

Sector breakdown (%)



The above sector breakdown may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Premium/(discount) of share price to NAV at fair value (%)



10 year total return of £1,000



All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar. Share price total return is calculated using mid-market share price with dividends reinvested.

Key information

Stock code	HFEL
AIC sector	AIC Asia Pacific Equity Income
Benchmark	-
Company type	Conventional (Ords)
Launch date	2006
Financial year	31-Aug
Dividend payment	May, August, November, February
Management fee	0.75% of net assets pa
Performance fee	No
(See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)	
Regional focus	Asia Pacific ex Japan
Fund manager appointment	Sat Duhra 2019



Sat Duhra
Portfolio Manager

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Fund Manager commentary

Investment environment

Asian equities rebounded in January after registering negative returns for three straight months at the end of 2024. They rose largely due to the waning prospect of a global trade war.

Chinese equities rose as stronger-than-predicted fourth-quarter GDP growth, fuelled by government stimulus, helped the economy expand in line with the official 5.0% target in 2024. Nevertheless, trade tensions with the US and renewed concerns about deflation weighed on investor sentiment.

Indian equities declined as corporate results largely underwhelmed and as investors fretted about the impact of expected changes to US trade policy.

Taiwanese equities rose as they followed US stocks upwards, although the country's fourth-quarter economic growth cooled.

South Korean stock markets rose as President Yoon Suk Yeol, who was impeached after a brief attempt to impose martial law, was arrested. This allayed some concerns about the political crisis.

Singapore equities also strengthened, with the country's central bank loosening monetary policy for the first time since 2021 due to global trade uncertainty.

Consumer discretionary was the best-performing sector overall. Utilities was the weakest as the possibility of higher-for-longer interest rates weighed on the sector.

Portfolio review

The leading positive contributors were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and Macquarie Group. TSMC was a key contributor given its large position in the fund. As the world's largest semiconductor foundry, its share price continued to benefit from robust demand for chips used in artificial intelligence (AI) processing. TSMC posted record fourth-quarter earnings and projected strong revenue growth for the first quarter of 2025. Shares in Australia's Macquarie Group, a diversified financial services company, rose after the company announced that its asset management arm had made significant investments in US-based Applied Digital and Aligned Data Centers, operators of advanced data centres. Investors viewed Macquarie Group's further investment in artificial intelligence (AI) and high-performance computing (HPC) infrastructure favourably.

Conversely, the holdings in HCL Technologies (HCLTech) and Bharat Petroleum detracted. The share price of HCLTech fell after the software services provider posted lower-than-expected revenue guidance (forecasts) for the full year, despite posting robust earnings in the third quarter. Shares in Bharat Petroleum also fell after the oil refiner's third-quarter earnings came in below expectations.

During the month, we exited the position in NTPC amid concerns over slower power demand in India.

Manager outlook

While the challenges faced by China have been dominating headlines, there are numerous bright spots, with India, Indonesia, Taiwan and South Korea providing strong exposure to growth themes in the region. Companies in these countries are also demonstrating evidence of dividend growth. Areas such as Indonesian banks, firms exposed to South Korean corporate reform and Taiwanese technology firms are providing high and growing dividends. If the recent stimulus measures in China manage to spur industrial and consumption activity, we think this, along with interest rate cuts in the first half of 2025, may provide a further boost to Asian markets.

The economic growth differential between Asia and the rest of the world remains wide and valuations continue to be attractive in our view. As a result, we are observing significant opportunities in quality companies that are growing their earnings and increasing their dividends across many of our markets. The outlook for dividends in the region remains robust as positive free cash flow generation, alongside the strength of balance sheets – with record cash being held by corporates – provides a strong backdrop across a number of sectors and markets across the region.

Glossary

Discount/Premium

The amount by which the price per share of an investment company is either lower (at a discount) or higher (at a premium) than the net asset value per share (cum income), expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per share.

Gearing

The effect of borrowing money for investment purposes (financial gearing). The amount a company can “gear” is the amount it can borrow in order to invest. Gearing is used in the expectation that the returns on the investments bought will exceed the costs of the borrowings that funded the purchase. This Company can also use synthetic gearing through derivatives and foreign exchange hedging and/or other non-fully funded instruments or techniques.

Leverage

The Company's leverage is the sum of financial gearing and synthetic gearing. Details of the Company's leverage limits can be found in both the Key Information Document and Annual Report. Where a company utilises leverage, the profits and losses incurred by the company can be greater than those of a company that does not use leverage.

Market capitalisation

Share price multiplied by the number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares, at month end. Shares typically priced mid-market at month-end closing.

Net Asset Value (NAV)

The total value of a Company's assets less its liabilities.

NAV (Cum Income)

The value of investments and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

NAV (Ex Income)

The value of investments and cash, excluding current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

NAV total return

The theoretical total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in Net Asset Value (NAV) assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. A way of measuring investment management performance of investment trusts which is not affected by movements in discounts/premiums.

Net assets

Total assets minus any liabilities such as bank loans or creditors.

Net cash

A company's net exposure to cash/cash equivalents expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds, after any offset against its gearing. This is only shown for companies that have gearing in place.

Net gearing

A company's total assets (less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

Ongoing charges

The total expenses for the financial year (excluding performance fee), divided by the average daily net assets, multiplied by 100.

Share price

Closing mid-market share price at month end.

Share price total return

The theoretical total return to the investor assuming that all dividends received were reinvested in the shares of the company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. Transaction costs are not taken into account.

Total assets

Cum Income NAV multiplied by the number of shares, plus prior charges at fair value.

Yield

Calculated by dividing the current financial year's dividends per share (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price per share, then multiplying by 100 to arrive at a percentage figure.

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Source for fund ratings/awards

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Company specific risks

- This Company is suitable to be used as one component of several within a diversified investment portfolio. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested in this Company.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Company's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the Company. As a result, losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the Company's assets.
- If a Company's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio that is diversified across more countries.
- The Company has significant exposure to Emerging Markets, which tend to be less stable than more established markets. These markets can be affected by local political and economic conditions as well as variances in the reliability of trading systems, buying and selling practices, and financial reporting standards.
- The portfolio allows the manager to use options for efficient portfolio management. Options can be volatile and may result in a capital loss.
- Where the Company invests in assets that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency, the currency exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.
- The Company may use gearing (borrowing to invest) as part of its investment strategy. If the Company utilises its ability to gear, the profits and losses incurred by the Company can be greater than those of a Company that does not use gearing.
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