

# Ellerston Asia Growth Fund Complex ETF

Monthly Report as at 31 October 2025

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Portfolio of 20-50 Asian Companies built through a distinctive high conviction and benchmark independent investment approach.



Focus on high quality companies with superior growth characteristics, sustainable earnings, and quality management.



Aims to outperform the Benchmark with a focus on capital growth and downside protection.

## Performance Summary

Performance	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Inception (p.a.) ^^
Net^	4.0%	8.8%	23.9%	26.2%	19.0%
Benchmark*	5.7%	10.7%	24.9%	26.1%	17.2%
Alpha	-1.7%	-1.9%	-1.0%	0.1%	1.8%

^ The net return figure is calculated after fees & expenses, assuming all distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

\* MSCI Asia Ex Japan (non-accumulation) Index in AUD.

^^ Inception Date is 01/06/2023. The Ellerston Asia Growth Fund Complex ETF was formerly known as the Ellerston Asia Growth Fund (Hedge Fund), with a strategy inception date of 04/01/2017. The performance was reset following a restructure of the fund into an exchange traded managed fund which took effect on 01/06/2023.

## Key Information

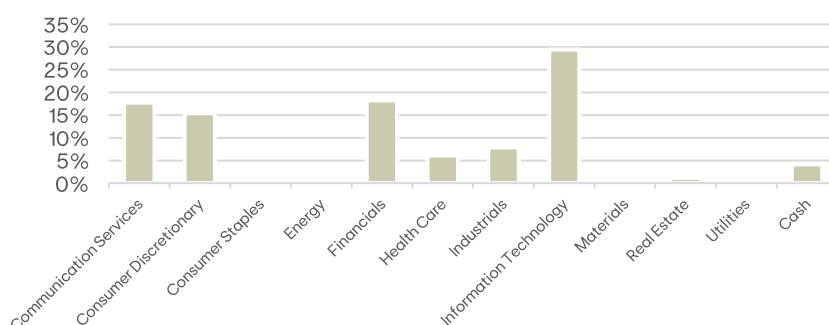
Investment Objective	To outperform the Benchmark on a net of fees basis, with a focus on capital growth and downside protection.
Benchmark	MSCI Asia Ex Japan (non-accumulation) Index in AUD.
Liquidity	Daily
Target Number of Holdings	20-50
Minimum Investment for Applications Direct with Unit Registry <sup>1</sup>	Initial investment - \$10,000
Distribution Frequency	Half-Yearly (where available)
Management Fee	0.75% p.a.
Performance Fee <sup>2</sup>	10%
Buy/Sell Spread <sup>3</sup>	0.25% / 0.25%
Unit Prices	Application - \$8.0309 Net Asset Value - \$8.0109 Redemption - \$7.9909
Fund Size	\$38,379,663

<sup>1</sup> Minimum number of units required for purchases made via the ASX will be dependent on each stockbroker.

<sup>2</sup> Of the investment return above the Benchmark after recovering any underperformance in past periods.

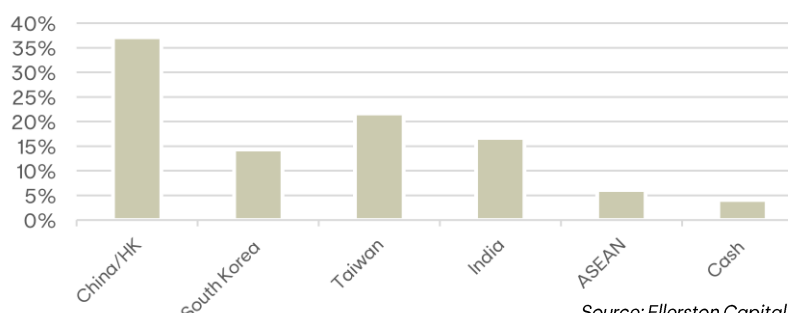
<sup>3</sup> Applicable only to investors buying and selling directly with the manager.

## Sector Allocation



## Geographic Allocation

Source: Ellerston Capital.



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## Top Holdings\*

Company	Sector
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	Financials
HD Hyundai Electric	Industrials
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Information Technology
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Information Technology
Tencent Holdings Ltd	Communication Services

Source: Ellerston Capital. \*In alphabetical order.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Ellerston Asia Growth Fund Complex ETF (EAFZ) delivered +4.0% (net) for the month, underperforming the MSCI Asia ex Japan (non-accumulation) Index (AUD) (Benchmark), which delivered +5.7%.

Following the US-China trade talks in Malaysia on October 25-26, President Xi and President Trump met on October 30 and agreed to a series of conciliatory measures to ease trade tensions. These measures included both sides rolling back most escalations of the trade tensions which unfolded in September and early October. The suspension period of pending reciprocal tariffs was pushed out by a year, and the US halved the fentanyl related tariffs on Chinese goods. In response, China also postponed their new rate earth control rules announced on October 9 by one year. Both the South Korea and Japanese equity markets reacted strongly from the announced truce. As well, the appointment of Sanar Takaichi as Japan's first female prime minister was very well received. She quickly announced measures to counter inflation, accelerate the timeline for increased defence spending and unveiled growth strategies for cutting-edge industries and finance. Korea's KOSPI rallied an astonishing +19.9% in the month of October, followed by Japan's Nikkei (+16.7%) and India's SENSEX (-4.7%). China's SSE (+0.4%) and the Hang Seng, which dropped -3.5%, were clear laggards in the Asian region. For the month, Taiwan was the largest contributor to alpha, while China was the main detractor on a relative basis. Market positioning became increasingly polarized as AI-related stocks extended their strong rally, while non-AI growth names largely lagged amid a pronounced rotation into defensives. In short, the winning positioning in October was a combination of AI and defensive/value exposure. As noted last month, we had trimmed our overweight position in popular AI names and added to select quality growth stocks that had been oversold. This rotation faced headwinds in October, as our portfolio remained more tilted toward non-AI growth than toward AI or pure defensive/value segments. From an alpha perspective, it was a disappointing month. We had expected a recovery in risk appetite for non-AI quality growth, supported by de-escalating China-US geopolitical tensions and still-favourable liquidity conditions in China and Hong Kong, but market movements suggested otherwise. That said, we remain comfortable with our positioning, as the underlying portfolio companies continued to execute strongly from a fundamental business standpoint. We spoke

with most of the portfolio holdings that underperformed in this environment, and management teams consistently conveyed a constructive, fundamentally bullish outlook.

## KEY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR

**HD Hyundai Electric (267260 KR)** performed strongly in October on the back of a strong earnings surprise and upgraded growth expectations. The company reported third-quarter sales and operating profit up roughly 26% and 50% year-on-year, driven by an 80%+ jump in power equipment revenue and a more than 70% increase in new orders, especially from North American grid and data centre projects and large-scale European transmission investments. HD Hyundai Electric is a key beneficiary of a multi-year global power infrastructure "super cycle," supporting higher margins and a record order backlog.

## KEY MONTHLY DETRACTOR

**Damai Entertainment (1060 HK)**'s share price underperformed in October largely because the market was digesting earlier share-price strength against rising concerns about the sustainability of future earnings. The stock had already delivered very strong gains year-to-date, so investors became more sensitive to any sign of slowing momentum or higher execution risk, leading to profit-taking and weaker price action into and after the interim results window. It is one of the non-AI growth stocks that is currently out of favour with the market.

## OUTLOOK

We believe Asia is very well positioned to outperform in the current environment, supported by a weaker U.S. dollar, easing geopolitical and tariff risks, and still-light global investor positioning. At the same time, as an active fund manager, we remain mindful of risks around liquidity (such as a potential carry-trade unwind or delayed rate cuts), possible over-exuberance in AI-related themes, and, importantly, the way investors in different markets are interpreting these risks. In our view, the market is due for a pause; however, any consolidation should create an attractive window for investors to reposition for strong gains over the next year.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the Fund or the portfolio, please feel free to contact us at [info@ellerstoncapital.com](mailto:info@ellerstoncapital.com).

## Regulatory Guide (RG240) Fund Disclosure Benchmark – Periodic Reporting (monthly)

- **Net Asset Value of the Fund and Redemption Price of Units**

Please refer to details on page one.

- **Any changes to key service providers including any change in related party status**

There have been no changes to key service providers, including any change in related party status.

- **Net returns after fees, costs and relevant taxes**

Please refer to details on page one.

- **Any material changes to the Fund's risk profile and strategy**

There have been no changes to the Fund's risk profile and strategy.

- **Any material changes related to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund**

There have been no changes to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund.

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