

# Legal & General Asian Income Trust

Unit Trust (UCITS compliant) R-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	Launch date
<b>£414.9m</b>	<b>10 Nov 2008</b>
Historical yield	
<b>4.2%</b>	

## COSTS

Initial charge	Ongoing charge
<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.58%</b>
Price basis	Bid / Offer spread
<b>Dual</b>	<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	1.89	-0.44	10.41	17.92	43.51
■ Index	3.16	2.76	14.48	29.22	60.48
Relative to Index	-1.27	-3.20	-4.07	-11.30	-16.97
Comparator	2.62	1.96	15.64	31.23	61.16

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

12 months to 31 December	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund	10.41	-5.61	13.15	34.70	-9.65
Index	14.48	-8.51	23.37	28.66	-3.48
Relative to Index	-4.07	2.90	-10.22	6.04	-6.17
Comparator	15.64	-8.95	24.64	26.59	-2.99

Performance for the R Inc unit class in GBP, launched on 24 December 2004. 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.**

## 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.

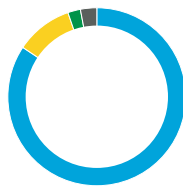


## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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

### COUNTRY (%)

 Australia	30.7
 China	23.3
 Hong Kong	10.7
 Taiwan	10.7
 Singapore	7.5
 India	5.8
 Korea	5.2
 New Zealand	3.1
 Thailand	1.6
 Other	1.5



### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

Large	84.4
Mid	10.4
Small	2.3
Micro	0.0
Cash and Equivalents	3.0













■ Top 10 holdings 35.5%  
■ Rest of portfolio 64.5%  
No. of holdings 56











### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.5
Transurban Group	4.4
Qantas Airways	4.1
China Mobile	3.7
China Construction Bank	3.6
Telstra Corp	3.2
Westpac Banking Corp	2.8
Petrochina	2.8
DBS Group Holdings	2.7
Amcor CDI	2.6

### SECTOR (%)

Financials	29.7	
Industrials	17.1	
Consumer Services	13.1	
Telecommunications	11.0	
Basic Materials	8.2	
Technology	7.7	
Oil & Gas	6.2	
Utilities	3.0	
Consumer Goods	2.9	
Unclassified	1.1	

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

	Fund	Relative	
Qantas Airways	4.1	4.1	
Transurban Group	4.4	3.9	
Telstra Corp	3.2	3.1	
China Mobile	3.7	3.0	
Petrochina	2.8	2.7	
Commonwealth Bank of Aust	0.0	-1.5	
AIA Group Ltd	0.0	-2.0	
Samsung Electronics	0.0	-3.5	
Tencent Holdings	0.0	-4.2	
Alibaba Group Holding	0.0	-5.7	

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

December confirmed the strong performance of global equities in 2019, as investor sentiment during the month improved on global trade and political developments.

As anticipated, markets benefited from the latest announcement of a phase 1 agreement between the US-China, as tensions moderated over a trade deal. Against this backdrop, Chinese equities surged higher and performed very strongly. Meanwhile, economic data continues to hold out, as China activity data came in a touch firmer than consensus. India had a weak month, with the Reserve Bank of India surprising investors by keeping interest rates on hold. They also sharply reduced their economic growth forecasts for the full year. For Australia, the equity market underperformed as growing optimism regarding the economic outlook, following better than expected local jobs data, resulted in a diminishing likelihood of a RBA interest rate cut. Meanwhile, style factors saw Value and Growth both perform strongly as they delivered similar returns.

The L&G Asian Income fund disappointingly underperformed in the period, reporting a gain of 1.9%. Country allocation and stock selection were both negative, led by weakness in selection and positioning in China and Korea. Australia was an additional negative, given our large overweight to the region. More encouragingly, Hong Kong was a positive, helped by strong stock selection. At the company level, China Mobile, CNOOC and Yuzhou Properties were leading contributors. The largest active detractors were Telstra and Bharti Infratel. Not owning Tencent, Samsung Electronics and Alibaba cost 100bps relative performance.



### 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	10.01p
Interim	11 Jun 19	10 Aug 19	5.58p
Interim	11 Mar 19	10 May 19	3.76p
Interim	11 Dec 18	08 Feb 19	2.44p



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The AUM disclosed aggregates the assets managed by LGIM in the UK, LGIMA in the US and LGIM Asia in Hong Kong. The AUM includes the value of securities and derivatives positions.

**DEALING INFORMATION**

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

**CODES**

<b>ISIN</b>	R Acc	GB00B032BL04
	R Inc	GB00B032BK96
<b>SEDOL</b>	R Acc	B032BL0
	R Inc	B032BK9
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