## IFSL Marlborough Far East Growth Fund Class A Shares

A Sub-fund of the IFSL Marlborough No2 OEIC (ISIN Income GB00B0NVC693, Accumulation GB00B0NVCN62) This Fund is managed by Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL)

#### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund aims to outperform the average of the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan sector over any 5 year period, after any charges have been taken out of the Fund. There is no certainty that either aim of the Fund will be achieved.

The Fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell, and when.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in the shares of companies which are incorporated, headquartered, operating in or listed on stock markets in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan).

This may include up to 10% through funds (including exchange traded funds which typically track an index) which themselves invest in these markets or which gain exposure through derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor). The Fund may also invest in shares of investment trusts and other securities whose returns are linked to company performance, such as depositary receipts.

The Fund will normally hold between 50 - 70 holdings in companies of a range of sizes and will not go outside this range for more than 3 consecutive months or exceed between 45 - 80 holdings.

The Fund may also hold money market instruments, (short term loans typically issued by governments and corporations) and money market funds, which themselves invest in these instruments.

The Investment Manager approaches construction of the portfolio from three overlapping standpoints: • economic and market conditions in each country and sector • a selection of companies which the team believes to be financially strong or whose valuations appear out of line with expectations • companies which fit broader themes, such as, manufacturing automation, which the investment team believes are likely to drive share price returns over the medium term. Themes will change and this can often happen quickly

The Investment Manager uses the Morningstar OIP Asia Ex Japan Net Return Index as a reference point for portfolio construction and risk management purposes, however, the Fund will not be constrained by the Index.

The Fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities (including the redemption of units), for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the Fund's investment objective.

The Fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the Fund for efficient portfolio management purposes (also known as hedging).

The Investment Manager conducts independent research into factors affecting the macroeconomic outlook as well as company specific research. The Investment Manager undertakes significant research into factors impacting the global economic outlook in order to identify potential opportunities and risks across the investible universe. This is known as top-down investing. The Investment Manager also undertakes fundamental analysis of individual companies, focusing on understanding their business models, and assessing whether a company's earnings growth opportunity may surpass its current share price, known as valuation. This type of process is known as bottom-up investing. The Investment Manager will combine the top-down and bottom-up approaches to assess the strongest investment ideas when choosing where to invest.

The Fund aims to be in the top half of all funds included in the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan sector. To assess the performance of the Fund, you may want to compare it to the performance of the Morningstar OIP Asia Ex Japan Net Return Index.

The Fund pays income. If you wish to receive this please tell us. If you do not want to receive income you will be given accumulation shares which means income is invested back into the Fund and reflected in the price of your shares. You can buy or sell all or part of your investment on any business day subject to the minimum holding requirements.

### **Risk and Reward Profile**



This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of this share class based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This Fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. The Fund's volatility is affected by various risks, including:

The Fund will be exposed to financial markets and market conditions can change rapidly. Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.

The Fund may be exposed to the shares of smaller companies which are typically riskier than larger, more established companies. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment. Shares in smaller companies may be harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner, especially in difficult market conditions.

The Fund will be exposed to emerging markets, which are typically riskier than more established markets, as they can involve a higher than average risk due to the volatility of currency exchange rates, limited geographic focus, investment in a smaller number of issues, political and economic instability and less liquid markets. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment.

The Fund will have exposure to overseas markets, either directly or indirectly, and is therefore exposed to currency risk. As a result, the value of your investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

In certain market conditions, the Fund may not be able to sell one or more of its assets for the full value, or at all. This could affect the performance of the Fund and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

A company that we deal with may renege on its obligations, costing the Fund money.

The Fund may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.

Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the Fund, or inconvenience to investors.

Investors are encouraged to read the 'risk factors' section of the Fund's prospectus to find a more extensive list of the risks that apply to this Fund.

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less - you can find this out from your financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses as at 31/07/2024. This share class has benefited from expense funding whereby some of the charges outlined in the prospectus have been fully or partially funded. Without this expense funding it is anticipated the OCF would be higher and potentially to the extent of having a noticeable impact on the returns investors receive. When this expense funding ceases if the OCF is expected to increase by an amount greater than 5% of its current value, Investment Fund Services Limited will give investors 60 days' written notice. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

 Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please see Sections 22 - 24 of the Fund's Prospectus, which is available at www.ifslfunds.com.

#### **Past Performance**

#### Historic performance to 31 December 2023



# One-off charges taken before or after you invest Entry Charge 5.25% Exit Charge None This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Charges taken from the fund over each year	
Ongoing Charges 1.	.64%
Charges taken from the fund under certain conditions	

Performance Fee

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up.

None

Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and takes account of all ongoing charges, but not entry and exit charges. The past performance of this share class is calculated in GBP.

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Benchmark: IA Asia Pacific Excluding Japan.

Benchmark 2: Morningstar OIP Asia Ex Japan Net Return Index.

#### **Practical Information**

If you wish to sell all or part of your investment please write to us at Investment Fund Services Limited, Marlborough House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QP or telephone 0808 178 9321. Your deal will be placed at the next valuation point after we receive your instruction.

The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly Report and Accounts for the Fund are available free of charge at www.ifslfunds.com or by calling 0808 178 9321. The documents are available in English only.

For further details including how to invest please see the Supplementary Information Document which is available at www.ifslfunds.com or call 0808 178 9321.

Other share classes of the Fund are available. For further details please see the Fund's Prospectus which is available at www.ifslfunds.com. The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly Reports cover all the Funds within the OEIC.

You may switch to any Fund in the range subject to meeting the investment

criteria, please refer to the Prospectus for further details.

The Depositary for the Fund is HSBC Bank plc.

UK taxation may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Fund prices are available on our website www.ifslfunds.com.

The Sub-funds of the OEIC are segregated by law. In the unlikely event of one Sub-fund having debts, the assets of the other funds may not be used to settle these.

Investment Fund Services Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Remuneration Policy of Investment Fund Services Limited is available from www.ifslfunds.com. This Policy describes how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the governance arrangements in place around these payments. A paper copy of this Policy is also available free of charge upon request.