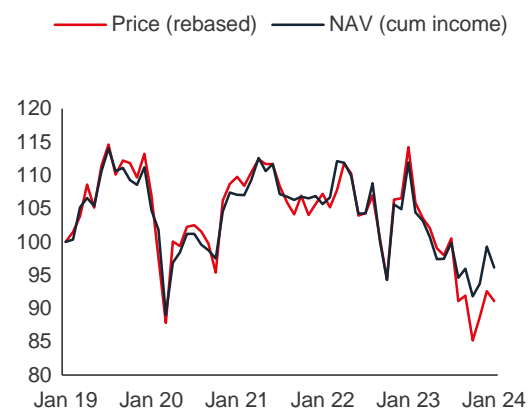
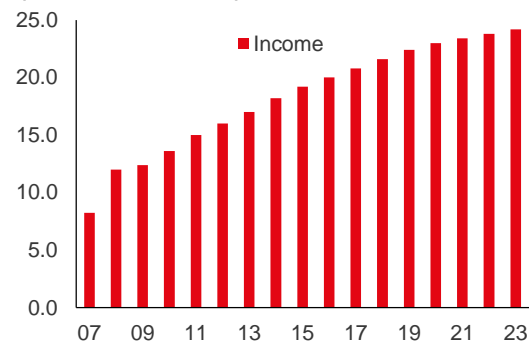


Share price performance (total return)



Dividend history (pence/share)



Please note that this chart could include dividends that have been declared but not yet paid.

Performance over (%)

	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y
Share price (Total return)	-9.3	-20.2	-17.0	-8.9	43.1
NAV (Total return)	-3.7	-14.1	-10.2	-3.9	48.5

Discrete year performance (%) (total return)

Discrete year performance (%) (total return)	Share price (total return)	NAV (total return)
31/12/2022 to 31/12/2023	-13.1	-5.4
31/12/2021 to 31/12/2022	0.8	-1.8
31/12/2020 to 31/12/2021	-2.8	-0.5
31/12/2019 to 31/12/2020	-4.0	-3.4
31/12/2018 to 31/12/2019	12.7	16.1

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Commentary at a glance

Contributors/detractors

TSMC was the key positive contributor following stronger earnings guidance. Lenovo was the key detractor following concerns about US restrictions in the technology sector.

Outlook

We are more confident about the outlook for dividends considering the excess cash being generated and the low level of dividends paid out compared to earnings.

See full commentary on page 3.

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Company overview

Objective

The Company seeks to provide shareholders with a growing total annual dividend per share, as well as capital appreciation, from a diversified portfolio of investments from the Asia Pacific region.

Highlights

A portfolio of value orientated Asia Pacific equities with a focus on cash flow generation from companies with the ability to sustain and grow dividends.

Company information

NAV (cum income)	213.2p
NAV (ex income)	213.2p
Share price	205.5p
Discount(-)/premium(+)	-3.6%
Yield	11.8%
Net gearing	6%
Net cash	-
Total assets	£363m
Net assets	£347m
Market capitalisation	£334m
Total voting rights	162,689,764
Total number of holdings	61
Ongoing charges (year end 31 Aug 2023)	0.97%
Benchmark	-

Source: BNP Paribas for holdings information and Morningstar for all other data. Differences in calculation may occur due to the methodology used.

Please note that the total voting rights in the Company do not include shares held in Treasury.

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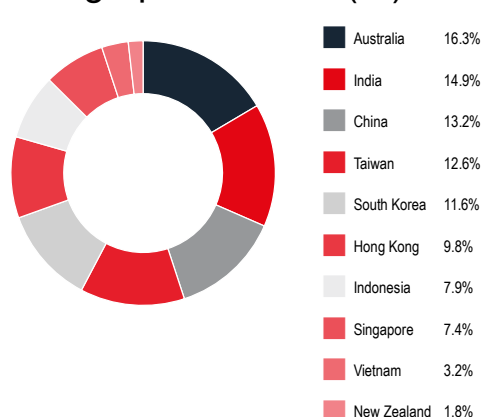
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Top 10 holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.7
Bharat Petroleum	3.6
Samsung Electronics	3.4
Vinacapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd	3.2
BHP Group	3.1
Macquarie Group	2.9
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	2.9
Rio Tinto Limited	2.8
Samsonite International	2.7
MediaTek	2.6

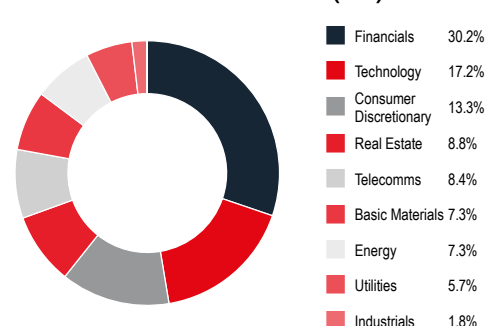
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Geographical focus (%)



The above geographical breakdown may not add up to 100% as this only shows the top 10.

Sector breakdown (%)



The above sector breakdown may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

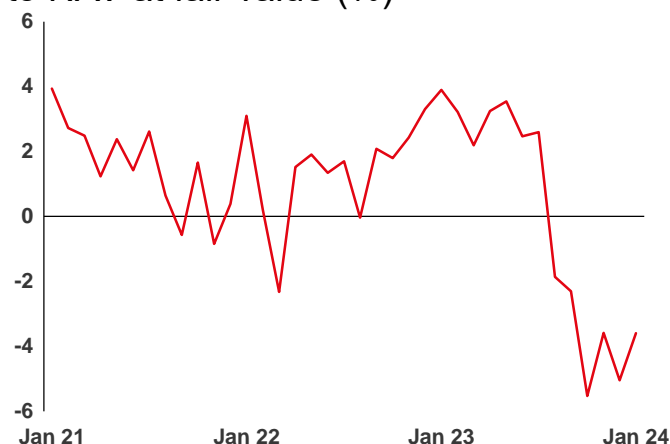
Key information

Stock code	HFEL
AIC sector	AIC Asia Pacific Equity Income
Benchmark	-
Company type	Conventional (Ords)
Launch date	2006
Financial year	31-Aug
Dividend payment	May, August, November, February
Risk rating (Source: Numis)	Slightly above average
Management fee	0.75% of net assets pa
Performance fee	No
(See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)	
Regional focus	Asia Pacific ex Japan
Fund manager appointment	Sat Duhra 2019



Sat Duhra
Fund Manager

Premium/(discount) of share price to NAV at fair value (%)



10 year total return of £1,000



All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar. Share price total return is calculated using mid-market share price with dividends reinvested.

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Fund Manager commentary

Investment environment

Asian equity markets fell in January. The strength of the US dollar acted as a negative for Asian currencies, while continued weakness in China - where regulatory concerns from potential US restrictions in certain sectors - concerned investors.

The Chinese market was also impacted by so-called “snowball” structured products, which exacerbated falls given these derivatives unwound as the market fell below certain index levels.

India on the other hand, continued its recent strength. Equities were partly a beneficiary of outflows from the Chinese market, but also from continued domestic investor buying which boosted more cyclical sectors such as energy and property.

The energy sector performed strongly as oil prices strengthened given the continuation of tension in the Middle East and the situation in the Red Sea, which has impacted shipping routes.

The Taiwan election passed without any significant elevation in volatility in its domestic market, given the expected maintenance of the status quo with respect to its relationship with China.

Portfolio review

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSMC) was the key positive contributor in January following strong earnings forecasts, an easing of tension after the Taiwanese election, and positive earnings momentum from global technology firms. The strength of the Indian market was positive for the portfolio as holdings in Infosys, Power Grid and NTPC were all top positive contributors following more positive sentiment towards 'value-style' sectors, as investors appeared to be switching out of stocks sitting at higher valuations. The strong upgrade in earnings for the energy sector was positive for holdings in other Indian firms, namely Bharat Petroleum and Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Indonesian bank holdings, Bank Negara and Bank Mandiri, also performed positively as results and the outlook for the sector surprised positively.

Chinese holdings were the key detractors. Here, a combination of technical selling related to structured products and a lack of reforms to address structural issues concerned investors. The Company's holding in Lenovo Group was the key detractor as concerns about US restrictions in China's technology sector raised concerns. Guangdong Investment was also a detractor given its property exposure, although the fundamental water business has seen a better outlook with some recent tariff increases in China.

We sold the positions in LG Corp and SK Telecom in South Korea. This was following our recent additions of South Korean insurance companies, given what we saw as their better outlook with respect to higher dividends, improving competitive landscape and attractive valuations.

Manager outlook

As the probability of a severe recessionary environment recedes in developed markets, the fact that central banks in Asia have been pausing interest rates hikes for some months now, hands the advantage to the region in terms of moving swiftly to cut rates if required. This could provide stimulus to what we see as already attractively priced equities. Asian equity valuations continue to look attractive to us relative to global equities and have already witnessed a sharp downgrade in earnings ahead of developed markets. Inflationary pressures also remain less pronounced in the region. We feel more confident about the outlook for dividends considering the excess cash being generated and the low level of dividends paid out compared to earnings. We remain focused on domestically orientated companies with strong cash flow and sustainable and growing dividends.

Glossary

Discount/Premium

The amount by which the price per share of an investment company is either lower (at a discount) or higher (at a premium) than the net asset value per share (cum income), expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per share.

Gearing

The effect of borrowing money for investment purposes (financial gearing). The amount a company can “gear” is the amount it can borrow in order to invest. Gearing is used in the expectation that the returns on the investments bought will exceed the costs of the borrowings that funded the purchase. This Company can also use synthetic gearing through derivatives and foreign exchange hedging and/or other non-fully funded instruments or techniques.

Leverage

The Company's leverage is the sum of financial gearing and synthetic gearing. Details of the Company's leverage limits can be found in both the Key Information Document and Annual Report. Where a company utilises leverage, the profits and losses incurred by the company can be greater than those of a company that does not use leverage.

Market capitalisation

Share price multiplied by the number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares, at month end. Shares typically priced mid-market at month-end closing.

Net Asset Value (NAV)

The total value of a Company's assets less its liabilities.

NAV (Cum Income)

The value of investments and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

NAV (Ex Income)

The value of investments and cash, excluding current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

NAV total return

The theoretical total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in Net Asset Value (NAV) assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. A way of measuring investment management performance of investment trusts which is not affected by movements in discounts/premiums.

Net assets

Total assets minus any liabilities such as bank loans or creditors.

Net cash

A company's net exposure to cash/cash equivalents expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds, after any offset against its gearing. This is only shown for companies that have gearing in place.

Net gearing

A company's total assets (less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

Ongoing charges

The total expenses for the financial year (excluding performance fee), divided by the average daily net assets, multiplied by 100.

Risk rating

The key measure used to assess risk is volatility of returns, using historic net asset value (NAV) performance of the Company over 1 and 3 years. In this instance volatility measures how much a company's NAV fluctuates over time in relation to the UK Equity market. The higher a volatility figure, the more the NAV has fluctuated (both up and down) over time. Please note that risk categorisations are indicative and based principally on historic data and should not be solely relied upon when making investment decisions.

Share price

Closing mid-market share price at month end.

Share price total return

The theoretical total return to the investor assuming that all dividends received were reinvested in the shares of the company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. Transaction costs are not taken into account.

Total assets

Cum Income NAV multiplied by the number of shares, plus prior charges at fair value.

Yield

Calculated by dividing the current financial year's dividends per share (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price per share, then multiplying by 100 to arrive at a percentage figure.

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Source for fund ratings/awards

Overall Morningstar Rating™ is shown for an investment company achieving a rating of 4 or 5.

Company specific risks

- This Company is suitable to be used as one component of several within a diversified investment portfolio. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested in this Company.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Company's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the Company. As a result, losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the Company's assets.
- If a Company's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio that is diversified across more countries.
- The Company has significant exposure to Emerging Markets, which tend to be less stable than more established markets. These markets can be affected by local political and economic conditions as well as variances in the reliability of trading systems, buying and selling practices, and financial reporting standards.
- The portfolio allows the manager to use options for efficient portfolio management. Options can be volatile and may result in a capital loss.
- Where the Company invests in assets that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency, the currency exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.
- The Company may use gearing (borrowing to invest) as part of its investment strategy. If the Company utilises its ability to gear, the profits and losses incurred by the Company can be greater than those of a Company that does not use gearing.
- All or part of the Company's management fee is taken from its capital. While this allows more income to be paid, it may also restrict capital growth or even result in capital erosion over time.

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