

THE OPTIMA LLOYD GEORGE ASIA FUND

Monthly Report

April 30, 2023

Investment Strategy & Objective

- The Optima Lloyd George Asia Fund (the “Fund”) is an Asia focused long/short equity fund launched in 2019.
- The investment objective of the Fund is to generate positive returns over the medium term by investing in Asian equities while seeking to reduce volatility through hedging (via equities and/or indirectly through financial derivative instruments).
- It is a more concentrated approach typically invested in 30 to 50 equity long positions while shorts consist primarily of options on indices or market futures (certain markets restrict shorting).
- The Fund provides access in a UCITS eligible investment vehicle with daily liquidity and no lock up.

Portfolio Manager

- The Fund is managed by Robert Lloyd George, one of the pioneers of investing in Asia. He is a highly regarded portfolio manager with more than four decades of experience managing up to \$17.7 billion in assets.
- Mr. Lloyd George is best-known for founding Lloyd George Management in 1991 which was sold to Bank of Montreal in January 2011 (now known as BMO Global Asset Management). In April 2014, he left Bank of Montreal to re-launch his own independent asset management firm and in late 2014, Lloyd George Management (HK) Limited was founded.
- Earlier in his career, Mr. Lloyd George was Managing Director of Indosuez Asia Investment Services in Hong Kong - launching the first closed end country funds for Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, China and India. In 1978, he joined the Fiduciary Trust Company in New York to work on international investments for the UN Pension Fund.

Asia Opportunity

- Asia is the largest economy in the world based on GDP and has been growing at triple the rate of the developed Western economies. Moreover, the region is highly dynamic, as exemplified by the ongoing transformation of both India and China.
- Because the region encompasses such a diverse range of countries, markets, currencies, and valuation levels, the portfolio manager believes that in-depth, bottom-up fundamental analysis and comprehensive top-down research can add value by identifying overlooked and misunderstood companies and industries.
- The portfolio manager is focused on growth trends around themes such as healthcare, e-commerce, and communications.

Monthly Performance Since Inception

Class H - USD

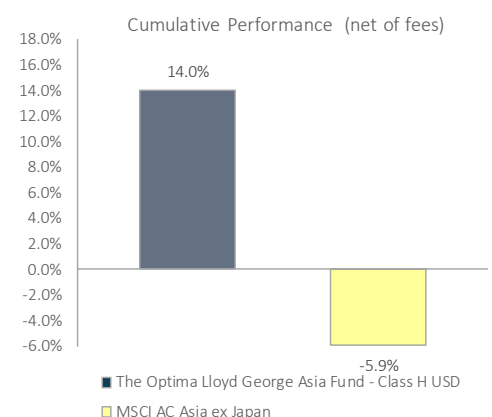
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	8.2%	(6.9%)	2.6%	(0.8%)									2.4%
2022	(5.5%)	1.8%	(1.2%)	(1.9%)	0.2%	(6.6%)	(3.2%)	0.7%	(6.0%)	0.6%	10.8%	(2.7%)	(13.2%)
2021	4.9%	(0.2%)	(4.9%)	2.9%	3.1%	(1.0%)	(4.3%)	1.4%	(5.3%)	1.9%	(4.5%)	0.3%	(6.1%)
2020	0.6%	(3.6%)	(12.5%)	8.2%	(0.3%)	10.3%	7.4%	3.9%	(2.7%)	3.0%	5.2%	11.1%	31.9%
2019	--	--	--	--	(2.6%)	4.1%	(2.2%)	(3.5%)	(0.7%)	5.3%	(1.0%)	4.6%	3.5%

Performance Summary*

	Inception	NAV	Apr	YTD	Ann. Incep.
The Optima Lloyd George Asia Fund - Class H USD	3-May-19	\$113.970	(0.8%)	2.4%	3.3%
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan	3-May-19	--	(2.1%)	2.2%	(1.5%)

* Net of fees and expenses.

Cumulative Performance Since Inception*



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Net Sector Exposure			
	Long	Short	Net
Financials	25.3%	0.0%	25.3%
Consumer Discretionary	12.7%	0.0%	12.7%
Industrials	6.9%	0.0%	6.9%
Index	0.0%	(17.8%)	(17.8%)
Information Technology	12.8%	0.0%	12.8%
Communication Services	8.8%	0.0%	8.8%
Energy	10.4%	0.0%	10.4%
Health Care	6.6%	0.0%	6.6%
Materials	9.3%	0.0%	9.3%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate	2.6%	0.0%	2.6%
Total	95.4%	(17.8%)	77.6%

Net Country Exposure			
	Long	Short	Net
India	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%
China	31.4%	0.0%	31.4%
Hong Kong	12.2%	0.0%	12.2%
Singapore	8.2%	0.0%	8.2%
Indonesia	3.8%	0.0%	3.8%
Thailand	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%
Australia	6.5%	0.0%	6.5%
Taiwan	5.5%	0.0%	5.5%
South Korea	9.1%	0.0%	9.1%
Vietnam	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%
Phillipnes	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
U.S.	0.0%	(17.8%)	(17.8%)
Total	95.4%	(17.8%)	77.6%

Top Five Long Positions		
	Sector	Percent
Northern Star	Materials	6.5%
ICICI Bank	Financials	5.9%
Sea Ltd.	Communication Services	5.5%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Information Technology	5.5%
Coupang	Consumer Discretionary	4.9%
		28.2%

Market Cap Exposure			
	Long	Short	Net
Small (<\$2 bill)	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%
Mid (\$2 - \$10 bill)	7.7%	0.0%	7.7%
Large (>\$10 bill)	86.2%	(17.8%)	68.4%
Total	95.4%	(17.8%)	77.6%

Monthly Sector Attribution (gross)			
	Long	Short	Net
Communication Services	(1.1%)	0.0%	(1.1%)
Consumer Discretionary	(0.7%)	0.0%	(0.7%)
Energy	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Financials	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Health Care	(0.0%)	0.0%	(0.0%)
Industrials	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Information Technology	(0.8%)	0.0%	(0.8%)
Materials	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
Real Estate	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Index	0.0%	(0.3%)	(0.3%)
Consumer Staples	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total (gross)	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	(0.6%)

Monthly Geographic Attribution (gross)			
	Long	Short	Net
China	(1.1%)	0.0%	(1.1%)
Hong Kong	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
India	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Indonesia	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Australia	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Singapore	(0.4%)	0.0%	(0.4%)
Taiwan	(0.6%)	0.0%	(0.6%)
Thailand	(0.0%)	0.0%	(0.0%)
South Korea	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Vietnam	(0.0%)	0.0%	(0.0%)
U.S.	0.0%	(0.3%)	(0.3%)
Total (gross)	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	(0.6%)

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		Historical Long/Short Exposure											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	Long	83.9%	86.9%	95.4%	95.4%								
	Short	0.0%	(13.6%)	(17.1%)	(17.8%)								
	Net	83.9%	73.4%	78.3%	77.6%								
2022	Long	96.3%	95.6%	95.9%	93.6%	95.6%	92.1%	94.5%	92.0%	80.9%	89.8%	96.1%	97.5%
	Short	(11.2%)	(19.2%)	(16.7%)	(23.3%)	(11.0%)	(20.4%)	(17.3%)	(20.9%)	(9.9%)	(7.7%)	0.0%	0.0%
	Net	85.1%	76.4%	79.3%	70.3%	84.6%	71.7%	77.2%	71.1%	71.1%	82.1%	96.1%	97.5%
2021	Long	94.2%	82.8%	87.3%	95.1%	95.0%	89.9%	91.7%	94.6%	87.6%	97.7%	95.7%	93.7%
	Short	(1.4%)	(0.5%)	0.0%	(4.9%)	(25.7%)	(18.5%)	(33.5%)	(27.6%)	(20.8%)	(7.8%)	(4.6%)	(5.5%)
	Net	92.8%	82.3%	87.3%	90.2%	69.3%	71.4%	58.2%	67.0%	66.8%	89.8%	91.1%	88.2%
2020	Long	91.9%	96.5%	87.0%	78.7%	87.6%	89.8%	89.7%	94.5%	95.7%	93.6%	92.0%	90.7%
	Short	(25.2%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(8.1%)	(2.2%)	(2.9%)	(2.8%)	(5.6%)	(6.4%)	(2.4%)	(2.7%)
	Net	66.6%	96.5%	87.0%	78.7%	79.5%	87.6%	86.8%	91.7%	90.1%	87.1%	89.6%	88.0%
2019	Long	--	--	--	--	78.7%	88.0%	82.9%	84.4%	87.1%	90.1%	87.0%	95.7%
	Short	--	--	--	--	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Net	--	--	--	--	78.7%	88.0%	82.9%	84.4%	87.1%	90.1%	87.0%	95.7%

		Historical Long/Short Attribution											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	Long	7.3%	(7.6%)	4.3%	(0.3%)								
	Short	0.0%	0.4%	(1.6%)	(0.3%)								
	Net	7.3%	(7.3%)	2.7%	(0.6%)								
2022	Long	(5.8%)	1.6%	(0.1%)	(4.4%)	(0.2%)	(7.3%)	(0.6%)	0.1%	(8.4%)	(0.4%)	12.7%	(2.4%)
	Short	0.5%	0.4%	(1.0%)	2.6%	0.5%	0.9%	(2.4%)	0.8%	2.6%	1.2%	(1.7%)	0.0%
	Net	(5.2%)	2.0%	(1.0%)	(1.8%)	0.2%	(6.4%)	(3.0%)	1.0%	(5.8%)	0.8%	11.0%	(2.4%)
2021	Long	5.9%	(1.3%)	(5.1%)	3.1%	4.2%	(0.4%)	(4.3%)	2.5%	(5.7%)	3.6%	(4.0%)	0.8%
	Short	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	(0.0%)	0.0%	(0.4%)	(0.6%)	(0.3%)	(0.8%)	0.6%	(1.5%)	(0.2%)	(0.5%)
	Net	5.8%	(1.4%)	(5.1%)	3.1%	3.8%	(0.9%)	(4.6%)	1.7%	(5.1%)	2.1%	(4.2%)	0.3%
2020	Long	(0.8%)	(1.5%)	(12.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	10.9%	8.9%	4.8%	(3.2%)	2.5%	6.5%	13.1%
	Short	2.1%	(2.0%)	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	(0.3%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	0.2%	(0.1%)	(0.5%)	(0.2%)
	Net	1.2%	(3.5%)	(12.2%)	(0.1%)	(0.1%)	10.6%	8.8%	4.7%	(3.0%)	2.5%	5.9%	12.9%
2019	Long	--	--	--	--	(2.4%)	4.6%	(2.4%)	(3.4%)	(0.4%)	5.7%	(0.9%)	5.8%
	Short	--	--	--	--	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Net	--	--	--	--	(2.4%)	4.6%	(2.4%)	(3.3%)	(0.4%)	5.7%	(0.9%)	5.8%

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Commentary

Monthly Review

In what was a poor month for the Asian indices, the portfolio manager was able to restrict losses to under 1%, leaving a gain of 2.4% year to date, ahead of the index. A few changes were made in our Asian portfolio, maintaining core positions in India (15%), South East Asia (20%), and China (30%). We have emphasized, in our recent Outlook, the rapid (35%) growth last year in trade between ASEAN (now larger than the US) and China, with a concomitant 200% growth in freight carried by rail. The completion of the Kunming to Vientiane high-speed rail in December 2021 gave this 2-way trade a tremendous boost, as it now means that China is fully integrated into South East Asia's rail network, with the possibility of direct overland travel from Beijing to Singapore. Our visit to Singapore, in fact, confirmed the large and rapid transfer of capital to the southern financial centre, with over 1500 new Chinese family offices opening in the last 2 years. In addition, we note the ambitious infrastructure projects underway in Indonesia (new capital, new highways) and Vietnam (new road and rail projects). Both the Philippines and Thailand have also seen recoveries in consumer spending and individual productions.

Our conclusion is that South East Asia is the main winner of the US/China Trade War and the most promising growth region for investors in the world today.

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Summary of Terms

Investment Manager	Optima Asset Management LLC
Sub-Investment Manager	Lloyd George Management (HK) Limited
Legal Structure	Irish ICAV – UCITS V
Inception Date	May 3, 2019
Availability	US and Non-US Investors
Minimum Investment	<u>US Investors:</u> Class H (USD): \$500,000 <u>Non-US Investors:</u> Institutional Classes: G (EUR) €1,000,000; H (USD) \$1,000,000 Retail Classes: A (EUR) €5,000; B (USD); \$5,000
Management Fee	1.50% per annum (Institutional: Classes G and H) 1.75% per annum (Retail: Classes A and B)
Performance Fee	15% of profits with a high water mark
Subscriptions	Daily, 2 business days notice by 4 PM Irish time
Redemptions	Daily, 2 business days notice by 4 PM Irish time
Payout	Full redemption payout normally within 3 business days after trade date
Depository	Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited
Administrator	Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited
Auditor	Grant Thornton
Legal	Walkers Ireland
Global Distributor	Albemarle Asset Management Limited (London)
ISIN	Class A (EUR): IE00BJCW85 Class H (USD): IE00BJCW92

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