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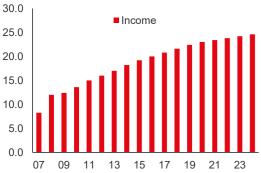


# Share price performance (total return)

— Price (rebased) —— NAV (cum income)



# Dividend history (pence/share)



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

Performance over (%)	6m	1y	Зу	5у	10y
Share price (Total return)	26.4	20.0	38.4	37.0	88.9
NAV (Total return)	25.5	19.7	36.9	32.3	89.4

Discrete year performance (%)	Share price (total return)	NAV (total return)
30/9/2024 to 30/9/2025	15.7	14.6
30/9/2023 to 30/9/2024	18.8	12.8
30/9/2022 to 30/9/2023	-8.5	-4.2
30/9/2021 to 30/9/2022	-3.5	-5.8
30/9/2020 to 30/9/2021	4.4	7.6

All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar.

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## Commentary at a glance

### Contributors/detractors

Hyundai Motor was the key positive contributor to performance, while Samsung Electronics was a key detractor.

#### Outlook

We are observing significant opportunities to accumulate what we see as quality companies that have been 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)	235.5p
NAV (ex income)	231.5p
Share price	244.0p
Discount(-)/premium(+)	3.6%
Yield	10.2%
Net gearing	8%
Net cash	-
Total assets Net assets	£479m £445m
Market capitalisation	£461m
Total voting rights	188,814,679
Total number of holdings	73
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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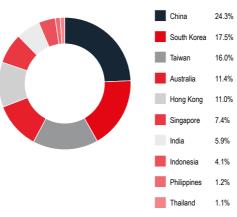
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Top 10 holdings	(%)
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.8
Tencent	3.9
SK hynix	3.7
Alibaba Group	3.7
Oversea-Chinese Banking	3.4
China CITIC Bank	3.1
Samsung Electronics	3.1
ANZ Group	3.1
MediaTek	3.0
Hon Hai Precision Industry	3.0

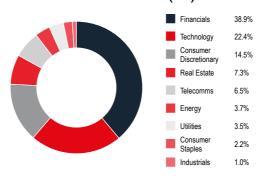
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## Geographical focus (%)



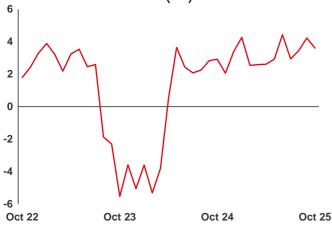
The above geographical breakdown may not add up to 100% as this only shows the top 10.

## 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.

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## **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 rose in October as continued excitement about artificial intelligence (AI) and a US-China trade truce propelled some benchmark indices to record peaks.

However, Chinese equities declined due to anxiety about trade relations with the US, despite news of a framework deal, and some profit-taking. Concerns about trade levies – where the US threatened "massive" tariffs on China – and the negotiations caused a brief slump earlier in the month, although equities recouped some of the loss after the two sides agreed a framework deal, which included a twelve-month trade truce. Chinese equities ended the month lower as there was also an element of profittaking, after a strong rally in recent months.

China's GDP grew by 4.8% year on year in the third quarter, which matched economists' consensus forecasts, while manufacturing activity contracted by more than forecast. Deflationary pressures persisted as consumer prices fell by a larger-than-predicted 0.3% year on year in September.

Indian equities rose, buoyed by renewed interest from foreign equity investors and optimism about looser monetary policy in the US, which put both the BSE Sensex 30 Index and Nifty 50 Index within touching distance of their highest-ever levels.

South Korean stocks surged and the benchmark KOSPI hit an all-time high, boosted by AI enthusiasm, solid economic growth and optimism about a US-South Korea trade agreement. Taiwanese shares also jumped, albeit to a lesser degree, as GDP growth beat forecasts.

By sector, information technology (IT) was the strongest performer, followed by industrials. IT stocks rallied as they benefited from continued strong interest in AI, underpinned by signs that investment in the infrastructure to support the technology remains robust. Industrial stocks rose amid easing trade tensions. Sectors perceived as being more defensive, such as consumer discretionary and healthcare, weakened as the risk appetite of investors improved following the US-China trade truce.

### Portfolio review

Against this backdrop, the underweight positions in Samsung Electronics, TSMC and SK Hynix detracted from performance relative to the benchmark as robust results and persistent AI demand drove their share prices higher. The holding in Hyundai Motor contributed positively due to expectations of continued buybacks, favourable dividend taxation and rising investor interest. Not owning Xiaomi also aided relative performance after safety concerns regarding its SU7 car pressured the share price.

During the month we reinitiated a position in Samsung Electronics as we believe there is renewed optimism in the chipmaker's ability to eclipse its smaller rivals, such as SK Hynix, in the supply of cutting-edge high-bandwidth memory 4 (HBM4) chips that are designed for Al applications. The company recently announced deals with Tesla and Open Al and is expected to provide NVIDIA with its latest HBM chips in the second half of the year. We added new positions in ANZ Group and DBS Group, which are high-yielding financial firms with strong capital positions. We particularly liked the latter because of the bank's recent high shareholder return policy that had surpassed market expectations. Elsewhere, we exited China Hongqiao Group, booking profit along the way following the strong performance of its share price.

### Manager outlook

While souring global trade relations and challenges faced by China have been dominating headlines, there are still 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 have been providing high and growing dividends. If the recent stimulus measures in China manage to spur industrial and consumption activity, we think this, along with further interest-rate cuts in 2025, may provide a boost to Asian markets.

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The economic growth differential between Asia and the rest of the world remains wide and we think valuations continue to be attractive. As a result, we are observing significant opportunities to accumulate what we see as quality companies that have been 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.

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# 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

- 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.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- 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.
- A persistent reduction in dividend income from investee companies could adversely affect the Company's ability to maintain its record of paving a growing dividend each year.
- 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.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- 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 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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