



Pangolin Asia Fund December 2019 NAV

As at the 31st of December 2019 the NAV of the Class A shares of the Pangolin Asia Fund was US\$493.85 net of all fees and expenses, up 3.35% from US\$477.85 in November. For the full year, the fund was up 10.21%.

Please see the table at the end of this letter for further detail.

As of today, the fund is about 90% invested, with the split being approximately as follows:

Singapore	21%
Malaysia	30%
Indonesia	38%
Thailand	11%

We don't disclose our names but some details are always available to investors on request.

Overview

To put things into some perspective, please see the tables below.

Return (in local currencies, except MSCI Asia Ex-Japan)										
Period	DOW	S&P 500	NASDAQ	JSE	KLSE	STI	SET	MSCI ex JP	MSCI-ASEAN	PAF
Dec 2019	1.74%	2.86%	3.54%	4.79%	1.73%	0.91%	-0.68%	6.42%	3.18%	3.35%
YTD 2019	22.34%	28.88%	35.23%	1.70%	-6.02%	5.02%	1.02%	15.37%	5.24%	10.21%

Return (in USD)										
Period	DOW	S&P 500	NASDAQ	JSE	KLSE	STI	SET	MSCI ex JP	MSCI-ASEAN	PAF
Dec 2019	1.74%	2.86%	3.54%	6.61%	3.89%	2.54%	1.02%	6.42%	3.18%	3.35%
YTD 2019	22.34%	28.88%	35.23%	5.54%	-5.05%	6.35%	9.94%	15.37%	5.24%	10.21%

% Change in Currency Vs USD				
Month	MYR	SGD	IDR	THB
Dec 2019	2.12%	1.62%	1.75%	1.71%
YTD 2019	1.04%	1.26%	3.78%	8.83%

Our regional currencies were stronger towards the end of 2019. Who knows if this is likely to be sustained or not, but a bit of currency outperformance wouldn't be unhelpful? The EM strategists on CNBC and Bloomberg seem to be optimistic for 2020, but then they would be, wouldn't they?

I remain optimistic that the businesses we own are likely to continue to add value. Economically, this part of the world will continue to outpace most of the rest, but many share prices do not reflect even the current reality, let alone future prospects. At some point, investor optimism will return to the region and a return of investor dollars is well overdue. Just look at the relative performances in the tables above.

If we exclude our property stocks (which are really straight asset plays) the fund's forecast dividend yield for 2020 is 5.1%. The last time this number surpassed 5% was at the beginning of 2016. I marketed in the US in February that year and was met with the same kind of indifference as we face now, despite my table-thumping optimism. If only my marketing technique was any better, those bored faces could have made 40% in two years.

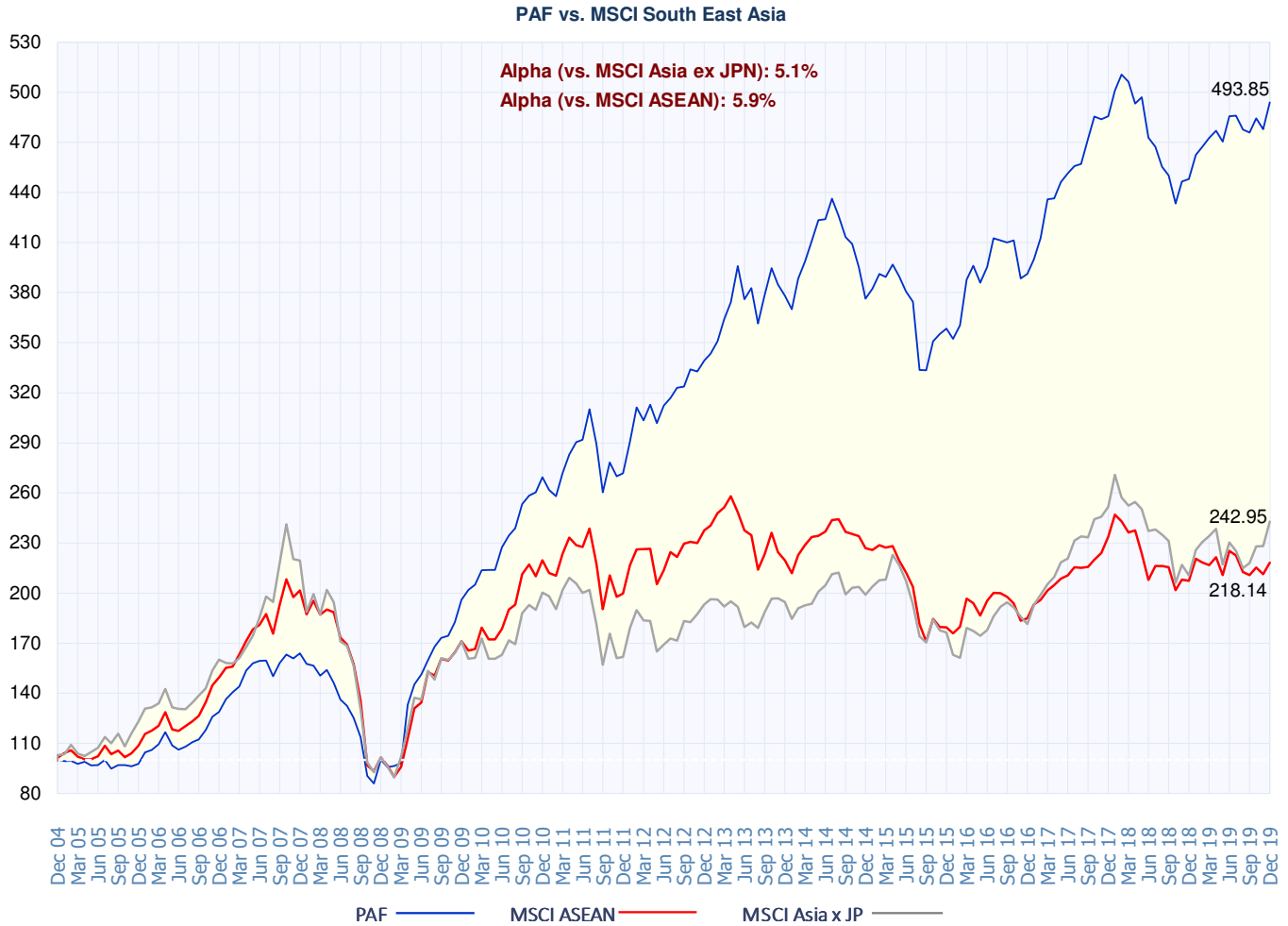
Now, back to my miserable dieting,

James Hay.
9th January 2020

We don't like to discuss our stocks publicly but I am always happy to talk to existing investors and those interested in investing. The Pangolin Asia Fund is most suitable for investors who are happiest when markets are falling.



Fourteen years track record and annualised return of 11.17%





Year	Details	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	NAV	462.51	467.10	472.67	477.00	470.36	485.78	486.12	477.67	475.87	484.37	477.85	493.85	10.21%
	% chg	3.21%	0.99%	1.19%	0.92%	-1.39%	3.28%	0.07%	-1.74%	-0.38%	1.79%	-1.35%	3.35%	
2018	NAV	501.11	510.62	506.32	493.22	497.19	472.82	467.29	455.31	450.29	433.40	446.46	448.11	-7.76%
	% chg	3.15%	1.90%	-0.84%	-2.59%	0.80%	-4.90%	-1.17%	-2.56%	-1.10%	-3.75%	3.01%	0.37%	
2017	NAV	400.08	412.81	435.93	436.54	446.18	451.43	455.76	457.12	472.10	485.61	483.86	485.79	24.18%
	% chg	2.27%	3.18%	5.60%	0.14%	2.21%	1.18%	0.96%	0.30%	3.28%	2.86%	-0.36%	0.40%	
2016	NAV	352.31	360.43	387.79	396.17	386.04	395.41	412.53	411.2	410.02	411.25	388.48	391.19	9.16%
	% chg	-1.69%	2.30%	7.59%	2.16%	-2.56%	2.43%	4.33%	-0.32%	-0.29%	0.30%	-5.54%	0.70%	
2015	NAV	382.31	391.18	389.48	396.82	389.67	380.77	374.61	333.73	333.52	350.84	355.19	358.38	-4.76%
	% chg	1.60%	2.32%	-0.43%	1.88%	-1.80%	-2.28%	-1.62%	-10.91%	-0.06%	5.19%	1.24%	0.90%	
2014	NAV	370.08	388.25	398.79	410.89	423.38	423.84	436.37	425.85	413.36	408.97	395.23	376.28	-0.52%
	% chg	-2.16%	4.91%	2.71%	3.03%	3.04%	0.11%	2.96%	-2.41%	-2.93%	-1.06%	-3.36%	-4.79%	
2013	NAV	343.47	350.86	364.04	374.14	395.94	375.98	382.69	361.54	378.56	394.53	384.87	378.24	11.48%
	% chg	1.23%	2.15%	3.76%	2.77%	5.83%	-5.04%	1.78%	-5.53%	4.71%	4.22%	-2.45%	-1.72%	
2012	NAV	290.78	311.15	303.35	313.01	301.88	312.18	316.87	323.01	323.75	334.08	332.63	339.29	24.85%
	% chg	7.00%	7.01%	-2.51%	3.18%	-3.56%	3.41%	1.50%	1.94%	0.23%	3.19%	-0.43%	2.00%	
2011	NAV	261.86	258.03	271.83	283.00	290.51	291.75	310.23	289.05	260.46	278.31	269.95	271.75	0.85%
	% chg	-2.82%	-1.46%	5.35%	4.11%	2.65%	0.43%	6.33%	-6.83%	-9.89%	6.85%	-3.00%	0.67%	
2010	NAV	201.91	205.09	213.68	227.44	213.93	227.45	234.62	238.78	253.28	258.37	260.53	269.47	37.58%
	% chg	3.08%	1.57%	4.19%	6.44%	-5.94%	6.32%	3.15%	1.77%	6.07%	2.01%	0.84%	3.43%	
2009	NAV	95.67	96.38	98.12	133.22	145.25	151.32	159.71	167.99	173.21	174.49	182.60	195.87	95.34%
	% chg	-4.59%	0.74%	1.81%	35.77%	9.03%	4.18%	5.54%	5.18%	3.11%	0.74%	4.65%	7.27%	
2008	NAV	157.49	156.55	150.63	154.03	146.18	136.23	132.58	125.09	113.55	90.36	85.98	100.27	-38.81%
	% chg	-3.89%	-0.60%	-3.78%	2.26%	-5.10%	-6.81%	-2.68%	-5.65%	-9.23%	-20.42%	-4.85%	16.62%	
2007	NAV	136.43	140.75	144.17	153.68	157.90	159.36	159.56	150.23	158.13	163.17	160.72	163.86	27.19%
	% chg	5.90%	3.17%	2.43%	6.60%	2.75%	0.92%	0.13%	-5.85%	5.26%	3.19%	-1.50%	1.95%	
2006	NAV	104.53	106.09	109.42	116.62	108.82	106.34	107.96	110.76	112.41	117.94	125.81	128.83	31.74%
	% chg	6.89%	1.49%	3.14%	6.58%	-6.69%	-2.28%	1.52%	2.59%	1.49%	4.92%	6.67%	2.40%	
2005	NAV	99.24	99.37	97.77	98.86	96.77	97.05	100.14	94.90	96.99	97.05	96.14	97.79	-2.57%
	% chg	-1.13%	0.13%	-1.61%	1.11%	-2.11%	0.29%	3.18%	-5.23%	2.20%	0.06%	-0.94%	1.72%	
2004	NAV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.37	
	% chg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.37%	

Best monthly return 35.77%
Worst monthly return -20.42%
Maximum drawdown -47.53%
% of positive months 65.75%
Annualised return 11.17%



By Sector

