INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

# Morgan Stanley Investment Funds Asia Opportunity Fund

#### **GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY**

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# **Performance Review**

In the one month period ending 30 November 2024, the Fund's Z shares returned 1.31% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned -3.29%.

Year-to-date (YTD), the Fund's Z shares returned 23.52% and the benchmark returned 11.79%.

## Market Review

Asia ex Japan equities advanced year-to-date. The communication services, financials, information technology, consumer discretionary and utilities sectors outperformed the benchmark, while the materials, real estate, consumer staples and energy sectors declined, underperforming the benchmark.

Marketing Communication

## **Portfolio Review**

Fund outperformance YTD was due to stock selection in the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors, as well as a sector underweight allocation to materials. Stock selection in the communication services sector, as well as a sector underweight in information technology and overweight in consumer staples detracted from relative performance.

#### Top contributors YTD included:

- Chinese travel agency Trip.com
- Chinese social service platform Meituan
- Korean ecommerce company Coupang
- Indian food delivery company Zomato
- Chinese online lending platform Qifu Technology

## Top detractors YTD included:

- Underweight position in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.
- Korean digital bank KakaoBank
- Korean search engine Naver
- Chinese baijiu manufacturer Kweichow Moutai
- Chinese knitwear manufacturer Shenzhou International

## Outlook

As a team, we continue to focus on bottom-up stock selection and the long-term outlook for companies owned in the portfolio. We assess company prospects over a five- to ten-year time horizon and own a portfolio of what we believe are undervalued, high quality companies with diverse business drivers not tied to any particular market environment.

## For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

## **Fund Facts**

Launch date	31 March 2016
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	MSCI All Country Asia Ex Japan Net Index

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 30 November 2024.

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## Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class Z Shares	23.52	-7.01	-21.86	-20.35	51.80	41.66	-14.68	74.92			
MSCI All Country Asia Ex Japan Net Index	11.79	5.98	-19.67	-4.72	25.02	18.17	-14.37	41.72			

All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. The sources for all performance and Index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management. **Please visit our website www.morganstanley.com/im to see the latest performance returns for the fund's other share classes.** 

## Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
- Investments in China involves a risk of a total loss due to factors such as government action or inaction, market volatility and reliance on primary trading partners.
- Investment in China A-Shares via Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect programs may also entail additional risks, such as risks linked to the ownership of shares.
- There are increased risks of investing in emerging markets as political, legal and operational systems may be less developed than in developed markets.

- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.
  Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

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