# **VT HALO GLOBAL ASIAN CONSUMER FUND**

# **February 2015 Monthly Fund Fact Sheet**



All Data at 12.00 GMT 27 Feb 2015

## **Fund Objective**

The investment objective of the VT Halo Global Asian Consumer Fund is to achieve an annualised total return before fees of 8-12% over an economic cycle (5-7 years typically). Capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over that or any period.

### **Fund Manager's Comments**

February has been a month of slight disappointments with a number of our key holdings down on the month for a variety of factors. We will endeavour to highlight these rather than just informing you of the success stories we have. That said, it has not all been bad, with our European bond proxies continuing to remain strong as bond yields in Europe turn negative in a number of countries. Richemont and Swatch which we added to at the end of January (when they sold off on the Swiss Franc moving to a free float) have rebounded strongly. A new addition, Noah Holdings, the Chinese Wealth manager has made strong gains on the back of Chinese Monetary loosening and perhaps a greater appreciation of its leading position in looking after the new millionaires, the numbers of which continue to grow at a double digit rate.

Moving back to those stocks which in the very short term have had negative moves. The Indian bank, ICICI had results where they met expectations on loan growth and earnings but guided to higher loan loss provisions for the year resulting in the shares falling a little over 10%. These loan losses are for loans lent in the last cycle and in our view are backward looking. We like the company for the opportunities it has over the next 5 years and so we have maintained our holding. Another holding which has fallen post their results has been Baidu, the internet search giant which is off just over 5%, having also fallen 10% in the weeks before the results. Again the results themselves were bang in line with expectations but they announced they would invest more in marketing in new ventures, which results in 2015 margins and profitability coming down by 10% from 40% growth to something closer to 30% - in our view still very healthy.

Lastly Sound Global was accused by a short seller of falsifying its accounts. The stock was down 30% on the accusation but has since recovered half the losses as management have come out refuting the accusations. We have reduced our exposure and await to hear more in their results announcements in mid-March.

Lastly to end on a positive note, after the month end and at the time of writing we have had a strong rebound due to the Chinese interest rate cut and an Indian Budget, which has been well received.

Data from Valu-Trac Administration Services

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NAV/Share: 102.2p

Investment **Sturgeon Ventures** 

Manager:

**Appointed Fund** Manager:

**Andrew Williamson-Jones** 

**Valu-Trac Investment** ACD:

Management Ltd.

**UK OEIC Fund Type:** 

**Launch Date:** 3 Nov 2014

> A, B, C Classes:

**Base Currency:** Sterling

**Dealing & Valuation:** Daily 12.00pm GMT

> Year End: 30 June

**Management Fees:** A: 0.95% p.a.

> B: 0.65% p.a. C: 0.45% p.a.

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**Depository: National** 

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**Dealing Frequency:** Daily

Daily NAV available: Bloomberg,

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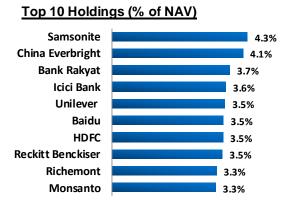
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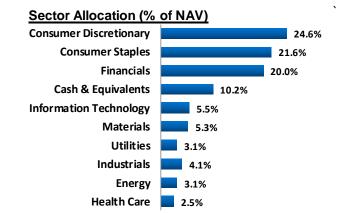
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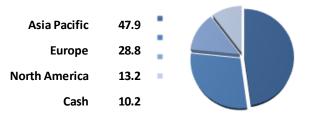
**Fund Profile** 

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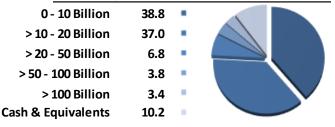




## **Geographical Allocation (% of NAV)**



### Market Cap Allocation in GBP (%)



## **Fund Performance since Inception**



Year to Date 101.17

Performance data shown is of the B  $\pm$  Net Acc. share class. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Data from Valu-Trac Administration Services

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