

# Legal & General Asian Income Trust

Unit Trust (UK UCITS compliant) R-Class GBP

Base currency: **GBP**

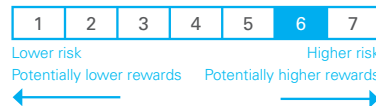
Domicile: **UK**



## 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 6 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 4.

## 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>£285.3m</b>	Fund launch date <b>10 Nov 2008</b>
Historical yield <b>3.5%</b>	

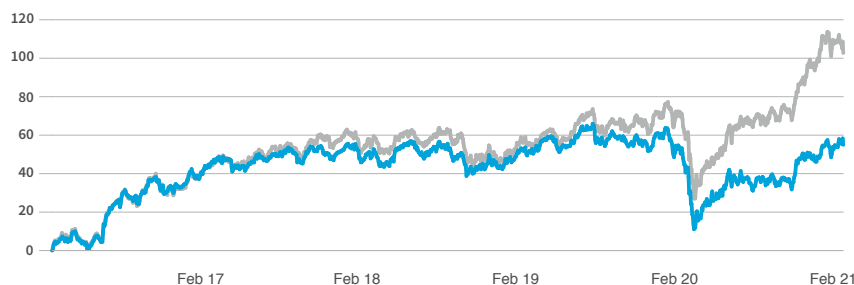
## COSTS

Initial charge <b>0.00%</b>	Ongoing charge <b>1.48%</b>
Price basis <b>Single swing</b>	Dilution adjustment <b>0.46%- round trip</b>

## BENCHMARKS

Benchmark  
**FTSE Asia Pacific ex-Japan TR Net Index**  
 Performance objective  
**FTSE Asia Pacific ex-Japan TR Net Index +2%**  
 Comparator benchmark  
**IA sector: Asia Pacific excluding Japan**

## PERFORMANCE (%)



	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
■ Fund	4.41	5.93	10.99	3.27	55.93
■ Benchmark	0.81	8.79	28.36	28.44	102.69
Performance objective	-	-	-	35.76	121.14
Comparator	0.41	8.14	31.04	31.71	109.76

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

12 months to 31 December	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	-6.03	10.41	-5.61	13.15	34.70
Benchmark	17.28	14.49	-7.10	19.93	31.28
Comparator	19.43	15.68	-8.95	24.64	26.59

For annual performance against the performance objective please see the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). 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.

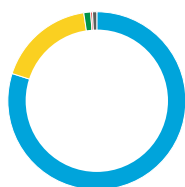


## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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

### COUNTRY (%)

 Australia	26.3
 Hong Kong	17.0
 China	16.8
 Taiwan	13.7
 Korea	6.5
 Singapore	5.7
 India	4.4
 New Zealand	4.0
 United Kingdom	2.6
 Other	3.0



### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

Large	79.9
Mid	17.7
Small	1.3
Micro	0.3
Cash and Equivalents	0.8













■ Top 10 holdings 37.6%  
■ Rest of portfolio 62.4%  
No. of holdings 53











### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9.3
Transurban Group	4.2
Telstra Corp	3.2
Westpac Banking Corp	3.1
China Mobile	3.1
Lenovo Group	3.1
Qantas Airways	3.0
China Construction Bank	3.0
DBS Group Holdings	2.9
Amcor CDI	2.7

### SECTOR (%)

Financials	29.6	
Industrials	17.2	
Technology	13.8	
Telecommunications	11.4	
Consumer Services	10.7	
Oil & Gas	4.5	
Basic Materials	4.3	
Utilities	4.1	
Consumer Goods	3.2	
Unclassified	1.2	

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

	Fund	Relative	
Transurban Group	4.2	3.9	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manu	9.3	3.4	
China Mobile	3.1	3.1	
Telstra Corp	3.2	3.1	
Qantas Airways	3.0	3.0	
AIA Group Ltd	0.0	-1.7	
Meituan Dianping (P Chip)	0.0	-1.8	
Samsung Electronics	0.0	-3.9	
Alibaba Group Holding	0.0	-4.8	
Tencent Holdings	0.0	-5.6	

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

Asia Pacific ex Japan equities returned -0.2% in February in GBP terms, whilst the fund returned +4.5%. Concerns on rising inflation and bond yields contributed to value outperforming growth in global equity markets, including Asia. The fund's performance benefitted from such a factor rotation given the manager's value and income bias.

By country, China and Korea lagged the broader index. This made a positive contribution to relative performance given our underweight allocation to these regions based on the weak corporate governance we find there. Our overweight allocation to Hong Kong and Taiwan also made a positive contribution, with both regions outperforming the overall index.

In terms of sectors, the cyclical industries enjoyed a strong month. Fund performance therefore benefitted from our overweight positions in Oil & Gas and Financials. Our underweight allocation to Consumer Goods and Health Care also made a positive contribution given the weak performance of these sectors during the month. A negative contribution came from being underweight Basic Materials.

At a stock level, the strongest contributors to relative fund performance came from SJM Holdings and Melco Resorts & Entertainment. These Macau casino operators benefitted from increased visitation. Not owning Alibaba and Tencent was also beneficial. The largest negative contributors to returns came from our holdings in Orica, where the CEO stepped down, and Contact Energy, who issued new shares to expand capacity.

There were no notable portfolio changes in the period.



### PAUL HILLSLEY

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 Camilla Ayling 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.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which are driving climate change.



**2,739**  
Tonnes

CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>i</sup> per \$1 million of market capitalisation

### CARBON RESERVES

Carbon reserves are fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) which, if burnt, will become the carbon emissions of the future. To meet global climate change targets, the unabated use of fossil fuels is expected to decline over time.

The figure is a measure of the size of carbon reserves held by the fund's underlying companies.



**507**  
Tonnes

CO<sub>2</sub>e per \$1 million of sales

### CARBON EMISSIONS

Following the global Paris Agreement on climate change, companies in all sectors are expected to reduce their emissions to prepare and adapt for a low-carbon economy.

Carbon emissions intensity describes the relationship between the carbon emissions of a company and its sales<sup>ii</sup>.

## NOTES

<sup>i</sup> Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) is a standard unit to compare the emissions of different greenhouse gases.

<sup>ii</sup> The choice of this metric follows best practice recommendations from the **Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures**.

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**Refinitiv:** Source: Refinitiv ESG



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**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
Interim	11 Dec 20	10 Feb 21	2.21p
Final	11 Sep 20	10 Nov 20	7.35p
Interim	11 Jun 20	10 Aug 20	4.67p
Interim	11 Mar 20	10 May 20	3.37p



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We are one of Europe’s largest asset managers and a major global investor, with assets under management of £1,278.9 billion (as at 31 December 2020). We work with a wide range of global clients, including pension schemes, sovereign wealth funds, fund distributors and retail investors.

Source: LGIM internal data as at 31 December 2020. 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
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