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# Greater China Growth Fund (I)

Investing in companies that may be poised to benefit from China's growth.



**EICGX** Symbol

\$12.42 **\(\sigma\)**5-0.11 NAV as of Apr 16, 2024



**Fact Sheet** Mar 31, 2024

### The Fund

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies that are located within the Greater China region, which includes Hong Kong, China and Taiwan. The Fund invests in companies with a broad range of market capitalizations, including smaller companies.

## The Approach

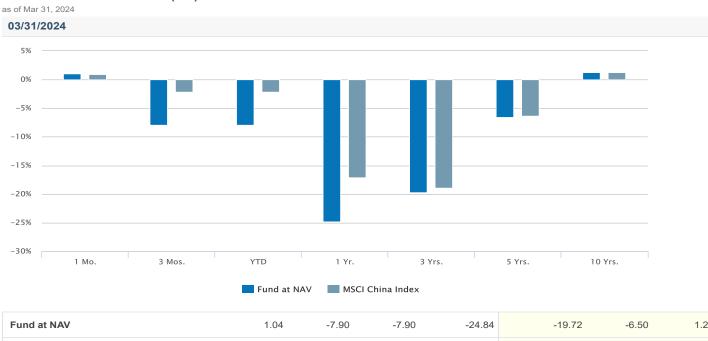
The Fund generally invests in China-region companies that are expected to grow in value over time, regardless of short-term market fluctuations. The Fund's stock selection process seeks to identify companies with sound and wellestablished management, financial strength, a history of earnings growth, sustainable long-term demand trends, attractive stock valuations and other characteristics.

### The Features

The Fund provides investors access to a range of companies with the potential to benefit from the economic growth and development of China. Political reform, rising wealth levels, increased standards of living and other factors have created investment opportunities in the China region. Fund has the ability to invest in companies with a broad range of market capitalizations.

## Overview

# Historical Returns (%)



Fund at NAV	1.04	-7.90	-7.90	-24.84	-19.72	-6.50	1.23
MSCI China Index <sup>1</sup>	0.94	-2.19	-2.19	-17.05	-18.90	-6.33	1.24

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Fund's current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value (NAV) with all distributions reinvested. Returns for other classes of shares offered by the Fund are different. Performance less than or equal to one year is cumulative. Total return prior to the commencement of the class reflects returns of another Fund class. Prior returns are adjusted to reflect applicable sales charge (but were not adjusted for other expenses). If adjusted for other expenses, returns would be lower. The share class has no sales charge.

## **Fund Facts**

as of Mar 31. 2024

Class I Inception	09/30/2009
Performance Inception	10/28/1992
Investment Objective	Long-term capital appreciation
Total Net Assets	\$33.8M
Minimum Investment	\$1000000
Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>2</sup>	1.43%
Expense Ratio (Net) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.25%
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# Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>4,5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Tencent Holdings Ltd	18.69
PINDUODUO INC-ADR	11.32
China Construction Bank Corp	10.72
NetEase Inc	6.85
Trip.com Group Ltd	4.62
China Merchants Bank Co Ltd	4.52
Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	3.35
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd	3.27
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co Ltd	2.62
China Resources Beer Holdings Co Ltd	2.53
Total	68.49

# Portfolio Management

Amay Hattangadi, CFA	Managed Fund since 2021
Leon Sun, CFA	Managed Fund since 2021

Portfolio profile subject to change due to active management. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

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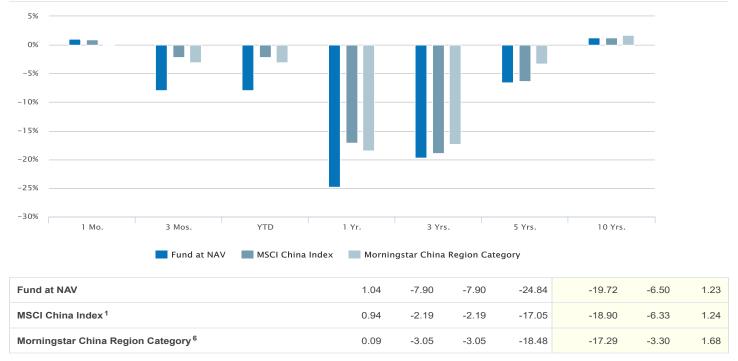
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- 2. Source: Fund prospectus.
- 3. Net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reimbursement that continues through 12/31/24. Without the reimbursement, if applicable, performance would have been lower.
- 4. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.
- 5. Percent of total net assets.

## Performance

# Historical Returns (%)

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# Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	-0.57	-4.70	1.98	49.86	-9.67	23.55	25.55	-9.41	-22.46	-17.16
MSCI China Index <sup>1</sup>	7.96	-7.82	0.90	54.07	-18.88	23.46	29.49	-21.72	-21.93	-11.20
MSCI Golden Dragon Index <sup>7</sup>	7.72	-7.43	5.40	43.79	-14.80	23.78	28.17	-9.47	-22.34	-0.90

## **Fund Facts**

Distribution Frequency	Annually
Expense Ratio (Net) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.25%
Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>2</sup>	1.43%
Performance Inception	10/28/1992
Class I Inception	09/30/2009

# Risk Measures (3 Year)<sup>8</sup>

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Alpha (%)	-1.28
Beta	0.98
R-Squared (%)	92.68
Standard Deviation (%)	30.65
Sharpe Ratio	-0.73

# Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in China Region Category
Overall	***	92
3 Years	***	92

Time Period	Rating	China Region Category		
5 Years	**	73		
10 Years	***	52		

Funds in

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# **NAV History**

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 16, 2024	\$12.42	-\$0.11
Apr 15, 2024	\$12.53	\$0.04
Apr 12, 2024	\$12.49	-\$0.35
Apr 11, 2024	\$12.84	\$0.09
Apr 10, 2024	\$12.75	-\$0.05
Apr 09, 2024	\$12.80	\$0.08
Apr 08, 2024	\$12.72	\$0.01
Apr 05, 2024	\$12.71	\$0.00
Apr 04, 2024	\$12.71	-\$0.08
Apr 03, 2024	\$12.79	\$0.00

# Distribution History<sup>9</sup>

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
Dec 07, 2023	\$0.07500	\$13.53

No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years. Fund prospectus

# Capital Gain History<sup>9</sup>

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 07, 2023		\$1.11220	\$13.53
Dec 08, 2022		\$1.07560	

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 09, 2021	\$0.01300	\$1.30110	\$25.55

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- 6. The Morningstar China Region Category includes funds that invest primarily in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong equities with at least 75% of stock assets in these countries.
- 7. MSCI Golden Dragon Index is an unmanaged index of common stocks traded in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Unless otherwise stated, index returns do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges, commissions, expenses, taxes or leverage, as applicable. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Historical performance of the index illustrates market trends and does not represent the past or future performance of the fund. MSCI indexes are net of foreign withholding taxes. Source: MSCI MSCI data may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. MSCI provides no warranties, has not prepared or approved this report, and has no liability hereunder.
- 8. Alpha measures risk-adjusted performance, showing excess return delivered at the same risk level as the benchmark. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. R-Squared represents the percentage of the portfolio's movement that can be explained by the general movement of the market. Standard deviation measures the historic volatility of a fund. Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.
- 9. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

## Portfolio

Asset Mix (%)5,10

as of Mar 31, 2024

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## Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

Active Share 11

Number of Holdings

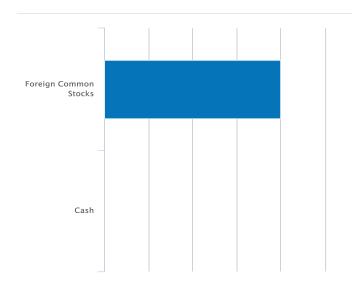
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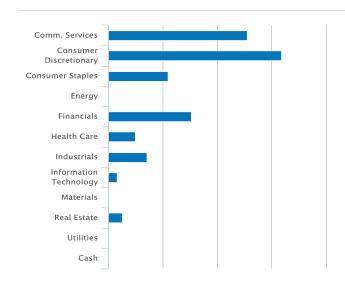
GICS Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>5</sup>

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Total	100.00
Cash	0.05
Foreign Common Stocks	99.95



Comm. Services	25.54	20.76
Consumer Discretionary	31.88	29.61
Consumer Staples	11.00	5.23
Energy	_	3.84
Financials	15.25	16.52
Health Care	4.97	4.48
Industrials	7.08	5.17
Information Technology	1.62	6.08
Materials	_	3.48
Real Estate	2.60	2.22
Utilities	_	2.59
Cash	0.05	_

# Assets by Country (%)<sup>5</sup> as of Mar 31, 2024

Total	100.00
Cash & Other Assets	0.05
China	99.95

# Geographic Mix (%)<sup>5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

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Total	100.00
Cash & Other Assets	0.05
Asia/Pacific	99.95

# Fund Holdings (%)<sup>5,12</sup>

as of Feb 29, 2024

Holding	% of Net Assets
Tencent Holdings Ltd	15.35%
China Construction Bank Corp	13.51%
PINDUODUO INC-ADR	12.05%
NetEase Inc	5.97%
China Merchants Bank Co Ltd	4.39%
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co Ltd	3.39%
Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	3.33%
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd	3.24%
Onewo Inc	2.94%
NARI Technology Co Ltd	2.71%
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- 5. Percent of total net assets.
- 10. A delay in transaction settlement may result in a negative cash position.
- 11. Active Share is a measure of the differentiation of the holdings of a portfolio from the holdings of its appropriate benchmark index. It is calculated as one half of the sum of the absolute value of the differences found between the portfolio weights and the benchmark weights.
- 12. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

## Management

#### Amay Hattangadi, CFA

Managing Director of MSIM Company Joined Morgan Stanley in 1997

#### Biography

Amay Hattangadi is an investor on the Global Emerging Markets team, and a portfolio manager for the Emerging Markets Core strategies. He is also a portfolio manager for the Asia Equity and India Equity strategies.

He joined Morgan Stanley in 1997 and has 24 years of investment experience.

Amay received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Mumbai. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He holds the Charted Financial Analyst designation.

#### Education

· Bachelor of Commerce, University of Mumbai

#### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2021

#### Leon Sun, CFA

Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Asia Limited Joined Morgan Stanley in 2021

#### **Biography**

Leon Sun is an investor on the Emerging Markets Equity team, and the lead portfolio manager for the China strategies. Leon is also a co-portfolio manager for the Asia Equity strategies.

He joined Morgan Stanley in 2021 and has 23 years of investment experience. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as a senior portfolio manager and head of investment for China and Hong Kong at Nomura Asset Management. He was also an investment analyst at Martin Currie and a credit officer at Bank of China.

Leon received a B.A. in English from Shanghai International Studies University and a M.Sc. in finance and investment from The University of Edinburgh. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

#### Education

- · Bachelor of Arts in English, Shanghai International Studies University
- MS in Finance and Investment, University of Edinburgh

#### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2021

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