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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED**

**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

**Investment Company Act file number: 811-06686**

**JPMorgan China Region Fund, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 441-9800**

**Date of fiscal year end: December 31**

**Date of reporting period: January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015**

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The following is a copy of the report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30e-1).

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*This report, including the financial statements herein, is sent to the stockholders of the Fund for their information. It is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund or of any securities mentioned in this report.*

*Semi-Annual Report*

*June 30, 2015 (Unaudited)*

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### **OBJECTIVES**

JPMorgan China Region Fund, Inc. (the Fund) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investments primarily in equity securities of companies with substantial assets in, or revenues derived from, the People's Republic of China (China), Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau collectively, the China Region.

The Fund provides investors with an opportunity to participate in the growing economies of the China Region where the economies of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau have become increasingly linked over recent years. Hong Kong enterprises have made substantial investments in China, particularly where labor and land prices are lower than in Hong Kong. Similarly, many Chinese companies have Hong Kong based subsidiaries with securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (H-shares). Renminbi denominated China A-shares, which are listed in China, are available for acquisition by the Fund by direct investment up to \$20m at the time of original investment (in April 2012). The current value of these holdings reflects any capital appreciation or depreciation since the initial investment. In addition, the Fund can make indirect China A-share investments up to 10% of the Fund's total assets through exposure to China A-share investment companies. Further details on China A-shares are provided in note 7(iii) of the Notes to Financial Statements on page 26.

The Fund invests to take advantage of the many opportunities that result from this linkage among the markets of the China Region.

### **MANAGEMENT**

JF International Management Inc. (JFIMI) is the investment management company appointed to advise and manage the Fund's portfolio (the Investment Advisor). JFIMI is part of JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPMC), one of the world's premier financial services institutions. In asset management, JPMC operates globally under the name of J.P. Morgan Asset Management (JPMAM). Funds under management for the global asset management business of JPMAM were US\$1.8 trillion as of June 30, 2015.

The Fund's lead portfolio manager is Emerson Yip, a Senior Portfolio Manager within JPMAM's Greater China investment team in Hong Kong.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the goals, beliefs, plans or current expectations of the Fund and JFIMI and their respective representatives, taking into account the information currently available to them. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to current or historical fact. For example, forward-looking statements include the use of words such as anticipate, estimate, intend, expect, believe, plan, may, should, would, or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Fund to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could materially and negatively affect the results, performance or achievements of the Fund include changes in economic, political, legal and regulatory conditions in the China Region and elsewhere, changes in interest and exchange rates and related policies and other risks. When evaluating the information included in this report, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect the judgment of the Fund, JFIMI or its respective representatives only as of the date hereof. The Fund, JFIMI and their respective representatives undertake no obligation to publicly revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events and circumstances that arise after the date hereof.

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**MARKET INFORMATION**

**The Fund is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol JFC). The share price is published in**

The Wall Street Journal (daily online at [www.WSJ.com/Free](http://www.WSJ.com/Free))  
**The estimated net asset value is published in**

The Wall Street Journal under Closed-End Funds (every Saturday)

[www.jpmchinaregionfund.com](http://www.jpmchinaregionfund.com)

**Table of Contents****HIGHLIGHTS** (unaudited)

	<b>JUNE 30, 2015</b> US\$ (Unaudited)	<b>DECEMBER 31, 2014</b> US\$ (Audited)
Net Assets	<b>\$144.9 million</b>	\$125.0 million
Net Asset Value Per Share	<b>\$22.47</b>	\$19.39
<b>Market Data</b>		
Share Price on the New York Stock Exchange	<b>\$18.83</b>	\$16.91
Discount to Net Asset Value	<b>16.2%</b>	12.8%
<b>Total Return for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2015</b>		
Net Asset Value		+15.9%
Share Price		+11.4%
JFC Benchmark Index*		+14.5%
MSCI Hong Kong Index		+11.9%
MSCI China Index		+14.8%
MSCI Taiwan Index		+5.2%
CSI 300 Index		+27.4%

**Net Asset Value and Share Price vs. Benchmark Index**

\* JFC Benchmark Index: 80% MSCI Golden Dragon Index (Net) 20% CSI 300 Index (Net). Prior to October 1, 2013, 80% MSCI Golden Dragon Index (GDR) +20% CSI 300 Index (Total). Prior to April 13, 2012, the MSCI Golden Dragon Index (Total). At December 31, 2011 the MSCI Golden Dragon Index (Total) comprised 24.1% of the MSCI Hong Kong Index (Total), 42.7% of the MSCI China Index (Total) and 33.2% of the MSCI Taiwan Index (Total). Prior to March 2001, 25% Taiwan Weighted Index, 20% BNP Paribas China Index, 50% MSCI Hong Kong, 5% HSBC; Prior to March 1999, 60% Hong Kong All Ordinaries, 30% Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia All China B Index, 10% Taiwan Weighted Index. Prior to January 1997, Peregrine Greater China Index.

\*\* Commencement of operations.

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management.



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### **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

JUNE 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Dear fellow Stockholder,

#### **Performance**

The Greater China markets ended the six months to June 30, 2015 in positive territories, despite periods of volatility. China A-shares led gains, rising over 27% during the period, overcoming a few sharp corrections driven by regulatory crackdowns on margin financing. The onshore sell-offs spilled over to the offshore-listed equities and domestic Hong Kong equities, compounded by concerns over Greece, whilst further relaxation of monetary policy and fiscal stimulus helped support market performance. Additional capital market liberalization measures encouraged cross-border flows buoying Hong Kong equities. Taiwan also advanced, although tech weakness offset some of the gains.

Against this backdrop, I am pleased to report that the Fund achieved a positive net asset value (NAV) return of +15.9% in the six months to June 30, 2015. This was ahead of the return of +14.5% from the Fund's benchmark representing an outperformance of 1.4% over the same period. The outperformance relative to the benchmark was largely attributable to positive allocation decisions and stock selection in Hong Kong and Taiwan, further details of which are provided in the Investment Advisor's Report on pages 5 to 9 of this report. Over the same period, the Fund's share price rose by 11.4%, which when compared against the Fund's NAV return resulted in a widening of the discount from 12.8% to 16.2%. This was not surprising given the volatility and uncertainty in the China A-share market during the period.

#### **Leverage**

On February 25, 2015, your Board renewed the Fund's US\$17.5m credit facility with Scotiabank (Ireland) Ltd (Scotiabank) for a further two year period. Under this arrangement, Scotiabank provides a secured, committed credit facility which can be utilized at any time. On July 10, 2015, given the growth in your fund's net assets, this facility was increased to US\$22m. This financing arrangement gives the Investment Advisor the flexibility to manage tactically borrowed monies at his discretion under the supervision of the Board. Since the beginning of the reporting period and up to

June 30, 2015 the Fund's equity exposure ranged from 109.4% to 112.1%, and at the time of writing is 107.8%.

#### **Outlook**

Your Board believes the macro environment in the Greater China region will further stabilise from very low levels, underpinned by easing monetary and fiscal policies in China. The three interest rate cuts since last November have effectively boosted property sales, which should drive an eventual rebound in fixed asset investment. We also continue to see progress on the structural reform front with additional commitments to help local governments deleverage. The recent market corrections are expected to be temporary as the Chinese government has taken a series of measures to boost market confidence, including cutting interest rates, the Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR), transaction fees and rationalisation of brokers' margin financing requirements. Despite possible near term pressure from the domestic China market, Hong Kong equities remain attractively valued and should benefit from more capital market liberalization measures such as mutual fund recognition and the further growth of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. Your Investment Advisor remains positive on the Taiwan market given its muted performance to date and moderate valuations.

With its recent easing moves, China's government continues to show that it is targeting the equity market as an instrument of both stimulus and economic reform. After the recent market correction, valuations for certain secular growth names have become attractive; your Investment Advisor is selectively buying while being mindful of extremely high volatility given the interplay between government liquidity support, profit-taking and perceived loss avoidance. From a bottom-up stock selection basis, your Investment Advisor continues to demonstrate interesting ideas that are leveraged to both the region's secular growth and the Chinese government's reform agenda.

Respectfully submitted

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer

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Chairman

August 27, 2015

<sup>1</sup>. 80% MSCI Golden Dragon Index (net) and 20% CSI 300 Index (net).

*For more information please refer to the Fund's website at [www.jpmchinaregionfund.com](http://www.jpmchinaregionfund.com)*

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### **INVESTMENT ADVISOR'S REPORT**

In the first half of 2015, the Fund achieved a total return on net assets of 15.9% (in USD terms), outperforming the benchmark return of 14.5% by 1.3%.

During the review period, country allocation contributed to outperformance, driven by our overweight position in China, including A-shares. Positive stock selection in Taiwan and Hong Kong was somewhat offset by weaker stock choices in China.

At the stock level, in China, the Fund benefited from an overweight position in a basket of A-share names, such as Hangzhou Hikvision and media names of China South Publishing and Zhejiang Huace Film. We feel these names have fundamental support and believe in the long-term outlook of the media holdings as proxies to consumption in China. Another key contributor to performance was an overweight position in CAR INC, an auto rental company in China that rose by almost 60% in the first half of the year on strong structural demand growth. We were also correctly underweight in China Shenhua Energy and Petrochina, which both fell early in the year in line with weak energy prices. Our overweight position in financials such as China Merchants Bank and Ping An Insurance also helped performance as they continued to benefit from a favorable liquidity environment. In Taiwan, we continued to see strength in stocks geared to the Apple i-Phone food-chain, as overweight positions in lens maker Largan Precision and casing supplier Catcher Technology helped as the stocks rose on a positive earnings outlook. Underweight positions in several other technology stocks which we felt had limited growth prospects, such as Inotera Memories and flat panel producers also contributed to performance.

Meanwhile, an overweight position in Alibaba Group was a key detractor to performance over the first half of the year. The stock, which is not in the benchmark, fell early in the year after missing elevated earnings expectations. China Minsheng Bank hurt performance as well as the stock corrected after the President resigned to cooperate in an

anti-corruption investigation. Our underweight position in China Mobile was another notable detractor, as the stock rose due to stronger-than-expected 4G subscriber additions. Several of our Taiwan technology overweight positions, such as memory chip producer Nanya Technology and power component supplier Delta Electronics, disappointed over the quarter on releasing poorer than expected earnings. In Hong Kong, one of the largest detractors from performance was an underweight position in Hong Kong Exchanges, which fared well over the quarter given strong trading activity in Hong Kong as the Southbound leg of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect saw increased participation. Shipping company Orient Overseas International also hurt performance as the stock fell due to concerns over weak shipping rates.

### **China**

#### **Market Performance**

Chinese equities rallied in the first quarter of 2015, with offshore-listed equities up 8%, continuing the rally of the final quarter of 2014. The key catalysts were accommodative policy in terms of both cyclical stimulus (easing monetary/fiscal policies) and structural reforms (pertaining to Local Government Finance Vehicle ( LGFV ) debt swaps and deposit insurance, for example), despite the macroeconomic backdrop remaining weak. The gains have been led by both cyclical names (beneficiaries of policy easing) as well as growth sectors. On the macro front, concurrent indicators remain weak. January-February industrial production (up 6.8% year on year) and fixed-asset investment (up 13.9% year on year) both reached new post 2008-09 global financial crisis lows, due to still very high real interest rates as well as muted infrastructure spending (affected by anti-corruption campaigns). January's consumer price inflation falling below 1% (posing a potential deflection risk) has prompted more monetary easing. The People's Bank of China ( PBOC ) implemented one more rate cut (since November 2014) as well as a

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### **INVESTMENT ADVISOR'S REPORT**(continued)

first reduction in reserve ratio requirements, both in February. M2 (money supply) growth in February at 12.5% year on year marked an improvement from January's 10.8% year-on-year levels. Earnings revisions continued to be negative, led by energy (due to the global oil price declines), materials, and staples, as a result of demand headwinds. Sectors seeing positive earnings revisions included non-bank financials (benefiting from underlying equity market strength) and transportation (also a beneficiary of oil price weakness).

Despite a rollercoaster second quarter, Chinese equities ended the period with offshore-listed equities up 4.2%. The offshore market was dragged down in June by A-shares and renewed concerns over Greece. On the macro front, concurrent indicators showed some signs of stabilisation from a very low base, thanks to monetary easing. May M2 money supply accelerated to 10.8% year on year vs. April's 10.1%. May's industrial production (6.1%) was higher than April (5.9%) and March (5.6%, post global financial crisis low). Fixed asset investment rebounded slightly to 9.9% after April's sharp slowdown to 9.6% from March 13.2%. Retail sales stabilised at 10.1% in May vs. 10% in April. Earnings revisions remained negative, in line with weak economic conditions, with industrials and materials representing the main detractors. Sectors with positive revisions were led by brokers and insurance as underlying fundamentals continued to strengthen.

#### **A-shares**

In the first quarter of 2015, the domestic A-share market (CSI 300 Index) rallied, up 15% over the period. Despite a correction in January after regulators suspended new margin account openings, A-shares rebounded in February and continued their strength in March. Expectations of further relaxation of monetary policies and additional fiscal stimulus including domestic infrastructure investment and increasing external demand from the new One Belt One Road initiative pushed the market higher.

In the second quarter of 2015, onshore A-shares finished up 10.4%. The market surged in April and May as the Chinese government continued its monetary easing and fiscal stimulus measures. The progress on mutual recognition to sell mutual funds cross-border between Hong Kong and China also encouraged liquidity provisions that buoyed mainland stock markets. The gains were somewhat offset by sharp corrections that came in the second half of June after touching new highs in the middle of the month as regulators increased scrutiny on margin financing. The government stepped in to support the market but market sentiment took a hit. Valuations, however, for certain secular growth names have become more attractive.

#### **Market Outlook**

We expect the macro environment to further stabilise from very low levels, underpinned by easing monetary and fiscal policies. The three interest rate cuts since last November have effectively boosted property sales. Twenty-five out of thirty-one cities surveyed reported median volume up 71% year on year through end of June. We anticipate further room for monetary easing. After three cuts to the RRR in this easing cycle, 18.5% is still at very high levels compared to the 16% low of 2009 and the 6% level of the 1999 cycle. Recovering property sales should eventually lead new property construction to turn positive, driving a rebound in fixed asset investment.

On the structural reform front, we have also seen good progress. A second trillion debt swap has been announced, demonstrating the government's commitment to help local governments deleverage. Another major milestone we expect would be an IPO registration system to be launched late this year or early next year, making equity market access much easier for the more productive private sector.

Market valuations at 11X forward one-year price earnings are undemanding (vs. mid cycle 12X). We

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believe the recent sharp A-share market sell-off has been caused by the government crackdown on grey market margin financing. The sell-off should be temporary as the government has taken a series of measures to boost market confidence, including cutting interest rates and RRR recently, reducing transaction fees, and the rationalisation of brokers' margin financing business.

### **Hong Kong**

#### **Market Performance**

Most of the gains in Hong Kong equities during the first quarter occurred during January, driven by proposed corporate restructuring. The market witnessed explosive growth in turnover towards the end of the quarter, spurred by rule clarifications regarding easier participation from mainland-based mutual funds in the Stock Connect programme. However, the primary beneficiaries of the ensuing stock rally were China-related stocks rather than Hong Kong equities. The surprise announcement of the re-organisation of Cheung Kong and Hutchison Whampoa led to a share price appreciation due to the elimination of a holding company discount and the enhanced ability to undertake corporate actions following the restructure. Moreover, companies with similar restructuring potential also benefited from market speculation. As largely expected, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority announced further tightening measures at the end of February, primarily targeting mortgages on homes selling for under HKD 7 million. However, new property launches following the announcement of these measures were positively received as developers were able to take on additional financing while secondary property volumes were reduced. Retail sales in Hong Kong appear to be in structural decline as December sales fell 4% year over year, while in January and February combined, sales fell 2%, reflecting weakness in overnight visitor growth and per capita spending. Hong Kong appears to be losing its share of mainland tourists to Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, owing in part

to relative currency strength. Gaming revenues continued on their recent downward spiral, with declines worse than expected for each of the three months. Broker downgrades have generally lagged the weakness of the underlying results.

Hong Kong equities began the second quarter with a sharp rally sparked ostensibly by the clarification of the rules on domestic mainland China funds investing in Hong Kong equities under the Stock Connect programme. Market turnover set record highs on multiple fronts, including full utilisation of the southbound quota for the first time. However, at quarter end, the market sold off on concerns over Greece's potential exit from the eurozone, coupled with a substantial market correction in the domestic China equity market. The de-listing of Hutchison Whampoa as part of the group reorganisation was positively received by the market. BOC Hong Kong also announced a sweeping re-focus, officially announcing its intention to sell its China operation in order to deploy more resources into growing its ASEAN business in conjunction with China's One Belt, One Road initiative. The failure to pass the electoral reform package proposed by Beijing had little immediate impact on the market, with popular reaction rather muted. The retail sector in Hong Kong took another hit with the announcement of once-a-week restriction on visitors with Shenzhen resident visas. While this is targeted at parallel traders and should help to improve relations between local residents and mainland tourists, the change will nonetheless affect near-term tourist sales. In Macau, Galaxy Entertainment opened two new gaming properties in late May. These were generally well received, but failed to spark much new demand as June gaming revenue fell 36% year on year. However, the Macau government surprised the market with a relaxation of transit visa restrictions, exactly a year after they were first tightened. While the near-term impact will be modest, this represents the first positive policy to be introduced over the past year or so.

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The Greek crisis and the correction in the China A-share market will continue to exert near-term pressure on Hong Kong equities. However, they remain attractive on a relative valuation basis and should also benefit from the enhanced cross-border flows from mutual fund recognition, which began on 1 July. Moreover, progress on the Shenzhen Connect programme remains on track, although the timing of the launch itself has become more uncertain. The office sector remains the brightest segment in the property space, as rental rates are set to increase given central office vacancy rates have already fallen to 2.3%, as long as the stock market correction does not detract from office demand. In Macau, the policy change on transit visas is a positive first step and largely removes the risk of a sustained long-term slide in gaming revenues. However, negative policy changes continue to affect the sector, including the proposed full smoking ban. Moreover, share valuations are not cheap, especially given likely earnings pressures in the first half.

**Taiwan****Market Performance**

The Taiex Index gained 3% in the first quarter. The Taiwanese market saw profit taking in the technology sector at the start of the year, particularly in stocks that are part of the Apple supply chain, following a very strong iPhone 6 launch late in the third quarter of last year, as well as concerns that the consumer technology product cycle will be much more moderate in 2015. However, the selling reversed quickly, with qualified foreign institutional investors ( QFIIs ) becoming strong net buyers of Taiwanese stocks again. This trend reversal started in mid January as the Taiwanese market continued to deliver the best earnings revisions in the region (+5% vs. 2%), while still being seen as one of the most defensive of emerging markets, with a high dividend yield and a high current account surplus-

to-GDP ratio of 12-13%. However, there was a shift in technology sentiment again in the final two weeks of the quarter after softer guidance from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company as well as concerns about Mediatek's margins. Foreign investors led the selling in upstream technology stocks in late March. Domestically, the government decided to postpone the implementation of the big player tax until 2018. The tax was seen as an impediment to trading volume as high net worth investors had been avoiding the market ahead of the implementation of the tax. The Government policy on capital markets has remained supportive, with more proposals to enhance retail participation and market turnover, which provided some support for the over the counter ( OTC ) market and domestic sectors. Most notably, Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission ( FSC ) allows more stocks for day trading and stock borrowing/lending ( SBL ) while removing the current cap on retail margin trading. At the same time, the FSC announced that it would widen the daily stock up/down limit from 7% to 10% on 3 February 2015. The margin maintenance ratio was raised to 130% from 120%, along with higher price limits. The new daily limit is the first major revision to the stock limit in the past 25 years. The Central Bank of the Republic of China ( CBC ) kept the policy rate unchanged at 1.875%, marking the fourteenth consecutive quarter that the CBC has kept the rate unchanged - one of the longest periods of an unchanged policy rate in history. On the exchange rate, the CBC said that it would keep the currency dynamically stable. It would not intentionally support either the appreciation or the depreciation of the currency.

During the second quarter, the Taiex Index trended higher in April, but failed to sustain this momentum in later sessions. The TWSE Index finished down 2.7% quarter on quarter. The strength in April was boosted by speculation over the establishment of a stock trading link between Taipei and Shanghai. Not surprisingly, financials were one of the strongest

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performers for the quarter. Besides being the biggest beneficiaries of a stock connect, financials reported stronger-than-expected first-quarter 2015 results. The market turned weak in May and June, with investors locking in profits ahead of the summer. Technology wrapped up the quarter with 4.5% quarter-on-quarter decline, with weakness in most sub-sectors on concerns over slower-than-expected first-half momentum. Besides weak sales of PCs and notebooks, sluggish smartphone demand from China and the emerging markets meant inventory digestion was taking longer than expected. Non-technology fared better in comparison, with gains in energy, textile, financials and food. The textile sub-sector was helped by the fast-growing leisurewear market in the US, while the China Securities Finance Corporation's new Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor measure is expected to benefit Taiwan.

## **Market Outlook**

Market sentiment remains fragile, weighed down by the generally sluggish second quarter for technology and concerns over the second half of 2015. The only visibly positive area has been Apple iPhone's supply chain, where sales of its current model surpassed expectations, and expectations for the replacement model remain high. As a whole, however, technology continues to suffer from weakness across the end markets for PCs, notebooks, TVs and smartphones.

For the financial sector, strong results so far have been driven largely by trading gains and low credit costs. However, the sustainability of these earnings will need to be closely monitored. Despite the shaky outlook, we maintain a constructive view given Taiwan's muted performance within the region. The sluggish second quarter and concerns over the second half of 2015 should already have been partly priced in. Valuations are not stretched and, at the margin, domestic interest could shift back to Taiwan given the volatility of the China market.

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**Table of Contents****TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

AT JUNE 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

	<b>% OF NET ASSETS</b>
<b>Tencent Holdings Ltd.</b>	5.7
Provides internet, mobile, and telecommunication value-added services in China. The company has an instant messaging community in China. Tencent also provides online advertising services.	
<b>Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ( TSMC )</b>	5.3
Manufactures and markets integrated circuits. The company provides the following services: wafer manufacturing, wafer probing, assembly and testing, mask production and design services. The company's integrated circuits are used in computer, communication, consumer electronics, automotive and industrial equipment industries.	
<b>China Construction Bank Corp. A H</b>	4.8
Provides a complete range of banking services and other financial services to individual and corporate customers. The bank's services include retail banking, international settlement, project finance and credit card services.	
<b>Ping An Insurance Group Co. Ltd. A H</b>	4.0
Provides a variety of insurance service in China. The Company writes property, casualty, and life insurance. Ping An Insurance also offers financial services.	
<b>AIA Group Ltd.</b>	3.9
Offers insurance and financial services. The company writes life insurance for individuals and businesses, accident and health insurance, retirement planning, and wealth management services.	
<b>China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. A H</b>	2.7
Provides a wide range of commercial banking services including deposits, loan, bill discount, government bonds underwriting and trading, interbank lending, letter of credit, bank guarantee, and other related services.	
<b>China Petroleum &amp; Chemical Corp.</b>	2.0
Refines, produces and trades petroleum and petrochemical products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, kerosene, ethylene, synthetic fibers, synthetic rubber, synthetic resins and chemical fertilizers. Also, the Company explores for and produces oil and natural gas in China.	
<b>CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.</b>	1.9
Holds all of the non-property businesses of the Cheung Kong Group and the Hutchison Group, including ports and related services, telecommunications, retail, infrastructure, energy and movable assets leasing operations.	
<b>China Pacific Insurance Group Co., Ltd. A H</b>	1.8
Provides integrated insurance services. The Company offers life and property insurance products through its subsidiaries.	
<b>Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.</b>	1.8
Provides financial holding services. The Company was formed through the merger of Fubon Insurance, Fubon Securities, Fubon Commercial Bank, and Fubon Life Assurance.	



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AT JUNE 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

DESCRIPTION	HOLDINGS (IN SHARES)	VALUE (IN US\$)
<b>COMMON STOCK (unless otherwise noted)</b>		
<b>CHINA (61.5%)</b>		
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense (0.4%)</b>		
AVIC Aircraft Co., Ltd., A	52,400	368,262
China Avionics Systems Co., Ltd., A	33,006	185,921
		554,183
<b>Airlines (0.6%)</b>		
China Southern Airlines Co., Ltd., A	163,000	382,199
Spring Airlines Co., Ltd., A	21,400	435,144
		817,343
<b>Auto Components (0.7%)</b>		
Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. (a) (e)	257,200	629,765
Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd., A	81,978	188,784
Huayu Automotive Systems Co., Ltd., A	65,900	226,893
		1,045,442
<b>Automobiles (0.9%)</b>		
Chongqing Changan Automobile Co., Ltd., A	91,502	312,090
Chongqing Changan Automobile Co., Ltd., B	217,778	557,119
FAW CAR Co., Ltd., A	37,000	148,453
SAIC Motor Corp., Ltd., A	66,200	241,271
		1,258,933
<b>Banks (14.0%)</b>		
Agricultural Bank of China Ltd. (a)	3,031,000	1,630,547
Agricultural Bank of China Ltd., A	727,700	435,376
Bank of Communications Co., Ltd., A	699,800	929,907
China CITIC Bank Corp., Ltd. (a)	1,564,000	1,246,914
China Construction Bank Corp.	7,333,000	6,697,711
China Construction Bank Corp., A	270,000	310,450
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.	856,000	2,495,707
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., A	445,981	1,346,358
China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd.	1,307,900	1,714,272
China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd., A	408,900	655,453
Huaxia Bank Co., Ltd., A	100,000	245,283
Industrial Bank Co., Ltd., A	336,300	935,523
Ping An Bank Co., Ltd., A	315,202	739,080
	<b>HOLDINGS</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
	<b>(IN SHARES)</b>	<b>(IN US\$)</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>		
<b>Banks continued</b>		
Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co., Ltd., A	318,800	871,932