



# Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

December 31, 2018

## Investment Objective

Total return over the long term with an emphasis on income.

## Strategy

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in income-producing securities including, but not limited to, debt and debt-related instruments issued by governments, quasi-governmental entities, supranational institutions, and companies in Asia, which consists of all countries and markets in Asia, including developed, emerging, and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region. Investments may be denominated in any currency, and may represent any part of a company's capital structure from debt to equity or with features of both.

## Risks

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Investing in international and emerging markets may involve additional risks, such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange-rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation.

### FUND FACTS

	Investor Class	Institutional Class
Ticker	MAINX	MINCX
CUSIP	577125503	577125602
Inception	11/30/11	11/30/11
NAV	\$10.25	\$10.25
Initial Investment	\$2,500	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio*	1.19%	0.98%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>1,*</sup>	1.15%	0.90%

\*Effective October 1, 2018

### Portfolio Statistics

Total # of Positions	35
Net Assets	\$100.7 million
Modified Duration <sup>2</sup>	3.1
Portfolio Turnover	36.58% <sup>3</sup>

### Benchmark

Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index

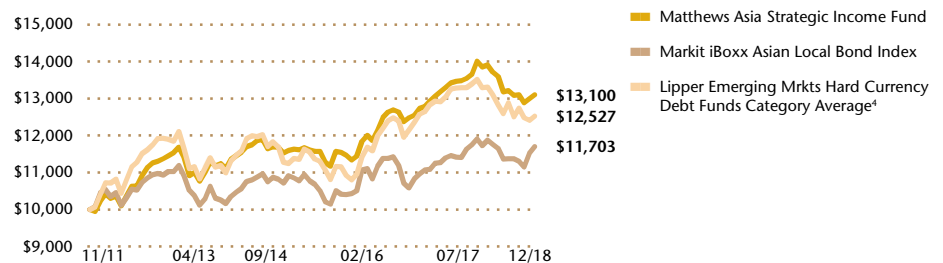
### RISKS

An investment in the Fund is subject to credit, interest rate and currency risks. Credit risk is the change in the value of debt securities reflecting the ability and willingness of issuers to make principal and interest payments. Interest rate risk is the possibility that a Fund's yield will decline due to falling interest rates and the potential for bond prices to fall as interest rates rise. Currency risk is a decline in value of a foreign currency relative to the Fund's base currency which reduces the value of the foreign currency and investments denominated in that currency. The Fund may invest in the following: derivatives which can be volatile and affect Fund performance; high yield bonds (junk bonds) which can subject the Fund to substantial risk of loss; and structured investments which can change the risk or return, or replicate the risk or return of an underlying asset. The Fund is non-diversified and may invest a larger portion of its assets in a single issuer and may entail greater risk than a diversified fund.

### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Average Annual Total Returns							Since Inception	Since Inception
	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception		
Investor Class	0.00%	-4.05%	-4.05%	4.54%	3.10%	n.a.	3.89%	11/30/11	
Institutional Class	0.00%	-3.78%	-3.78%	4.78%	3.32%	n.a.	4.11%	11/30/11	
Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index	3.51%	-0.44%	-0.44%	3.99%	2.67%	n.a.	2.25%	n.a.	

### GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT SINCE INCEPTION — INVESTOR



The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gain distributions or redemption of fund shares. Values are in US\$. Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., Index data from HSBC, iBoxx (Markit).

- 1 After contractual fee waiver, expense reimbursement and/or recoupment effective through April 30, 2019.
- 2 Modified duration measures the percent change in value of the fixed income portion of the portfolio in response to a 1% change in interest rates. In a multi-currency denominated portfolio with sensitivities to different interest rate regimes, modified duration will not accurately reflect the change in value of the overall portfolio from a change in any one interest rate regime. Source: FactSet Research Systems, Bloomberg. For detailed modified duration exposures by currency, please see the next page.
- 3 The lesser of fiscal year 2017 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.
- 4 The Lipper Category Average does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains for the stated period.

**Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions before taxes. All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance visit [matthewsasia.com](http://matthewsasia.com).**

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## TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>5</sup>

	Sector	Currency	% of Net Assets
Ctrip.com Int'l, Ltd., Cnv., 1.250%, 09/15/2022	Consumer Discretionary	USD	5.3%
Debt and Asset Trading Corp., 1.000%, 10/10/2025	Financials	USD	4.8%
Wanda Properties Int'l Co., Ltd., 7.250%, 01/29/2024	Real Estate	USD	4.7%
Zhongsheng Group Holdings, Ltd., Cnv., 0.000%, 05/23/2023	Consumer Discretionary	HKD	4.4%
Standard Chartered PLC, 6.500%, 12/29/2049	Financials	USD	4.2%
SoftBank Group Corp., 6.000%, 07/19/2049	Communication Services	USD	4.0%
KWG Group Holdings, Ltd., 6.000%, 09/15/2022	Real Estate	USD	4.0%
Chinalco Capital Holdings, Ltd., 4.000%, 08/25/2021	Materials	USD	3.9%
Indonesia Government Bond, 8.250%, 05/15/2029	Foreign Govt Bonds	IDR	3.8%
ICTSI Treasury BV, 4.625%, 01/16/2023	Industrials	USD	3.4%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN			42.5%

## COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%)<sup>6,7\*</sup>

By Issuer's country of risk	
China/Hong Kong	44.3
Indonesia	13.6
India	7.6
Vietnam	6.6
Thailand	6.3
Philippines	4.2
Japan	4.0
Singapore	3.4
Sri Lanka	1.9
United States	1.8
South Korea	0.4
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	5.9

\*A supranational is an international organization in which member states transcend national boundaries, (ex. IMF). Not all countries are included in the benchmark index.

Source: FactSet Research Systems

## QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (%)<sup>8</sup>

Rating	
AA-	0.4
BBB+	1.8
BBB	7.1
BBB-	5.3
BB+	4.2
BB	0.9
BB-	9.4
B+	10.5
B	14.1
Not Rated	40.4

Source: FactSet Research Systems, Moody's, S&P and Fitch

<sup>5</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.

<sup>6</sup> Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>7</sup> Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.

<sup>8</sup> Cash and Other Assets may include the mark-to-market value of forward currency exchange contracts and certain derivative instruments.

<sup>8</sup> Credit quality is provided for the underlying bond holdings of the Fund and does not include common equities, cash and other assets and percentage values will not total 100%. Credit quality rating symbols reflect that of S&P and generally credit ratings range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). When ratings from Moody's, S&P and Fitch are available for a bond in the Fund, the middle rating of the three is used. When two ratings are available, the lowest rating is used. When only one rating is provided, that one is used. Foreign government bonds without a specific rating are assigned the country rating provided by one of the three agencies. Securities that are not rated by any one of the three agencies are reflected as such.

## CURRENCY (%)<sup>2,6,7</sup>

	Weight	Modified Duration <sup>†</sup>
US Dollar	73.6	2.7
Indonesian Rupiah	6.4	4.2
Indian Rupee	5.7	6.7
Hong Kong Dollar	4.4	2.1
Vietnam Dong	1.9	2.7
China Renminbi	1.0	2.0
Philippines Peso	0.7	10.0
Korean Won	0.4	4.7
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	5.9	0.0

<sup>†</sup>Fixed income portion of the portfolio  
Source: FactSet Research Systems

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)<sup>6,7</sup>

Financials	22.4
Real Estate	16.3
Consumer Discretionary	12.6
Foreign Government Bonds*	9.4
Materials	8.5
Consumer Staples	7.8
Communication Services	7.7
Industrials	5.6
Utilities	3.8
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	5.9

\*Foreign Government Bonds includes supranationals Sector data (excluding Government Bonds) based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

Source: FactSet Research Systems

## ASSET TYPE BREAKDOWN (%)<sup>6,7</sup>

Corporate Bonds	63.8
Convertible Bonds	16.2
Government Bonds	14.1
Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities	5.9

Source: FactSet Research Systems

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

**Teresa Kong, CFA**

Lead Manager

**Satya Patel**

Co-Manager

**Wei Zhang**

Co-Manager

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia is the largest dedicated Asia-only investment specialist in the United States. With \$27.4 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2018 Matthews Asia employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance.

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## INDEX DEFINITION

The Index performance reflects the returns of the discontinued predecessor HSBC Asian Local Bond Index up to December 31, 2012 and the returns of the successor Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index thereafter.

The Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index tracks the total return performance of a bond portfolio consisting of local-currency denominated, high quality and liquid bonds in Asia ex-Japan. The Markit iBoxx Asian Local Bond Index includes bonds from the following countries: Korea, Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and China. Index is for comparative purposes only, it is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., Index data from HSBC, iBoxx (Markit).

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