

**Manulife Global Fund**  
Société d'investissement à capital variable  
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**Notice to Shareholders**

31 July, 2015

Dear Shareholder

We are writing to inform you of some important changes to Manulife Global Fund (the "**Company**").

These changes will be reflected in the revised prospectus of the Company (the "**Revised Prospectus**") to be dated 1 October, 2015. This Notice, which summarizes the major changes for your easy reference, should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Revised Prospectus which contains full and complete information about these changes. Words and phrases used in this Notice shall, unless otherwise provided, have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the Revised Prospectus.

The Board has further decided that it is appropriate to implement the following changes in order to optimize the overall management of the various Sub-Funds and better meet the needs of investors:-

***1. International Growth Fund - Change of Investment Manager and Name of Sub-Fund***

Upon extensive analysis, the Board has determined that in order to optimize the overall management of the Sub-Fund, it is in the best interest of the shareholders of the Sub-Fund to replace the existing Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund, Manulife Asset Management (Europe) Limited, with Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC ("**MAM US**"), as the new Investment Manager.

MAM US has substantial investment capabilities and resources, as well as a deeply experienced investment team, in relation to the management of international and global equity portfolios. MAM US employs a well-defined, consistent and repeatable investment process that has generated a long-term, proven track record across multiple strategies. MAM US is the Investment Manager of the Company for the Global Contrarian Fund, Global Resources Fund, Global Property Fund, Healthcare Fund, American Growth Fund, Strategic Income Fund, U.S. Bond Fund, U.S. Small Cap Equity Fund, U.S. Special Opportunities Fund and U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Fund.

In addition, the Board has determined to change the name of the Sub-Fund from "International Growth Fund" to "Global Equity Fund". The purpose of this change is to provide a more encompassing representation of the Sub-Fund's investment opportunity set and a clearer reflection of the way in which the Sub-Fund is managed. For the avoidance of doubt, the Sub-Fund's investment objective and investment policy will all remain unchanged. No costs or expenses specifically attributable to the renaming of the Sub-Fund will be incurred by the Sub-Fund or the Company.

The above changes will take effect as of the date of the Revised Prospectus, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice.

***2. Taiwan Equity Fund – Removal of Sub-Investment Manager and Appointment of Investment Advisor***

The Board has decided that it is in the best interests of the shareholders of the Sub-Fund to remove Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited ("**Schroder**") as Sub-Investment Manager. Manulife Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited ("**MAM HK**") will remain in its current role as Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund and has further informed the Board of its intention to appoint Manulife Asset Management (Taiwan) Co., Limited ("**MAM Taiwan**") as its non-discretionary investment advisor in respect of Sub-Fund.

In resolving such decision, the Board has taken into consideration the significant augmentation of MAM HK's asset management resources and personnel dedicated to Taiwanese equity research and

investments over recent years since the initial appointment of Schroder. MAM HK's enhanced capabilities in this regard will be further strengthened by the expertise of MAM Taiwan as its non-discretionary investment advisor, which has an extensive, well-established history of investment research dedicated to Taiwanese equities.

The changes will take effect as of the date of the Revised Prospectus, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice, in accordance with Luxembourg regulatory requirements.

### **3. Amendment of Investment Policies in relation to Investments in China A-Shares**

The Board, in consultation with the respective Investment Managers, has decided to amend the investment policies of each of the Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund, Asian Equity Fund, Asian Small Cap Equity Fund, China Value Fund, Dragon Growth Fund and Greater China Opportunities Fund to reflect that each such Sub-Fund may invest directly in certain China A-Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in Mainland China via the Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme (“**Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect**”) implemented by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“**CSRC**”). For the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with their respective current investment policies, none of the above-mentioned Sub-Funds have, to date, made any direct or indirect investments in China A-Shares.

In addition, the investment policies of each of the Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund and China Value Fund will be updated to reflect that each such Sub-Fund may also invest indirectly in China A-Shares via access products (“**China A-Shares Access Products**”) such as equity-linked notes, participating certificates, participatory notes, swaps and other similar instruments issued by institutions that have obtained QFII and/or RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“**RQFII**”) licenses from the CSRC within a certain investment limit as approved by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC.

These changes to the investment policy of each of the above-named Sub-Funds will allow the Sub-Funds quicker direct access to Mainland Chinese securities. While the Board has determined that this would be in the best interests of the Shareholders, such investment in China A-Shares (either via the Shanghai – Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or China A-Shares related access products) may involve additional risks including those described in the Supplement to this Notice, which should be noted.

In any event where any of the above-mentioned Sub-Funds invest in China A-Shares, it is expected that such Sub-Fund will not hold (directly or indirectly) more than 30% of its net asset value, in aggregate, in China A-Shares.

The changes will take effect as of the date of the Revised Prospectus, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice.

### **4. Clarification of Dividend Policy**

The Board has decided to clarify the dividend policy in relation to the Classes of the Sub-Funds specified below such that dividends may, at the discretion of the Directors, be paid out of income, realised capital gains and/or capital of the relevant Sub-Fund(s):

- Asia Total Return Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc, Class AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (CAD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (HKD) Inc, Class HA, Class HC, Class HI, Class I2 SGD Hedged and Class S Hedged Shares),
- Strategic Income Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc, Class AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (CAD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (HKD) Inc, Class HA, Class HC, Class HI, Class I2 SGD Hedged and Class S Hedged Shares),
- U.S. Bond Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc, Class AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (CAD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (HKD) Inc, Class HA, Class HC and Class HI Shares),
- U.S. Special Opportunities Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc, Class AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (CAD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (HKD) Inc, and Class T Shares),
- U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc Shares), and

- Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund (in respect of Class AA Inc Shares).

The above clarification will take effect as of the date of the Revised Prospectus, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice, in accordance with Luxembourg regulatory requirements.

#### **5. Amendment of Definition of “Business Day”**

In order to clarify that valuation and dealing arrangements in respect of the Turkey Equity Fund and the Taiwan Equity Fund will not be effected during customary public holiday closures of the financial markets in Turkey and in Taiwan, respectively, as is currently the case, the Board has decided to update the definition of “Business Day” in the prospectus of the Company as follows:

**“Business Day”** means, in relation to the Shares of any Sub-Fund, any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks in Luxembourg and, solely in relation to the Shares of the Turkey Equity Fund and of the Taiwan Equity Fund, also in Turkey and in Taiwan, respectively, are open for normal banking business.

The update will take effect as of the date of the Revised Prospectus, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice.

#### **6. Strategic Income Fund – Change in the Expected Level of Leverage**

As a result of certain changes in market conditions and in order to ensure that the Sub-Fund continues to meet its investment objective, the Sub-Fund’s expected level of leverage has increased from 75% to 120% of its net assets as calculated on a sum of notionals basis, with effect from 15 September 2014, being the date on which the audited annual report of the Company as of 30 June 2014 (on which calculation of the Sub-Fund’s expected level of leverage was based) was issued. The expected level of leverage of the Sub-Fund as calculated on a commitment approach basis is 25% of its net assets. For the avoidance of doubt, the increase in the expected level of leverage does not, and will not, result in any change to the Sub-Fund’s investment objective, investment policy or risk profile.

#### **7. Publication of Dealing Prices and Suspension**

In light of recent changes to the relevant Hong Kong regulations applicable to the Company and in order to facilitate access by investors, the Board has decided that publication of the dealing prices (rounded to four decimal places) representing both Subscription and Redemption Prices of Class A, Class AA, Class AA (AUD Hedged), Class AA (CAD Hedged), Class AA (CAD), Class AA (HKD), Class AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (CAD Hedged) Inc, Class AA (HKD) Inc and Class AA Inc Shares will no longer be made in newspapers and will instead be published daily on the Company’s website at [www.manulifefunds.com.hk](http://www.manulifefunds.com.hk). In addition, any suspension of valuations will be announced on the above website rather than in any newspapers. Investors should note that any information and materials on such website do not form part of the Prospectus. All content on such website is for information purposes only and do not constitute an offer or solicitation to purchase or sell Shares. The Company’s website has not been reviewed or authorised by any regulatory authority in any jurisdiction. For the avoidance of doubt, the above-mentioned dealing prices and any announcement in relation to suspension of valuations will also be made available to investors at the registered office of the Company.

The above changes will take effect as of 10 September 2015, being not less than one month from the date of this Notice.

If you do not agree with the change of the Investment Manager of the International Growth Fund, removal of the Sub-Investment Manager of the Taiwan Equity Fund or amendments to the investment policies of certain Sub-Funds in respect of their investments in China A-Shares, you may apply to redeem or to switch your holding in the relevant Sub-Fund(s) to Shares of the same Class or category in any other Sub-Fund(s) free of any switching or redemption charges until 30 September, 2015. You can only switch your holding into Shares of the same Class or category (provided that Shares of Classes AA, AA (AUD Hedged), AA (CAD Hedged), AA (HKD), AA Inc, AA (AUD Hedged) Inc, AA (CAD Hedged) Inc and AA (HKD) Inc (collectively, the “AA Classes”) in any Sub-Fund shall, for the purposes of switching, be deemed to be within the same category and may be switched to Shares of any of the AA Classes whether in the same Sub-Fund or another Sub-Fund), which is offered or sold in your jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of the relevant offering documents, and such a conversion is subject to all applicable minimum initial investment amount and minimum holding requirements as

well as investor eligibility criteria being complied with. In the case of redemption, the redemption proceeds will be paid to you in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Prospectus. In the case of a switch, the conversion proceeds will be utilised to purchase Shares of Sub-Fund(s) specified by you at the share price(s) applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Prospectus. A switch or redemption of your Shares may affect your tax position. You should therefore seek independent professional advice on any applicable tax in the country of your respective citizenship, domicile or residence.

Shareholders requiring further information about any of the matters set out in this Notice may contact the Administrator of the Company, Citibank International Limited, Luxembourg Branch, at telephone number (352) 45 14 14 258 or fax number (352) 45 14 14 332 or the Hong Kong Distributor, Manulife Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited, at telephone number (852) 2108 1110 or fax number (852) 2810 9510 at any time during normal business hours.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Notice is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information as at the date of this Notice. The Directors accept responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this Notice accordingly.

**For and on behalf of the Board**

## Supplement (“Supplement”) to Notice to Shareholders (“Notice”)

31 July, 2015

Dear Shareholders of Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund  
Asian Equity Fund  
Asian Small Cap Equity Fund  
China Value Fund  
Dragon Growth Fund  
Greater China Opportunities Fund  
(each, a “**Sub-Fund**”, and collectively, “**Sub-Funds**”):

This document is a supplement to the Notice issued on the same date. This Supplement should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Notice. Words and phrases used in this Supplement shall, unless otherwise provided, have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the Notice and/or the Prospectus.

### **1. Additional Risk Factors Applicable to All Sub-Funds**

Please note the following risk factors relating to investment in China A Shares by the Sub-Funds in addition to the general risk factors in Section 5 of the Prospectus:

#### *“Mainland China Investment Risks:*

Investing in the securities markets in Mainland China is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets generally as well as to specific risks relating to the Mainland China market.

Investors should note that the legal system and regulatory framework of Mainland China are still developing, making it more difficult to obtain and/or enforce judgments and such could limit the legal protection available to investors. Military conflicts, either internal or with other countries, are also a risk. In addition, currency fluctuations, currency convertibility and fluctuations in inflation and interest rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economy and securities markets of Mainland China. Mainland China’s economic growth has historically been driven in a large degree by exports to the U.S. and other major export markets. Therefore, a slow-down in the global economy may have a negative impact on the continued growth of the Chinese economy.

Many of the recent economic reforms in Mainland China are unprecedented and may be subject to adjustment and modification, which may not always have a positive effect on foreign investment in joint stock limited companies in Mainland China or in A-Shares, B-Shares and H-Shares.

In view of the relatively smaller number of A-Share, B-Share and H-Share issues currently available in Mainland China, the choice of investments available to the Sub-Fund is limited when compared with the choices available in other more developed markets and the national regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in Mainland China are not as well developed. There may be a low level of liquidity of A-Share and B-Share markets in Mainland China, which are relatively small in terms of both combined total market value and the number of A-Shares and B-Shares which are available for investment. This may lead to severe price volatility under certain circumstances.

Chinese companies are required to follow Mainland China accounting standards and practice which, to a certain extent, follow international accounting standards. However, there may be significant differences between financial statements prepared by accountants following Mainland China accounting standards and practice and those prepared in accordance with international accounting standards.

Both the Shanghai and Shenzhen securities markets are in the process of development and change. This may lead to trading volatility, difficulty in the settlement and recording of transactions and in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations.

Investments in Mainland China are likely to be sensitive to any significant change in the political, social and economic landscapes in Mainland China. Mainland China's economy has been in a state of transition over the past 30 years from a planned economy to a more market-oriented economy, which differs from the economies of developed countries in many ways, such as in the level of government involvement, control of foreign exchange and allocation of resources. The Chinese government plays a major role in the economic reforms and will continue to exercise significant control over Mainland China's economy, including potentially by the adoption of corrective measures to control the growth of economy, which may

have an adverse impact on the securities markets of Mainland China and thus the performance of the Sub-Fund.

The Chinese government strictly regulates the payment of foreign currency-denominated obligations and sets monetary policy. Through its policies, the government may provide preferential treatment to particular industries or companies. The policies set by the government may have a substantial effect on the Chinese economy and the investments of the Sub-Fund.

Political changes, social instability and adverse diplomatic developments in Mainland China could result in the imposition of additional government restrictions including the expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxes or nationalisation of some or all of the property held by the underlying issuers of the shares.

In light of the above mentioned factors, the price of shares of Chinese companies may fall significantly in certain circumstances.

#### *Mainland China Tax:*

Under current Mainland China tax laws and regulations, foreign investors (who are not tax residents of the Mainland China and have no permanent establishment in Mainland China) are subject to a withholding income tax of 10% on cash dividends, distributions and interest derived from Mainland China entities. Special tax treatment and tax refunds, resulting in an effective tax rate of less than 10% on dividends, distributions and interest, may sometimes be available under certain tax treaties, upon application to and obtaining approval from the competent tax authority.

The State Administration of Taxation in the PRC ("SAT") issued a circular Guoshui [2009] No. 47 promulgated on 23 January 2009 clarifying that QFIIs are subject to 10% PRC withholding income tax on dividends, distributions and interests that are sourced in the PRC. With effect from November 17, 2014, pursuant to No. 79, PRC-sourced gains on disposal of shares and other equity investments (including A-Shares) derived by QFIIs or RQFIIs (without an establishment or place of business in the PRC or having an establishment or place in the PRC but the income so derived in the PRC is not effectively connected with such establishment or place) would be temporarily exempt from PRC enterprise income tax ("EIT").

The Sub-Fund may also potentially be subject to PRC Business Tax at the rate of 5% on capital gains derived from trading of A-Shares. Existing guidance provides a Business Tax exemption for QFIIs in respect of their gains derived from the trading of PRC securities, but does not explicitly apply to RQFIIs. In practice, the PRC tax authorities have not actively enforced the collection of Business Tax on such gains. In addition, urban maintenance and construction tax (currently at rates ranging from 1% to 7%), educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 3%) and local educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 2%) (collectively the "Surtaxes") are imposed based on Business Tax liabilities, so if the QFIIs or RQFIIs were liable for Business Tax they would also be required to pay the applicable Surtaxes.

Any tax liabilities and/or amount that are imposed or are estimated in anticipation of withholding tax on QFIIs/RQFIIs via which the Sub-Fund makes indirect investments in A-Shares may ultimately be recharged to and borne by the Sub-Fund.

Pursuant to Caishui 2014 No. 81, foreign investors investing in China A-Shares listed on the SSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect would be temporarily exempt from PRC EIT and Business Tax on gains on disposal of the A-Shares. Dividends would be subject to PRC EIT on a withholding basis at 10%, unless reduced under a double tax treaty with the PRC upon application to and obtaining approval from the competent tax authority.

In light of the foregoing, the Investment Manager of the Sub-Fund does not currently make any tax provision in respect of any potential PRC withholding income tax, EIT and business tax; however, the Investment Manager reserves the right to do so when it thinks appropriate. The amount of any such tax provision will be disclosed in the accounts of the Sub-Fund.

The tax laws, regulations and practice in Mainland China are constantly changing, and they may be changed with retrospective effect. In this connection, the Sub-Fund may be subject to additional taxation that is not anticipated as at the date hereof or when the relevant investments are made, valued or disposed of. The income from and/or the value of the relevant investments in the Sub-Fund may be reduced by any of those changes.

*Risks Associated with Investments via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect:*

The Sub-Fund may also seek to implement its investment programme through investing in the Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) via the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”). Under the “northbound trading link” of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, Hong Kong and international investors (including the Sub-Fund) are able to trade certain SSE-listed stocks (the “SSE Securities”) (the list of eligible securities being subject to review from time to time) through Hong Kong brokers, who route the transactions through the HKEx to the SSE. Investors are able to trade up to RMB300 billion of China A-Shares subject to a daily maximum of RMB13 billion.

Investment in Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect securities is subject to various risks associated with the legal and technical framework of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Investors should note that Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a pilot programme and the two-way stock trading link between the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (“SEHK”) and the SSE is relatively new. The application and interpretation of the relevant regulations are therefore relatively untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. The current Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect regulations are subject to change, which may take retrospective effect. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect regulations will not be abolished. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Sub-Fund will be able to obtain investment opportunities through the two-way stock trading link.

A stock may be recalled from the scope of SSE Securities for trading via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect for various reasons, and in such event the stock can only be sold and is restricted from being bought. The Investment Manager’s ability to implement the Sub-Fund’s investment strategies may be adversely affected as a result.

SSE Securities are settled by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company (“HKSCC”) with China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“ChinaClear”), the PRC’s central clearinghouse, on behalf of Hong Kong investors. During the settlement process, HKSCC acts as nominee on behalf of Hong Kong executing brokers; as a result, SSE Securities will not be in the name of the Sub-Fund, its Custodian, or any of its brokers during this time period. The Sub-Fund may be exposed to counterparty risk with respect to ChinaClear. In the event of the insolvency of ChinaClear, the Sub-Fund’s ability to take action directly to recover the Sub-Fund property would be limited. The HKSCC, as nominee holder, would have the exclusive right, but not the obligation, to take any legal action or court proceeding to enforce any rights of investors. Recovery of the Sub-Fund property may be subject to delays and expenses, which may be material.

While the Sub-Fund’s ownership of SSE Securities is reflected on the books of the Custodian’s records, the Sub-Fund has only a beneficial interest in such securities. Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect regulations provide that investors, such as the Sub-Fund, enjoy the rights and benefits of SSE Securities purchased through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. However, Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a new programme, and the status of the Sub-Fund’s beneficial interest in the SSE Securities acquired through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is untested. To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Custodian and the Sub-Fund will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that the Sub-Fund suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

Similarly, HKSCC is responsible for the exercise of shareholder rights with respect to corporate actions (including all dividends, rights issues, merger proposals or other shareholder votes). While HKSCC endeavors to keep beneficial owners such as the Sub-Fund, through their brokers, informed of corporate actions in relation to SSE Securities acquired through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and provide them with the opportunity to provide voting instructions, such beneficial owners will need to comply with the relevant arrangements and deadlines specified and therefore may not have sufficient time to consider proposals or provide instructions. Carrying out corporate actions in respect to SSE Securities is subject to local regulations, rules and practice. Under the current market practice in Mainland China, multiple proxies are not available. This may limit the Sub-Fund’s ability to appoint proxies to attend or participate in shareholders’ meetings in respect of SSE Securities.

Under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, trading in SSE Securities is subject to market rules and disclosure requirements in the PRC stock market. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies of the A-

Shares market or rules in relation to Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect may affect share prices. The Investment Manager should also take note of the foreign shareholding restrictions and disclosure obligations applicable to A-Shares. The Sub-Fund is subject to restrictions on trading (including restriction on retention of proceeds) in A-Shares as a result of its interest in the A-Shares. The Investment Manager is solely responsible for compliance with all notifications, reports and relevant requirements in connection with its interests in A-Shares. Under current Mainland China rules, once an investor holds more than 5% of the shares of a company listed on the SSE, the investor is required to disclose its interest within three working days and during which it cannot trade the shares of that company. The investor is also required to disclose any change in its shareholding and comply with related trading restrictions in accordance with Mainland China rules.

Although certain aspects of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect trading process are subject to Hong Kong law, PRC rules applicable to share ownership will apply. In addition, transactions using Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect are not subject to the Hong Kong Investor Compensation Fund administered by the Investor Compensation Company Limited.

Investment via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. In turn, the ability of such market participants to participate in the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. Further, Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program requires routing of orders across the border. Although the SEHK and market participants endeavour to develop new information technology systems to facilitate routing of orders across the border, there is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both the PRC and Hong Kong markets and therefore trading via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect could be disrupted. This may, in turn, affect the Sub-Fund's ability to access the A-Share market (and hence to pursue their investment strategy).

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is generally available only on business days when both the SEHK and SSE are open. When either or both the SEHK and SSE is/are closed, investors will not be able to trade Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect securities at times that may otherwise be beneficial to such trades. Because the programme is a new one, the technical framework for Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect has only been tested using simulated market conditions. In the event of high trade volume or unexpected market conditions, Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect may be available only on a limited basis, if at all. Both the PRC and Hong Kong regulators are permitted to (independently of each other) suspend Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect in response to certain market conditions. In addition, Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is subject to both a daily quota and an "aggregate" quota measuring total purchases and sales of securities via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. Buy orders and sell orders offset each other for purposes of the quota. If either the daily or aggregate quota is exceeded, further buy orders will be rejected, either until the next trading day (in the case of the daily quota) or until the next trading day when sufficient aggregate quota is available. These quotas are not particular to either the Sub-Fund or the Investment Manager; instead, they apply to all market participants generally. Thus, the Investment Manager will not be able to control the use or availability of the quota. If the Investment Manager is unable to purchase additional Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect securities, it may affect the Investment Manager's ability to implement the Sub-Fund's investment strategy.

The Sub-Fund, whose base currency is not RMB, may also be exposed to currency risk due to the need for the conversion into RMB for investments in SSE Securities via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. During any such conversion, the Sub-Fund may also incur currency conversion costs. The currency exchange rate may be subject to fluctuation and where RMB has depreciated, the Sub-Fund may incur a loss when it converts the sale proceeds of SSE Securities into its base currency."

## **2. *Additional Risk Factors Applicable to the Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund and China Value Fund***

The following additional risk factors relating to investment via China A-Shares Access Products should be noted if considering/continuing an investment into the Asia Value Dividend Equity Fund and/or China Value Fund:

*“Risks Associated with Investments in China A-Shares Access Products:*

As and when the Investment Manager makes an investment decision to allocate the Sub-Fund’s assets in China A-Shares Access Products, there can be no assurance that the Sub-Fund will be able to adequately allocate all or a substantial part of the assets in the Sub-Fund for investment in such China A-Shares Access Products.

QFII and RQFII must abide by their respective licence restrictions and QFII or RQFII may not be able to fulfil investment request from the Investment Manager in relation to China A-Shares Access Products, or to process redemption requests in a timely manner due to adverse changes in relevant laws or regulations, including changes in QFII or RQFII repatriation restrictions. Any risk or restriction in relation to the licences of QFII and RQFII will constitute a risk or restriction for the Sub-Fund. For example, a QFII or RQFII licence may be suspended or revoked by reason of, without limitation: (a) a failure by the QFII or RQFII to apply for an applicable investment quota within specified time periods; (b) bankruptcy, liquidation or receivership of the QFII or RQFII; and (c) irregularities by the QFII or RQFII in its practices as a QFII or RQFII investor.

Further, the Investment Manager will rely on the existing arrangements entered into between QFII and/or RQFII with their respective PRC Custodians with respect to the custody of their (and therefore the Sub-Fund’s) assets in Chinese securities, and their PRC Brokers in relation to the execution of transactions in Chinese securities, in the PRC markets. The Sub-Fund may, therefore, incur losses due to the acts or omissions of the PRC Brokers or the PRC Custodians in the execution or settlement of any transaction, or in the transfer of any funds or securities.

The Sub-Fund may incur loss due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able to fully implement or pursue its investment objective or strategy, due to QFII and RQFII investment restrictions, the illiquidity of the Chinese securities market, and/or any delay or disruption in the execution or settlement of trades. In addition, the Sub-Fund may incur additional cost in investing in China A-Shares Access Products due to the limited availability of such products and the high demand for such products in the market.

An investment in China A-Shares Access Products is not a direct investment in China A-Shares and thus does not entitle the holder of such products, e.g. the Sub-Fund, to any direct beneficial interest in China A-Shares or to any direct claim against the issuers of China A-Shares. Rather, China A-Shares Access Products represent an obligation of a product issuer to pay to the Sub-Fund an economic return equivalent to the underlying China A-Shares of such products. Issuers of China A-Shares Access Products may deduct various charges, expenses or potential liabilities from the prices of the products. Accordingly, investing in China A-Shares Access Products may lead to a dilution of performance of the Sub-Fund when compared to a direct investment in the underlying China A-Shares.

Profits generated by the Sub-Fund through investment in Chinese securities are in Renminbi, and may be paid to investors only after the QFII converts the Renminbi into the denomination currency of the China A-Shares Access Products. The Sub-Fund might not be able to access profits in a timely manner as the foreign exchange control authority of the PRC may direct the timing, amount and intervals for effecting such conversion. The PRC authorities may change the current exchange control mechanism and perhaps in a manner that adversely impacts the flow of payments under China A-Shares Access Products. Although Renminbi is required to be remitted into the PRC for investment, a RQFII can repatriate investment principal and profits in either Renminbi or foreign currencies. A QFII can only repatriate investment principal and profits in foreign currencies. In addition, any fluctuation in the exchange rate between the Renminbi and the denomination currency of China A-Shares Access Products may have an adverse impact on the value of the China A-Shares Access Products.

In addition, as China A-Shares Access Products constitute a type of FDIs, investments in such products may also subject the Sub-Fund to risks associated with investments in FDIs as set out in Section 5.15 of the Prospectus, which include, but without limitation to, (i) credit risk which usually arises from the insolvency, bankruptcy or default of the issuers of the products; (ii) valuation risk due to exposures to changes in the market value of the products; and (iii) volatility risk as the products may not be constant and the prices of the products may be largely influenced by their underlying securities.”