

# Legal & General Asian Income Trust

Unit Trust (UCITS compliant) I-Class GBP

Base currency: **GBP**

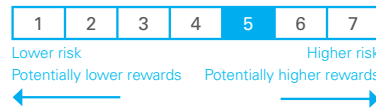
Domicile: **UK**



## FUND AIM

The objective of the Fund is to provide income and growth above those of the FTSE Asia Pacific ex-Japan TR Net Index (the "Benchmark Index"). The Fund aims to outperform the Benchmark Index by 2% per annum. This objective is before the deduction of any charges and measured over rolling three year periods.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



The synthetic risk and reward indicator (SRRI) is based on the historic volatility of the fund's value and it may change in the future.

The fund is in category 5 because it invests in company shares which are sensitive to variations in the stock market. The value of company shares can change substantially over short periods of time.

For more information, please refer to the Key Risks section on page 3.

## WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

- This fund is designed for investors looking for a combination of Income and growth from an investment in company shares from the Asian Pacific and Australasian regions.
- Although investors can take their money out at any time, this fund may not be appropriate for those who plan to withdraw their money within five years.
- This fund is not designed for investors who cannot afford more than a minimal loss of their investment.
- If you do not understand this document we recommend you seek additional information to help you decide if this fund is right for you.

## FUND FACTS

Fund size <b>£389.0m</b>	Launch date <b>10 Nov 2008</b>
Historical yield <b>4.2%</b>	

## COSTS

Initial charge <b>0.00%</b>	Ongoing charge <b>0.83%</b>
Price basis <b>Dual</b>	Bid / Offer spread <b>0.57%</b>

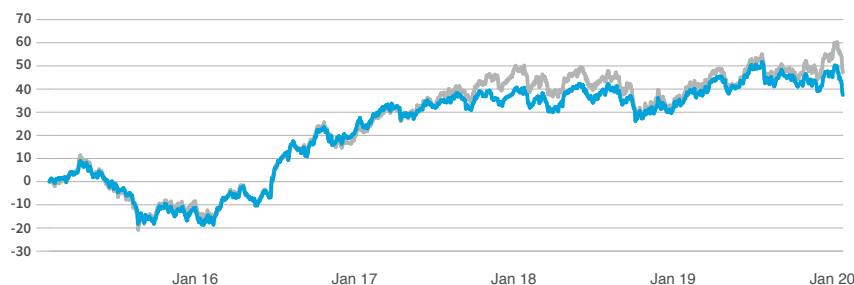
## BENCHMARKS

Target benchmark  
**FTSE Asia Pacific ex Japan TR Net Index**

Comparator benchmark  
**IA sector: Asia Pacific excluding Japan**

For detail on price basis methodologies please refer to the 'Guide to Investing With Us' found on our website. [↗](#)

## PERFORMANCE (%)



	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
■ Fund	-5.51	-2.81	1.58	10.59	37.52
■ Index	-3.22	0.40	6.90	20.73	47.23
Relative to Index	-2.29	-3.21	-5.32	-10.14	-9.71
Comparator	-3.12	0.02	7.87	21.55	48.58

## FUND SNAPSHOT

- **What does it invest in?** Invests at least 80% in shares in companies throughout Asia, including Australasia, but excluding Japan.
- **How does it invest?** Actively managed, with holdings in between 40 and 80 companies on average over a typical market cycle of 3-5 years.



## 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE TO MOST RECENT QUARTER (%)

12 months to 31 December	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	11.26	-4.91	14.19	35.88	-8.86
Index	14.48	-8.51	23.37	28.66	-3.48
Relative to Index	-3.22	3.60	-9.18	7.22	-5.38
Comparator	15.68	-8.95	24.64	26.59	-2.99

Performance for the I Inc unit class in GBP, launched on 17 August 2012. Source: Lipper. Performance assumes all fund charges have been taken and that all income generated by the investments, after deduction of tax, remains in the fund.

**Past performance is not a guide to the future.**

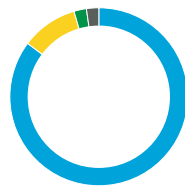


## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

All data source LGIM unless otherwise stated. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

### COUNTRY (%)

 Australia	31.2
 China	22.7
 Taiwan	10.9
 Hong Kong	10.3
 Singapore	7.6
 India	5.7
 Korea	5.1
 New Zealand	3.4
 Thailand	1.5
 Other	1.5



### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

Large	85.2
Mid	10.3
Small	2.3
Micro	0.0
Cash and Equivalents	2.2













■ Top 10 holdings 36.4%  
■ Rest of portfolio 63.6%  
No. of holdings 55











### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.6
Transurban Group	4.7
China Mobile	3.9
Qantas Airways	3.8
Telstra Corp	3.6
China Construction Bank	3.4
Westpac Banking Corp	3.0
Scentre Group	3.0
DBS Group Holdings	2.8
Amcor CDI	2.7

### SECTOR (%)

Financials	29.4	
Industrials	17.7	
Consumer Services	12.5	
Telecommunications	11.6	
Basic Materials	7.9	
Technology	7.8	
Oil & Gas	6.0	
Utilities	3.1	
Consumer Goods	3.0	
Unclassified	1.1	

### TOP 5 STOCK OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Relative	
Transurban Group	4.7	4.2	
Qantas Airways	3.8	3.7	
Telstra Corp	3.6	3.4	
China Mobile	3.9	3.2	
Scentre Group	3.0	2.8	
Commonwealth Bank of Aust	0.0	-1.6	
AIA Group Ltd	0.0	-1.9	
Samsung Electronics	0.0	-3.6	
Tencent Holdings	0.0	-4.4	
Alibaba Group Holding	0.0	-5.7	

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

The unfortunate emergence of a significant health scare from China dented the equity rally in January. Optimism around the trade deal between the US and China was overshadowed by fears of the coronavirus outbreak, which largely led to global equity markets underperforming. Despite the best efforts of the WHO to restore some calm, panic indicators were elevated, with forecasts of a potentially large, but temporary effect on China growth. The biggest areas of concern are around disruption from travel restrictions, impact on retail and leisure spend, as well as the wider China global supply chain component.

Turning to equity market performance, Korea, Hong Kong and Macau were the biggest underperformers during January. China also endured a volatile month. Meanwhile, Australia and New Zealand outperformed. At the sector level, both Resource industries and Financials were heavy fallers. Healthcare, Technology and Telecoms were relative winners. In respect of style factors, Value was deeply out of favour relative to Growth and Quality.

The L&G Asian Income fund disappointingly underperformed, reporting a return of -5.6%. This compared to the benchmark return of -3.2%. Stock selection was negative, led by weakness in Australia, China and India. Our exposure in Financials and Consumer Services notably underperformed. Country allocation was positive, led by relative positioning in Australia and China. At the company level, Qantas Airways, Coal India, Downer, Petrochina and MGM China Holdings were the biggest underperformers. On the flipside, we saw positive contributions from Telstra Corp, Transurban and Cather Technology.



### PAUL HILSLEY

Paul joined LGIM in 2006 and is the lead fund manager for the Asian income portfolios. He has managed the Asian Income Trust since its inception. He began his investment career in 1991 at Phillips and Drew Fund Management, now called UBS Global Asset Management, and developed broad experience across UK, Europe, Japan and, predominantly, Asia ex Japan, over subsequent years. At LGIM Paul launched the Asian Income Trust in November 2008 and in 2013 formed the Global Income Team which, together with Andrew Koch, Stephen Message and Veeral Gandhi forms the core of the firm's equity income expertise. He read engineering, economics and management at Lincoln College, Oxford University, and is an associate of the Society of Investment Professionals.

**KEY RISKS**

- The value of an investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up; you may not get back the amount you originally invested.
- The fund could lose money if any institution providing services such as acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains.
- The fund may have underlying investments that are valued in currencies that are different from sterling (British pounds). Exchange rate fluctuations will impact the value of your investment. Currency hedging techniques may be applied to reduce this impact but may not entirely eliminate it.
- We may take some or all of the ongoing charges from the fund’s capital rather than the fund’s income. This increases the amount of income, but it reduces the growth potential and may lead to a fall in the value of the fund.

For more information, please refer to the key investor information document on our website [↗](#)

**LATEST DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

For distributing unit classes, the latest payments are shown below. Please note that these payments are not guaranteed, are at the discretion of the manager and may be paid out of capital.

Type	Ex-div date	Pay date	Pence per unit
Final	11 Sep 19	10 Nov 19	10.70p
Interim	11 Jun 19	10 Aug 19	5.94p
Interim	11 Mar 19	10 May 19	4.00p
Interim	11 Dec 18	08 Feb 19	2.59p



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**DEALING INFORMATION**

Valuation frequency	Daily, 12pm (UK time)
Dealing frequency	Daily
Settlement period	T+4

**CODES**

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<b>SEDOL</b>	I Acc	B409KQ0
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