# Legal & General Asian Income Trust

Unit Trust (UCITS compliant) R-Class GBP



#### **FUND AIM**

The objective of this fund is to provide income, with some potential for growth. The fund will invest in a broad spread of company shares from all economic sectors. The company shares the fund invests in will be from Asia (excluding Japan), the rest of the Pacific region and Australasia.

## **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.

This fund is in category 5 because it invests in company shares which generally provide higher rewards and higher risks than other investments such as bonds, cash or commercial property.

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

## WHO ISTHIS FUND FOR?

- This fund is designed for investors seeking income from an investment which can form part of their existing savings portfolio
- 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
- 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**

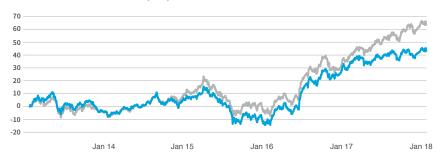
Fund size	Base currency	IA Sector
£403.2m	GBP	IA Asia Pacific ex Japan
Launch date	Domicile	Historical yield
16 Aug 1985	UK	4.00%

#### COSTS

Initial charge	Ongoing charge
0.00%	1.58%
Price basis	Bid / Offer spread
Dual	0.50%

For detail on price basis methodologies please refer to the 'Guide to Investing With Us' found on our website. 🗗

# PERFORMANCE (%)



	1 month	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
■ Fund	0.89	2.86	10.68	35.23	43.61
■ IA Sector	0.91	6.83	20.22	46.96	63.57
Quartile ranking	2	4	4	4	4

# **FUND SNAPSHOT**

- Invests in companies listed throughout Asia- including Australia, but excluding Japan. The goal is to provide an attractive income along with long-term capital growth
- Asian economies continue to offer some of the highest growth rates in the world
- With some companies the world's leaders in their industries, exposure to them can provide access to exciting growth sectors





# **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

12 months to 31 December	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	13.15	34.70	-9.65	6.85	3.14
IA Sector	24.66	26.59	-2.99	9.45	1.94
Quartile ranking	4	1	4	3	2

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 future returns. The value of your investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and may go up and down.



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# PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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

## COUNTRY (%)

	Australia	31.4
*:	China	18.6
	Singapore	11.4
	Taiwan	8.9
*	Hong Kong	8.3
	Korea	6.3
	India	5.3
	New Zealand	4.2
	Thailand	3.0
	Other	2.7





# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

China Construction Bank	4.0
Taiwan Semiconductor Manu	3.8
Transurban Group	3.6
Qantas Airways	2.9
DBS Group Holdings	2.7
Bank Of China	2.5
United Overseas Bank	2.3
Orica	2.3
Rio Tinto	2.3
Coal India	2.2

## TOP SECTOR OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

Fund	Relative	
11.3	7.8	
16.5	6.8	
11.1	3.4	
8.3	1.5	
3.5	0.7	•
31.8	-2.5	
0.0	-3.6	
5.4	-7.1	
7.1	-7.1	
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## TOP 5 STOCK OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Relative
Transurban Group	3.6	3.2
Qantas Airways	2.9	2.9
China Construction	4.0	2.3
Orica	2.3	2.2
DBS Group Holdings	2.7	2.1
AIA Group Ltd	0.0	-1.7
Alibaba Group Hold	0.0	-1.8
Commonwealth Bank	0.0	-1.8
Samsung Electronic	0.0	-3.6
Tencent Holdings	0.0	-5.1

# **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

Asia Pacific ex Japan equities had a strong start to the year in January, albeit with some weakness in the last few days on concerns over bond market moves. Emerging markets outperformed as the US Dollar fell and Oil rallied.

Looking at Asia markets, China led the gains, up 7.3%, as fourth quarter GDP growth and the trade surplus were ahead of market expectations. More generally, activity indicators for the region remain strong. Macau was the second best performer, driven by gains from the casino operators. Taiwan also performed well, led by the semiconductor supply chain.

Korea had a relatively weak month, falling 1.3% as the market consolidated. India was also relatively weak as the trade deficit was worse than expected and concerns rose about the country's fiscal deficit. The Australian market underperformed, falling slightly during the month with the bond market fall a contributing factor. ASEAN performed broadly in-line with the region, apart from Thailand, which outperformed largely due to index heavyweight PTT rising sharply on broker upgrades.

During the month, the fund delivered a return of 0.9%, which represented a 40 basis points underperformance to the index. Country allocation detracted value, led by our overweight in Australia and underweight in China. Stock selection in industrials and financials was detrimental, though was offset by gains in the resource sectors. Sector allocation was broadly neutral in the period, although our overweight in telecoms was unhelpful.

# PAUL HILSLEY



Paul joined LGIM in 2006 and is lead Fund Manager for the Asian Income portfolios. 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 Legal & General Asian Income Trust and in 2013 formed the Global Income Team, which 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.

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### **KEY RISKS**

- 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). Any such investments will be
  impacted by exchange rate fluctuations and this may affect the value of your
  investment and any income from it. Currency hedging techniques may have
  been applied to reduce the impact of exchange rate fluctuations but may not
  entirely eliminate it.
- The fund could lose money if any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.

For more information, please refer to the key investor information document on our website  $\mathbf{C}$ 

### 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.

Туре	Ex-div date	Pay date	Pence per unit
Final	11 Sep 17	10 Nov 17	9.66p
Interim	10 Jun 17	10 Aug 17	5.58p
Interim	10 Mar 17	10 May 17	3.62p
Interim	10 Dec 16	10 Feb 17	3.48p



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We are one of Europe's largest asset managers and a major global investor, with assets under management of £957.2 billion (as at 30 June 2017). We work with a wide range of global clients, including pension schemes, sovereign wealth funds, fund distributors and retail investors

Assets under management includes derivative positions and assets managed by LGIMA, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor.

#### **DEALING INFORMATION**

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

## CODES

ISIN	R Acc	GB00B032BL04
	R Inc	GB00B032BK96
SEDOL	R Acc	B032BL0
	R Inc	B032BK9
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