# **BOCHK INVESTMENT FUNDS**BOCHK CHINA EQUITY FUND®

#### **Important Notes:**

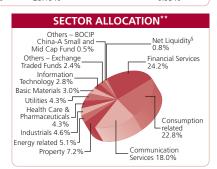
- 1. Investment involves risks and the BOCHK China Equity Fund (the "Sub-Fund") may not be suitable for everyone. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The Sub-Fund is subject to market and exchange rate fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. Price of Units and the income (if any) generated from the Sub-Fund may go down as well as up. Investors could face no returns and/or suffer significant loss related to the investments. There is no guarantee in respect of repayment of principal.
- 2. The key risks to which the Sub-Fund is subject to include: general investment risk, single country and concentration risk, emerging market/ PRC market risk, equity market risk, risk associated with high volatility of the equity market in Mainland China, risk associated with regulatory/ exchanges requirements/ policies of the equity market in Mainland China, risks associated with Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, "Shanghai and Shenzhen Connect"), foreign exchange and RMB currency and conversion risks, risk of investing in ELIs, risks relating to investment in ETFs, PRC tax risk, cross-class liability risk, derivative instruments risk and potential conflicts of interest.
- 3. Investing in emerging markets, such as the PRC, may involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets.
- 4. The relevant rules and regulations on Shanghai and Shenzhen Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. Each of Shanghai and Shenzhen Connect is subject to a set of Daily Quota, which does not belong to the Sub-Fund and can only be utilized on a first-come-first serve basis. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the Sub-Fund's ability to invest in A shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the Sub-Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.
- As the Sub-Fund may invest in A Shares indirectly through ELIs, the Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks relating to investment in ELIs.
   Credit risk: If any one of the ELIs issuers fails to perform its obligations under the ELIs, the Sub-Fund may suffer losses potentially equal to the full value of the instrument issued by the relevant issuer. Any such loss would result in the reduction in the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund and impair the ability of the Sub-Fund to achieve its investment objective.
  - (ii) Illiquidity risk: There may not be an active market for those ELIs which are not listed or quoted on a market. Even if the ELIs are quoted, there is no assurance that there will be an active market for them. Therefore investment in ELIs can be highly illiquid.
  - (iii) QFII risk: The issuance of the ELIs depends on the ability of the QFII to buy and sell A shares. The availability of QFII investment quota and any restrictions or any change in the QFII laws and regulations may adversely affect the issuance of ELIs and impair the ability of the Sub-Fund to achieve its investment objective.
- 6. The Sub-Fund is subject to PRC tax risk. There are risks and uncertainties associated with the current PRC tax laws, regulations and practice in respect of capital gains realised via Shanghai and Shenzhen Connect or ELIs on the Sub-Fund's investments in the PRC. Any future changes in the taxation policies in respect of QFII's or the Sub-Fund's investment in A shares in the PRC will impact on the Sub-Fund's returns. It is possible that any future announcement by the PRC tax authority may subject the Sub-Fund to unforeseen tax obligations, which may have retrospective effect.
- 7. Please refer to offering document of the Sub-Fund for further details including investment objectives and policies, charges and expenses, and risk factors (especially for the parts relating to Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Connect, ELIs and QFII), before making any investment decision.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE [Gross Distribution Reinvested]							
		3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Sub-Fund — Class A	HKD Units	1.18%	6.20%	-7.65%	17.20%	11.21%	534.81%
	USD Units	1.25%	6.12%	-7.49%	16.02%	-	-11.79%
Reference Index^	HKD Units	2.88%	7.73%	-5.41%	29.49%	26.93%	687.84%
	USD Units	2.95%	7.65%	-5.25%	28.19%	_	-0.93%

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE						
		Sub-Fund — Class A		Reference Index^		
	HKD Units	USD Units <sup>(1)</sup>	HKD Units	USD Units <sup>(1)</sup>		
2014	4.72%	N/A	7.98%	N/A		
2015	-9.36%	-26.81%	-7.88%	-27.03%		
2016	-0.96%	-1.00%	0.94%	0.90%		
2017	44.90%	43.72%	55.34%	54.07%		
2018	-20.06%	-20.19%	-18.75%	-18.88%		

	TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD PING AN INSURANCE GROUP CO-H CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK-H CHINA MERCHANTS BANK-H CHINA MOBILE LTD IND & COMM BK OF CHINA-H CHINAAMC CSI 300 IDX FTE-HKD	10.2% 9.2% 4.8% 4.5% 2.9% 2.6% 2.4%
9	CNOOC LTD	1.9%
10	BANK OF CHINA LTD-H	1.9%

FUND DATA (Class A)						
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Investment Manager	Alan CHAN & Team					
Fund Size (Million)	HKD 4,191.01					
Inception Date	Class A – HKD Units 25 October 2002	Class A – USD Units 4 May 2015				
Base Currency	HKD	*				
Currency Class	HKD / USD					
Management Fee (p.a.)	1.5%					
Initial Charge	5%					
Switching Fee	Class A – HKD Units	Class A – USD Units				
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NAV per unit	HKD 63.4805	USD 8.1018				
12 Months NAV <sup>++</sup>	Highest: HKD 71.1282	USD 9.0662				
	Lowest: HKD 59.7759	USD 7.6348				
Morningstar Overall Rating™		Class A – USD Units –				
Risk Level*	High					
Standard Deviation	Class A – HKD Units	Class A – USD Units				
5 .	18.11%	18.14%				
Beta	Class A – HKD Units	Class A – USD Units				
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Bloomberg Tickers	Class A – HKD Units BOCCHEQ					
ISIN Codes	Class A – USD Units BOCCHEU					
ISIN Codes	Class A – HKD Units HK000003 Class A – USD Units HK000025					
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### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The BOCHK China Equity Fund aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth through investment mainly (i.e. at least 70% of its non-cash assets) in the listed equities and equity related securities (including warrants and convertible securities) of companies whose activities are closely related to the economic development and growth of the economy of the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The Sub-Fund will mainly invest in Hong Kong-listed stocks, H shares, shares of red-chip companies (directly and/or indirectly through investments in SFC authorised collective investment schemes ("CISs") (including CISs managed by the Manager)) and/or exchange traded funds ("ETFs") listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK") (including ETFs managed by the Manager). The Sub-Fund may also invest (a) up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in A shares ((i) directly through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect; and/or (ii) indirectly through investment in equity linked instruments ("ELIs") (which may take the form of notes, contracts or other structures) issued by institutions or their affiliates with qualified foreign institutional investors ("QFII") status in the PRC, ETFs listed on the SEHK (including ETFs managed by the Manager) and/or SFC authorised CISs (including CISs managed by the Manager)); and/or (b) up to 15% of its Net Asset Value in B shares listed on the stock exchanges in Mainland China. The aggregate exposure to the A shares and B shares market will not exceed 20% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value. The Sub-Fund may also invest in other PRC-related securities listed or quoted outside Mainland China and Hong Kong if such securities are issued by companies which are related to the economic growth or development of the PRC. These securities may be listed on various stock exchanges including but not limited to stock exchanges in the United States, London or Singapore, such as ADRs (American depository receipts) and GDRs (global depository receipts).

# MANAGER'S COMMENT##

#### On Market

Amid the tariff truce in July, China's manufacturing PMI ticked up slightly to 49.7 from 49.4 in June. Exports growth beat expectation and reached 3.3%, versus -1.3% in June. Meanwhile, new loans slumped unexpectedly from RMB 1,660bln to 1,060bln, partly caused by the PBoC reducing liquidity in the banking system. However, the prevailing Sino-US trade dispute continued to cloud the prospect of China's economy. Industrial production growth dropped to a 17-year low, at 4.8%, from 6.3%. In August, the US Treasury labelled China a currency manipulator and the two nations announced a new round of tit-for-tat tariff hikes. The re-escalated trade conflict suppressed market sentiment again, but also led to higher expectation of new easing policies in China. 12-month onshore RMB forwards at end-August suggested the RMB to depreciate 0.3%, versus the 0.2% depreciation expectations at end-July.

A new 10% tariff on a further USD300 billion of Chinese imports and China Politburo's meeting officially refrained using the property market as a form of short-term stimulus, weighed on mainland equities during first half of August. Market sentiment gradually recovered after U.S. extended its Huawei-related exemptions for 90 days on Aug 19th, and seemingly strengthened despite China and U.S. exchanged another round of retaliation tariff on the Aug 23rd weekend. The relatively tech-sawy Shenzhen Composite and ChiNext Index eventually reversed their losses in early August and edged higher for three months in a row, while the large-cap dominant Shanghai Composite Index only drifted slightly lower by end-August. Meanwhile, Hang Seng H-share and Red-chip Index suffered more than their mainland peers in August, dragged by the prolonged social unrest and the increased off-shore RMB volatility during the month.

# On Portfolio

The Sub-Fund slightly underperformed the reference index in August, mainly due to the Consumption related and Property related exposure. In coming months, the Sub-Fund would maintain a watchful stance and focus on sectors with high beneficial likelihood from government stimulus and healthy financial strength, and would also closely monitor: (i) the impact of interest rate differential on RMB with reference to the latest trajectory of interest rate adjustment in US; (ii) China's latest economic releases; (iii) evolvement of the Sino-US relationship and related geo-political issues; (iv) potential changes of fund flows and/or stock preference corresponding to the Shanghai and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect; and (v) the market impact of the separation negotiation between European Union and UK and the political development of major European Union member states.

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The value of the investment products managed by BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited represents 0.5% of the Sub-Fund's fund size.

Fund performance is calculated in the base currency of the Sub-Fund or the denominated currency of the relevant class of Units on a NAV-to-NAV basis with gross distribution reinvested.

- (1) The calendar year performances for 2015 of Class A USD Units refers to the period since inception (4 May 2015) to end-2015.
- <sup>†</sup> Data Source © 2019 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
- ^ Prior to 1 January 2007, "MSCI China Free Index" was used as the reference index of the Sub-Fund's Class A HKD Units. Starting from 1 January 2007, the reference index of the Sub-Fund's Class A HKD Units was changed to "MSCI Daily TR Net Emerging Markets China HKD". The Index is denominated in USD. For the purpose of performance comparison with the Sub-Fund's Class A HKD Units, index performance is also presented in HKD and calculated by referring to the foreign exchange rates for USD/HKD quoted by WM/Reuters daily closing mid spot rates reported by FactSet at 4:00 p.m. GMT on the corresponding dealing dates.
- The Sub-Fund is approved as "Eligible Collective Investment Scheme" under "Capital Investment Entrant Scheme" ("CIES") of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR"). The HKSAR Government has announced that the CIES has been suspended with effect from 15 January 2015 until further notice. The Immigration Department of HKSAR ("Immigration Department") will continue to process applications received on or before 14 January 2015, whether already approved (including approval-in-principle and formal approval) or still being processed. For further details and the related Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the website of the Immigration Department at http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/ capital investment entrant scheme.html.
- \*\*With effect from 17 December 2018, sector classification methodology for the Sub-Fund has been updated slightly. Accordingly, the sector allocation has been restructured and the sector named "Telecom" has been replaced by "Communication Services" "Net Liquidity" was formerly named as "Cash & Deposit".
- ## The manager's comment above solely reflects the opinion, view and interpretation of the fund managers as of the date of issuance of this document. Investors should not solely rely on such information to make any investment decision.
- \* Risk levels are categorized into low, low to medium, medium, medium to high and high. The risk levels are determined by BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited based on the investment mix of each Sub-Fund and/or its underlying investments, and represent only the views of BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited in respect of the relevant Sub-Fund. Such risk levels are for reference only and should not be regarded as investment advice. You should not rely on the risk levels only when making any investment decision. The risk level is determined based on data as at 31 December 2018 and will be reviewed and (if appropriate) updated at least annually without prior notice, taking into account the prevailing market circumstances. If you are in doubt about the information of risk level, you should seek independent financial and professional advice.
- <sup>††</sup> 12 Months Highest / Lowest NAV per Unit was calculated by reference to the NAV per Unit on each month's last dealing day.
- For switching into a different class (denominated in a different currency) of Class A Units relating to the same Sub-Fund or switching into Class A Units of another Sub-Fund which is not a Money Market Sub-Fund
- ▲ For switching into Units of a Money Market Sub-Fund.

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