

Bin Yuan Greater China Fund
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Investment Review

The Hereford Funds – Bin Yuan Greater China Fund (share class L1) increased 0.38% for the month of May (net of fees) compared with a 1.17% return for the benchmark underperforming the benchmark by 0.79%. The Health Care and Consumer Staples sectors adversely impacted relative performance during this period, while Consumer Discretionary sector contributed positively. In May, the positions that contributed the most to the portfolio's return were PDD HOLDINGS, CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK and CGN POWER. The positions that contributed the least were IRAY TECHNOLOG, HAICHANG OCEAN PARK and MENGNIU DAIRY.

Manager's Commentary

May saw a highly volatile market. The month started strongly fueled by government stimulus policies in the property sector, the resumption of foreign capital inflows into China's offshore markets, and the expectation of further reforms to revitalize the Chinese economy. However, momentum faltered in the final 10 days as investors took profits amidst escalating tensions with Taiwan and other geopolitical uncertainties.

Despite the rollercoaster ride, the market closed May with a modest gain of 1.17%. Our portfolio also posted a positive return of 38 basis points (bps), but 79 bps below the benchmark. Our underperformance was primarily attributed to our underweight position in the energy and mega cap internet sectors and overweight position in the underperforming healthcare segment. Our investments in undervalued sectors like property chain consumption and clean power operations contributed positively, partially offsetting overall underperformance

Looking ahead, our portfolio is well positioned, supported by attractive valuations, strong earnings potential, and upcoming catalysts:

1. We anticipate a reversal in healthcare sector performance driven by resilient demand, attractive valuations, and accelerated earnings growth post the normalization of anti-corruption measures.
2. The potential economic reforms that may be unveiled in the July Party Plenum aimed at enhancing long-term fundamentals and removing growth barriers.
3. The Government is moving on the right track to support the economy including stabilizing the property market, navigating geopolitical challenges, and upgrading infrastructure that enable highly competitive companies to excel both domestically and internationally:
 - a) Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Shanghai eased house-purchase restrictions, including lowering down payments and lower loan rates, marking a positive step towards reducing the household financial burden and stabilizing the real estate sector. By making housing more accessible and affordable, these cities foster an environment that supports urban development and enhances the quality of life for residents.
 - b) China is demonstrating its open stance by issuing free-entry visas to several countries and allowing Tesla to operate smart-drive technology in China. These measures are likely to encourage and attract more foreign investment, fostering a positive environment for China's foreign relations.
 - c) The National Bureau of Statistics reported a turnaround in industrial profits. Companies with annual revenues over 20 million yuan reported a 4% YoY increase in total profits for April, rebounding from a 3.5% decrease in March. The high-tech and equipment manufacturing sectors stood out with their impressive gains of more than 30%, indicating a positive trend of domestic infrastructure upgrades.

Confidence in fundamental investing should return, emphasizing long term stock selection over sector rotation trading.

Increasing ESG awareness both domestically and overseas, stricter market regulations, and higher shareholder returns through buybacks and dividends further bolster our outlook.

Overall, these factors collectively should create a more favorable environment for our portfolio to capitalize on opportunities and deliver sustainable returns.



Key Information

NAV (31/05/24)	US\$ 101.93(L1)/97.46(L2)/70.30(AI)/57.01(AI EUR)/51.82(AI GBP)/72.93(BI)/110.90(CB)/81.6(DB A NOK)/74.16(DI A)/117.67(CI)/54.23(CI GBP)/56.17(PB EUR)	Strategy Assets	US\$ 928 m ^(a)
Total Fund Size	US\$ 544.9m	Fund Launch Date	16-Apr-18

Period Performance (%) data from FPS/Pictet/Bin Yuan									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Cumulative	Annualized
Bin Yuan All China Strategy ^(b)	-7.61	-21.17	-29.45	10.02	83.51	30.60	-22.46	56.57	5.70
Index ^(c)	4.87	-11.53	-23.61	-12.91	33.41	29.74	-26.64	6.08	0.73

Source: Bin Yuan, Pictet, FPS

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 All China^(b): ISIN LU1778255734
 Past performance is not an indicator of future returns.



Monthly Performance (%) data from FPS/Pictet														
	2023								2024					
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD
Bin Yuan GC Fund	-1.43	6.51	-8.91	-3.45	-2.92	0.27	3.01	-21.17	-15.26	8.43	-2.03	2.26	0.38	-7.61
Index ^(c)	1.85	8.99	-8.61	-3.62	-3.81	2.01	-1.98	-11.53	-9.94	9.17	0.65	4.75	1.17	4.87

Risk and reward profile

Lower risk

Higher risk



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 4 years. We have classified this product as 6 out of 7, which is the second –highest risk. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a high level, and poor market conditions are very likely to impact our capacity to pay you.

Please refer to the prospectus⁽⁶⁾ for more information on the specific risks relevant to this product not included in the summary risk indicator. This product does not include any protection from future market performance, so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owned, you could lose your entire investment.

Top Ten Holding					
1	CHINA MERCH BK-A	5.93%	2	TENCENT	5.19%
3	IRAY TECHNOLOG-A	4.27%	4	KANGJI MEDICAL H	3.84%
5	HAICHANG OCEAN P	3.67%	6	NARI TECHNOLOG-A	3.54%
7	KWEICHOW MOUTA-A	2.86%	8	MAXSCEND MICRO-A	2.74%
9	CGN POWER-H	2.73%	10	SHENZHEN MINDR-A	2.58%

Sectoral Breakdown ^(e)	% of Assets
Consumer Discretionary	17
Industrials	14
Health Care	13
Consumer Staples	11
Information Technology	9
Financials	9
Materials	9
Communication Services	8
Utilities	3
Real Estate	2

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Compartment is to provide long term capital growth, measured in USD, primarily through investment in equities and equity-linked securities of Greater China Companies, as defined hereafter.

Since Inception ^(d)	Bin Yuan All China	Index
Volatility	20.75%	20.67%
Sharpe Ratio	0.30	0.04
Information Ratio	0.51	
Tracking Error	10.89%	
Active Shares	72%	
Beta	0.92	

Market Breakdown	% of Assets
A Share (Connect + QFI)	53
Hong Kong	35
US ADR	7

Valuation	Portfolio	Benchmark (excluding Financials)	Benchmark
Period	05/31/2024	05/31/2024	05/31/2024
2024 PE (X) – Harmonic Avg. Method ^(f)	12.8	14.4	11.1
2024 PE (X) – Weighted Avg. Method	16.0	18.5	16.9
2024 PB (X)	1.9	2.7	1.8
2024 Div. Yield (%)	3.1	1.9	2.5
2024 ROE (%)	18.8	11.8	11.1
Earning Growth (%) Forward 3 YR	19.8	7.8	5.5
2024 PEGY	0.7	1.9	2.1
FCF Yield	2.9	-1.1	2.0

The Sub-Fund is actively managed. The benchmark index of the Sub-Fund is MSCI China Health Care Index. It is used for the calculation of the performance fee and for performance comparison purposes. The Investment Manager is not in any way constrained by the benchmark index in its portfolio positioning. This means the Investment Manager is taking investment decisions without reference to a benchmark index. The Sub-Fund can deviate significantly from the index.

Fund Codes						
Share Class	AI	AI GBP	AI EUR	BI	CI	CI GBP
Bloomberg	HEYGCAU LX	HEYGCAU LX	HEYGCAE LX	HEYGCBU LX	HFBYCIU LX	HEYGCGA LX
TK	040149630	040149699	040149698		040149734	040149736
ISIN	LU1778252558	LU1778252715	LU1778252632	LU1778253952	LU1778254844	LU1778255064
Lipper ID	68617991	68666625	68677482	68625053	68563916	68684500
Sedol	BMV2Q30	BNLYXY6	BN4BFL5	BMV1994	BMWWFG8	BP466G6

Fund Details	
Dealing Day	Daily
Dividends	None – income accumulated within the fund
Investment Manager	Bin Yuan Capital Room 1505, 15/F, 299QRC 287-299 Queen's Road Central Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
Management Company	FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A. 15, Avenue John F Kennedy , L-1855 Luxembourg
Custodian	Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, Succursale de Luxembourg 15, Avenue John F Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg
Legal Advisors	Elvinger Hoss Prussen S.A. 2, Place Winston Churchill, L-1340 Luxembourg
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à r.l. 560, route de Neudorf, L-2220 Luxembourg

Annual Management Charge TERs as at end September 2021	
Share Class A	1.25% 1.45%
Share Class B	1.00% 1.21%
Share Class C	0.75% 0.95%
Share Class D	0.50% 0.71%
Minimum Investment	
Share Class A	\$100,000 Minimum initial subscription & holding
Share Class B	\$5,000,000 Minimum initial subscription & holding
Share Class C	\$10,000,000 Minimum initial subscription & holding
Share Class D	\$100,000,000 Minimum initial subscription & holding

Entry / Exit fees ; 0

All the costs are not disclosed into the factsheet, please refer to the prospectus^(g) for additional information.

Order Transmission Information

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Footnote:

(a) This refers to the total assets invested in the reference strategy managed by the Investment Manager.

(b) The graph depicts the Bin Yuan All China Strategy (Reference Strategy) from inception in May 2016 to the fund launch on 16/4/18. After launch date actual fund data of Share Class L1 is used. The fund follows the same strategy as the Reference Strategy and simulated returns of the Reference Strategy are net of a modeled fee of 0.75% pa and expenses of 0.40%.

(c) MSCI Inc. discontinued MSCI All China Index and the transition to MSCI China All Shares Index took effect on 27 November 2019. MSCI All China Index Total USD return including dividends (Bloomberg ticker M1ACN Index) was used as benchmark from the inception of April 2018 to November 26, 2019. MSCI China All Shares Net Total USD Return (Bloomberg ticker MXCNANM Index) is used as benchmark since November 27, 2019.

(d) Data depict the Bin Yuan All China Strategy since inception of May 2016 as of April 2018. The fund follows the same strategy. After a longer period after the fund launch, we will use the Hereford Funds Bin Yuan Greater China Fund Share Class L1 in the table.

(e) We set sector exposure according to GICS classification, and the maximum exposure will not exceed 40%. The reason we set at 40% is some industrial and communication service companies are misclassified as information technology in GICS.

(f) The harmonic average, also known as the harmonic mean, is a type of average that is useful in situations where calculating an average rate or ratio. It's particularly effective when the values we are averaging are defined in terms of a ratio of two quantities (like speed, which is distance per unit of time).

The formula for the harmonic average is:

Harmonic Mean = $N / \sum (1/Value_i)$

Where:

- (N) is the total number of values.

- $\sum (1/Value_i)$ is each individual value in the set.

(g) Prospectus (English) and KIDs (English, French, German)

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