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#### **INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

| Investment Company Act file number 811-08510                     |
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| Matthews International Funds                                     |
| (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)               |
| Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 550                               |
| San Francisco, CA 94111  |
| (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)              |
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| San Francisco, CA 94111  |
| (Name and address of agent for service)                          |
| Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 415-788-7553 |
| Date of fiscal year end: <u>December 31</u>                      |
| Date of reporting period: <u>December 31, 2015</u>               |

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# Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

Matthews Asia Funds | Annual Report

December 31, 2015 | matthewsasia.com

#### ASIA FIXED INCOME STRATEGY

**Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund** 

### ASIA GROWTH AND INCOME STRATEGIES

**Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund** 

**Matthews Asia Dividend Fund** 

**Matthews China Dividend Fund** 

#### ASIA VALUE STRATEGY

Matthews Asia Value Fund

#### **ASIA GROWTH STRATEGIES**

**Matthews Asia Focus Fund** 

**Matthews Asia Growth Fund** 

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**Matthews Asia ESG Fund** 

**Matthews Emerging Asia Fund** 

**Matthews China Fund** 

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#### ASIA SMALL COMPANY STRATEGIES

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The views and opinions in this report were current as of December 31, 2015. They are not guarantees of performance or investment results and should not be taken as investment advice. Investment decisions reflect a variety of factors, and the managers reserve the right to change their views about individual stocks, sectors and the markets at any time. As a result, the views expressed should not be relied upon as a forecast of a Fund s future investment intent. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Statements of fact are from sources considered reliable, but neither the Funds nor the Investment Advisor makes any representation or guarantee as to their completeness or accuracy.

Investment Risk: Mutual fund shares are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depositary institution. Shares are not insured by the FDIC, Federal Reserve Board or any government agency and are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal amount invested. 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. Fixed income investments are subject to additional risks, including, but not limited to, interest rate, credit and inflation risks. In addition, single-country and sector funds may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than diversified funds because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographic location. Investing in small and mid-size companies is more risky than investing in large companies as they may be more volatile and less liquid than larger companies. Please see the Funds prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for more risk disclosure.

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Investor Class Performance and Expenses (December 31, 2015)

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|                                    |         |           | 40          | G.        | <u> </u>  | Annual       |                | ospectus  | _     |
| ~-                                 |         | _         | 10          | Since     | Inception |              |                | Expense   | _     |
| tor Class                          | 1 year  | 5 years   | years       | Inception | Date      | Experiment   | ırsement       | Reitinsti | rsem  |
| FIXED INCOME STRATEGY              |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| trategic Income Fund (MAINX)       | -0.58%  | n.a.      | n.a.        | 3.41%     | 11/30/11  | 1.28%        | $1.12\%^{1}$   | 1.27%     | 1.1   |
| GROWTH AND INCOME                  |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| TEGIES                             |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| Growth and Income Fund (MACSX)     | -4.50%  | 2.44%     | 6.84%       | 9.42%     | 9/12/94   | 1.09%        | $1.09\%^{2,3}$ |           |       |
| Dividend Fund (MAPIX)              | 3.86%   | 4.75%     | n.a.        | 8.74%     | 10/31/06  | 1.06%        | $1.05\%^{3}$   | 1.06%     | 1.0   |
| Dividend Fund (MCDFX)              | 9.54%   | 6.50%     | n.a.        | 9.21%     | 11/30/09  | 1.19%        | n.a.           | 1.19%     |       |
| VALUE STRATEGY                     |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| Value Fund (MAVRX)                 | n.a.    | n.a.      | n.a.        | -1.35%    | 11/30/15  | 36.42%6      | $1.50\%^{4,6}$ | 2.11%     | 1.4   |
| GROWTH STRATEGIES                  |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| focus Fund (MAFSX)                 | -12.07% | n.a.      | n.a.        | -4.12%    | 4/30/13   | 2.07%        | $1.50\%^{4}$   | 2.16%     | 1.:   |
| rowth Fund (MPACX)                 | -0.05%  | 4.42%     | 6.48%       | 8.87%     | 10/31/03  | 1.11%        | n.a.           | 1.11%     |       |
| Tiger Fund (MAPTX)                 | -1.30%  | 4.15%     | 9.19%       | 8.52%     | 9/12/94   | 1.09%        | $1.07\%^{3}$   | 1.09%     | 1.0   |
| SG Fund (MASGX)                    | n.a.    | n.a.      | n.a.        | -7.30%    | 4/30/15   | $9.09\%^{6}$ | $1.44\%^{4,6}$ | 2.11%     | 1.4   |
| ing Asia Fund (MEASX)              | -2.56%  | n.a.      | n.a.        | 4.92%     | 4/30/13   | 1.75%        | $1.50\%^{4}$   | 1.78%     | 1.4   |
| Fund (MCHFX)                       | 2.41%   | -1.04%    | 10.86%      | 9.37%     | 2/19/98   | 1.14%        | n.a.           | 1.13%     |       |
| Fund (MINDX)                       | 0.90%   | 5.37%     | 11.10%      | 12.27%    | 10/31/05  | 1.11%        | n.a.           | 1.12%     |       |
| Fund (MJFOX)                       | 20.83%  | 9.53%     | 2.16%       | 5.88%     | 12/31/98  | 0.99%        | n.a.           | 1.03%     |       |
| Fund (MAKOX)                       | 15.16%  | 7.87%     | 6.31%       | 6.29%     | 1/3/95    | 1.10%        | n.a.           | 1.11%     |       |
| SMALL COMPANY STRATEGIES           |         |           |             |           |           |              |                |           |       |
| mall Companies Fund (MSMLX)        | -9.43%  | 1.39%     | n.a.        | 12.29%    | 9/15/08   | 1.48%        | $1.47\%^{4}$   | 1.47%     |       |
| Small Companies Fund (MCSMX)       | 4.07%   | n.a.      | n.a.        | 0.21%     | 5/31/11   | 2.10%        | $1.50\%^{5}$   | 1.90%     | 1.:   |
| SPECIALTY STRATEGY                 |         |           | ******      | V.= 1     | 0,01,1    |              | 2.007          | 1.,, 0,,  |       |
| cience and Technology Fund (MATFX) | 4.48%   | 7.88%     | 8.29%       | 2.69%     | 12/27/99  | 1.18%        | n.a.           | 1.16%     |       |

<sup>\*</sup>These figures are from the fund s prospectus dated as of April 30, 2015, and may differ from the actual expense ratios for fiscal year 2015, as shown in the financial highlights section of this report.

<sup>1</sup> Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 0.90% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived

for the Institutional Class to maintain the 0.90% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 0.90%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date.

#### 2Reimbursement was below 0.01%.

- 3 Matthews has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee and administrative and shareholder services fee if the Fund s average daily net assets are over \$3 billion, as follows: for every \$2.5 billion average daily net assets of the Fund that are over \$3 billion, the advisory fee rate and the administrative and shareholder services fee rate for the Fund with respect to such excess average daily net assets will be each reduced by 0.01%, in each case without reducing such fee rate below 0.00%. Any amount waived by Matthews pursuant to this agreement may not be recouped by Matthews. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time (i) by the Trust on behalf of the Fund or by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days prior written notice to Matthews; or (ii) by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice to the Trust, in each case without payment of any penalty.
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expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees or the Trust on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date.

6 Annualized expense ratios.

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|                                       |         |             |         |           |            |                       | 2015           |                     | Expen    |
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| titutional Class                      | 1 year  | 5 years     | years   | Inception | _          | Explainebu            | _              | Reitidsü            | rsemen   |
| A FIXED INCOME STRATEGY               |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| a Strategic Income Fund (MINCX)       | -0.27%  | n.a.        | n.a.    | 3.61%     | 11/30/11   | 1.09%                 | $0.90\%^{1}$   | 1.07%               | 0.90     |
| A GROWTH AND INCOME                   |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| RATEGIES                              |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| an Growth and Income Fund (MICSX)     | -4.33%  | 2.60%       | n.a.    | 3.00%     | 10/29/10   | 0.92%                 | $0.92\%^{2,4}$ | 0.92%               | n.       |
| a Dividend Fund (MIPIX)               | 3.93%   | 4.85%       | n.a.    | 5.28%     | 10/29/10   | 0.93%                 | $0.92\%^{4}$   | 0.93%               | n.       |
| na Dividend Fund (MICDX)              | 9.71%   | 6.72%       | n.a.    | 7.28%     | 10/29/10   | 1.00%                 | n.a.           | 1.01%               | n.       |
| A VALUE STRATEGY                      |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| a Value Fund (MAVAX)                  | n.a.    | n.a.        | n.a.    | -1.30%    | 11/30/15   | 36.17%5               | $1.25\%^{3,5}$ | 1.95%               | 1.25     |
| A GROWTH STRATEGIES                   |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| a Focus Fund (MIFSX)                  | -11.96% | n.a.        | n.a.    | -3.89%    | 4/30/13    | 1.91%                 | $1.25\%^{3}$   | 1.94%               | 1.25     |
| a Growth Fund (MIAPX)                 | 0.24%   | 4.62%       | n.a.    | 5.01%     | 10/29/10   | 0.91%                 | n.a.           | 0.91%               | n.       |
| ific Tiger Fund (MIPTX)               | -1.15%  | 4.33%       | n.a.    | 4.32%     | 10/29/10   | 0.91%                 | $0.89\%^{4}$   | 0.92%               | 0.91     |
| a ESG Fund (MISFX)                    | n.a.    | n.a.        | n.a.    | -7.14%    | 4/30/15    | $8.90\%^{5}$          | $1.25\%^{3,5}$ | 1.95%               | 1.25     |
| erging Asia Fund (MIASX)              | -2.33%  | n.a.        | n.a.    | 5.14%     | 4/30/13    | 1.57%                 | $1.25\%^{3}$   | 1.59%               | 1.25     |
| na Fund (MICFX)                       | 2.50%   | -0.88%      | n.a.    | -1.16%    | 10/29/10   | 0.99%                 | n.a.           | 0.97%               | n        |
| a Fund (MIDNX)                        | 1.12%   | 5.55%       | n.a.    | 4.95%     | 10/29/10   | 0.90%                 | n.a.           | 0.94%               | n        |
| an Fund (MIJFX)                       | 20.94%  | 9.65%       | n.a.    | 11.59%    | 10/29/10   | 0.87%                 | n.a.           | 0.90%               | n        |
| ea Fund (MIKOX)                       | 15.27%  | 8.04%       | n.a.    | 9.47%     | 10/29/10   | 0.93%                 | n.a.           | 0.93%               | n        |
| A SMALL COMPANY STRATEGY              |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| a Small Companies Fund (MISMX)        | -9.23%  | n.a.        | n.a.    | 0.55%     | 4/30/13    | 1.30%                 | $1.25\%^{3}$   | 1.25%               | n        |
| A SPECIALTY STRATEGY                  |         |             |         |           |            |                       |                |                     |          |
| a Science and Technology Fund (MITEX) | 4.63%   | n.a.        | n.a.    | 14.40%    | 4/30/13    | 0.97%                 | n.a.           | 0.95%               | n        |

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5 Annualized expense ratios.

Past Performance: All performance quoted in this report is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing 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 returns quoted. If certain of the Funds fees and expenses had not been waived, returns would have been lower. For the Funds most recent month-end performance, please call 800.789.ASIA (2742) or visit matthewsasia.com.

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Message to Shareholders from the President of the Matthews Asia Funds

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

As President of the Matthews Asia Funds and CEO of Matthews International Capital Management, LLC (Matthews Asia), Advisor to the Matthews Asia Funds, I am delighted to offer an annual review of the Funds for the year ending 2015.

### **Long-Term Investing**

Following a more challenging year in Asia s financial markets, we are reminded of the volatility that is inherent in economies that are undertaking significant structural shifts. We also continue to see how monetary policy decisions that are taken far from Asia can impact the region s economy. However, while the transformations that are taking place in the region s economy will result in short-term volatility and drastic swings in sentiment, we firmly believe that the patient investor with conviction will be rewarded over the long term.

As we enter a new year with markets remaining volatile, I believe that we will begin to see a return to fundamental investing, and with it, a divergence between companies that will prosper and those that will struggle. It is in this environment that active managers such as ourselves have the potential to add value by seeking to identify the best opportunities for our portfolios over the long term. Taking this into account, as I look back on 2015, I can be proud of the strong relative performance that many of our portfolios achieved.

# **New Fund Launches**

As the financial markets in Asia continue to grow and deepen, we see new opportunities to invest in the region by focusing on different styles of investing or on narrower themes that are becoming increasingly important. With this in mind, we were excited to launch two new strategies for our shareholders in 2015. The Matthews Asia ESG and Matthews Asia Value Funds were launched on April 30 and November 30, 2015, respectively. Both Funds offer a distinctive investment approach. The Matthews Asia Value Fund seeks companies that we believe trade at a discount to their intrinsic value, and are also oriented to create value for shareholders. The Matthews Asia ESG Fund is notable in that it expands on the governance aspect of our investment approach at Matthews Asia by also emphasizing environmental and social practices as part of the investment process. In a region that will benefit greatly from companies that adopt more sustainable and responsible practices, we are pleased to have launched a Fund that will place such issues front and center.

### **Welcoming New Trustees and a New Minority Owner**

2015 also proved to be a busy and important year on the governance front. Firstly, in February I was very pleased to join the Board of Trustees for the Funds and we welcomed two new independent members to the Board of Trustees. Having spent some time this year working with Gale Caruso and Christopher Lee, I believe their knowledge of the industry and financial markets will help to ensure the interests of our shareholders always remain paramount.

In September 2015, Matthews Asia announced a new minority owner of its business. This was an exciting development that we believe will help ensure the continued long-term stability of ownership and independence for the Advisor.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your continued confidence in the Matthews Asia Funds, especially during what can be at times challenging markets. As always, we welcome your comments.

William J. Hackett

President of the Matthews Asia Funds

Chief Executive Officer, Matthews Asia

4 MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

Message to Shareholders from the Investment Advisor

Dear Valued Investors,

A couple years ago, I expressed a concern over the chase for yield in markets and remarked, There are times when there is actually safety in growth! Such has been the story this year. Higher-yielding equities have struggled somewhat. Companies with faster growth profiles have done well. Developing Asia has outperformed Developed Asia and small-capitalization stocks have outperformed large-caps. In our dividend-focused portfolios, these have largely concentrated in growth in dividends, rather than yield and that has helped deal with the headwinds for such strategies. Elsewhere, our focus on high return-on-capital businesses with secular (if not always remarkable) growth has done well. Of course, we are not trying to rotate across different styles we are convinced that both ways of looking at the region can provide good long-term, risk-adjusted returns. But the volatilities inherent in the portfolios are different, and they can suit different periods in the markets. But what is common across all our portfolios is a belief that Asia s long-term growth prospects remain strong, and investing in businesses that grow with the development of the region s middle-class lifestyles provides a good backdrop for returns. This year, despite all the concerns over slowing headline growth rates in China and a strengthening U.S. dollar, our conviction that Asia will continue to press for growth-oriented reforms has been further buttressed.

This has certainly been India s year at least according to the short-term verdict of the markets. There has been plenty of excitement generated by, first, the appointment in September of 2013, of Raghuram Rajan to be the Governor of India s central bank. Part of India s Achilles heel, in the eyes of foreign investors at least, has been fiscal and monetary irresponsibility. Governor Rajan, as a Chicago Booth School of Business economist, exudes the kind of sensible, apolitical expertise that reassures foreign investors. In addition, India s politics have often appeared hopelessly divided and a clear political win for a single candidate has given investors further reassurance. The fact that the winner was the reform candidate has added further spice to the story. And if that wasn t enough, India began the year at what appeared to be the turning point, i.e., the trough of a credit and earnings cycle.

All of this means that the main India market benchmarks are up about 30% year-to-date. There has surely been some earnings growth, but valuations have risen quickly. None of which is to say that the rise in India is unjustified. If we are going to be able to look back on Prime Minister Narendra Modi s reforms as a success in about a decade s time, the markets have not yet fully reflected this. Current valuations are surely not discounting much more than a strong rebound in short-term earnings and at least a successful start to the reform process. India remains a country where much can be achieved over the next decade to improve people s standards of living, spending power and productivity. If it can achieve better rates of savings and more efficient mobilization of those savings into much-needed infrastructure projects, why can t it mimic the growth of its giant neighbor China?

But it is still an open question. Now more than ever, investors interested in India should decide if they are in it for the long haul. There may be plenty of opportunities for disappointment either on the political front or in terms of short-run earnings momentum.

These days, the media would have us believe China is not for the faint of heart. Yet, China has initiated its own reform process. Its leaders have also become comfortable with the slower rates of real GDP growth demanded by the markets as a sign of responsible economic management. Have earnings in China not compounded at 12% in U.S. dollar terms since December 2010 as the markets have derated? All of this leaves China trading at the lows last seen during crises past.

Japan has also impressed with its aggressive monetary easing. There are plenty of Abenomics critics in financial circles, but for those that believe economies can get stuck in a rut when policy rates are at or near zero, aggressive

central banking is what is needed to set the economy back on course. Neither has Abenomics always achieved great popularity in Japan, but the recent snap election seems to have boosted Abe s mandate and at least been a vote of confidence in the monetary and other reforms that appear to be starting to show results in an improved labor market and strong profitability in corporate Japan.

The one cloud this year has been the strengthening U.S. dollar. But, as we wrote earlier this year, this does seem to have been a case of dollar strength, not Asian weakness. So, we reach the end of the year with the momentum still behind the U.S. markets in terms of rising prices and rising valuations. Asia, on the other hand, has been more listless, but has started to see better operational results as margins have stabilized and sales growth remains robust. Who knows what will happen next year, but the momentum still seems to be behind the growthier elements of the markets in Asia. But there is real relative value emerging in Asia, where portfolios with growth far in excess of the broad market indices in the U.S. and Europe can be had for the same valuations or even discounts of 20% or 30%. Periods of tighter money (a strong U.S. dollar) and weaker growth (e.g. China, Europe) have typically been harder times for Asia s stock markets and this is what we have been facing for the past year or more. But Asia s markets have been resilient and, furthermore, continue to lay the groundwork for future growth in its reform plans. I remain optimistic based on the region s long-term growth that can still be accessed at reasonable valuations.

It is a privilege to serve as your advisor for Asia investments.

Robert Horrocks, PhD

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**HSBC** Asian Local Bond Index

Teresa Kong, CFA Lead Manager

Gerald M. Hwang, CFA
Co-Manager
Co-Manager
Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|   | Investor  | Institutional  |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Ticker  | MAINX     | MINCX          |
| CUSIP   | 577125503 | 577125602      |
| Inception                                       | 11/30/11  | 11/30/11       |
| NAV   | \$9.96    | \$9.96         |
| Initial Investment                              | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                | 1.28%     | 1.09%          |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> | 1.12%     | 0.90%          |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |           |                |
| Total # of Positions                            |           | 42             |
| Net Assets                                      |           | \$62.1 million |
| Modified Duration <sup>3</sup>                  |           | 3.6            |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>4</sup>                 |           | 50.09%         |
| Benchmark                                       |           |                |

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

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

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, supra-national institutions, and companies in Asia. Asia consists of all countries and markets in Asia and includes 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.

Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund returned 0.58% (Investor Class) and 0.27% (Institutional Class), while its benchmark, the HSBC Asian Bond Index (ALBI) returned 3.17%. For the fourth quarter, the Fund returned 2.61% (Investor Class), and 2.78% (Institutional Class) versus 2.32% for the benchmark.

#### **Market Environment:**

2015 was a challenging year in Asian fixed income. Currencies depreciated in some cases dramatically across the board. Commodity-linked currencies like the Malaysian ringgit, Australian dollar and Indonesian rupiah were hardest hit. Credit spreads also widened during the year, although credit markets were still positive on the back of high coupon returns. The top performers were, surprisingly, the frontier markets of Bangladesh and Pakistan, followed by China. There were three defaults, Kaisa Group and Shanshui Cement in China, and Berau Coal in Indonesia. This brings high yield Asia default rates slightly up from 2.0% to 2.3%. This compares favorably to U.S. high yield default rates, which have gone from 1.5% to 3.4% over the same period. Following the widest levels seen at the end of September, Asia s credit spreads tightened to 283 basis points (2.83%) versus U.S. Treasuries at the end of the year.

The fourth quarter was one of milestone events and a modest recovery from a challenging summer. After years of debate and speculation, the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates, ending its zero interest rate policy. Investors continued to debate the potential implications of policy normalization in the U.S. on Asia. The Chinese renminbi was added to the International Monetary Fund s special drawing rights (SDR) basket, moving it closer to becoming an international reserve currency. China s central bank also announced that it would manage the renminbi versus a basket of currencies of its largest trading partners.

Finally, as risk-aversion faded, credit spreads rebounded in the quarter. Commodity-linked corporates continued to underperform, though fundamentally strong companies performed well.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

The biggest contributors to Fund performance for both the full year and the fourth quarter of the year were our holdings in U.S. dollar-denominated (USD) bonds. We made a deliberate reallocation away from local currency bonds into USD-denominated debt, and this allowed us to isolate attractive credit exposure while minimizing currency and interest rate risk. Within USD-denominated debt, convertible bonds, in particular, performed well. As risk aversion faded, company-specific performance drove the underlying equities of these convertible bonds higher, resulting in strong performance of our bonds.

Our investment in Ctrip.com International convertible bonds was the top contributor to Fund performance for both the fourth quarter and the year. Ctrip is a leading online travel agency in China, and the industry consolidated throughout 2015. With expectations that aggressive competition and heavy discounting will fade, Ctrip shares doubled over the course of the year, leading to strong convertible bond performance.

The biggest detractor to Fund performance was our allocation to local currency bonds. Overall, our local currency sovereign bonds performed poorly. Currencies depreciated and the outflow of capital from emerging markets led to higher rates in a number of countries, thereby dampening returns. Indonesian and South Korean bonds were the biggest detractors to local currency bond performance as coupon returns were overshadowed by negative currency and price returns in both countries.

All sectors posted gains in the fourth quarter. The biggest detractors to our performance were issuer-specific. Yum! Brands posed the largest drag on Fund performance following plans for a major corporate restructuring to involve a spin-off of its international assets and increase in debt in the U.S. entity. Sri Lankan government bonds also performed

poorly given concerns about external challenges and lack of fiscal commitment. The country s balance of payments position weakened as softer demand from Europe

(continued)

- 1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.
- 2 Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 0.90% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 0.90% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 0.90%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date.
- 3 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.
- 4The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|  |          |        | _       | e Annual<br>Returns |           |
|--|----------|--------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
|  |          |        |         | Since               | Inception |
|  | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | Inception           | Date      |
| Investor Class (MAINX)                     | 2.61%    | -0.58% | 0.48%   | 3.41%               | 11/30/11  |
| Institutional Class (MINCX)                | 2.78%    | -0.27% | 0.72%   | 3.61%               | 11/30/11  |
| HSBC Asian Local Bond Index <sup>5</sup>   | 2.32%    | -3.17% | -1.60%  | 1.10%               |           |
| Lipper Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt |          |        |         |                     |           |
| Category Average <sup>6</sup>              | 0.68%    | -2.98% | -2.33%  | 2.73%               |           |

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.

| INCOME DISTRIBU  | J <b>TION HI</b> | STORY     |         |        |              |        |           |         |        |              |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------------|
|                  |                  |           | 2015    |        |              |        |           | 2014    |        |              |
|                  | <b>Q</b> 1       | <b>Q2</b> | Q3      | Q4     | <b>Total</b> | Q1     | <b>Q2</b> | Q3      | Q4     | <b>Total</b> |
| Investor (MAINX) | \$ 0.00          | \$0.10    | \$0.08  | \$0.11 | \$0.29       | \$0.10 | \$0.09    | \$ 0.07 | \$0.10 | \$0.38       |
| Inst 1 (MINCX)   | \$ 0.01          | \$0.10    | \$ 0.09 | \$0.11 | \$ 0.31      | \$0.11 | \$0.10    | \$ 0.08 | \$0.11 | \$ 0.40      |

Note: This table does not include capital gains distributions. Totals may differ by \$0.02 due to rounding. For income distribution history, visit matthewsasia.com.

#### **30-DAY YIELD:**

Investor Class: 5.45% (5.31% excluding expense waiver)

Inst 1 Class: 5.67% (5.46% excluding expense waiver)

The 30-Day Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-day period ended 12/31/15, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund s share price at the end of the 30-day period. The 30-Day Yield should be regarded as an estimate of the Fund s rate of investment income, and it may not equal the Fund s actual income distribution rate.

#### YIELD TO WORST: 6.81%

Yield to worst is the lowest yield that can be received on a bond assuming that the issuer does not default. It is calculated by utilizing the worst case assumptions for a bond with respect to certain income-reducing factors, including prepayment, call or sinking fund provisions. It does not represent the yield that an investor should expect to receive. Past yields are no guarantee of future yields.

Source: FactSet Research Systems

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 5 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from HSBC, and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definitions.
- 6 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS                            |                        |                  |                 |
|--|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|  | Sector                 | Currency         | % of Net Assets |
| Longfor Properties Co., Ltd., 6.875%,        |                        |                  |                 |
| 10/18/2019                                   | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 4.6%            |
| DFCC Bank PLC, 9.625%, 10/31/2018            | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 4.5%            |
| Shimao Property Holdings, Ltd., 6.625%,      |                        |                  |                 |
| 01/14/2020                                   | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 3.3%            |
| Bank of Baroda, 6.625%, 05/25/2022           | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 3.3%            |
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd., Cnv., 1.000%, |                        |                  |                 |
| 07/01/2020                                   | Consumer Discretionary | U.S. Dollar      | 3.3%            |
| TML Holdings Pte, Ltd., 5.750%, 05/07/2021   | Consumer Discretionary | U.S. Dollar      | 3.3%            |
| ICICI Bank, Ltd., 6.375%, 04/30/2022         | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 3.3%            |
| PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara, 5.250%,        |                        |                  |                 |
| 10/24/2042                                   | Utilities              | U.S. Dollar      | 3.2%            |
| E-House China Holdings, Ltd., Cnv., 2.750%,  |                        |                  |                 |
| 12/15/2018                                   | Financials             | U.S. Dollar      | 3.1%            |
| Global Logistic Properties, Ltd., 3.375%,    |                        |                  |                 |
| 05/11/2016                                   | Financials             | Chinese Renminbi | 3.0%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                       |                        |                  | 34.9%           |

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| CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>  |      |
|---|------|
| U.S. Dollar (USD)                       | 65.7 |
| Indian Rupee (INR)                      | 10.2 |
| Chinese Renminbi (CNY)                  | 8.5  |
| Indonesia Rupiah (IDR)                  | 2.8  |
| Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)                  | 2.7  |
| South Korean Won (KRW)                  | 2.0  |
| Singapore Dollar (SGD)                  | 0.8  |
| Philippine Peso (PHP)                   | 0.4  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 6.9  |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8,9,10</sup> |      |
|--|------|
| China/Hong Kong                            | 32.4 |
| India                                      | 22.7 |
| Indonesia                                  | 14.9 |
| Sri Lanka                                  | 10.3 |
| Singapore                                  | 3.8  |
| Philippines                                | 2.2  |
| South Korea                                | 2.0  |
| Australia                                  | 2.0  |
| Vietnam                                    | 1.6  |
| Supranational                              | 1.2  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities    | 6.9  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Financials                              | 50.4 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 14.7 |
| Foreign Government Bonds                | 9.1  |
| Industrials                             | 7.8  |
| Utilities                               | 4.5  |
| Consumer Staples                        | 2.7  |
| Information Technology                  | 2.3  |
| Telecommunication Services              | 1.6  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 6.9  |

Please note: Foreign Government Bonds category includes Supranationals.

| ASSET TYPE BREAKDOWN (%) <sup>7,8</sup> |      |
|---|------|
| Non-Convertible Corporate Bonds         | 68.7 |
| Convertible Corporate Bonds             | 14.1 |
| Government Ronds                        | 9.1  |

| Common Equities and ADRs                | 1.2 |
|---|-----|
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 6.9 |

- 7 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 8 Cash and other assets may include forward currency exchange contracts and certain derivative instruments that have been marked-to-market.
- 9 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

10 Supranational is an international organization in which member states transcend national boundaries (ex. IMF). Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

#### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

constrained exports and motor vehicle imports surged amidst growing private sector credit. The 2016 budget showcased the government spopulist leanings, leading to a higher projected budget deficit and a push back of medium-term fiscal targets.

### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

We made several notable changes to the portfolio in 2015. We increased our exposure to convertible bonds by investing in convertibles trading below their intrinsic bond value and whose equity options were deep out of the money. With companies like E-House China Holdings and China Singyes Solar Technologies, we found that the market was focused on the effects of a macro slowdown while overlooking the strength of their operations. We also sold out of our Sri Lankan rupee-denominated bonds. Sri Lanka s long-serving president was unexpectedly defeated by a more populist candidate in his bid for a third term. Following the election, the currency was allowed to depreciate and the government transitioned from a presidential to a parliamentary system.

In the fourth quarter, the most notable change to our portfolio was the reduction in our underweight to select Asian currencies. Emerging market countries globally have seen their currencies depreciate significantly since 2013. While we think countries that are large commodity exporters have seen a real erosion in their terms of trade, we do not think many of the Asian countries deserve such severe depreciation. This includes the Indonesian rupiah, the Korean won and the Malaysian ringgit. As such, we added to our exposure to these currencies through currency forward contracts.

#### **Outlook:**

In 2016, we expect further volatility and significant tail risks.\* First, there is the risk of further Asian currency weakness. In the past, rate hikes in the U.S. often marked a bottom for Asian currencies, but with rate differentials narrowing after the Fed s hike, the U.S. dollar could continue to appreciate versus Asian currencies. This would likely unfold if the U.S. economy strengthens more, relative to the rest of the world, allowing the Fed to hike rates faster than expected.

The second major source of volatility and tail risk is China. While current data points indicate an orderly re-allocation of capital from renminbi-denominated assets to USD-denominated assets, the tail risks have increased. We think the newly adopted managed-float regime will result in substantially higher volatility than what Chinese and international

investors are used to. Instead of having a fixed target (the U.S. dollar), the Chinese renminbi now needs to be managed to a moving target. This moving target can be self-reinforcing, both positively and negatively. For example, the inclusion of the Australian dollar, the Russian ruble and the Canadian dollar in the basket will induce correlation to factors like commodities, which were previously immaterial to movements in the renminbi.

Another major tail risk is the commodity cycle. Asian countries have largely benefited from lower agricultural prices as most are net importers of commodities. This is especially true of South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan), whose current and fiscal accounts have benefited substantially from low oil prices. Should the commodity cycle turn, this region, which has done remarkably well in the last year, could see weakness in its credit and currencies.

Last, and certainly not least, we are concerned about the credit cycle. Default rates have been inching up, and the macro backdrop has decidedly turned to tightening in the U.S. The U.S. dollar continues to be a material source of funding for Asian countries, so financing from this channel will likely continue to inch up for these companies. A higher base rate, in combination with wider credit spreads will increase the cost of leverage and potentially push marginal companies into distress. We believe credit spreads will likely continue to be very volatile. The good news is that while business cycles in the U.S. and Europe once drove Asia, the region is now more closely linked to China, which is slowing. In 2016, we could see policy easing in a number of countries, including China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea and Malaysia.

The silver lining here is that USD-denominated debt of Asian countries can still provide solid returns to investors with a long investment horizon. Historical data has shown that during similar spread levels buying USD-denominated debt of Asian companies had resulted in positive returns when investors had a holding period of over two years. This may mean that despite uncertainty around where we are in the credit cycle, current spreads offer a return sufficient to offset losses from defaults over the full cycle. While history may not be indicative of the future, we think U.S. dollar credit still offers good opportunities.

Fixed income investments are subject to additional risks, including, but not limited to, interest rate, credit and inflation risks. Investing in emerging markets involves different and greater risks, as these countries are substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than securities markets in more developed markets.

\* Tail Risk: The small statistical probability that an asset price will move more than three standard deviations from its current and/or average price level.

**8** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

December 31, 2015

 $Schedule\ of\ Investments^a$ 

# NON-CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 68.7%

|  | Face Amount*    | Value         |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| INDIA: 22.7%   |                 |               |
| Bank of Baroda   |                 |               |
| 6.625% <sup>b</sup> , 05/25/22                             | 2,000,000       | \$2,061,238   |
| TML Holdings Pte, Ltd.                                     |                 |               |
| 5.750%, 05/07/21   | 2,000,000       | 2,058,942     |
| ICICI Bank, Ltd.   |                 |               |
| 6.375% <sup>b</sup> , 04/30/22                             | 2,000,000       | 2,043,978     |
| Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.                    | 777 400 000 000 | 4 774 640     |
| 9.240%, 06/24/24   | INR 100,000,000 | 1,571,613     |
| Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.                    | 777 400 000 000 | 4 7 4 7 0 2 7 |
| 8.950%, 03/21/23   | INR 100,000,000 | 1,545,825     |
| Delhi International Airport, Ltd.                          | 1 400 000       | 1 272 700     |
| 6.125%, 02/03/22   | 1,400,000       | 1,373,788     |
| Axis Bank, Ltd.  | 1 000 000       | 1.016.460     |
| 7.250% <sup>b</sup> , 08/12/21                             | 1,000,000       | 1,016,460     |
| Rural Electrification Corp., Ltd.                          | IND 52 000 000  | 924 526       |
| 9.340%, 08/25/24  Payor Grid Corp. of India Ltd. Series P. | INR 52,000,000  | 834,536       |
| Power Grid Corp. of India, Ltd., Series B 9.300%, 09/04/24 | INR 52,000,000  | 829,427       |
| Rural Electrification Corp., Ltd.                          | INK 52,000,000  | 029,421       |
| 9.020%, 06/18/19   | INR 50,000,000  | 778,416       |
| 7.020 70, 00/10/17   | 1111 30,000,000 | 770,410       |
| Total India  |                 | 14,114,223    |
|  |                 |               |
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 18.3%                                     |                 |               |
| Longfor Properties Co., Ltd.                               |                 |               |
| 6.875%, 10/18/19   | 2,700,000       | 2,848,500     |
| Shimao Property Holdings, Ltd.                             |                 |               |
| 6.625%, 01/14/20   | 2,000,000       | 2,079,322     |
| MCE Finance, Ltd.  |                 |               |
| 5.000%, 02/15/21   | 2,000,000       | 1,820,000     |
| Value Success International, Ltd.                          |                 |               |
| 4.750%, 11/04/18   | CNY 12,000,000  | 1,804,395     |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.  |                 |               |
| 5.350%, 11/01/43   | 2,000,000       | 1,526,628     |
|  | 1,480,000       | 1,302,400     |
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Wynn Macau, Ltd. 5.250%, 10/15/21

# **Total China/Hong Kong**

**PHILIPPINES: 1.8%** 

11,381,245

| INDONESIA: 12.6%                                 |                   |             |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara                     | 2.500.000         | 1.065.750   |
| 5.250%, 10/24/42<br>Theta Capital Pte, Ltd.      | 2,500,000         | 1,965,750   |
| 7.000%, 05/16/19                                 | 1,500,000         | 1,484,540   |
| Jababeka International BV                        | 1,500,000         | 1,101,510   |
| 7.500%, 09/24/19                                 | 1,400,000         | 1,322,588   |
| Alam Synergy Pte, Ltd.                           |                   |             |
| 6.950%, 03/27/20°                                | 1,500,000         | 1,260,000   |
| TBG Global Pte, Ltd.                             | 1 000 000         | 075 000     |
| 4.625%, 04/03/18°<br>Alam Synergy Pte, Ltd.      | 1,000,000         | 975,000     |
| 6.950%, 03/27/20                                 | 500,000           | 420,000     |
| PT Astra Sedaya Finance                          | 500,000           | 120,000     |
| 8.600%, 02/21/17                                 | IDR 5,000,000,000 | 359,485     |
| Total Indonesia                                  |                   | 7 707 262   |
| Total Indonesia                                  |                   | 7,787,363   |
|  |                   |             |
| SRI LANKA: 8.3%                                  |                   |             |
| DFCC Bank PLC                                    |                   |             |
| 9.625%, 10/31/18                                 | 2,650,000         | 2,779,956   |
| National Savings Bank                            | 2 000 000         | 1.065.000   |
| 5.150%, 09/10/19<br>National Savings Bank        | 2,000,000         | 1,865,000   |
| 8.875%, 09/18/18                                 | 500,000           | 514,400     |
| 0.075 /0, 05/10/10                               | 200,000           | 211,100     |
| Total Sri Lanka                                  |                   | 5,159,356   |
|  |                   |             |
| CDICAPODE 200                                    | Face Amount*      | Value       |
| SINGAPORE: 3.0% Global Logistic Properties, Ltd. |                   |             |
| 3.375%, 05/11/16                                 | CNY 12,500,000    | \$1,884,336 |
| 3.373 70, 03/11/10                               | 2111 12,500,000   | Ψ1,001,330  |
| <b>Total Singapore</b>                           |                   | 1,884,336   |
|  |                   |             |
| ALICED ALLA A OCC                                |                   |             |
| AUSTRALIA: 2.0%<br>Macquarie Bank, Ltd.          |                   |             |
| Macquarie Bank, Ltd.<br>6.625%, 04/07/21         | 1,100,000         | 1,232,954   |
| 0.023 /v, 07/0 // 21                             | 1,100,000         | 1,232,737   |
| Total Australia                                  |                   | 1,232,954   |
|  |                   |             |

| Alliance Global Group Cayman Islands, Inc. 6.500%, 08/18/17  | 1,050,000          | 1,094,625  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| <b>Total Philippines</b>   |                    | 1,094,625  |
| TOTAL NON-CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS  |                    | 42,654,102                                       |
| (Cost \$45,383,565)  |                    |  |
| CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 14.1%<br>CHINA/HONG KONG: 14.1%   |                    |  |
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 07/01/20°<br>E-House China Holdings, Ltd., Cnv.  | 1,850,000          | 2,059,281  |
| 2.750%, 12/15/18° Biostime International Holdings, Ltd., Cnv.  | 2,010,000          | 1,950,956  |
| 0.000%, 02/20/19<br>China Singyes Solar Technologies Holdings, Ltd., Cnv.  | HKD 14,000,000     | 1,689,021  |
| 5.000%, 08/08/19<br>Qihoo 360 Technology Co., Ltd., Cnv.   | CNY 12,000,000     | 1,581,929  |
| 1.750%, 08/15/21   | 1,500,000          | 1,450,312  |
| Total China/Hong Kong  |                    | 8,731,499  |
| TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS  |                    | 8,731,499  |
| TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CON CRITE BONDS  |                    | 0,701,155  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)   |                    | 3,761,155  |
|  |                    | 3,161,123  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1%   | IDR 20,000,000,000 | 1,410,780  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond   | IDR 20,000,000,000 |  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia   | IDR 20,000,000,000 | 1,410,780  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0% Sri Lanka Government Bond  |                    | 1,410,780<br><b>1,410,780</b>                    |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0%  | IDR 20,000,000,000 | 1,410,780  |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0% Sri Lanka Government Bond  |                    | 1,410,780<br><b>1,410,780</b>                    |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0% Sri Lanka Government Bond 6.125%, 06/03/25   |                    | 1,410,780<br>1,410,780<br>1,243,372              |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0% Sri Lanka Government Bond 6.125%, 06/03/25  Total Sri Lanka  SOUTH KOREA: 2.0% Korea Treasury Bond | 1,400,000          | 1,410,780<br>1,410,780<br>1,243,372<br>1,243,372 |
| (Cost \$8,702,041)  FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS: 9.1% INDONESIA: 2.3% Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.875%, 04/15/19  Total Indonesia  SRI LANKA: 2.0% Sri Lanka Government Bond 6.125%, 06/03/25  Total Sri Lanka  SOUTH KOREA: 2.0%                     |                    | 1,410,780<br>1,410,780<br>1,243,372              |

Total South Korea 1,241,484

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**COMMON EQUITIES: 1.2%** 

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

# FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS

(continued)

|                                      | Face Amount*   | Value       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| VIETNAM: 1.6%                        |                |             |
| Socialist Republic of Vietnam        |                |             |
| 4.800%, 11/19/24                     | 1,055,000      | \$1,013,201 |
| Total Vietnam                        |                | 1,013,201   |
| SUPRANATIONAL: 1.2%                  |                |             |
| International Finance Corp.          |                |             |
| 7.750%, 12/03/16                     | INR 50,000,000 | 758,755     |
| Total Supranational                  |                | 758,755     |
| TOTAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS |                | 5,667,592   |
| (Cost \$6,253,594)                   |                |             |
|                                      | Shares         | Value       |
| SINGAPORE: 0.8%                      |                |             |
| Vicom, Ltd.                          | 118,000        | \$500,994   |
| Total Singapore                      |                | 500,994     |
| PHILIPPINES: 0.4%                    |                |             |
| Alliance Global Group, Inc.          | 780,000        | 265,861     |
| Total Philippines                    |                | 265,861     |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES                |                | 766,855     |
| (Cost \$1,039,054)                   |                |             |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 93.1%             |                | 57,820,048  |

(Cost \$61,378,254d)

**HKDHong Kong Dollar** 

KRW Korean Won

| <b>CASH AND OTHER ASSETS</b> |
|------------------------------|
| LESS LIABILITIES: 6.9%       |

4,310,555

| NET ASSETS: 100.0%   | \$62,130,603             |
|--|--------------------------|
| a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustee   | s (Note 2-A).            |
| b Variable rate security. The rate represents the rate in effect at December 31, 2015.   |                          |
| Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. To be resold in transactions exempt from registration normally to qualified institutional buyers. The determined to be liquid in accordance with procedures adopted by the Fund s Board of Director | e security has been      |
| d Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$61,378,254 and net unrealized depreciation consists of:  |                          |
| Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation  | \$791,009<br>(4,349,215) |
| Net unrealized depreciation  | (\$3,558,206)            |
| * All values are in USD unless otherwise noted.  |                          |
| Cnv. Convertible   |                          |
| CNY Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)  |                          |
| IDR Indonesian Rupiah  |                          |
| INR Indian Rupee   |                          |

USDU.S. Dollar

# FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS:

|                         |                      |                                |            | Unrealized     |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Currency                |                      |                                | Settlement | Appreciation   |
| Purchased               | <b>Currency Sold</b> | Counterparty                   | Date       | (Depreciation) |
| LONG IDR 55,822,000,000 | USD 3,800,000        | Deutsche Banc Alex Brown, Inc. | 01/08/16   | \$233,735      |
| MYR 24,068,000          | USD 5,500,000        | Deutsche Banc Alex Brown, Inc. | 01/08/16   | 101,112        |
| KRW 6,890,020,000       | USD 5,900,000        | Deutsche Banc Alex Brown, Inc. | 01/08/16   | (38,273)       |
|                         |                      |                                |            |                |

\$296,574

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# **10** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Robert J. Horrocks, PhD Lead Manager Kenneth Lowe, CFA Lead Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|   | Investor  | Institutional  |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Ticker  | MACSX     | MICSX          |
| CUSIP   | 577130206 | 577130842      |
| Inception                                       | 9/12/94   | 10/29/10       |
| NAV   | \$16.03   | \$16.02        |
| Initial Investment                              | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                | 1.09%     | 0.92%          |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> | 1.09%     | 0.92%          |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |           |                |
| Total # of Positions                            |           | 57             |
| Net Assets                                      |           | \$2.9 billion  |
| Weighted Average Market Cap                     |           | \$32.1 billion |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>3</sup>                 |           | 16.48%         |
| Benchmark                                       |           |                |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index                     |           |                |

Long-term capital appreciation. The Fund also seeks to provide some current income.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in dividend-paying common stock, preferred stock and other equity securities, and convertible securities as well as fixed-income securities, of any duration or quality, of companies located in Asia, which consists of all countries and markets in Asia, including developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region.

Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund fell 4.50% (Investor Class) and 4.33% (Institutional Class), while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index, fell 8.90%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 2.87% (Investor Class) and 2.97% (Institutional Class) versus 3.87% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

During 2015, the influence of central bankers and policymakers grew frustratingly ever more apparent. In the fourth quarter, the U.S. Federal Reserve finally undertook its first rate hike in over nine years, having delayed it by three months due to weakening global growth offsetting some reasonable domestic wage rises and employment data. The possibility of this rate hike has plagued emerging markets for some time, weighing on sentiment and driving capital flows out of the region. Alongside this headwind were volatile Chinese financial markets. The world's second-largest economy has been undergoing a challenging transition from a traditional model of fixed asset investment, export and credit-led growth to one that is more sustainable and consumer-based. From an equity market standpoint, the year witnessed not only an astounding rally promoted by state media and fueled by retail investors and margin financing, but also a vicious pullback. This resulted in some poorly advised government-led attempts to stop the drop through stock suspensions, IPO suspensions and a state-sponsored purchase of equities. In August, there was yet more bungled policy from China as the party poorly communicated its decision to alter its exchange rate mechanism. The move to a more market-oriented structure that resulted in an instant 1.9% devaluation of the currency to the U.S. dollar, should allow the government more monetary easing firepower to support growth given the macroeconomic conundrum of the impossible trinitySoft Chinese demand, as well as rising supply in many instances, has also resulted in a collapse in prices across the commodity complex.

With this backdrop of diverging growth patterns and rate cycles between the U.S. and emerging markets, we saw very poor performance from most indices in Asia for the year. Weak sentiment, plunging commodity prices and aggressive currency devaluations led geographies across Southeast Asia to be the region s weakest performers. North Asia fared slightly better through the year as currencies provided greater support, but there was little cheer to be had even as markets rebounded from their lows into the festive season.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Despite being a challenging year across equity markets, the fourth quarter did produce some positive returns. The largest contributors for both time periods came from our holdings within consumer staples, with Vietnam Dairy Products at the top for both time periods. The leading dairy producer and brand owner within the frontier market has seen strong earnings growth from volume expansion as incomes rise, and it pushes newer high-margin categories, such as powdered milk and yogurt. Declining input costs have also helped to boost margins and the stock has been further helped by the proposed increase of a foreign ownership limit from 49%.

Hong Kong-based Vitasoy also rose as the soymilk and tea producer witnessed strong growth in China now its largest market on account of its go deep, go wide strategy. A combination of execution, product innovation and declining raw material costs has helped earnings. Other Japanese consumer staples, such as Japan Tobacco and Lawson, also had solid returns through 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Actual 2015 expense ratios.

<sup>2</sup>Matthews has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee and administrative and shareholder services fee if the Fund s average daily net assets are over \$3 billion, as follows: for every \$2.5 billion

average daily net assets of the Fund that are over \$3 billion, the advisory fee rate and the administrative and shareholder services fee rate for the Fund with respect to such excess average daily net assets will be each reduced by 0.01%, in each case without reducing such fee rate below 0.00%. Any amount waived by Matthews pursuant to this agreement may not be recouped by Matthews. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time (i) by the Trust on behalf of the Fund or by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days prior written notice to Matthews; or (ii) by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice to the Trust, in each case without payment of any penalty. Reimbursement was below 0.01%

3The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|  | Average Annual Total Returns |        |         |         |          |              |                  |
|--|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|------------------|
|  |                              |        |         |         |          | Since        | <b>Inception</b> |
|  | 3 Months                     | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Inception    | Date             |
| Investor Class (MACSX)                   | 2.87%                        | -4.50% | -0.18%  | 2.44%   | 6.84%    | 9.42%        | 9/12/94          |
| Institutional Class (MICSX)              | 2.97%                        | -4.33% | 0.00%   | 2.60%   | n.a.     | 3.00%        | 10/29/10         |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index <sup>3</sup> | 3.87%                        | -8.90% | -0.35%  | 0.14%   | 6.46%    | $3.50\%^{4}$ |                  |
| Lipper Pacific Region Funds              |                              |        |         |         |          |              |                  |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup>            | 5.29%                        | -3.12% | 1.96%   | 2.37%   | 3.88%    | 3.65%        |                  |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

# INCOME DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

|                  |         | 2015     |              |         | 2014     |              |  |
|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|--------------|--|
|                  | June    | December | <b>Total</b> | June    | December | <b>Total</b> |  |
| Investor (MACSX) | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.21  | \$ 0.42      | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.20  | \$ 0.35      |  |
| Inst 1 (MICSX)   | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.22  | \$ 0.45      | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.21  | \$0.38       |  |

Note: This table does not include capital gains distributions. Totals may differ by \$0.01 due to rounding. For income distribution history, visit matthewsasia.com.

#### **30-DAY YIELD:**

1.75% (Investor Class) 1.88% (Institutional Class)

The 30-Day Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-day period ended 12/31/15, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund s share price at the end of the 30-day period. The 30-Day Yield should be regarded as an estimate of the Fund s rate of investment income, and it may not equal the Fund s actual income distribution rate.

#### **DIVIDEND YIELD: 3.54%**

The dividend yield (trailing) for the portfolio is the weighted average sum of the dividends paid by each equity security held by the Fund over the 12 months ended 12/31/15 divided by the current price of each equity as of 12/31/15. The annualized dividend yield for the Fund is for the equity-only portion of the portfolio. Please note that this is based on gross equity portfolio holdings and does not reflect the actual yield an investor in the Fund would receive. Past yields are no guarantee of future yields.

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Source: FactSet Research Systems, Bloomberg, MICM

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 8/31/94.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>             |                        |                 |                 |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | Sector                 | Country         | % of Net Assets |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.,    |                        |                 |                 |
| Ltd.                                       | Information Technology | Taiwan          | 3.3%            |
| AIA Group, Ltd.                            | Financials             | China/Hong Kong | 3.1%            |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings, Ltd.            | Industrials            | China/Hong Kong | 2.8%            |
| CapitaLand, Ltd., Cnv., 1.950%, 10/17/2023 | Financials             | Singapore       | 2.8%            |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.                          | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 2.7%            |
| Japan Tobacco, Inc.                        | Consumer Staples       | Japan           | 2.5%            |
| Vietnam Dairy Products JSC                 | Consumer Staples       | Vietnam         | 2.5%            |
| Ascendas REIT                              | Financials             | Singapore       | 2.4%            |
| Genting Malaysia BHD                       | Consumer Discretionary | Malaysia        | 2.4%            |
| Guangdong Investment, Ltd.                 | Utilities              | China/Hong Kong | 2.3%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                     |                        |                 | 26.8%           |

6 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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#### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

Beyond these, a few of our Hong Kong holdings were also positive contributors for the full year, including our position in the convertible bond of Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing. The underlying stock was up strongly through the second quarter on increasing average daily turnover as markets rose and participation increased. We used this as an opportunity to exit our position as valuations had become stretched at about 38x price-to-earnings ratio (P/E).

The largest detractors to performance for the fourth quarter came from two of our telecommunications holdings, and unfortunately, for similar reasons of increasing competition. Globe Telecom in the Philippines suffered as it appears that the largest telecom player in Australia is likely to enter the market in conjunction with a local industrial conglomerate to form a third player. Advanced Info Services in Thailand was hurt as it encountered disastrous auctions for additional spectrum, with a new competitor winning these with an unpalatably high bid. This will likely structurally alter the return profile for this market.

For the full year, many of our holdings in Southeast Asia delivered poor performance, partially driven by the downward lurch in currencies. We did, however, also suffer from some stock-specific challenges. Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero was the weakest of these as the Indonesian natural gas distribution company had poor results, and also faces the prospect of a gas aggregator agency being established and favoring the company s competition. Additionally, Thailand s free-to-air T.V. operator BEC World Public struggled as it started to lose audience share upon the national rollout of digital channels, hurting revenues and increasing content costs.

#### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the quarter, we added Norwegian-listed, but global, telecom company Telenor. The firm is now generating the majority of its earnings from Asia, and we believe it has many quality assets in countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Myanmar and India. This emerging market exposure is likely to provide above-industry growth and we expect to see improving cash flow generation. Further, the stock is attractively priced at around 13x P/E and almost a 5% dividend yield. We funded this through exiting our positions in SKY Network TV in New Zealand and BHP Billiton of Australia as we held declining conviction in both.

#### **Outlook:**

Entering 2016, there are a multitude of factors that make it challenging to become particularly constructive on equity markets. Whilst the U.S. economy appears to be reasonably resilient, growth in both real and nominal terms is hardly conducive to driving world trade volumes up to the growth rates of the preceding 20 years. In Europe, deflationary hurdles remain despite a more outspoken central banker in Mario Draghi. For Asia, this lack of export growth is accompanied by private sector debt levels that have mushroomed since the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, and debt service ratios that are continuing to spike as earnings contract and capital is removed from the region. This difficult environment has caused a structural decline in the ROE for listed businesses as competition has increased and disinflation takes hold.

All of this leads us to earnings expectations that have been cut so dramatically the market now expects a mere 5% earnings growth in 2016. Although this helps to create continued pessimism over Asian markets, it is in these environments where stock picking often bears fruit. The Matthews Asian Growth and Income portfolio has consistently attempted to provide attractive risk adjusted returns through investing in businesses that can wade through these cycles, and we remain confident that the high quality businesses within our portfolio will be able to do just that.

Further, valuations for the Fund remain supportive at approximately 14x P/E.

The Impossible Trinity also known as the Trilemma or Unholy Trinity is the hypothesis in international economics that a country may choose any two, but not all of the following three policy goals monetary independence, exchange rate stability and free movement of capital.

Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio) is a valuation ratio of a company s current share price compared to its per-share earnings and is calculated as the market value per share divided by the Earnings per Share (EPS).

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>   |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 35.7 |
| Singapore                               | 16.6 |
| South Korea                             | 11.4 |
| Malaysia                                | 6.9  |
| Japan                                   | 6.4  |
| Taiwan                                  | 5.0  |
| Australia                               | 3.7  |
| Thailand                                | 3.3  |
| Indonesia                               | 2.8  |
| Vietnam                                 | 2.5  |
| New Zealand                             | 2.0  |
| Norway                                  | 1.5  |
| Philippines                             | 1.2  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.0  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)8                  |      |
|---|------|
| Financials                              | 17.8 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 17.2 |
| Industrials                             | 16.8 |
| Telecommunication Services              | 16.3 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 15.4 |
| Information Technology                  | 6.9  |
| Utilities                               | 6.5  |
| Health Care                             | 2.1  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.0  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 33.0 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 19.9 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 29.9 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 16.2 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.0  |

# ASSET TYPE BREAKDOWN (%)8,9

| Common Equities and ADRs                | 86.2 |
|---|------|
| Convertible Corporate Bonds             | 8.9  |
| Preferred Equities                      | 3.9  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.0  |

- 7 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.
- 8 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 9 Bonds are not included in the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index.

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

# **COMMON EQUITIES: 86.2%**

|  | Shares     | Value        |
|--|------------|--------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 29.6%                   |            |              |
| AIA Group, Ltd.                          | 14,876,000 | \$88,885,339 |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings, Ltd.          | 1,671,900  | 80,966,001   |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.                        | 1,045,400  | 76,366,470   |
| Guangdong Investment, Ltd.               | 47,348,000 | 66,866,180   |
| Techtronic Industries Co., Ltd.          | 16,399,500 | 66,389,187   |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR                   | 1,125,500  | 63,399,415   |
| CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd.              | 4,400,172  | 59,146,797   |
| HSBC Holdings PLC ADR                    | 1,472,033  | 58,101,143   |
| CLP Holdings, Ltd.                       | 6,725,200  | 57,002,830   |
| VTech Holdings, Ltd.                     | 5,454,500  | 56,474,881   |
| Vitasoy International Holdings, Ltd.     | 26,227,000 | 53,646,689   |
| Hang Lung Properties, Ltd.               | 22,260,920 | 50,440,093   |
| Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.             | 14,582,000 | 42,733,182   |
| Cheung Kong Property Holdings, Ltd.      | 4,400,172  | 28,464,646   |
| Total China/Hong Kong                    |            | 848,882,853  |
|  |            |              |
| SINGAPORE: 13.8%                         |            |              |
| Ascendas REIT                            | 43,232,800 | 69,287,491   |
| United Overseas Bank, Ltd.               | 4,274,500  | 58,931,741   |
| Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. | 27,351,925 | 57,818,910   |
| Singapore Telecommunications, Ltd.       | 21,686,400 | 55,913,287   |
| Singapore Post, Ltd.                     | 38,209,000 | 44,111,494   |
| SIA Engineering Co., Ltd.                | 15,928,900 | 41,495,048   |
| Keppel Corp., Ltd.                       | 8,410,900  | 38,422,467   |
| ARA Asset Management, Ltd.               | 36,838,667 | 30,515,298   |
| Total Singapore                          |            | 396,495,736  |
|  |            |              |
| SOUTH KOREA: 7.5%                        |            |              |
| Kangwon Land, Inc.                       | 1,810,693  | 59,098,126   |
| KT&G Corp.                               | 559,754    | 49,742,613   |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.            | 43,412     | 46,302,470   |
| GS Home Shopping, Inc.                   | 227,544    | 32,300,026   |

| KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering Co., Ltd.                       | 386,300               | 29,221,170                 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Total South Korea   |                       | 216,664,405                |
| MALAYSIA: 6.9%  |                       |                            |
| Genting Malaysia BHD  | 67,607,200            | 68,874,046                 |
| Axiata Group BHD  | 33,570,123            | 50,027,411                 |
| British American Tobacco Malaysia BHD                             | 3,606,800             | 47,042,983                 |
| Telekom Malaysia BHD  | 20,245,551            | 31,902,726                 |
| Total Malaysia  |                       | 197,847,166                |
| JAPAN: 6.4%   |                       |                            |
| Japan Tobacco, Inc.   | 1,962,700             | 72,058,119                 |
| KDDI Corp.  | 2,270,600             | 58,967,925                 |
| Lawson, Inc.  | 634,700               | 51,519,222                 |
| Total Japan   |                       | 182,545,266                |
|   |                       |                            |
| TAIWAN: 5.0%  |                       |                            |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                      | 11,282,187            | 48,674,077                 |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR Taiwan Samicanductor Manufacturing | 1,596,225             | 47,934,637                 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR                  | 2,064,424             | 46,965,646                 |
| Total Taiwan  |                       | 143,574,360                |
|   |                       |                            |
|   | Shares                | Value                      |
| AUSTRALIA: 3.7%   | 701 477               | ¢50,570,402                |
| CSL, Ltd. Insurance Australia Group, Ltd.                         | 781,477<br>11,324,603 | \$59,579,403<br>45,479,627 |
| insurance rustrana Group, Etc.                                    | 11,321,003            | 13,179,027                 |
| Total Australia   |                       | 105,059,030                |
| THAILAND: 3.3%  |                       |                            |
| Glow Energy Public Co., Ltd.                                      | 18,076,500            | 36,917,351                 |
| BEC World Public Co., Ltd.  | 35,030,100            | 29,538,863                 |
| Advanced Info Service Public Co., Ltd.                            | 6,869,700             | 28,905,164                 |
| Total Thailand  |                       | 95,361,378                 |
|   |                       |                            |
| INDONESIA: 2.8%   | 1.160.000             | <b>7</b> 4.000.100         |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR                           | 1,169,800             | 51,939,120                 |
| PT Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero                                  | 139,319,300           | 27,468,842                 |

| Total Indonesia   |  | 79,407,962   |
|---|--|--|
| VIETNAM: 2.5%   |  |  |
| Vietnam Dairy Products JSC  | 12,596,761                                       | 71,610,012   |
| Total Vietnam   |  | 71,610,012   |
| NEW ZEALAND: 2.0%   |  |  |
| SKYCITY Entertainment Group, Ltd.   | 19,139,923                                       | 57,859,979   |
| Total New Zealand   |  | 57,859,979   |
| NORWAY: 1.5%  |  |  |
| Telenor ASA   | 2,669,498  | 44,496,720   |
| Total Norway  |  | 44,496,720   |
| PHILIPPINES: 1.2%   |  |  |
| Globe Telecom, Inc.   | 868,230  | 34,106,645   |
| Total Philippines   |  | 34,106,645   |
|   |  |  |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES   |  | 2,473,911,512  |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  |  | 2,473,911,512  |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%   | Face Amount*                                     | 2,473,911,512  |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  | Face Amount*                                     | 2,473,911,512  |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  | Face Amount*  HKD 446,000,000                    | <b>2,473,911,512</b> 55,677,705                      |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  |  |  |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 06/27/18   | HKD 446,000,000                                  | 55,677,705   |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv.  | HKD 446,000,000<br>49,750,000                    | 55,677,705<br>53,730,000                             |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 06/27/18  PB Issuer No. 2, Ltd., Cnv.  | HKD 446,000,000<br>49,750,000<br>HKD 339,000,000 | 55,677,705<br>53,730,000<br>45,710,028               |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 06/27/18  PB Issuer No. 2, Ltd., Cnv. 1.750%, 04/12/16  Total China/Hong Kong                  | HKD 446,000,000<br>49,750,000<br>HKD 339,000,000 | 55,677,705<br>53,730,000<br>45,710,028<br>21,465,425 |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 06/27/18  PB Issuer No. 2, Ltd., Cnv. 1.750%, 04/12/16  Total China/Hong Kong  SINGAPORE: 2.8% | HKD 446,000,000<br>49,750,000<br>HKD 339,000,000 | 55,677,705<br>53,730,000<br>45,710,028<br>21,465,425 |
| (Cost \$2,318,708,480)  CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS: 8.9%  CHINA/HONG KONG: 6.1%  Shine Power International, Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 07/28/19  Johnson Electric Holdings, Ltd., Cnv. 1.000%, 04/02/21  Hengan International Group Co., Ltd., Cnv. 0.000%, 06/27/18  PB Issuer No. 2, Ltd., Cnv. 1.750%, 04/12/16  Total China/Hong Kong                  | HKD 446,000,000<br>49,750,000<br>HKD 339,000,000 | 55,677,705<br>53,730,000<br>45,710,028<br>21,465,425 |

# TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS

256,088,500

(Cost \$266,495,743)

### **14** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

**PREFERRED EQUITIES: 3.9%** 

|  | Shares    | Value           |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| SOUTH KOREA: 3.9%                      |           |                 |
| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd., Pfd. | 109,088   | \$50,395,225    |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., Pfd.          | 355,983   | 31,126,445      |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., 2nd Pfd.      | 318,246   | 28,326,236      |
| Total South Korea                      |           | 109,847,906     |
| TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES               |           | 109,847,906     |
| (Cost \$38,339,132)                    |           |                 |
| <b>RIGHTS: 0.0%</b>                    |           |                 |
| SINGAPORE: 0.0%                        |           |                 |
| Ascendas REIT, expires 1/13/16         | 1,621,230 | 62,215          |
| Total Singapore                        |           | 62,215          |
|  |           |                 |
| TOTAL RIGHTS                           |           | 62,215          |
| (Cost \$0)                             |           |                 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.0%               |           | 2,839,910,133   |
| (Cost \$2,623,543,355b)                |           |                 |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,                 |           |                 |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 1.0%                 |           | 29,144,236      |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                     |           | \$2,869,054,369 |

a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).

b Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$2,633,461,269 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation       | \$455,482,353<br>(249,033,489) |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation                                       | \$206,448,864                  |
| * All values are in USD unless otherwise noted.                   |                                |
| ADR American Depositary Receipt                                   |                                |
| BHDBerhad   |                                |
| Cnv. Convertible  |                                |
| HKDHong Kong Dollar   |                                |
| JSCJoint Stock Co.  |                                |
| Pfd. Preferred  |                                |
| REITReal Estate Investment Trust                                  |                                |
| SGD Singapore Dollar  |                                |
| USDU.S. Dollar<br>See accompanying notes to financial statements. |                                |
|   |                                |

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Yu Zhang, CFA Robert Horrocks, PhD

Lead Manager Lead Manager

Vivek Tanneeru

Co-Manager

**FUND FACTS** 

Investor Institutional Ticker **MAPIX MIPIX CUSIP** 577125107 577130750 10/31/06 Inception 10/29/10 NAV \$15.35 \$15.36 **Initial Investment** \$2,500 \$3 million 0.93% Gross Expense Ratio<sup>1</sup> 1.06% After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement<sup>2</sup> 1.05% 0.92%

Portfolio Statistics

Total # of Positions 66

Net Assets \$4.8 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap \$28.9 billion

35.98%

Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup> Benchmark

MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index

**OBJECTIVE** 

Total return with an emphasis on providing current income.

#### **STRATEGY**

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in dividend-paying equity securities of companies located in Asia. Asia consists of all countries and markets in Asia, and includes developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region. The Fund may also invest in convertible debt and equity securities.

Matthews Asia Dividend Fund

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Dividend Fund returned 3.86% (Investor Class) and 3.93% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index, returned 1.68%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 4.85% (Investor Class) and 4.81% (Institutional Class) versus 6.99% for the Index.

The Fund began 2015 with a share price of US\$15.26 for both the Investor and Institutional Classes, and shareholders who were invested throughout the year would have received total distributions of approximately 0.50 cents (Investor Class) or 0.52 cents (Institutional Class) per share.

#### **Market Environment:**

Asia equity investors faced strong macroeconomic headwinds during 2015. Two events that have been unfolding a prolonged slowing Chinese economy and a U.S. Fed interest rate hike put significant downward pressure on both the region s equity markets and currencies. Within the region, Japan was among the few bright spots that delivered positive U.S. dollar-adjusted market returns. A government-led, top-down push for better corporate governance standards, focused on return on equity improvements, coupled with a more aggressive asset allocation into domestic equities from Japanese pension funds and trust banks, provided support to Japan s stock market. On the other hand, Southeast Asian stock markets, marred by weak domestic consumption, steep currency depreciation, and, in certain cases, political impasses and policy mismanagement were among the worst-performing. Markets in certain countries, such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, fell by more than 20% on a U.S. dollar-adjusted basis. Finally, as China pushed ahead with structural reforms amid a meaningful slowdown in its economy, reaction to the movements of both China A-shares and the renminbi currency increasingly became meaningful drivers behind global market volatility.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Among the top contributors to Fund performance during both the fourth quarter and the year were the preferred shares of lithium-ion battery maker LG Chem. This firm, a global major petrochemical producer and a tier-one battery supplier, spotted an opportunity in the electric vehicle battery market early on, and in recent years has steadily invested in new electric vehicle (EV) battery capacity. It has also done well in cultivating new relationships with global automakers. As electric vehicles become ever more critical to many global automakers, the outlook for LG Chem s EV battery business is turning more positive and has driven its share price higher. We were initially attracted to LG Chem s balanced business portfolio, which holds both petrochemical and non-petrochemical businesses, as we believe the firm was well-positioned with an earnings stream that was less cyclical compared with that of its peers. Furthermore, we bought the preferred share class, which was trading at a meaningful discount to common shares, giving us a significant pickup in dividend yield.

On the flip side, the Fund s holding in Total Access Communications, a wireless telecom carrier in Thailand, was among the portfolio s top detractors. The competitive landscape in the Thai telecom sector deteriorated significantly during the year. True Corp., the number three player by market share, was backed by a fresh injection of capital from China Mobile, which took a minority stake in the company. True became more aggressive in grabbing subscriber market share against

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<sup>1</sup> Actual 2015 expense ratios.

<sup>2</sup> Matthews has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee and administrative and shareholder services fee if the Fund s average daily net assets are over \$3 billion, as follows: for every \$2.5 billion average daily net assets of the Fund that are over \$3 billion, the advisory fee rate and the administrative and shareholder services fee rate for

the Fund with respect to such excess average daily net assets will be each reduced by 0.01%, in each case without reducing such fee rate below 0.00%. Any amount waived by Matthews pursuant to this agreement may not be recouped by Matthews. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time (i) by the Trust on behalf of the Fund or by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days prior written notice to Matthews; or (ii) by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice to the Trust, in each case without payment of any penalty.

3The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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# PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|   |          |        | <b>Average Annual Total Returns</b> |         |              |                  |  |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|--|
|   |          |        | Since                               |         |              | <b>Inception</b> |  |
|   | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years                             | 5 Years | Inception    | Date             |  |
| Investor Class (MAPIX)                  | 4.85%    | 3.86%  | 4.83%                               | 4.75%   | 8.74%        | 10/31/06         |  |
| Institutional Class (MIPIX)             | 4.81%    | 3.93%  | 4.95%                               | 4.85%   | 5.28%        | 10/29/10         |  |
| MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index <sup>4</sup> | 6.99%    | -1.68% | 3.42%                               | 1.96%   | $2.63\%^{5}$ |                  |  |
| Lipper Pacific Region Funds Category    |          |        |                                     |         |              |                  |  |
| Average <sup>6</sup>                    | 5.29%    | -3.12% | 1.96%                               | 2.37%   | $3.33\%^{5}$ |                  |  |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

| INCOME DISTRIBU  | J <b>TION HI</b> | STORY     |         |         |              |         |           |        |         |              |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|--------------|
|                  |                  |           | 2015    |         |              |         |           | 2014   |         |              |
|                  | Q1               | <b>Q2</b> | Q3      | Q4      | <b>Total</b> | Q1      | <b>Q2</b> | Q3     | Q4      | <b>Total</b> |
| Investor (MAPIX) | \$ 0.02          | \$0.18    | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.04 | \$0.27       | \$ 0.03 | \$0.11    | \$0.17 | \$ 0.00 | \$0.30       |
| Inst 1 (MIPIX)   | \$ 0.02          | \$0.19    | \$ 0.04 | \$ 0.04 | \$0.29       | \$ 0.03 | \$0.11    | \$0.17 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.32      |

Note: This table does not include capital gains distributions but does include return of capital totaling \$0.065 (Investor Class) and \$0.068 (Institutional Class) for 2014. Totals may differ by \$0.01 due to rounding. For distribution history please visit matthewsasia.com.

# **30-DAY YIELD:**

1.55% (Investor Class) 1.66% (Institutional Class)

The 30-Day Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-day period ended 12/31/15, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund s share price at the end of the 30-day period. The 30-Day Yield should be regarded as an estimate of the Fund s rate of investment income, and it may not equal the Fund s actual income distribution rate.

# **DIVIDEND YIELD: 3.04%**

The dividend yield (trailing) for the portfolio is the weighted average sum of the dividends paid by each equity security held by the Fund over the 12 months ended 12/31/15 divided by the current price of each equity as of 12/31/15. The annualized dividend yield for the Fund is for the equity-only portion of the portfolio. Please note that this is based on gross equity portfolio holdings and does not reflect the actual yield an investor in the Fund would receive. Past yields are no guarantee of future yields.

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc.

Source: FactSet Research Systems, Bloomberg, MICM.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 Calculated from 10/31/06.
- 6 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>7</sup>         | Sector                     | Commence        | % of Net Assets |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  |                            | Country         |                 |
| LG Chem, Ltd., Pfd.                    | Materials                  | South Korea     | 3.4%            |
| Japan Tobacco, Inc.                    | Consumer Staples           | Japan           | 3.4%            |
| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, |                            |                 |                 |
| Ltd.                                   | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 3.3%            |
| Suntory Beverage & Food, Ltd.          | Consumer Staples           | Japan           | 3.3%            |
| Hoya Corp.                             | Health Care                | Japan           | 3.1%            |
| Bridgestone Corp.                      | Consumer Discretionary     | Japan           | 2.9%            |
| Kao Corp.                              | Consumer Staples           | Japan           | 2.6%            |
| Minth Group, Ltd.                      | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 2.5%            |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.  | Financials                 | Japan           | 2.4%            |
| NTT DoCoMo, Inc.                       | Telecommunication Services | Japan           | 2.4%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                 |                            |                 | 29.3%           |

7 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%)8,9               |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 33.7 |
| Japan                                   | 30.7 |
| South Korea                             | 7.8  |
| Taiwan                                  | 5.3  |
| Indonesia                               | 4.3  |
| Singapore                               | 4.0  |
| India                                   | 2.6  |
| Thailand                                | 2.2  |
| Australia                               | 2.0  |
| Vietnam                                 | 1.6  |
| Luxembourg                              | 1.5  |
| Philippines                             | 1.2  |
| New Zealand                             | 1.1  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.0  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>9</sup>      |      |
|---|------|
| Consumer Staples                        | 27.9 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 16.2 |
| Telecommunication Services              | 12.7 |
| Industrials                             | 12.1 |
| Financials                              | 11.8 |
| Information Technology                  | 5.5  |
| Materials                               | 4.4  |
| Health Care                             | 4.1  |
| Utilities                               | 3.3  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.0  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>9</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 27.8 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 24.5 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 23.5 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 22.2 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.0  |

<sup>8</sup> Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

Matthews Asia Dividend Fund

<sup>9</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

larger players, including Total Access. To make matters worse, the latest 4G spectrum auctions, completed in December, saw a new entrant break into the wireless telecom business, disrupting Thailand s three-player market structure. Total Access stock was severely de-rated, and we are currently monitoring the situation to assess whether the company is still able to sustain an ongoing dividend payment.

#### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the last quarter, the Fund initiated a few new positions, including PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna, Indonesia s largest tobacco company, which is closely held by its parent company Philip Morris International (PMI). Regarded as the crown-jewel asset within PMI, the firm has delivered consistent market share gains with strong financial results in recent years. Because of its solid balance sheet and strong cash flow generation, PMI has also been extracting substantial cash flow from Sampoerna by adopting a maximum dividend payout policy. In November, when PMI was forced to sell down its stake in Sampoerna to comply with the local listing requirement in Indonesia, we decided to participate in this liquidity event and initiated a position in the stock.

During the fourth quarter, we also exited Primary Health Care of Australia. While our initial investment thesis rested on a potential margin uplift from Primary s medical center business, the company s overall business faced strong regulatory headwinds involving the curtailment of medical payments from the government. At the same time, heated competition within the medical center industry also caused more difficulties for Primary to retain and grow its doctor workforce an essential part of the company s growth strategy. With limited visibility for a turnaround in the business, we decided to take the loss on the stock and re-deploy capital elsewhere.

#### **Outlook:**

The market outlook for Asia today seems murky, in part as the real impact of the recent U.S. Federal Reserve rate hike on Asia is still unclear. In contrast to the U.S., Asia s monetary policies are generally moving in the opposite direction, toward more easing. China s headline growth figures continue to struggle and the movements of the renminbi still hold important implications to the stability of Asia s markets. Against such a backdrop, a dividend-investing approach that balances both the yield and growth components in the underlying dividends, in our view, is an effective tool to filter out short-term market noise. Our focus is on what we consider a crucial factor for long-term investing: a company s ability not only to generate sustainable cash flow but also its willingness to distribute it to minority shareholders in the form of stable or rising dividends.

#### **18** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

Matthews Asia Dividend Fund

December 31, 2015

Consolidated Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

**COMMON EQUITIES: 94.6%** 

|  | Shares      | Value         |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 33.7%   |             |               |
| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, Ltd.                              | 27,810,000  | \$159,373,011 |
| Minth Group, Ltd.  | 59,535,000  | 118,275,877   |
| China Construction Bank Corp. H Shares                                   | 150,798,000 | 102,866,571   |
| AIA Group, Ltd.  | 17,110,800  | 102,238,455   |
| Guangdong Investment, Ltd.   | 66,566,000  | 94,006,381    |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR   | 1,574,225   | 88,676,094    |
| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd. A Shares                                       | 2,462,935   | 81,565,414    |
| Qualcomm, Inc.   | 1,569,800   | 78,466,453    |
| Far East Horizon, Ltd.   | 75,288,000  | 69,752,736    |
| Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd.                                    | 109,322,000 | 68,286,284    |
| Shanghai Lujiazui Finance & Trade Zone Development Co., Ltd. B           |             |               |
| Shares   | 16,413,323  | 66,589,820    |
| China Power International Development, Ltd.                              | 113,710,000 | 65,455,353    |
| Shanghai International Airport Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>b</sup>           | 12,098,309  | 54,786,077    |
| HKBN, Ltd.   | 41,566,123  | 53,485,199    |
| Daqin Railway Co., Ltd. A Shares   | 40,506,372  | 52,941,772    |
| Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.   | 18,014,000  | 52,790,807    |
| Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>c</sup>               | 21,248,000  | 51,031,851    |
| Greatview Aseptic Packaging Co., Ltd.                                    | 109,030,000 | 49,294,621    |
| Jiangsu Expressway Co., Ltd. H Shares                                    | 35,370,000  | 47,470,455    |
| Hopewell Holdings, Ltd.  | 12,233,500  | 43,827,132    |
| Henan Shuanghui Investment & Development Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>b</sup> | 12,972,979  | 40,689,776    |
| China Machinery Engineering Corp. H Shares                               | 53,811,000  | 39,262,849    |
| Haitian International Holdings, Ltd.                                     | 16,566,000  | 24,034,963    |
| China Mobile, Ltd.   | 1,248,500   | 14,053,248    |
| Total China/Hong Kong  |             | 1,619,221,199 |
|  |             |               |
| JAPAN: 30.7%   |             |               |
| Japan Tobacco, Inc.  | 4,403,200   | 161,658,077   |
| Suntory Beverage & Food, Ltd.  | 3,610,600   | 158,058,146   |
| Hoya Corp.   | 3,676,300   | 150,333,400   |
| Bridgestone Corp.  | 4,096,100   | 140,502,037   |
| Kao Corp.  | 2,454,600   | 126,138,820   |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.                                    | 3,107,200   | 117,268,989   |
|  |             |               |

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| NTT DoCoMo, Inc.   | 5,677,200  | 116,448,460  |
| ITOCHU Corp.   | 8,498,200  | 100,520,536  |
| Toyo Suisan Kaisha, Ltd.   | 2,656,200  | 92,575,352   |
| Pigeon Corp.   | 3,806,100  | 92,336,334   |
| Skylark Co., Ltd.  | 5,978,700  | 77,251,309   |
| Lawson, Inc.   | 755,300  | 61,308,443   |
| Anritsu Corp.  | 7,564,500  | 49,563,094   |
| Dexerials Corp.  | 2,594,400  | 27,790,971   |
| Total Japan  |  | 1,471,753,968  |
| TAIWAN: 5.3%   |  |  |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR   | 3,324,301  | 99,828,759   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR   | 3,027,940  | 68,885,635   |
| St. Shine Optical Co., Ltd.  | 2,383,000  | 47,693,895   |
| Sercomm Corp.  | 11,111,000   | 29,204,348   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.   | 2,336,469  | 10,080,091   |
| Tarwan Schneonductor Manufacturing Co., Etd.   | 2,330,409  | 10,000,091   |
| Total Taiwan   |  | 255,692,728  |
|  | Shares   | Value  |
| SOUTH KOREA: 4.4%  |  |  |
| KT&G Corp.   | 1,235,189  | \$109,765,233  |
| BGF Retail Co., Ltd.   | 712,460  | 103,143,930  |
|  | ,  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Total South Korea  |  | 212,909,163  |
|  |  | 212,909,163  |
| INDONESIA: 4.3%  | 0.048.400  |  |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna   | 9,048,400  | 61,592,150   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors  | 41,221,900   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR  | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634  | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors  | 41,221,900   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR  | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634  | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero Total Indonesia  | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634  | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0%  | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b>   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd.   | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b>   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b>   |
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| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400   | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT Ascendas India Trust  | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400<br>53,470,700                             | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034<br>32,808,738   |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT Ascendas India Trust ARA Asset Management, Ltd.   | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400<br>53,470,700<br>34,749,418               | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034<br>32,808,738<br>28,784,669                                     |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT Ascendas India Trust ARA Asset Management, Ltd. Super Group, Ltd.                               | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400<br>53,470,700<br>34,749,418               | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034<br>32,808,738<br>28,784,669<br>25,830,328                       |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT Ascendas India Trust ARA Asset Management, Ltd. Super Group, Ltd.  Total Singapore  INDIA: 2.6% | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400<br>53,470,700<br>34,749,418<br>43,809,700 | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034<br>32,808,738<br>28,784,669<br>25,830,328<br><b>192,927,025</b> |
| INDONESIA: 4.3% PT Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna PT United Tractors PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero  Total Indonesia  SINGAPORE: 4.0% Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT Ascendas India Trust ARA Asset Management, Ltd. Super Group, Ltd.  Total Singapore              | 41,221,900<br>1,090,634<br>213,210,000<br>28,460,000<br>43,232,400<br>53,470,700<br>34,749,418               | 61,592,150<br>50,192,321<br>48,424,150<br>47,754,174<br><b>207,962,795</b><br>60,161,256<br>45,342,034<br>32,808,738<br>28,784,669<br>25,830,328                       |

| Total India   |  | 125,320,782                           |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| THAILAND: 2.2%  |  |                                       |
| Thai Beverage Public Co., Ltd. Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. NVDR | 161,322,100<br>24,734,100<br>5,939,700 | 78,315,571<br>20,646,004<br>4,957,976 |
| Total Thailand  |  | 103,919,551                           |
| AUSTRALIA: 2.0%   |  |                                       |
| Breville Group, Ltd.  | 10,644,019                             | 57,515,357                            |
| Spotless Group Holdings, Ltd.   | 48,823,125                             | 38,254,933                            |
| Total Australia   |  | 95,770,290                            |
| VIETNAM: 1.6%   |  |                                       |
| Vietnam Dairy Products JSC  | 13,680,740                             | 77,772,211                            |
| Total Vietnam   |  | 77,772,211                            |
| LUXEMBOURG: 1.5%  |  |                                       |
| L Occitane International SA   | 36,976,500                             | 71,353,674                            |
| Total Luxembourg  |  | 71,353,674                            |
| PHILIPPINES: 1.2%   |  |                                       |
| Globe Telecom, Inc.   | 1,447,730                              | 56,871,121                            |
| Total Philippines   |  | 56,871,121                            |
| NEW ZEALAND: 1.1%   |  |                                       |
| SKY Network Television, Ltd.  | 16,242,251                             | 50,879,701                            |
| Total New Zealand   |  | 50,879,701                            |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES   |  | 4,542,354,208                         |
| (Cost \$4,136,762,599)  |  |                                       |

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PREFERRED EQUITIES: 3.4%

|                                      | Shares  | Value           |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| SOUTH KOREA: 3.4%                    |         |                 |
| LG Chem, Ltd., Pfd.                  | 786,292 | \$164,273,347   |
| Total South Korea                    |         | 164,273,347     |
|                                      |         |                 |
| TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES             |         | 164,273,347     |
| (Cost \$69,008,863)                  |         |                 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 98.0%             |         | 4,706,627,555   |
| (Cost \$4,205,771,462 <sup>d</sup> ) |         | , ,             |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,               |         |                 |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 2.0%               |         | 96,996,128      |
|                                      |         |                 |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                   |         | \$4,803,623,683 |

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Security held by Matthews ADF-U Series. See note 2-C.
- c Non-income producing security.
- d Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$4,217,995,827 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$919,079,953 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (430,448,225) |
| •                             |               |
| Net unrealized appreciation   | \$488,631,728 |

Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)

ADR American Depositary Receipt

JSC Joint Stock Co.

NVDR Non-voting Depositary Receipt

Pfd. Preferred

REITReal Estate Investment Trust See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Yu Zhang, CFA Lead Manager Sherwood Zhang, CFA Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|                                  | Investor  | Institutional   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ticker                           | MCDFX     | MICDX           |
| CUSIP                            | 577125305 | 577130735       |
| Inception                        | 11/30/09  | 10/29/10        |
| NAV                              | \$13.79   | \$13.79         |
| Initial Investment               | \$2,500   | \$3 million     |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup> | 1.19%     | 1.00%           |
| Portfolio Statistics             |           |                 |
| Total # of Positions             |           | 45              |
| Net Assets                       |           | \$180.9 million |
| Weighted Average Market Cap      |           | \$23.1 billion  |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>  |           | 79.91%          |
| Benchmark                        |           |                 |
| MSCI China Index                 |           |                 |

Total return with an emphasis on providing current income.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in dividend-paying equity securities of companies located in China. China includes its administrative and other districts, such as Hong Kong. The Fund may also invest in convertible debt and equity securities.

Matthews China Dividend Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews China Dividend Fund returned 9.54% (Investor Class) and 9.71% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI China Index, returned 7.62%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 8.46% (Investor Class) and 8.58% (Institutional Class) versus 4.03% for the Index.

The Fund began 2015 with a share price of US\$13.37 for both the Investor and Institutional Classes, and shareholders who were invested throughout the year would have received total distributions of approximately 0.88 cents (Investor Class) or 0.90 cents (Institutional Class) per share.

#### **Market Environment:**

Chinese equities staged a turnaround during the fourth quarter of 2015. To the surprise of many investors, the domestic A-share market, which trades at higher valuations, recovered more quickly than less expensive Chinese equities listed overseas. This phenomenon may be explained by the different liquidity environments among China s domestic market and the global market, as its central bank continued to loosen monetary policy cutting both interest rates (by 0.25%) and its required reserve rate of bank deposits by 50 basis points (0.50%) in late October.

In late November, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced its decision to include the Chinese currency, the renminbi, to the basket of currencies that make up the special drawing rights (SDR) starting in 2016. Although this is generally viewed as a symbolic move by the IMF, it is also taken as recognition of government reform efforts to further liberalize its financial markets to global investors.

Later in the year, 14 Chinese companies with American Depository Receipts (ADRs) listed on U.S. exchanges were added to the Fund s benchmark, the MSCI China Index. This change brings unique challenges to us as the majority of these companies do not pay regular dividends. We expect to ask these companies to take notice of their broadened investor base and to consider regular dividends as part of their shareholder return policies.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

In 2015, the Fund benefited from its multi-capitalization approach, as the portfolio s small and mid-cap exposure significantly outperformed its large cap peers in the benchmark a reversal of our experience last year. Among the remaining positions at year-end, our long-time holding Shenzhou International Group was a top performance contributor for the year. The company completed its initial capacity expansion in Vietnam, and is well-positioned to take advantage of a reduced import tariff should the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement receive approval. New Oriental Education & Technology Group was another large contributor to Fund performance. The company can finally move past earlier concerns over its corporate governance as it has shown consistent returns to shareholders through dividends and buybacks in recent years. Another positive contributor during the year was Voltronic Power Technology, the leading OEM maker of uninterruptible power supplies.

On the flip side, Hilong Holding, an oil field equipment and service provider, was the largest detractor to Fund performance for the year. We are carefully monitoring whether it can sustain its cost advantage relative to its competitors amid this downturn. Qualcomm, a major 3G and next-generation mobile technologies firm, also posed a drag on Fund performance for the year as the company s technology licensing practice has again been challenged in various jurisdictions. However, we believe the company has unparalleled leadership in smartphone technology.

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1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|                                    | Average Annual Total Returns |        |        |        |              |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------|
|                                    |                              |        |        |        | Inception    |          |
|                                    | 3 Months                     | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | Inception    | Date     |
| Investor Class (MCDFX)             | 8.46%                        | 9.54%  | 7.82%  | 6.50%  | 9.21%        | 11/30/09 |
| Institutional Class (MICDX)        | 8.58%                        | 9.71%  | 8.05%  | 6.72%  | 7.28%        | 10/29/10 |
| MSCI China Index <sup>3</sup>      | 4.03%                        | -7.62% | 1.31%  | 0.91%  | 1.61%4       |          |
| Lipper China Region Funds Category |                              |        |        |        |              |          |
| Average <sup>5</sup>               | 7.29%                        | -3.02% | 2.98%  | 0.36%  | $2.86\%^{4}$ |          |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

| INCOME DISTRIBUTION HISTORY |         |          |         |        |          |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
|                             |         | 2015     |         |        | 2014     |         |
|                             | June    | December | Total   | June   | December | Total   |
| Investor (MCDFX)            | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.01  | \$ 0.28 | \$0.16 | \$ 0.20  | \$ 0.36 |

Note: This table does not include capital gains distributions. Totals may differ by \$0.01 due to rounding. For income distribution history, visit matthewsasia.com.

0.03

\$

\$0.28

#### **30-DAY YIELD:**

Inst 1 (MICDX)

0.97% (Investor Class) 1.25% (Institutional Class)

The 30-Day Yield represents net investment income earned by the Fund over the 30-day period ended 12/31/15, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the Fund s share price at the end of the 30-day period. The 30-Day Yield should be regarded as an estimate of the Fund s rate of investment income, and it may not equal the Fund s actual income distribution rate.

#### **DIVIDEND YIELD: 2.84%**

\$0.30

\$0.17

\$

0.21

The dividend yield (trailing) for the portfolio is the weighted average sum of the dividends paid by each equity security held by the Fund over the 12 months ended 12/31/15 divided by the current price of each equity as of 12/31/15. The annualized dividend yield for the Fund is for the equity-only portion of the portfolio. Please note that this is based on gross equity portfolio holdings and does not reflect the actual yield an investor in the Fund would receive. Past yields are no guarantee of future yields.

\$0.38

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Source: FactSet Research Systems, Bloomberg, MICM.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 11/30/09.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>                  |                                   |                 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | Sector                            | % of Net Assets |
| New Oriental Education & Technology Group, Inc. | Consumer Discretionary            | 3.7%            |
| Sercomm Corp.                                   | Information Technology            | 3.3%            |
| China Construction Bank Corp.                   | Financials                        | 3.3%            |
| AIA Group, Ltd.                                 | Financials                        | 3.1%            |
| HKBN, Ltd.                                      | Telecommunication Services        | 3.1%            |
| China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.                  | Financials                        | 3.0%            |
| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd.                       | Consumer Staples                  | 2.9%            |
| China Mobile, Ltd.                              | <b>Telecommunication Services</b> | 2.9%            |
| China Medical System Holdings, Ltd.             | Health Care                       | 2.7%            |
| China Power International Development, Ltd.     | Utilities                         | 2.7%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                          |                                   | 30.7%           |

6 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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Matthews China Dividend Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

#### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the quarter, we added to our educational firm holdings. China Maple Leaf Educational Systems is one of the largest private K-12 school operators in China, and has a popular and unique dual diploma it offers from both China and Canada. Its program boasts affordable tuition compared with international schools, making it attractive to Chinese families seeking a premium educational experience for their children at reasonable costs. China Distance Education Holdings is a provider of online professional education. Although its traditional area of accounting training has become more saturated and mature, the company continues to expand in areas such as law, health care and construction engineering. More importantly for us, its management is committed to paying high levels of dividends from its free cash flow.

During the fourth quarter of the year, we exited our position in energy firm PetroChina as we believed its production costs were not favorable in the current low oil price environment.

#### **Outlook:**

For those expecting a strong recovery of headline growth data, 2016 could be another challenging year for investing in Chinese equities. However, due to signs of resilient domestic consumption, Chinese policymakers can continue to focus on reforms rather than major stimulus programs. This year, we saw reform progress in China s financial sector, such as that for domestic A-share initial public offerings (IPOs), and we expect it to continue in 2016. In addition, the current administration seems more determined than ever to clamp down on the overcapacity of many heavy industries that became bloated during the period when growth was driven by fixed asset investments.

Although investor sentiment toward China could remain lukewarm, the resulting low valuations continue to present long-term investors with great opportunities to uncover high quality businesses that are well-positioned amid the growth of China s consumption and service sectors.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>   |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 90.9 |
| Taiwan                                  | 5.3  |
| Singapore                               | 1.6  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.2  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)8     |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Consumer Discretionary     | 21.9 |
| Financials                 | 21.0 |
| Industrials                | 18.1 |
| Telecommunication Services | 8.6  |
| Information Technology     | 8.0  |
| Consumer Staples           | 7.2  |
| Utilities                  | 4.7  |

| Health Care                             | 4.7 |
|---|-----|
| Materials                               | 2.2 |
| Energy                                  | 1.4 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.2 |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 17.7 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 2.3  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 38.3 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 39.5 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.2  |

<sup>7</sup> Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

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<sup>8</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Matthews China Dividend Fund

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

# **COMMON EQUITIES: 97.8%**

|   | Shares                          | Value                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 21.9%   |                                 |                                       |
| Diversified Consumer Services: 7.8%  New Oriental Education & Technology Group, Inc. ADR  China Maple Leaf Educational Systems, Ltd.  China Distance Education Holdings, Ltd. ADR | 216,000<br>9,482,000<br>184,300 | \$6,775,920<br>4,649,703<br>2,707,367 |
|   |                                 | 14,132,990                            |
| Auto Components: 6.7%   |                                 |                                       |
| Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>  | 1,787,600                       | 4,293,323                             |
| Minth Group, Ltd.   | 1,980,000                       | 3,933,589                             |
| Weifu High-Technology Group Co., Ltd.   |                                 |                                       |
| B Shares  | 824,759                         | 2,118,773                             |
| Changzhou Xingyu Automotive Lighting Systems Co., Ltd. A Shares   | 309,451                         | 1,766,561                             |
|   |                                 | 12,112,246                            |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 2.8%<br>Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.   | 1,216,000                       | 3,563,541                             |
| Xiao Nan Guo Restaurants Holdings, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>  | 19,060,000                      | 1,470,862                             |
|   | , ,                             | 5,034,403                             |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods: 2.6%  |                                 |                                       |
| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, Ltd.   | 813,000                         | 4,659,125                             |
| Automobiles: 2.0%   | 2 612 000                       | 2 400 225                             |
| BAIC Motor Corp., Ltd. H Shares   | 3,613,000                       | 3,608,225                             |
| Total Consumer Discretionary  |                                 | 39,546,989                            |

# **FINANCIALS: 21.0%**

| Banks: 8.1%   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| China Construction Bank Corp. H Shares  | 8,705,000                                    | 5,938,099   |
| China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. H Shares   | 2,306,500                                    | 5,399,148   |
| Huishang Bank Corp., Ltd. H Shares  | 7,058,000                                    | 3,187,925   |
|   |  | 14,525,172  |
|   |  |   |
| Real Estate Management & Development: 4.8%  |  |   |
| Red Star Macalline Group Corp., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>  | 3,711,200                                    | 4,513,270   |
| Shanghai Lujiazui Finance & Trade Zone Development Co., Ltd. B Shares   | 1,025,379                                    | 4,160,023   |
| •   |  |   |
|   |  | 8,673,293   |
|   |  |   |
| Capital Markets: 3.4%   |  |   |
| China Everbright, Ltd.  | 1,392,000                                    | 3,179,363   |
| China International Capital Corp., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>   | 1,852,798                                    | 3,017,053   |
|   |  |   |
|   |  | 6,196,416   |
|   |  |   |
| Insurance: 3.1%   |  |   |
| AIA Group, Ltd.   | 941,400                                      | 5,624,943   |
|   |  |   |
|   |  |   |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS): 16%  |  |   |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS): 1.6% CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   | 2,766,700                                    | 2,901,708   |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS): 1.6%<br>CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  | 2,766,700                                    | 2,901,708   |
|   | 2,766,700                                    | 2,901,708<br>37,921,532                                   |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   | 2,766,700                                    |   |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   |  | 37,921,532  |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT   | 2,766,700<br>Shares                          |   |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  | Shares                                       | 37,921,532<br>Value                                       |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd.   | <b>Shares</b> 6,606,000                      | 37,921,532<br>Value<br>\$4,126,335                        |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd. Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares   | Shares                                       | 37,921,532<br>Value                                       |
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| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd. Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares   | <b>Shares</b> 6,606,000                      | 37,921,532<br>Value<br>\$4,126,335                        |
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| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd. Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares Shanghai International Airport Co., Ltd. A Shares  Marine: 2.5%   | Shares 6,606,000 8,361,000 403,264           | \$4,126,335<br>3,723,159<br>1,805,650                     |
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| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd. Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares Shanghai International Airport Co., Ltd. A Shares  Marine: 2.5%  SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.                  | Shares 6,606,000 8,361,000 403,264           | \$4,126,335<br>3,723,159<br>1,805,650<br><b>9,655,144</b> |
| CapitaLand Retail China Trust, REIT  Total Financials  INDUSTRIALS: 18.1%  Transportation Infrastructure: 5.3%  Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd. Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares Shanghai International Airport Co., Ltd. A Shares  Marine: 2.5%  SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.  Machinery: 2.3% | Shares 6,606,000 8,361,000 403,264 8,502,000 | \$4,126,335<br>3,723,159<br>1,805,650<br><b>9,655,144</b> |
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| Road & Rail: 2.1% Guangshen Railway Co., Ltd. H Shares Guangshen Railway Co., Ltd. ADR | 6,484,000<br>21,400 | 3,222,116<br>529,008 |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Guargoner Ramway Con, Blan 11D10   | 21,100              | 3,751,124            |
| Construction & Engineering: 2.0%<br>China Machinery Engineering Corp. H Shares         | 4,964,000           | 3,621,951            |
| Electrical Equipment: 2.0% Voltronic Power Technology Corp.                            | 244,049             | 3,619,465            |
| Industrial Conglomerates: 1.9%<br>Hopewell Holdings, Ltd.                              | 972,500             | 3,484,030            |
| Total Industrials  |                     | 32,828,031           |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES: 8.6%   |                     |                      |
| Diversified Telecommunication Services: 5.7%   |                     |                      |
| HKBN, Ltd.   | 4,332,957           | 5,575,431            |
| CITIC Telecom International Holdings, Ltd.   | 12,437,000          | 4,738,511            |
|  |                     | 10,313,942           |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services: 2.9%  |                     |                      |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR   | 93,730              | 5,279,811            |
| <b>Total Telecommunication Services</b>  |                     | 15,593,753           |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 8.0%   |                     |                      |
| Communications Equipment: 5.8%   |                     |                      |
| Sercomm Corp.  | 2,285,000           | 6,005,934            |
| Qualcomm, Inc.   | 89,500              | 4,473,658            |
|  |                     | 10,479,592           |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 2.2%                                   |                     |                      |
| Sunny Optical Technology Group Co., Ltd.   | 1,716,000           | 3,913,781            |
| Total Information Technology   |                     | 14,393,373           |

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**CONSUMER STAPLES: 7.2%** 

Beverages: 2.9%

| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd. A Shares  | 160,803   | 5,325,339  |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Food Products: 2.3% Vitasoy International Holdings, Ltd.                    | 2,018,000 | 4,127,770  |
| Food & Staples Retailing: 2.0%<br>Shanghai Bailian Group Co., Ltd. B Shares | 1,876,677 | 3,651,021  |
| <b>Total Consumer Staples</b>   |           | 13,104,130 |

# **24** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

Matthews China Dividend Fund

December 31, 2015

4,004,443

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

# **COMMON EQUITIES** (continued)

|  | Shares     | Value       |
|--|------------|-------------|
| UTILITIES: 4.7%  |            |             |
| <b>Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers: 2.6%</b> |            |             |
| China Power International Development, Ltd.                        | 8,349,000  | \$4,805,969 |
|  |            |             |
| Water Utilities: 2.1%  |            |             |
| Guangdong Investment, Ltd.   | 2,684,000  | 3,790,420   |
| Guanguong Investment, Ltd.   | 2,004,000  | 3,770,420   |
| Total Utilities  |            | 8,596,389   |
|  |            | , ,         |
|  |            |             |
| HEALTH CARE: 4.7%  |            |             |
| Pharmaceuticals: 4.7%  |            |             |
| China Medical System Holdings, Ltd.                                | 3,319,000  | 4,864,208   |
| Tianjin ZhongXin Pharmaceutical Group Corp., Ltd. S Shares         | 3,333,300  | 3,584,991   |
| Total Health Care  |            | 8,449,199   |
| Total ficatti Carc   |            | 0,447,177   |
|  |            |             |
| MATERIALS: 2.2%  |            |             |
| Containers & Packaging: 2.2%                                       |            |             |
| Greatview Aseptic Packaging Co., Ltd.                              | 8,688,000  | 3,928,017   |
|  |            |             |
| Total Materials  |            | 3,928,017   |
|  |            |             |
| ENERGY: 1.4%   |            |             |
| Energy Equipment & Services: 1.4%                                  |            |             |
| Hilong Holding, Ltd.   | 14,814,000 | 2,554,135   |
| Hilolig Holding, Ltd.  | 14,014,000 | 2,554,155   |
| Total Energy   |            | 2,554,135   |
| Total Energy   |            | 2,00 1,100  |
|  |            |             |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 97.8%   |            | 176,915,548 |
| (Cost \$171,804,467°)  |            |             |
|  |            |             |

# CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 2.2%

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$180,919,991

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$172,213,696 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$19,870,867 Gross unrealized depreciation (15,169,015)

Net unrealized appreciation \$4,701,852

ADR American Depositary Receipt

REITReal Estate Investment Trust See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Beini Zhou, CFA Lead Manager

Michael B. Han, CFA

Co-Manager

**FUND FACTS** 

**Robert Harvey, CFA** 

Co-Manager

| Ticker  |
|---|
| CUSIP   |
| Inception                                       |
| NAV   |
| Initial Investment                              |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                |
| After fee waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |
| Total # of Positions                            |

Net Assets Weighted Average Market Cap

Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup> Benchmark MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index **OBJECTIVE** 

|           | T             |
|-----------|---------------|
| Investor  | Institutional |
| MAVRX     | MAVAX         |
| 577130693 | 577130685     |
| 11/30/15  | 11/30/15      |
| \$9.85    | \$9.83        |
| \$2,500   | \$3 million   |
| 36.42%    | 36.17%        |
| 1.50%     | 1.25%         |
|           |               |

42 \$1.7million \$22.4 billion 10.80%

Long term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in common stock, preferred stock and other equity securities, and convertible securities of companies located in Asia. The Fund seeks to create an investable universe of value companies that it believes trade at market values with discounts to their intrinsic value, have strong financial and market positions, have strong management and are oriented to creating value for their shareholders. Matthews assesses companies within this universe according to each of these factors.

Matthews Asia Value Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

The Matthews Asia Value Fund was launched on November 30, 2015. A full commentary for the Fund will be published after a complete quarter of performance is available.

We started to see two phenomena emerging in Asia in recent years. First, equity markets in the region have matured over the years with decelerating growth across a broad swath of industries partly driven by slowing growth in China. Such occasions may allow investors to capitalize on companies with valuation multiples that no longer reflect a high-growth stage. Second, we believe that corporate governance in Asia has generally been improving in recent years although, perhaps still not at a pace that some foreign investors would prefer. And controlling shareholders are now more willing than ever to embrace minority shareholder-friendly corporate actions such as asset disposals or share buybacks to unlock value.

Four key attributes we seek in our portfolio holdings are: quality businesses with high incremental return on capital, shareholder-friendly management, solid balance sheets with no excessive financial leverage, and a substantially undervalued share price.

As with all our funds, we consider downside risks and permanent capital impairment. We believe that buying a collection of undervalued stocks with sound balance sheets that are run by prudent capital stewards can afford us a bigger margin of safety. We appreciate your support, and look forward to adding value to the Fund and its shareholders.

#### 1 Annualized expense ratio.

2 Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 1.25% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 1.25% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 1.25%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2018, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date. 3 Not annualized. The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average

monthly market value of long-term securities.

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Institutional Class (MAVAX)

MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index<sup>4</sup>

Lipper Pacific Region Funds Category Average<sup>5</sup>

# PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 Actual 1 Month Total Return Since Inception Inception Date Investor Class (MAVRX) -1.35% 11/30/15

-1.30%

-0.42%

-0.28%

11/30/15

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.

The performance data does 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\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>        |                        |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                       | Sector                 | Country         | % of Net Assets |
| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd.             | Consumer Staples       | China/Hong Kong | 5.0%            |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Pfd.   | Information Technology | South Korea     | 4.5%            |
| Shandong Weigao Group Medical Polymer |                        |                 |                 |
| Co., Ltd.                             | Health Care            | China/Hong Kong | 3.8%            |
| CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd.           | Industrials            | China/Hong Kong | 3.5%            |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., 2nd Pfd.     | Consumer Discretionary | South Korea     | 3.0%            |
| Daqin Railway Co., Ltd.               | Industrials            | China/Hong Kong | 2.9%            |
| Qualcomm, Inc.                        | Information Technology | China/Hong Kong | 2.6%            |
| DGB Financial Group, Inc.             | Financials             | South Korea     | 2.5%            |
| Power Mate Technology Co., Ltd.       | Industrials            | Taiwan          | 2.2%            |
| Genting BHD                           | Consumer Discretionary | Malaysia        | 2.1%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                |                        |                 | 32.1%           |

6 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>     |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 26.2 |
| South Korea                             | 22.9 |
| Japan                                   | 5.1  |
| United States                           | 4.9  |
| Singapore                               | 4.4  |
| Taiwan                                  | 4.1  |
| Malaysia                                | 4.0  |
| United Kingdom                          | 1.9  |
| Israel                                  | 1.8  |
| Thailand                                | 0.9  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 23.8 |
| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)                   |      |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 17.6 |
| Information Technology                  | 16.6 |
| Industrials                             | 12.8 |
| Financials                              | 12.5 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 8.1  |
| Health Care                             | 5.6  |
| Materials                               | 3.0  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 23.8 |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 20.4 |
| Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)                 | 3.9  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B-10B)                      | 12.2 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 39.7 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 23.8 |

7 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

8 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Matthews Asia Value Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

# **COMMON EQUITIES: 66.9%**

|  | Shares       | Value            |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 26.2%                                   |              |                  |
| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd. A Shares                       | 2,600        | \$86,105         |
| Shandong Weigao Group Medical Polymer Co., Ltd. H Shares | 96,000       | 65,643           |
| CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd.                              | 4,500        | 60,488           |
| Daqin Railway Co., Ltd. A Shares                         | 38,100       | 49,796           |
| Qualcomm, Inc.   | 900          | 44,987           |
| Goldlion Holdings, Ltd.                                  | 85,000       | 34,497           |
| Clear Media, Ltd.  | 32,000       | 32,980           |
| Fairwood Holdings, Ltd.                                  | 8,000        | 25,136           |
| Greatview Aseptic Packaging Co., Ltd.                    | 45,000       | 20,345           |
| Pico Far East Holdings, Ltd.                             | 66,000       | 17,884           |
| Future Bright Holdings, Ltd.                             | 168,000      | 16,831           |
| Total China/Hong Kong                                    |              | 454,692          |
| COLUMN VODE A. 12 CM                                     |              |                  |
| SOUTH KOREA: 13.6%                                       | 5.042        | 42.052           |
| DGB Financial Group, Inc. Shinyoung Securities Co., Ltd. | 5,042<br>836 | 42,953<br>36,097 |
| Kwangju Bank <sup>b</sup>                                | 5,317        | 34,657           |
| Samyung ENC Co., Ltd.                                    | 4,616        | 32,507           |
| Kukbo Design Co., Ltd.                                   | 1,633        | 26,685           |
| Kunsul Chemical Industrial Co., Ltd.                     | 495          | 16,788           |
| Binggrae Co., Ltd.                                       | 278          | 16,766           |
| Saeron Automotive Corp.                                  | 2,227        | 16,069           |
| Hy-Lok Corp.   | 654          | 13,799           |
| Total South Korea  |              | 235,716          |
|  |              |                  |
| JAPAN: 5.1%  |              |                  |
| Broadleaf Co., Ltd.                                      | 3,000        | 29,525           |
| San-A Co., Ltd.  | 500          | 22,434           |
| Trancom Co., Ltd.  | 400          | 22,237           |
| Doshisha Co., Ltd.                                       | 700          | 14,119           |
| Total Japan  |              | 88,315           |

| VINVENDO CITA INVIG. 4 0 C                        |                |          |
|---|----------------|----------|
| UNITED STATES: 4.9%                               |                |          |
| News Corp. B Shares                               | 2,400          | 33,504   |
| Knowles Corp. <sup>b</sup>                        | 1,600          | 21,328   |
| Micron Technology, Inc. <sup>b</sup>              | 1,200          | 16,992   |
| Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.      | 300            | 13,530   |
|   |                |          |
| Total United States                               |                | 85,354   |
|   |                |          |
|   |                |          |
| SINGAPORE: 4.4%                                   |                |          |
| ARA Asset Management, Ltd.                        | 43,800         | 36,282   |
| Vicom, Ltd.                                       | 5,400          | 22,927   |
| Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc. <sup>b</sup>     | 1,400          | 16,338   |
|   |                |          |
| Total Singapore                                   |                | 75,547   |
|   |                |          |
|   |                |          |
| TAIWAN: 4.1%                                      |                |          |
| Power Mate Technology Co., Ltd.                   | 21,000         | 38,207   |
| Lumax International Corp., Ltd.                   | 13,000         | 17,163   |
| Yung Chi Paint & Varnish Manufacturing Co., Ltd.  | 7,000          | 14,977   |
|   |                |          |
| Total Taiwan                                      |                | 70,347   |
|   |                | ,        |
|   |                |          |
| MALAYSIA: 4.0%                                    |                |          |
| Genting BHD                                       | 21,600         | 36,839   |
| MPHB Capital BHD <sup>b</sup>                     | 88,500         | 32,701   |
|   |                |          |
| Total Malaysia                                    |                | 69,540   |
|   |                |          |
|   | Shares         | Value    |
| UNITED KINGDOM: 1.9%                              |                |          |
| Standard Chartered PLC                            | 4,000          | \$33,523 |
|   |                |          |
| Total United Kingdom                              |                | 33,523   |
|   |                |          |
|   |                |          |
| ISRAEL: 1.8%                                      |                | 20.212   |
| Taro Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 200            | 30,910   |
|   |                |          |
| Total Israel                                      |                | 30,910   |
|   |                |          |
|   |                |          |
| THAILAND: 0.9%                                    | <b>5</b> 4.000 | 15056    |
| Premier Marketing Public Co., Ltd.                | 54,800         | 15,956   |
|   |                | <i>-</i> |
| Total Thailand                                    |                | 15,956   |
|   |                |          |

# TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES

1,159,900

(Cost \$1,171,412)

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| SOUTH KOREA: 9.3%                   |     |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Pfd. | 84  | 77,649 |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., 2nd Pfd.   | 576 | 51,268 |
| Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Pfd.         | 505 | 31,560 |

Total South Korea 160,477

# TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES

160,477

(Cost \$165,728)

## **TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 76.2%**

1,320,377

(Cost \$1,337,140°)

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 23.8%

412,218

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$1,732,595

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$1,345,754 and net unrealized depreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$11,395 |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (36,772) |

Net unrealized depreciation (\$25,377)

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**28** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Kenneth Lowe, CFA

Lead Manager

Michael J. Oh, CFA

Co-Manager

Sharat Shroff, CFA Co-Manager

## **FUND FACTS**

| Ticker  |
|---|
| CUSIP   |
| Inception                                       |
| NAV   |
| Initial Investment                              |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |
| Total # of Positions                            |
| Net Assets                                      |

Net Assets Weighted Average Market Cap Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup> Benchmark MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index OBJECTIVE Investor Institutional **MAFSX MIFSX** 577125800 577125701 4/30/13 4/30/13 \$8.69 \$8.69 \$2,500 \$3 million 2.07% 1.91% 1.50% 1.25%

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\$11.2 million \$37.5 billion 23.60%

Long term capital appreciation.

#### **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 the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia excluding Japan, but including all other developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region. The Fund is currently expected to hold stocks of between 25 and 35 companies under normal market conditions.

Matthews Asia Focus Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Focus Fund returned 12.07% (Investor Class) and 11.96% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index, returned 8.90%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 4.79% (Investor Class) and 4.85% (Institutional Class) versus 3.87% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

2015 was a year characterized by volatility and pessimism. Emerging markets were at the forefront of this, whilst the influence of central bankers and policymakers became ever more frustrating. The year was dominated by monetary policy decisions, the continued collapse in prices across the commodity complex, an aggressive downward lurch in a number of emerging market currencies and a somewhat challenging slowdown underway in the world s second-largest economy, China. On this first point, the fourth quarter saw the first interest rate increase by the U.S. Federal Reserve in over nine years. Despite a three-month delay (due to concerns about growth overseas and sluggish domestic inflation), reasonable employment data and a need to produce some future policy firepower gave Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen the comfort to hike rates. Although arguably priced into markets, the continued capital outflow from regions including Asia still poses a threat worth monitoring.

Alongside this dollar strength, China continued its challenging transition toward a more consumer-led economy. Equity markets saw an aggressive rally during the early parts of the year, promoted by state media and fueled by retail investors and margin financing. However, like all rallies that are not based upon fundamentals, this inevitably suffered a vicious pullback and resulted in some poorly advised policy from the state. In August, the Communist Party also poorly communicated an alteration in its exchange rate mechanism, making it more driven by market moves. This resulted in a 1.9% currency devaluation relative to the U.S. dollar and is emblematic of the issues faced by the macroeconomic conundrum of the impossible trinity. \*

The above factors meant that there was little joy for Asian investors as growth and earnings expectations were continually revised down and capital outflows caused markets across the region to perform poorly. Southeast Asia was the weakest set of geographies given plunges in currencies, but North Asia fared only slightly better during a tough year for the asset class.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Although returns for the full year were disappointing, the fourth quarter did provide some relief as markets recovered slightly. The largest contributor to returns during the quarter came from our holdings in the financials sector. Although Indonesia s economy has suffered from weak leadership and the collapse in commodity prices, Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) was particularly strong as prior concerns around the extent of nonperforming loans for BRI appear to have been misplaced as the weakening in asset quality may have peaked. Management has also done a strong job in reducing funding costs to maintain margins. The Fund s largest holding, AIA Group, also delivered solid performance as underlying performance has been less hindered by the slowdown in China and FX movements across Southeast Asia than initially feared.

On an individual stock basis, Chinese search engine Baidu was the largest contributor to returns over the quarter, recovering some losses from earlier in the year. The stock reacted positively to news that management decided to sell their majority stake in online travel company Qunar to rival Ctrip.com International at

\* The Impossible Trinity also known as the Trilemma or Unholy Trinity is the hypothesis in international economics that a country may choose any two, but not all of the following three policy goals monetary independence, exchange rate stability and free movement of capital.

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1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

2 Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 1.25% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 1.25% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 1.25%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date. 3 The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

| PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015                         |          |         |                       |           |
|---|----------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|
|   |          |         | <b>Average Annual</b> |           |
|   |          |         | Total                 |           |
|   |          |         | Returns               |           |
|   |          |         | Since                 | Inception |
|   | 3 Months | 1 Year  | Inception             | Date      |
| Investor Class (MAFSX)                                      | 4.79%    | -12.07% | -4.12%                | 4/30/13   |
| Institutional Class (MIFSX)                                 | 4.85%    | -11.96% | -3.89%                | 4/30/13   |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index <sup>4</sup>                    | 3.87%    | -8.90%  | -0.89%                |           |
| Lipper Pacific ex Japan Funds Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 4.37%    | -6.61%  | -1.60%                |           |

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.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data does 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\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>     |                                   |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                    | Sector                            | Country         | % of Net Assets |
| AIA Group, Ltd.                    | Financials                        | China/Hong Kong | g 6.0%          |
| Singapore Telecommunications, Ltd. | <b>Telecommunication Services</b> | Singapore       | 4.2%            |
| Techtronic Industries Co., Ltd.    | Consumer Discretionary            | China/Hong Kong | g 4.1%          |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings, Ltd.    | Industrials                       | China/Hong Kong | g 4.1%          |

| Baidu, Inc.                             | Information Technology | China/Hong Kong | 3.8%  |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Samsonite International SA              | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 3.8%  |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., |                        |                 |       |
| Ltd.                                    | Information Technology | Taiwan          | 3.6%  |
| Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.              | Consumer Staples       | USA             | 3.4%  |
| CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd.             | Industrials            | China/Hong Kong | 3.3%  |
| Tata Motors, Ltd.                       | Consumer Discretionary | India           | 3.3%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                  |                        |                 | 39.6% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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Matthews Asia Focus Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

a premium. In the transaction, Baidu will maintain a 25% stake in the enlarged entity and end the price war between the two, restoring profitability. Further, consolidation in the online to offline market has also helped sentiment.

On a full-year basis, Hong Kong s Hutchison Whampoa, an industrial conglomerate based in the city-state, was among the few outright positive contributors to Fund performance. The firm rose as it restructured the holding company in order to simplify and realize value. Power tool and floor care appliance manufacturer, Techtronic, also performed well as the company appears to still be gaining some market share due to its impressive technology within its tools. The depreciation of the renminbi also helped the stock as it likely lowers the company s cost base and may allow further margin expansion.

During the quarter, and indeed for the full year, the largest detractors to performance came from our holdings in Thailand. Kasikornbank Public suffered as the company delivered weaker-than-expected earnings. This can be partially attributed to conservatism as management pared back loan growth amidst an environment of weakening asset quality, but it is also due to an asset impairment on IT software. More frustrating has been our holding in Intouch Holdings, the parent company of Advanced Info Services a market leader in Thai telecoms. The stock was hurt as the firm encountered disastrous auctions for additional spectrum, with a new competitor winning these at an unpalatably high bid and Advanced missing out. This will likely structurally alter the return profile for this market.

Beyond Thailand, and as we ve discussed throughout the year, the Fund s holdings in Southeast Asia have been the largest detractors to performance. This can largely be attributed to currency depreciation and overall market weakness, although certain holdings such as Indofood Sukses Makmur and Jardine Matheson struggled as they failed to deliver on earnings.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

The Fund added one new name during the quarter Korean casino Kangwon Land. The company runs the only casino that local Korean citizens can gamble in, providing it with a large and sustainable economic moat. Although restricted by the number of tables and slots that it can operate, Kangwon Land has been able to get an increase in both and this, alongside visitation increases through non-gaming activities on offer, should drive solid earnings and free cash flow growth. Further, the company maintains an incredibly strong net cash balance sheet and valuations are attractive at around 10x EV/EBITDA and a 2.8% dividend yield.

#### **Outlook:**

Looking ahead to 2016, equity markets are likely to remain volatile at best. In Europe, the deflationary challenges that are well-documented are still in place despite some further easing steps that have been taken by the European Central Bank. In the U.S., economic data has been reasonable, but it is unlikely that either geography will have strong enough aggregate demand to drive global trade volumes meaningfully higher and help Asian exports. It is also true that leverage has increased substantially throughout most of Asia and, although the currency mismatches of days gone by are no longer present to the same extent, we cannot ignore the risks involved with such change. Further, Asia s historically strong driver of sustainable economic growth productivity gains has also been sputtering, with disappointment on this front throughout much of the region, including major economies China and India despite prior high hopes.

This somewhat gloomy backdrop has manifested itself in a contraction in the return profile for many Asian businesses, leading to a market that is now expecting just 5% growth in earnings. The other side of this equation is, of course, the valuations that one pays for this growth profile. Although bulls may argue that Asia is cheap at around 11x forward P/E, those of us that are scouting for quality companies to own over the long term find that many of these businesses still trade at much higher multiples and are, in fact, still fairly expensive. Despite these issues, the Fund has managed to assemble a collection of 31 companies that are currently trading at a very healthy 13.8x forward P/E for what we believe are high caliber businesses with true economic moats that can wade through such challenging times.

Enterprise Multiple (EV/EBITDA) is a ratio used to determine the value of a company. The enterprise multiple looks at a firm as a potential acquirer would, because it takes debt into account an item which other multiples like the P/E ratio do not include.

The P/E figures represent the Weighted Harmonic Average P/E which measures the price/earnings ratio of the Fund s entire portfolio, excluding negative earners weighted by the size of the company s position within the portfolio. P/E estimates are forward looking. There is no guarantee that portfolio composition will remain unchanged or P/E estimates will be realized.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>     |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 38.0 |
| Singapore                               | 9.7  |
| Malaysia                                | 8.5  |
| United States                           | 6.4  |
| South Korea                             | 5.7  |
| Australia                               | 5.7  |
| Indonesia                               | 5.0  |
| Thailand                                | 4.2  |
| Taiwan                                  | 3.6  |
| India                                   | 3.2  |
| Japan                                   | 3.1  |
| Switzerland                             | 3.1  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.8  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)                   |      |
|---|------|
| Financials                              | 24.0 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 23.0 |
| Information Technology                  | 13.5 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 11.2 |
| Industrials                             | 10.1 |
| Telecommunication Services              | 8.6  |
| Health Care                             | 5.8  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.8  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup> |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                | 42.3 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)              | 17.6 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                   | 27.8 |

| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 8.5 |
|---|-----|
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.8 |

7 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

8 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Matthews Asia Focus Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

# **COMMON EQUITIES: 96.2%**

|  | Shares  | Value     |
|--|---------|-----------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 38.0%                   |         |           |
| AIA Group, Ltd.                          | 112,200 | \$670,404 |
| Techtronic Industries Co., Ltd.          | 113,000 | 457,452   |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings, Ltd.          | 9,400   | 455,219   |
| Baidu, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>             | 2,237   | 422,882   |
| Samsonite International SA               | 139,800 | 418,978   |
| CK Hutchison Holdings, Ltd.              | 27,228  | 365,997   |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.                        | 4,950   | 361,597   |
| HSBC Holdings PLC                        | 42,400  | 335,240   |
| VTech Holdings, Ltd.                     | 31,800  | 329,251   |
| Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                    | 76,000  | 246,462   |
| Cheung Kong Property Holdings, Ltd.      | 28,728  | 185,841   |
| Total China/Hong Kong                    |         | 4,249,323 |
| SINGAPORE: 9.7%                          |         |           |
| Singapore Telecommunications, Ltd.       | 183,000 | 471,823   |
| United Overseas Bank, Ltd.               | 22,500  | 310,203   |
| Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. | 144,500 | 305,457   |
| Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd. | 144,500 | 303,437   |
| Total Singapore                          |         | 1,087,483 |
| MALAYSIA: 8.5%                           |         |           |
| Genting Malaysia BHD                     | 333,100 | 339,342   |
| Guinness Anchor BHD                      | 100,200 | 308,375   |
| Axiata Group BHD                         | 199,100 | 296,706   |
| Total Malaysia                           |         | 944,423   |
|  |         |           |
| UNITED STATES: 6.4%                      | 4.060   | 204.220   |
| Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.               | 4,868   | 384,329   |
| ResMed, Inc.                             | 6,100   | 327,509   |
| <b>Total United States</b>               |         | 711,838   |

| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.         329         350,905           Kangwon Land, Inc.         8,811         287,577           Total South Korea         638,482           AUSTRALIA: 5.7%           Insurance Australia Group, Ltd.         78,798         316,453           Ansell, Ltd.         20,326         314,995           Total Australia         631,448           INDONESIA: 5.0%           PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero         421,400         345,843           PT Indofood Sukses Makmur         578,400         215,292           Total Indonesia         561,135           THAILAND: 4.2%           Kasikornbank Public Co., Ltd.         65,500         271,848           Intouch Holdings Public Co., Ltd. NVDR         133,900         192,845           Total Thailand         464,693           Total Taiwan         405,539           Total Taiwan         50,471         \$363,328  | SOUTH KOREA: 5.7%           |         |           |
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| JAPAN: 3.1%  | Total India                 |         | 363,328   |
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|  | JAPAN: 3.1%                 |         |           |
| Japan Tobacco, Inc. 9,500 348,781  |                             | 9,500   | 348,781   |
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Total Switzerland 343,049

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 96.2%** 

10,749,522

(Cost \$12,210,811c)

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 3.8%

425,326

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$11,174,848

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$12,283,228 and net unrealized depreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$361,319
Gross unrealized depreciation (1,895,025)

Net unrealized depreciation (\$1,533,706)

ADR American Depositary Receipt

**BHDBerhad** 

NVDR Non-voting Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**32** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Taizo Ishida Lead Manager Sharat Shroff, CFA Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|                                  | Investor  | Institutional   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ticker                           | MPACX     | MIAPX           |
| CUSIP                            | 577130867 | 577130776       |
| Inception                        | 10/31/03  | 10/29/10        |
| NAV                              | \$21.09   | \$21.24         |
| Initial Investment               | \$2,500   | \$3 million     |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup> | 1.11%     | 0.91%           |
| Portfolio Statistics             |           |                 |
| Total # of Positions             |           | 57              |
| Net Assets                       |           | \$776.9 million |
| Weighted Average Market Cap      |           | \$18.8 billion  |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>  |           | 29.51%          |
| Benchmark                        |           |                 |
| MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index       |           |                 |

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia. Asia consists of all countries and markets in Asia, and includes developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region. The Fund may also invest in the convertible securities, of any duration or quality, of Asian companies.

Matthews Asia Growth Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Growth Fund returned 0.05% (Investor Class) and 0.24% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index, returned 1.68%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 11.35% (Investor Class) and 11.50% (Institutional Class) versus 6.99% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

From the beginning of the fourth quarter, Asia s stock markets produced some positive returns with good macroeconomic data coming out of China, and with expectations over an early U.S. Federal Reserve rate hike having subsided. These factors relieved some concerns over global emerging markets. Indonesia, one of the hardest-hit markets, recovered strongly in October due in part to an improved perception of President Joko Jokowi Widodo s administration. The president had struggled in his first year in office. The Indonesian rupiah also rallied 6.3% during the period. This strong market rally was not limited to emerging Asia. We also saw developed areas of Asia, such as Japan and Australia, do well.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

In the fourth quarter, the top contributors to Fund performance were a mix of year-long laggards Chinese e-commerce firms Baidu and Alibaba and in Indonesia, Bank Rakyat (Indonesian Bank) and Ace Hardware alongside firms that performed solidly throughout 2015, such as Japanese medical device maker Sysmex.

Among the top detractors to Fund performance were some of our Indian holdings, including two major generic drug makers Sun Pharmaceutical Industries and Lupin. Both firms suffered after falling short of earnings expectations. They stumbled as a result of a deterioration in the U.S. market, the largest source of income for both companies. Another Indian holding, beauty and health care product maker Emami, also suffered a setback in the fourth quarter due to a slowdown in sales and rising operating cost. However, the firm benefited Fund performance for the one-year period.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

We initiated a position in Square Pharmaceuticals, Bangladesh s largest pharmaceutical company, in the fourth quarter. In terms of growth and profitability, we believe the company is among the best drug companies in Asia with very reasonable valuations. Another notable portfolio change late in the year was our decision to exit Sands China, a developer and operator of resorts and casinos in Macau, which had been a portfolio holding since 2010. We had patiently awaited a turnaround in Macau as we expect it to transform from a market driven by VIP gamblers to one more driven by mass market tourists. While we do believe this is occurring and will continue to occur, the transition has been rocky in part due to mainland China s swift and sudden anticorruption measures. Ultimately, we decided to exit the position to deploy funds for better opportunities elsewhere.

#### **Outlook:**

The negative macroeconomic forces held over from 2015 a strong U.S. dollar, weak commodity prices, slow global economy and rising debt appear likely to continue into 2016. A silver lining could be cheap oil prices, which may continue to support trade balance for most Asian countries. Lower commodity and food prices should keep inflation low, while GDP could still rise in developing parts of Asia. Japan is still struggling to shed its decades-long deflation, yet the tight labor market with improved corporate profits is likely to push up wages and private capital spending. In the absence of strong growth anywhere, the focus once again

(continued)

1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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# PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|   | Average Annual Total Returns |        |         |         |          |              |           |
|---|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|   |                              |        |         |         |          | Since        | Inception |
|   | 3 Months                     | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MPACX)                  | 11.35%                       | -0.05% | 6.58%   | 4.42%   | 6.48%    | 8.87%        | 10/31/03  |
| Institutional Class (MIAPX)             | 11.50%                       | 0.24%  | 6.81%   | 4.62%   | n.a.     | 5.01%        | 10/29/10  |
| MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index <sup>3</sup> | 6.99%                        | -1.68% | 3.42%   | 1.96%   | 3.37%    | 6.44%4       |           |
| Lipper Pacific Region Funds             |                              |        |         |         |          |              |           |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup>           | 5.29%                        | -3.12% | 1.96%   | 2.37%   | 3.88%    | $6.67\%^{4}$ |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 10/31/03.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup> |                        |         |                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                                | Sector                 | Country | % of Net Assets |
| Sysmex Corp.                   | Health Care            | Japan   | 4.5%            |
| Omron Corp.                    | Information Technology | Japan   | 3.5%            |

| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, Ltd. | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 3.5%  |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Baidu, Inc.                                 | Information Technology | China/Hong Kong | 3.4%  |
| PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero            | Financials             | Indonesia       | 3.3%  |
| Emami, Ltd.                                 | Consumer Staples       | India           | 3.0%  |
| Kakaku.com, Inc.                            | Information Technology | Japan           | 3.0%  |
| ORIX Corp.                                  | Financials             | Japan           | 2.7%  |
| M3, Inc.                                    | Health Care            | Japan           | 2.6%  |
| Daikin Industries, Ltd.                     | Industrials            | Japan           | 2.6%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                      |                        |                 | 32.1% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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## Matthews Asia Growth Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

should be strictly on company fundamentals. One major trend we are seeing today on both factory floors and in the service industry is a move toward automation, which provides us with a good place to look for new growth areas for this strategy.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>   |      |
|---|------|
| Japan                                   | 45.8 |
| China/Hong Kong                         | 11.4 |
| India                                   | 11.2 |
| Indonesia                               | 9.6  |
| Philippines                             | 5.2  |
| Australia                               | 3.6  |
| Sri Lanka                               | 2.8  |
| Vietnam                                 | 1.6  |
| Taiwan                                  | 1.5  |
| Thailand                                | 1.5  |
| South Korea                             | 1.2  |
| Pakistan                                | 1.0  |
| Malaysia                                | 1.0  |
| Bangladesh                              | 0.5  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.1  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)8                  |      |
|---|------|
| Consumer Staples                        | 20.3 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 18.0 |
| Health Care                             | 15.6 |
| Financials                              | 14.4 |
| Information Technology                  | 13.7 |
| Industrials                             | 12.1 |
| Materials                               | 2.2  |
| Energy                                  | 1.6  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.1  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup> |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                | 16.7 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)              | 25.0 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                   | 30.7 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)               | 25.5 |

# Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities

2.1

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- 7 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.
- 8 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Matthews Asia Growth Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

# **COMMON EQUITIES: 97.9%**

|   | Shares    | Value        |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| JAPAN: 45.8%  |           |              |
| Sysmex Corp.  | 549,900   | \$35,273,163 |
| Omron Corp.   | 824,800   | 27,504,534   |
| Kakaku.com, Inc.  | 1,183,400 | 23,277,009   |
| ORIX Corp.  | 1,497,500 | 21,007,625   |
| M3, Inc.  | 966,900   | 20,047,883   |
| Daikin Industries, Ltd.   | 274,000   | 19,953,141   |
| Toyota Motor Corp.  | 302,900   | 18,652,285   |
| Nitto Denko Corp.   | 233,500   | 17,046,827   |
| Nidec Corp.   | 218,800   | 15,866,499   |
| Seven & I Holdings Co., Ltd.  | 340,800   | 15,603,378   |
| Komatsu, Ltd.   | 925,100   | 15,136,904   |
| Glory, Ltd.   | 480,100   | 14,739,886   |
| Pigeon Corp.  | 503,400   | 12,212,530   |
| COOKPAD, Inc.   | 570,600   | 12,112,926   |
| Rinnai Corp.  | 132,100   | 11,704,521   |
| Start Today Co., Ltd.   | 358,300   | 11,534,113   |
| Ariake Japan Co., Ltd.  | 201,700   | 11,158,782   |
| Calbee, Inc.  | 263,500   | 11,127,354   |
| Benefit One, Inc.   | 433,800   | 10,141,703   |
| FANUC Corp.   | 53,000    | 9,131,363    |
| Unicharm Corp.  | 384,800   | 7,858,260    |
| Daiken Medical Co., Ltd.  | 911,500   | 7,764,108    |
| Dexerials Corp.   | 631,700   | 6,766,712    |
| Total Japan   |           | 355,621,506  |
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 11.4%  |           |              |
| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, Ltd.                           | 4,792,000 | 27,461,901   |
| Baidu, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>  | 139,000   | 26,276,560   |
| China Lodging Group, Ltd. ADS   | 366,800   | 11,466,168   |
| Luk Fook Holdings International, Ltd.                                 | 3,713,000 | 7,842,876    |
| Autohome, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                                       | 202,400   | 7,067,808    |
| Shanghai Haohai Biological Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup> | 734,500   | 4,811,513    |
| Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                          | 45,100    | 3,665,277    |
| Though troubing, Didn't Dit   | 12,130    | 2,002,277    |

88,592,103

**Total China/Hong Kong** 

| 0 0                                     |             | , ,          |
|---|-------------|--------------|
|   |             |              |
| INDIA: 11,2%                            |             |              |
|   | 1 551 001   | 22 266 154   |
| Emami, Ltd.                             | 1,551,001   | 23,366,154   |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                         | 1,102,893   | 18,013,151   |
| Lupin, Ltd.                             | 635,783     | 17,590,774   |
| ITC, Ltd.                               | 2,970,516   | 14,688,662   |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.     | 666,500     | 8,244,756    |
| Multi Commodity Exchange of India, Ltd. | 342,565     | 4,775,030    |
| W 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |             | 06 650 535   |
| Total India                             |             | 86,678,527   |
|   |             |              |
| INDONECIA O CO                          |             |              |
| INDONESIA: 9.6%                         | 21 252 000  | 05 720 150   |
| PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero        | 31,353,900  | 25,732,158   |
| PT Astra International                  | 43,107,700  | 18,568,752   |
| PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur           | 14,320,100  | 13,853,380   |
| PT Ace Hardware Indonesia               | 194,172,500 | 11,548,629   |
| PT Arwana Citramulia                    | 145,017,700 | 5,229,812    |
|   |             |              |
| Total Indonesia                         |             | 74,932,731   |
|   |             |              |
|   |             |              |
|   | Shares      | Value        |
| PHILIPPINES: 5.2%                       |             |              |
| Vista Land & Lifescapes, Inc.           | 117,224,100 | \$12,870,202 |
| Universal Robina Corp.                  | 2,873,600   | 11,339,325   |
| Jollibee Foods Corp.                    | 2,007,890   | 9,321,019    |
| Emperador, Inc.                         | 37,942,500  | 7,216,775    |
|   |             |              |
| Total Philippines                       |             | 40,747,321   |
|   |             |              |
|   |             |              |
| AUSTRALIA: 3.6%                         |             |              |
| CSL, Ltd.                               | 203,098     | 15,484,087   |
| Oil Search, Ltd.                        | 2,632,693   | 12,814,215   |
|   |             |              |
| Total Australia                         |             | 28,298,302   |
|   |             |              |
|   |             |              |
| SRI LANKA: 2.8%                         |             |              |
| Sampath Bank PLC                        | 7,897,235   | 13,577,222   |
| Lanka Orix Leasing Co. PLCb             | 12,121,473  | 7,898,915    |
|   |             |              |
| Total Sri Lanka                         |             | 21,476,137   |
|   |             |              |
|   |             |              |
| VIETNAM: 1.6%                           |             |              |
| Vietnam Dairy Products JSC              | 2,164,300   | 12,303,603   |
|   |             |              |

| Total Vietnam                                      |            | 12,303,603             |
|--|------------|------------------------|
| Tha Kari a Ni. 1 E Gi                              |            |                        |
| TAIWAN: 1.5%                                       | 412,000    | 9 245 960              |
| St. Shine Optical Co., Ltd. Sinmag Equipment Corp. | 1,220,674  | 8,245,860<br>3,850,265 |
| Silling Equipment Corp.                            | 1,220,074  | 3,830,203              |
| Total Taiwan                                       |            | 12,096,125             |
| THAILAND: 1.5%                                     |            |                        |
| Major Cineplex Group Public Co., Ltd.              | 11,921,000 | 11,641,461             |
| J 1 1  | , ,        | , ,                    |
| Total Thailand                                     |            | 11,641,461             |
| SOUTH KOREA: 1.2%                                  |            |                        |
| Orion Corp.  | 9,402      | 9,286,943              |
| 1  | ,          | ,                      |
| Total South Korea                                  |            | 9,286,943              |
| PAKISTAN: 1.0%                                     |            |                        |
| Habib Bank, Ltd.                                   | 4,001,000  | 7,644,819              |
|  |            |                        |
| Total Pakistan                                     |            | 7,644,819              |
|  |            |                        |
| MALAYSIA: 1.0%                                     |            |                        |
|  | 21 204 100 | 7 605 522              |
| 7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings BHD                     | 21,204,100 | 7,605,523              |
| Total Malaysia                                     |            | 7,605,523              |
| 1 our Muny Su                                      |            | 7,000,020              |
|  |            |                        |
| BANGLADESH: 0.5%                                   |            |                        |
| Square Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.                       | 1,200,000  | 3,879,776              |
| Total Bangladesh                                   |            | 3,879,776              |
| Total Dangiaucsii                                  |            | 3,073,770              |
|  |            |                        |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 97.9%                           |            | 760,804,877            |
| (Cost \$625,650,734°)                              |            |                        |
|  |            |                        |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,                             |            |                        |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 2.1%                             |            | 16,050,886             |
|  |            |                        |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                                 |            | \$776 QEE 760          |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                                 |            | \$776,855,763          |

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- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$631,416,920 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$184,661,011
Gross unrealized depreciation (55,273,054)

Net unrealized appreciation \$129,387,957

ADR American Depositary Receipt

ADS American Depositary Share

**BHDBerhad** 

JSC Joint Stock Co.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

**Sharat Shroff, CFA** 

Lead Manager

Rahul Gupta

Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

| TUNDTACIS                                       |           |                |
|---|-----------|----------------|
|   | Investor  | Institutional  |
| Ticker  | MAPTX     | MIPTX          |
| CUSIP   | 577130107 | 577130834      |
| Inception                                       | 9/12/94   | 10/29/10       |
| NAV   | \$23.54   | \$23.52        |
| Initial Investment                              | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                | 1.09%     | 0.91%          |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> | 1.07%     | 0.89%          |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |           |                |
| Total # of Positions                            |           | 62             |
| Net Assets                                      |           | \$6.7 billion  |
| Weighted Average Market Cap                     |           | \$30.6 billion |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>3</sup>                 |           | 12.56%         |
| Benchmark                                       |           |                |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index                     |           |                |

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia ex Japan, which consists of all countries and markets in Asia excluding Japan, but including all other developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region.

Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund returned 1.30% (Investor Class) and 1.15% (Institutional Class), outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index, which returned 8.90%. For the fourth quarter of the year, performance rose 8.36% (Investor Class) and 8.39% (Institutional Class) versus 3.87% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

The weak Asian equity performance in 2015 reflected growing investor concerns over leverage in the region, weak outlook for growth and the status of structural reforms by policymakers aiming to boost productivity. China continued to be the poster child for high levels of leverage credit as a proportion of its economy has continued to increase, and while the pace of new loans is decelerating, it isn t decelerating quickly enough. The decision by the People s Bank of China (PBOC) to change the mechanism for setting the exchange rate for the renminbi ignited concerns over a widespread devaluation of other Asian currencies, and the resulting negative impact on the ability of corporations to meet their foreign currency liabilities.

As a consequence, the currencies of Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand depreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar. While Malaysia and Thailand face the brunt of slowing growth and high leverage, the Indonesian economy s reliance on the U.S. dollar has not decreased in the past few years. And with slowing commodity exports, investors have raised concerns about the funding of its current account deficit.

Among the few Asian markets to finish the year on a positive note was Vietnam, led by an improving growth outlook, and efforts at structural reforms like privatizing some of the state owned enterprises (SOE).

Amid significant macro-induced volatility, the outcome of stocks seemed to be guided by fundamental factors. The returns on equity for the health care sector expanded and hence it saw some of the best-performing stocks in the region while energy-related stocks were among the worst performing.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Perhaps the most notable aspect of the operating performance of Asian companies in 2015 was the growing divergence in economic fortunes of companies across different countries and sectors even between companies operating in the same country and sector. The Chinese consumption story continues to get better as it is starting to broaden out from the eastern seaboard to interior parts of the country, helped by sustained increases in income and better availability of goods through e-commerce. Some of the portfolio s holdings, like South Korean cosmetics maker Amorepacific and confectionery maker Orion, are well-positioned to participate in this trend, and were among important contributors to Fund performance.

The portfolio also benefited from a trend of privatizations affecting holdings like Keppel Land and WuXi PharmaTech, which perhaps reflects the view that the market was not appropriately valuing these businesses.

By far, the biggest drag on Fund performance came from our utilities holdings in India and Indonesia. These firms were relatively more exposed to the drop in oil prices, and the uncertainty stemming from the regulatory tariff on natural gas.

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1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

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Matthews has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee and administrative and shareholder services fee if the Fund s average daily net assets are over \$3 billion, as follows: for every \$2.5 billion average daily net assets of the Fund that are over \$3 billion, the advisory fee rate and the administrative and shareholder services fee rate for the Fund with respect to such excess average daily net assets will be each reduced by 0.01%, in each case without reducing such fee rate below 0.00%. Any amount waived by Matthews pursuant to this agreement may not be recouped by Matthews. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time (i) by the Trust on behalf of the Fund or by the Board of Trustees upon 60 days prior written notice to Matthews; or (ii) by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice to the Trust, in each case without payment of any penalty.

3The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|  |          |        | Ave     | rage Annu | al Total Re | turns        |           |
|--|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
|  |          |        |         |           |             | Since        | Inception |
|  | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years   | 10 Years    | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MAPTX)                   | 8.36%    | -1.30% | 4.57%   | 4.15%     | 9.19%       | 8.52%        | 9/12/94   |
| Institutional Class (MIPTX)              | 8.39%    | -1.15% | 4.74%   | 4.33%     | n.a.        | 4.32%        | 10/29/10  |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index <sup>4</sup> | 3.87%    | -8.90% | -0.35%  | 0.14%     | 6.46%       | $3.50\%^{5}$ |           |
| Lipper Pacific ex Japan Funds            |          |        |         |           |             |              |           |
| Category Average <sup>6</sup>            | 4.37%    | -6.61% | -0.13%  | 0.80%     | 6.06%       | 5.54%5       |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 Calculated from 8/31/94.
- 6 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>7</sup> |                        |             |                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                                | Sector                 | Country     | % of Net Assets |
| Naver Corp.                    | Information Technology | South Korea | 3.5%            |

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| Baidu, Inc.                                | Information Technology | China/Hong Kong | 3.1%  |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Orion Corp.                                | Consumer Staples       | South Korea     | 3.0%  |
| Dongbu Insurance Co., Ltd.                 | Financials             | South Korea     | 2.9%  |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.                  | Financials             | India           | 2.7%  |
| DKSH Holding, Ltd.                         | Industrials            | Switzerland     | 2.6%  |
| Central Pattana Public Co., Ltd.           | Financials             | Thailand        | 2.6%  |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China, Ltd. | Financials             | China/Hong Kong | 2.5%  |
| Tata Power Co., Ltd.                       | Utilities              | India           | 2.5%  |
| Amorepacific Corp.                         | Consumer Staples       | South Korea     | 2.4%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                     |                        |                 | 27.8% |

<sup>7</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%)8,9               |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 32.2 |
| India                                   | 19.8 |
| South Korea                             | 17.0 |
| Indonesia                               | 6.4  |
| Taiwan                                  | 5.8  |
| Thailand                                | 5.1  |
| Malaysia                                | 3.6  |
| Philippines                             | 2.8  |
| Switzerland                             | 2.6  |
| Vietnam                                 | 2.4  |
| United States                           | 1.2  |
| Singapore                               | 0.3  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 0.8  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>9</sup>      |      |
|---|------|
| Financials                              | 27.5 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 20.4 |
| Information Technology                  | 18.4 |
| Health Care                             | 8.5  |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 8.3  |
| Utilities                               | 5.5  |
| Industrials                             | 5.3  |
| Telecommunication Services              | 3.6  |
| Materials                               | 1.7  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 0.8  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)9                |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 25.5 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 31.3 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 33.5 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 8.9  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 0.8  |

<sup>8</sup> Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

<sup>9</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund

### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

The activity levels in the portfolio were a bit elevated in 2015, led by shareholder redemptions. In order to meet these redemptions, securities that had been long held in the portfolio had to be sold, generating distributions that are higher than is typical for the Fund. There were a few positions that were eliminated during the quarter for a variety of reasons. Some of the activity was dictated by privatizations, however in other cases, like that of Dongfeng Motors, we exited the holding in order to replace it with automotive glass supplier Fuyao Glass, which in our view has an opportunity to claim significant market share, both domestically and globally. In a similar vein, we decided to replace South Korea health care firm Yuhan with Tasly Pharmaceuticals, a firm that is trying to introduce traditional Chinese medicine in more contemporary forms to domestic and international markets.

Last year also marked a foray into A-share investment for the portfolio. While we acknowledge the higher volatility and uneven liquidity in the market, the range of businesses, especially in sectors like consumer services and health care, is much more. We anticipate that the portfolio s exposure to A-shares is likely to be modest, and should be looked at as another means of accessing services-led growth in China.

### **Outlook:**

The macro headwinds for Asian economies, especially for investment spending, have not yet begun to abate. Partly, this is reflective of weak global demand, which may not return in a hurry due to long-term structural changes in the global economy. Furthermore, the biggest economy in the region, China, is undoubtedly slowing. But the nature of that growth is also shifting as there is an attempt by the authorities to facilitate better allocation of capital, which will require a willingness by the authorities to further liberate its financial markets. After deregulation of land and labor, this is perhaps the final and most difficult frontier for the authorities in China. For all its gaffes, the PBOC has fully liberalized interest rates, and has also abandoned the U.S. dollar peg in favor of a more flexible trade-weighted basket. Even with good intentions, the country is bound to face considerable risks in managing the transition to free and open markets, which are further exacerbated by the poor communication from the Chinese regulators.

While the macro picture in China may remain unclear, our interaction with businesses in China causes us to be more optimistic. It has become ever more noticeable that the progressive management teams are starting to think about factors like management incentive plans, quality of products, branding, environmental safety and rising competition all ingredients for building better service-oriented franchises. Unlike in the past, there is much more of a multidisciplinary approach to building stronger businesses that are exactly the sort of changes that we like to see.

Meanwhile in the rest of the region, several of the regulators and policymakers especially in countries like India and Indonesia have been trying to build the right kind of institutions and policy frameworks. Efforts to curb inflation at the expense of growth, for example, were much-desired and have achieved the right kind of results. Much more needs to be done, however. At current valuations, investors do not seem to be expecting a sharp recovery in growth or a huge upside from policymaking.

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Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

**COMMON EQUITIES: 99.2%** 

|  | Shares      | Value         |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 32.2%                                     |             |               |
| Baidu, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                               | 1,081,800   | \$204,503,472 |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China, Ltd. H Shares        | 30,743,000  | 169,538,574   |
| Hengan International Group Co., Ltd.                       | 16,483,500  | 154,749,309   |
| Sinopharm Group Co., Ltd. H Shares                         | 36,984,400  | 147,650,035   |
| Lenovo Group, Ltd.   | 138,394,000 | 139,666,324   |
| China Resources Land, Ltd.                                 | 47,814,000  | 138,359,478   |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR                                     | 2,215,026   | 124,772,414   |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.                                     | 5,886,500   | 115,257,589   |
| AIA Group, Ltd.  | 18,640,800  | 111,380,332   |
| Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>               | 1,291,700   | 104,976,459   |
| Dairy Farm International Holdings, Ltd.                    | 15,954,946  | 96,800,620    |
| China Resources Beer Holdings Co., Ltd.                    | 43,802,000  | 93,459,685    |
| Yum! Brands, Inc.  | 1,174,410   | 85,790,651    |
| China Vanke Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>c</sup>                | 28,247,704  | 82,848,600    |
| Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup> | 31,836,000  | 76,461,314    |
| Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd. A Shares    | 28,190,596  | 70,300,362    |
| Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                                      | 21,553,000  | 69,894,596    |
| Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, Ltd.                     | 2,603,000   | 66,310,879    |
| Swire Pacific, Ltd. A Share Class                          | 4,513,000   | 50,410,760    |
| Tasly Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd. A Shares              | 8,120,247   | 50,406,148    |
| Total China/Hong Kong                                      |             | 2,153,537,601 |

| INDIA: 19.8%                            |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.               | 16,873,409  | 182,763,452 |
| Tata Power Co., Ltd.                    | 165,620,436 | 169,173,116 |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.     | 12,078,258  | 149,410,790 |
| Titan Co., Ltd.                         | 24,797,915  | 129,646,093 |
| GAIL India, Ltd.                        | 22,282,108  | 125,991,021 |
| Container Corp. of India, Ltd.          | 5,471,996   | 108,455,075 |
| Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd. | 5,435,685   | 103,385,866 |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                         | 6,223,409   | 101,644,678 |
| ITC, Ltd.                               | 18,735,000  | 92,641,170  |
| Dabur India, Ltd.                       | 21,117,482  | 88,233,214  |
| Thermax, Ltd.                           | 5,310,034   | 72,636,281  |

| Total India                             |             | 1,323,980,756 |
|---|-------------|---------------|
|   |             |               |
| SOUTH KOREA: 17.0%                      |             |               |
| Naver Corp.                             | 417,316     | 232,711,838   |
| Orion Corp.                             | 203,080     | 200,594,798   |
| Dongbu Insurance Co., Ltd.              | 3,249,119   | 194,399,593   |
| Amorepacific Corp.                      | 463,182     | 162,543,169   |
| Green Cross Corp.                       | 846,872     | 131,010,777   |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.           | 101,105     | 107,836,802   |
| Cheil Worldwide, Inc.b                  | 6,154,297   | 107,636,527   |
| Total South Korea                       |             | 1,136,733,504 |
|   | Shares      | Value         |
| INDONESIA: 6.4%                         |             |               |
| PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur           | 106,261,300 | \$102,798,035 |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero     | 446,304,300 | 99,961,977    |
| PT Bank Central Asia                    | 100,580,000 | 96,363,608    |
| PT Astra International                  | 132,745,900 | 57,180,636    |
| PT Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero        | 274,985,100 | 54,217,343    |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR | 364,070     | 16,164,708    |
| Total Indonesia                         |             | 426,686,307   |
| TAIWAN: 5.8%                            |             |               |
| Delta Electronics, Inc.                 | 31,251,182  | 146,992,518   |
| President Chain Store Corp.             | 22,836,608  | 142,528,329   |
| Synnex Technology International Corp.   | 98,191,354  | 95,267,555    |
| Total Taiwan                            |             | 384,788,402   |
| THAILAND: 5.1%                          |             |               |
| Central Pattana Public Co., Ltd.        | 131,488,800 | 170,851,051   |
| The Siam Cement Public Co., Ltd.        | 8,872,950   | 112,906,200   |
| Kasikornbank Public Co., Ltd.           | 10,015,900  | 41,569,495    |
| Kasikornbank Public Co., Ltd. NVDR      | 3,561,800   | 14,782,718    |
|   | 3,301,600   | 14,762,716    |
| Total Thailand                          |             | 340,109,464   |
| MALAYSIA: 3.6%                          |             |               |
| Genting BHD                             | 54,370,200  | 92,729,209    |
| IHH Healthcare BHD                      | 47,676,300  | 73,066,276    |
| Public Bank BHD                         | 12,771,594  | 55,030,456    |
| IHH Healthcare BHD                      | 11,543,000  | 17,119,436    |

| Total Malaysia                                |             | 237,945,377 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| PHILIPPINES: 2.8%                             |             |             |
| GT Capital Holdings, Inc.                     | 3,897,540   | 109,191,837 |
| SM Prime Holdings, Inc.                       | 176,670,771 | 81,244,034  |
| 2   |             | -,,,,,,,    |
| <b>Total Philippines</b>                      |             | 190,435,871 |
|   |             |             |
| SWITZERLAND: 2.6%                             |             |             |
| DKSH Holding, Ltd.                            | 2,738,062   | 172,209,114 |
| Total Switzerland                             |             | 172,209,114 |
|   |             |             |
| VIETNAM: 2.4%                                 |             |             |
| Vietnam Dairy Products JSC                    | 28,359,837  | 161,219,878 |
| Total Vietnam                                 |             | 161,219,878 |
|   |             |             |
| UNITED STATES: 1.2%                           |             |             |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. Class Ab | 1,382,600   | 82,983,652  |
| <b>Total United States</b>                    |             | 82,983,652  |
|   |             |             |
| SINGAPORE: 0.3%                               |             |             |
| Hyflux, Ltd.                                  | 43,084,530  | 17,101,875  |

(Cost \$5,207,648,607)

TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES

**Total Singapore** 

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17,101,875

6,627,731,801

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**WARRANTS: 0.0%** 

|                                      | Shares     | Value           |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| MALAYSIA: 0.0%                       |            |                 |
| Genting BHD, expires 12/18/18        | 12,253,875 | \$2,425,945     |
| Total Malaysia                       |            | 2,425,945       |
| TOTAL WARRANTS                       |            | 2,425,945       |
| (Cost \$5,593,674)                   |            |                 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.2%             |            | 6,630,157,746   |
| (Cost \$5,213,242,281 <sup>d</sup> ) |            |                 |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,               |            |                 |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 0.8%               |            | 55,257,608      |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                   |            | \$6,685,415,354 |

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Illiquid security, trading was halted at December 31, 2015.
- d Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$5,215,373,095 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation | \$1,946,904,242<br>(532,119,591) |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation                                 | \$1,414,784,651                  |

Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)

ADR American Depositary Receipt

**BHDBerhad** 

JSCJoint Stock Co.

NVDR Non-voting Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Vivek Tanneeru Lead Manager Winnie Chwang Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|   | Investor  | Institutional  |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Ticker  | MASGX     | MISFX          |
| CUSIP   | 577130727 | 577130719      |
| Inception                                       | 4/30/15   | 4/30/15        |
| NAV   | \$9.23    | \$9.17         |
| Initial Investment                              | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                | 9.09%     | 8.90%          |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> | 1.44%     | 1.25%          |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |           |                |
| Total # of Positions                            |           | 54             |
| Net Assets                                      |           | \$4.9 million  |
| Weighted Average Market Cap                     |           | \$12.7 billion |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>3</sup>                 |           | 21.72%         |
| Benchmark                                       |           |                |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index                     |           |                |

Long term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

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 the common and preferred stocks of companies of any market capitalization located in Asia that Matthews believes satisfy one or more of its environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. Asia consists of all countries and markets in Asia and includes developed, emerging, and frontier countries and markets in the Asia region. The Fund may also invest in convertible securities and fixed-income securities, of any duration or quality, including high yield securities of Asian companies.

#### Matthews Asia ESG Fund

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

The Matthews Asia ESG Fund was launched on April 30, 2015. From inception to December 31, 2015, the Fund returned 7.30% (Investor Class) and 7.14% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index, returned 19.02%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 4.63% (Investor Class) and 4.69% (Institutional Class) versus 3.87% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

Asia s markets bounced sharply off the lows of the third quarter and posted positive returns in October, but ultimately treaded water for the remainder of 2015. Indonesia s rupiah was the best-performing currency in the region in the fourth quarter, recouping some of the losses from earlier quarters in the year. Malaysia s ringgit also recouped some of the losses toward the end of the year, but lost 17% since the Fund s April inception, making it the worst-performing currency in Asia.

Both offshore and onshore renminbi were the worst-performing currencies during the fourth quarter in part due to renewed worries about the state of the Chinese economy and potential capital outflows. Market reaction was exacerbated by the inability of China s central bank to effectively communicate its policy shift of measuring renminbi (RMB) against a trade-weighted currency basket of 13 currencies, and not solely against the U.S. dollar as has historically been done.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

By country, China/Hong Kong was the biggest contributor to Fund performance during the fourth quarter while Thailand detracted most. Total Access Communication, which provides cellular mobile telephone services, was the biggest detractor during the quarter as an auction for cellular spectrum in December saw the entrance of a fourth player into the Thai telecom market. Industry dynamics have clearly deteriorated considering the increased competitive intensity along with the recapitalization of the industry s number three player. The firm, commonly known as DTAC, has enough wireless spectrum to compete effectively for the next two years until its next spectrum renewal deadline. We believe current valuations more than adequately reflect this risk.

Korean company Hanon Systems was the biggest contributor to performance in the fourth quarter. The firm is the world s third-largest climate control system company. In addition, the company has a fast-growing thermal management systems business, which addresses the growing need for increased vehicle fuel efficiency. In 2015, the company underwent a change in majority ownership, and its new private equity owner created a well-incentivized new management team with a strong focus on cost control that has potential upside for margins and dividend payout ratios.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

The Fund initiated a position in Phison Electronics, a Taiwanese fabless technology company that specializes in designing memory controllers. The company is benefiting from the trend of increased controller outsourcing from memory companies. The company is a strong cash flow generator with solid return metrics and offers a good

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1 Annualized expense ratios.

- 2 Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 1.25%, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 1.25% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 1.25%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees or the Trust on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date.
- 3 Not annualized. The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015                |          |           |           |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Actual   | Returns,  |           |
|  | Not Ar   | ınualized |           |
|  |          | Since     |           |
|  |          |           | Inception |
|  | 3 Months | Inception | Date      |
| Investor Class (MASGX)                             | 4.63%    | -7.30%    | 4/30/15   |
| Institutional Class (MISFX)                        | 4.69%    | -7.14%    | 4/30/15   |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index <sup>4</sup>           | 3.87%    | -19.02%   |           |
| Lipper Pacific Funds Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 5.29%    | -17.22%   |           |

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

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| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>                      | Sector                     | Country         | % of Net Assets |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Access Communication Public Co.,<br>Ltd. NVDR | Telecommunication Services | Thailand        | 4.2%            |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.,             | Telecommunication services | Tituituitu      | 1.270           |
| Ltd.  | Information Technology     | Taiwan          | 3.9%            |
| Sino Biopharmaceutical, Ltd.                        | Health Care                | China/Hong Kong | 3.2%            |

| Bharti Infratel, Ltd.                     | Telecommunication Services | India           | 3.2%  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| JD.com, Inc.                              | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 3.1%  |
| Bata India, Ltd.                          | Consumer Discretionary     | India           | 3.1%  |
| Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., |                            |                 |       |
| Ltd.                                      | Consumer Staples           | China/Hong Kong | 3.1%  |
| MTR Corp., Ltd.                           | Industrials                | China/Hong Kong | 3.1%  |
| CSPC Pharmaceutical Group, Ltd.           | Health Care                | China/Hong Kong | 2.8%  |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc.                 | Consumer Staples           | Philippines     | 2.7%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                    |                            |                 | 32.4% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

dividend yield. After a sell-off that came in the third quarter, the stock was attractively valued. Phison has improving ESG performance, driven by better human capital management, and is also improving its environmental and social disclosures.

The Fund exited two small positions during the fourth quarter. The first was Bumrungrad Hospital in Thailand, which grew expensive after a very good run. We also exited Sensata Technologies, a sensor company with strong exposure to increasing sensor content in diesel engines. Our expectations for the firm s business outlook deteriorated after an emissions scandal involving Volkswagen Group.

#### **Outlook:**

Looking ahead, market volatility may continue amid an uncertain macroeconomic environment in China and the potential for sustained U.S. Federal Reserve rate hikes. But Asian consumers are increasingly focusing on products and services that have a positive environmental and social impact, while Asian governments and regulators are pushing companies to strive for better environmental and governance standards. Such a push provides an encouraging backdrop in which to pursue ESG-focused investing in Asia.

We employ a fundamental, bottom-up investment process in managing the portfolio of companies that make positive environmental, social and economic impact while generating profitable growth. Valuations in Asia appear attractive to us now and times like these often present the opportunity to buy very high-quality companies with best-in-class ESG attributes at reasonable prices. Therefore, we continue to remain very excited about the prospects of identifying and engaging attractive ESG investment opportunities in Asia.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>     |      |
|---|------|
| · /                                     | 27.0 |
| China/Hong Kong                         | 27.8 |
| India                                   | 18.0 |
| Taiwan                                  | 13.6 |
| South Korea                             | 8.5  |
| Japan                                   | 6.1  |
| Philippines                             | 5.1  |
| Thailand                                | 4.2  |
| Singapore                               | 3.3  |
| Pakistan                                | 2.5  |
| Indonesia                               | 2.4  |
| Sri Lanka                               | 1.8  |
| Australia                               | 1.8  |
| Luxembourg                              | 1.8  |
| Bangladesh                              | 1.2  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

## SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

| Health Care                             | 19.6 |
|---|------|
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 17.1 |
| Industrials                             | 15.4 |
| Information Technology                  | 10.2 |
| Financials                              | 10.1 |
| Telecommunication Services              | 8.5  |
| Consumer Staples                        | 8.3  |
| Utilities                               | 7.6  |
| Materials                               | 1.3  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)8                |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 14.3 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 14.1 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 14.8 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 54.9 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

<sup>7</sup> Not all countries are included in the benchmark index.

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<sup>8</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: 98.1%**

|  | Shares  | Value     |
|--|---------|-----------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 27.8%   |         |           |
| Sino Biopharmaceutical, Ltd.   | 175,000 | \$158,220 |
| JD.com, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>  | 4,800   | 154,872   |
| Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co., Ltd. A Shares                  | 61,900  | 154,363   |
| MTR Corp., Ltd.  | 31,000  | 153,072   |
| CSPC Pharmaceutical Group, Ltd.  | 134,000 | 136,614   |
| Beijing Urban Construction Design & Development Group Co., Ltd. H Shares | 150,000 | 96,817    |
| AIA Group, Ltd.  | 16,000  | 95,601    |
| Haier Electronics Group Co., Ltd.  | 47,000  | 94,870    |
| Towngas China Co., Ltd.  | 159,000 | 92,115    |
| Guangdong Investment, Ltd.   | 44,000  | 62,138    |
| China Conch Venture Holdings, Ltd.                                       | 28,500  | 58,962    |
| HKBN, Ltd.   | 41,500  | 53,400    |
| CIMC Enric Holdings, Ltd.  | 54,000  | 31,461    |
| Weifu High-Technology Group Co., Ltd. B Shares                           | 11,100  | 28,515    |
| Total China/Hong Kong  |         | 1,371,020 |
|  |         |           |
| INDIA: 18.0%   |         |           |
| Bharti Infratel, Ltd.  | 24,157  | 155,859   |
| Bata India, Ltd.   | 19,639  | 154,684   |
| Ipca Laboratories, Ltd.  | 10,779  | 120,403   |
| Infosys, Ltd.  | 6,516   | 108,580   |
| Lupin, Ltd.  | 3,763   | 104,114   |
| Power Grid Corp. of India, Ltd.  | 36,402  | 77,465    |
| Sanofi India, Ltd.   | 1,010   | 66,651    |
| SKS Microfinance, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                                      | 7,343   | 55,208    |
| KPIT Technologies, Ltd.  | 17,348  | 44,066    |
| Total India  |         | 887,030   |
|  |         |           |
| TAIWAN: 13.6%  | 45.000  | 10414     |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                             | 45,000  | 194,141   |
| Merida Industry Co., Ltd.  | 13,000  | 69,721    |
| CHC Resources Corp.  | 35,000  | 63,591    |

| KD Holding Corp. Sporton International, Inc. Greatek Electronics, Inc. St. Shine Optical Co., Ltd. Lumax International Corp., Ltd. Phison Electronics Corp.  Total Taiwan  | 13,000<br>10,077<br>56,000<br>3,000<br>41,000<br>6,000 | 63,399<br>61,482<br>60,815<br>60,043<br>54,130<br>42,138                                 |
|--|--|--|
| SOUTH KOREA: 8.5%  |  |  |
| Hanon Systems iMarketKorea, Inc. DGB Financial Group, Inc. KT Skylife Co., Ltd.  | 2,784<br>4,900<br>11,265<br>6,446                      | 122,262<br>105,140<br>95,967<br>94,524   |
| Total South Korea  |  | 417,893  |
|  |  |  |
| JAPAN: 6.1% Tsukui Corp. Daikin Industries, Ltd. Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Ain Holdings, Inc.  Total Japan   | 10,600<br>1,600<br>900<br>700                          | 116,652<br>116,515<br>36,907<br>33,375<br><b>303,449</b>                                 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Chanas   | Value  |
| PHII IPPINES: 5 1%   | Shares   | Value  |
| PHILIPPINES: 5.1% Puregold Price Club. Inc.  |  |  |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc.  | 184,000  | \$135,688  |
|  |  |  |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc.  | 184,000  | \$135,688  |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  | 184,000  | \$135,688<br>113,525   |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2%  | 184,000<br>864,300                                     | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b>   |
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| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2%  | 184,000<br>864,300                                     | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b>   |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2%  Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. NVDR  Total Thailand  | 184,000<br>864,300                                     | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b><br>209,681  |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2%  Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. NVDR  Total Thailand  SINGAPORE: 3.3%   | 184,000<br>864,300<br>251,200                          | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b><br>209,681<br><b>209,681</b>                      |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2% Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. NVDR  Total Thailand  SINGAPORE: 3.3% Parkway Life REIT                              | 184,000<br>864,300<br>251,200                          | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b><br>209,681<br><b>209,681</b>                      |
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| Puregold Price Club, Inc. Energy Development Corp.  Total Philippines  THAILAND: 4.2% Total Access Communication Public Co., Ltd. NVDR  Total Thailand  SINGAPORE: 3.3% Parkway Life REIT Vicom, Ltd.                  | 184,000<br>864,300<br>251,200                          | \$135,688<br>113,525<br><b>249,213</b><br>209,681<br><b>209,681</b><br>110,956<br>54,345 |

| Bank Alfalah, Ltd.               | 195,500 | 53,796      |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Total Pakistan                   |         | 125,338     |
| INDONESIA: 2.4%                  |         |             |
| PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero | 104,300 | 85,599      |
| PT Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero | 166,400 | 32,808      |
| Total Indonesia                  |         | 118,407     |
| SRI LANKA: 1.8%                  |         |             |
| Nestle Lanka PLC                 | 6,205   | 87,968      |
| Total Sri Lanka                  |         | 87,968      |
| AUSTRALIA: 1.8%                  |         |             |
| Ansell, Ltd.                     | 4,505   | 69,815      |
| Tox Free Solutions, Ltd.         | 8,829   | 17,919      |
| Total Australia                  |         | 87,734      |
| LUXEMBOURG: 1.8%                 |         |             |
| L Occitane International SA      | 44,750  | 86,354      |
| Total Luxembourg                 |         | 86,354      |
| BANGLADESH: 1.2%                 |         |             |
| Square Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.     | 19,040  | 61,559      |
| Total Bangladesh                 |         | 61,559      |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 98.1%         |         | 4,840,407   |
| (Cost \$4,959,486°)              |         | , , , , , , |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,           |         |             |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 1.9%           |         | 93,944      |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%               |         | \$4,934,351 |

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- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$4,982,515 and net unrealized depreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$292,233 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (434,341) |

Net unrealized depreciation (\$142,108)

ADR American Depositary Receipt

NVDR Non-voting Depositary Receipt

REITReal Estate Investment Trust See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Taizo IshidaRobert Harvey, CFALead ManagerCo-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|   | Investor  | Institutional  |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Ticker  | MEASX     | MIASX          |
| CUSIP   | 577125883 | 577125875      |
| Inception                                       | 4/30/13   | 4/30/13        |
| NAV   | \$11.27   | \$11.29        |
| Initial Investment                              | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>                | 1.75%     | 1.57%          |
| After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>2</sup> | 1.50%     | 1.25%          |
| Portfolio Statistics                            |           |                |
| Total # of Positions                            |           | 81             |
| Net Assets                                      |           | \$169.9 millio |

\$169.9 million \$4.7 billion 12.14%

Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup>

Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index

Weighted Average Market Cap

Redemption Fee

2% within first 90 calendar days of purchase

**OBJECTIVE** 

Long term capital appreciation.

#### **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 the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia excluding Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. The Fund may also invest in the convertible securities, of any duration or quality of companies located in Asia excluding Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. Once fully invested and under normal market conditions, the Fund is expected to invest a substantial portion of its net assets in the emerging countries and markets in the Asian region, including, but not limited to, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China (including Taiwan, but excluding Hong Kong), India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Matthews Emerging Asia Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Emerging Asia Fund returned 2.56% (Investor Class) and 2.33% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index returned 9.47%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund advanced 4.76% (Investor Class) and 4.81% (Institutional Class) versus 3.53% for the benchmark.

#### **Market Environment:**

Looking back at 2015, it was a trying year for equity investors especially for those invested in commodities and global emerging markets. A strong U.S. dollar, prospects of interest rates rising in the U.S. and feeble global growth weighed on investor sentiment. To add to this were concerns over a flagging China, weak emerging market currencies and continued declines in commodities including oil, which all ultimately impacted market returns. The year 2015 saw Asia s emerging markets (expressed as the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index) initially rise early on by almost 15% (by late April) driven by relatively strong performances from Chinese and Korean markets in response to European Central Bank commentary and the postponement of any U.S. Federal Reserve rate hike. Sentiment then broadly started to sour as investors grew concerned about faltering growth in China and once again about the prospects for a U.S. interest rate rise. The index declined from the April high to a low of 16% in late August a swing from peak to trough of almost 30 percentage points in less than six months. Concerns over Chinese and global growth generally continued to weigh on emerging equity markets for the remainder of the year.

## **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

The single biggest contributor to Fund performance in the fourth quarter and for the year was Pakistan s The Searle Company, which returned about 23% and 96%, respectively. For the first half of the year, the company delivered strong earnings growth on the back of increased volumes and new product launches. And in recent years its management team has worked to restructure and refocus the business, maximizing domestic opportunities. Given some drug policy reforms and a growing focus on export markets, we remain optimistic about the company s prospects. The second-biggest contributor to Fund performance for the year was PC Jeweller of India, which rose sharply on the back of solid earnings growth, mainly driven by store expansions. Looking at the top five individual contributors in the year, they come from Pakistan, India, China, Bangladesh and Vietnam respectively. Geographically, Pakistan and Bangladesh were the two biggest contributors by country for the one-year period, realizing a total return of 11.8% and 13.6%, respectively against the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index return of 9.5%. The relatively heavier weighting in Pakistan made it our top contributor in the quarter.

The biggest detractor was China/Hong Kong with a 16.9% return for the year. In Hong Kong, weak tourist arrivals, especially among mainland Chinese travelers materially impacted local retail sales. The result was a collapse in many domestic share prices including our position in Luk Fook Holdings; a Hong Kong-based jewelry retailer with stores in Macau, Hong Kong and China. The only name to post even weaker returns was Future Bright, which ranked as our worst performer

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<sup>1</sup> Actual 2015 expense ratios.

<sup>2</sup> Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest,

brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 1.25% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 1.25% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 1.25%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date. 3 The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|   |          |         | Average Annual<br>Total Return |           |
|---|----------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------|
|   |          |         | Since                          | Inception |
|   | 3 Months | 1 Year  | Inception                      | Date      |
| Investor Class (MEASX)                                      | 4.76%    | -2.56%  | 4.92%                          | 4/30/13   |
| Institutional Class (MIASX)                                 | 4.81%    | -2.33%  | 5.14%                          | 4/30/13   |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index <sup>4</sup>               | 3.53%    | -9.47%  | -1.01%                         |           |
| Lipper Emerging Markets Funds Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 0.54%    | -14.08% | -7.13%                         |           |

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.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data does 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\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>                |                        |            |                 |
|---|------------------------|------------|-----------------|
|   | Sector                 | Country    | % of Net Assets |
| The Searle Company, Ltd.                      | Health Care            | Pakistan   | 5.1%            |
| British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co., Ltd. | Consumer Staples       | Bangladesh | 2.9%            |
| Olympic Industries, Ltd.                      | Consumer Staples       | Bangladesh | 2.8%            |
| PT Gudang Garam                               | Consumer Staples       | Indonesia  | 2.8%            |
| PC Jeweller, Ltd.                             | Consumer Discretionary | India      | 2.8%            |
| Square Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.                  | Health Care            | Bangladesh | 2.7%            |

| Sampath Bank PLC                            | Financials             | Sri Lanka       | 2.5%  |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| K-Electric, Ltd.                            | Utilities              | Pakistan        | 2.4%  |
| Shenzhou International Group Holdings, Ltd. | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 2.3%  |
| PT Matahari Department Store                | Consumer Discretionary | Indonesia       | 2.3%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                      |                        |                 | 28.6% |

6 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7,8</sup>   |      |
|---|------|
| Pakistan                                | 19.9 |
| Bangladesh                              | 13.9 |
| Vietnam                                 | 12.5 |
| India                                   | 11.2 |
| Indonesia                               | 9.8  |
| China/Hong Kong                         | 9.6  |
| Sri Lanka                               | 8.5  |
| Philippines                             | 5.9  |
| Thailand                                | 2.8  |
| Singapore                               | 1.1  |
| Cambodia                                | 1.1  |
| Australia                               | 1.0  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.7  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)8                  |      |
|---|------|
| Consumer Staples                        | 25.4 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 20.7 |
| Financials                              | 17.5 |
| Health Care                             | 12.6 |
| Industrials                             | 9.6  |
| Materials                               | 4.6  |
| Information Technology                  | 2.5  |
| Utilities                               | 2.4  |
| Energy                                  | 2.0  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.7  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>8</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 1.5  |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 1.5  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 13.5 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 80.8 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 2.7  |

<sup>7</sup> Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

<sup>8</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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for the year, with its value declining almost 67%. Disappointingly since we first initiated a position, it has collapsed in line with VIP gambling activity in Macau. The lack of high-rollers materially impacted profitability of the Group s high end restaurants. They also incurred material startup costs on the new souvenir food business along with extraordinary costs associated with closing a food-hall in a Zhuhai shopping mall. Needless to say, we believe the company is now very cheap and long-term prospects for the restaurants and properties in Macau are positive.

### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

Late in the year, we initiated a new position in Shifa International Hospitals in Pakistan. We like this business as it is one that balances its commitment to the community-at-large (offering pro-bono services to those in need) while also generating attractive returns on capital. Looking forward, the management team has an opportunity to expand capacity and offer new services. We also added to our position in Indonesian cigarette producer Gudang Garam after substantial price weakness earlier in the year following concerns over the weakness in Indonesia s rupiah. We also disposed of RFM in the Philippines as we have been disappointed with the strategic direction of this diversified food and beverage firm, as well as its lack of tangible operational progress.

#### **Outlook:**

The outlook is always challenging and impossible to foretell, especially as fickle investor sentiment can drive the market in the shorter term. In the medium term, high debt levels globally remain a concern and a headwind to growth while ongoing tensions in the Middle East also remain a serious concern, especially as a sharp sustained rise in oil prices will be negative for Emerging Asian economies.

Looking ahead, it seems quite possible that as Asia s frontier markets continue to attract foreign direct investment, create new manufacturing jobs, receive growing remittance flows and grow their share of global exports off a low base, a relatively bright future could be in store for patient investors.

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December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: 97.3%**

|  | Shares           | Value       |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| PAKISTAN: 19.9%  |                  |             |
| The Searle Company, Ltd.                                       | 2,304,593        | \$8,677,972 |
| K-Electric, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                                  | 56,269,000       | 3,992,544   |
| PAK Suzuki Motor Co., Ltd.                                     | 688,600          | 3,250,634   |
| Habib Bank, Ltd.   | 1,508,100        | 2,881,567   |
| GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan, Ltd.                                 | 1,021,540        | 2,143,199   |
| Abbott Laboratories Pakistan, Ltd.                             | 347,100          | 2,104,440   |
| ICI Pakistan, Ltd.   | 452,600          | 2,086,362   |
| Shifa International Hospitals, Ltd.                            | 689,800          | 2,013,017   |
| Hum Network, Ltd.  | 15,552,000       | 1,943,016   |
| Pakistan Petroleum, Ltd.                                       | 1,487,800        | 1,732,254   |
| Engro Foods, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                                 | 1,237,100        | 1,731,479   |
| National Foods, Ltd.   | 429,700          | 1,300,526   |
| Total Pakistan   |                  | 33,857,010  |
| DANCE ADDOLL 12.00   |                  |             |
| BANGLADESH: 13.9%  Driving American Tabasan Panaladash Co. 14d | 122 000          | 5 002 565   |
| British American Tobacco Bangladesh Co., Ltd.                  | 132,990          | 5,003,565   |
| Olympic Industries, Ltd.                                       | 1,432,434        | 4,731,276   |
| Square Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.                                   | 1,421,741        | 4,596,697   |
| United Commercial Bank, Ltd.                                   | 11,765,239       | 3,193,368   |
| Marico Bangladesh, Ltd.  | 161,759          | 2,944,127   |
| Berger Paints Bangladesh, Ltd.                                 | 69,450<br>75,700 | 1,690,345   |
| Bata Shoe Co. Bangladesh, Ltd.                                 | 75,700<br>55,026 | 1,271,104   |
| Apex Footwear, Ltd.  | 55,836           | 247,037     |
| Total Bangladesh   |                  | 23,677,519  |
|  |                  |             |
| VIETNAM: 12.5%   |                  |             |
| Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC  | 2,007,863        | 3,830,879   |
| Tien Phong Plastic JSC   | 1,292,517        | 3,460,508   |
| Vinh Hoan Corp.  | 2,579,760        | 3,346,995   |
| National Seed JSC  | 554,535          | 2,342,932   |
| Mobile World Investment Corp.b                                 | 632,587          | 2,203,152   |
| Dinh Vu Port Investment & Development JSC                      | 517,550          | 1,438,598   |
|  |                  |             |

| Nam Long Investment Corp. DHG Pharmaceutical JSC Masan Group Corp. <sup>b</sup> Saigon Securities, Inc. <sup>b</sup> Phuoc Hoa Rubber JSC  Total Vietnam  | 1,386,590<br>436,320<br>273,360<br>820,828<br>304,000   | 1,406,015<br>1,290,428<br>941,532<br>809,423<br>220,378<br><b>21,290,840</b>   |
|---|---|--|
|   |   |  |
| INDIA: 11.2%  |   |  |
| PC Jeweller, Ltd. Supreme Industries, Ltd. Emami, Ltd. Praj Industries, Ltd. Info Edge India, Ltd. VST Industries, Ltd. GRUH Finance, Ltd. Shalimar Paints, Ltd. Shriram Transport Finance Co., Ltd. Shriram City Union Finance, Ltd. Cipla India, Ltd. Multi Commodity Exchange of India, Ltd. | 801,621<br>223,468<br>126,978<br>1,224,447<br>124,174<br>49,694<br>304,007<br>525,830<br>83,544<br>41,454<br>60,053<br>32,155 | 4,689,501<br>2,296,000<br>1,912,950<br>1,700,344<br>1,599,986<br>1,270,563<br>1,253,251<br>1,139,983<br>1,080,177<br>992,592<br>588,691<br>448,210 |
|   |   |  |
|   | Shares  | Value  |
| INDONESIA: 9.8%   | Shares  | Value  |
| INDONESIA: 9.8% PT Gudang Garam PT Matahari Department Store PT Mayora Indah PT Bank Mandiri Persero PT Sumber Alfaria Trijaya PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur PT Electronic City Indonesia   | 1,184,800<br>3,032,600<br>1,179,600<br>3,728,900<br>38,533,300<br>1,301,700<br>2,591,700                                      | \$4,702,376<br>3,839,072<br>2,599,369<br>2,476,139<br>1,621,278<br>1,259,275<br>159,807  |
| PT Gudang Garam PT Matahari Department Store PT Mayora Indah PT Bank Mandiri Persero PT Sumber Alfaria Trijaya PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur  | 1,184,800<br>3,032,600<br>1,179,600<br>3,728,900<br>38,533,300<br>1,301,700   | \$4,702,376<br>3,839,072<br>2,599,369<br>2,476,139<br>1,621,278<br>1,259,275   |
| PT Gudang Garam PT Matahari Department Store PT Mayora Indah PT Bank Mandiri Persero PT Sumber Alfaria Trijaya PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur PT Electronic City Indonesia  Total Indonesia  | 1,184,800<br>3,032,600<br>1,179,600<br>3,728,900<br>38,533,300<br>1,301,700   | \$4,702,376<br>3,839,072<br>2,599,369<br>2,476,139<br>1,621,278<br>1,259,275<br>159,807  |
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| SRI LANKA: 8.5%   |                        |   |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Sampath Bank PLC  | 2,483,749              | 4,270,154   |
| National Development Bank PLC   | 2,515,196              | 3,385,668   |
| Hemas Holdings PLC  | 5,038,636              | 3,244,986   |
| Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC  | 1,973,457              | 930,295   |
| Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC  | 260,863                | 621,708   |
| Ceylon Tobacco Co. PLC  | 85,424                 | 587,753   |
| Ceylinco Insurance Co. PLC  | 51,393                 | 529,286   |
| Expolanka Holdings PLC  | 9,348,946              | 524,967   |
| Lanka Orix Leasing Co. PLCb   | 573,466                | 373,697   |
|   | ,                      | •   |
| Total Sri Lanka   |                        | 14,468,514  |
| PHILIPPINES: 5.9%   |                        |   |
| Puregold Price Club, Inc.   | 4,214,000              | 3,107,551   |
| Universal Robina Corp.  | 505,710                | 1,995,549   |
| Vista Land & Lifescapes, Inc.   | 18,094,100             | 1,986,577   |
| Emperador, Inc.   | 9,273,800              | 1,763,904   |
| GT Capital Holdings, Inc.   | 40,630                 | 1,138,273   |
|   |                        |   |
| <b>Total Philippines</b>  |                        | 9,991,854   |
|   |                        | 9,991,854   |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  |                        |   |
| THAILAND: 2.8% SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  | 5,111,700              | 1,938,085   |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd.   | 1,283,568              | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430                                  |
| THAILAND: 2.8% SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  |                        | 1,938,085   |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd.   | 1,283,568              | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430                                  |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd.  Beauty Community Public Co., Ltd.  | 1,283,568              | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430<br>1,133,697                     |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd.  Beauty Community Public Co., Ltd.  Total Thailand  | 1,283,568              | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430<br>1,133,697                     |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd. Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd. Beauty Community Public Co., Ltd.  Total Thailand  SINGAPORE: 1.1%  Yoma Strategic Holdings, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                   | 1,283,568<br>7,142,000 | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430<br>1,133,697<br><b>4,762,212</b> |
| THAILAND: 2.8%  SNC Former Public Co., Ltd.  Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd.  Beauty Community Public Co., Ltd.  Total Thailand  SINGAPORE: 1.1%   | 1,283,568<br>7,142,000 | 1,938,085<br>1,690,430<br>1,133,697<br><b>4,762,212</b> |
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December 31, 2015

4,655,120

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

**COMMON EQUITIES** (continued)

LESS LIABILITIES: 2.7%

|  | Shares  | Value       |
|--|---------|-------------|
| AUSTRALIA: 1.0%  |         |             |
| Oil Search, Ltd.   | 349,221 | \$1,699,778 |
| Total Australia  |         | 1,699,778   |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES  |         | 165,171,840 |
| (Cost \$158,973,147)   |         |             |
| <b>RIGHTS: 0.0%</b>  |         |             |
| PAKISTAN: 0.0%   |         |             |
| Shifa International Hospitals, Ltd., expires 1/29/16 <sup>b</sup>  | 55,184  | 24,050      |
| Total Pakistan   |         | 24,050      |
| TOTAL RIGHTS   |         | 24,050      |
| (Cost \$0)   |         |             |
| WARRANTS: 0.0%   |         |             |
| THAILAND: 0.0%   |         |             |
| Srisawad Power 1979 Public Co., Ltd., expires 6/11/20 <sup>b</sup> | 50,336  | 17,485      |
| Total Thailand   |         | 17,485      |
| TOTAL WARRANTS   |         | 17,485      |
| (Cost \$0)   |         |             |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 97.3%   |         | 165,213,375 |
| (Cost \$158,973,147°)  |         |             |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,   |         |             |

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$169,868,495

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$158,973,147 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$25,659,723 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (19,419,495) |
|                               |              |

Net unrealized appreciation \$6,240,228

ADR American Depositary Receipt

JSCJoint Stock Co.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## **52** MATTHEWS ASIA FUNDS

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Andrew Mattock, CFA** 

Lead Manager

Henry Zhang, CFA

Co-Manager

**FUND FACTS** 

Winnie Chwang

Co-Manager

| Ticker                           |
|----------------------------------|
| CUSIP                            |
| Inception                        |
| NAV                              |
| Initial Investment               |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup> |
| Portfolio Statistics             |
| Total # of Positions             |
| Net Assets                       |
| Weighted Average Market Cap      |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>  |
| Benchmark                        |

| Investor  |
|-----------|
| MCHFX     |
| 577130701 |
| 2/19/98   |
| \$18.42   |
| \$2,500   |
| 1.14%     |
|           |
|           |

Institutional MICFX 577130818 10/29/10 \$18.39 \$3 million 0.99%

43 \$734.0 million \$49.3 billion

\$49.3 billion 66.22%

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

MSCI China Index **OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in China. China includes its administrative and other districts, such as Hong Kong.

Matthews China Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews China Fund returned 2.41% (Investor Class) and 2.50% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI China Index, returned 7.62%. For the fourth quarter of the year,

the Fund returned 10.33% (Investor and Institutional Class) versus 4.03% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

After a strong start to the year, associated with a rally in mainland indices, China s equity market environment turned extremely negative. The heavy-handed approach used by authorities in attempting to stabilize this decline also prompted investor concern. Amid this turmoil, Chinese authorities, to the dismay of global markets, suddenly adjusted the mechanism for the daily setting of exchange rates. This change was not well-communicated and created much confusion. However, we ultimately consider the move to be a long-term positive development. The confusion regarding the currency intensified during the year as fears of capital flight reappeared. Onshore foreign exchange deposits in China have not increased with any significance, which may suggest a healthy adjustment is taking place. Another thing to note is that most of the foreign exchange reserve depletion occurred during the third quarter, and the run rate since has narrowed, which perhaps implies that a one-off balance sheet adjustment, rather than consistent capital outflows, is taking place. We believe the initial loss in reserves is a U.S. dollar adjustment in working capital by Chinese corporates, both onshore and offshore. Finally, China is receiving a US\$500 to US\$600 billion trade surplus annually. As commodity prices weaken, this should provide a buffer for continued outflows. We anticipate flows to moderate significantly. On the economic front, the lack of sequential growth momentum in China continues due to a decline in property market investment, and a slowing of the fixed asset investment in manufacturing. Our central case is that 2016 will be similar to 2015 in that we believe the economy should continue to shed excess capacity in some industries and associated nonperforming loans will be recognized. So far, this adjustment has been orderly, and we believe this will continue to be the case. The end of this down-cycle will be indicated by a moderation of write-offs at Chinese banks, and we are watching for this. The timing of this moderation, we feel, is uncertain and may well be a 2017 event. Meanwhile, the government refrains from launching large-scale stimulus programs to spur short-term economic growth, instead continuing with its approach to help stimulate only targeted areas and continue with structural long-term reform.

### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

During the year, the health care sector was among the biggest contributors to relative Fund performance. Health care companies overall reported strong earnings, showing continued growth momentum. The year ahead will be more difficult for these companies as more intense pricing pressure and competition increases. Among our health care holdings, Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine was a top contributor to Fund performance, and the drug maker is typical of health care companies we favor as it has a strong diversified product pipeline and is committed to moving up the value chain, away from pure generics.

During the fourth quarter, financials sector holdings also contributed to Fund performance. Tier one property developers continue to take market share in a consolidating industry where overall trends are flat at best. In particular, China Vanke and China Resources Land contributed outsized returns. The Internet space was also another bright spot for the Fund. NetEase, a gaming company that develops most of its games in-house, further enhanced its mobile gaming platform and was a strong performer. ANTA Sports Products, a branded sportswear company that has benefited from an improvement in brand perception through focused

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<sup>1</sup> Actual 2015 expense ratios.

<sup>2</sup>The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

## PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|                               |          |        | Ave     | erage Annua | al Total Re | turns        |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
|                               |          |        |         |             | 10          | Since        | Inception |
|                               | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years     | Years       | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MCHFX)        | 10.33%   | 2.41%  | 1.50%   | -1.04%      | 10.86%      | 9.37%        | 2/19/98   |
| Institutional Class (MICFX)   | 10.33%   | 2.50%  | 1.65%   | -0.88%      | n.a.        | -1.16%       | 10/29/10  |
| MSCI China Index <sup>3</sup> | 4.03%    | -7.62% | 1.31%   | 0.91%       | 10.31%      | $3.27\%^{4}$ |           |
| Lipper China Region Funds     |          |        |         |             |             |              |           |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 7.29%    | -3.02% | 2.98%   | 0.36%       | 7.97%       | $6.82\%^{4}$ |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 2/28/98.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>             | Sector                 | % of Net Assets |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
|  | Sector                 | % of Net Assets |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.                     | Information Technology | 8.2%            |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China, Ltd. | Financials             | 5.5%            |
| China Construction Bank Corp.              | Financials             | 4.3%            |

| China Life Insurance Co., Ltd.                        | Financials             | 3.6%  |
|---|------------------------|-------|
| China Overseas Land & Investment, Ltd.                | Financials             | 3.3%  |
| China Resources Land, Ltd.                            | Financials             | 3.3%  |
| China State Construction International Holdings, Ltd. | Industrials            | 3.1%  |
| JD.com, Inc.  | Consumer Discretionary | 2.9%  |
| NetEase, Inc.   | Information Technology | 2.8%  |
| China Vanke Co., Ltd.                                 | Financials             | 2.8%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                                |                        | 39.8% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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#### Matthews China Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

advertisement, also did well. It has shown prowess in managing its inventory cycle in recent years.

Performance in the industrial space was among the biggest detractors to Fund performance. Among our industrials holdings, Air China, despite weak oil prices, was a poor performer. Sentiment around excessive RMB depreciation on Air China s USD debt offset the strong consumer travel story.

It must be highlighted that being thorough in our bottom-up approach helped the Fund in tough conditions during 2015. Minimizing stock selection mistakes and staying away from companies where the outlook was particularly uncertain ensured the Fund had a good year relative to its benchmark.

### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the quarter, we increased our positions in the life insurance industry, which significantly boosted our financials weighting. Although life insurers are classified within the financials sector, we tend to view such businesses as consumer discretionary holdings in China. Sales of life insurance policies are showing very positive operating trends as companies continue to penetrate China s untapped regions. We believe Chinese life insurance policy design and the reduction in the interest rate environment in China have boosted the appetite for such sales. Our holdings here include AIA, Ping An and China Life. The insurance industry has strong competitive dynamics in which the big companies dominate and there is real strength in economies of scale in the ability to attract agency workforce.

During the year, we exited instant noodle producer Tingyi as we believed the barriers to entry and competition in its core noodle business continued unabated. We also sold Golden Eagle, Tsingtao Brewery, Sun Art Retail and Belle, the women s shoe retail store operator, as over-supply and Internet channels continue to pose margin and sales issues in the traditional retail space. Market conditions in 2015 allowed us to re-evaluate Fund positions, and we took the opportunity to replace some holdings with securities that were previously too expensive. These changes resulted in unusually high turnover for the portfolio, which caused a higher distribution than is typical for this Fund. We expect turnover to moderate significantly in 2016 as we completed portfolio restructuring by the third quarter of 2015.

#### **Outlook:**

Looking forward, we expect the central government to continue to achieve a balance between non-intervention and major stimulus programs. Targeted accommodative policies have been adopted to prevent the economy from further slowing. The government has been making efforts to accelerate the reform process by encouraging and supporting the private sector economy, and increasing the role of market forces. Capital market reform is also high on the agenda. This area of reform should not be underestimated, and we anticipate seeing further reforms over the next 12 months. In particular, capital account reforms in relation to the currency and opening up of equity and bond markets will provide short-term volatility as the market tends to react negatively to big changes and uncertainty of outcome. The government, we believe, has the firepower to manage this transition. The last point to note on capital account reform is it is massively underrepresented in Chinese assets, bonds, equity and cash. Any signs of an improvement in the underlying nature of the Chinese economy could facilitate a sizable reallocation into a market that remains underrepresented in global portfolios. At current valuations, we see the risk-to-reward ratio as extremely attractive, despite the skepticism on China s growth transition away from heavy industry. We believe the determination of the government to achieve this objective is clear. Despite valuations being cheap, we expect volatility should present us with attractive alpha-generating ideas. The reform agenda in place may be slower than the market would like, but it

must be remembered that the changes taking place are very significant and something we have not seen since China s World Trade Organization deal was signed.

| SECTOR ALLOCATION <sup>7</sup>          |      |
|---|------|
| Financials                              | 38.5 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 17.7 |
| Information Technology                  | 16.8 |
| Industrials                             | 15.4 |
| Health Care                             | 5.3  |
| Consumer Staples                        | 2.7  |
| Utilities                               | 2.4  |
| Energy                                  | 1.0  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 0.2  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>7</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 45.8 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 24.4 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 22.7 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 6.9  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 0.2  |

<sup>7</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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December 31, 2015

Consolidated Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: CHINA/HONG KONG: 99.8%**

|  | Shares     | Value        |
|--|------------|--------------|
| FINANCIALS: 38.5%  |            |              |
| Insurance: 11.6%   |            |              |
| Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China, Ltd. H Shares            | 7,304,500  | \$40,282,162 |
| China Life Insurance Co., Ltd. H Shares                        | 8,199,000  | 26,320,418   |
| AIA Group, Ltd.  | 3,048,400  | 18,214,444   |
|  |            | 84,817,024   |
| Real Estate Management & Development: 11.4%                    |            |              |
| China Overseas Land & Investment, Ltd.                         | 6,896,000  | 24,007,477   |
| China Resources Land, Ltd.                                     | 8,280,000  | 23,959,855   |
| China Vanke Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>                    | 6,993,268  | 20,510,781   |
| Shanghai Lujiazui Finance & Trade Zone Development Co., Ltd. B | 0,773,200  | 20,310,701   |
| Shares   | 3,735,686  | 15,155,899   |
|  |            | 83,634,012   |
| Banks: 9.5%  |            |              |
| China Construction Bank Corp. H Shares                         | 46,063,660 | 31,422,239   |
| China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. H Shares                        | 6,738,643  | 15,774,088   |
| Chongqing Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd. H Shares             | 24,695,000 | 14,832,333   |
| BOC Hong Kong Holdings, Ltd.                                   | 2,583,000  | 7,860,125    |
|  |            | 69,888,785   |
| Capital Markets: 4.0%  |            |              |
| CITIC Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares                            | 6,437,500  | 14,916,650   |
| China Galaxy Securities Co., Ltd. H Shares                     | 16,092,500 | 14,625,430   |
|  |            | 29,542,080   |
| Diversified Financial Services: 2.0%                           |            |              |
| Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, Ltd.                         | 563,400    | 14,352,497   |
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| <b>Total Financials</b> | 282,234,398 |
|-------------------------|-------------|
|-------------------------|-------------|

| CONCUMED DISCOURTED AND AREA   |                      |                            |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 17.7% Internet & Catalog Patail: 6.1%                    |                      |                            |
| Internet & Catalog Retail: 6.1%  JD.com, Inc. ADR <sup>c</sup>                   | 650,600              | 20,991,609                 |
| Vipshop Holdings, Ltd. ADR <sup>c</sup>  | 905,729              | 13,830,482                 |
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd. ADR <sup>c</sup>                                   | 220,700              | 10,225,031                 |
|  | ,                    | ,,                         |
|  |                      | 45,047,122                 |
|  |                      |                            |
|  |                      |                            |
| Household Durables: 3.5%   | 2 024 270            | 12 102 026                 |
| Gree Electric Appliances, Inc. of Zhuhai A Shares <sup>d</sup>                   | 3,824,278            | 13,102,936                 |
| Haier Electronics Group Co., Ltd.  | 6,170,000            | 12,454,212                 |
|  |                      | 25,557,148                 |
|  |                      | 20,007,110                 |
|  |                      |                            |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods: 2.4%   |                      |                            |
| ANTA Sports Products, Ltd.   | 6,436,000            | 17,595,152                 |
|  |                      |                            |
| Auto Components, 2.1%  |                      |                            |
| Auto Components: 2.1% Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>d</sup> | 6,640,207            | 15,484,948                 |
| Tuyao Glass Industry Gloup Co., Etd. A Shares                                    | 0,040,207            | 13,404,240                 |
|  |                      |                            |
| Media: 1.8%  |                      |                            |
| Shanghai Oriental Pearl Media Co., Ltd. A Shares                                 | 2,316,008            | 13,283,532                 |
|  |                      |                            |
| AA   |                      |                            |
| Automobiles: 1.8% Chongqing Changan Automobile Co., Ltd. B Shares                | 5,827,934            | 12,831,424                 |
| Chongquig Changan Automobile Co., Ltd. B Shares                                  | 3,021,934            | 12,031,424                 |
| Total Consumer Discretionary   |                      | 129,799,326                |
| ,  |                      | . , ,-                     |
|  |                      |                            |
|  | Shares               | Value                      |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 16.8%  |                      |                            |
| Internet Software & Services: 12.9%  | 2 070 900            | ¢60 202 441                |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd. NetEase, Inc. ADR   | 3,079,800<br>113,600 | \$60,302,441<br>20,588,864 |
| Baidu, Inc. ADR <sup>c</sup>   | 73,000               | 13,799,920                 |
| Daidu, Ilic. ADK   | 75,000               | 13,799,920                 |
|  |                      | 94,691,225                 |
|  |                      | , ,                        |
|  |                      |                            |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 2.1%                             | 2017 170             | 4 = 400 00 -               |
| Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>d</sup>            | 2,915,459            | 15,408,886                 |
|  |                      |                            |

| Communications Equipment: 1.8% ZTE Corp. H Shares Total Information Technology                    | 5,927,164               | 13,455,192<br>123,555,303 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| INDUCTOLAT C. 15 AC   |                         |                           |
| INDUSTRIALS: 15.4%<br>Commercial Services & Supplies: 3.1%  |                         |                           |
| China Everbright International, Ltd.  | 10,219,000              | 13,066,815                |
| Dongjiang Environmental Co., Ltd. H Shares  | 5,715,600               | 9,659,264                 |
|   |                         | 22,726,079                |
| Construction & Engineering: 3.1%  |                         |                           |
| China State Construction International Holdings, Ltd.   | 12,992,000              | 22,467,209                |
|   |                         |                           |
| Transportation Infrastructure: 2.7%   | 4 200 501               | 12 (27 402                |
| China Merchants Holdings International Co., Ltd.<br>Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares | 4,308,581<br>14,043,000 | 13,627,483<br>6,253,358   |
|   | , ,                     |                           |
|   |                         | 19,880,841                |
| Electrical Engineerate 1.00   |                         |                           |
| Electrical Equipment: 1.9% Boer Power Holdings, Ltd.  | 7,745,000               | 13,914,473                |
|   |                         |                           |
| Airlines: 1.8%  |                         |                           |
| Air China, Ltd. H Shares  | 16,949,900              | 13,293,749                |
|   |                         |                           |
| Air Freight & Logistics: 1.8%   |                         |                           |
| Sinotrans, Ltd. H Shares  | 24,822,000              | 13,213,014                |
|   |                         |                           |
| Marine: 1.0% SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.  | 13,886,000              | 7,340,266                 |
| off C international Holdings Co., Etc.  | 13,000,000              | 7,540,200                 |
| Total Industrials   |                         | 112,835,631               |
|   |                         |                           |
| HEALTH CARE: 5.3%   |                         |                           |
| Pharmaceuticals: 3.3%  Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>d</sup>                   | 1,799,919               | 13,572,325                |
| Sino Biopharmaceutical, Ltd.  | 12,317,000              | 11,136,006                |
|   |                         | 24,708,331                |
|   |                         | = -,- <b>~~,-~</b>        |

| Hoolth | Cara | <b>Providers</b> | · &      | Sarvices. | 2 00% |
|--------|------|------------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Health | Care | Providers        | $\infty$ | Services: | 2.0%  |

| Sinopharm Group Co., Ltd. H Shares              | 3,625,600 | 14,474,210 |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Total Health Care                               |           | 39,182,541 |
|   |           |            |
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 2.7%                          |           |            |
| Beverages: 2.7%                                 |           |            |
| Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd. A Shares <sup>d</sup> | 584,779   | 19,586,079 |
| <b>Total Consumer Staples</b>                   |           | 19,586,079 |

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Matthews China Fund

December 31, 2015

Consolidated Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

## **COMMON EQUITIES: CHINA/HONG KONG** (continued)

|   | Shares     | Value         |
|---|------------|---------------|
| UTILITIES: 2.4%                         |            |               |
| Water Utilities: 2.4%                   |            |               |
| Beijing Enterprises Water Group, Ltd.   | 25,054,000 | \$17,474,787  |
| Total Utilities                         |            | 17,474,787    |
| ENERGY: 1.0%                            |            |               |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels: 1.0%       |            |               |
| China Shenhua Energy Co., Ltd. H Shares | 4,891,500  | 7,638,084     |
| Total Energy                            |            | 7,638,084     |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.8%                |            | 732,306,149   |
| (Cost \$657,904,382 <sup>e</sup> )      |            |               |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,                  |            |               |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 0.2%                  |            | 1,736,934     |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                      |            | \$734,043,083 |

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Illiquid security, trading was halted at December 31, 2015.
- c Non-income producing security.
- d Security held by Matthews CF-U Series. See note 2-C.

e Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$659,256,884 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$111,959,009
Gross unrealized depreciation (38,909,744)

Net unrealized appreciation \$73,049,265

ADR American Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Sunil Asnani Lead Manager Sharat Shroff, CFA Co-Manager

## **FUND FACTS**

|                                     | Investor  | Institutional |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Ticker                              | MINDX     | MIDNX         |
| CUSIP                               | 577130859 | 577130768     |
| Inception                           | 10/31/05  | 10/29/10      |
| NAV                                 | \$26.43   | \$26.49       |
| Initial Investment                  | \$2,500   | \$3 million   |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>    | 1.11%     | 0.90%         |
| Portfolio Statistics                |           |               |
| Total # of Positions                |           | 48            |
| Net Assets                          |           | \$1.5 billion |
| Weighted Average Market Cap         |           | \$9.6 billion |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>     |           | 9.51%         |
| Benchmark                           |           |               |
| S&P Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index |           |               |

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in publicly traded common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of companies located in India.

Matthews India Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews India Fund returned 0.90% (Investor Class) and 1.12% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the S&P Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index, declined 6.41%. For the

fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 1.26% (Investor Class) and 1.23% (Institutional Class) versus 0.65% for the Index.

## **Market Environment:**

Investor sentiment over Indian equities in 2015 was largely negative following consecutive quarters of dismal earnings growth. However, in the fourth quarter India s stock markets were marginally positive, possibly suggesting more optimism over earnings growth. In 2015, there was a notable disconnect between moderate GDP growth and flat-to-marginally negative corporate earnings growth. This may partly be explained by different sector composition between the economy and the capital markets, which are represented by varying sectors. Another plausible explanation may be the difference between India s declining wholesale price index and the consumer price index, which in general has grown recently by mid-single digits.

A lack of progress in economic reforms continues to be a disappointment. Parliamentary sessions during the second half of the year ended without much movement on the reform agenda, and a deadlock continued to delay a high-profile proposed Goods & Service Tax (GST) bill. However, Indian stock markets were marginally positive during the fourth quarter, which might suggest that investors had recalibrated expectations over the timing of economic reforms. During the fourth quarter, the energy, utilities, and materials sectors performed relatively better than more defensive sectors, such as consumer staples, health care and information technology after underperforming them for most of the year.

India s central bank was quite active during the year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provided some support to the market by reducing interest rates by 100 basis points (1.0%) in 2015. RBI s engagement with private and public sector banks during the year also led to faster transmission of interest rate cuts in the economy.

Despite the year s headwinds, the rupee depreciated only 4.5% and held up much better against the U.S. dollar versus other emerging market currencies. High real interest rates in India coupled with a lower current account deficit for India led investors to prefer rupee-denominated assets in 2015.

## **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

The outperformance of the portfolio during the year could be explained by our limited exposure to macro-dependent sectors, such as state-owned banks and metals, and higher exposure to relatively defensive and secular sectors, such as information technology, consumer staples and health care. Our portfolio has historically been positioned to be light on commodity-dependent sectors, and also underweight on companies particularly dependent on policy tailwinds, with limited control over their own destinies. This strategy helped us in 2015, when much-anticipated investment and banking reforms failed to emerge. While moderating economic growth adversely affected consumer stocks, the drop in input prices was able to sustain earnings growth. Our health care and information technology holdings actually benefited from India s weakening rupee, even though our rationale for these holdings are company-specific.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the year, we exited a few positions and added to new positions across sectors such as technology, health care and consumer discretionary. One such

(continued)

1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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## PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|                               |          |        | Ave     | rage Annua | al Total Re | turns        |                  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
|                               |          |        |         |            | 10          | Since        | <b>Inception</b> |
|                               | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years    | Years       | Inception    | Date             |
| Investor Class (MINDX)        | -1.26%   | 0.90%  | 15.84%  | 5.37%      | 11.10%      | 12.27%       | 10/31/05         |
| Institutional Class (MIDNX)   | -1.23%   | 1.12%  | 16.04%  | 5.55%      | n.a.        | 4.95%        | 10/29/10         |
| S&P Bombay Stock Exchange     |          |        |         |            |             |              |                  |
| 100 Index <sup>3</sup>        | -0.65%   | -6.41% | 5.43%   | -1.00%     | 8.20%       | $9.95\%^{4}$ |                  |
| Lipper India Region Funds     |          |        |         |            |             |              |                  |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup> | -0.36%   | -3.85% | 7.61%   | -1.34%     | 6.77%       | $8.22\%^{4}$ |                  |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 10/31/05.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>       |                  |                 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                                      | Sector           | % of Net Assets |
| Taro Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. | Health Care      | 5.1%            |
| ITC. Ltd.                            | Consumer Staples | 4.8%            |

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| IndusInd Bank, Ltd.                     | Financials             | 4.7%  |
|---|------------------------|-------|
| Shriram City Union Finance, Ltd.        | Financials             | 4.6%  |
| eClerx Services, Ltd.                   | Information Technology | 4.5%  |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp.    | Information Technology | 4.3%  |
| Mindtree, Ltd.                          | Information Technology | 4.1%  |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.               | Financials             | 4.1%  |
| Ajanta Pharma, Ltd.                     | Health Care            | 4.0%  |
| Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd. | Financials             | 3.7%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                  |                        | 43.9% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>             |      |
|--|------|
| Financials                                     | 26.9 |
| Consumer Staples                               | 18.2 |
| Information Technology                         | 16.8 |
| Health Care                                    | 14.9 |
| Industrials                                    | 9.7  |
| Consumer Discretionary                         | 8.2  |
| Materials                                      | 5.4  |
| Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets | -0.1 |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>7</sup>           |      |
|--|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                          | 17.4 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                        | 5.3  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                             | 26.3 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                         | 51.1 |
| Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets | -0.1 |

7 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Matthews India Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

addition was Just Dial, which began as a firm in the space of online local classifieds, and is now trying to capture more online business. The company s economic moat lies in its ability to enlist millions of businesses, which attract over 100 million search requests. The challenge for Just Dial is to remain relevant to customers while also maintaining profitability.

## **Outlook:**

Toward the end of 2015, inflation in India accelerated to a 14-month high. While reported inflation has remained in line with central bank expectations, it seems unlikely there will be further monetary policy easing anytime soon. We believe RBI s focus going forward may remain on interest rate transmission.

The central bank has also been active in trying to resolve the issue of stressed assets that have been plaguing large bank balance sheets. The central government introduced a bankruptcy bill in 2015, aimed at offering changes to help the current situation. We believe these efforts should help improve credit availability in the economy.

During the year, infrastructure projects related to highways, railways and water sanitation have seen substantial improvement over last year. Mobilization of resources and labor associated with these projects is expected to gather momentum in coming months, which should improve job creation for the country s rural economy.

While opposition continues to stall Prime Minister Narendra Modi s government reform agenda, incremental steps are consistently being taken. Recently, the central government has announced steps to rationalize and to implement the

direct transfer of fuel price subsidies. These steps would reduce the fiscal burden and make funds available for infrastructure investment.

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Matthews India Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: 100.1%**

|  | Shares               | Value                       |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| FINANCIALS: 26.9%                                |                      |                             |
| Banks: 12.7%                                     | 4.075.024            | Φ <b>71 1</b> 66 <b>711</b> |
| IndusInd Bank, Ltd.                              | 4,875,934            | \$71,166,711                |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.                        | 5,697,258            | 61,709,554                  |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                                  | 2,030,165<br>206,922 | 33,157,947<br>12,746,395    |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR IDFC Bank, Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 13,050,467           | 12,740,393                  |
| IDI'C Balik, Liu.                                | 13,030,407           | 12,003,717                  |
|  |                      | 190,784,324                 |
|  |                      |                             |
| Consumer Finance: 5.4%                           |                      |                             |
| Shriram City Union Finance, Ltd.                 | 2,870,154            | 68,724,176                  |
| Sundaram Finance, Ltd.                           | 588,318              | 12,196,857                  |
|  |                      | 80,921,033                  |
| Thrifts & Mortgage Finance: 4.9%                 |                      |                             |
| Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.          | 2,958,810            | 56,276,097                  |
| GRUH Finance, Ltd.                               | 4,421,238            | 18,226,297                  |
|  |                      | 74,502,394                  |
| Diversified Financial Services: 3.8%             |                      |                             |
| CRISIL, Ltd.                                     | 1,527,723            | 45,292,068                  |
| IDFC, Ltd.                                       | 13,050,467           | 9,481,647                   |
| Multi Commodity Exchange of India, Ltd.          | 168,101              | 2,343,168                   |
|  |                      | 57,116,883                  |
| Real Estate Management & Development: 0.1%       |                      |                             |
| Ascendas India Trust                             | 1,966,800            | 1,206,796                   |
| Total Financials                                 |                      | 404,531,430                 |

| CONSUMER STAPLES: 18.2%                                   |             |                   |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| Personal Products: 9.9%                                   |             |                   |
| Emami, Ltd.   | 3,520,577   | 53,038,228        |
| Bajaj Corp., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                            | 5,759,447   | 36,857,511        |
| Dabur India, Ltd.   | 8,332,176   | 34,813,557        |
| Marico, Ltd.  | 7,362,328   | 25,130,114        |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             | 149,839,410       |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             |                   |
| Tobacco: 6.9%   |             |                   |
| ITC, Ltd.   | 14,617,949  | 72,283,101        |
| VST Industries, Ltd.                                      | 1,215,704   | 31,082,796        |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             | 103,365,897       |
|   |             |                   |
| E - J Duy Juy Ay 1 A C                                    |             |                   |
| Food Products: 1.4%                                       | 1 670 471   | 21 012 010        |
| Zydus Wellness, Ltd.                                      | 1,670,471   | 21,813,810        |
| Total Consumer Staples                                    |             | 275,019,117       |
| Total Consumer Staples                                    |             | 275,019,117       |
|   |             |                   |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 16.8%                             |             |                   |
| IT Services: 12.9%  |             |                   |
| eClerx Services, Ltd.                                     | 3,135,581   | 67,149,179        |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. Class A <sup>b</sup> | 1,082,700   | 64,983,654        |
| Mindtree, Ltd.  | 2,888,292   | 62,378,571        |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             | 194,511,404       |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             |                   |
| Internet Software & Services: 3.9%                        |             |                   |
| Info Edge India, Ltd.                                     | 3,072,208   | 39,585,498        |
| Just Dial, Ltd.   | 1,528,000   | 19,379,275        |
|   |             |                   |
|   |             | 58,964,773        |
|   |             | 252 454 455       |
| Total Information Technology                              |             | 253,476,177       |
|   |             |                   |
|   | Shares      | Value             |
| HEALTH CARE: 14.9%  | Shares      | value             |
| Pharmaceuticals: 14.1%                                    |             |                   |
| Taro Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>         | 501,466     | \$77,501,570      |
| Ajanta Pharma, Ltd.                                       | 2,992,072   | 59,956,701        |
| Sun Pharma Advanced Research Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>       | 4,651,736   | 23,793,898        |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.                       | 1,867,725   | 23,104,182        |
| Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.                             | 2,042,940   | 21,461,581        |
|   | -,0 1-,2 TO | <u>-1,101,001</u> |

| Caplin Point Laboratories, Ltd.                                   | 264,872                | 5,635,653                |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
|   |                        | 211,453,585              |
|   |                        |                          |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies: 0.8% Poly Medicure, Ltd.        | 2,076,732              | 12,449,811               |
| Total Health Care   |                        | 223,903,396              |
|   |                        | , ,                      |
| INDUSTRIALS: 9.7%   |                        |                          |
| Machinery: 5.1%   | 2 107 467              | 41 700 011               |
| AIA Engineering, Ltd. Thermax, Ltd.                               | 3,107,467<br>1,501,877 | 41,780,911<br>20,544,268 |
| Ashok Leyland, Ltd.   | 11,106,152             | 14,693,261               |
|   | ,, -                   | , , .                    |
|   |                        | 77,018,440               |
|   |                        |                          |
| Air Freight & Logistics: 1.8%                                     |                        |                          |
| Blue Dart Express, Ltd.   | 261,973                | 26,707,715               |
|   |                        |                          |
| Road & Rail: 1.6%   |                        |                          |
| Container Corp. of India, Ltd.                                    | 1,191,324              | 23,612,067               |
|   |                        |                          |
| Transportation Infrastructure: 1.2%                               |                        |                          |
| Gujarat Pipavav Port, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                           | 8,578,564              | 18,221,810               |
|   | , ,                    |                          |
| Total Industrials   |                        | 145,560,032              |
|   |                        |                          |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 8.2%                                      |                        |                          |
| <b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods: 5.0%</b> Titan Co., Ltd. | 7,860,467              | 41,095,343               |
| Page Industries, Ltd.   | 107,100                | 21,614,593               |
| Kewal Kiran Clothing, Ltd.  | 266,781                | 8,887,424                |
| Vaibhav Global, Ltd.b   | 500,000                | 3,769,485                |
|   |                        | 75,366,845               |
|   |                        | 73,300,043               |
|   |                        |                          |
| Household Durables: 3.2%  | 1.166.560              | 40.620.670               |
| Symphony, Ltd.<br>LA Opala RG, Ltd.                               | 1,166,560<br>746,323   | 40,630,679<br>7,171,775  |
| LA Opaia KO, Liu.   | 140,323                | 1,111,113                |
|   |                        | 47,802,454               |
| Total Congumen Disanctioners                                      |                        | 122 170 200              |
| <b>Total Consumer Discretionary</b>                               |                        | 123,169,299              |

| MATERIALS: 5.4%          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Chemicals: 3.5%          |            |            |
| Supreme Industries, Ltd. | 1,988,965  | 20,435,426 |
| Asian Paints, Ltd.       | 1,379,000  | 18,370,639 |
| Castrol India, Ltd.      | 2,139,063  | 14,246,267 |
|                          |            | 53,052,332 |
| Metals & Mining: 1.9%    |            |            |
| NMDC, Ltd.               | 21,023,892 | 28,457,932 |
| Total Materials          |            | 81,510,264 |

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

Value

## **TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 100.1%**

\$1,507,169,715

(Cost \$1,264,551,439c)

## LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF CASH AND OTHER ASSETS:

(0.1%)

(1,342,721)

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$1,505,826,994

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$1,264,693,757 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$331,685,282
Gross unrealized depreciation (89,209,324)

Net unrealized appreciation \$242,475,958

Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)

ADR American Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Kenichi Amaki Lead Manager Taizo Ishida Co-Manager

## **FUND FACTS**

|                                  | Investor  | Institutional  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Ticker                           | MJFOX     | MIJFX          |
| CUSIP                            | 577130800 | 577130792      |
| Inception                        | 12/31/98  | 10/29/10       |
| NAV                              | \$18.97   | \$19.00        |
| Initial Investment               | \$2,500   | \$3 million    |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup> | 0.99%     | 0.87%          |
| Portfolio Statistics             |           |                |
| Total # of Positions             |           | 61             |
| Net Assets                       |           | \$1.9 billion  |
| Weighted Average Market Cap      |           | \$16.0 billion |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>  |           | 24.19%         |
| Benchmark                        |           |                |
| MSCI Japan Index                 |           |                |

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Japan.

Matthews Japan Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Japan Fund returned 20.83% (Investor Class) and 20.94% (Institutional Class) outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI Japan Index, which returned 9.90%. For the fourth

quarter of the year, the Fund returned 10.42% (Investor Class) and 10.47% (Institutional Class) versus 9.38% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

Japanese equities finally delivered in 2015 marking the first time since 2010 that the MSCI Japan Index, which gained 9.90%, outperformed the S&P 500 Index, which gained 1.37%, in U.S. dollar terms. While investors cheered robust corporate earnings and rising shareholder returns, markets were also supported by outsized purchases by the Bank of Japan and government pension funds. In fact, 2015 was a rare year in which market gains were not driven by overseas fund inflows. Japan s currency, the yen, remained within a tight range throughout the year and had little impact on equity performance.

However, it was a disappointing year for the economy, which continued to stagnate due to weak consumption and capital expenditures. Higher product prices, particularly in food, apparel and other daily necessities, somewhat curtailed consumer spending. Wage growth has not been sufficient enough to improve consumer sentiment.

## **Performance and Contributors:**

The consumer discretionary sector was the leading contributor to Fund performance in 2015. Names we added during the year, such as hotel and dormitory operator Kyoritsu Maintenance and retailer Ryohin Keikaku were some top performers. Both benefited from rising household incomes in China as inbound tourism pushed up hotel occupancy in Japan and Ryohin Keikaku saw robust sales growth for its MUJI brand stores in China. The top absolute contributor was Asahi Intecc, a medical device company. We have held Asahi Intecc for more than five years, and the firm continues to exceed expectations in terms of both regional expansions as well as new product launches.

On the other hand, among the worst-performing holdings was telecom operator SoftBank. Turning around Softbank s U.S. subsidiary, Sprint, proved to be a far larger challenge than SoftBank had expected. Intervention by the Japanese government to lower telecom tariffs has also weighed on SoftBank s share price. We decided to exit SoftBank as we believe government intervention in the telecom sector may continue, and that it would limit SoftBank s ability to generate sufficient cash flow to fund its many ventures, including Sprint.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

Over the course of the year, we have increased exposure to service-oriented businesses. Business activity in Japan remains robust while labor is becoming harder to find and gradually more expensive. Given such an environment, we believe service companies that can provide a means for businesses to be more productive have an opportunity to grow their presence. In the past quarter, we added MISUMI Group, a company that sells machine tool and automation components online. Our focus on more service-oriented firms also puts us more in line with the actual composition of Japan s increasingly service-oriented economy, while the benchmark remains dominated by large-scale manufacturing businesses.

## **Outlook:**

From a top-down perspective, we expect Japan s GDP growth to continue to stagnate in 2016. Weak consumption continues to be a drag on growth. Hourly wages

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1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.

2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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## PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|                               |          | Average Annual Total Returns |         |         |          |              |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                               |          |                              |         |         |          | Since        | Inception |
|                               | 3 Months | 1 Year                       | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MJFOX)        | 10.42%   | 20.83%                       | 16.41%  | 9.53%   | 2.16%    | 5.88%        | 12/31/98  |
| Institutional Class (MIJFX)   | 10.47%   | 20.94%                       | 16.56%  | 9.65%   | n.a.     | 11.59%       | 10/29/10  |
| MSCI Japan Index <sup>3</sup> | 9.38%    | 9.90%                        | 10.45%  | 4.61%   | 1.08%    | $2.93\%^{4}$ |           |
| Lipper Japanese Funds         |          |                              |         |         |          |              |           |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 8.97%    | 12.03%                       | 11.65%  | 5.95%   | 0.63%    | $4.01\%^{4}$ |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definitions.
- 4 Calculated from 12/31/98.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup> | Sector                 | % of Net Assets |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Kao Corp.                      | Consumer Staples       | 3.0%            |
| Toyota Motor Corp.             | Consumer Discretionary | 2.6%            |
| Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.    | Financials             | 2.5%            |

| Pigeon Corp.             | Consumer Staples       | 2.5%  |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Asahi Intecc Co., Ltd.   | Health Care            | 2.4%  |
| Nihon M&A Center, Inc.   | Industrials            | 2.3%  |
| Keyence Corp.            | Information Technology | 2.2%  |
| Ryohin Keikaku Co., Ltd. | Consumer Discretionary | 2.2%  |
| Hoya Corp.               | Health Care            | 2.2%  |
| COOKPAD, Inc.            | Information Technology | 2.2%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN   | -                      | 24.1% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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## Matthews Japan Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

have seen consistent growth of approximately 1% year-over-year but so far have not resulted in increased consumption. Productivity gains remain benign and businesses have not undertaken sufficient investment to boost productivity going forward.

On the other hand, we believe the bottom-up picture looks fine. Though we expect profit growth in Japan to slow in 2016, such growth should still be higher on a relative basis compared to other major markets. Valuations also remain attractive on a relative basis despite the gains seen in 2015.

The most notable event for investors in 2015 was the implementation of Japan s Corporate Governance Code. Dividends paid out by listed firms have increased substantially on the back of strong earnings. Major banks have announced detailed plans to further dispose of cross shareholdings. Though we do not expect a quick and drastic change in Japan s corporate culture, we believe these developments may bring about a gradual improvement in return on equity for listed Japanese companies. These improvements may prompt a further market re-rating of Japanese equities over the long term, and as such, we remain optimistic on the outlook for Japanese equities.

1 Cross Shareholdings: A situation in which a publicly traded corporation owns stock in another listed entity.

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>      |      |
|---|------|
| Industrials                             | 25.2 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 16.5 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 14.9 |
| Health Care                             | 13.3 |
| Information Technology                  | 12.8 |
| Financials                              | 10.5 |
| Materials                               | 2.3  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 4.5  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>7</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 16.5 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 18.7 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 18.6 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 41.7 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 4.5  |

7 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Matthews Japan Fund

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: JAPAN: 95.5%**

|  | Shares    | Value        |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| INDUSTRIALS: 25.2%                     |           |              |
| Professional Services: 7.6%            |           |              |
| Nihon M&A Center, Inc.                 | 923,500   | \$44,463,081 |
| TechnoPro Holdings, Inc.               | 1,380,700 | 40,295,867   |
| Nomura Co., Ltd.                       | 1,945,400 | 29,894,675   |
| Benefit One, Inc.                      | 889,800   | 20,802,414   |
| Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.             | 432,200   | 12,703,995   |
|  |           | 148,160,032  |
| Machinery: 7.2%                        |           |              |
| Komatsu, Ltd.                          | 2,270,100 | 37,144,401   |
| Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.      | 8,421,000 | 36,820,838   |
| Harmonic Drive Systems, Inc.           | 1,553,200 | 33,591,409   |
| SMC Corp.                              | 128,600   | 33,401,781   |
|  |           | 140,958,429  |
| Electrical Equipment: 3.7%             |           |              |
| Mabuchi Motor Co., Ltd.                | 691,600   | 37,481,205   |
| Nidec Corp.                            | 472,500   | 34,263,806   |
|  |           | 71,745,011   |
| <b>Building Products: 2.8%</b>         |           |              |
| Daikin Industries, Ltd.                | 402,200   | 29,288,880   |
| Aica Kogyo Co., Ltd.                   | 1,298,500 | 25,516,059   |
|  |           | 54,804,939   |
| Trading Companies & Distributors: 2.1% |           |              |
| MISUMI Group, Inc.                     | 2,954,100 | 40,806,916   |

| Road & Rail: 1.2%<br>Trancom Co., Ltd.   | 429,400                                      | 23,872,140  |
|--|--|---|
| Air Freight & Logistics: 0.6%<br>AIT Corp.   | 1,130,300                                    | 10,956,219  |
| Total Industrials  |  | 491,303,686   |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 16.5%  Specialty Retail: 4.7%  VT Holdings Co., Ltd.  United Arrows, Ltd.  Sac s Bar Holdings, Inc.  Workman Co., Ltd. | 5,401,800<br>636,100<br>1,480,350<br>171,000 | 32,130,902<br>27,422,983<br>21,595,166<br>11,110,684<br><b>92,259,735</b> |
| Automobiles: 2.6% Toyota Motor Corp.   | 831,000                                      | 51,172,166  |
| Multiline Retail: 2.2%<br>Ryohin Keikaku Co., Ltd.   | 213,500                                      | 43,236,189  |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 2.0%<br>Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd.  | 457,900                                      | 39,269,339  |
| Internet & Catalog Retail: 2.0%<br>Start Today Co., Ltd.   | 1,198,100                                    | 38,568,297  |
| <b>Distributors: 1.7%</b> Doshisha Co., Ltd.   | 1,643,200                                    | 33,144,176  |
| Auto Components: 1.3%<br>Nifco, Inc.   | 519,200                                      | 24,046,911  |
| <b>Total Consumer Discretionary</b>  |  | 321,696,813   |
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 14.9%  | Shares                                       | Value   |
| Food & Staples Retailing: 5.5% Seven & I Holdings Co., Ltd.  | 938,500                                      | \$42,968,810  |

| San-A Co., Ltd. Cosmos Pharmaceutical Corp.                   | 800,600<br>187,600   | 35,921,167<br>29,574,254 |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
|   |                      | 108,464,231              |
|   |                      |                          |
| Household Products: 3.5%                                      | 1 002 000            | 49 272 107               |
| Pigeon Corp. Unicharm Corp.                                   | 1,993,900<br>969,200 | 48,372,197<br>19,792,687 |
| Cincharin Corp.   | 707,200              | 17,772,007               |
|   |                      | 68,164,884               |
| Personal Products: 3.0%                                       |                      |                          |
| Kao Corp.   | 1,134,800            | 58,315,951               |
|   | , ,                  | , ,                      |
| Food Products: 2.9%   |                      |                          |
| Calbee, Inc.  | 837,600              | 35,371,049               |
| Ariake Japan Co., Ltd.  | 377,400              | 20,879,150               |
|   |                      | 56,250,199               |
| <b>Total Consumer Staples</b>                                 |                      | 291,195,265              |
|   |                      |                          |
| HEALTH CARE: 13.3% Health Care Equipment & Supplies 8.7%      |                      |                          |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies: 8.7% Asahi Intecc Co., Ltd. | 1,004,200            | 46,147,002               |
| Hoya Corp.  | 1,052,900            | 43,055,800               |
| Sysmex Corp.  | 629,400              | 40,372,666               |
| CYBERDYNE, Inc.b  | 1,537,800            | 25,909,319               |
| Daiken Medical Co., Ltd.                                      | 1,755,200            | 14,950,699               |
|   |                      | 170,435,486              |
|   |                      |                          |
| Health Care Technology: 2.2% M3, Inc.                         | 2,020,800            | 41,899,640               |
| MIS, IIIC.  | 2,020,000            | 41,077,040               |
| Pharmaceuticals: 1.5%   |                      |                          |
| Rohto Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.                                | 1,476,300            | 29,453,157               |
|   |                      | • •                      |
| Health Care Providers & Services: 0.9%                        |                      |                          |
| N Field Co., Ltd.   | 1,006,400            | 10,682,592               |
| WIN-Partners Co., Ltd.  | 432,600              | 6,195,423                |
|   |                      | 16,878,015               |
|   |                      | , , ,                    |

Total Health Care 258,666,298

| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 12.8%                        |           |             |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 7.1% |           |             |
| Keyence Corp.  | 79,600    | 43,748,572  |
| Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                       | 270,200   | 38,876,725  |
| Omron Corp.  | 915,400   | 30,525,765  |
| Anritsu Corp.  | 2,275,900 | 14,911,844  |
| Dexerials Corp.                                      | 1,013,800 | 10,859,731  |
|  |           | 138,922,637 |
| Internet Software & Services: 3.3%                   |           |             |
| COOKPAD, Inc.  | 2,025,300 | 42,993,881  |
| Kakaku.com, Inc.                                     | 1,093,500 | 21,508,711  |
|  |           | 64,502,592  |
| Software: 1.4%                                       |           |             |
| NSD Co., Ltd.  | 1,335,700 | 19,325,232  |
| Broadleaf Co., Ltd.                                  | 753,800   | 7,418,647   |
|  |           | 26,743,879  |

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

**COMMON EQUITIES: JAPAN** (continued)

| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment: 1.0% Rohm Co., Ltd.  Total Information Technology                                 | <b>Shares</b> 366,600                        | Value<br>\$18,568,608<br>248,737,716                                       |
|---|--|--|
| FINANCIALS: 10.5%   |  |  |
| Diversified Financial Services: 6.0% ORIX Corp. Zenkoku Hosho Co., Ltd. Financial Products Group Co., Ltd. eGuarantee, Inc. | 3,025,800<br>950,100<br>3,258,800<br>841,800 | 42,447,326<br>31,384,948<br>25,434,936<br>18,101,879<br><b>117,369,089</b> |
| Insurance: 2.5% Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.   | 1,259,400                                    | 48,643,856   |
| Banks: 2.0%<br>Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.  | 1,012,900                                    | 38,227,909   |
| <b>Total Financials</b>   |  | 204,240,854  |
| MATERIALS: 2.3%   |  |  |
| Chemicals: 2.3%<br>Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.<br>MORESCO Corp.  | 643,200<br>774,500                           | 34,968,121<br>10,886,881   |
| Total Materials   |  | 45,855,002   |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 95.5%  |  | 1,861,695,634  |
| (Cost \$1,692,361,025°)   |  |  |

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 4.5%

87,631,036

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$1,949,326,670

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$1,696,489,403 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$228,342,366 Gross unrealized depreciation (63,136,135)

Net unrealized appreciation \$165,206,231

Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)

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## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Michael J. Oh, CFA Lead Manager Michael B. Han, CFA Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|                                   | Investor  | Institutional   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ticker                            | MAKOX     | MIKOX           |
| CUSIP                             | 577130305 | 577130826       |
| Inception                         | 1/3/95    | 10/29/10        |
| NAV                               | \$6.15    | \$6.18          |
| Initial Investment                | \$2,500   | \$3 million     |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>  | 1.10%     | 0.93%           |
| Portfolio Statistics              |           |                 |
| Total # of Positions              |           | 54              |
| Net Assets                        |           | \$207.7 million |
| Weighted Average Market Cap       |           | \$22.1 billion  |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>   |           | 20.36%          |
| Benchmark                         |           |                 |
| Korea Composite Stock Price Index |           |                 |

Long-term capital appreciation.

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in South Korea.

Matthews Korea Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Korea Fund returned 15.16% (Investor Class) and 15.27% (Institutional Class) outperforming its benchmark, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index\*, which fell 4.61%. For the

fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 4.27% (Investor Class) and 4.43% (Institutional Class) versus 0.55% for the Index.

## **Market Environment:**

During the year, South Korea s trade surplus reached US\$90 billion an all-time high as declining commodity prices precipitated a slowdown in imports that outpaced its export decline. Nonetheless, the Korean won depreciated more than 7% against the U.S. dollar. Despite taking a toll on the industrials sector amid a global slowdown in investment, falling commodity pricing became a boon for Korean consumers. Consumption indicators, such as outbound travel, were strong. The outbreak of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) had hampered overall tourism and consumption data early in the summer, but abated late in the season.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

During the fourth quarter, LG Household & Health Care and LG Chem were two top contributors to Fund performance. The former performed strongly as its beverage business saw a turnaround and its sales of cosmetics among Chinese tourists and consumers soared. The latter, LG Chem, is one of only a few major battery makers for electric vehicles globally, and the increasing popularity in electric cars has benefited the company, which added Tesla as a new client during the quarter.

For the quarter, key detractors to Fund performance included Hotel Shilla and BGF Retail. Hotel Shilla, an operator of luxury hotels and duty free shops, saw its share price decline following increased competition among duty free stores and a bidding race for licenses to run such stores. The MERS outbreak also negatively affected the company s performance as inbound tourism slowed. For BGF Retail, a major convenience store company, we believe that there was significant profit-taking activity as the stock was strong earlier in the year. Despite the setback in the fourth quarter, BGF Retail remained the top contributor to Fund performance for the calendar year.

## **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the quarter, we initiated a position in the preferred shared class of Samsung SDI, a lithium-ion battery manufacturer. In recent years, the firm underwent a series of restructuring. After selling off its petrochemical operations business to Hanwha Chemical during the quarter, the company s remaining units were centered on the lithium-ion battery business and electric material business along with its stake in certain affiliates. In our view, the company was able to sell its commodity business at a premium at the peak of the market cycle. When we added Samsung SDI, its preferred shares were trading at more than a 40% discount to common shares.

Among our existing holdings, we trimmed E-Mart as we are concerned that the company is facing increased competition from e-commerce players. We switched some of our common shares of Amorepacific, LG Household & Health Care and Hotel Shilla into preferred shares to take advantage of more attractive valuations.

## **Outlook:**

Overall valuations for the Korean market remain attractive, especially compared with other developed markets in the world. We are seeing encouraging signs that

\* Korea Composite Stock Price Index performance data may be readjusted periodically by the Korea Exchange due to certain factors, including the declaration of dividends.

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- 1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.
- 2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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## PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

# Average Annual Total Returns Since Inception Vears 5 Years 10 Years Inception Date

|                               |          |        |         |         |          | Dillec       | Inception |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                               | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MAKOX)        | 4.27%    | 15.16% | 7.97%   | 7.87%   | 6.31%    | 6.29%        | 1/3/95    |
| Institutional Class (MIKOX)   | 4.43%    | 15.27% | 8.06%   | 8.04%   | n.a.     | 9.47%        | 10/29/10  |
| Korea Composite Stock Price   |          |        |         |         |          |              |           |
| Index <sup>3</sup>            | 0.55%    | -4.61% | -2.95%  | -0.66%  | 3.39%    | $2.64\%^{4}$ |           |
| Lipper Pacific ex Japan Funds |          |        |         |         |          |              |           |
| Category Average <sup>5</sup> | 4.37%    | -6.61% | -0.13%  | 0.80%   | 6.06%    | $5.92\%^{4}$ |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 Korea Composite Stock Price Index performance data may be readjusted periodically by the Korea Exchange due to certain factors, including the declaration of dividends. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 1/3/95.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup> |        |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                | Sector | % of Net Assets |

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| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd., Pfd.          | Consumer Staples       | 4.2%  |
|---|------------------------|-------|
| BGF Retail Co., Ltd.                            | Consumer Staples       | 3.9%  |
| Amorepacific Corp., Pfd.                        | Consumer Staples       | 3.7%  |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Pfd.             | Information Technology | 3.7%  |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.                   | Information Technology | 3.5%  |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.               | Financials             | 3.5%  |
| Orion Corp.                                     | Consumer Staples       | 3.1%  |
| Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., Pfd. | Financials             | 3.1%  |
| Dongbu Insurance Co., Ltd.                      | Financials             | 2.9%  |
| Naver Corp.                                     | Information Technology | 2.8%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                          | -                      | 34.4% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>      |      |
|---|------|
| Consumer Staples                        | 26.9 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 21.8 |
| Financials                              | 15.8 |
| Information Technology                  | 12.7 |
| Materials                               | 5.0  |
| Industrials                             | 4.7  |
| Telecommunication Services              | 3.6  |
| Health Care                             | 3.4  |
| Energy                                  | 3.0  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.1  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>7</sup>    |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 9.5  |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 36.6 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 23.7 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 27.1 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.1  |

<sup>7</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Matthews Korea Fund

## Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

dividend payout ratios should continue to improve in South Korea as companies continue to announce more shareholder-friendly policies. A currency risk remains as the currently strong U.S. dollar could further weaken the won in 2016. We believe that attractive valuations, along with increasing dividends, can provide a nice tailwind to the Korean equity market going forward. We maintain a long-term approach in seeking to identify high quality companies led by capable management teams that stand to benefit from Korea s long-term secular trends.

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December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

### **COMMON EQUITIES: SOUTH KOREA: 75.1%**

|   | Shares           | Value                  |
|---|------------------|------------------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 19.1%                             |                  |                        |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 5.8%                       | 126.640          | Φ4 450 <b>7</b> 11     |
| Kangwon Land, Inc.  | 136,640          | \$4,459,711            |
| Modetour Network, Inc.                                    | 154,085          | 4,401,187              |
| Shinsegae Food Co., Ltd.                                  | 21,316           | 3,119,226              |
|   |                  | 11,980,124             |
| Auto Components: 4.7%                                     |                  |                        |
| Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd.                                   | 23,876           | 4,995,565              |
| Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.                                    | 119,816          | 4,778,955              |
| ,   | *                |                        |
|   |                  | 9,774,520              |
|   |                  |                        |
| Automobiles: 2.7%   | 124 222          |                        |
| Kia Motors Corp.  | 124,232          | 5,539,502              |
| W 11 0.16   |                  |                        |
| Media: 2.1%   | 20.224           | 2 106 007              |
| CJ CGV Co., Ltd.<br>Cheil Worldwide, Inc. <sup>b</sup>    | 29,234<br>79,016 | 3,106,907<br>1,381,963 |
| Chen worldwide, Inc.                                      | 79,010           | 1,381,903              |
|   |                  | 4,488,870              |
|   |                  |                        |
| Specialty Retail: 1.7%                                    | <b>-1.</b> -60   | 2 124                  |
| Hotel Shilla Co., Ltd.                                    | 54,569           | 3,573,132              |
| M149 D.4.9. 1 20/   |                  |                        |
| Multiline Retail: 1.3% Hyundai Department Store Co., Ltd. | 24,494           | 2,625,203              |
| Tryundai Departinent Store Co., Eta.                      | 24,474           | 2,023,203              |
| Internet & Catalog Retail: 0.8%                           |                  |                        |
| NS Shopping Co., Ltd.                                     | 10,422           | 1,641,358              |
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### **Total Consumer Discretionary**

39,622,709

| CONSUMER STAPLES: 18.9%                             |         |                     |
|---|---------|---------------------|
| Food Products: 8.7%                                 |         |                     |
| Orion Corp.   | 6,503   | 6,423,419           |
| Ottogi Corp.  | 5,434   | 5,631,571           |
| Daesang Corp.                                       | 112,977 | 3,107,768           |
| Binggrae Co., Ltd.                                  | 48,495  | 2,819,156           |
|   | , . , . | _,-,-,              |
|   |         | 17,981,914          |
|   |         |                     |
| Food & Stanles Datailing, 7.3%                      |         |                     |
| Food & Staples Retailing: 7.3% BGF Retail Co., Ltd. | 56,179  | 8,133,120           |
| Hyundai Greenfood Co., Ltd.                         | 192,083 | 4,034,740           |
| E-Mart, Inc.  | 18,489  | 2,966,737           |
| E-Mart, IIIC.                                       | 10,409  | 2,900,737           |
|   |         | 15,134,597          |
|   |         | , ,                 |
|   |         |                     |
| Household Products: 1.9%                            |         |                     |
| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd.                    | 4,509   | 4,003,915           |
|   |         |                     |
| Personal Products: 1.0%                             |         |                     |
|   | 6,180   | 2,168,730           |
| Amorepacific Corp.                                  | 0,180   | 2,100,730           |
| <b>Total Consumer Staples</b>                       |         | 39,289,156          |
| 20 <b></b> 20                                       |         | es, <u>=</u> 0,,±00 |
|   |         |                     |
| FINANCIALS: 12.8%                                   |         |                     |
| Banks: 5.5%   |         |                     |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.                   | 213,636 | 7,176,409           |
| KB Financial Group, Inc.                            | 82,672  | 2,329,185           |
| DGB Financial Group, Inc.                           | 224,584 | 1,913,238           |
|   |         | 11 410 022          |
|   |         | 11,418,832          |
|   |         |                     |
| Insurance: 4.2%                                     |         |                     |
| Dongbu Insurance Co., Ltd.                          | 100,190 | 5,994,516           |
| Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.           | 10,355  | 2,706,862           |
|   | ,       | , ,                 |
|   |         | 8,701,378           |
|   | C.      | ¥7. ¥               |
| Constal Manlacks, 2.16/                             | Shares  | Value               |
| Capital Markets: 3.1%                               | 00.000  | ¢2 404 407          |
| Shinyoung Securities Co., Ltd.                      | 80,699  | \$3,484,427         |
| Kiwoom Securities Co., Ltd.                         | 55,912  | 2,919,728           |
|   |         |                     |

|   |         | 6,404,155  |
|---|---------|------------|
| Total Financials  |         | 26,524,365 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 8.4%  |         |            |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 3.5%  |         |            |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.   | 6,830   | 7,284,757  |
| Internet Software & Services: 2.8%  |         |            |
| Naver Corp.   | 10,510  | 5,860,790  |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment: 1.6%  |         |            |
| SK Hynix, Inc.  | 64,368  | 1,662,816  |
| Koh Young Technology, Inc.  | 47,439  | 1,550,794  |
|   |         | 3,213,610  |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 0.5%  |         |            |
| Bixolon Co., Ltd.   | 84,519  | 1,075,175  |
| Total Information Technology  |         | 17,434,332 |
| INDUSTRIALS: 4.7%   |         |            |
| Commercial Services & Supplies: 1.5%  |         |            |
| KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering Co., Ltd.   | 41,246  | 3,120,001  |
| Professional Services: 1.2%   |         |            |
| SaraminHR Co., Ltd.   | 120,621 | 2,353,145  |
| Machinery: 1.0%   |         |            |
| Hy-Lok Corp.  | 100,845 | 2,127,792  |
| Trading Companies & Distributors: 1.0%  |         |            |
| iMarketKorea, Inc.  | 98,161  | 2,106,244  |
| Total Industrials   |         | 9,707,182  |
|   |         |            |
|   |         |            |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES: 3.6%  |         |            |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES: 3.6% Wireless Telecommunication Services: 2.2% SK Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR | 226,600 | 4,565,990  |

| <b>Diversified Telecommunication Services: 1.4%</b> KT Corp. ADR <sup>b</sup>                                 | 241,200                    | 2,872,692   |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Total Telecommunication Services</b>   |                            | 7,438,682   |
| HEALTH CARE: 3.4%   |                            |   |
| Pharmaceuticals: 3.4% Yuhan Corp. Dong-A ST Co., Ltd. DongKook Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.  Total Health Care    | 13,026<br>23,987<br>24,611 | 3,004,996<br>2,971,798<br>1,218,992<br><b>7,195,786</b> |
| Total Health Care   |                            | 7,173,700   |
| MATERIALS: 2.2% Chemicals: 2.2% LG Chem, Ltd. KPX Chemical Co., Ltd. Total Materials                          | 13,283<br>21,148           | 3,667,213<br>868,648<br><b>4,535,861</b>                |
|   |                            |   |
| ENERGY: 2.0% Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels: 2.0% SK Innovation Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup> S-Oil Corp.  Total Energy | 23,026<br>24,496           | 2,525,284<br>1,640,896<br><b>4,166,180</b>              |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES   |                            | 155,914,253   |

(Cost \$108,872,054)

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

### PREFERRED EQUITIES: SOUTH KOREA: 21.8%

|  | Shares | Value       |
|--|--------|-------------|
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 8.0%                               |        |             |
| Household Products: 4.2%                             |        |             |
| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd., Pfd.               | 18,986 | \$8,770,935 |
|  |        |             |
| Personal Products: 3.8%                              |        |             |
| Amorepacific Corp., Pfd.                             | 39,808 | 7,757,450   |
|  |        | 4           |
| Total Consumer Staples                               |        | 16,528,385  |
|  |        |             |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 4.3%                         |        |             |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 3.7%     |        |             |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Pfd.                  | 8,351  | 7,719,565   |
|  |        |             |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 0.6% |        |             |
| Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Pfd.                          | 20,284 | 1,267,646   |
|  |        |             |
| Total Information Technology                         |        | 8,987,211   |
|  |        |             |
| FINANCIALS: 3.0%                                     |        |             |
| Insurance: 3.0%                                      |        |             |
| Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., Pfd.      | 39,526 | 6,346,051   |
| Total Financials                                     |        | 6,346,051   |
| Total Financials                                     |        | 0,340,031   |
|  |        |             |
| MATERIALS: 2.8%                                      |        |             |
| Chemicals: 2.8%                                      |        |             |
| LG Chem, Ltd., Pfd.                                  | 27,910 | 5,831,001   |
| Total Materials                                      |        | 5,831,001   |
| I otal materials                                     |        | 3,031,001   |

### **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 2.7%**

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|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Automobiles: 2.3%                         |                |                   |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., 2nd Pfd.         | 53,516         | 4,763,318         |
|   |                |                   |
| Specialty Details 0.40/                   |                |                   |
| Specialty Retail: 0.4%                    | 10.540         | 555 504           |
| Hotel Shilla Co., Ltd., Pfd.              | 18,549         | 777,704           |
| Total Consumer Discretionary              |                | 5,541,022         |
|   |                | -,,               |
|   |                |                   |
| ENERGY: 1.0%                              |                |                   |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels: 1.0%         |                |                   |
| S-Oil Corp., Pfd.                         | 51,498         | 2,030,053         |
|   |                | • • • • • • • • • |
| Total Energy                              |                | 2,030,053         |
|   |                |                   |
| TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES                  |                | 45,263,723        |
|   |                | , ,               |
| (Cost \$25,859,805)                       |                |                   |
| TOTAL INVINCENTATION OF A CASE            |                | 204 455 057       |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 96.9%                  |                | 201,177,976       |
| $(\text{Cost } \$134,731,859^{\circ})$    |                |                   |

**LESS LIABILITIES: 3.1%** 

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,

6,489,066

**NET ASSETS: 100.0%** \$207,667,042

- Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- Non-income producing security. b
- Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$137,871,194 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation | \$70,679,353<br>(7,372,571) |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation                                 | \$63,306,782                |

ADR American Depositary Receipt

Pfd. Preferred

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lydia So, CFA Lead Manager

Kenichi Amaki Co-Manager

**FUND FACTS** 

Ticker
CUSIP
Inception
NAV
Initial Investment
Gross Expense Ratio<sup>1</sup>
After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement<sup>2</sup>
Portfolio Statistics

Total # of Positions
Net Assets
Weighted Average Market Cap
Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup>
Benchmark

MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index Redemption Fee 2% within first 90 calendar days of purchase **Beini Zhou, CFA**Co-Manager

Investor MSMLX 577125206 9/15/08 \$19.41 \$2,500 1.48% 1.47%

> 76 \$609.9 million \$1.2 billion 48.29%

Institutional

577125867

\$3 million 1.30%

**MISMX** 

4/30/13

\$19.40

1.25%

OBJECTIVE

Long-term capital appreciation.

### **STRATEGY**

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of Small Companies located in Asia ex Japan, which consists of all countries and markets in Asia excluding Japan, but including all other developed, emerging and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region.

Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund returned 9.43% (Investor Class) and 9.23% (Institutional Class), while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index, returned 3.28%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 3.55% (Investor Class) and 3.62% (Institutional Class), versus 4.83% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

Asia s equity markets stabilized somewhat in the fourth quarter of 2015, after earlier anxieties that had rocked emerging markets abated. However, underlying concerns persisted over the effects of depressed commodity prices, weak emerging market currencies and the implications of the U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hike on further capital outflows. China s sluggish economic growth continued to have spillover effects on the rest of Asia, especially for commodity export-dependent countries. Late in the year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) included China s currency, the renminbi, in the basket of currencies that make up the IMF s Special Drawing Right, or SDR. This development should be constructive for the continued internationalization of the currency. Finally, toward the end of the year, the U.S. Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the first time since 2006 as long-anticipated by the market.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Holdings leveraged to Chinese industrial and capital expenditure investment activities were the portfolio s main performance detractors during the year. Some Indonesian holdings performed poorly because of stock-specific operational issues as well as macroeconomic headwinds.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, holdings that sustained growth momentum and were less sensitive to macroeconomic factors performed relatively better. Vitasoy International, a Hong Kong-based beverage manufacturer, was a major contributor to performance. Its China operations registered robust volume growth and operating efficiency as prudent expansion and investments from past years bore fruit. China Biologic Products, a Chinese biopharmaceutical company, also performed strongly as demand for its blood plasma products remained robust. On the other hand, subdued industrial activities globally hampered share price and valuation multiples for our Korean holding Hy-Lok. The firm suffered as the trajectory for demand of its precision fitting products turned more uncertain toward the second half of the year.

#### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the quarter, we adjusted the portfolio, exiting many holdings in various industries for company-specific reasons. One company we shed was Tisco Financial Group, a Thai consumer finance company. Despite being well-managed, slowing demand in auto-related loans as well as certain asset quality issues may persist longer than expected. We initiated positions in fast-growing companies that operate in industries that are beneficiaries of structural shifts. For example, we added KCE Electronics, a printed circuit board manufacturer based in Thailand, as the

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<sup>1</sup> Actual 2015 expense ratios.

<sup>2</sup> Matthews has contractually agreed (i) to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or

reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) of the Institutional Class to 1.25% first by waiving class specific expenses (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees or shareholder service fees specific to a particular class) of the Institutional Class and then, to the extent necessary, by waiving non-class specific expenses of the Institutional Class, and (ii) if any Fund-wide expenses (i.e., expenses that apply to both the Institutional Class and the Investor Class) are waived for the Institutional Class to maintain the 1.25% expense limitation, to waive an equal amount (in annual percentage terms) of those same expenses for the Investor Class. The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement for the Investor Class may vary from year to year and will in some years exceed 1.25%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date. 3 The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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# PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|  |          |        | Average A | Annual Tot | al Returns   |           |
|--|----------|--------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
|  |          |        |           |            | Since        | Inception |
|  | 3 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years   | 5 Years    | Inception    | Date      |
| Investor Class (MSMLX)                             | 3.55%    | -9.43% | 2.64%     | 1.39%      | 12.29%       | 9/15/2008 |
| Institutional Class (MISMX)                        | 3.62%    | -9.23% | n.a.      | n.a.       | 0.55%        | 4/30/2013 |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index <sup>3</sup> | 4.83%    | -3.28% | 2.06%     | -0.87%     | $7.95\%^{4}$ |           |
| Lipper Pacific ex Japan Funds Category             |          |        |           |            |              |           |
| Average <sup>5</sup>                               | 4.37%    | -6.61% | -0.13%    | 0.80%      | $7.14\%^{6}$ |           |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 9/15/08.
- 5 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 periods.
- 6 Calculated from 9/30/08.

### TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>7</sup>

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|                                      | Sector                 | Country         | % of Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Vitasoy International Holdings, Ltd. | Consumer Staples       | China/Hong Kong | 3.3%            |
| Fairwood Holdings, Ltd.              | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 2.4%            |
| Kerry Logistics Network, Ltd.        | Industrials            | China/Hong Kong | 2.4%            |
| PChome Online, Inc.                  | Information Technology | Taiwan          | 2.2%            |
| Lee s Pharmaceutical Holdings, Ltd.  | Health Care            | China/Hong Kong | 2.2%            |
| Karex BHD                            | Consumer Staples       | Malaysia        | 2.1%            |
| Clear Media, Ltd.                    | Consumer Discretionary | China/Hong Kong | 1.9%            |
| i-SENS, Inc.                         | Health Care            | South Korea     | 1.9%            |
| Interpark Corp.                      | Consumer Discretionary | South Korea     | 1.9%            |
| Lifetech Scientific Corp.            | Health Care            | China/Hong Kong | 1.8%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN               |                        |                 | 22.1%           |

<sup>7</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund

### Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

company had demonstrated the ability to gain market share while improving profitability. We believe that the company is well-positioned to benefit from the ongoing global trend we have seen of more electronic components being used in automobiles.

### **Outlook:**

With China s ongoing structural reform efforts over capital markets and its economic rebalancing, we believe there will inevitably be some painful adjustments resulting in slower growth rates over the medium term. Looking across the region, some governments had struggled to deliver constructive policies on infrastructure investments to spur growth because of country-specific political constraints. Given the challenging economic backdrop, companies might face an increasingly tough operating environment as corporate and consumer demands remain tepid. As prospects for a broad-based economic growth pick-up in the region remain uncertain, we continue to favor companies that are financially sound and better-positioned to withstand cyclical downturns. As investors driven by bottom-up fundamentals, we remain constructive on selecting entrepreneurial companies within the vast Asia small-cap universe that are disciplined capital allocators and focused on executing their respective corporate strategies over the long term.

Investing in small- and mid-size companies is more risky than investing in large companies as they may be more volatile and less liquid than larger companies.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%)8,9               |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 31.7 |
| Taiwan                                  | 16.5 |
| India                                   | 15.1 |
| South Korea                             | 7.8  |
| Singapore                               | 6.5  |
| Thailand                                | 5.6  |
| Indonesia                               | 5.0  |
| Malaysia                                | 4.1  |
| Philippines                             | 4.1  |
| Vietnam                                 | 0.5  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.1  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)9 |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Industrials            | 19.8 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 16.8 |
| Consumer Staples       | 16.2 |
| Information Technology | 16.0 |
| Health Care            | 13.6 |
| Financials             | 10.3 |
| Materials              | 2.6  |
| Utilities              | 1.6  |

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| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)9,10             |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 0.0  |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 0.0  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 2.2  |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 94.7 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 3.1  |

- 8 Not all countries where the Fund may invest are included in the benchmark index.
- 9 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 10The Fund defines Small Companies as companies with market capitalization generally between \$100 million and \$3 billion or the largest company included in the Fund s primary benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index.

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December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

### **COMMON EQUITIES: 96.9%**

|  | Shares     | Value        |
|--|------------|--------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 31.7%                                   |            |              |
| Vitasoy International Holdings, Ltd.                     | 9,920,000  | \$20,291,118 |
| Fairwood Holdings, Ltd.                                  | 4,710,000  | 14,798,782   |
| Kerry Logistics Network, Ltd.                            | 10,117,000 | 14,716,122   |
| Lee s Pharmaceutical Holdings, Ltd.                      | 10,582,500 | 13,207,425   |
| Clear Media, Ltd.  | 11,162,000 | 11,503,859   |
| Lifetech Scientific Corp.b                               | 58,136,000 | 11,019,491   |
| Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares            | 23,146,000 | 10,306,931   |
| Sunny Optical Technology Group Co., Ltd.                 | 4,416,000  | 10,071,829   |
| Towngas China Co., Ltd.                                  | 17,006,000 | 9,852,225    |
| China Distance Education Holdings, Ltd. ADR              | 655,399    | 9,627,811    |
| Minth Group, Ltd.  | 4,676,000  | 9,289,628    |
| 51job, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                             | 300,800    | 8,861,568    |
| Bitauto Holdings, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                  | 303,200    | 8,574,496    |
| Phoenix New Media, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                 | 1,349,556  | 8,124,327    |
| China Biologic Products, Inc.b                           | 55,354     | 7,885,731    |
| eHi Car Services, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                  | 617,235    | 7,770,989    |
| Convenience Retail Asia, Ltd.                            | 15,896,000 | 7,137,771    |
| Regina Miracle International Holdings, Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 4,476,052  | 6,526,330    |
| YGM Trading, Ltd.  | 5,708,000  | 3,682,557    |
| Total China/Hong Kong                                    |            | 193,248,990  |
| TAIWAN: 16.5%  |            |              |
| PChome Online, Inc.                                      | 1,347,241  | 13,392,859   |
| Merida Industry Co., Ltd.                                | 2,040,000  | 10,940,832   |
| Voltronic Power Technology Corp.                         | 702,848    | 10,423,866   |
| Sporton International, Inc.                              | 1,692,094  | 10,323,799   |
| Aerospace Industrial Development Corp.                   | 8,310,000  | 10,132,531   |
| Adlink Technology, Inc.                                  | 3,907,811  | 8,989,297    |
| Adden Technology Co., Ltd.                               | 1,098,500  | 8,905,442    |
| TSC Auto ID Technology Co., Ltd.                         | 893,100    | 8,642,251    |
| FineTek Co., Ltd.  | 3,192,920  | 7,205,664    |
| Sinmag Equipment Corp.                                   | 2,037,517  | 6,426,761    |
| Sunny Friend Environmental Technology Co., Ltd.          | 1,329,000  | 5,169,130    |

Total Taiwan 100,552,432

| INDIA: 15.1%  |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Bajaj Corp., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>  | 1,527,896   | 9,777,752  |
| GRUH Finance, Ltd.  | 2,156,236   | 8,888,958  |
| Mindtree, Ltd.  | 403,256   | 8,709,138  |
| Berger Paints India, Ltd.   | 2,124,515   | 8,611,922  |
| Ipca Laboratories, Ltd.   | 713,883   | 7,974,158  |
| Supreme Industries, Ltd.  | 708,293   | 7,277,287  |
| AIA Engineering, Ltd.   | 505,689   | 6,799,154  |
| CRISIL, Ltd.  | 228,579   | 6,776,631  |
| Page Industries, Ltd.   | 33,163  | 6,692,855  |
| LA Opala RG, Ltd.   | 582,275   | 5,595,359  |
| Emami, Ltd.   | 355,325   | , ,  |
| ·   | ·   | 5,353,045  |
| Just Dial, Ltd.   | 402,786   | 5,108,443  |
| Gujarat Pipavav Port, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>   | 2,278,002   | 4,838,726  |
| Total India   |   | 92,403,428                                       |
|   |   |  |
|   | Shares  | Value  |
| SOUTH KOREA: 7.8%   |   |  |
| i-SENS, Inc. <sup>b</sup>   | 398,104   | \$11,476,050                                     |
| Interpark Corp.   | 588,879   | 11,406,020                                       |
| Medy-Tox, Inc.  | 21,781  | 9,411,956  |
| NICE Holdings Co., Ltd.   | 420,475   | 7,750,587  |
| Hy-Lok Corp.  | 366,921   | 7,741,897  |
| Total South Korea   |   | 47,786,510                                       |
|   |   |  |
| SINGAPORE: 6.5%   |   |  |
| ARA Asset Management, Ltd.  | 12,768,318  | 10,576,632                                       |
| Raffles Medical Group, Ltd.   | 3,218,200   | 9,434,759  |
| iFAST Corp., Ltd.   | 7,011,500   | 6,654,808  |
| Super Group, Ltd.   | 10,898,000  | 6,425,493  |
| Petra Foods, Ltd.   | 3,616,200   | 5,350,905  |
| ISEC Healthcare, Ltd.   | 6,930,800   | 1,173,617  |
|   | -,,   | , , -  |
| Total Singapore   |   | 39,616,214                                       |
|   |   |  |
|   |   |  |
| THAILAND: 5.6%  |   |  |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd.  | 4,590,300   | 8,872,981  |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd.<br>Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd.   | 33,672,475  | 8,434,445  |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd. Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd. Supalai Public Co., Ltd.   | 33,672,475<br>13,225,600                            | 8,434,445<br>6,656,056                           |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd.<br>Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd.   | 33,672,475  | 8,434,445  |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd. Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd. Supalai Public Co., Ltd.   | 33,672,475<br>13,225,600                            | 8,434,445<br>6,656,056                           |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd. Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd. Supalai Public Co., Ltd. Aeon Thana Sinsap Thailand Public Co., Ltd.   | 33,672,475<br>13,225,600<br>2,234,400               | 8,434,445<br>6,656,056<br>5,962,882              |
| KCE Electronics Public Co., Ltd. Bangkok Chain Hospital Public Co., Ltd. Supalai Public Co., Ltd. Aeon Thana Sinsap Thailand Public Co., Ltd. Plan B Media Public Co., Ltd. F Shares <sup>b</sup> | 33,672,475<br>13,225,600<br>2,234,400<br>12,394,400 | 8,434,445<br>6,656,056<br>5,962,882<br>2,431,733 |

| Total Thailand  |   | 34,312,819   |
|---|---|--|
| INDONESIA: 5.0%   |   |  |
| PT Sumber Alfaria Trijaya PT Selamat Sempurna PT Bank Tabungan Pensiunan Nasional <sup>b</sup> PT Ultrajaya Milk Industry & Trading Co. <sup>b</sup> PT Wismilak Inti Makmur PT Astra Otoparts  Total Indonesia | 172,892,000<br>20,489,400<br>33,715,400<br>17,446,900<br>89,261,900<br>22,315,625 | 7,274,382<br>7,075,049<br>5,850,557<br>4,974,616<br>2,766,739<br>2,576,679<br>30,518,022 |
|   |   |  |
| MALAYSIA: 4.1%  |   |  |
| Karex BHD 7-Eleven Malaysia Holdings BHD GD Express Carrier BHD   | 13,389,050<br>25,278,100<br>7,266,100   | 12,857,218<br>9,066,793<br>2,917,511   |
| Total Malaysia  |   | 24,841,522   |
|   |   |  |
| PHILIPPINES: 4.1%   |   |  |
| Security Bank Corp. Concepcion Industrial Corp. RFM Corp. Philippine Seven Corp.  | 3,375,367<br>7,812,030<br>51,834,200<br>1,454,751                                 | 10,155,255<br>7,138,822<br>4,351,187<br>3,091,597  |
| <b>Total Philippines</b>  |   | 24,736,861   |
|   |   |  |
| VIETNAM: 0.5%   |   |  |
| DHG Pharmaceutical JSC  | 995,900   | 2,945,401  |
| Total Wistman   |   | 2 0 4 5 4 0 1  |
| Total Vietnam   |   | 2,945,401  |
|   |   |  |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES   |   | 590,962,199  |

(Cost \$560,865,373)

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Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund

December 31, 2015

\$609,914,708

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup> (continued)

**RIGHTS: 0.0%** 

|   | Shares  | Value       |
|---|---------|-------------|
| TAIWAN: 0.0%  |         |             |
| Adlink Technology, Inc., expires 1/11/16 <sup>b</sup> | 220,240 | \$77,505    |
| Total Taiwan  |         | 77,505      |
| TOTAL RIGHTS  |         | 77,505      |
| (Cost \$0)  |         |             |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 96.9%                              |         | 591,039,704 |
| (Cost \$560,865,373°)  CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,         |         |             |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 3.1%                                |         | 18,875,004  |
|   |         | ==,=,=,     |

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.

**NET ASSETS: 100.0%** 

c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$561,290,826 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation | \$109,047,063<br>(79,298,185) |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation                                 | \$29,748,878                  |

Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)

ADR American Depositary Receipt

**BHDBerhad** 

JSC Joint Stock Co.

NVDRNon-voting Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Tiffany Hsiao, CFA

Lead Manager

Henry Zhang, CFA
Co-Manager

Kenichi Amaki
Co-Manager

**FUND FACTS** 

 Ticker
 MCSMX

 CUSIP
 577125404

 Inception
 5/31/11

 NAV
 \$8.79

 Initial Investment
 \$2,500

Gross Expense Ratio<sup>1</sup> 2.10%
After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement<sup>2</sup> 1.50%

Portfolio Statistics
Total # of Positions 47

Net Assets \$21.5 million
Weighted Average Market Cap \$1.5 billion

Portfolio Turnover<sup>3</sup> 72.49%

Benchmark MSCI China Small Cap Index

Redemption Fee

2% within first 90 calendar days of purchase

**OBJECTIVE** 

Long-term capital appreciation.

### **STRATEGY**

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of Small Companies located in China. China includes its administrative and other districts, such as Hong Kong.

Matthews China Small Companies Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews China Small Companies Fund returned 4.07%, while its benchmark, the MSCI China Small Cap Index, returned 3.48%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 11.06%, versus 10.33% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

As we had anticipated, the fourth quarter of 2015 was much less volatile for China s stock markets than the previous two quarters. This was likely a result of the market digesting the generally weak first half earnings data and refocusing on growth drivers for the new year. A number of key events during the quarter also helped stabilize sentiment by assuaging uncertainty going into 2016. These key events include: the International Monetary Fund s agreement to include the Chinese renminbi into its reserve currency basket; the Chinese Ministry of Finance s announcement of a new basket approach toward the renminbi valuation; the Chinese government s annual central economic work conference, which set an accommodative policy direction for the new year; and the first U.S. Federal Reserve rate hike since 2006. Economic data announced toward the end of the quarter reflected a Chinese economy that is stabilizing as evidenced by the moderating deceleration of trade data, resilience of retail sales and stable fixed asset investments.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

During the fourth quarter of 2015, positive stock selection in the health care and financials sectors were the biggest contributors to the Fund s relative outperformance versus the benchmark. On the other hand, the technology sector posed a large drag on relative Fund performance, in part due to some holdings that pulled back following a strong third quarter.

Two of our best-performing stocks were China Biologic Products, the largest overseas-listed Chinese blood plasma collection and product maker, and Vitasoy International, a leading brand in the Greater China soy milk and tea drinks segment. China Biologic Products continues to gain market share through superior execution, and it benefits from increasing usage of blood plasma products in various therapeutic fields. Vitasoy also continues to gain share by its methodical process of expanding its presence in China.

Our top detractors during the quarter were both technology companies: TK Group Holdings and Adlink Technology both suffered near-term setbacks as their customers scaled back on orders toward year-end. Over the long run, we believe both companies still hold a significant edge in their technology, and should benefit from upgrades related to the next phase of advanced manufacturing known as Industry 4.0. This includes a significant growth in the commercial applications for devices and embedded computing sensors that collect and exchange real-time data known as The Internet of Things.

#### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the year, the Fund saw unusually high turnover as market conditions resulted in elevated shareholder redemptions. In order to meet these redemptions, securities that had been long held in the portfolio had to be sold. In many cases, these holdings had significantly appreciated and once sold, resulted in a higher distribution than is typical for this Fund.

During the fourth quarter, we initiated a position in Wuxi Little Swan, the second-largest washing machine maker in China. We have been impressed with the company supply chain transformation, which has allowed it to increase sales and lower costs at the same time. The majority of the company supply products are now produced only after an order has been placed and can be delivered to the customer within three weeks. This significantly improves cash flows through lower working capital, and it boosts sales by being more responsive to trends in the market.

(continued)

- 1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.
- 2Matthews has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding Rule 12b-1 fees, front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, short sale dividend expenses, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) to 1.50%. If the operating expenses fall below the expense limitation in a year within three years after Matthews has made a waiver or reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount that does not cause the expenses for that year to exceed the expense limitation applicable at the time of that fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement or to exceed any other agreed upon expense limitation for that year. This agreement will remain in place until April 30, 2017, may be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year and may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Fund on 60 days written notice to Matthews. Matthews may decline to renew this agreement by written notice to the Trust at least 30 days before its annual expiration date.
- 3The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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MSCI China Small Cap Index<sup>4</sup>

Lipper China Region Funds Category Average<sup>5</sup>

#### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 **Average Annual Total Returns Inception** Since **Inception** date 3 Months 1 Year 3 Years 9.03% 0.21% Investor Class (MCSMX) 11.06% 4.07% 5/31/2011

10.33%

7.29%

6.97%

2.98%

3.48%

-3.02%

-0.47%

-0.11%

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.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 4 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup>           | Sector                 | % of Net Assets |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| China Biologic Products, Inc.            | Health Care            | 5.5%            |
| Voltronic Power Technology Corp.         | Industrials            | 4.4%            |
| Lee s Pharmaceutical Holdings, Ltd.      | Health Care            | 4.3%            |
| SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.    | Industrials            | 3.9%            |
| Sunny Optical Technology Group Co., Ltd. | Information Technology | 3.6%            |
| KWG Property Holding, Ltd.               | Financials             | 3.5%            |
| Boer Power Holdings, Ltd.                | Industrials            | 3.2%            |

| Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd.   | Industrials            | 3.0%  |
|---|------------------------|-------|
| Sporton International, Inc.             | Industrials            | 3.0%  |
| China Distance Education Holdings, Ltd. | Consumer Discretionary | 2.9%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                  |                        | 37.3% |

6 Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>     |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 85.8 |
| Taiwan                                  | 12.3 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>      |      |
|---|------|
| Industrials                             | 33.7 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 17.4 |
| Health Care                             | 16.1 |
| Information Technology                  | 12.8 |
| Financials                              | 10.9 |
| Consumer Staples                        | 5.1  |
| Utilities                               | 2.1  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%) <sup>7,8</sup>  |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 0.0  |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 0.0  |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 11.2 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 86.9 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 1.9  |

<sup>7</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

### **Outlook:**

Despite the continuing trend of decelerating growth in the Chinese economy, we believe the generally accommodative and constructive government policies should improve the quality of growth going forward. Furthermore, if plans such as the reform of state-owned enterprises and tax reform are executed well, small companies should benefit over the long run as they are generally more innovative, efficient and competitive. For the time being, we will continue to focus on companies with sustainable quality earnings streams that can better weather uncertain economic conditions. We still find sectors, such as industrial automation and health care, to be among the most attractive from a secular growth perspective.

<sup>8</sup> The Fund defines Small Companies as companies with market capitalization generally between \$100 million and \$3 billion or the largest company included in the Fund s primary benchmark, the MSCI China Small Cap Index. Matthews China Small Companies Fund

Investing in small- and mid-size companies is more risky than investing in large companies as they may be more volatile and less liquid than larger companies.

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Matthews China Small Companies Fund

December 31, 2015

Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

### **COMMON EQUITIES: 98.1%**

|   | Shares    | Value     |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| INDUSTRIALS: 33.7%                            |           |           |
| Electrical Equipment: 8.4%                    |           |           |
| Voltronic Power Technology Corp.              | 64,261    | \$953,048 |
| Boer Power Holdings, Ltd.                     | 384,000   | 689,885   |
| FineTek Co., Ltd.                             | 72,420    | 163,435   |
|   |           | 1,806,368 |
| Transportation Infrastructure: 6.7%           |           |           |
| Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure, Ltd.         | 1,042,000 | 650,869   |
| Shenzhen International Holdings, Ltd.         | 226,000   | 415,863   |
| Qingdao Port International Co., Ltd. H Shares | 832,000   | 370,490   |
|   |           | 1,437,222 |
| D 6 1 10 1 700                                |           |           |
| Professional Services: 5.8%                   | 106 112   | (47.416   |
| Sporton International, Inc.                   | 106,113   | 647,416   |
| 51job, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                  | 20,324    | 598,745   |
|   |           | 1,246,161 |
| Marine: 3.9%                                  |           |           |
| SITC International Holdings Co., Ltd.         | 1,608,000 | 850,003   |
| Machinery: 3.6%                               |           |           |
| TK Group Holdings, Ltd.                       | 1,602,000 | 452,688   |
| CIMC Enric Holdings, Ltd.                     | 574,000   | 334,414   |
|   |           | 787,102   |
| Road & Rail: 2.5%                             |           |           |
| eHi Car Services, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>       | 42,600    | 536,334   |
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| Air Freight & Logistics: 2.2% Kerry Logistics Network, Ltd.                               | 321,500         | 467,652            |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Commercial Services & Supplies: 0.6%<br>Sunny Friend Environmental Technology Co., Ltd.   | 34,000          | 132,243            |
| Total Industrials   |                 | 7,263,085          |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 17.4%   |                 |                    |
| Diversified Consumer Services: 5.0%   |                 |                    |
| China Distance Education Holdings, Ltd. ADR TAL Education Group ADR <sup>b</sup>          | 42,660<br>9,600 | 626,675<br>446,112 |
|   |                 | 1,072,787          |
|   |                 |                    |
| Auto Components: 3.7%   |                 |                    |
| Minth Group, Ltd.   | 294,000         | 584,078            |
| Hu Lane Associate, Inc.   | 53,000          | 211,185            |
|   |                 | 795,263            |
|   |                 |                    |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 3.6%<br>Fairwood Holdings, Ltd.                            | 162,000         | 509,003            |
| Homeinns Hotel Group ADR <sup>b</sup>   | 7,550           | 257,908            |
|   | .,              |                    |
|   |                 | 766,911            |
|   |                 |                    |
| Household Durables: 2.0%<br>Wuxi Little Swan Co., Ltd. B Shares                           | 179,417         | 427,186            |
| Waxi Elitic 5 waii Co., Etc. B Shares   | 1/2,11/         | 127,100            |
| Media: 1.8%   |                 |                    |
| Clear Media, Ltd.   | 385,000         | 396,791            |
| Taytiles Append & Lyvyny Coods: 120   |                 |                    |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods: 1.3% Best Pacific International Holdings, Ltd. H Shares | 334,000         | 159,457            |
| Regina Miracle International Holdings, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                                  | 83,000          | 121,019            |
|   |                 | 280,476            |
|   |                 | •                  |
| Total Consumer Discretionary  |                 | 3,739,414          |
|   | Shares          | Value              |

| Shanghai Haohai Biological Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup> 60,800   | 182,418            |
|--|--------------------|
|  | 398,285            |
| 1,5  | 580,703            |
|  | ,                  |
|  |                    |
| Pharmaceuticals: 6.1%  | 222 020            |
|  | 922,928<br>390,573 |
| SSY Group, Ltd. 1,521,022  | 390,373            |
| 1,   | 313,501            |
|  |                    |
| W W G F 1 10 G W 176   |                    |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies: 1.7% Lifetech Scientific Corp.b 1,972,000  | 373,786            |
| 1,972,000  | 373,700            |
|  |                    |
| Life Sciences Tools & Services: 1.0%   |                    |
| Genscript Biotech Corp. <sup>b</sup> 1,222,000   | 208,133            |
| Total Health Care  | 47 <i>6</i> 102    |
| Total Health Care  | 476,123            |
|  |                    |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 12.8%  |                    |
| Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components: 7.8%   |                    |
|  | 777,739            |
|  | 567,361<br>325,018 |
| China High Precision Automation Group, Ltd. <sup>b,c</sup> 195,000   | 7,548              |
| Clinia Tright Tectsion Automation Group, Etc.  | 7,540              |
| 1,   | 677,666            |
|  |                    |
|  |                    |
|  |                    |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 2.5%   | 540 067            |
| •  | 540,067            |
| <u>.</u>   | 540,067            |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777  | ,                  |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777  | 540,067<br>308,965 |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777  | ,                  |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777 Software: 1.4% Chanjet Information Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares 141,400   | ,                  |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777 Software: 1.4% Chanjet Information Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares 141,400 Software & Services: 1.1%   | ,                  |
| Adlink Technology, Inc. 234,777 Software: 1.4% Chanjet Information Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares 141,400 Software & Services: 1.1%   | 308,965            |
| Adlink Technology, Inc.  234,777  Software: 1.4% Chanjet Information Technology Co., Ltd. H Shares  141,400  Internet Software & Services: 1.1% Phoenix New Media, Ltd. ADRb  39,400 | 308,965            |

FINANCIALS: 10.9%

**Real Estate Management & Development: 7.0%** 

| KWG Property Holding, Ltd. Beijing Properties Holdings, Ltd. <sup>b</sup> China Jinmao Holdings Group, Ltd. | 1,031,500<br>4,646,000<br>1,078,000 | 760,385<br>381,004<br>367,193 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   |                                     | 1,508,582                     |
| Capital Markets: 2.5%   |                                     |                               |
| Value Partners Group, Ltd.  | 469,000                             | 545,142                       |
| Diversified Financial Services: 1.4%  |                                     |                               |
| China Merchants China Direct Investments, Ltd.  | 178,000                             | 294,370                       |
| <b>Total Financials</b>   |                                     | 2,348,094                     |
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 5.1%  |                                     |                               |
| Food Products: 5.1%   |                                     |                               |
| Vitasoy International Holdings, Ltd.  | 288,000                             | 589,097                       |
| Tenwow International Holdings, Ltd.   | 936,000                             | 305,785                       |
| China Modern Dairy Holdings, Ltd.   | 784,000                             | 202,568                       |
| <b>Total Consumer Staples</b>   |                                     | 1,097,450                     |

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**COMMON EQUITIES** (continued)

|   | Shares  | Value        |
|---|---------|--------------|
| UTILITIES: 2.1%                                       |         |              |
| Gas Utilities: 2.1%                                   |         |              |
| Towngas China Co., Ltd.                               | 770,000 | \$446,090    |
| Total Utilities                                       |         | 446,090      |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES                                 |         | 21,134,142   |
| (Cost \$20,492,099)                                   |         |              |
| RIGHTS: 0.0%  |         |              |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: 0.0%                          |         |              |
| Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals: 0.0%      |         |              |
| Adlink Technology, Inc., expires 1/11/16 <sup>b</sup> | 13,091  | 4,607        |
| <b>Total Information Technology</b>                   |         | 4,607        |
| TOTAL RIGHTS  |         | 4,607        |
| (Cost \$0)  |         | ,            |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 98.1%                              |         | 21,138,749   |
| (Cost \$20,492,099 <sup>d</sup> )                     |         |              |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,                                |         |              |
| LESS LIABILITIES: 1.9%                                |         | 407,253      |
| NET ASSETS: 100.0%                                    |         | \$21,546,002 |

a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).

- b Non-income producing security.
- c Illiquid security, trading was halted at December 31, 2015.
- d Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$20,538,503 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$3,195,820 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (2,595,574) |

Net unrealized appreciation \$600,246

ADR American Depositary Receipt See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Michael J. Oh, CFA Lead Manager Lydia So, CFA Co-Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

|                                  | Investor  | Institutional   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ticker                           | MATFX     | MITEX           |
| CUSIP                            | 577130883 | 577125859       |
| Inception                        | 12/27/99  | 4/30/13         |
| NAV                              | \$12.32   | \$12.34         |
| Initial Investment               | \$2,500   | \$3 million     |
| Gross Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup> | 1.18%     | 0.97%           |
| Portfolio Statistics             |           |                 |
| Total # of Positions             |           | 46              |
| Net Assets                       |           | \$166.5 million |
| Weighted Average Market Cap      |           | \$25.5 billion  |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>2</sup>  |           | 72.85%          |
| Benchmark                        |           |                 |
| MSCI AC Asia Index               |           |                 |

Long-term capital appreciation.

MSCI AC Asia Information Technology Index

#### **STRATEGY**

**OBJECTIVE** 

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia that derive more than 50% of their revenues from the sale of products or services in science- and technology-related industries and services. Asia consists of all countries and markets in Asia, including developed, emerging, and frontier countries and markets in the Asian region.

Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited)

For the year ending December 31, 2015, the Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund returned 4.48% (Investor Class) and 4.63% (Institutional Class) while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia Index, fell 0.36%. For the fourth quarter of the year, the Fund returned 15.33% (Investor Class) and 15.39% (Institutional Class) versus 6.54% for the Index.

#### **Market Environment:**

China s Internet sector recovered late in 2015 and performed well during the fourth quarter of the year following some consolidation. We were very encouraged by this ongoing trend of consolidation in the sector as we saw another major merger and acquisition, this time in China s online travel industry. This was the third major merger and acquisition deal to come out of China s Internet industry in 2015. The first was a deal between China s two biggest ride-sharing and taxi hailing app companies, Didi and Kuaidi, in February. Then in October came the merger between two of the country s biggest online local services providers, Dianping and Meituan. The most recent merger, in November, was in the online travel industry between Ctrip.com International and Qunar. We believe that such developments are quite positive as they improve efficiency and profitability in their respective industries.

#### **Performance Contributors and Detractors:**

Chinese Internet companies performed well during the fourth quarter as most companies reported better-than-expected earnings. Ctrip.com was among the biggest contributors to Fund performance during the fourth quarter. The stock surged when the firm announced it would combine its products and services with that of Qunar, the second-biggest online player. Both Ctrip.com and Qunar have benefited from strong growth in China s rapidly developing travel and tourism industry. NetEase, an online and mobile game operator in China, also performed well on the back of strong revenue growth. As China continues to restructure its economy from an export-driven model to a consumption-driven one, we believe Internet companies should be well-positioned to benefit. Chinese Internet companies have become some of the most innovative companies, not just in China but across the region, and continue to reshape how consumers acquire and consume services and products in China.

Lupin, an India-based pharmaceutical company, was among the detractors during the quarter as its earnings fell below expectation. However, we still believe that the long-term growth outlook for Lupin has not changed despite short-term volatility in earnings and we continue to maintain the position.

### **Notable Portfolio Changes:**

During the fourth quarter, we added Shandong Weigao Group Medical Polymer, a China-based health care company that manufactures medical consumables. The company has dominant share and positioning in China s competitive medical consumables market. Its valuations had become attractive due to price-cuts driven by government policies, but the company maintains healthy growth rates and we believe its growth potential in the overall market is still intact. The Fund also added LG Chem, a maker of lithium batteries used in electronic cars. We believe that the electronic car industry is well-poised to grow in the region as consumers become more environmentally conscious and as pollution becomes a bigger issue across Asia. Overall, we continued to increase our exposure to services industries while reducing exposure to the technology hardware industry.

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- 1 Actual 2015 expense ratios.
- 2The lesser of fiscal year 2015 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

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### PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

|                                 |          | Average Annual Total Returns |         |         |          |                     |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------|------------|
|                                 |          |                              |         |         |          | Since               | Inception  |
|                                 | 3 Months | 1 Year                       | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Inception           | Date       |
| Investor Class (MATFX)          | 15.33%   | 4.48%                        | 15.67%  | 7.88%   | 8.29%    | 2.69%               | 12/27/1999 |
| Institutional Class (MITEX)     | 15.39%   | 4.63%                        | n.a.    | n.a.    | n.a.     | 14.40%              | 4/30/2013  |
| MSCI AC Asia Index <sup>3</sup> | 6.54%    | -0.36%                       | 4.53%   | 2.23%   | 2.95%    | 1.76%4              |            |
| MSCI AC Asia Information        |          |                              |         |         |          |                     |            |
| Technology Index <sup>3</sup>   | 7.88%    | -2.45%                       | 7.19%   | 3.33%   | 3.44%    | -1.54% <sup>4</sup> |            |
| Lipper Global Science and       |          |                              |         |         |          |                     |            |
| Technology Funds Category       |          |                              |         |         |          |                     |            |
| Average <sup>5</sup>            | 11.17%   | 6.65%                        | 16.65%  | 10.52%  | 9.48%    | $1.66\%^{4}$        |            |

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. For the Fund s most recent month-end performance, visit matthewsasia.com.

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

Plotted monthly. The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gains distributions or redemption of Fund shares. Values are in US\$.

- 3 It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International and Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. Please see page 87 for index definition.
- 4 Calculated from 12/31/99.
- 5 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 periods.

| TOP TEN POSITIONS <sup>6</sup> |        |         |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
|                                | Sector | Country | % of Net Assets |

| Baidu, Inc.                            | Information Technology     | China/Hong Kong | 8.5%  |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd.          | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 4.9%  |
| JD.com, Inc.                           | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 4.8%  |
| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd., Pfd. | Consumer Staples           | South Korea     | 4.0%  |
| NetEase, Inc.                          | Information Technology     | China/Hong Kong | 3.4%  |
| China Biologic Products, Inc.          | Health Care                | China/Hong Kong | 2.9%  |
| Naver Corp.                            | Information Technology     | South Korea     | 2.9%  |
| Info Edge India, Ltd.                  | Information Technology     | India           | 2.9%  |
| Qunar Cayman Islands, Ltd.             | Consumer Discretionary     | China/Hong Kong | 2.7%  |
| CITIC Telecom International Holdings,  |                            |                 |       |
| Ltd.                                   | Telecommunication Services | China/Hong Kong | 2.5%  |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN                 |                            |                 | 39.5% |

<sup>6</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

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Portfolio Manager Commentary (unaudited) (continued)

#### **Outlook:**

We anticipate an ongoing transition in China toward an economy more geared toward consumption, and believe this could create attractive buying opportunities. We will continue to seek to identify innovative companies that are creating new markets or gaining market share within existing sectors. Our focus will remain on secular growth industries, such as the Internet, health care and services industries, and we will maintain a long-term approach.

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>7</sup>     |      |
|---|------|
| China/Hong Kong                         | 43.7 |
| South Korea                             | 15.5 |
| Japan                                   | 11.0 |
| India                                   | 9.6  |
| Taiwan                                  | 7.1  |
| Singapore                               | 2.3  |
| United States                           | 1.9  |
| Thailand                                | 1.9  |
| Indonesia                               | 1.5  |
| Vietnam                                 | 0.8  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 4.7  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)                   |      |
|---|------|
| Information Technology                  | 36.7 |
| Consumer Discretionary                  | 22.2 |
| Health Care                             | 16.0 |
| Industrials                             | 7.9  |
| Telecommunication Services              | 5.6  |
| Consumer Staples                        | 5.3  |
| Materials                               | 1.6  |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 4.7  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)8                |      |
|---|------|
| Mega Cap (over \$25B)                   | 24.0 |
| Large Cap (\$10B \$25B)                 | 29.6 |
| Mid Cap (\$3B 10B)                      | 14.8 |
| Small Cap (under \$3B)                  | 26.9 |
| Cash and Other Assets, Less Liabilities | 4.7  |

7 Not all countries are included in the benchmark index(es).

8 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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Schedule of Investments<sup>a</sup>

## **COMMON EQUITIES: 88.2%**

|  | Shares     | Value        |
|--|------------|--------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 43.7%                                   |            |              |
| Baidu, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                             | 74,900     | \$14,159,096 |
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>           | 176,600    | 8,181,878    |
| JD.com, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>                            | 249,200    | 8,040,438    |
| NetEase, Inc. ADR  | 31,000     | 5,618,440    |
| China Biologic Products, Inc. <sup>b</sup>               | 34,400     | 4,900,624    |
| Qunar Cayman Islands, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>              | 86,200     | 4,546,188    |
| CITIC Telecom International Holdings, Ltd.               | 10,732,000 | 4,088,904    |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.                                   | 203,800    | 3,990,401    |
| CAR, Inc. <sup>b</sup>                                   | 2,421,000  | 3,989,431    |
| Shandong Weigao Group Medical Polymer Co., Ltd. H Shares | 5,752,000  | 3,933,092    |
| CSPC Pharmaceutical Group, Ltd.                          | 3,292,000  | 3,356,221    |
| Zhaopin, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                           | 215,063    | 3,294,765    |
| Vipshop Holdings, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                  | 164,242    | 2,507,975    |
| PAX Global Technology, Ltd.                              | 2,083,000  | 2,137,094    |
| Total China/Hong Kong                                    |            | 72,744,547   |
| JAPAN: 11.0%   |            |              |
| Olympus Corp.  | 95,800     | 3,771,519    |
| Hoya Corp.   | 88,200     | 3,606,726    |
| Shimano, Inc.  | 18,600     | 2,856,189    |
| Kao Corp.  | 44,500     | 2,286,799    |
| Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                           | 14,200     | 2,043,114    |
| Keyence Corp.  | 3,700      | 2,033,539    |
| Asahi Intecc Co., Ltd.                                   | 37,500     | 1,723,275    |
| Asam Intece Co., Ltd.                                    | 37,300     | 1,723,273    |
| Total Japan  |            | 18,321,161   |
|  |            |              |
| INDIA: 9.6%  |            | 4.500.000    |
| Info Edge India, Ltd.                                    | 371,814    | 4,790,835    |
| Lupin, Ltd.  | 113,328    | 3,135,547    |
| Bharti Infratel, Ltd.                                    | 423,901    | 2,734,970    |
| Blue Dart Express, Ltd.                                  | 22,300     | 2,273,448    |
| Just Dial, Ltd.  | 125,653    | 1,593,628    |

| Total India  | Mindtree, Ltd.                               | 65,378    | 1,411,972   |
|--|--|-----------|-------------|
| Naver Corp.         8,733         4,869,865           Modetour Network, Inc.         134,153         3,81,862           SaraminHR Co., Ltd.         94,539         1,844,322           iMarketKorea, Inc.         80,846         1,734,716           Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.         1,554         1,657,469           Total South Korea           TAIWAN: 7,1%           PChome Online, Inc.         307,525         3,057,091           Delta Electronics, Inc.         591,511         2,782,221           Merida Industry Co., Ltd.         477,000         2,538,224           Ennoconn Corp.         181,000         2,039,371           Largan Precision Co., Ltd.         11,873,828           SINGAPORE: 2.3%           Raffles Medical Group, Ltd.         751,600         \$2,203,457           iFAST Corp., Ltd.         1,802,100         1,710,423           Total Singapore         3,913,880           UNITED STATES: 1.9%           Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. Class Ab         53,300         3,199,066           THAILAND: 1.9%           Major Cinceplex Group Public Co., Ltd.         3,261,900         3,185,411           Total Thailand   | Total India                                  |           | 15,940,400  |
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| THAILAND: 1.9% Major Cineplex Group Public Co., Ltd. 3,261,900 3,185,411  Total Thailand 3,185,411  INDONESIA: 1.5% PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR 55,100 2,446,440   | Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp. Class A | 33,300    | 3,199,000   |
| Major Cineplex Group Public Co., Ltd. 3,261,900 3,185,411  Total Thailand 3,185,411  INDONESIA: 1.5%  PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR 55,100 2,446,440   | Total United States                          |           | 3,199,066   |
| Total Thailand  3,185,411  INDONESIA: 1.5%  PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR  55,100  2,446,440   |  |           |             |
| INDONESIA: 1.5% PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR 55,100 2,446,440   | Major Cineplex Group Public Co., Ltd.        | 3,261,900 | 3,185,411   |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR 55,100 2,446,440   | Total Thailand                               |           | 3,185,411   |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero ADR 55,100 2,446,440   | INDONESIA: 1.5%                              |           |             |
| Total Indonesia 2,446,440  |  | 55,100    | 2,446,440   |
|  | Total Indonesia                              |           | 2,446,440   |
| VIETNAM: 0.8%  | VIETNAM: 0.8%                                |           |             |

| Mobile World Investment Corp. <sup>b</sup> 3' | 75,365 | 1,307,308 |
|---|--------|-----------|
|---|--------|-----------|

Total Vietnam 1,307,308

### TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES 146,870,275

(Cost \$110,517,307)

#### PREFERRED EQUITIES: 7.1%

| SOUTH KOREA: 7.1%                      |        |           |
|--|--------|-----------|
| LG Household & Health Care, Ltd., Pfd. | 14,270 | 6,592,291 |
| LG Chem, Ltd., Pfd.                    | 12,492 | 2,609,848 |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Pfd.    | 2,796  | 2,584,589 |

#### Total South Korea 11,786,728

### TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES 11,786,728

(Cost \$9,227,414)

#### TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 95.3% 158,657,003

(Cost \$119,744,721c)

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 4.7%

7,875,538

NET ASSETS: 100.0% \$166,532,541

- a Certain securities were fair valued under the valuation polices approved by the Board of Trustees (Note 2-A).
- b Non-income producing security.
- c Cost for federal income tax purposes is \$119,778,528 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$43,617,145 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (4,738,670)  |
|                               |              |

Net unrealized appreciation \$38,878,475

ADR American Depositary Receipt

### Pfd. Preferred

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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#### Disclosures

**Fund Holdings:** The Fund holdings shown in this report are as of December 31, 2015. Holdings are subject to change at any time, so holdings shown in this report may not reflect current Fund holdings. The Funds file complete schedules of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Funds Form N-Q is filed with the SEC within 60 days of the end of the quarter to which it relates, and is available on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. It may also be reviewed and copied at the Commission s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800.SEC.0330. Complete schedules of investments are also available without charge, upon request, from the Funds by calling us at 800.789.ASIA (2742).

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**Redemption Fee Policy:** Currently, a 2.00% redemption fee will be assessed on the sale or exchange of shares of the Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund and Matthews China Small Companies Fund (collectively, the Covered Funds) within 90 days after the date an investor purchases shares of the Covered Funds. Effective April 30, 2015, Funds other than the Covered Funds discontinued the assessment of a 2.00% redemption fee, as approved by the Board of Trustees. The imposition of redemption fees pursuant to the Funds Short-Term Trading Redemption Fee Policy for the Covered Funds may assist the Covered Funds in discouraging market timing activity.

The redemption fee is also imposed to discourage short-term buying and selling of shares of the Covered Funds, which can disrupt the management of the Covered Funds investment portfolios and may have detrimental effects on the Covered Funds and other shareholders, and to allocate the costs the Covered Funds incur as a result of short-term trading and market timing. This fee is payable directly to the Covered Funds.

To determine whether the redemption fee applies, the Covered Funds do not count the day that you purchased your shares, and first redeem the shares that you have held the longest.

The Covered Funds may grant exemptions from the redemption fee in certain circumstances. For more information on this policy, please see the Funds prospectus.

#### **Index Definitions**

The **HSBC** Asian Local Bond Index (ALBI) tracks the total return performance of a bond portfolio consisting of local-currency denominated, high quality and liquid bonds in Asia ex-Japan. The ALBI includes bonds from the following countries: Korea, Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia and China.

The MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of the stock markets of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Asia Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index of the stock markets of China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI China Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of Chinese equities that includes China-affiliated corporations and H shares listed on the Hong Kong exchange, and B shares listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges.

The **S&P Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) 100 Index** is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of the 100 stocks listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The **MSCI Japan Index** is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of Japanese equities listed in Japan.

The **Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI)** is a market capitalization weighted index of all common stocks listed on the Korea Stock Exchange.

The MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted small cap index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI China Small Cap Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted small cap index of the Chinese equity securities markets, including H shares listed on the Hong Kong exchange, B shares listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges, and Hong Kong-listed securities known as Red Chips (issued by entities owned by national or local governments in China) and P Chips (issued by companies controlled by individuals in China and deriving substantial revenues in China).

The MSCI All Country Asia Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI All Country Asia Information Technology Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the combined equity market performance of companies in the information technology sector of developed and emerging markets countries in Asia. Component companies include those of software and services, technology hardware and equipment, and semiconductors and semiconductor equipment.

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We believe it is important for you to understand the impact of fees regarding your investment. All mutual funds have operating expenses. As a shareholder of a mutual fund, you incur ongoing costs, which include costs for portfolio management, administrative services, and shareholder reports (like this one), among others. Operating expenses, which are deducted from a fund s gross income, directly reduce the investment return of the fund. A fund s operating expenses are expressed as a percentage of its average net assets. This figure is known as the expense ratio. The following examples are intended to help you understand the ongoing fees (in dollars) of investing in your fund and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period.

#### This table illustrates your fund s costs in two ways:

Actual Fund Return: This section helps you to estimate the actual operating expenses, after any applicable fee waivers, that you paid over the period. The Ending Account Value shown is derived from the fund s actual return for the past six month period, the Expense Ratio column shows the period s annualized expense ratio, and the Operating Expenses Paid During Period column shows the dollar amount that would have been paid by an investor who started with \$1,000 in the fund at the beginning of the period. You may use the information here, together with your account value, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. To do so, simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an

\$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number given for your fund in the first line under the heading entitled Operating Expenses Paid During Period.

**Hypothetical 5% Return:** This section is intended to help you compare your fund s costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the fund had an annual return of 5% before operating expenses, but that the expense ratio is unchanged. In this case, because the return used is not the fund s actual return, the results do not apply to your investment. This example is useful in making comparisons to other mutual funds because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires all mutual funds to calculate expenses based on an assumed 5% annual return. You can assess your fund s costs by comparing this hypothetical example with the hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the operating expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight and help you compare your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees, or exchange fees.

Matthews Asia Funds does not charge any sales loads, exchange fees, or 12b-1 fees, but these may be present in other funds to which you compare this data. Therefore, the hypothetical portions of the table are useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds.

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|                                 | INVESTOR CLASS             |              |                                 |          | INSTITUTIONAL CLASS |                |                       |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                                 | Beginning                  |              | Ol                              | perating |                     |                | Operating             |                |
|                                 | Account                    | Ending       |                                 | expenses | Beginning           | Ending         |                       | <b>kpenses</b> |
|                                 | ***                        | Account      | Paid                            | During   | Account             | Account        | Paid                  | During         |
|                                 | Value                      | <b>T</b> 7 1 | 10                              | Period   | <b>X</b> 7 1        | <b>X</b> 7 1   | 10                    | Period         |
|                                 | 7/1/15                     |              | Expense<br>Ratio <sup>1</sup> 1 | 7/1/15   | Value 7/1/2015      | Value 12/31/15 | Expense Patiel 12     | 7/1/15         |
| ASIA FIXED                      | 7/1/15                     | 12/31/15     | Kauo <sup>1</sup> 1             | 2/31/152 | 7/1/2015            | 12/31/15       | Ratio <sup>1</sup> 12 | /31/152        |
| INCOME                          |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| STRATEGY                        |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Matthews Asia                   |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Strategic Income                |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Fund                            |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Actual Fund                     |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$990.50     | 1.12%                           | \$5.62   | \$1,000.00          | \$992.60       | 0.90%                 | \$4.52         |
| Hypothetical 5%                 |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$1,019.56   | 1.12%                           | \$5.70   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,020.67     | 0.90%                 | \$4.58         |
| ASIA GROWTH                     |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| AND INCOME                      |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| STRATEGIES<br>Matthews Asian    |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Growth and                      |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Income Fund                     |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Actual Fund                     |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$923.10     | 1.09%                           | \$5.28   | \$1,000.00          | \$924.00       | 0.92%                 | \$4.46         |
| Hypothetical 5%                 | •                          |              |                                 |          | ,                   |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$1,019.71   | 1.09%                           | \$5.55   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,020.57     | 0.92%                 | \$4.69         |
| Matthews Asia                   |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| <b>Dividend Fund</b>            |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Actual Fund                     | <b>* * * * * * * * * *</b> | <b>***</b>   | 4.0 # ~                         | <b></b>  | 44.000.00           | <b>****</b>    | 0.000                 | <b>.</b>       |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$922.00     | 1.05%                           | \$5.09   | \$1,000.00          | \$922.00       | 0.92%                 | \$4.46         |
| Hypothetical 5%                 | ¢1 000 00                  | ¢1 010 01    | 1 050/                          | ¢5 25    | ¢1 000 00           | ¢1 020 57      | 0.020/                | \$4.60         |
| Return<br><b>Matthews China</b> | \$1,000.00                 | \$1,019.91   | 1.05%                           | \$5.35   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,020.57     | 0.92%                 | \$4.69         |
| Dividend Fund                   |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Actual Fund                     |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$892.50     | 1.26%                           | \$6.01   | \$1,000.00          | \$893.50       | 1.01%                 | \$4.82         |
| Hypothetical 5%                 | •                          |              |                                 |          | ,                   |                |                       |                |
| Return                          | \$1,000.00                 | \$1,018.85   | 1.26%                           | \$6.41   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,020.11     | 1.01%                 | \$5.14         |
| ASIA VALUE                      |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| STRATEGY                        |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Matthews Asia                   |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |
| Value Fund*                     | ¢1 000 00                  | ¢1 012 50    | 1.50%                           | ¢1.00    | ¢1 000 00           | φ1 Q12 QQ      | 1.050/2               | ¢1.07          |
|                                 | \$1,000.00                 | \$1,013.50   | 1.50%                           | \$1.28   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,013.00     | $1.25\%^{3}$          | \$1.07         |
|                                 |                            |              |                                 |          |                     |                |                       |                |

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| Actual Fund Return Hypothetical 5% Return ASIA GROWTH STRATEGIES Matthews Asia Focus Fund | \$1,000.00 | \$1,017.64 | 1.50% | \$7.63 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,018.90 | 1.25% <sup>3</sup> | \$6.36 |
|---|------------|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------|
| Actual Fund<br>Return   | \$1,000.00 | \$887.30   | 1.51% | \$7.18 | \$1,000.00 | \$888.40   | 1.25%              | \$5.95 |
| Return  Matthews Asia  Growth Fund  | \$1,000.00 | \$1,017.59 | 1.51% | \$7.68 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,018.90 | 1.25%              | \$6.36 |
| Actual Fund Return  | \$1,000.00 | \$956.40   | 1.14% | \$5.62 | \$1,000.00 | \$958.00   | 0.91%              | \$4.49 |
| Hypothetical 5% Return Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund  | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.46 | 1.14% | \$5.80 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.62 | 0.91%              | \$4.63 |
| Actual Fund Return Hypothetical 5%  | \$1,000.00 | \$912.80   | 1.09% | \$5.26 | \$1,000.00 | \$913.80   | 0.90%              | \$4.34 |
| Return Matthews Asia ESG Fund   | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.71 | 1.09% | \$5.55 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.67 | 0.90%              | \$4.58 |
| Actual Fund Return Hypothetical 5%  | \$1,000.00 | \$942.10   | 1.44% | \$7.05 | \$1,000.00 | \$943.70   | 1.25%              | \$6.12 |
| Hypothetical 5% Return Matthews Emerging Asia   | \$1,000.00 | \$1,017.95 | 1.44% | \$7.32 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,018.90 | 1.25%              | \$6.36 |
| Fund Actual Fund Return Hypothetical 5%   | \$1,000.00 | \$976.90   | 1.53% | \$7.62 | \$1,000.00 | \$977.60   | 1.22%              | \$6.08 |
| Return  Matthews China  Fund  | \$1,000.00 | \$1,017.49 | 1.53% | \$7.78 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.06 | 1.22%              | \$6.21 |
| Actual Fund<br>Return<br>Hypothetical 5%  | \$1,000.00 | \$866.00   | 1.15% | \$5.41 | \$1,000.00 | \$866.30   | 1.00%              | \$4.70 |
| Return  Matthews India  Fund  | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.41 | 1.15% | \$5.85 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.16 | 1.00%              | \$5.09 |
| Actual Fund<br>Return<br>Hypothetical 5%  | \$1,000.00 | \$947.70   | 1.15% | \$5.65 | \$1,000.00 | \$948.90   | 0.91%              | \$4.47 |
| Return  Matthews Japan  Fund  | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.41 | 1.15% | \$5.85 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.62 | 0.91%              | \$4.63 |

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| Actual Fund Return                    | \$1,000.00 | \$988.00   | 0.99% | \$4.96 | \$1,000.00 | \$988.50   | 0.86% | \$4.31 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| Hypothetical 5% Return Matthews Korea | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.21 | 0.99% | \$5.04 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.87 | 0.86% | \$4.38 |
| Fund<br>Actual Fund                   |            |            |       |        |            |            |       |        |
| Return<br>Hypothetical 5%             | \$1,000.00 | \$994.90   | 1.11% | \$5.58 | \$1,000.00 | \$995.10   | 0.93% | \$4.68 |
| Return                                | \$1,000.00 | \$1,019.61 | 1.11% | \$5.65 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,020.52 | 0.93% | \$4.74 |

<sup>\*</sup>Commenced operations on November 30, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Annualized, based on the Fund s most recent fiscal half-year expenses.

<sup>2</sup>Operating expenses are equal to the Fund s annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 days, then divided by 365.

<sup>3</sup> Operating expenses are equal to the Fund s annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 31 days, then divided by 365.

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|                        |                   | INVESTOR          |                      |             | INS'                                    | TITUTION   |                      |             |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|------------|----------------------|-------------|
|                        | Beginning         |                   | $\mathbf{O}_{]}$     | perating    |   |            | 0                    | perating    |
|                        | Account           | Ending            | F                    | Expenses    | Beginning                               | Ending     | I                    | Expenses    |
|                        |                   | Account           | Paid                 | During      | Account                                 | Account    | Paid                 | d During    |
|                        | Value             |                   |                      | Period      |   |            |                      | Period      |
|                        |                   | Value             | <b>Expense</b>       | 7/1/15      | Value                                   | Value      | <b>Expense</b>       | 7/1/15      |
|                        | 7/1/15            | 12/31/15          | Ratio <sup>1</sup> 1 | $2/31/15^2$ | 7/1/2015                                | 12/31/15   | Ratio <sup>1</sup> 1 | $2/31/15^2$ |
| ASIA SMALL             |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| COMPANY                |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| <b>STRATEGIES</b>      |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| <b>Matthews Asia</b>   |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| <b>Small Companies</b> |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Fund                   |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Actual Fund            |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$854.70          | 1.48%                | \$6.92      | \$1,000.00                              | \$855.90   | 1.26%                | \$5.89      |
| Hypothetical 5%        | ,                 |                   |                      |             | . ,                                     |            |                      |             |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$1,017.74        | 1.48%                | \$7.53      | \$1,000.00                              | \$1,018.85 | 1.26%                | \$6.41      |
| <b>Matthews China</b>  | , , ,             | , ,-              |                      | ,           | , ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | , ,        |                      | ,           |
| <b>Small Companies</b> |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Fund                   |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Actual Fund            |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$893.20          | 1.50%                | \$7.16      |   |            |                      |             |
| Hypothetical 5%        | <b>\$1,000.00</b> | \$0, <b>2.2</b> 0 | 1.0070               | Ψ7110       |   |            |                      |             |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$1,017.64        | 1.50%                | \$7.63      |   |            |                      |             |
| ASIA                   | Ψ1,000.00         | φ1,017.01         | 1.5070               | Ψ7.05       |   |            |                      |             |
| SPECIALTY              |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| STRATEGY               |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Matthews Asia          |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Science and            |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Technology Fund        |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Actual Fund            |                   |                   |                      |             |   |            |                      |             |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$960.80          | 1.22%                | \$6.03      | \$1,000.00                              | \$961.50   | 0.99%                | \$4.89      |
| Hypothetical 5%        | Ψ1,000.00         | Ψ200.00           | 1.22/0               | ψ0.03       | Ψ1,000.00                               | Ψ701.30    | 0.77/0               | ψτ.υ/       |
| Return                 | \$1,000.00        | \$1,019.06        | 1.22%                | \$6.21      | \$1,000.00                              | \$1,020.21 | 0.99%                | \$5.04      |
| KCtulli                | φ1,000.00         | \$1,015.00        | 1.44/0               | Φυ.∠1       | \$1,000.00                              | φ1,020.21  | U.7770               | \$3.04      |

<sup>1</sup> Annualized, based on the Fund s most recent fiscal half-year expenses.

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<sup>2</sup> Operating expenses are equal to the Fund s annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 days, then divided by 365.

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|                                 |                      | Matthews           |                           |                         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                 | <b>Matthews Asia</b> | Asian              |                           |                         |
|                                 | Strategic            | Growth and         | Matthews Asia<br>Dividend | Matthews China Dividend |
|                                 | <b>Income Fund</b>   | <b>Income Fund</b> | Fund <sup>1</sup>         | Fund                    |
| ASSETS:                         |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| Investments at value            |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| (A) (Note 2-A and 7):           |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| Unaffiliated issuers            | \$57,820,048         | \$2,839,910,133    | \$4,246,278,701           | \$176,915,548           |
| Affiliated issuers              |                      |                    | 460,348,854               |                         |
| Total investments               | 57,820,048           | 2,839,910,133      | 4,706,627,555             | 176,915,548             |
| Cash                            | 1,608,926            | 6,104,823          | 61,871,524                | 4,038,241               |
| Segregated foreign currency     |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| at value (B)                    |                      |                    | 71,382                    |                         |
| Foreign currency at value (B)   |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| (Note 2-C)                      | 1,511,573            | 1,103,933          | 9,364,043                 |                         |
| Dividends, interest and other   |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| receivable Unaffiliated issuers | 1,051,189            | 10,932,068         | 13,083,878                | 111,818                 |
| Dividends                       | , ,                  | , ,                | , ,                       | •                       |
| receivable Affiliated issuers   |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| Receivable for securities sold  |                      | 22,760,359         | 3,290,580                 | 427,477                 |
| Receivable for capital shares   |                      | , ,                | , ,                       | ,                       |
| sold                            | 63,041               | 9,309,902          | 23,075,250                | 650,585                 |
| Due from Advisor (Note 5)       | ,                    | , ,                | , ,                       | ,                       |
| Deferred offering costs         |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| (Note 2-E)                      |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| Unrealized appreciation on      |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| forward foreign currency        |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| exchange contracts              | 334,847              |                    |                           |                         |
| Prepaid expenses and other      |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| assets                          | 20,755               | 146,552            | 35,329                    | 42,055                  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                    | 62,410,379           | 2,890,267,770      | 4,817,419,541             | 182,185,724             |
| LIABILITIES:                    | 02,110,679           | _,0>0,=01,0        | 1,017,112,011             | 102,100,121             |
| Payable for securities          |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| purchased                       |                      |                    | 38,788                    | 444,749                 |
| Payable for capital shares      |                      |                    | 20,700                    | 111,715                 |
| redeemed                        | 171,980              | 18,060,703         | 9,226,361                 | 640,940                 |
| Unrealized depreciation on      | 171,200              | 10,000,703         | ),220,301                 | 0.10,5.10               |
| forward foreign currency        |                      |                    |                           |                         |
| exchange contracts              | 38,273               |                    |                           |                         |
| Deferred foreign capital gains  | 30,273               |                    |                           |                         |
| tax liability (Note 2-G)        | 965                  |                    |                           |                         |
| Due to Advisor (Note 5)         | 24,744               | 1,678,948          | 2,643,275                 | 100,258                 |
| Due to havisor (110te 3)        | 843                  | 41,960             | 63,859                    | 2,380                   |
|                                 | 073                  | 71,700             | 05,057                    | 2,300                   |

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| Administration and               |                        |                 |                 |               |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| accounting fees payable          |                        |                 |                 |               |
| Administration and               |                        |                 |                 |               |
| shareholder servicing fees       |                        |                 |                 |               |
| payable                          | 7,573                  | 363,191         | 560,495         | 21,691        |
| Custodian fees payable           | 389                    | 147,847         | 152,083         |               |
| Intermediary service fees        |                        |                 |                 |               |
| payable (Note 5)                 | 9,573                  | 719,565         | 716,070         | 33,042        |
| Professional fees payable        | 20,555                 | 42,915          | 54,074          | 18,730        |
| Transfer agent fees payable      | 385                    | 11,003          | 72,177          | 1,626         |
| Printing fees payable            |                        | 147,269         | 158,649         | 2,317         |
| Offering costs (Note 2-E)        |                        |                 |                 |               |
| Trustees fees payable            |                        |                 |                 |               |
| Accrued other expenses           |                        |                 |                 |               |
| payable                          | 4,496                  |                 | 110,027         |               |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                | 279,776                | 21,213,401      | 13,795,858      | 1,265,733     |
| NET ASSETS                       | \$62,130,603           | \$2,869,054,369 | \$4,803,623,683 | \$180,919,991 |
| NET ASSETS:                      |                        |                 |                 |               |
| Investor Class                   | \$51,129,598           | \$2,045,435,360 | \$2,757,910,393 | \$165,514,383 |
| Institutional Class              | 11,001,005             | 823,619,009     | 2,045,713,290   | 15,405,608    |
| TOTAL                            | \$62,130,603           | \$2,869,054,369 | \$4,803,623,683 | \$180,919,991 |
| SHARES                           |                        |                 |                 |               |
| <b>OUTSTANDING:</b>              |                        |                 |                 |               |
| (shares of beneficial interest   |                        |                 |                 |               |
| issued and outstanding,          |                        |                 |                 |               |
| respectively, unlimited          |                        |                 |                 |               |
| number of shares authorized      |                        |                 |                 |               |
| with a \$0.001 par value)        |                        |                 |                 |               |
| Investor Class                   | 5,131,212              | 127,568,587     | 179,605,293     | 12,005,469    |
| Institutional Class              | 1,104,785              | 51,418,285      | 133,264,411     | 1,117,428     |
| TOTAL                            | 6,235,997              | 178,986,872     | 312,869,704     | 13,122,897    |
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| Matthews Asia           | Matthews Asia                          | Matthews Asia                             | Matthews Pacific                             | Matthews Asia           |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| Value Fund              | Focus Fund                             | Growth Fund                               | Tiger Fund                                   | ESG Fund                |
| value Fund              | rocus runu                             | Growth Fund                               | riger runu                                   | ESG Fund                |
| \$1,320,377             | \$10,749,522                           | \$760,804,877                             | \$6,033,506,582                              | \$4,840,407             |
|                         |  |   | 596,651,164                                  |                         |
| 1,320,377               | 10,749,522                             | 760,804,877                               | 6,630,157,746                                | 4,840,407               |
| 417,745                 | 450,099                                | 13,970,217                                | 61,486,309                                   | 102,974                 |
| 4,285                   | 11,902                                 | 75,103                                    | 3,029,378                                    | 2                       |
| 4,564                   | 33,906                                 | 469,903                                   | 6,491,425                                    | 8,720                   |
| 7,507                   | 33,700                                 | 407,703                                   | 753,846                                      | 0,720                   |
|                         |  | 4,797,671                                 | 755,040                                      | 6,448                   |
| 11,950                  | 50,529                                 | 1,452,334                                 | 13,105,785                                   | 5,418                   |
| 40,508                  | 10,178                                 | 1,432,334                                 | 13,103,703                                   | 71,990                  |
| 87,206                  | 10,170                                 |   |  | 26,229                  |
| <b>1,886,635</b> 41,413 | 15,739<br><b>11,321,875</b><br>136,680 | 60,704<br><b>781,630,809</b><br>3,848,419 | 46,648<br><b>6,715,071,137</b><br>23,395,883 | <b>5,062,188</b> 2  300 |
|                         | 150,000                                | 3,040,417                                 | 25,575,005                                   | 300                     |
|                         |  | 141,754                                   |  | 9,835                   |
|                         |  | 439,511                                   | 3,673,742                                    | ,                       |
| 9                       | 157                                    | 10,541                                    | 90,093                                       | 72                      |
| 167                     | 1 205                                  | 05.164                                    | 7(2,724                                      | 642                     |
| 167                     | 1,395                                  | 95,164                                    | 762,734                                      | 643                     |
| 2,727                   |  | 38,390                                    | 463,699                                      | 4,730                   |
| 198                     | 0.550                                  | 149,364                                   | 957,249                                      | 10.700                  |
| 12,729                  | 8,558                                  | 26,941                                    | 70,838                                       | 12,723                  |
| 41                      | 219                                    | 3,691                                     | 71,738                                       | 42                      |
| 499                     | 10                                     | 10 177                                    | 104.000                                      | 10 417                  |
| 95,134                  | 18                                     | 13,177                                    | 124,862                                      | 10,417<br>78,686        |

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| 20<br>1,103<br><b>154,040</b><br>\$1,732,595 | 147,027<br>\$11,174,848 | 8,094<br><b>4,775,046</b><br><b>\$776,855,763</b> | 44,945<br><b>29,655,783</b><br>\$6,685,415,354 | 555<br>9,832<br><b>127,837</b><br><b>\$4,934,351</b> |
|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| \$1,589,491                                  | \$5,474,349             | \$526,969,427                                     | \$2,720,868,577                                | \$3,247,953  |
| 143,104                                      | 5,700,499               | 249,886,336                                       | 3,964,546,777                                  | 1,686,398  |
| <b>\$1,732,595</b>                           | <b>\$11,174,848</b>     | <b>\$776,855,763</b>                              | <b>\$6,685,415,354</b>                         | <b>\$4,934,351</b>                                   |
| 161,338                                      | 629,805                 | 24,981,689  | 115,582,909                                    | 351,982  |
| 14,560                                       | 655,863                 | 11,767,259  | 168,553,810                                    | 183,975  |
| <b>175,898</b>                               | <b>1,285,668</b>        | <b>36,748,948</b>                                 | <b>284,136,719</b>                             | <b>535,957</b>                                       |

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Statements of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

|   | Matthews Asia<br>Strategic | Matthews<br>Asian<br>Growth and | Matthews Asia<br>Dividend     | Matthews China Dividend      |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>Income Fund</b>         | <b>Income Fund</b>              | Fund <sup>1</sup>             | Fund                         |
| NET ASSET VALUE:                        |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| Investor Class, offering price          |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| and redemption price                    | \$9.96                     | \$16.03                         | \$15.36                       | \$13.79                      |
| Institutional Class, offering           |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| price and redemption price              | \$9.96                     | \$16.02                         | \$15.35                       | \$13.79                      |
| NET ASSETS CONSIST                      |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| OF:                                     | <b>467.075.077</b>         | Φο (οο 177 οοο                  | Φ. 4. 2. 4. 0. 20. 0. C. 2. 1 | Φ1 <b>55</b> 660 <b>2</b> 61 |
| Capital paid-in                         | \$67,075,877               | \$2,622,477,980                 | \$4,348,200,631               | \$175,660,361                |
| Undistributed (distributions in         |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| excess of) net investment income (loss) | (141,570)                  | (9,981,676)                     | (4,689,915)                   | (367,605)                    |
| Undistributed/accumulated net           | (141,570)                  | (9,961,070)                     | (4,009,913)                   | (307,003)                    |
| realized gain (loss) on                 |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| investments, financial futures          |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| contracts, and foreign currency         |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| related transactions                    | (1,535,531)                | 40,251,822                      | (40,485,123)                  | 516,116                      |
| Net unrealized appreciation             | (1,000,001)                | 10,251,022                      | (10,100,120)                  | 310,110                      |
| (depreciation) on investments,          |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| financial futures contracts,            |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| foreign currency translations           |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| and deferred foreign capital            |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| gains taxes                             | (3,268,173)                | 216,306,243                     | 500,598,090                   | 5,111,119                    |
| NET ASSETS                              | \$62,130,603               | \$2,869,054,369                 | \$4,803,623,683               | \$180,919,991                |
| (A) Investments at cost:                |                            |                                 |                               |                              |
| Unaffiliated issuers                    | \$61,378,254               | \$2,623,543,355                 | \$3,741,066,074               | \$171,804,467                |
| Affiliated issuers                      |                            |                                 | 464,705,388                   |                              |
| Total investments at cost               | \$61,378,254               | \$2,623,543,355                 | \$4,205,771,462               | \$171,804,467                |
| (B) Foreign currency at cost            | \$1,511,573                | \$1,103,933                     | \$9,613,953                   | \$                           |

<sup>1</sup> Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. See Note 2-C.

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| Matthews Asia<br>Value Fund    | Matthews Asia<br>Focus Fund              | Matthews Asia<br>Growth Fund                        | Matthews Pacific<br>Tiger Fund                        | Matthews Asia<br>ESG Fund                   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| \$9.85                         | \$8.69                                   | \$21.09   | \$23.54   | \$9.23                                      |
| \$9.83                         | \$8.69                                   | \$21.24   | \$23.52   | \$9.17                                      |
| \$1,741,569<br>7,772           | \$13,265,385<br>80,691                   | \$661,074,198<br>278,925                            | \$5,255,153,512                                       | \$5,088,649<br>26,705                       |
| (16,746)<br><b>\$1,732,595</b> | (709,662)<br>(1,461,566)<br>\$11,174,848 | (19,506,204)<br>135,008,844<br><b>\$776,855,763</b> | 13,364,607<br>1,416,897,235<br><b>\$6,685,415,354</b> | (52,070)<br>(128,933)<br><b>\$4,934,351</b> |
| \$1,337,140                    | \$12,210,811                             | \$625,650,734                                       | \$4,467,455,485<br>745,786,796                        | \$4,959,486                                 |
| \$1,337,140<br>\$4,274         | \$12,210,811<br>\$11,902                 | \$625,650,734<br>\$75,103                           | \$5,213,242,281<br>\$3,029,224                        | \$4,959,486<br>\$2                          |

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Statements of Assets and Liabilities (continued)

|  |   | Matthews                                | Matthews               |
|--|---|---|------------------------|
|  | Matthews Emerging Asia Fund             | China Fund <sup>1</sup>                 | India Fund             |
| ASSETS:                                      | Asia runu                               | Cillia Fund                             | maia runa              |
| Investments at value                         |   |   |                        |
| (A) (Note 2-A and 7):                        |   |   |                        |
| Unaffiliated issuers                         | \$165,213,375                           | \$732,306,149                           | \$1,408,937,740        |
| Affiliated issuers                           | , | + · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 98,231,975             |
| Total investments                            | 165,213,375                             | 732,306,149                             | 1,507,169,715          |
| Cash   | 4,285,963                               | ,,,, -                                  | -,,,                   |
| Segregated foreign currency at value (B)     | .,,-                                    | 72,494                                  |                        |
| Foreign currency at value (B)                | 2,253,794                               | 1,652,644                               | 10,906,448             |
| Dividends, interest and other                | _,,                                     | 1,002,011                               | 10,200,110             |
| receivable Unaffiliated issuers              | 181,630                                 |   | 372,989                |
| Dividends receivable Affiliated issuers      | 101,030                                 |   | 372,707                |
| Receivable for securities sold               |   | 11,904,467                              | 8,792,539              |
| Receivable for capital shares sold           | 379,326                                 | 514,290                                 | 3,036,003              |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets            | 13,480                                  | 39,727                                  | 46,111                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                 | 172,327,568                             | 746,489,771                             | 1,530,323,805          |
| LIABILITIES:                                 | 172,027,000                             | 710,105,771                             | 1,000,020,000          |
| Payable for securities purchased             | 389,880                                 | 7,474,674                               |                        |
| Payable for capital shares redeemed          | 177,718                                 | 3,838,369                               | 6,328,274              |
| Cash overdraft                               | 177,710                                 | 273,630                                 | 14,780,558             |
| Deferred foreign capital gains tax liability |   | 273,030                                 | 14,700,330             |
| (Note 2-G)                                   | 1,660,502                               |   | 1,942,487              |
| Foreign capital gains tax payable (Note      | 1,000,502                               |   | 1,772,707              |
| 2-G)   | 72,437                                  |   |                        |
| Due to Advisor (Note 5)                      | 68,510                                  | 417,735                                 | 841,513                |
| Administration and accounting fees           | 00,510                                  | 417,733                                 | 041,313                |
| payable                                      | 2,174                                   | 10,275                                  | 20,054                 |
| Administration and shareholder servicing     | 2,174                                   | 10,273                                  | 20,034                 |
| fees payable                                 | 19,696                                  | 90,362                                  | 182,336                |
| Intermediary service fees payable (Note      | 17,070                                  | 70,302                                  | 102,330                |
| 5)   | 30,705                                  | 160,710                                 | 248,331                |
| Professional fees payable                    | 8,651                                   | 24,787                                  | 30,216                 |
| Transfer agent fees payable                  | 763                                     | 12,555                                  | 12,653                 |
| Accrued other expenses payable               | 28,037                                  | 143,591                                 | 110,389                |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                            | <b>2,459,073</b>                        | 12,446,688                              | <b>24,496,811</b>      |
| NET ASSETS                                   | \$169,868,495                           | \$734,043,083                           | \$1,505,826,994        |
| NET ASSETS:                                  | φ102,000, <del>1</del> 23               | φ <i>ι υ</i> τ,υτυ,υυυ                  | Ψ1,505,020,334         |
| Investor Class                               | \$114,590,180                           | \$709,766,606                           | \$1,151,948,121        |
| Institutional Class                          | 55,278,315                              | 24,276,477                              | 353,878,873            |
| TOTAL  | \$169,868,495                           | \$734,043,083                           | \$1,505,826,994        |
| IVIAL  | <b>Ф107,000,473</b>                     | φ13 <b>4,043,003</b>                    | φ1,505,040,7 <b>74</b> |

#### **SHARES OUTSTANDING:**

(shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding, respectively, unlimited number of shares authorized with a \$0.001 par value)

| TOTAL               | 15,067,275 | 39,856,995 | 56,947,123 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Institutional Class | 4,896,422  | 1,320,026  | 13,358,512 |
| Investor Class      | 10,170,853 | 38,536,969 | 43,588,611 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. See Note 2-C.

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| Matthews                        | Matthews                         | Matthews Asia<br>Small Companies | Matthews China<br>Small Companies | Matthews Asia<br>Science and          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Japan Fund                      | Korea Fund                       | Fund                             |                                   | Technology Fund                       |
| \$1,796,117,364<br>65,578,270   | \$201,177,976                    | \$583,834,040<br>7,205,664       | \$21,138,749                      | \$158,657,003                         |
| 1,861,695,634                   | 201,177,976                      | 591,039,704                      | 21,138,749                        | 158,657,003                           |
| 83,456,343                      | 4,694,850                        | 20,764,878                       | 635,285                           | 6,694,239                             |
| 05,450,545                      | 4,074,030                        | 20,704,070                       | 033,203                           | 0,074,237                             |
| 4                               |                                  | 619,715                          | 8,361                             | 900,633                               |
| 1,339,933                       | 2,085,503                        | 253,252                          | 2,2 3 2                           | 263,828                               |
| 37,679                          | , ,                              | , -                              |                                   | ,-                                    |
| 1,399,096                       |                                  | 3,135,379                        |                                   |                                       |
| 22,270,200                      | 118,618                          | 1,646,581                        | 111,600                           | 321,800                               |
| 47,506                          | 15,013                           | 32,830                           | 6,313                             | 18,318                                |
| 1,970,246,395                   | 208,091,960                      | 617,492,339                      | 21,900,308                        | 166,855,821                           |
|                                 |                                  |                                  |                                   |                                       |
| 17,771,298                      |                                  | 600,789                          | 327,970                           |                                       |
| 1,770,046                       | 230,441                          | 6,105,618                        |                                   | 149,488                               |
|                                 |                                  | 56,811                           |                                   |                                       |
|                                 |                                  | 30,011                           |                                   |                                       |
| 1,010,736                       | 114,290                          | 494,674                          | 5,180                             | 90,794                                |
| 23,026                          | 2,761                            | 8,455                            | 282                               | 2,148                                 |
| 219,075                         | 24,749                           | 75,124                           | 2,560                             | 19,654                                |
| 82,326                          | 17,862                           | 141,132                          | ,                                 | 23,454                                |
| 13,122                          | 18,853                           | 37,057                           | 17,909                            | 25,935                                |
| 13,992                          | 2,858                            | 2,562                            | 405                               | 2,238                                 |
| 16,104                          | 13,104                           | 55,409                           |                                   | 9,569                                 |
| 20,919,725                      | 424,918                          | 7,577,631                        | 354,306                           | 323,280                               |
| \$1,949,326,670                 | \$207,667,042                    | \$609,914,708                    | \$21,546,002                      | \$166,532,541                         |
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| \$1,330,743,379                 | \$147,684,772                    | \$387,746,960                    | \$21,546,002                      | \$129,762,540                         |
| 618,583,291                     | 59,982,270                       | 222,167,748                      | Φ21 <i>51</i> ( 002               | 36,770,001                            |
| \$1,949,326,670                 | \$207,667,042                    | \$609,914,708                    | \$21,546,002                      | \$166,532,541                         |
| 70,167,096                      | 24,015,280                       | 19,975,837                       | 2,452,395                         | 10,531,982                            |
| 32,562,867                      | 9,707,828                        | 11,454,086                       | , - ,-,-                          | 2,979,461                             |
| 102,729,963                     | 33,723,108                       | 31,429,923                       | 2,452,395                         | 13,511,443                            |

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|  |                             | Matthews                | Matthews        |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
|  | Matthews Emerging Asia Fund | China Fund <sup>1</sup> | India Fund      |
| NET ASSET VALUE:                           |                             |                         |                 |
| Investor Class, offering price and         |                             |                         |                 |
| redemption price                           | \$11.27                     | \$18.42                 | \$26.43         |
| Institutional Class, offering price and    |                             |                         |                 |
| redemption price                           | \$11.29                     | \$18.39                 | \$26.49         |
| <b>NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:</b>              |                             |                         |                 |
| Capital paid-in                            | \$166,108,210               | \$644,211,368           | \$1,254,222,667 |
| Undistributed (distributions in excess of) |                             |                         |                 |
| net investment income (loss)               | 276,735                     | (32,868)                | (50,865)        |
| Undistributed/accumulated net realized     |                             |                         |                 |
| gain (loss) on investments and foreign     |                             |                         |                 |
| currency related transactions              | (1,095,848)                 | 15,479,406              | 11,096,759      |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) |                             |                         |                 |
| on investments, foreign currency           |                             |                         |                 |
| translations and deferred foreign capital  |                             |                         |                 |
| gains taxes                                | 4,579,398                   | 74,385,177              | 240,558,433     |
| NET ASSETS                                 | \$169,868,495               | \$734,043,083           | \$1,505,826,994 |
| (A) Investments at cost:                   |                             |                         |                 |
| Unaffiliated issuers                       | \$158,973,147               | \$657,904,382           | \$1,181,426,322 |
| Affiliated issuers                         |                             |                         | 83,125,117      |
| Total investments at cost                  | \$158,973,147               | \$657,904,382           | \$1,264,551,439 |
| (B) Foreign currency at cost               | \$2,253,808                 | \$1,669,467             | \$10,906,448    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. See Note 2-C.

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| Matthews                      | Matthews      | Matthews Asia<br>Small Companies | Matthews China<br>Small Companies | Matthews Asia<br>Science and |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Japan Fund                    | Korea Fund    | Fund                             | Fund                              | Technology Fund              |
| \$18.97                       | \$6.15        | \$19.41                          | \$8.79                            | \$12.32                      |
| \$19.00                       | \$6.18        | \$19.40                          | \$                                | \$12.34                      |
| \$1,846,206,894               | \$135,013,532 | \$591,767,216                    | \$20,196,514                      | \$117,221,520                |
| 1,177,791                     | (93,408)      | 1,244,170                        | 1,346                             |                              |
| (67,394,578)                  | 6,305,654     | (13,195,238)                     | 701,492                           | 10,405,773                   |
| 169,336,563                   | 66,441,264    | 30,098,560                       | 646,650                           | 38,905,248                   |
| \$1,949,326,670               | \$207,667,042 | \$609,914,708                    | \$21,546,002                      | \$166,532,541                |
| \$1,622,203,732<br>70,157,293 | \$134,731,859 | \$546,539,760<br>14,325,613      | \$20,492,099                      | \$119,744,721                |
| \$1,692,361,025               | \$134,731,859 | \$560,865,373                    | \$20,492,099                      | \$119,744,721                |
| \$4                           | \$            | \$619,657                        | \$8,361                           | \$907,082                    |

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|  |                      | <b>Matthews Asian</b> |                            |                       |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>Matthews Asia</b> | <b>Growth and</b>     |                            | <b>Matthews China</b> |
|  | Strategic            |                       | Matthews Asia              | Dividend              |
|  | <b>Income Fund</b>   | <b>Income Fund</b>    | Dividend Fund <sup>1</sup> | Fund                  |
| INVESTMENT INCOME:                                     |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| Dividends Unaffiliated Issuers                         | \$54,553             | \$128,462,695         | \$144,206,511              | \$5,903,655           |
| Dividends Affiliated Issuers                           |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| (Note 7)   |                      |                       | 22,043,241                 |                       |
| Interest   | 3,871,629            | 4,802,504             | 1,114                      | 57,688                |
| Foreign withholding tax TOTAL INVESTMENT               | (85,447)             | (7,461,719)           | (12,948,537)               | (371,441)             |
| INCOME   | 3,840,735            | 125,803,480           | 153,302,329                | 5,589,902             |
| EXPENSES:  |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| Investment advisory fees (Note                         |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| 5)   | 438,698              | 25,621,034            | 35,306,056                 | 1,183,701             |
| Administration and accounting                          |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| fees (Note 5)  | 5,399                | 308,810               | 506,832                    | 14,287                |
| Administration and shareholder                         |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| servicing fees (Note 5)                                | 94,329               | 5,389,839             | 7,429,497                  | 248,951               |
| Accounting out-of-pocket fees                          | 34,791               | 46,081                | 54,353                     | 34,070                |
| Custodian fees   | 25,422               | 1,170,751             | 1,457,267                  | 112,502               |
| Insurance fees   | 19,391               | 19,391                | 25,925                     | 722                   |
| Intermediary service fees (Note                        |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| 5)   | 125,127              | 6,884,522             | 6,800,053                  | 350,742               |
| Printing fees  | 6,466                | 427,492               | 405,884                    | 21,602                |
| Professional fees                                      | 47,692               | 105,255               | 213,542                    | 44,905                |
| Registration fees                                      | 35,183               | 73,516                | 75,540                     | 37,533                |
| Transfer agent fees                                    | 3,225                | 90,241                | 583,595                    | 12,220                |
| Trustees fees  | 2,538                | 50,063                | 193,470                    | 11,126                |
| Offering costs (Note 2-E)                              |                      |                       | 96,561                     |                       |
| Other expenses   | 4,828                | 103,522               | 116,236                    | 17,455                |
| TOTAL EXPENSES   | 843,089              | 40,290,517            | 53,264,811                 | 2,089,816             |
| Advisory fees waived and expenses waived or reimbursed |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| (Note 5)   | (113,621)            | (86,260)              | (244,805)                  |                       |
| Administration fees waived                             | (113,021)            | (00,200)              | (244,003)                  |                       |
| (Note 5)   |                      | (86,260)              | (244,805)                  |                       |
| NET EXPENSES   | 729,468              | 40,117,997            | 52,775,201                 | 2,089,816             |
| NET INVESTMENT   | 127,400              | 40,117,557            | 32,773,201                 | 2,000,010             |
| INCOME (LOSS)  | 3,111,267            | 85,685,483            | 100,527,128                | 3,500,086             |
| REALIZED AND   | ~, <u></u> ,         | 32,002,102            | 100,027,120                | 2,200,000             |
| UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)                                 |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| ON INVESTMENTS,  |                      |                       |                            |                       |
| FINANCIAL FUTURES                                      |                      |                       |                            |                       |
|  |                      |                       |                            |                       |

| CONTRACTS, FOREIGN<br>CURRENCY RELATED<br>TRANSACTIONS AND<br>DEFERRED CAPITAL<br>GAINS TAXES: |             |                 |               |             |
|--|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments Unaffiliated Issuers                                   | 226,884     | 161,549,914     | 256,519,653   | 10,318,680  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments Affiliated Issuers                                     |             |                 | 3,642,992     |             |
| Net realized gain (loss) on  | (99.422)    |                 |               |             |
| financial futures contracts Net realized foreign capital                                       | (88,422)    |                 |               |             |
| gains tax  |             |                 | (216,219)     |             |
| Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency related   |             |                 |               |             |
| transactions   | (1,438,110) | (1,287,301)     | (1,974,507)   | (48,778)    |
| Net change in unrealized   |             |                 | , , , ,       | , , ,       |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments   | (2,508,426) | (408,123,551)   | (204,821,506) | (6,469,661) |
| Net change in deferred foreign   | (2,300,420) | (400,123,331)   | (201,021,300) | (0,100,001) |
| capital gains taxes on unrealized  |             |                 |               |             |
| appreciation   | 18,403      |                 | 7,302,449     |             |
| Net change in unrealized   |             |                 |               |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on   |             |                 |               |             |
| financial futures contracts  | (12,891)    |                 |               |             |
| Net change in unrealized   |             |                 |               |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on   |             |                 |               |             |
| foreign currency related   | 200.762     | (107.400)       | (227.104)     | 77          |
| translations   | 299,762     | (107,432)       | (327,104)     | 77          |
| Net realized and unrealized  |             |                 |               |             |
| gain (loss) on investments, financial futures contracts,                                       |             |                 |               |             |
| foreign currency related   |             |                 |               |             |
| transactions and deferred  |             |                 |               |             |
| capital gains taxes  | (3,502,800) | (247,968,370)   | 60,125,758    | 3,800,318   |
| NET INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) IN NET<br>ASSETS FROM   |             |                 |               |             |
| OPERATIONS   | (\$391,533) | (\$162,282,887) | \$160,652,886 | \$7,300,404 |

<sup>\*</sup>Matthews Asia Value Fund commenced operations on November 30, 2015.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Matthews Asia ESG Fund commenced operations on April 30, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 2-C.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Year Ended December 31, 2015

| <b>Matthews Asia</b>                    |                        |                         |                              |                      |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Value                                   | <b>Matthews Asia</b>   | <b>Matthews Asia</b>    | <b>Matthews Pacific N</b>    | <b>Iatthews Asia</b> |
| Fund*                                   | <b>Focus Fund</b>      | <b>Growth Fund</b>      | Tiger Fund                   | ESG Fund**           |
| \$5,785                                 | \$382,131              | \$16,027,429            | \$205,047,908                | \$50,346             |
| 1 - 7                                   | , , , ,                | , -,, -                 | 16,268,632                   | 1 7 -                |
|   | 5                      | 89                      | 160                          |                      |
| (880)                                   | (13,719)               | (1,445,364)             | (12,503,194)                 | (7,045)              |
| 4,905                                   | 368,417                | 14,582,154              | 208,813,506                  | 43,301               |
| 771                                     | 95,048                 | 5,989,698               | 54,519,201                   | 15,886               |
| 9                                       | 1,146                  | 72,251                  | 657,337                      | 192                  |
| 167                                     | 19,988                 | 1,260,375               | 11,459,861                   | 3,397                |
| 201                                     | 25,500                 | 43,424                  | 57,369                       | 24,418               |
| 2,727                                   | 21,248                 | 386,187                 | 3,163,638                    | 45,376               |
| ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 19,391                 | 4,347                   | 41,746                       | - ,                  |
| 266                                     | 23,862                 | 1,376,500               | 9,006,250                    | 2,940                |
| 500                                     | 2,221                  | 68,303                  | 344,136                      | 10,828               |
| 29,326                                  | 42,957                 | 69,621                  | 222,833                      | 53,961               |
| 1,048                                   | 27,895                 | 62,652                  | 72,523                       | 4,180                |
| 40                                      | 1,795                  | 30,118                  | 454,792                      | 257                  |
| 20                                      | 1,048                  | 33,463                  | 343,024                      | 599                  |
| 7,928                                   | ,                      | ,                       | ,                            | 52,457               |
| 20                                      | 3,362                  | 20,761                  | 177,322                      | 2,459                |
| 43,023                                  | 285,461                | 9,417,700               | 80,520,032                   | 216,950              |
| (41,279)                                | (87,252)               |                         | (857,693)                    | (183,985)            |
|   |                        |                         | (857,693)                    |                      |
| 1,744                                   | 198,209                | 9,417,700               | 78,804,646                   | 32,965               |
| 3,161                                   | 170,208                | 5,164,454               | 130,008,860                  | 10,336               |
|   | (609,861)              | 13,899,209              | 685,636,391                  | (52,070)             |
|   | (002,001)              | 13,077,207              |                              | (32,070)             |
|   |                        |                         | (19,396,677)                 |                      |
| (000)                                   | (1.014)                | (5.751)                 | (7/2 75/                     | 1 217                |
| (988)<br>(16,763)                       | (1,014)<br>(1,483,528) | (5,751)<br>(31,519,028) | (763,754)<br>(1,050,830,850) | 1,317<br>(119,079)   |
|   | 982                    | 120,781                 | 5,827,625                    | (9,835)              |
|   | 702                    | 120,701                 | 3,021,023                    | (7,033)              |

| (19)        | (47,224)        | 3,699          | (133)         | 17         |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| (179,686)   | (379,574,489)   | (17,501,090)   | (2,093,554)   | (17,734)   |
| (\$169,350) | (\$249,565,629) | (\$12,336,636) | (\$1,923,346) | (\$14,573) |

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|   | Matthews Emerging Asia Fund | Matthews China<br>Fund <sup>1</sup> | Matthews<br>India Fund |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| INVESTMENT INCOME:  | Asia Fund                   | r unu-                              | mula Fund              |
| Dividends Unaffiliated Issuers                                      | \$3,365,820                 | \$19,903,318                        | \$11,718,335           |
| Dividends Offarmated Issuers  Dividends Affiliated Issuers (Note 7) | \$3,303,620                 | \$19,905,516                        | 2,578,272              |
| Interest  |                             | 15                                  | 13,816                 |
| Foreign withholding tax   | (297,602)                   | (839,714)                           | 13,010                 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME   | 3,068,218                   | 19,063,619                          | 14,310,423             |
| EXPENSES:   | 3,000,210                   | 19,003,019                          | 14,310,423             |
| Investment advisory fees (Note 5)                                   | 1,661,519                   | 6,216,536                           | 10,143,432             |
| Administration and accounting fees (Note                            | 1,001,317                   | 0,210,330                           | 10,173,732             |
| 5)  | 13,297                      | 151,438                             | 122,373                |
| Administration and shareholder servicing                            | 13,277                      | 131,730                             | 122,373                |
| fees (Note 5)   | 232,258                     | 1,306,491                           | 2,137,111              |
| Accounting out-of-pocket fees                                       | 49,003                      | 37,930                              | 38,505                 |
| Custodian fees  | 396,277                     | 331,247                             | 772,169                |
| Intermediary service fees (Note 5)                                  | 314,340                     | 1,916,570                           | 2,785,784              |
| Printing fees   | 22,413                      | 172,392                             | 135,425                |
| Professional fees   | 47,780                      | 130,093                             | 68,903                 |
| Registration fees   | 42,816                      | 39,856                              | 78,724                 |
| Transfer agent fees   | 6,281                       | 118,552                             | 100,498                |
| Trustees fees   | 4,739                       | 40,385                              | 54,654                 |
| Offering costs (Note 2-E)   | -1,737                      | 96,561                              | 5-1,05-1               |
| Other expenses  | 26,073                      | 35,353                              | 43,501                 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES  | <b>2,816,796</b>            | 10,593,404                          | 16,481,079             |
| Advisory fees waived and expenses                                   | 2,010,770                   | 10,575,404                          | 10,401,077             |
| waived or reimbursed (Note 5)                                       | (452,048)                   |                                     |                        |
| NET EXPENSES  | 2,364,748                   | 10,593,404                          | 16,481,079             |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)  | 703,470                     | 8,470,215                           | (2,170,656)            |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED   | , , , , , ,                 | 0,170,210                           | (2,170,000)            |
| GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS,   |                             |                                     |                        |
| FOREIGN CURRENCY RELATED  |                             |                                     |                        |
| TRANSACTIONS AND DEFERRED   |                             |                                     |                        |
| CAPITAL GAINS TAXES:  |                             |                                     |                        |
| Net realized gain (loss) on   |                             |                                     |                        |
| investments Unaffiliated Issuers                                    | (883,817)                   | 131,493,138                         | 24,512,494             |
| Net realized gain (loss) on   | (003,017)                   | 131,173,130                         | 21,312,171             |
| investments Affiliated Issuers                                      |                             |                                     | 251,540                |
| Net realized foreign capital gains tax                              | (124,875)                   |                                     | 231,310                |
| Net realized gain (loss) on foreign                                 | (121,070)                   |                                     |                        |
| currency related transactions                                       | (82,987)                    | (273,081)                           | (917,224)              |
| Net change in unrealized  | (02,707)                    | (275,001)                           | (>11,221)              |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments                            | (4,198,765)                 | (106,942,414)                       | (62,169,687)           |
| Tr  | (1,170,700)                 | (100,) (2, 111)                     | (02,107,007)           |

| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN<br>NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS   | (\$5,316,571) | \$32,764,521 | (\$33,822,630) |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| on investments, foreign currency related<br>transactions and deferred capital gains<br>taxes                     | (6,020,041)   | 24,294,306   | (31,651,974)   |
| appreciation/depreciation on foreign<br>currency related translations<br>Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 951           | 11,673       | (13,669)       |
| Net change in deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized appreciation Net change in unrealized           | (730,548)     | 4,990        | 6,684,572      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 2-C.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Year Ended December 31, 2015

| 149,245,683                 | 24,404,968                 | (81,659,532)                | 321,616                 | 9,080,588                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1,512                       | (46,204)                   | (1,417)                     | (826)                   | (8,955)                    |
|                             |                            | 378,114                     |                         |                            |
| 124,027,217                 | 10,601,303                 | (74,033,399)                | (3,133,949)             | (10,009,300)               |
| (340,642)<br>124,627,217    | (99,064)<br>10,801,565     | (249,073)<br>(74,035,599)   | 863<br>(3,135,949)      | (112,049)<br>(18,069,368)  |
| ·                           | (00.064)                   |                             | 962                     | (112.040)                  |
| 24,814,680<br>142,916       | 13,748,671                 | (7,719,282)<br>(32,275)     | 3,457,528               | 27,270,960                 |
| 2,748,307                   | 423,029                    | 1,492,221                   | 178,243                 | (506,623)                  |
| 11,200,536                  | 2,153,484                  | 10,145,021                  | 335,706                 | 1,994,884                  |
| 11,200,550                  | 2,155,464                  | (113,037)                   | (133,327)               | 1,994,004                  |
| 31,745<br><b>11,200,536</b> | 12,186<br><b>2,153,484</b> | 22,712<br><b>10,258,058</b> | 3,003<br><b>469,033</b> | 10,136<br><b>1,994,884</b> |
| ·                           | ·                          | ,                           |                         |                            |
| 30,834                      | 7,913                      | 42,292                      | 1,724                   | 8,337                      |
| 115,354                     | 23,567                     | 20,831                      | 3,281                   | 17,952                     |
| 63,843                      | 34,125                     | 52,700                      | 18,298                  | 31,812                     |
| 58,211                      | 42,776                     | 79,328                      | 42,596                  | 56,910                     |
| 1,054,987<br>78,766         | 244,868<br>16,540          | 1,270,374<br>53,346         | 58,767<br>3,258         | 273,619<br>21,020          |
| 189,668                     | 72,195                     | 419,003                     | 38,680                  | 106,712                    |
| 49,637                      | 37,526                     | 47,901                      | 42,579                  | 32,089                     |
| 1,647,371                   | 286,380                    | 1,003,109                   | 31,234                  | 247,195                    |
| 94,121                      | 16,399                     | 57,520                      | 1,791                   | 14,165                     |
| 7,785,999                   | 1,359,009                  | 7,188,942                   | 223,822                 | 1,174,937                  |
| 13,948,843                  | 2,576,513                  | 11,637,242                  | 513,949                 | 1,488,261                  |
| (1,547,684)                 | (509,194)                  | (1,137,342)                 | (15,720)                | (175,988)                  |
|                             |                            | 84                          |                         | 12                         |
| 882,727                     |                            | 368,679                     |                         |                            |
| \$14,613,800                | \$3,085,707                | \$12,405,821                | \$529,669               | \$1,664,237                |
| Japan Fund                  | Korea Fund                 | Fund                        | FundT                   | echnology Fund             |
| Matthews                    | Matthews                   | <b>Small Companies</b>      | <b>Small Companies</b>  | Science and                |
|                             |                            | <b>Matthews Asia</b>        | <b>Matthews China</b>   | Matthews Asia              |

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

| MARIPHENIC ACIA CIED ARECTO INCOME PUND  | Year Ended                 | Year Ended                |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| MATTHEWS ASIA STRATEGIC INCOME FUND OPERATIONS:  | <b>December 31, 2015</b>   | <b>December 31, 2014</b>  |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$3,111,267                | \$2,549,890               |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency                                       | Ψ3,111,207                 | Ψ2,547,670                |
| related transactions   | (1,299,648)                | (1,349,144)               |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  | (-,-,,,,,,,,)              | (=,= 12 ,= 1 1)           |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (2,208,664)                | (188,122)                 |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized                                   |                            |                           |
| appreciation   | 18,403                     | (15,022)                  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on financial                                    |                            |                           |
| futures contracts  | (12,891)                   | (52,031)                  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations                                    | (391,533)                  | 945,571                   |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:  |                            |                           |
| Net investment income:   | (1.574.060)                | (1.010.450)               |
| Investor Class   | (1,574,263)                | (1,819,452)               |
| Institutional Class  | (350,781)                  | (294,936)                 |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions  CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4) | (1,925,044)<br>(1,988,782) | (2,114,388)<br>21,884,520 |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 1,288                      | 6,087                     |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets  | (4,304,071)                | 20,721,790                |
| NET ASSETS:  | (4,504,071)                | 20,721,790                |
| Beginning of year  | 66,434,674                 | 45,712,884                |
| End of year (including undistributed/distributions in excess of net                                | , . ,                      | - /- /                    |
| investment income of (\$141,570) and (\$241,167), respectively)                                    | \$62,130,603               | \$66,434,674              |
|  |                            |                           |
|  |                            | Year Ended                |
|  | Year Ended                 | December 31,              |
| MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND  | <b>December 31, 2015</b>   | 2014                      |
| OPERATIONS:  |                            |                           |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$85,685,483               | \$92,607,652              |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency                                       |                            |                           |
| related transactions   | 160,262,613                | 117,898,875               |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  | //00 00-1                  | /- /o-\                   |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (408,230,983)              | (247,572,282)             |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations                                    | (162,282,887)              | (37,065,755)              |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM: Net investment income:   |                            |                           |
| Investor Class   | (60,473,615)               | (58,176,498)              |
| Institutional Class  | (25,646,657)               | (24,675,840)              |
| Realized gains on investments:   | (23,070,037)               | (27,073,070)              |
| Investor Class   | (99,500,383)               | (73,703,258)              |
| Institutional Class  | (38,663,330)               | (28,748,112)              |
|  | · , , -,                   | , , ,                     |

| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions          | (224,283,985)   | (185,303,708)   |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)</b>                 | (979,815,420)   | 58,477,140      |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 181,880         | 343,294         |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                          | (1,366,200,412) | (163,549,029)   |
| NET ASSETS:  |                 |                 |
| Beginning of year  | 4,235,254,781   | 4,398,803,810   |
| End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment |                 |                 |
| income of (\$9,981,676) and (\$13,412,958), respectively)        | \$2,869,054,369 | \$4,235,254,781 |

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|  | Year Ended                              | Year Ended                     |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| MATTHEWS ASIA DIVIDEND FUND  | December 31, 2015 <sup>1</sup>          | December 31, 2014 <sup>1</sup> |
| OPERATIONS:  |   |                                |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$100,527,128                           | \$103,460,502                  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency   |   |                                |
| related transactions   | 257,971,919                             | 116,243,335                    |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  |   |                                |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (205,148,610)                           | (236,016,208)                  |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized   |   |                                |
| appreciation   | 7,302,449                               | (5,021,270)                    |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations <b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:</b> | 160,652,886                             | (21,333,641)                   |
| Net investment income:   |   |                                |
| Investor Class   | (50,178,458)                            | (47,911,397)                   |
| Institutional Class  | (42,940,313)                            | (32,066,176)                   |
| Realized gains on investments:   | , , , ,                                 | , , ,                          |
| Investor Class   | (40,978,371)                            |                                |
| Institutional Class  | (30,690,700)                            |                                |
| Return of Capital:   |   |                                |
| Investor Class   |   | (13,172,130)                   |
| Institutional Class  |   | (8,815,853)                    |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions  | (164,787,842)                           | (101,965,556)                  |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)  | (217,935,493)                           | (645,503,365)                  |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 95,389                                  | 497,372                        |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets  NET ASSETS:   | (221,975,060)                           | (768,305,190)                  |
| Beginning of year  | 5,025,598,743                           | 5,793,903,933                  |
| End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment   | 3,023,370,713                           | 3,773,703,733                  |
| income of (\$4,689,915) and (\$55,629,552), respectively)  | \$4,803,623,683                         | \$5,025,598,743                |
|  | Ψ1,005,025,005                          | ψ5,025,570,715                 |
| 1 Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets. See Note 2-C.  |   |                                |
|  | Year Ended                              | Year Ended                     |
| MATTHEWS CHINA DIVIDEND FUND   | December 31, 2015                       | December 31, 2014              |
| OPERATIONS:  | , | , , ,                          |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$3,500,086                             | \$2,671,693                    |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency   |   |                                |
| related transactions   | 10,269,902                              | 2,594,721                      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  |   |                                |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (6,469,584)                             | (5,177,012)                    |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations <b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:</b> | 7,300,404                               | 89,402                         |
| Net investment income:   |   |                                |

| Investor Class   | (3,549,297)   | (2,935,482)   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Institutional Class  | (479,873)     | (817,023)     |
| Realized gains on investments:                                   |               |               |
| Investor Class   | (7,116,965)   | (1,191,973)   |
| Institutional Class  | (673,526)     | (314,911)     |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions          | (11,819,661)  | (5,259,389)   |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                        | 37,808,908    | 1,987,255     |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 13,497        | 45,150        |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                          | 33,303,148    | (3,137,582)   |
| NET ASSETS:  |               |               |
| Beginning of year  | 147,616,843   | 150,754,425   |
| End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment |               |               |
| income of (\$367,605) and (\$1,285,165), respectively)           | \$180,919,991 | \$147,616,843 |

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1 Matthews Asia Value commenced operations on

November 30, 2015.

|   | Period Ended                   |
|---|--------------------------------|
| MATTHEWS ASIA VALUE FUND  | December 31, 2015 <sup>1</sup> |
| OPERATIONS:   |                                |
| Net investment income (loss)                                    | \$3,161                        |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency    |                                |
| related transactions  | (988)                          |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on           |                                |
| investments and foreign currency related translations           | (16,746)                       |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations | (14,573)                       |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                             |                                |
| Net investment income:  |                                |
| Investor Class  | (1,748)                        |
| Institutional Class   | (581)                          |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions         | (2,329)                        |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                       | 1,749,497                      |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                         | 1,732,595                      |
| NET ASSETS:   |                                |
| Beginning of period   |                                |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of |                                |
| \$7,772)  | \$1,732,595                    |
|   |                                |

Year Ended **Year Ended** MATTHEWS ASIA FOCUS FUND December 31, 2015 **December 31, 2014 OPERATIONS:** Net investment income (loss) \$93,078 \$170,208 Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency related transactions 90,648 (610,875)Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency related translations (1,483,661)65,598 Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized appreciation 982 8,519 Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations 257,843 (1,923,346)DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM: **Net investment income: Investor Class** (43,929)(55,443)**Institutional Class** (68,121)(57,082)**Realized gains on investments: Investor Class** (30,710)**Institutional Class** (30,458)Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions (173,218)(112,525)**CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)** 6,463,284 (1,717,388)

| REDEMPTION FEES   | 1,869        | 2,548        |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                       | (3,812,083)  | 6,611,150    |
| NET ASSETS:   |              |              |
| Beginning of year   | 14,986,931   | 8,375,781    |
| End of year (including undistributed net investment income of |              |              |
| \$80,691 and \$1,023, respectively)                           | \$11,174,848 | \$14,986,931 |

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|   |                          | Year Ended                                       |
|---|--------------------------|--|
|   | Year Ended               | December 31,                                     |
| MATTHEWS ASIA GROWTH FUND   | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | 2014   |
| OPERATIONS:   |                          |  |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | \$5,164,454              | \$4,953,601                                      |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      |                          |  |
| related transactions  | 13,893,458               | 15,349,737                                       |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on             |                          |  |
| investments and foreign currency related translations             | (31,515,329)             | (9,391,211)                                      |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized  |                          |  |
| appreciation  | 120,781                  | (262,534)  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | (12,336,636)             | 10,649,593                                       |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               | , , ,                    |  |
| Net investment income:  |                          |  |
| Investor Class  |                          | (10,002,000)                                     |
| Institutional Class   |                          | (5,438,617)                                      |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           |                          | (15,440,617)                                     |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                         | (60,027,645)             | 67,553,705                                       |
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 36,064                   | 162,173  |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | (72,328,217)             | 62,924,854                                       |
| NET ASSETS:   | (72,320,217)             | 02,72 1,03 1                                     |
| Beginning of year   | 849,183,980              | 786,259,126                                      |
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) | 047,103,700              | 700,237,120                                      |
| net investment income of \$278,925 and (\$11,816,062),            |                          |  |
| respectively)   | \$776,855,763            | \$849,183,980                                    |
| respectively)   | \$770,033,703            | \$049,103,900                                    |
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| MARRIENIC DA CIDIC DICED DIND                                     | Year Ended               | Year Ended                                       |
| MATTHEWS PACIFIC TIGER FUND                                       | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b>                         |
| OPERATIONS:   | 4420.000.000             | <b>*</b> 4 <b>. *</b> 0. <b>*</b> 4. <b>*</b> 0. |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | \$130,008,860            | \$47,931,459                                     |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      |                          |  |
| related transactions  | 665,475,960              | 301,174,040                                      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on             |                          |  |
| investments and foreign currency related translations             | (1,050,878,074)          | 479,195,485                                      |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized  |                          |  |
| appreciation  | 5,827,625                | (4,638,516)                                      |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | (249,565,629)            | 823,662,468                                      |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               |                          |  |
| Net investment income:  |                          |  |
| Investor Class  | (44,786,496)             | (14,427,716)                                     |
| Institutional Class   | (72,239,388)             | (32,970,946)                                     |
| Realized gains on investments:                                    |                          |  |
| Investor Class  | (237,860,447)            | (134,989,408)                                    |
| Institutional Class   | (343,244,442)            | (226,070,336)                                    |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           | (698,130,773)            | (408,458,406)                                    |
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| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                         | (463,729,788)   | 48,148,464      |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 121,959         | 220,012         |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | (1,411,304,231) | 463,572,538     |
| NET ASSETS:   |                 |                 |
| Beginning of year   | 8,096,719,585   | 7,633,147,047   |
| End of year (including undistributed net investment income of \$0 |                 |                 |
| and \$12,414, respectively)                                       | \$6,685,415,354 | \$8,096,719,585 |

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|  | Period Ended                          |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| MATTHEWS ASIA ESG FUND   | <b>December 31, 2015</b> <sup>1</sup> |
| OPERATIONS:  |                                       |
| Net investment income (loss)                                     | \$10,336                              |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency     |                                       |
| related transactions   | (50,753)                              |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on            |                                       |
| investments and foreign currency related translations            | (119,098)                             |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized |                                       |
| appreciation   | (9,835)                               |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  | (169,350)                             |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                              |                                       |
| Net investment income:   |                                       |
| Investor Class   | (16,506)                              |
| Institutional Class  | (20,899)                              |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions          | (37,405)                              |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                        | 5,141,106                             |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                          | 4,934,351                             |
| NET ASSETS:  |                                       |
| Beginning of period  |                                       |
| End of period (including undistributed net investment income of  |                                       |
| \$26,705)  | \$4,934,351                           |
| 1 Matthews Asia ESC Fund commonand anarotions on                 |                                       |

1 Matthews Asia ESG Fund commenced operations on April 30, 2015.

|  | Year Ended               | Year Ended               |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| MATTHEWS EMERGING ASIA FUND                                      | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> |
| OPERATIONS:  |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss)                                     | \$703,470                | \$282,110                |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency     |                          |                          |
| related transactions   | (1,091,679)              | 520,478                  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on            |                          |                          |
| investments and foreign currency related translations            | (4,197,814)              | 9,875,738                |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized |                          |                          |
| appreciation   | (730,548)                | (757,162)                |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  | (5,316,571)              | 9,921,164                |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                              |                          |                          |
| Net investment income:   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   | (35,327)                 | (518,224)                |
| Institutional Class  | (46,163)                 | (105,103)                |
| Realized gains on investments:                                   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   | (300,074)                |                          |
| Institutional Class  | (132,999)                |                          |
|  |                          |                          |

| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           | (514,563)     | (623,327)     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                         | 43,937,018    | 82,361,403    |
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 49,908        | 14,452        |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | 38,155,792    | 91,673,692    |
| NET ASSETS:   |               |               |
| Beginning of year   | 131,712,703   | 40,039,011    |
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) |               |               |
| net investment income of \$276,735 and (\$349,313),               |               |               |
| respectively)   | \$169,868,495 | \$131,712,703 |

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|   | Year Ended                            | Year Ended                            |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MATTHEWS CHINA FUND   | December 31, 2015 <sup>1</sup>        | December 31, 2014 <sup>1</sup>        |
| OPERATIONS:   |                                       |                                       |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | \$8,470,215                           | \$12,670,620                          |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      |                                       |                                       |
| related transactions  | 131,220,057                           | 19,391,086                            |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on             |                                       |                                       |
| investments and foreign currency related translations             | (106,930,741)                         | (96,779,181)                          |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized  |                                       |                                       |
| appreciation  | 4,990                                 | (4,990)                               |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | 32,764,521                            | (64,722,465)                          |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               |                                       |                                       |
| Net investment income:  | /=                                    | /// 0.00 / 1.00                       |
| Investor Class  | (7,271,979)                           | (11,939,433)                          |
| Institutional Class   | (292,369)                             | (897,946)                             |
| Realized gains on investments:                                    | (442 502 400)                         | (4 <b>=</b> 04 540)                   |
| Investor Class  | (112,695,199)                         | (4,591,640)                           |
| Institutional Class   | (3,998,950)                           | (303,495)                             |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           | (124,258,497)                         | (17,732,514)                          |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                         | (174,745,783)                         | (321,454,659)                         |
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 64,297                                | 141,324                               |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | (266,175,462)                         | (403,768,314)                         |
| NET ASSETS:   | 1 000 210 545                         | 1 402 006 050                         |
| Beginning of year   | 1,000,218,545                         | 1,403,986,859                         |
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) | ф <b>7</b> 24 042 002                 | ¢1 000 <b>2</b> 10 <i>545</i>         |
| net investment income of (\$32,868) and \$73,913, respectively)   | \$734,043,083                         | \$1,000,218,545                       |
| 1 Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets. See Note      |                                       |                                       |
| 2-C.  |                                       |                                       |
|   |                                       |                                       |
|   | Year Ended                            | Year Ended                            |
| MATTHEWS INDIA FUND   | December 31, 2015                     | <b>December 31, 2014</b>              |
| OPERATIONS:   | December 51, 2016                     | December 51, 2011                     |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | (\$2,170,656)                         | \$2,121,302                           |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      | (ψ2,170,030)                          | Ψ2,121,302                            |
| related transactions  | 23,846,810                            | 6,119,604                             |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on             |                                       | -,,,                                  |
| investments and foreign currency related translations             | (62,183,356)                          | 298,047,926                           |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized  | (- , , ,                              | , ,-                                  |
| appreciation  | 6,684,572                             | (8,627,059)                           |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | (33,822,630)                          | 297,661,773                           |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | , , , : -                             |
| Net investment income:  |                                       |                                       |
| Investor Class  | (1,210,919)                           | (1,672,358)                           |
| Institutional Class   | (713,191)                             | (176,254)                             |
| Realized gains on investments:                                    |                                       | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| -   |                                       |                                       |

| Investor Class  | (10,496,814)    | (5,267,446)     |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Institutional Class   | (3,018,487)     | (320,352)       |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           | (15,439,411)    | (7,436,410)     |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                         | 469,778,771     | 362,428,175     |
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 1,141,560       | 420,708         |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | 421,658,290     | 653,074,246     |
| NET ASSETS:   |                 |                 |
| Beginning of year   | 1,084,168,704   | 431,094,458     |
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) |                 |                 |
| net investment income of (\$50,865) and \$1,797,278,              |                 |                 |
| respectively)   | \$1,505,826,994 | \$1,084,168,704 |

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| MATTHEWS JAPAN FUND   | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2015 | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2014 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OPERATIONS:   | December 31, 2013               | December 51, 2014               |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | \$2,748,307                     | \$1,903,581                     |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      | ΨΞ,7 : 0,0 0 7                  | ψ1,> 00,001                     |
| related transactions  | 24,616,954                      | 13,363,795                      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments | , ,                             | - , ,                           |
| and foreign currency related translations                         | 124,628,729                     | (29,305,954)                    |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | 151,993,990                     | (14,038,578)                    |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               |                                 | , , ,                           |
| Net investment income:  |                                 |                                 |
| Investor Class  |                                 | (2,432,405)                     |
| Institutional Class   |                                 | (893,149)                       |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           |                                 | (3,325,554)                     |
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)</b>                  | 1,174,685,964                   | 267,055,762                     |
| REDEMPTION FEES   | 42,911                          | 221,547                         |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                           | 1,326,722,865                   | 249,913,177                     |
| NET ASSETS:   |                                 |                                 |
| Beginning of year   | 622,603,805                     | 372,690,628                     |
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) |                                 |                                 |
| net investment income of \$1,177,791 and (\$3,723,660),           |                                 |                                 |
| respectively)   | \$1,949,326,670                 | \$622,603,805                   |
|   |                                 |                                 |
|   | Year Ended                      | Year Ended                      |
| MATTHEWS KOREA FUND   | <b>December 31, 2015</b>        | <b>December 31, 2014</b>        |
| OPERATIONS:   |                                 |                                 |
| Net investment income (loss)                                      | \$423,029                       | \$550,797                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency      |                                 |                                 |
| related transactions  | 13,649,607                      | 5,707,881                       |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments |                                 |                                 |
| and foreign currency related translations                         | 10,755,361                      | (9,305,293)                     |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations   | 24,827,997                      | (3,046,615)                     |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                               |                                 |                                 |
| Net investment income:  | (2000012)                       |                                 |
| Investor Class  | (299,912)                       |                                 |
| Institutional Class   | (230,197)                       |                                 |
| Realized gains on investments:                                    | (5.505.500)                     | (5.500.040)                     |
| Investor Class  | (7,587,708)                     | (5,528,243)                     |
| Institutional Class   | (3,214,060)                     | (4,268,341)                     |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions           | (11,331,877)                    | (9,796,584)                     |
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)</b>                  | (25.042.005)                    |                                 |
| DEDEMOTION FEEC   | (25,043,885)                    | 80,886,069                      |
| REDEMPTION FEES  Total ingresses (decrease) in not assets         | 10,431                          | 48,449                          |
| REDEMPTION FEES  Total increase (decrease) in net assets          |                                 |                                 |

#### **NET ASSETS:**

| Beginning of year   | 219,204,376   | 151,113,057   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) |               |               |
| net investment income of (\$93,408) and \$342,932, respectively)  | \$207,667,042 | \$219,204,376 |

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|  | Year Ended               | Year Ended               |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| MATTHEWS ASIA SMALL COMPANIES FUND   | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> |
| OPERATIONS:  |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$1,492,221              | \$2,628,989              |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency   | (0.000.500)              |                          |
| related transactions   | (8,000,630)              | 2,692,424                |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  | (54.005.016)             | 40.505.155               |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (74,037,016)             | 48,527,175               |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized   | 2=0.444                  | 4.50.050                 |
| appreciation   | 378,114                  | 458,859                  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations <b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:</b> | (80,167,311)             | 54,307,447               |
| Net investment income:   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   | (527,668)                | (2,240,054)              |
| Institutional Class  | (972,889)                | (425,758)                |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions  | (1,500,557)              | (2,665,812)              |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)  | 15,106,280               | 172,402,487              |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 226,015                  | 85,734                   |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets  | (66,335,573)             | 224,129,856              |
| NET ASSETS:  | , , , ,                  |                          |
| Beginning of year  | 676,250,281              | 452,120,425              |
| End of year (including undistributed net investment income of  |                          |                          |
| \$1,244,170 and \$1,500,466, respectively)   | \$609,914,708            | \$676,250,281            |
|  |                          |                          |
|  | Year Ended               | Year Ended               |
| MATTHEWS CHINA SMALL COMPANIES FUND  | <b>December 31, 2015</b> | <b>December 31, 2014</b> |
| OPERATIONS:  |                          |                          |
| Net investment income (loss)   | \$178,243                | \$32,748                 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency   |                          |                          |
| related transactions   | 3,458,391                | 725,842                  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  |                          |                          |
| investments and foreign currency related translations  | (3,136,775)              | (1,527,785)              |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  | 499,859                  | (769,195)                |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:  |                          |                          |
| Net investment income:   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   | (146,067)                | (50,571)                 |
| Realized gains on investments:   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   | (1,644,128)              |                          |
| Return of Capital:   |                          |                          |
| Investor Class   |                          | (828,820)                |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions  | (1,790,195)              | (879,391)                |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)  | 743,769                  | (2,960,536)              |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 24,657                   | 2,817                    |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets  | (521,910)                | (4,606,305)              |
| NET ASSETS:  |                          |                          |

| Beginning of year   | 22,067,912   | 26,674,217   |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| End of year (including undistributed/(distributions in excess of) |              |              |
| net investment income of \$1,346 and (\$38,540), respectively)    | \$21,546,002 | \$22,067,912 |

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets (continued)

| MATTHEWS ASIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY<br>FUND                     | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2015 | Year Ended<br>December 31, 2014 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OPERATIONS:  | December 31, 2015               | December 31, 2014               |
| Net investment income (loss)                                     | (\$506,623)                     | \$87,025                        |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency     | (\$200,022)                     | Ψ07,025                         |
| related transactions   | 27,158,911                      | 15,185,277                      |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on            | , ,                             | , ,                             |
| investments and foreign currency related translations            | (18,078,323)                    | (362,764)                       |
| Net change on deferred foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized |                                 |                                 |
| appreciation   |                                 | 201,559                         |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations  | 8,573,965                       | 15,111,097                      |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:                              |                                 |                                 |
| Net investment income:   |                                 |                                 |
| Investor Class   |                                 | (545,161)                       |
| Institutional Class  |                                 | (384,106)                       |
| Realized gains on investments:                                   |                                 |                                 |
| Investor Class   | (17,188,079)                    | (769,763)                       |
| Institutional Class  | (4,989,441)                     | (372,799)                       |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions          | (22,177,520)                    | (2,071,829)                     |
| CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (net) (Note 4)                        | (6,569,665)                     | 12,612,113                      |
| REDEMPTION FEES  | 5,577                           | 61,504                          |
| Total increase (decrease) in net assets                          | (20,167,643)                    | 25,712,885                      |
| NET ASSETS:  |                                 |                                 |
| Beginning of year  | 186,700,184                     | 160,987,299                     |
| End of year (including distributions in excess of net investment |                                 |                                 |
| income of \$0 and (\$787), respectively)                         | \$166,532,541                   | \$186,700,184                   |

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## Financial Highlights

#### Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

| INVESTOR CLASS   2015   2014   2013   2012   2011   2013   2012   2011   2013   2012   2011   20113   2012   20113   20112   20113   20113   2012   20   |  |          |           |           | Per      | riod Ended      |
|--|--|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:  Net investment income (loss)² 0.47 0.46 0.40 0.37 0.02 Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments, financial futures contracts and foreign currency 10.53 (0.19) (0.48) 0.95 (0.07) Total from investment operations (0.06) 0.27 (0.08) 1.32 (0.05) LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:  Net investment income (10.29) 10.38 (0.35) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.09) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.29) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.29) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.29) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.39 (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.58%) 10.38 (0.38) (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investment (0.58%) 10.38 (0.28%) 10.38 (0.36%) 10  |  |          | Year Ende | d Dec. 31 |          |                 |
| National (Note (Note )   Note (No  | INVESTOR CLASS                                   | 2015     | 2014      | 2013      | 2012 Dec | $2.31,2011^{1}$ |
| OPERATIONS:         Net investment income (loss)²         0.47         0.46         0.40         0.37         0.02           Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation on investments, financial futures contracts and foreign currency appreciation (0.04)         0.019         (0.48)         0.95         (0.07)           Total from investment operations         (0.06)         0.27         (0.08)         1.32         (0.05)           LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.35)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net investment income         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.35)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net asset aginal from redemption fees (Note 4)         3         3         0.02         0.01         0.01           Net Asset Value, end of period         \$9.96         \$10.31         \$10.42         \$10.84         \$9.93           TOTAL RETURN         (0.58%)         \$58,594         \$38,051         \$29,479         \$7,746           RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA           Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)         \$51,130         \$58,594         \$38,051         \$29,479   | Net Asset Value, beginning of period             | \$10.31  | \$10.42   | \$10.84   | \$9.93   | \$10.00         |
| Net investment income (loss)²         0.47         0.46         0.40         0.37         0.02           Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation on investments, financial futures contracts and foreign currency (0.53)         (0.19)         (0.48)         0.95         (0.07)           Total from investment operations         (0.06)         0.27         (0.08)         1.32         (0.05)           LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:         Variation (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.35)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Pott realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Pott realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Pott Assist Potter of Edition of Ed   | INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                    |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments, financial futures contracts and foreign currency (0.53) (0.19) (0.48) 0.95 (0.07) Total from investment operations (0.06) 0.27 (0.08) 1.32 (0.05)  **LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:** Net investment income (0.29) (0.38) (0.35) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments (0.01) Total distributions (0.29) (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Net realized gains on investments  **Total distributions** Total distributions (0.29) (0.38) (0.36) (0.42) (0.02) Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) 3 3 3 0.02 0.01 Net Asset Value, end of period \$9.96 \$10.31 \$10.42 \$10.84 \$9.93  **TOTAL RETURN** **TOTAL RETURN** **Cotal Stributions** **Net assets, end of period (in 000 s) \$51,130 \$58,594 \$38,051 \$29,479 \$7,746  **RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA** Net assets, end of period (in 000 s) \$51,130 \$58,594 \$38,051 \$29,479 \$7,746  **Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5) \$1.28% \$1.27% \$1.28% \$1.85% \$3.20% \$5**  **Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5) \$1.28% \$1.27% \$1.28% \$1.85% \$3.20% \$5**  **Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator \$1.12% \$1.13% \$1.20% \$1.17% \$1.00% \$5**  **Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets \$4.57% \$4.36% \$3.75% \$3.58% \$2.06% \$5**  **Portfolio turnover of the period tended tende | OPERATIONS:                                      |          |           |           |          |                 |
| ### Appreciation/depreciation on investments, financial futures contracts and foreign currency (0.53) (0.19) (0.48) 0.95 (0.07) (0.08)     Total from investment operations (0.06) 0.27 (0.08) 1.32 (0.05)   |  | 0.47     | 0.46      | 0.40      | 0.37     | 0.02            |
| Financial futures contracts and foreign currency   (0.53)   (0.19)   (0.48)   (0.95)   (0.07)   (0.08)   (0.05)   (0.05)   (0.06)   (0.06)   (0.27)   (0.08)   (0.08)   (0.05)   (0.01)   (0.  | Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized          |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Total from investment operations         (0.06)         0.27         (0.08)         1.32         (0.05)           LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:         Net investment income         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.35)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)         3         3         0.02         0.01           Net Asset Value, end of period         \$9.96         \$10.31         \$10.42         \$10.84         \$9.93           TOTAL RETURN         (0.58%)         2.54%         (0.50%)         13.62%         (0.52%)⁴           RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA         S51,130         \$58,594         \$38,051         \$29,479         \$7,746           Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)         1.28%         1.27%         1.28%         1.85%         3.20% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator         1.12%         1.13%         1.20%         1.17%         1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets         4.57%         4.36%         3.75%   | appreciation/depreciation on investments,        |          |           |           |          |                 |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:           Net investment income         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.35)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Net realized gains on investments         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Total distributions         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)         3         3         0.02         0.01           Net Asset Value, end of period         \$9.96         \$10.31         \$10.42         \$10.84         \$9.93           TOTAL RETURN         (0.58%)         2.54%         (0.50%)         13.62%         (0.52%)⁴           RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA         S51,130         \$58,594         \$38,051         \$29,479         \$7,746           Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)         1.28%         1.27%         1.28%         1.85%         3.20% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator         1.12%         1.13%         1.20%         1.17%         1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator <td>financial futures contracts and foreign currency</td> <td>(0.53)</td> <td>(0.19)</td> <td>(0.48)</td> <td>0.95</td> <td>(0.07)</td>  | financial futures contracts and foreign currency | (0.53)   | (0.19)    | (0.48)    | 0.95     | (0.07)          |
| Net investment income       (0.29)       (0.38)       (0.35)       (0.42)       (0.02)         Net realized gains on investments       (0.29)       (0.38)       (0.36)       (0.42)       (0.02)         Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)       3       3       0.02       0.01         Net Asset Value, end of period       \$9.96       \$10.31       \$10.42       \$10.84       \$9.93         TOTAL RETURN       (0.58%)       2.54%       (0.50%)       13.62%       (0.52%)⁴         RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA       Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)       \$51,130       \$58,594       \$38,051       \$29,479       \$7,746         Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)       1.28%       1.27%       1.28%       1.85%       3.20%⁵         Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       1.12%       1.13%       1.20%       1.17%       1.00%⁵         Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets       4.57%       4.36%       3.75%       3.58%       2.06%⁵         Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09%       34.28%       48.71%       18.45%       3.66%⁴         Period Ended   | Total from investment operations                 | (0.06)   | 0.27      | (0.08)    | 1.32     | (0.05)          |
| Net realized gains on investments  | LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                         |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Total distributions         (0.29)         (0.38)         (0.36)         (0.42)         (0.02)           Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)         3         3         0.02         0.01         10.02           Net Asset Value, end of period         \$9.96         \$10.31         \$10.42         \$10.84         \$9.93           TOTAL RETURN         (0.58%)         2.54%         (0.50%)         13.62%         (0.52%)⁴           RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA         Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)         \$51,130         \$58,594         \$38,051         \$29,479         \$7,746           Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)         1.28%         1.27%         1.28%         1.85%         3.20%⁵           Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator         1.12%         1.13%         1.20%         1.17%         1.00%⁵           Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets         4.57%         4.36%         3.75%         3.58%         2.06%⁵           Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09%         34.28%         48.71%         18.45%         3.66%⁴           Vear Ended Dec. 31           Institutional Class  | Net investment income                            | (0.29)   | (0.38)    | (0.35)    | (0.42)   | (0.02)          |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  Net Asset Value, end of period  \$9.96 \$10.31 \$10.42 \$10.84 \$9.93  TOTAL RETURN  (0.58%) 2.54% (0.50%) 13.62% (0.52%)⁴  RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA  Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)  Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)  Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator  1.12% 1.13% 1.20% 1.17% 1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets  4.57% 4.36% 3.75% 3.58% 2.06% <sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09% 34.28% 48.71% 18.45% 3.66% <sup>4</sup> Period Ended  Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS  2015 2014 2013 2012 2011¹  | Net realized gains on investments                |          |           | (0.01)    |          |                 |
| Net Asset Value, end of period \$9.96 \$10.31 \$10.42 \$10.84 \$9.93  TOTAL RETURN (0.58%) 2.54% (0.50%) 13.62% (0.52%)4  RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA  Net assets, end of period (in 000 s) \$51,130 \$58,594 \$38,051 \$29,479 \$7,746  Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5) \$1.28% \$1.27% \$1.28% \$1.85% \$3.20%5  Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator \$1.12% \$1.13% \$1.20% \$1.17% \$1.00%5  Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets \$4.57% \$4.36% \$3.75% \$3.58% \$2.06%5  Portfolio turnover6 \$50.09% \$34.28% \$48.71% \$18.45% \$3.66%4   Period Ended  Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS \$2015 \$2014 \$2013 \$2012 \$2011\$  | Total distributions                              |          | (0.38)    | (0.36)    | , ,      | (0.02)          |
| TOTAL RETURN       (0.58%)       2.54%       (0.50%)       13.62%       (0.52%)⁴         RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA       Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)       \$51,130       \$58,594       \$38,051       \$29,479       \$7,746         Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)       1.28%       1.27%       1.28%       1.85%       3.20%⁵         Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       1.12%       1.13%       1.20%       1.17%       1.00%⁵         Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets       4.57%       4.36%       3.75%       3.58%       2.06%⁵         Portfolio turnover⁶       50.09%       34.28%       48.71%       18.45%       3.66%⁴         Year Ended Dec. 31         INSTITUTIONAL CLASS       2015       2014       2013       2012       2011¹  | Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)    | 3        |           | 0.02      | 0.01     |                 |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA         Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)       \$51,130       \$58,594       \$38,051       \$29,479       \$7,746         Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)       1.28%       1.27%       1.28%       1.85%       3.20% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       1.12%       1.13%       1.20%       1.17%       1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets       4.57%       4.36%       3.75%       3.58%       2.06% <sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09%       34.28%       48.71%       18.45%       3.66% <sup>4</sup> Period Ended         Year Ended Dec. 31         INSTITUTIONAL CLASS       2015       2014       2013       2012       2011 <sup>1</sup>  |  | \$9.96   | \$10.31   | \$10.42   | \$10.84  | \$9.93          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)       \$51,130       \$58,594       \$38,051       \$29,479       \$7,746         Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note       1.28%       1.27%       1.28%       1.85%       3.20% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       1.12%       1.13%       1.20%       1.17%       1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets       4.57%       4.36%       3.75%       3.58%       2.06% <sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09%       34.28%       48.71%       18.45%       3.66% <sup>4</sup> Period Ended         Year Ended Dec. 31         INSTITUTIONAL CLASS       2015       2014       2013       2012       2011 <sup>1</sup>  | TOTAL RETURN                                     | (0.58%)  | 2.54%     | (0.50%)   | 13.62%   | $(0.52\%)^4$    |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)       \$51,130       \$58,594       \$38,051       \$29,479       \$7,746         Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note       1.28%       1.27%       1.28%       1.85%       3.20% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       1.12%       1.13%       1.20%       1.17%       1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets       4.57%       4.36%       3.75%       3.58%       2.06% <sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09%       34.28%       48.71%       18.45%       3.66% <sup>4</sup> Period Ended         Year Ended Dec. 31         INSTITUTIONAL CLASS       2015       2014       2013       2012       2011 <sup>1</sup>  | RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                         |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)  |  | \$51,130 | \$58,594  | \$38,051  | \$29,479 | \$7,746         |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)   |  | ,        | . ,       | . ,       | . ,      | . ,             |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)   | 1  |          |           |           |          |                 |
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| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator 1.12% 1.13% 1.20% 1.17% 1.00% 1.00% Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets 4.57% 4.36% 3.75% 3.58% 2.06% Portfolio turnover 50.09% 34.28% 48.71% 18.45% 3.66% Period Ended Ended Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Section 1.12% 1.13% 1.20% 1.17% 1.00% 1.00% 1.17% 1.00                                       | <u>.                                      </u>   | 1.28%    | 1.27%     | 1.28%     | 1.85%    | $3.20\%^{5}$    |
| reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator 1.12% 1.13% 1.20% 1.17% 1.00% 1.00% Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets 4.57% 4.36% 3.75% 3.58% 2.06% Portfolio turnover 50.09% 34.28% 48.71% 18.45% 3.66% Period Ended Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Sec. 31, 100 Period Ended Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Period Ended Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 Pec. 31, 2015 2014 2015 2014 2015 2015 2014 2015 2015 2015 2014 2015 2015 2014 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015 2015   |  |          |           |           |          |                 |
| by Advisor and Administrator 1.12% 1.13% 1.20% 1.17% 1.00% <sup>5</sup> Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets 4.57% 4.36% 3.75% 3.58% 2.06% <sup>5</sup> Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> 50.09% 34.28% 48.71% 18.45% 3.66% <sup>4</sup> Period Ended  Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 <sup>1</sup>  |  |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets $4.57\%$ $4.36\%$ $3.75\%$ $3.58\%$ $2.06\%^5$ Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> $50.09\%$ $34.28\%$ $48.71\%$ $18.45\%$ $3.66\%^4$ Period Ended Year Ended Dec. 31  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 <sup>1</sup>   |  | 1.12%    | 1.13%     | 1.20%     | 1.17%    | $1.00\%^{5}$    |
| net assets $4.57\%$ $4.36\%$ $3.75\%$ $3.58\%$ $2.06\%^5$ Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup> $50.09\%$ $34.28\%$ $48.71\%$ $18.45\%$ $3.66\%^4$   |  |          |           |           |          |                 |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   |  | 4.57%    | 4.36%     | 3.75%     | 3.58%    | $2.06\%^{5}$    |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>                  | 50.09%   | 34.28%    | 48.71%    | 18.45%   | $3.66\%^{4}$    |
| $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   |  |          |           |           |          |                 |
| Year Ended Dec. 31  Dec. 31,  INSTITUTIONAL CLASS  2015  2014  2013  2012  2011 <sup>1</sup>   |  |          |           |           |          | Period          |
| Dec. 31, INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 <sup>1</sup>   |  |          |           |           |          | Ended           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 <sup>1</sup>  |  |          | Year Ende | d Dec. 31 |          |                 |
|  |  |          |           |           |          | Dec. 31,        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period \$10.30 \$10.42 \$10.83 \$9.93 \$10.00  | INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                              | 2015     | 2014      | 2013      | 2012     | $2011^{1}$      |
|  | Net Asset Value, beginning of period             | \$10.30  | \$10.42   | \$10.83   | \$9.93   | \$10.00         |

# INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

| OPERATIONS:                                       |                |                |                |                |                           |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>         | 0.49           | 0.48           | 0.42           | 0.39           | 0.02                      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized           |                |                |                |                |                           |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments,         |                |                |                |                |                           |
| financial futures contracts, and foreign currency | (0.52)         | (0.20)         | (0.46)         | 0.94           | (0.07)                    |
| Total from investment operations                  | (0.03)         | 0.28           | (0.04)         | 1.33           | (0.05)                    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                          |                |                |                |                |                           |
| Net investment income                             | (0.31)         | (0.40)         | (0.38)         | (0.44)         | (0.02)                    |
| Net realized gains on investments                 |                |                | (0.01)         |                |                           |
| Total distributions                               | (0.31)         | (0.40)         | (0.39)         | (0.44)         | (0.02)                    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)     | 3              | 3              | 0.02           | 0.01           |                           |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                    | \$9.96         | \$10.30        | \$10.42        | \$10.83        | \$9.93                    |
| TOTAL RETURN                                      | (0.27%)        | 2.64%          | (0.20%)        | 13.74%         | $(0.52\%)^4$              |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                          |                |                |                |                |                           |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)              | \$11,001       | \$7,840        | \$7,662        | \$6,205        | \$5,266                   |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before    |                |                |                |                |                           |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of         |                |                |                |                |                           |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note       |                |                |                |                |                           |
| 5)  | 1.09%          | 1.07%          | 1.09%          | 1.70%          | $3.20\%^{5}$              |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any |                |                |                |                |                           |
| reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses    |                |                |                |                |                           |
| by Advisor and Administrator                      |                |                |                |                |                           |
| by Advisor and Administrator                      | 0.90%          | 0.93%          | 1.00%          | 1.00%          | $1.00\%^{5}$              |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average  | 0.90%          | 0.93%          | 1.00%          | 1.00%          | 1.00%5                    |
| •   | 0.90%<br>4.81% | 0.93%<br>4.55% | 1.00%<br>3.99% | 1.00%<br>3.70% | $1.00\%^{5}$ $1.96\%^{5}$ |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average  |                |                |                |                |                           |

<sup>1</sup> Commencement of operations on November 30, 2011.

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<sup>2</sup>Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>3</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>4</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>5</sup> Annualized.

<sup>6</sup>The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

Financial Highlights (continued)

#### Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   | Year Ended Dec. 31 |             |                 |             |             |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                            | 2015               | 2014        | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$18.01            | \$18.91     | \$18.61         | \$15.07     | \$18.04     |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM                        |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| <b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>             |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup> | 0.39               | 0.39        | 0.41            | 0.43        | 0.47        |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized   |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on              |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| investments and foreign currency          | (1.19)             | (0.50)      | 0.47            | 3.58        | (2.36)      |
| Total from investment operations          | (0.80)             | (0.11)      | 0.88            | 4.01        | (1.89)      |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                  | , ,                | ,           |                 |             | , ,         |
| Net investment income                     | (0.42)             | (0.35)      | (0.46)          | (0.47)      | (0.47)      |
| Net realized gains on investments         | (0.76)             | (0.44)      | (0.12)          | , ,         | (0.61)      |
| Total distributions                       | (1.18)             | (0.79)      | (0.58)          | (0.47)      | (1.08)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees      | , ,                | ,           | , ,             | , ,         | , ,         |
| $(Note 4)^2$                              |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| Net Asset Value, end of year              | \$16.03            | \$18.01     | \$18.91         | \$18.61     | \$15.07     |
| TOTAL RETURN                              | (4.50%)            | (0.65%)     | 4.83%           | 26.90%      | (10.62%)    |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                  |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)        | \$2,045,435        | \$3,052,565 | \$3,278,586     | \$3,214,984 | \$2,340,606 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | Ψ2,043,433         | Ψ3,032,303  | Ψ3,276,360      | Ψ3,214,704  | Ψ2,540,000  |
| before any reimbursement or waiver or     |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator (Note 5)                    | 1.09%              | 1.08%       | 1.08%           | 1.11%       | 1.12%       |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | 1.09 //            | 1.00 //     | 1.06 /6         | 1.11/0      | 1.12/0      |
| after any reimbursement or waiver or      |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |                    |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator                             | 1.09%              | 1.08%       | 1.08%           | 1.11%       | 1.12%       |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to  | 1.09 //            | 1.00 //     | 1.06 /6         | 1.11/0      | 1.12/0      |
| average net assets                        | 2.17%              | 2.03%       | 2.14%           | 2.52%       | 2.71%       |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>           | 16.48%             | 16.79%      | 15.27%          | 17.43%      | 16.54%      |
| rottono turnover                          | 10.46%             | 10.79%      | 13.2170         | 17.4370     | 10.5470     |
|   |                    |             |                 |             |             |
|   |                    |             |                 |             |             |
|   |                    | Yea         | ar Ended Dec. 3 | 31          |             |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                       | 2015               | 2014        | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
|   |                    |             |                 |             |             |

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| Net Asset Value, beginning of year INCOME (LOSS) FROM | \$18.00   | \$18.90     | \$18.60     | \$15.06   | \$18.04   |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                                |           |             |             |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>             | 0.42      | 0.42        | 0.44        | 0.45      | 0.52      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized               |           |             |             |           |           |
| appreciation/depreciation on                          |           |             |             |           |           |
| investments and foreign currency                      | (1.19)    | (0.50)      | 0.48        | 3.58      | (2.39)    |
| Total from investment operations                      | (0.77)    | (0.08)      | 0.92        | 4.03      | (1.87)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                              |           |             |             |           |           |
| Net investment income                                 | (0.45)    | (0.38)      | (0.50)      | (0.49)    | (0.50)    |
| Net realized gains on investments                     | (0.76)    | (0.44)      | (0.12)      |           | (0.61)    |
| Total distributions                                   | (1.21)    | (0.82)      | (0.62)      | (0.49)    | (1.11)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees                  |           |             |             |           |           |
| $(Note 4)^2$  |           |             |             |           |           |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                          | \$16.02   | \$18.00     | \$18.90     | \$18.60   | \$15.06   |
| TOTAL RETURN  | (4.33%)   | (0.48%)     | 5.04%       | 27.09%    | (10.54%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                              |           |             |             |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)                    | \$823,619 | \$1,182,690 | \$1,120,218 | \$856,876 | \$531,493 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets               |           |             |             |           |           |
| before any reimbursement or waiver or                 |           |             |             |           |           |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and                  |           |             |             |           |           |
| Administrator (Note 5)                                | 0.92%     | 0.92%       | 0.93%       | 0.97%     | 0.99%     |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets               |           |             |             |           |           |
| after any reimbursement or waiver or                  |           |             |             |           |           |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and                  |           |             |             |           |           |
| Administrator   | 0.92%     | 0.92%       | 0.93%       | 0.97%     | 0.99%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to              |           |             |             |           |           |
| average net assets                                    | 2.34%     | 2.19%       | 2.30%       | 2.69%     | 3.05%     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                       | 16.48%    | 16.79%      | 15.27%      | 17.43%    | 16.54%    |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

#### Matthews Asia Dividend Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |             | Yea         | ar Ended Dec. 3 | 31          |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                            | $2015^{1}$  | $2014^{1}$  | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$15.26     | \$15.60     | \$14.58         | \$12.48     | \$14.33     |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM                        |             |             |                 |             |             |
| <b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>             |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup> | 0.29        | 0.30        | 0.32            | 0.36        | 0.36        |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized   |             |             |                 |             |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on              |             |             |                 |             |             |
| investments and foreign currency          | 0.31        | (0.34)      | 1.30            | 2.30        | (1.78)      |
| Total from investment operations          | 0.60        | (0.04)      | 1.62            | 2.66        | (1.42)      |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                  |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net investment income                     | (0.27)      | (0.23)      | (0.60)          | (0.56)      | (0.37)      |
| Return of capital                         |             | (0.07)      |                 |             |             |
| Net realized gains on investments         | (0.23)      |             |                 |             | (0.06)      |
| Total distributions                       | (0.50)      | (0.30)      | (0.60)          | (0.56)      | (0.43)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| $(Note 4)^3$                              |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net Asset Value, end of year              | \$15.36     | \$15.26     | \$15.60         | \$14.58     | \$12.48     |
| TOTAL RETURN                              | 3.86%       | (0.32%)     | 11.27%          | 21.63%      | (10.02%)    |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                  |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)        | \$2,757,910 | \$2,918,228 | \$3,669,690     | \$2,780,043 | \$1,930,363 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | , , ,       | . , ,       | . , ,           | . , ,       | . , ,       |
| before any reimbursement, waiver or       |             |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator (Note 5)                    | 1.06%       | 1.06%       | 1.06%           | 1.09%       | 1.10%       |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   |             |             |                 |             |             |
| after any reimbursement, waiver or        |             |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator                             | 1.05%       | 1.05%       | 1.06%           | 1.09%       | 1.10%       |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss)     |             |             |                 |             |             |
| to average net assets                     | 1.82%       | 1.89%       | 2.04%           | 2.65%       | 2.61%       |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>4</sup>           | 35.98%      | 20.06%      | 14.06%          | 9.17%       | 16.48%      |
|   |             |             |                 |             |             |
|   |             |             |                 |             |             |
|   |             |             | ar Ended Dec. 3 | 31          |             |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                       | $2015^{1}$  | $2014^{1}$  | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$15.26     | \$15.59     | \$14.57         | \$12.48     | \$14.33     |

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| 0.32        | 0.32   | 0.34  | 0.37  | 0.41  |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| 0.29        | (0.33)   | 1.30  | 2.29  | (1.82)  |
| 0.61        | (0.01)   | 1.64  | 2.66  | (1.41)  |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| (0.29)      | (0.25)   | (0.62)  | (0.57)  | (0.38)  |
|             | (0.07)   |   |   |   |
| , ,         |  |   |   | (0.06)  |
| (0.52)      | (0.32)   | (0.62)  | (0.57)  | (0.44)  |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             | ·  | ·   |   | \$12.48   |
| 3.93%       | (0.18%)  | 11.43%  | 21.70%  | (9.93%)   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| \$2,045,713 | \$2,107,371  | \$2,124,214   | \$922,561   | \$344,502   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| 0.93%       | 0.93%  | 0.93%   | 0.97%   | 1.00%   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| 0.92%       | 0.93%  | 0.93%   | 0.97%   | 1.00%   |
|             |  |   |   |   |
| 1.98%       | 2.02%  | 2.17%   | 2.72%   | 3.03%   |
| 35.98%      | 20.06%   | 14.06%  | 9.17%   | 16.48%  |
|             | 0.29<br>0.61<br>(0.29)<br>(0.23)<br>(0.52)<br>\$15.35<br><b>3.93</b> %<br>\$2,045,713<br>0.93%<br>0.92%<br>1.98% | 0.29 (0.33)<br>0.61 (0.01)<br>(0.29) (0.25)<br>(0.07)<br>(0.23) (0.52) (0.32)<br>\$15.35 \$15.26<br>3.93% (0.18%)<br>\$2,045,713 \$2,107,371<br>0.93% 0.93%<br>0.92% 0.93%<br>1.98% 2.02% | 0.29       (0.33)       1.30         0.61       (0.01)       1.64         (0.29)       (0.25)       (0.62)         (0.07)       (0.23)       (0.32)       (0.62)         \$15.35       \$15.26       \$15.59         3.93%       (0.18%)       11.43%         \$2,045,713       \$2,107,371       \$2,124,214         0.93%       0.93%       0.93%         0.92%       0.93%       0.93%         1.98%       2.02%       2.17% | 0.29       (0.33)       1.30       2.29         0.61       (0.01)       1.64       2.66         (0.29)       (0.25)       (0.62)       (0.57)         (0.23)       (0.07)       (0.62)       (0.57)         \$15.35       \$15.26       \$15.59       \$14.57         3.93%       (0.18%)       11.43%       21.70%         \$2,045,713       \$2,107,371       \$2,124,214       \$922,561         0.93%       0.93%       0.93%       0.97%         0.92%       0.93%       0.93%       0.97%         1.98%       2.02%       2.17%       2.72% |

<sup>1</sup> Consolidated Financial Highlights. See Note 2-C.

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<sup>2</sup>Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>3</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>4</sup>The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

Financial Highlights (continued)

#### Matthews China Dividend Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |           | Year       | Ended Dec. 3      | 31       |          |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                                    | 2015      | 2014       | 2013              | 2012     | 2011     |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year                | \$13.37   | \$13.74    | \$12.35           | \$10.06  | \$12.17  |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                     |           |            |                   |          |          |
| OPERATIONS:                                       |           |            |                   |          |          |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>         | 0.29      | 0.25       | 0.25              | 0.25     | 0.29     |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized           |           |            |                   |          |          |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments and      |           |            |                   |          |          |
| foreign currency                                  | 1.01      | (0.12)     | 1.35              | 2.49     | (2.04)   |
| Total from investment operations                  | 1.30      | 0.13       | 1.60              | 2.74     | (1.75)   |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                          |           |            |                   |          |          |
| Net investment income                             | (0.28)    | (0.36)     | (0.23)            | (0.46)   | (0.35)   |
| Net realized gains on investments                 | (0.60)    | (0.14)     |                   |          | (0.02)   |
| Total distributions                               | (0.88)    | (0.50)     | (0.23)            | (0.46)   | (0.37)   |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)     | 2         | 2          | 0.02              | 0.01     | 0.01     |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                      | \$13.79   | \$13.37    | \$13.74           | \$12.35  | \$10.06  |
| TOTAL RETURN                                      | 9.54%     | 0.93%      | 13.35%            | 27.81%   | (14.44%) |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                          |           |            |                   |          |          |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)                | \$165,514 | \$116,954  | \$125,965         | \$59,535 | \$26,467 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before    |           |            | ,                 |          | ,        |
| any reimbursement or waiver or recapture of       |           |            |                   |          |          |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)    | 1.19%     | 1.19%      | 1.24%             | 1.47%    | 1.52%    |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any |           |            |                   |          |          |
| reimbursement or waiver or recapture of           |           |            |                   |          |          |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator             | 1.19%     | 1.19%      | 1.34%             | 1.50%    | 1.50%    |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average  |           |            |                   |          |          |
| net assets  | 1.97%     | 1.88%      | 1.94%             | 2.24%    | 2.47%    |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                   | 79.91%    | 25.43%     | 20.52%            | 21.40%   | 22.31%   |
|   |           |            |                   |          |          |
|   |           |            |                   |          |          |
|   |           | <b>V</b> 7 | E. J. J D 4       | 01       |          |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                               | 2015      | 2014       | Ended Dec. 3 2013 | 2012     | 2011     |
|   |           |            |                   | \$10.06  | \$12.17  |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year                | \$13.37   | \$13.74    | \$12.34           | \$10.06  | \$12.17  |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                     |           |            |                   |          |          |
| OPERATIONS:                                       |           |            |                   |          |          |

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| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>        | 0.28     | 0.28     | 0.33     | 0.22    | 0.30     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized          |          |          |          |         |          |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments and     |          |          |          |         |          |
| foreign currency                                 | 1.04     | (0.13)   | 1.32     | 2.53    | (2.01)   |
| Total from investment operations                 | 1.32     | 0.15     | 1.65     | 2.75    | (1.71)   |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                         |          |          |          |         |          |
| Net investment income                            | (0.30)   | (0.38)   | (0.26)   | (0.48)  | (0.38)   |
| Net realized gains on investments                | (0.60)   | (0.14)   |          |         | (0.02)   |
| Total distributions                              | (0.90)   | (0.52)   | (0.26)   | (0.48)  | (0.40)   |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)    | 2        | 2        | 0.01     | 0.01    | 2        |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                     | \$13.79  | \$13.37  | \$13.74  | \$12.34 | \$10.06  |
| TOTAL RETURN                                     | 9.71%    | 1.11%    | 13.72%   | 27.90%  | (14.22%) |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                         |          |          |          |         |          |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)               | \$15,406 | \$30,662 | \$24,790 | \$201   | \$12     |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets          | 1.00%    | 1.01%    | 1.08%    | 1.29%   | 1.31%    |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average |          |          |          |         |          |
| net assets                                       | 1.89%    | 2.06%    | 2.54%    | 1.87%   | 2.61%    |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                  | 79.91%   | 25.43%   | 20.52%   | 21.40%  | 22.31%   |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup>The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

#### Matthews Asia Value Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

| INVESTOR CLASS   | <b>2015</b> <sup>1</sup> \$10.00 |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  |                                  |
| Not A seat Value hasinging of popied   | D10.00                           |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:               |                                  |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>  | 0.02                             |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign | 0.02                             |
| currency   | (0.16)                           |
| Total from investment operations   | (0.14)                           |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   | (0.1.)                           |
| Net investment income  | (0.01)                           |
| Total distributions  | (0.01)                           |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  | , ,                              |
| Net Asset Value, end of period   | \$9.85                           |
| TOTAL RETURN (1  | $(1.35\%)^3$                     |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   |                                  |
|  | \$1,589                          |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of     | , ,                              |
|  | $6.42\%^{4}$                     |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |                                  |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator  | $1.50\%^{4}$                     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets                                  | $2.70\%^{4}$                     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>5</sup>  | $0.80\%^{3}$                     |
|  |                                  |
|  | Period                           |
|  | Ended                            |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS  | ec. 31,<br>2015 <sup>1</sup>     |
|  | \$10.00                          |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:               | \$10.00                          |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>  | 0.02                             |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign | 0.02                             |
| currency   | (0.15)                           |
| Total from investment operations   | (0.13)                           |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   | (0.10)                           |
| Net investment income  | (0.04)                           |
| Total distributions  | (0.04)                           |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  |                                  |
| Net Asset Value, end of period   | \$9.83                           |
| TOTAL RETURN   | $1.30\%)^3$                      |

#### RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)   | \$143         |
|--|---------------|
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of |               |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)   | 36.17%4       |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of  |               |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator  | $1.25\%^{4}$  |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets                              | $2.41\%^{4}$  |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>5</sup>  | $10.80\%^{3}$ |

- 1 Commenced operations on November 30, 2015.
- 2Calculated using the average daily shares method.
- 3 Not annualized.
- 4 Annualized.
- 5 The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

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#### Matthews Asia Focus Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   | Year Ended | d Dec. 31 | Period Ended               |
|---|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS  | 2015       | 2014      | Dec. 31, 2013 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period                                  | \$10.01    | \$9.66    | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                             |            |           |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>                             | 0.11       | 0.09      | 0.04                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  |            |           |                            |
| investments and foreign currency                                      | (1.31)     | 0.33      | (0.30)                     |
| Total from investment operations                                      | (1.20)     | 0.42      | (0.26)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:  |            |           |                            |
| Net investment income   | (0.07)     | (0.07)    | (0.08)                     |
| Net realized gains on investments                                     | (0.05)     |           |                            |
| Total distributions   | (0.12)     | (0.07)    | (0.08)                     |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>3</sup>            |            |           |                            |
| Net Asset Value, end of period  | \$8.69     | \$10.01   | \$9.66                     |
| TOTAL RETURN  | (12.07%)   | 4.38%     | $(2.63\%)^4$               |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA  |            |           |                            |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                                  | \$5,474    | \$7,839   | \$6,258                    |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement,     |            |           |                            |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5) | 2.07%      | 2.16%     | $3.50\%^{5}$               |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement,      |            |           |                            |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator          | 1.50%      | 1.57%     | $1.71\%^{5}$               |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets           | 1.08%      | 0.87%     | $0.64\%^{5}$               |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>                                       | 23.60%     | 24.12%    | 16.23%4                    |
|   | Year Ended | l Dec. 31 | Period Ended               |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS   | 2015       | 2014      | Dec. 31, 2013 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period                                  | \$10.04    | \$9.66    | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                             |            |           |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>                             | 0.13       | 0.10      | 0.05                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on  |            |           |                            |
| investments and foreign currency                                      | (1.33)     | 0.36      | (0.30)                     |
| Total from investment operations                                      | (1.20)     | 0.46      | (0.25)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:  |            |           |                            |
| Net investment income   | (0.10)     | (0.08)    | (0.09)                     |
| Net realized gains on investments                                     | (0.05)     |           |                            |
| Total distributions   | (0.15)     | (0.08)    | (0.09)                     |

| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>3</sup>            |          |         |              |
|---|----------|---------|--------------|
| Net Asset Value, end of period  | \$8.69   | \$10.04 | \$9.66       |
| TOTAL RETURN  | (11.96%) | 4.77%   | $(2.48\%)^4$ |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA  |          |         |              |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                                  | \$5,700  | \$7,148 | \$2,118      |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement,     |          |         |              |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5) | 1.91%    | 1.94%   | $3.32\%^{5}$ |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement,      |          |         |              |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator          | 1.25%    | 1.31%   | $1.50\%^{5}$ |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets           | 1.30%    | 0.96%   | $0.79\%^{5}$ |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>                                       | 23.60%   | 24.12%  | 16.23%4      |

<sup>1</sup> Commenced operations on April 30, 2013.

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<sup>2</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>3</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>4</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>5</sup> Annualized.

<sup>6</sup>The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

#### Matthews Asia Growth Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|  |           | Year      | Ended Dec. | 31        |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                                   | 2015      | 2014      | 2013       | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year               | \$21.10   | \$21.17   | \$18.02    | \$15.34   | \$17.97   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                    |           |           |            |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                      |           |           |            |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>        | 0.11      | 0.12      | 0.11       | 0.15      | 0.11      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized          |           |           |            |           |           |
| appreciation/depreciation                        |           |           |            |           |           |
| on investments and foreign currency              | (0.12)    | 0.19      | 3.37       | 2.53      | (2.41)    |
| Total from investment operations                 | (0.01)    | 0.31      | 3.48       | 2.68      | (2.30)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                         |           |           |            |           |           |
| Net investment income                            |           | (0.38)    | (0.33)     |           | (0.35)    |
| Total distributions                              |           | (0.38)    | (0.33)     |           | (0.35)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)    | 2         | 2         | 2          | 2         | 0.02      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                     | \$21.09   | \$21.10   | \$21.17    | \$18.02   | \$15.34   |
| TOTAL RETURN                                     | (0.05%)   | 1.49%     | 19.35%     | 17.47%    | (12.70%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                         |           |           |            |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)               | \$526,969 | \$561,922 | \$558,407  | \$276,884 | \$259,166 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets          | 1.11%     | 1.11%     | 1.12%      | 1.16%     | 1.19%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average |           |           |            | _,,       | _,_,,     |
| net assets                                       | 0.49%     | 0.55%     | 0.55%      | 0.92%     | 0.63%     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                  | 29.51%    | 22.24%    | 10.77%     | 44.76%    | 28.06%    |
|  |           |           |            |           |           |
|  |           |           |            |           |           |
|  |           |           | Ended Dec. |           |           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                              | 2015      | 2014      | 2013       | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year               | \$21.19   | \$21.26   | \$18.08    | \$15.37   | \$17.98   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                    |           |           |            |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                      |           |           |            |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>        | 0.16      | 0.16      | 0.15       | 0.17      | 0.14      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized          |           |           |            |           |           |
| appreciation/depreciation                        |           |           |            |           |           |
| on investments and foreign currency              | (0.11)    | 0.19      | 3.39       | 2.54      | (2.42)    |
| Total from investment operations                 | 0.05      | 0.35      | 3.54       | 2.71      | (2.28)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                         |           |           |            |           |           |
| Net investment income                            |           | (0.42)    | (0.36)     |           | (0.35)    |
| Total distributions                              |           | (0.42)    | (0.36)     |           | (0.35)    |
|  |           |           |            |           |           |

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| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)<br>Net Asset Value, end of year<br>TOTAL RETURN | \$21.24<br><b>0.24</b> % | \$21.19<br><b>1.63</b> % | \$21.26<br><b>19.63</b> % | \$18.08<br><b>17.63</b> % | 0.02<br>\$15.37<br>( <b>12.58%</b> ) |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA  |                          |                          |                           |                           |                                      |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)  | \$249,886                | \$287,262                | \$227,852                 | \$147,142                 | \$84,302                             |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | 0.91%                    | 0.91%                    | 0.93%                     | 0.98%                     | 1.03%                                |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average  |                          |                          |                           |                           |                                      |
| net assets  | 0.72%                    | 0.74%                    | 0.73%                     | 1.02%                     | 0.84%                                |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>   | 29.51%                   | 22.24%                   | 10.77%                    | 44.76%                    | 28.06%                               |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

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## Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |             | Yea         | ar Ended Dec. 3 | 31          |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                            | 2015        | 2014        | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$26.57     | \$24.99     | \$24.42         | \$20.33     | \$23.44     |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM                        |             |             |                 |             |             |
| <b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>             |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup> | 0.42        | 0.14        | 0.17            | 0.18        | 0.10        |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized   |             |             |                 |             |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on              |             |             |                 |             |             |
| investments and foreign currency          | (0.82)      | 2.80        | 0.72            | 4.09        | (2.78)      |
| Total from investment operations          | (0.40)      | 2.94        | 0.89            | 4.27        | (2.68)      |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                  |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net investment income                     | (0.42)      | (0.13)      | (0.16)          | (0.16)      | (0.11)      |
| Net realized gains on investments         | (2.21)      | (1.23)      | (0.16)          | (0.02)      | (0.33)      |
| Total distributions                       | (2.63)      | (1.36)      | (0.32)          | (0.18)      | (0.44)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| (Note 4)                                  | 2           | 2           | 2               | 2           | 0.01        |
| Net Asset Value, end of year              | \$23.54     | \$26.57     | \$24.99         | \$24.42     | \$20.33     |
| TOTAL RETURN                              | (1.30%)     | 11.79%      | 3.63%           | 21.00%      | (11.41%)    |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                  |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)        | \$2,720,869 | \$3,047,077 | \$2,954,108     | \$2,994,026 | \$2,780,640 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | Ψ2,720,007  | ψ3,017,077  | φ2,75 1,100     | Ψ2,>> 1,020 | Ψ2,700,010  |
| before any reimbursement or waiver or     |             |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator (Note 5)                    | 1.09%       | 1.09%       | 1.09%           | 1.11%       | 1.11%       |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | 1.0770      | 1.0770      | 1.0770          | 1.11 //     | 1.1170      |
| after any reimbursement or waiver or      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| recapture of expenses by Advisor and      |             |             |                 |             |             |
| Administrator                             | 1.07%       | 1.08%       | 1.09%           | 1.11%       | 1.11%       |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss)     | 1.07 /6     | 1.0070      | 1.0770          | 1.11 //     | 1.1170      |
| to average net assets                     | 1.53%       | 0.52%       | 0.67%           | 0.82%       | 0.44%       |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>           | 12.56%      | 11.38%      | 7.73%           | 6.53%       | 10.51%      |
| 1 ortiono turnovei                        | 12.3070     | 11.30 //    | 1.1370          | 0.55 //     | 10.51 /6    |
|   |             |             |                 |             |             |
|   |             |             |                 |             |             |
|   |             | Yea         | ar Ended Dec. 3 | <b>31</b>   |             |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                       | 2015        | 2014        | 2013            | 2012        | 2011        |
|   |             |             |                 |             |             |

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| Net Asset Value, beginning of year INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:   | \$26.56     | \$24.97     | \$24.41     | \$20.32     | \$23.44     |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup> Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on   | 0.44        | 0.18        | 0.21        | 0.21        | 0.23        |
| investments and foreign currency   | (0.80)      | 2.82        | 0.71        | 4.10        | (2.87)      |
| Total from investment operations LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:  | (0.36)      | 3.00        | 0.92        | 4.31        | (2.64)      |
| Net investment income  | (0.47)      | (0.18)      | (0.20)      | (0.20)      | (0.15)      |
| Net realized gains on investments  | (2.21)      | (1.23)      | (0.16)      | (0.02)      | (0.33)      |
| Total distributions  | (2.68)      | (1.41)      | (0.36)      | (0.22)      | (0.48)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>2</sup>   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Net Asset Value, end of year   | \$23.52     | \$26.56     | \$24.97     | \$24.41     | \$20.32     |
| TOTAL RETURN   | (1.15%)     | 12.03%      | 3.78%       | 21.24%      | (11.28%)    |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   |             |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)<br>Ratio of expenses to average net assets<br>before any reimbursement or waiver or<br>recapture of expenses by Advisor and | \$3,964,547 | \$5,049,643 | \$4,679,039 | \$3,770,568 | \$2,029,091 |
| Administrator (Note 5) Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement or waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and                       | 0.91%       | 0.92%       | 0.92%       | 0.95%       | 0.95%       |
| Administrator Ratio of net investment income (loss)  | 0.89%       | 0.91%       | 0.92%       | 0.95%       | 0.95%       |
| to average net assets  | 1.61%       | 0.68%       | 0.83%       | 0.95%       | 1.03%       |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>  | 12.56%      | 11.38%      | 7.73%       | 6.53%       | 10.51%      |
|  |             |             |             |             |             |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

#### Matthews Asia ESG Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|  | TO 1 1                     |
|--|----------------------------|
|  | Period                     |
| THE PROPERTY OF A CO.  | Ended                      |
| INVESTOR CLASS   | Dec. 31, 2015 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period   | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:  |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>  | 0.02                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign | (0 = =)                    |
| currency   | (0.75)                     |
| Total from investment operations   | (0.73)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   |                            |
| Net investment income  | (0.04)                     |
| Total distributions  | (0.04)                     |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  |                            |
| Net Asset Value, end of period   | \$9.23                     |
| TOTAL RETURN   | $(7.30\%)^3$               |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   |                            |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)   | \$3,248                    |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of     | , - ,                      |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)   | $9.09\%^{4}$               |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |                            |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator  | $1.44\%^4$                 |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets                                  | $0.25\%^{4}$               |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>5</sup>  | $21.72\%^3$                |
|  |                            |
|  | Period                     |
|  | Ended                      |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS  | Dec. 31, 2015 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period   | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:  |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>  | 0.05                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign |                            |
| currency   | (0.77)                     |
| Total from investment operations   | (0.72)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   |                            |
| Net investment income  | (0.11)                     |
| Total distributions  | (0.11)                     |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  | , ,                        |
| Net Asset Value, end of period   | \$9.17                     |
| TOTAL RETURN   | $(7.14\%)^3$               |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   | ` ,                        |
| NATIOS/SUFFLENIENTAL DATA  |                            |

| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)   | \$1,686      |
|--|--------------|
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of |              |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)   | $8.90\%^{4}$ |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of  |              |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator  | $1.25\%^{4}$ |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets                              | $0.75\%^{4}$ |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>5</sup>  | $21.72\%^3$  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commenced operations on April 30, 2015.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

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## Matthews Emerging Asia Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|  | Year Ended Dec. 31 |           | Period<br>Ended            |
|--|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS   | 2015               | 2014      | Dec. 31, 2013 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period                                 | \$11.60            | \$9.93    | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                            | 7                  | 42.52     | +                          |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>                            | 0.04               | 0.04      | (0.01)                     |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on |                    |           |                            |
| investments and foreign currency                                     | (0.34)             | 1.69      | (0.05)                     |
| Total from investment operations                                     | (0.30)             | 1.73      | (0.06)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   |                    |           |                            |
| Net investment income  | 3                  | (0.06)    | 3                          |
| Return of capital  |                    |           | (0.01)                     |
| Net realized gains on investments                                    | (0.03)             |           |                            |
| Total distributions  | (0.03)             | (0.06)    | (0.01)                     |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>3</sup>           |                    |           |                            |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                                       | \$11.27            | \$11.60   | \$9.93                     |
| TOTAL RETURN   | (2.56%)            | 17.39%    | $(0.61\%)^4$               |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   |                    |           |                            |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                                 | \$114,590          | \$110,363 | \$38,022                   |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement,    |                    |           |                            |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note   |                    |           |                            |
| 5)   | 1.75%              | 1.78%     | $2.39\%^{5}$               |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement,     |                    |           |                            |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator         | 1.50%              | 1.58%     | $1.98\%^{5}$               |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets          | 0.33%              | 0.34%     | $(0.08\%)^5$               |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>                                      | 12.14%             | 8.21%     | 1.66%4                     |
|  | Year Ended Dec. 31 |           | Period                     |
|  |                    |           | Ended                      |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS  | 2015               | 2014      | Dec. 31, 2013 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period                                 | \$11.60            | \$9.92    | \$10.00                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                            |                    |           |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>                            | 0.07               | 0.06      | 0.01                       |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/depreciation on |                    |           |                            |
| investments and foreign currency                                     | (0.34)             | 1.69      | (0.07)                     |
| Total from investment operations                                     | (0.27)             | 1.75      | (0.06)                     |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:   |                    |           |                            |

| Net investment income  | (0.01)   | (0.07)   | 3            |
|--|----------|----------|--------------|
| Return of capital  | , ,      | ,        | (0.02)       |
| Net realized gains on investments                                  | (0.03)   |          |              |
| Total distributions  | (0.04)   | (0.07)   | (0.02)       |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>3</sup>         |          |          |              |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                                     | \$11.29  | \$11.60  | \$9.92       |
| TOTAL RETURN   | (2.33%)  | 17.68%   | $(0.55\%)^4$ |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA   |          |          |              |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                               | \$55,278 | \$21,350 | \$2,017      |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any reimbursement,  |          |          |              |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note |          |          |              |
| 5)   | 1.57%    | 1.59%    | $2.21\%^{5}$ |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any reimbursement,   |          |          |              |
| waiver or recapture of expenses by Advisor and Administrator       | 1.25%    | 1.33%    | $1.75\%^{5}$ |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets        | 0.65%    | 0.55%    | $0.19\%^{5}$ |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>                                    | 12.14%   | 8.21%    | $1.66\%^{4}$ |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commenced operations on April 30, 2013.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

## Matthews China Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |            | Y          | ear Ended Dec. | . 31        |             |
|---|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                            | $2015^{1}$ | $2014^{1}$ | 2013           | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$21.46    | \$22.84    | \$23.47        | \$21.51     | \$29.36     |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM                        |            |            |                |             |             |
| <b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:</b>             |            |            |                |             |             |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup> | 0.20       | 0.24       | 0.25           | 0.30        | 0.26        |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized   |            |            |                |             |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments  |            |            |                |             |             |
| and foreign currency                      | 0.30       | (1.25)     | 1.33           | 2.26        | (5.78)      |
| Total from investment operations          | 0.50       | (1.01)     | 1.58           | 2.56        | (5.52)      |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                  |            |            |                |             |             |
| Net investment income                     | (0.21)     | (0.27)     | (0.26)         | (0.35)      | (0.28)      |
| Net realized gains on investments         | (3.33)     | (0.10)     | (1.95)         | (0.25)      | (2.06)      |
| Total distributions                       | (3.54)     | (0.37)     | (2.21)         | (0.60)      | (2.34)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees      |            |            |                |             |             |
| (Note 4)                                  | 3          | 3          | 3              | 3           | 0.01        |
| Net Asset Value, end of year              | \$18.42    | \$21.46    | \$22.84        | \$23.47     | \$21.51     |
| TOTAL RETURN                              | 2.41%      | (4.42%)    | 6.84%          | 11.96%      | (18.93%)    |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                  |            |            |                |             |             |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)        | \$709,767  | \$947,740  | \$1,286,309    | \$1,642,090 | \$1,836,333 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets   | 1.14%      | 1.11%      | 1.08%          | 1.12%       | 1.13%       |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to  |            |            |                |             |             |
| average net assets                        | 0.89%      | 1.09%      | 1.06%          | 1.33%       | 0.93%       |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>4</sup>           | 66.22%     | 10.23%     | 6.29%          | 9.61%       | 8.43%       |
|   |            |            |                |             |             |
|   |            |            | ear Ended Dec  |             |             |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                       | $2015^{1}$ | $2014^{1}$ | 2013           | 2012        | 2011        |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year        | \$21.44    | \$22.81    | \$23.45        | \$21.49     | \$29.36     |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM                        |            |            |                |             |             |
| INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:                    |            |            |                |             |             |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup> | 0.25       | 0.28       | 0.26           | 0.36        | 0.26        |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized   |            |            |                |             |             |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments  |            |            |                |             |             |
| and foreign currency                      | 0.27       | (1.25)     | 1.36           | 2.25        | (5.73)      |
| Total from investment operations          | 0.52       | (0.97)     | 1.62           | 2.61        | (5.47)      |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                  |            |            |                |             |             |
| Net investment income                     | (0.24)     | (0.30)     | (0.31)         | (0.40)      | (0.34)      |
| Net realized gains on investments         | (3.33)     | (0.10)     | (1.95)         | (0.25)      | (2.06)      |
| Total distributions                       | (3.57)     | (0.40)     | (2.26)         | (0.65)      | (2.40)      |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees      |            |            |                |             |             |

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| $(Note 4)^3$                             |          |          |           |           |           |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net Asset Value, end of year             | \$18.39  | \$21.44  | \$22.81   | \$23.45   | \$21.49   |
| TOTAL RETURN                             | 2.50%    | (4.22%)  | 6.97%     | 12.22%    | (18.80%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                 |          |          |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)       | \$24,276 | \$52,478 | \$117,678 | \$390,744 | \$288,277 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets  | 0.99%    | 0.95%    | 0.91%     | 0.91%     | 0.96%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to |          |          |           |           |           |
| average net assets                       | 1.09%    | 1.27%    | 1.13%     | 1.58%     | 0.99%     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>4</sup>          | 66.22%   | 10.23%   | 6.29%     | 9.61%     | 8.43%     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consolidated Financial Highlights. See Note 2-C.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of share issued.

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## Matthews India Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |                       | Year      | Ended Dec. 3        | 81        |           |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                                | 2015                  | 2014      | 2013                | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year            | \$26.46               | \$16.28   | \$17.51             | \$13.59   | \$21.49   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                 |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                   |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>     | (0.05)                | 0.07      | 0.08                | 0.11      | 0.11      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized       |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| appreciation/                                 |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign       |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| currency                                      | 0.26                  | 10.29     | (1.13)              | 4.17      | (7.96)    |
| Total from investment operations              | 0.21                  | 10.36     | (1.05)              | 4.28      | (7.85)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                      |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| Net investment income                         | (0.03)                | (0.05)    | (0.18)              | (0.09)    | (0.07)    |
| Net realized gains on investments             | (0.23)                | (0.14)    | (0.01)              | (0.27)    |           |
| Total distributions                           | (0.26)                | (0.19)    | (0.19)              | (0.36)    | (0.07)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) | 0.02                  | 0.01      | 0.01                | 2         | 0.02      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                  | \$26.43               | \$26.46   | \$16.28             | \$17.51   | \$13.59   |
| TOTAL RETURN                                  | $\boldsymbol{0.90\%}$ | 63.71%    | (5.90%)             | 31.54%    | (36.48%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                      |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)            | \$1,151,948           | \$974,838 | \$427,861           | \$607,800 | \$559,337 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets       | 1.11%                 | 1.12%     | 1.13%               | 1.18%     | 1.18%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to      |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| average net assets                            | (0.17%)               | 0.32%     | 0.48%               | 0.65%     | 0.58%     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>               | 9.51%                 | 14.86%    | 8.70%               | 7.03%     | 3.51%     |
|   |                       |           |                     |           |           |
|   |                       |           | <b>Ended Dec. 3</b> |           |           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                           | 2015                  | 2014      | 2013                | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year            | \$26.49               | \$16.31   | \$17.53             | \$13.61   | \$21.48   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                 |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                   |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>     | 0.01                  | 0.09      | 0.10                | 0.14      | 0.16      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized       |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| appreciation/                                 |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign       |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| currency                                      | 0.26                  | 10.29     | (1.11)              | 4.17      | (7.96)    |
| Total from investment operations              | 0.27                  | 10.38     | (1.01)              | 4.31      | (7.80)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                      |                       |           |                     |           |           |
| Net investment income                         | (0.06)                | (0.08)    | (0.21)              | (0.12)    | (0.07)    |

| Net realized gains on investments             | (0.23)    | (0.14)    | (0.01)         | (0.27)   |          |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Total distributions                           | (0.29)    | (0.22)    | (0.22)         | (0.39)   | (0.07)   |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) | 0.02      | 0.02      | 0.01           | 2        | 2        |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                  | \$26.49   | \$26.49   | \$16.31        | \$17.53  | \$13.61  |
| TOTAL RETURN                                  | 1.12%     | 63.80%    | <b>(5.67%)</b> | 31.74%   | (36.35%) |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                      |           |           |                |          |          |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)            | \$353,879 | \$109,331 | \$3,234        | \$36,166 | \$26,920 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets       | 0.90%     | 0.94%     | 0.95%          | 0.98%    | 0.99%    |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to      |           |           |                |          |          |
| average net assets                            | 0.02%     | 0.38%     | 0.61%          | 0.87%    | 0.86%    |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>               | 9.51%     | 14.86%    | 8.70%          | 7.03%    | 3.51%    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

# Matthews Japan Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |             | Year 1    | Ended Dec. 3 | 1        |           |
|---|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                                | 2015        | 2014      | 2013         | 2012     | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year            | \$15.70     | \$16.20   | \$12.27      | \$11.34  | \$12.53   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                 |             |           |              |          |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                   |             |           |              |          |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>     | 0.04        | 0.05      | 0.03         | 0.10     | 0.07      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized       |             |           |              |          |           |
| appreciation/                                 |             |           |              |          |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign       |             | (0.40)    |              |          | 4.00      |
| currency                                      | 3.23        | (0.48)    | 4.12         | 0.84     | (1.06)    |
| Total from investment operations              | 3.27        | (0.43)    | 4.15         | 0.94     | (0.99)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                      |             | (0.00)    | (0.24)       | (0.01)   | (0.00)    |
| Net investment income                         |             | (0.08)    | (0.24)       | (0.01)   | (0.22)    |
| Total distributions                           | 2           | (0.08)    | (0.24)       | (0.01)   | (0.22)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) |             | 0.01      | 0.02         |          | 0.02      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year TOTAL RETURN     | \$18.97     | \$15.70   | \$16.20      | \$12.27  | \$11.34   |
|   | 20.83%      | (2.60%)   | 34.03%       | 8.32%    | (7.72%)   |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                      |             |           |              |          |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)            | \$1,330,743 | \$467,854 | \$312,988    | \$82,463 | \$101,369 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets       | 0.99%       | 1.03%     | 1.10%        | 1.20%    | 1.22%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to      |             |           |              |          |           |
| average net assets                            | 0.22%       | 0.32%     | 0.19%        | 0.81%    | 0.54%     |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>               | 24.19%      | 42.52%    | 22.72%       | 48.58%   | 34.94%    |
|   |             | Year 1    | Ended Dec. 3 | 1        |           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                           | 2015        | 2014      | 2013         | 2012     | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year            | \$15.71     | \$16.20   | \$12.26      | \$11.34  | \$12.53   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                 |             |           |              |          |           |
| OPERATIONS:                                   |             |           |              |          |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>     | 0.05        | 0.09      | 0.06         | 0.12     | 0.06      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized       |             |           |              |          |           |
| appreciation/                                 |             |           |              |          |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign       |             |           |              |          |           |
| currency                                      | 3.24        | (0.50)    | 4.12         | 0.84     | (1.04)    |
| Total from investment operations              | 3.29        | (0.41)    | 4.18         | 0.96     | (0.98)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                      |             |           |              |          |           |
| Net investment income                         |             | (0.09)    | (0.26)       | (0.04)   | (0.22)    |
| Total distributions                           | 2           | (0.09)    | (0.26)       | (0.04)   | (0.22)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) | 2           | 0.01      | 0.02         | 2        | 0.01      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                  | \$19.00     | \$15.71   | \$16.20      | \$12.26  | \$11.34   |

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| TOTAL RETURN                             | 20.94%    | (2.47%)   | 34.27%   | 8.47%    | (7.72%)  |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                 |           |           |          |          |          |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)       | \$618,583 | \$154,750 | \$59,702 | \$22,233 | \$30,302 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets  | 0.87%     | 0.90%     | 0.96%    | 1.04%    | 1.07%    |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to |           |           |          |          |          |
| average net assets                       | 0.28%     | 0.58%     | 0.41%    | 0.99%    | 0.46%    |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>          | 24.19%    | 42.52%    | 22.72%   | 48.58%   | 34.94%   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

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## Matthews Korea Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |           | Yea       | r Ended Dec. | 31        |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS  | 2015      | 2014      | 2013         | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year                            | \$5.65    | \$5.95    | \$5.64       | \$4.59    | \$5.14    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                                 |           |           |              |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:   |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>                     | 0.01      | 2         | 2            | 2         | (0.01)    |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized                       |           |           |              |           |           |
| appreciation/   |           |           |              |           |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign                       |           |           |              |           |           |
| currency  | 0.83      | (0.05)    | 0.57         | 1.10      | (0.31)    |
| Total from investment operations                              | 0.84      | (0.05)    | 0.57         | 1.10      | (0.32)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                                      |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net investment income   | (0.01)    |           | (0.02)       |           | (0.01)    |
| Net realized gains on investments                             | (0.33)    | (0.25)    | (0.24)       | (0.05)    | (0.22)    |
| Total distributions   | (0.34)    | (0.25)    | (0.26)       | (0.05)    | (0.23)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note $4$ ) <sup>2</sup> |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                                  | \$6.15    | \$5.65    | \$5.95       | \$5.64    | \$4.59    |
| TOTAL RETURN  | 15.16%    | (0.73%)   | 10.11%       | 24.05%    | (6.45%)   |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                                      |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)                            | \$147,685 | \$127,774 | \$138,830    | \$141,247 | \$141,590 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets                       | 1.10%     | 1.11%     | 1.13%        | 1.16%     | 1.18%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to                      |           |           |              |           |           |
| average net assets  | 0.18%     | 0.04%     | 0.02%        | 0.01%     | (0.18%)   |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                               | 20.36%    | 17.37%    | 46.20%       | 34.84%    | 30.13%    |
|   |           |           |              |           |           |
|   |           | Yea       | r Ended Dec. | 31        |           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS   | 2015      | 2014      | 2013         | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year                            | \$5.68    | \$5.96    | \$5.67       | \$4.61    | \$5.14    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                                 |           |           |              |           |           |
| OPERATIONS:   |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>                     | 0.02      | 0.05      | 2            | 2         | 0.17      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized                       |           |           |              |           |           |
| appreciation/   |           |           |              |           |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign                       |           |           |              |           |           |
| currency  | 0.83      | (0.08)    | 0.56         | 1.11      | (0.47)    |
| Total from investment operations                              | 0.85      | (0.03)    | 0.56         | 1.11      | (0.30)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                                      |           |           |              |           |           |
| Net investment income   | (0.02)    |           | (0.03)       |           | (0.01)    |
|   |           |           |              |           |           |

| Net realized gains on investments                          | (0.33)   | (0.25)   | (0.24)   | (0.05)  | (0.22)   |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Total distributions  | (0.35)   | (0.25)   | (0.27)   | (0.05)  | (0.23)   |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>2</sup> |          |          |          |         |          |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                               | \$6.18   | \$5.68   | \$5.96   | \$5.67  | \$4.61   |
| TOTAL RETURN   | 15.27%   | (0.39%)  | 9.87%    | 24.16%  | (6.05%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                                   |          |          |          |         |          |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)                         | \$59,982 | \$91,431 | \$12,283 | \$8,597 | \$15,109 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets                    | 0.93%    | 0.93%    | 0.97%    | 1.00%   | 1.07%    |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to                   |          |          |          |         |          |
| average net assets   | 0.28%    | 0.87%    | (0.03%)  | (0.07%) | 3.37%    |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                            | 20.36%   | 17.37%   | 46.20%   | 34.84%  | 30.13%   |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of share issued.

# Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|  |             | Yea         | ır Ended Dec. | . 31      |                           |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| INVESTOR CLASS                                 | 2015        | 2014        | 2013          | 2012      | 2011                      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year             | \$21.46     | \$19.34     | \$18.13       | \$14.77   | \$21.16                   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                  |             |             |               |           |                           |
| OPERATIONS:                                    |             |             |               |           |                           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>      | 0.02        | 0.09        | 0.11          | 0.17      | 0.15                      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized        |             |             |               |           |                           |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments and   |             |             |               |           |                           |
| foreign currency                               | (2.05)      | 2.11        | 1.19          | 3.36      | (4.35)                    |
| Total from investment operations               | (2.03)      | 2.20        | 1.30          | 3.53      | (4.20)                    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                       |             |             |               |           |                           |
| Net investment income                          | (0.03)      | (0.08)      | (0.09)        | (0.09)    | (0.17)                    |
| Net realized gains on investments              |             |             |               | (0.08)    | (2.04)                    |
| Total distributions                            | (0.03)      | (0.08)      | (0.09)        | (0.17)    | (2.21)                    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  | 0.01        | 2           | 2             | 2         | 0.02                      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                   | \$19.41     | \$21.46     | \$19.34       | \$18.13   | \$14.77                   |
| TOTAL RETURN                                   | (9.43%)     | 11.39%      | 7.19%         | 23.92%    | (20.03%)                  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                       |             |             |               |           |                           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)             | \$387,747   | \$599,082   | \$407,352     | \$366,753 | \$258,944                 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before |             |             |               |           |                           |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |             |             |               |           |                           |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note    |             |             |               |           |                           |
| 5)   | 1.48%       | 1.47%       | 1.47%         | 1.50%     | 1.52%                     |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after  |             |             |               |           |                           |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |             |             |               |           |                           |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator          | 1.47%       | 1.47%       | 1.47%         | 1.50%     | 1.52%                     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to       | 0.00~       | 0.44~       | 0.70~         | 1069      | 0 = 6 ~                   |
| average net assets                             | 0.08%       | 0.44%       | 0.58%         | 1.06%     | 0.76%                     |
| Portfolio turnover                             | $48.29\%^3$ | $21.70\%^3$ | $37.01\%^3$   | 27.95%    | 19.97%                    |
|  |             |             |               |           |                           |
|  |             |             |               |           | eriod Ended               |
|  |             |             | Year Ende     |           |                           |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                            |             |             | 2015          |           | ec. 31, 2013 <sup>4</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period           |             |             | \$21.46       | \$19.33   | \$19.44                   |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                  |             |             |               |           |                           |
| OPERATIONS:                                    |             |             | 0.44          | 0.15      | 0.10                      |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>      |             |             | 0.11          | 0.15      | 0.18                      |

| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized        |           |          |                     |
|--|-----------|----------|---------------------|
| appreciation/depreciation on investments and   |           |          |                     |
| foreign currency                               | (2.10)    | 2.10     | (0.16)              |
| Total from investment operations               | (1.99)    | 2.25     | 0.02                |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                       |           |          |                     |
| Net investment income                          | (0.08)    | (0.12)   | (0.13)              |
| Net realized gains on investments              |           |          |                     |
| Total distributions                            | (0.08)    | (0.12)   | (0.13)              |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)  | 0.01      | 2        | 2                   |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                 | \$19.40   | \$21.46  | \$19.33             |
| TOTAL RETURN                                   | (9.23%)   | 11.65%   | $0.13\%^{5}$        |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                       |           |          |                     |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)           | \$222,168 | \$77,168 | \$44,769            |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before |           |          |                     |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |           |          |                     |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator (Note    |           |          |                     |
| 5)   | 1.30%     | 1.27%    | $1.25\%^{6}$        |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after  |           |          |                     |
| any reimbursement, waiver or recapture of      |           |          |                     |
| expenses by Advisor and Administrator          | 1.25%     | 1.26%    | $1.25\%^{6}$        |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to       |           |          |                     |
| average net assets                             | 0.53%     | 0.70%    | 1.39%6              |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                | 48.29%    | 21.70%   | 37.01% <sup>5</sup> |
|  |           |          |                     |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>2</sup>Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

<sup>4</sup>Institutional Class commenced operations on April 30, 2013.

<sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>6</sup>Annualized.

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# Matthews China Small Companies Fund

The table below sets forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|  |          |           |           | Pe             | riod Ended               |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|
|  |          | Year Ende | d Dec. 31 |                |                          |
| INVESTOR CLASS                                     | 2015     | 2014      | 2013      | <b>2012 De</b> | c. 31, 2011 <sup>1</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period               | \$9.21   | \$9.89    | \$7.76    | \$7.04         | \$10.00                  |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                      |          |           |           |                |                          |
| OPERATIONS:  |          |           |           |                |                          |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>2</sup>          | 0.08     | 0.01      | 0.02      | 0.03           | (0.02)                   |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized            |          |           |           |                |                          |
| appreciation/depreciation on investments           |          |           |           |                |                          |
| and foreign currency                               | 0.27     | (0.33)    | 2.22      | 0.68           | (2.96)                   |
| Total from investment operations                   | 0.35     | (0.32)    | 2.24      | 0.71           | (2.98)                   |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                           |          |           |           |                |                          |
| Net investment income                              | (0.06)   | (0.02)    | (0.11)    | (0.02)         | (0.01)                   |
| Return of capital                                  |          | (0.34)    |           |                |                          |
| Net realized gains on investments                  | (0.72)   |           |           |                |                          |
| Total distributions                                | (0.78)   | (0.36)    | (0.11)    | (0.02)         | (0.01)                   |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)      | 0.01     | 3         | 3         | 0.03           | 0.03                     |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                     | \$8.79   | \$9.21    | \$9.89    | \$7.76         | \$7.04                   |
| TOTAL RETURN                                       | 4.07%    | (3.33%)   | 28.85%    | 10.53%         | $(29.51\%)^4$            |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                           |          |           |           |                |                          |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)               | \$21,546 | \$22,068  | \$26,674  | \$10,266       | \$4,493                  |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets before any |          |           |           |                |                          |
| reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses     |          |           |           |                |                          |
| by Advisor and Administrator (Note 5)              | 2.10%    | 1.90%     | 2.04%     | 3.26%          | $5.32\%^{5}$             |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets after any  |          |           |           |                |                          |
| reimbursement, waiver or recapture of expenses     |          |           |           |                |                          |
| by Advisor and Administrator                       | 1.50%    | 1.67%     | 2.00%     | 2.00%          | $2.00\%^{5}$             |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average   |          |           |           |                |                          |
| net assets   | 0.80%    | 0.14%     | 0.17%     | 0.40%          | $(0.53\%)^5$             |
| Portfolio turnover                                 | 72.49%   | 32.42%    | 10.28%    | 34.01%         | $6.08\%^{4}$             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Investor Class commenced operations on May 31, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method. <sup>3</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

- <sup>4</sup> Not annualized.
- <sup>5</sup> Annualized.

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# Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund

The tables below set forth financial data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each period presented.

|   |             | Yea         | r Ended Dec.  | 31        |           |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| INVESTOR CLASS  | 2015        | 2014        | 2013          | 2012      | 2011      |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of year                    | \$13.61     | \$12.59     | \$9.29        | \$8.16    | \$9.89    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT                         |             |             |               |           |           |
| <b>OPERATIONS:</b>                                    |             |             |               |           |           |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>             | (0.05)      | 2           | 0.01          | 0.03      | 0.02      |
| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/ |             |             |               |           |           |
| depreciation on investments and foreign               |             |             |               |           |           |
| currency  | 0.64        | 1.16        | 3.30          | 1.12      | (1.74)    |
| Total from investment operations                      | 0.59        | 1.16        | 3.31          | 1.15      | (1.72)    |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                              |             |             |               |           |           |
| Net investment income                                 |             | (0.06)      | (0.01)        | (0.02)    | (0.02)    |
| Net realized gains on investments                     | (1.88)      | (0.08)      |               |           |           |
| Total distributions                                   | (1.88)      | (0.14)      | (0.01)        | (0.02)    | (0.02)    |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4)         | 2           | 2           | 2             | 2         | 0.01      |
| Net Asset Value, end of year                          | \$12.32     | \$13.61     | \$12.59       | \$9.29    | \$8.16    |
| TOTAL RETURN  | 4.48%       | 9.24%       | 35.61%        | 14.11%    | (17.26%)  |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                              |             |             |               |           |           |
| Net assets, end of year (in 000 s)                    | \$129,763   | \$125,612   | \$111,751     | \$131,629 | \$153,349 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets               | 1.18%       | 1.16%       | 1.18%         | 1.18%     | 1.21%     |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to              |             |             |               |           |           |
| average net assets                                    | (0.33%)     | (0.02%)     | 0.07%         | 0.30%     | 0.23%     |
| Portfolio turnover                                    | $72.85\%^3$ | $62.99\%^3$ | $62.04\%^{3}$ | 45.76%    | 65.47%    |

|   |            |           | <b>Period Ended</b>        |
|---|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
|   | Year Ended | l Dec. 31 |                            |
| INSTITUTIONAL CLASS                       | 2015       | 2014      | Dec. 31, 2013 <sup>4</sup> |
| Net Asset Value, beginning of period      | \$13.61    | \$12.58   | \$10.09                    |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS: |            |           |                            |
| Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup> | (0.02)     | 0.03      | 0.04                       |

| Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation/       |          |          |               |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|
| depreciation on investments and foreign currency            | 0.63     | 1.17     | 2.48          |
| Total from investment operations                            | 0.61     | 1.20     | 2.52          |
| LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:                                    |          |          |               |
| Net investment income                                       |          | (0.09)   | (0.03)        |
| Net realized gains on investments                           | (1.88)   | (0.08)   |               |
| Total distributions   | (1.88)   | (0.17)   | (0.03)        |
| Paid-in capital from redemption fees (Note 4) <sup>2</sup>  |          |          |               |
| Net Asset Value, end of period                              | \$12.34  | \$13.61  | \$12.58       |
| TOTAL RETURN  | 4.63%    | 9.54%    | 24.99%5       |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA                                    |          |          |               |
| Net assets, end of period (in 000 s)                        | \$36,770 | \$61,088 | \$49,236      |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets                     | 0.97%    | 0.95%    | $1.00\%^{6}$  |
| Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets | (0.16%)  | 0.21%    | $0.56\%^{6}$  |
| Portfolio turnover <sup>3</sup>                             | 72.85%   | 62.99%   | $62.04\%^{5}$ |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated using the average daily shares method.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The portfolio turnover rate is calculated on the Fund as a whole without distinguishing between classes of shares issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Institutional Class commenced operations on April 30, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Annualized.

Notes to Financial Statements

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

Matthews Asia Funds (the Trust) is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Trust currently issues seventeen separate series of shares (each a Fund and collectively, the Funds): Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund, Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund, Matthews Asia Dividend Fund, Matthews China Dividend Fund, Matthews Asia Value Fund, Matthews Asia Focus Fund, Matthews Asia Growth Fund, Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund, Matthews Asia ESG Fund, Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews China Fund, Matthews India Fund, Matthews Japan Fund, Matthews Korea Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund and Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund. Each Fund except for Matthews China Small Companies Fund currently offers two classes of shares: Investor Class and Institutional Class. Matthews China Small Companies Fund currently offers only Investor Class shares. Each class of shares has identical voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights and the same terms and conditions, except each class may be subject to different class expenses as outlined in the relevant prospectus and each class has exclusive voting rights with respect to matters solely affecting such class.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Funds in preparation of their financial statements.

**A.SECURITY VALUATION:** The value of the Funds securities is based on market quotations for those securities, or on their fair value determined by the valuation policies approved by the Funds Board of Trustees (the Board ). Market quotations and valuation information are provided by commercial pricing services or securities dealers that are independent of the Funds and Matthews International Capital Management, LLC (Matthews), in accordance with procedures established by the Funds Board. Foreign exchange-traded securities are valued as of the close of trading on the primary exchange on which they trade. Securities that trade in over-the-counter markets, including most debt securities (bonds), may be valued by other third-party vendors or by using indicative bid quotations from dealers or market makers, or other available market information. Market values for securities are determined based on quotations, market data or other information from the principal (or most advantageous) market on which the security is traded. Market quotations for equity securities used by the Funds include last reported sale prices, or, if such prices are not reported or available, bid and ask prices. Financial futures contracts traded on exchanges are valued at their settlement price. Foreign currency exchange contracts are valued at the mean between the bid and ask prices and are determined at the close of business on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Interpolated values are derived when the settlement date of the contract is an interim date for which quotations are not available. The Funds may also utilize independent pricing services to assist them in determining a current market value for each security based on sources believed to be reliable.

The Board has delegated the responsibility of making fair value determinations to the Funds Valuation Committee (the Valuation Committee ) subject to the Funds pricing policies. When fair value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund to calculate its Net Asset Value ( NAV ) may differ from any quoted or published prices for the same securities for that day. All fair value determinations are made subject to the Board s oversight. Events affecting the value of foreign investments may occur between the time at which they are determined and when the Funds calculate their NAV, which is normally the close of trading on the NYSE. If such events render market

quotations unreliable, and the impact of such events can be reasonably determined, the investments will be valued at their fair value in accordance with pricing policies. The fair value of a security held by the Funds may be determined using the services of third-party pricing services to assist in this process.

The books and records of the Funds are maintained in U.S. dollars. Transactions, portfolio securities, and assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated and recorded in U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate as of the close of trading on the NYSE. Translation gains or losses resulting from changes in the exchange rate during the reporting period and realized gains and losses on the settlement of foreign currency transactions are reported in the results of operations for the current period. The Funds do not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments in equity securities that is due to changes in foreign exchange rate from that which is due to changes in market prices of securities.

Foreign securities held by the Funds may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed. Accordingly, the NAV of the Funds may be significantly affected on days when shareholders have no access to the Funds.

**B.FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:** In accordance with the guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (U.S. GAAP), the Funds disclose the fair value of their investments and derivative financial instruments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (Level 3 measurements). Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of investments and derivative financial instruments, which are as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2: Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments and derivative financial instruments).

Level 3 securities consisted of equities that, as of December 31, 2015, were suspended from trading. As described in Note 2-A, these securities are valued based on their fair value as determined under the direction of the Board. The significant unobservable inputs, the methodology used for valuing such securities, and the characterization of such securities as Level 3 securities are not necessarily an indication of liquidity, or the risk associated with investing in these securities. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a significantly lower or higher value in such Level 3 securities and could impact overall Fund performance. Level 2 equity securities consist primarily of securities that have been fair valued by third-party pricing services (see Note 2-A).

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The summary of inputs used to determine the fair valuation of the Fund s investments as of December 31, 2015 is as follows:

| Assets:  | Matthews Asia<br>Strategic<br>Income<br>Fund | Matthews<br>Asian<br>Growth and<br>Income Fund | M<br>Matthews Asia<br>Dividend Fund | atthews Asia<br>ValueM<br>Fund | latthews Asia<br>Focus Fund | Matthews Asia<br>Growth Fund        |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Investments:<br>Level 1: Quote<br>Prices<br>China/Hong |  | \$10 <b>7</b> .0 <b>47</b> .020                | Φ167.140.547                        | 462.071                        | <b>\$704.470</b>            | \$40.455.040                        |
| Kong<br>Indonesia                                      | \$   | \$197,867,028<br>51,939,120                    | \$167,142,547<br>48,424,150         | \$62,871                       | \$784,479                   | \$48,475,813                        |
| Israel   |  | 01,505,120                                     | .0, .2 .,12 0                       | 30,910                         |                             |                                     |
| Malaysia<br>Pakistan<br>Philippines                    |  |  |                                     |                                |                             | 7,605,523<br>7,644,819<br>7,216,775 |
| Singapore  | 500,994                                      |  | 32,808,738                          | 39,265                         |                             |                                     |
| Sri Lanka<br>Taiwan                                    |  | 94,900,283                                     | 168,714,394                         |                                |                             | 21,476,137                          |
| United States  |  | > 1,5 00, <b>2</b> 00                          | 100,711,651                         | 85,354                         | 711,838                     |                                     |
| Level 2: Other   |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Significant<br>Observable                              |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Inputs   |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Foreign<br>Government                                  |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Obligations <sup>a</sup>                               | 5,667,592                                    |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Non-Convertib  |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Corporate  |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Bonds <sup>a</sup>                                     | 42,654,102                                   |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Convertible Corporate                                  |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Bonds <sup>a</sup>                                     | 8,731,499                                    | 256,088,500                                    |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Common   |  |  |                                     |                                |                             |                                     |
| Equities:  |  | 105 050 020                                    | 05 770 200                          |                                | 621 449                     | 20 200 202                          |
| Australia<br>Bangladesh                                |  | 105,059,030                                    | 95,770,290                          |                                | 631,448                     | 28,298,302<br>3,879,776             |
| China/Hong   |  |  |                                     |                                |                             | 3,077,770                           |
| Kong   |  | 651,015,825                                    | 1,452,078,652                       | 391,821                        | 3,464,844                   | 40,116,290                          |
| India  |  | 27.460.042                                     | 125,320,782                         |                                | 363,328                     | 86,678,527                          |
| Indonesia<br>Japan                                     |  | 27,468,842<br>182,545,266                      | 159,538,645<br>1,471,753,968        | 88,315                         | 561,135<br>348,781          | 74,932,731<br>355,621,506           |
| Luxembourg   |  | 102,313,200                                    | 71,353,674                          | 00,515                         | 5-10,701                    | 333,021,300                         |
| Malaysia   |  | 197,847,166                                    |                                     | 69,540                         | 944,423                     |                                     |

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| New Zealand    |              | 57,859,979      | 50,879,701      |             |              |               |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Norway         |              | 44,496,720      |                 |             |              |               |
| Philippines    | 265,861      | 34,106,645      | 56,871,121      |             |              | 33,530,546    |
| Singapore      |              | 396,495,736     | 160,118,287     | 36,282      | 1,087,483    |               |
| South Korea    |              | 216,664,405     | 212,909,163     | 235,716     | 638,482      | 9,286,943     |
| Switzerland    |              |                 |                 |             | 343,049      |               |
| Taiwan         |              | 48,674,077      | 86,978,334      | 70,347      | 405,539      | 12,096,125    |
| Thailand       |              | 95,361,378      | 103,919,551     | 15,956      | 464,693      | 11,641,461    |
| United Kingdom |              |                 |                 | 33,523      |              |               |
| Vietnam        |              | 71,610,012      | 77,772,211      |             |              | 12,303,603    |
| Preferred      |              |                 |                 |             |              |               |
| Equities:      |              |                 |                 |             |              |               |
| South Korea    |              | 109,847,906     | 164,273,347     | 160,477     |              |               |
| Rights:        |              |                 |                 |             |              |               |
| Singapore      |              | 62,215          |                 |             |              |               |
| Total Market   |              |                 |                 |             |              |               |
| Value of       |              |                 |                 |             |              |               |
| Investments    | \$57,820,048 | \$2,839,910,133 | \$4,706,627,555 | \$1,320,377 | \$10,749,522 | \$760,804,877 |

a Industry, countries, or security types are disclosed on the Schedule of Investments.

Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund

## **Derivative Financial Instruments**<sup>1</sup>

## **Assets:**

Level 2: Other Significant Observable Inputs

Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts \$334,847

Liabilities:

Level 2: Other Significant Observable Inputs

Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts (38,273)
Total Market Value of Derivative Financial Instruments \$296,574

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<sup>1</sup> Derivative financial instruments are foreign currency exchange contracts. Foreign currency exchange contracts are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the instrument.

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| 1                       | Matthews China<br>Dividend<br>Fund | Matthews<br>China Fund | Matthews<br>India Fund    | Matthews<br>Japan Fund    | Matthews<br>Korea Fund  | Matthews<br>China Small<br>Companies<br>Fund |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Assets:                 |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| <b>Investments:</b>     |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Level 1: Quoted         |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Prices                  |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Common Equities         | :                                  |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Consumer                |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Discretionary           | \$9,483,287                        | \$45,047,122           | \$12,656,909              | \$                        | \$                      | \$1,611,171                                  |
| Consumer Staples        |                                    |                        | 21,813,810                |                           |                         |  |
| Financials              | 3,017,053                          |                        | 25,956,908                |                           |                         |  |
| Health Care             |                                    |                        | 77,501,570                |                           |                         | 1,390,551                                    |
| Industrials             | 529,008                            |                        |                           |                           |                         | 1,135,079                                    |
| Information             |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Technology              | 4,473,658                          | 34,388,784             | 64,983,654                |                           |                         | 237,188                                      |
| Telecommunication       |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Services                | 5,279,811                          |                        |                           |                           | 7,438,682               |  |
| Level 2: Other          |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Significant             |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Observable Inputs       |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Common Equities         | :                                  |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Consumer                | 20.062.702                         | 04.752.204             | 110.510.200               | 221 (0( 012               | 20 (22 700              | 0.100.040                                    |
| Discretionary           | 30,063,702                         | 84,752,204             | 110,512,390               | 321,696,813               | 39,622,709              | 2,128,243                                    |
| Consumer Staples        |                                    | 19,586,079             | 253,205,307               | 291,195,265               | 39,289,156              | 1,097,450                                    |
| Energy                  | 2,554,135                          | 7,638,084              | 270 574 522               | 204 240 054               | 4,166,180               | 2 240 004                                    |
| Financials              | 34,904,479                         | 261,723,617            | 378,574,522               | 204,240,854               | 26,524,365              | 2,348,094                                    |
| Health Care             | 8,449,199                          | 39,182,541             | 146,401,826               | 258,666,298               | 7,195,786               | 2,085,572                                    |
| Industrials             | 32,299,023                         | 112,835,631            | 145,560,032               | 491,303,686               | 9,707,182               | 6,128,006                                    |
| Information             | 0.010.715                          | 90 166 510             | 100 402 522               | 249 727 716               | 17 424 222              | 2.510.150                                    |
| Technology<br>Materials | 9,919,715<br>3,928,017             | 89,166,519             | 188,492,523<br>81,510,264 | 248,737,716<br>45,855,002 | 17,434,332<br>4,535,861 | 2,519,150                                    |
| Telecommunication       |                                    |                        | 81,310,204                | 45,855,002                | 4,333,801               |  |
| Services                | 10,313,942                         |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Utilities               | 8,596,389                          | 17,474,787             |                           |                           |                         | 446,090                                      |
| Rights:                 | 0,390,309                          | 17,474,707             |                           |                           |                         | 440,090                                      |
| Information             |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Technology              |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         | 4,607  |
| Preferred Equities      |                                    |                        |                           |                           |                         | 7,007  |
| Consumer                | •                                  |                        |                           |                           |                         |  |
| Discretionary           |                                    |                        |                           |                           | 5,541,022               |  |
| _ 1001011011011         |                                    |                        |                           |                           | 2,211,022               |  |

 Consumer Staples
 16,528,385

 Energy
 2,030,053

 Financials
 6,346,051

Information

Technology 8,987,211 Materials 5,831,001

Level 3: Significant Unobservable Inputs

Common Equities:

Financials 20,510,781

Information

Technology 7,548

Total Market Value

of Investments \$176,915,548 \$732,306,149 \$1,507,169,715 \$1,861,695,634 \$201,177,976 \$21,138,749

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|                                | Matthews                     | Matthews           | Matthews                 | <b>Matthews Asia</b>     | <b>Matthews Asia</b>     |
|                                | Pacific                      | Asia ESG           | ~ ~                      | <b>Small Companies</b>   | Science and              |
|                                | <b>Tiger Fund</b>            | Fund               | Fund                     | Fund                     | <b>Technology Fund</b>   |
| Assets:                        |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Investments:                   |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Level 1: Quoted                |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Prices                         |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Common Equities:<br>Bangladesh | \$                           | \$                 | \$12,386,912             | \$                       | \$                       |
| China/Hong Kong                | 520,042,996                  | 154,872            | 837,081                  | 68,191,580               | 51,249,404               |
| Indonesia                      | 16,164,708                   | 134,072            | 1,781,085                | 14,349,431               | 2,446,440                |
| Malaysia                       | 73,066,276                   |                    | 1,701,003                | 9,066,793                | 2,770,770                |
| Pakistan                       | 73,000,270                   | 125,338            | 8,018,012                | 7,000,773                |                          |
| Philippines                    |                              | 135,688            | 4,871,455                | 14,581,606               |                          |
| Singapore                      |                              | 54,345             | 1,012,100                | - 1,2 - 2,2 - 2          |                          |
| Sri Lanka                      |                              | ,                  | 10,461,138               |                          |                          |
| United States                  | 82,983,652                   |                    |                          |                          | 3,199,066                |
| Vietnam                        |                              |                    | 13,989,738               | 2,945,401                |                          |
| Warrants:                      |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Malaysia                       | 2,425,945                    |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Thailand                       |                              |                    | 17,485                   |                          |                          |
| Level 2: Other                 |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Significant                    |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Observable Inputs              |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Common Equities:               |                              |                    | ===                      |                          |                          |
| Australia                      |                              | 87,734             | 1,699,778                |                          |                          |
| Bangladesh                     |                              | 61,559             | 11,290,607               |                          |                          |
| China (Hana Kana               | 1 550 (46 005                | 1 216 140          | 1,781,353                | 125 057 410              | 21 405 142               |
| China/Hong Kong<br>India       | 1,550,646,005                | 1,216,148          | 15,388,996               | 125,057,410              | 21,495,143<br>15,940,400 |
| Indonesia                      | 1,323,980,756<br>410,521,599 | 887,030<br>118,407 | 18,972,248<br>14,876,231 | 92,403,428<br>16,168,591 | 13,940,400               |
|                                | 410,321,399                  | 303,449            | 14,670,231               | 10,100,391               | 18,321,161               |
| Japan<br>Luxembourg            |                              | 86,354             |                          |                          | 10,321,101               |
| Malaysia                       | 164,879,101                  | 00,554             |                          | 15,774,729               |                          |
| Pakistan                       | 101,079,101                  |                    | 25,838,998               | 13,771,725               |                          |
| Philippines                    | 190,435,871                  | 113,525            | 5,120,399                | 10,155,255               |                          |
| Singapore                      | 17,101,875                   | 110,956            | 1,787,119                | 39,616,214               | 3,913,880                |
| South Korea                    | 1,136,733,504                | 417,893            | ,,,,,,,                  | 47,786,510               | 13,938,234               |
| Sri Lanka                      | , , ,                        | 87,968             | 4,007,376                | , ,                      | , ,                      |
| Switzerland                    | 172,209,114                  | •                  |                          |                          |                          |
| Taiwan                         | 384,788,402                  | 669,460            |                          | 100,552,432              | 11,873,828               |
| Thailand                       | 340,109,464                  | 209,681            | 4,762,212                | 34,312,819               | 3,185,411                |
| Vietnam                        | 161,219,878                  |                    | 7,301,102                |                          | 1,307,308                |
| Rights:                        |                              |                    |                          |                          |                          |
| Pakistan                       |                              |                    | 24,050                   |                          |                          |
| Taiwan                         |                              |                    |                          | 77,505                   |                          |
| Preferred Equities:            |                              |                    |                          |                          | 11 50 6 50 6             |
| South Korea                    |                              |                    |                          |                          | 11,786,728               |

Level 3: Significant Unobservable Inputs Common Equities:

China/Hong Kong 82,848,600

Total Market Value

of Investments \$6,630,157,746 \$4,840,407 \$165,213,375 \$591,039,704 \$158,657,003

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Foreign securities that are valued based on market quotations are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 2-B). Certain foreign securities may be fair valued by external pricing services when the Funds determine that events affecting the value of foreign securities which occur between the time at which they are determined and the close of trading on the NYSE render market quotations unreliable. Such fair valuations are typically categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The Funds policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out as of the beginning of the reporting period. At December 31, 2015, the Funds utilized third party pricing services to fair value certain securities, some of which were different than the securities which had been valued by third party pricing services at December 31, 2014. As a result, certain securities held by the Funds were transferred from Level 2 into Level 1 and certain securities held by the Funds were transferred from Level 2 with beginning of period values as follows:

|   | Transfer to Level 1 | <b>Transfer to Level 2</b> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
|   | from Level 2        | from Level 1               |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | \$34,007,402        | \$105,927,798              |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              |                     | 8,897,745                  |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 18,212,806          |                            |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 61,210,015          | 152,036,514                |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 18,094,819          | 26,857,057                 |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 37,924,647          | 166,384,965                |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       |                     | 7,076,440                  |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       |                     | 12,249,730                 |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 22,542,435          | 42,161,044                 |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund |                     | 1,997,151                  |

A reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine value are as follows:

|                        | <b>Matthews</b> | Matthews          | N                        | <b>Iatthews</b> |                              |                       |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                        | <b>Pacific</b>  | China             | <b>Matthews</b>          | China           | <b>Matthews</b>              | <b>Matthews</b>       | <b>Matthews</b>   |
|                        | Tiger           | C                 | china Small              | Smalhi          | na Dividen <mark>d</mark> hi | na Dividen <b>d</b> h | ina Dividend      |
|                        | Fund            | Klandp            | ani <b>&amp; Tinpd</b> n | ies Fund        | Fund                         | Fund                  | Fund              |
|                        |                 |                   | (                        | Common          |                              |                       |                   |
|                        |                 |                   |                          | <b>Equities</b> |                              |                       | Common            |
|                        | Common          |                   |                          |                 | Common                       |                       | <b>Equities</b>   |
|                        | <b>Equities</b> | Common            | Comm <b>In</b> fo        | rmation         | <b>Equities</b>              | Common                | Information       |
|                        | China/          | <b>Equities</b>   | <b>Equities</b>          |                 | Consumer                     | <b>Equities</b>       |                   |
|                        | Hong Kong       | <b>Financials</b> | Industria <b>T</b> sec   | chnologyD       | iscretionary                 | <b>Industrials</b>    | <b>Technology</b> |
| Balance as of 12/31/14 |                 |                   |                          |                 |                              |                       |                   |
| (market value)         | \$              | \$                | \$898,951                | \$7,544         | \$5,999,103                  | \$4,694,035           | \$3,526,660       |
| Accrued                |                 |                   |                          |                 |                              |                       |                   |

| discounts/premiums   |              |               |           |         |             |             |             |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Realized gain/(loss)   | 12,131,727   | 13,393,369    | 145,383   |         | 3,311,999   | 2,037,781   | 3,827,643   |
| Change in unrealized (depreciation)  | 8,596,172    | (8,110,968)   | (172,985) | 4       | (1,556,432) | (2,011,672) | (727,248)   |
| Purchases  |              | 7,545,097     | 71,642    |         |             | 1,302,855   |             |
| Sales  | (24,708,275) | (22,502,575)  | (942,991) |         | (7,754,670) | (6,022,999) | (6,627,055) |
| Transfers in to Level 3*   | 86,828,976   | 30,185,858    |           |         |             |             |             |
| Transfers out of Level 3* Balance as of 12/31/15 (market value) Net change in unrealized | \$82,848,600 | \$20,510,781  | \$        | \$7,548 | \$          | \$          | \$          |
| appreciation/depreciation<br>on Level 3 investments<br>held as of 12/31/15**             | \$8,596,172  | (\$8,110,968) | \$        | \$4     | \$          | \$          | \$          |

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund s policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out as of the beginning of the reporting period.

Certain foreign securities, for which market quotations are not readily available, may be fair valued and classified as either Level 2 or Level 3. When the underlying inputs include significant observable inputs obtained from sources independent of the Funds, the securities are classified as Level 2. These inputs include evaluated prices from the Funds pricing vendors, day-on-day price changes, primary and ancillary pricing sources, and other available independent market indicators of value. When the underlying inputs include significant unobservable inputs and reflect assumptions of market participants, the securities are classified as Level 3. As of December 31, 2015, the Funds that previously used quoted prices or observable inputs now also utilize significant unobservable inputs for certain securities that were suspended from trading. As a result, certain securities held by the Funds that were previously classified as Level 1 or Level 2 were transferred to Level 3. Certain securities held by the Funds that were suspended from trading and classified as Level 3 on December 31, 2014 subsequently resumed trading and were transferred from Level 3 to Level 1, Level 2 or were sold.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Included in the related amounts on the Statements of Operations.

The following table summarizes the valuation techniques used and unobservable inputs developed by the Valuation Committee to determine the fair value of certain, material Level 3 investments:

| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund Assets:        | Value        | Valuation<br>Technique  | Unobservable<br>Input <sup>1</sup> | Range of<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs |
|--|--------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Common Equity                              | \$82,848,600 | Last Price <sup>2</sup><br>Multiplied by<br>Proxy factor <sup>3</sup> | Proxy factor <sup>3</sup>          | Less than 5%                       |
| Matthews China Fund Assets:  Common Equity | \$20,510,781 | Last Price <sup>2</sup> Multiplied by Proxy factor <sup>3</sup>       | Proxy factor <sup>3</sup>          | Less than 5%                       |

- 1 Increase in unobservable input may result in a significant increase to value, while a decrease in unobservable input may result in a significant decrease to value.
- 2 Last Price could include closing price, last reported sales price, or last fair valued price as described in Note 2-A.
- 3 Proxy factor considers movement of the Hong Kong Hang Seng Index.

C.BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION: The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Matthews China Fund and Matthews Asia Dividend Fund (the Investing Funds ) includes the accounts of the Matthews CF-U Series and Matthews ADF-U Series (the U Series Funds ), respectively. The U Series Funds are series of Matthews A Share Selections Fund, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company registered under the 1940 Act. All of the interests offered by U Series Funds are exclusively owned by the Investing Funds. The U Series Funds primarily invest in the stocks of Chinese companies listed on Mainland China Stock Exchanges, and traded and denominated in the currency of China, the Renminbi. To allow U Series Funds to invest in China A Shares Matthews has applied for and received a license from the China Securities Regulatory Commission as a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor ( OFII ) and has been allocated by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of China an initial quota of \$100 million in June 2014, and an additional quota of \$440 million in July 2015, representing the equivalent value in Renminbi of China A Shares that the Funds may purchase. Access to the quota will be subject to Matthews trade allocation procedures and access allocation procedures. The U Series Funds are subject to the same investment policies and restrictions that apply to Investing Funds. The net assets of Matthews CF-U Series and Matthews ADF-U Series at December 31, 2015, were \$78,853,729 and \$101,315,686 respectively. Intercompany accounts and transactions, if any, have been eliminated in the consolidation process. The U Series Funds are intended to be disregarded entities for the tax purposes. Therefore, no federal tax provision is required. Consolidated financial statements include expenses that are accrued for and paid by the Investing Funds. These include on-going operational costs as well as costs in connection with the launching of the U Series Funds (see offering cost, note E). As of April 2015, certain Funds began investing in China A Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, a securities trading and clearing linked program developed by the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, Shanghai Stock Exchange and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

**D.RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH NON-U.S. COMPANIES:** Investments by the Funds in the securities of non-U.S. companies may involve investment risks not typically associated with investments in U.S. issuers. These risks include possible political, economic, social and religious instability, inadequate investor protection; changes in laws or regulations of countries within the Asia Pacific region (including both in countries where you invest, as well as in the broader region); international relations with other nations; natural disasters; corruption; and military activity. Foreign securities may be subject to greater fluctuations in price than securities of domestic corporations or the U.S. government. Foreign investing may also include the risk of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitation on the removal of funds or other assets, currency crises and exchange controls, the imposition of foreign withholding tax on the interest income payable on such instruments, the possible seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits or assets, or the adoption of other foreign government restrictions that might adversely affect the foreign securities held by the Funds. Additionally, Asia Pacific countries may utilize formal or informal currency exchange controls or capital controls that may limit the ability to repatriate investments or income or adversely affect the value of portfolio investments. The economies of many Asia Pacific countries differ from the economies of more developed countries in many respects, such as their rate of growth, inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and dependence on other economies, financial system stability, the national balance of payments position and sensitivity to changes in global trade. Certain Asia Pacific countries are highly dependent upon and may be affected by developments in the economies of other countries. Non-U.S. companies are subject to different accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards, practices, and requirements than U.S. companies. There is generally less government regulation of stock exchanges, brokers, and listed companies abroad than in the United States, which may result in less transparency with respect to a company s operations, and make obtaining information about them more difficult (or such information may be unavailable).

Foreign stock markets may not be as developed or efficient as those in the United States, and the absence of negotiated brokerage commissions in certain countries may result in higher brokerage fees. The time between the trade and settlement dates of securities transactions on foreign exchanges ranges from one day to four weeks or longer and may result in higher custody charges. Custodial arrangements may be less well developed than in the United States. Foreign securities are generally denominated and pay distributions in foreign currencies, exposing the Funds to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Investing in any country in the Asia Pacific region will also entail risks specific and unique to that country, and these risks can be significant and change rapidly.

Changes in interest rates in each of the countries in which the Funds may invest, as well as interest rates in more-developed countries, may cause a decline in the market value of an investment. Generally, fixed income securities will decrease in value when interest rates rise and can be expected to rise in value when interest rates decline. As interest rates decline, debt issuers may repay or refinance their loans or obligations earlier than anticipated. The issuers of fixed income securities may, therefore, repay principal in advance. This would force the Funds to reinvest the proceeds from the principal prepayments at lower rates, which reduces the Funds income.

As of December 31, 2015, Chinese law permits a QFII, such as Matthews, to repatriate an Investment Quota (including the proceeds of the Investment Quota) once every seven days. Previously, repatriation by a QFII was limited to once every 30 days (and other types of QFIIs may operate under greater or different repatriation restrictions). As a result of this restriction, the Company sought and has been granted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission an exemption (the Exemptive Order) from the provisions of Section 22(e) of the 1940 Act and Rule 22c-1 thereunder to the extent necessary to permit the Company to operate as an extended payment fund. As extended payment funds, the U Series Funds (see Note 2-C) will only redeem Interests on a periodic basis, which, pursuant to the Exemptive Order, shall be no less frequent than on one day each month.

**E.OFFERING COSTS:** Offering costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over one year from each Fund s respective commencement of operations. In the event that any of the initial shares are redeemed during the period of

amortization of the Fund s offering costs, the redemption proceeds will be reduced by any such unamortized offering costs in the same proportion as the number of shares being redeemed bears to the number of those shares outstanding at the time of redemption.

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**F.DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:** It is the policy of Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund and Matthews China Dividend Fund to distribute net investment income on a semi-annual basis and capital gains, if any, annually. It is the policy of Matthews Asia Dividend Fund and Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund to distribute net investment income on a quarterly basis and capital gains, if any, annually. Each of the other Funds distributes a net investment income and capital gains, if any, annually. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

The tax character of distributions paid for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 were as follows:

|   | Ordinary    | <b>Net Long-Term</b> | <b>Total Taxable</b> |
|---|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015              | Income      | <b>Capital Gains</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | \$1,925,044 | \$                   | \$1,925,044          |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | 89,571,608  | 134,712,377          | 224,283,985          |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 93,118,771  | 71,669,071           | 164,787,842          |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 4,110,069   | 7,709,592            | 11,819,661           |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 2,329       |                      | 2,329                |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 112,053     | 61,165               | 173,218              |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 131,749,094 | 685,544,217          | 817,293,311          |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 37,405      |                      | 37,405               |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 81,591      | 432,972              | 514,563              |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 10,545,675  | 127,726,027          | 138,271,702          |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 1,967,432   | 13,471,979           | 15,439,411           |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 956,216     | 12,118,013           | 13,074,229           |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 1,500,557   |                      | 1,500,557            |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 162,446     | 1,862,709            | 2,025,155            |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund |             | 25,836,171           | 25,836,171           |

|                                       | Ordinary    | Net Long-Term        | Return of  | Total Taxable        |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014          | Income      | <b>Capital Gains</b> | Capital    | <b>Distributions</b> |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund   | \$2,114,388 | \$                   | \$         | \$2,114,388          |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund | 82,852,338  | 102,451,370          |            | 185,303,708          |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund           | 79,977,573  |                      | 21,987,983 | 101,965,556          |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund          | 4,550,194   | 709,195              |            | 5,259,389            |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund              | 112,525     |                      |            | 112,525              |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund             | 15,440,617  |                      |            | 15,440,617           |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund           | 47,680,793  | 360,777,613          |            | 408,458,406          |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund           | 618,186     | 5,141                |            | 623,327              |
| Matthews China Fund                   | 12,883,867  | 4,848,647            |            | 17,732,514           |
|                                       |             |                      |            |                      |

| Matthews India Fund                       | 1,848,612 | 5,587,798 |         | 7,436,410 |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 3,325,554 |           |         | 3,325,554 |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       |           | 9,796,584 |         | 9,796,584 |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 2,665,812 |           |         | 2,665,812 |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 50,571    |           | 828,820 | 879,391   |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 929,241   | 1,142,588 |         | 2,071,829 |

**G.INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INCOME:** Securities transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold or on the following business day. Gains or losses on the sale of securities are determined on the identified cost basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is generally recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income for certain issuers headquartered in countries which the Funds invest may not be recorded until approved by the shareholders (which may occur after the ex-dividend date) if, in the judgment of management, such dividends are not reasonably determined as of the ex-dividend date. Income and realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets. Interest income, including amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts on debt securities, is recognized daily on an accrual basis. For convertible securities, premiums attributable to the conversion feature are not amortized.

The Funds may be subject to foreign taxation related to income received, capital gains on the sale of securities and certain foreign currency transactions in the foreign jurisdictions in which they invest. Foreign taxes, if any, are recorded based on the tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which the Funds invest. When a capital gain tax is determined to apply, the Funds record an estimated deferred tax liability in an amount that may be payable if the securities were disposed of on the valuation date.

- **H.FUND EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS:** The Funds account separately for the assets, liabilities and operations of each Fund. Direct expenses of each Fund or class are charged to that Fund or class while general expenses are allocated pro-rata among the Funds based on net assets or other appropriate methods.
- I. CASH, CASH OVERDRAFTS, AND FOREIGN CURRENCY: The U Series Funds are required by the local market to maintain a cash reserve. The cash reserve is based upon a fixed ratio of the QFII s approved investment quota, which is defined as the amount remitted into its special renminbi (RMB) cash account. The fixed ratio is set at 0.08 percent for the Shanghai and 0.06 percent for the Shenzhen market. When any of the Funds cash balances are overdrawn, a Fund is charged an overdraft fee by the custodian of 1.00% above the 30-day LIBOR rate on outstanding balances. These amounts, if any, are included in Other expenses on the Statements of Operations.

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**J. USE OF ESTIMATES:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

### 3. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund engages in derivative transactions for a variety of purposes, including managing interest rate, currency and credit exposure. In particular, the Fund may seek to take on currency exposure by using derivatives such as currency forwards, and the Fund may also employ a currency overlay strategy in an effort to enhance returns and moderate volatility. Derivative financial instruments and transactions in which the Fund may engage include financial futures contracts and/or forward foreign currency exchange contracts. The currency overlay strategy involves long and short positions on one or more currencies. As a result, the Fund s exposure to a currency could exceed the value of the Fund s assets and the Fund could be exposed to currency risk whether or not it holds a bond or other instrument denominated in that currency. The gross notional value of derivative financial instruments and transactions could exceed the value of the Fund s net assets, although the net market value of these instruments and transactions, on a marked-to-market basis, at most times, is expected to be substantially lower. The primary risks associated with the use of derivative financial instruments are: (i) Matthews may not correctly predict the direction of currency exchange rates, interest rates, security prices, or other economic factors; (ii) Matthews may not correctly predict changes in the value of derivative financial instruments and related underlying instruments or assets, which may result in disproportionately increased losses and/or reduced opportunities for gains; (iii) imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the securities held by the Fund and the price of financial futures contracts; (iv) the lack of, or a reduction in the liquidity of, any secondary market for the instrument, and the resulting inability to close the position (or exit the position) when desired; (v) losses, which are potentially unlimited, due to unanticipated market movements; (vi) the value of the instrument may change unfavorably due to movements in the value of the referenced foreign currencies; (vii) the Fund may suffer disproportionately heavy losses relative to the amount invested; (viii) changes in the value of the derivatives may not match or fully offset changes in the value of hedged or related portfolio securities, thereby failing to achieve the hedging or investment purpose for the derivative transaction; and (ix) the other party to the instrument may fail to fulfill its obligation.

**Financial Futures Contracts:** Financial futures contracts are agreements between the Fund and a counterparty to buy or sell a specific quantity of an underlying instrument at a specified price and at a specified date. Depending on the terms of the particular contract, futures contracts are settled either through physical delivery of the underlying instrument on the settlement date or by payment of a cash settlement amount on settlement date.

Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts: A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set exchange rate on a future date. The contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. The Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund does not offset financial assets and financial liabilities on forward foreign currency contracts in the statement of assets and liabilities as they are not subject to netting arrangements.

**Derivative Financial Instruments Categorized by Risk Exposure:** 

As of December 31, 2015, the fair values of derivative financial instruments were as follows:

|   | Statement of Assets and Liabilities<br>Location   | Matthews Asia<br>Strategic<br>Income Fund |
|---|---|---|
|   | Asset Derivatives   |   |
| Forward foreign currency exchange contracts | Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts  Liability Derivatives | \$334,847                                 |
| Forward foreign currency exchange contracts | Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        | (38,273)                                  |
| Total                                       |   | \$296,574                                 |

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the effects of derivative financial instruments on the Statements of Operations were as follows:

|  |   | Matthews<br>Asia   |
|--|---|--------------------|
|  |   | Strategic          |
| Derivative type                                      | <b>Statement of Operations Location</b>   | <b>Income Fund</b> |
| Net Realized Gain (Loss)                             |   |                    |
| Interest rate contracts:                             |   |                    |
| Financial futures contracts                          | Net realized gain (loss) on financial futures contracts                                     | (\$88,422)         |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) |   |                    |
| Interest rate contracts:                             |   |                    |
| Financial futures contracts                          | Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on financial futures contracts           | (\$12,891)         |
| Foreign currency contracts:                          |   |                    |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts                  | Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on foreign currency related translations | \$296,574          |

Notional amounts disclosed on the Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund s Schedule of Investments are indicative of the activity during the period which forward foreign currency contracts were held, October 6, 2015 - December 31, 2015.

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# 4. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Each Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with a par value of \$0.001 per share.

|                                       | Year Ended December 31, 2015 |                 | Year Ended December 31,<br>2014 |                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|                                       | Shares                       | Amount          | Shares                          | Amount         |
| MATTHEWS ASIA STRATEGIC               | Shares                       | Amount          | Shares                          | Amount         |
| INCOME FUND                           |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Investor Class                        |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Shares sold                           | 1,323,678                    | \$13,608,885    | 2,868,763                       | \$30,387,264   |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of | 1,525,070                    | Ψ13,000,003     | 2,000,703                       | Ψ50,507,204    |
| distributions                         | 156,283                      | 1,568,876       | 170,890                         | 1,792,188      |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,031,972)                  | (20,725,933)    | (1,006,520)                     | (10,564,074)   |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (552,011)                    | (\$5,548,172)   | 2,033,133                       | \$21,615,378   |
| Institutional Class                   | (552,011)                    | (ψε,ε 10,172)   | 2,000,100                       | Ψ21,015,570    |
| Shares sold                           | 514,725                      | \$5,309,238     | 8,500                           | \$90,318       |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of | 01.,720                      | φε,εσ, σεσ      | 3,2 0 0                         | Ψ> 0,010       |
| distributions                         | 34,909                       | 350,189         | 28,064                          | 294,191        |
| Shares redeemed                       | (205,825)                    | (2,100,037)     | (11,064)                        | (115,367)      |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 343,809                      | \$3,559,390     | 25,500                          | \$269,142      |
| MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND             | ,                            | 1 - , ,         | - ,                             | ,,             |
| INCOME FUND                           |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Investor Class                        |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Shares sold                           | 25,916,582                   | \$466,448,198   | 42,335,422                      | \$806,641,528  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| distributions                         | 9,143,700                    | 150,474,022     | 6,792,538                       | 123,896,096    |
| Shares redeemed                       | (76,976,258)                 | (1,349,111,339) | (53,031,955)                    | (997,653,204)  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (41,915,976)                 | (\$732,189,119) | (3,903,995)                     | (\$67,115,580) |
| <b>Institutional Class</b>            |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Shares sold                           | 11,883,290                   | \$212,136,578   | 17,734,558                      | \$339,731,302  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| distributions                         | 3,858,797                    | 63,544,851      | 2,873,664                       | 52,402,976     |
| Shares redeemed                       | (30,034,472)                 | (523,307,730)   | (14,176,690)                    | (266,541,558)  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (14,292,385)                 | (\$247,626,301) | 6,431,532                       | \$125,592,720  |
| MATTHEWS ASIA DIVIDEND FUND           |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Investor Class                        |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| Shares sold                           | 35,125,000                   | \$570,435,753   | 27,074,172                      | \$421,810,410  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |                              |                 |                                 |                |
| distributions                         | 5,242,086                    | 83,243,373      | 3,452,211                       | 55,280,782     |
|                                       |                              |                 |                                 |                |

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| Shares redeemed                       | (51,950,453) | (827,708,599)   | (74,520,827) | (1,151,165,817)                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Net increase (decrease)               | (11,583,367) | (\$174,029,473) | (43,994,444) | (\$674,074,625)                  |
| Institutional Class                   | (11,505,507) | (Φ171,022,173)  | (13,551,111) | (ψο/ 1,07 1,023)                 |
| Shares sold                           | 52,931,529   | \$860,637,014   | 47,197,289   | \$735,042,714                    |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of | 02,701,027   | 4000,007,011    | .,,157,205   | Ψ <i>1</i> 00,0 . <b>2</b> ,71 . |
| distributions                         | 2,615,057    | 41,384,032      | 1,435,590    | 22,955,772                       |
| Shares redeemed                       | (60,382,643) | (945,927,066)   | (46,762,733) | (729,427,226)                    |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (4,836,057)  | (\$43,906,020)  | 1,870,146    | \$28,571,260                     |
| MATTHEWS CHINA DIVIDEND               | , , , ,      |                 | , ,          |                                  |
| FUND                                  |              |                 |              |                                  |
| Investor Class                        |              |                 |              |                                  |
| Shares sold                           | 9,804,629    | \$151,536,779   | 3,469,549    | \$46,973,569                     |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                 |              |                                  |
| distributions                         | 724,059      | 10,466,697      | 293,612      | 3,935,098                        |
| Shares redeemed                       | (7,269,925)  | (106,195,533)   | (4,184,807)  | (55,511,036)                     |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 3,258,763    | \$55,807,943    | (421,646)    | (\$4,602,369)                    |
| <b>Institutional Class</b>            |              |                 |              |                                  |
| Shares sold                           | 1,122,001    | \$16,210,502    | 1,028,815    | \$13,795,976                     |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                 |              |                                  |
| distributions                         | 78,571       | 1,153,826       | 84,509       | 1,131,935                        |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,376,571)  | (35,363,363)    | (624,547)    | (8,338,287)                      |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (1,175,999)  | (\$17,999,035)  | 488,777      | \$6,589,624                      |
|                                       |              |                 |              |                                  |

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|  | Year Ended December 31, 2015 |                  | Year Ended December 31,<br>2014 |               |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|  | Shares                       | Amount           | Shares                          | Amount        |
| MATTHEWS ASIA VALUE FUND* Investor Class | Situics                      | 2 Amount         | Shares                          | 7 Hillouit    |
|  | 161 102                      | ¢1 (02 501       |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 161,193                      | \$1,602,501      |                                 |               |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    | 170                          | 1.740            |                                 |               |
| distributions                            | 179                          | 1,748            |                                 |               |
| Shares redeemed                          | (34)                         | (333)            |                                 |               |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | 161,338                      | \$1,603,916      |                                 |               |
| Institutional Class                      | 14.500                       | <b>41.47.000</b> |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 14,500                       | \$145,000        |                                 |               |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              | <b>7</b> 04      |                                 |               |
| distributions                            | 60                           | 581              |                                 |               |
| Shares redeemed                          |                              | ****             |                                 |               |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | 14,560                       | \$145,581        |                                 |               |
| MATTHEWS ASIA FOCUS FUND                 |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Investor Class                           |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 250,574                      | \$2,466,477      | 435,111                         | \$4,372,718   |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| distributions                            | 8,502                        | 74,221           | 5,515                           | 55,145        |
| Shares redeemed                          | (411,977)                    | (3,802,344)      | (305,685)                       | (2,951,262)   |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | (152,901)                    | (\$1,261,646)    | 134,941                         | \$1,476,601   |
| Institutional Class                      |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 85,035                       | \$790,900        | 562,972                         | \$5,679,393   |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| distributions                            | 11,279                       | 98,578           | 5,697                           | 57,082        |
| Shares redeemed                          | (152,717)                    | (1,345,220)      | (75,633)                        | (749,792)     |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | (56,403)                     | (\$455,742)      | 493,036                         | \$4,986,683   |
| MATTHEWS ASIA GROWTH FUND                |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Investor Class                           |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 10,116,539                   | \$220,731,758    | 8,352,421                       | \$176,815,714 |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| distributions                            |                              |                  | 364,634                         | 7,679,192     |
| Shares redeemed                          | (11,770,308)                 | (246,526,119)    | (8,456,299)                     | (177,869,893) |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | (1,653,769)                  | (\$25,794,361)   | 260,756                         | \$6,625,013   |
| <b>Institutional Class</b>               |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 5,203,260                    | \$112,251,892    | 3,166,264                       | \$68,111,071  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| distributions                            |                              |                  | 233,352                         | 4,937,721     |
| Shares redeemed                          | (6,990,514)                  | (146,485,176)    | (564,454)                       | (12,120,100)  |
| Net increase (decrease)                  | (1,787,254)                  | (\$34,233,284)   | 2,835,162                       | \$60,928,692  |
| MATTHEWS PACIFIC TIGER FUND              |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Investor Class                           |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| Shares sold                              | 18,629,799                   | \$505,974,505    | 13,461,553                      | \$362,907,557 |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of    |                              |                  |                                 |               |
| distributions                            | 11,411,932                   | 263,383,421      | 5,254,231                       | 139,026,894   |
| Shares redeemed                          | (29,132,577)                 | (758,670,355)    | (22,276,690)                    | (585,489,213) |
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| Net increase (decrease)               | 909,154      | \$10,687,571    | (3,560,906)  | (\$83,554,762)  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Institutional Class</b>            |              |                 |              |                 |
| Shares sold                           | 66,516,041   | \$1,778,275,629 | 41,237,653   | \$1,119,555,511 |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                 |              |                 |
| distributions                         | 11,636,136   | 268,329,315     | 5,592,016    | 147,852,921     |
| Shares redeemed                       | (99,756,044) | (2,521,022,303) | (44,056,685) | (1,135,705,206) |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (21,603,867) | (\$474,417,359) | 2,772,984    | \$131,703,226   |
| MATTHEWS ASIA ESG FUND**              |              |                 |              |                 |
| Investor Class                        |              |                 |              |                 |
| Shares sold                           | 482,804      | \$4,562,170     |              |                 |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                 |              |                 |
| distributions                         | 1,806        | 16,466          |              |                 |
| Shares redeemed                       | (132,628)    | (1,222,043)     |              |                 |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 351,982      | \$3,356,593     |              |                 |
| <b>Institutional Class</b>            |              |                 |              |                 |
| Shares sold                           | 186,254      | \$1,805,130     |              |                 |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                 |              |                 |
| distributions                         | 2,307        | 20,899          |              |                 |
| Shares redeemed                       | (4,586)      | (41,516)        |              |                 |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 183,975      | \$1,784,513     |              |                 |

<sup>\*</sup> Investor Class and Institutional Class commencement of operations on November 30, 2015.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Investor Class and Institutional Class commencement of operations on April 30, 2015.

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|                                       | Year Ende    | ed December 31,<br>2015 | Year Ende    | d December 31,<br>2014 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                                       | Shares       | Amount                  | Shares       | Amount                 |
| MATTHEWS EMERGING ASIA FUND           |              |                         |              |                        |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 3,222,545    | \$37,424,394            | 6,358,977    | \$71,447,277           |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 29,906       | 334,053                 | 44,331       | 513,799                |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,594,387)  | (29,676,907)            | (719,405)    | (7,920,065)            |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 658,064      | \$8,081,540             | 5,683,903    | \$64,041,011           |
| Institutional Class                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 4,382,373    | \$50,726,364            | 1,672,829    | \$18,713,467           |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 16,011       | 179,162                 | 9,076        | 105,103                |
| Shares redeemed                       | (1,342,327)  | (15,050,048)            | (44,825)     | (498,178)              |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 3,056,057    | \$35,855,478            | 1,637,080    | \$18,320,392           |
| MATTHEWS CHINA FUND                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 5,141,080    | \$120,488,105           | 4,652,101    | \$101,501,385          |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 6,355,104    | 116,616,158             | 752,109      | 16,034,960             |
| Shares redeemed                       | (17,118,626) | (385,888,737)           | (17,574,642) | (379,926,583)          |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (5,622,442)  | (\$148,784,474)         | (12,170,432) | (\$262,390,238)        |
| Institutional Class                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 628,563      | \$14,774,529            | 572,587      | \$12,475,109           |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 234,182      | 4,290,241               | 55,031       | 1,172,155              |
| Shares redeemed                       | (1,990,574)  | (45,026,079)            | (3,338,212)  | (72,711,685)           |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (1,127,829)  | (\$25,961,309)          | (2,710,594)  | (\$59,064,421)         |
| MATTHEWS INDIA FUND                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 30,620,097   | \$867,318,320           | 18,378,382   | \$428,347,047          |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 408,995      | 10,507,217              | 251,419      | 6,614,834              |
| Shares redeemed                       | (24,282,755) | (667,371,469)           | (8,069,436)  | (172,617,142)          |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 6,746,337    | \$210,454,068           | 10,560,365   | \$262,344,739          |
| Institutional Class                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Shares sold                           | 9,976,872    | \$279,880,654           | 4,119,011    | \$103,116,285          |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |              |                        |
| distributions                         | 23,353       | 601,584                 | 4,649        | 122,448                |
| Shares redeemed                       | (768,413)    | (21,157,535)            | (195,207)    | (3,155,297)            |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 9,231,812    | \$259,324,703           | 3,928,453    | \$100,083,436          |
| MATTHEWS JAPAN FUND                   |              |                         |              |                        |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |              |                        |

| Shares sold                           | 53,437,657    | \$989,896,404  | 14,683,754   | \$236,544,033 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Merger                                |               |                | 9,304,606    | 143,006,665   |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |               |                | 126.070      | 2.162.025     |
| distributions                         | (4.5.0=5.00=) |                | 136,979      | 2,162,925     |
| Shares redeemed                       | (13,073,985)  | (233,136,140)  | (13,641,932) | (216,980,228) |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 40,363,672    | \$756,760,264  | 10,483,407   | \$164,733,395 |
| Institutional Class                   |               |                |              |               |
| Shares sold                           | 25,203,856    | \$462,758,856  | 7,921,739    | \$130,732,643 |
| Merger                                |               |                | 117,933      | 1,814,627     |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |               |                |              |               |
| distributions                         |               |                | 27,262       | 430,732       |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,491,900)   | (44,833,156)   | (1,901,165)  | (30,655,635)  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 22,711,956    | \$417,925,700  | 6,165,769    | \$102,322,367 |
| MATTHEWS KOREA FUND                   |               |                |              |               |
| Investor Class                        |               |                |              |               |
| Shares sold                           | 7,063,187     | \$45,732,771   | 2,855,980    | \$17,811,596  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |               |                |              |               |
| distributions                         | 1,247,048     | 7,432,409      | 958,127      | 5,298,441     |
| Shares redeemed                       | (6,893,554)   | (42,613,047)   | (4,561,112)  | (27,333,556)  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 1,416,681     | \$10,552,133   | (747,005)    | (\$4,223,519) |
| Institutional Class                   |               |                |              |               |
| Shares sold                           | 1,949,647     | \$12,656,326   | 15,224,562   | \$92,211,027  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |               |                |              |               |
| distributions                         | 33,764        | 202,244        | 294,354      | 1,633,663     |
| Shares redeemed                       | (8,378,869)   | (48,454,588)   | (1,475,555)  | (8,735,102)   |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (6,395,458)   | (\$35,596,018) | 14,043,361   | \$85,109,588  |
|                                       |               |                |              |               |

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|                                       | Year Ende    | ed December 31,<br>2015 | Year Ended  | December 31, 2014 |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
|                                       | Shares       | Amount                  | Shares      | Amount            |  |
| MATTHEWS ASIA SMALL                   |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| COMPANIES FUND                        |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Shares sold                           | 8,497,848    | \$182,977,362           | 12,269,745  | \$256,739,667     |  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of | , ,          |                         | , ,         |                   |  |
| distributions                         | 23,288       | 441,546                 | 91,722      | 1,980,278         |  |
| Shares redeemed                       | (16,455,313) | (348,268,552)           | (5,510,122) | (113,024,665)     |  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (7,934,177)  | (\$164,849,644)         | 6,851,345   | \$145,695,280     |  |
| <b>Institutional Class</b>            | , , , ,      |                         |             |                   |  |
| Shares sold                           | 11,287,130   | \$246,873,661           | 1,637,024   | \$34,046,110      |  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| distributions                         | 47,417       | 898,076                 | 11,551      | 249,394           |  |
| Shares redeemed                       | (3,476,347)  | (67,815,813)            | (368,351)   | (7,588,297)       |  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 7,858,200    | \$179,955,924           | 1,280,224   | \$26,707,207      |  |
| MATTHEWS CHINA SMALL                  |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| COMPANIES FUND                        |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Shares sold                           | 766,278      | \$7,633,873             | 1,079,235   | \$10,536,592      |  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| distributions                         | 202,804      | 1,752,230               | 91,585      | 856,321           |  |
| Shares redeemed                       | (911,884)    | (8,642,334)             | (1,472,901) | (14,353,449)      |  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 57,198       | \$743,769               | (302,081)   | (\$2,960,536)     |  |
| MATTHEWS ASIA SCIENCE AND             |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| TECHNOLOGY FUND                       |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Investor Class                        |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Shares sold                           | 2,583,487    | \$36,194,231            | 2,001,250   | \$26,712,471      |  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| distributions                         | 1,321,498    | 16,095,853              | 92,181      | 1,261,036         |  |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,600,415)  | (35,098,196)            | (1,740,481) | (22,680,601)      |  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | 1,304,570    | \$17,191,888            | 352,950     | \$5,292,906       |  |
| Institutional Class                   |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| Shares sold                           | 248,176      | \$3,444,526             | 533,868     | \$6,731,909       |  |
| Shares issued through reinvestment of |              |                         |             |                   |  |
| distributions                         | 320,936      | 3,915,412               | 55,365      | 756,846           |  |
| Shares redeemed                       | (2,079,401)  | (31,121,491)            | (12,051)    | (169,548)         |  |
| Net increase (decrease)               | (1,510,289)  | (\$23,761,553)          | 577,182     | \$7,319,207       |  |

Currently, a 2.00% redemption fee will be assessed on the sale or exchange of shares of the Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund and Matthews China Small Companies Fund (collectively, the Covered Funds ) within 90 days after the date an investor purchases shares of the Covered Funds. The imposition of redemption fees pursuant to the Funds Short-Term Trading Redemption Fee Policy for the Covered Funds may assist the Covered Funds in discouraging market timing activity.

The redemption fee is imposed to discourage market timing and short-term buying and selling of shares of the Covered Funds, which can disrupt the management of the Covered Funds investment portfolios and may have detrimental effects on the Covered Funds and other shareholders, and to allocate the costs the Covered Funds incur as

a result of short-term trading and market timing. This fee is payable directly to the Covered Funds.

To determine whether the redemption fee applies, the Covered Funds do not count the day that you purchased your shares, and first redeem the shares that you have held the longest.

The Covered Funds may grant an exemption from the redemption fee when the Covered Funds have previously received assurances that transactions do not involve a substantial risk of the type of harm that the policy is designed to avoid. The Covered Funds may also waive the imposition of redemption fees in certain circumstances. For more information on this policy, please see the Funds prospectuses. The redemption fees returned to the assets of the Funds are stated in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

### 5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Matthews, a registered investment advisor under the 1940 Act, provides the Funds with investment management services. Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement dated August 13, 2004, as amended (the Advisory Agreement ), the Funds pay Matthews (i) for management and advisory services; and (ii) for certain administrative services, an annual fee as a percentage of average daily net assets. Under the Advisory Agreement each of the Funds, other than Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund, Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund, and Matthews China Small Companies Fund (the Family-Priced Funds ), pays Matthews 0.75% of their aggregate average daily net assets up to \$2 billion, 0.6834% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$2 billion up to \$5 billion, 0.65% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$5 billion up to \$25 billion, 0.64% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$25 billion up to \$30 billion, 0.63% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$30 billion up to \$35 billion, 0.62% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$35 billion up to \$40 billion, 0.61% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$40 billion up to \$45 billion, and 0.60% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$45 billion. Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund pays Matthews an annual fee of 0.65% of its annual average daily net assets pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. Each of the Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund, and the Matthews China Small Companies Fund pays Matthews an annual fee of 1.00% of the average daily net assets of such Fund up to \$1 billion and 0.95% of the average daily net assets of such Fund over \$1 billion pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. Each Fund paid Matthews a monthly fee of one-twelfth (1/12) of the management fee of the Fund s average daily net asset value.

Pursuant to a fee waiver letter agreement, effective as of September 1, 2014, between the Trust, on behalf of the Family-Priced Funds, and Matthews (as amended from time to time, the Fee Waiver Agreement ), for each Family-Priced Fund, Matthews has agreed to waive a portion of the fee payable under the Advisory Agreement and a portion of the fee payable under the Administration and Shareholder Services Agreement, if any Family-Priced Fund s average daily net assets are over \$3 billion, as follows: for every \$2.5 billion average daily net assets of a Family-Priced Fund that are

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over \$3 billion, the fee rates that otherwise would be applied for calculating fees payable under the Advisory Agreement and the Administration and Shareholder Services Agreement for such Family-Priced Fund with respect to such excess average daily net assets will be each reduced by 0.01%, in each case without reducing such fee rate below 0.00%.

Under a written agreement between the Funds and Matthews (the Operating Expenses Agreement ), Matthews agrees to waive fees and reimburse expenses to a Fund if its expense ratio exceeds a certain percentage level. Effective April 30, 2015 for all Funds, except Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund and Matthews China Small Companies Fund, this level is 1.25% for the Institutional Class. Matthews agrees to reduce the expense ratio by waiving an equal amount of non-class specific expenses for the Investor Class. Because certain expenses of the Investor Class may be higher than Institutional Class and class specific expenses may be waived solely for the Institutional Class, total annual Fund expenses for the Investor Class may exceed 1.25%. For Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund this level is 0.90% for Institutional Class. Matthews agrees to reduce the expense ratio by waiving an equal amount of non-class expenses for the Investor Class. Because certain expenses of the Investor Class may be higher that the Institutional Class and class specific expenses may be waived solely for the Institutional Class, total annual Fund expenses for the Investor Class may exceed 0.90%. For Matthews China Small Companies Fund this level is 1.50% for the Investor Class. Prior to May 1, 2014 for Matthews China Fund, Matthews India Fund, Matthews Japan Fund, Matthews Korea Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund, Matthews China Small Companies Fund and Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund, this level was 2.00%. For Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund, Matthews Asia Growth Fund and Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund, this level was 1.90%. For Matthews Asia Dividend Fund and Matthews China Dividend Fund, this level was 1.50%. For Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund, Matthews Asia Focus Fund and Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses to each Fund if its expense ratio exceeded 1.25%, 1.75%, and 2.00%, respectively, for the Institutional Class and agreed to reduce the expense ratio by an equal amount for the Investor Class. In turn, if a Fund s expenses fall below the level noted within three years after Matthews has made such a reimbursement, the Fund may reimburse Matthews up to an amount of the recoupment available not to exceed its expense limitation. For each Fund other than the Matthews Asia Value Fund, this agreement will continue through at least April 30, 2017 and may be extended for additional periods not exceeding one year. This agreement will continue through April 30, 2018 for the Matthews Asia Value Fund, and may be extended for additional periods not exceeding one year.

On December 31, 2015, the amounts subject to possible future recoupment under the expense limitation agreement are as follows:

|                                     | Expiring December 31, |          |           |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|--|
|                                     | 2016                  | 2017     | 2018      |  |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund | \$41,268              | \$79,504 | \$113,621 |  |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund            |                       |          | 41,279    |  |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund            | 87,951                | 62,897   | 87,252    |  |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund              |                       |          | 183,985   |  |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund         | 76,881                | 152,283  | 452,048   |  |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund  |                       | 15,270   | 113,037   |  |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund | 7,801                 | 63,212   | 133,327   |  |

Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund and Matthews China Small Companies Fund had \$161,965 and \$76,425, respectively, of recoupment that expired on December 31, 2015. Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund, Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund, Matthews India Fund and Matthews Japan Fund had no amounts available for recoupment and no amounts recouped during the year ended December 31, 2015.

Investment advisory fees charged, waived fees and reimbursed additional expenses for the year ended December 31, 2015, were as follows:

|                                      |                            | <b>Advisory Fees</b>      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                      |                            | Waived and                |                          |
|                                      |                            | Reimbursed in             |                          |
|                                      |                            | Excess of the             | <b>Net Advisory Fee/</b> |
|                                      | <b>Gross Advisory Fees</b> | <b>Expense Limitation</b> | Reimbursement            |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund  | \$438,698                  | (\$113,621)               | \$325,077                |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income     |                            |                           |                          |
| Fund                                 | 25,621,034                 | (86,260)                  | 25,534,774               |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund          | 35,306,056                 | (244,805)                 | 35,061,251               |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund         | 1,183,701                  |                           | 1,183,701                |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund             | 771                        | (41,279)                  | (40,508)                 |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund             | 95,048                     | (87,252)                  | 7,796                    |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund            | 5,989,698                  |                           | 5,989,698                |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund          | 54,519,201                 | (857,693)                 | 53,661,508               |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund               | 15,886                     | (183,985)                 | (168,099)                |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund          | 1,661,519                  | (452,048)                 | 1,209,471                |
| Matthews China Fund                  | 6,216,536                  |                           | 6,216,536                |
| Matthews India Fund                  | 10,143,432                 |                           | 10,143,432               |
| Matthews Japan Fund                  | 7,785,999                  |                           | 7,785,999                |
| Matthews Korea Fund                  | 1,359,009                  |                           | 1,359,009                |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund   | 7,188,942                  | (113,037)                 | 7,075,905                |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund  | 223,822                    | (133,327)                 | 90,495                   |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology |                            |                           |                          |
| Fund                                 | 1,174,937                  |                           | 1,174,937                |
|                                      |                            |                           |                          |

Certain officers and Trustees of the Funds are also officers and directors of Matthews. All officers serve without compensation from the Funds. The Funds paid the Independent Trustees \$967,000 in aggregate for regular compensation during the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Funds have an Administration and Shareholder Services Agreement dated August 13, 2004, as amended (the Shareholder Services Agreement or Services Agreement), in which the Funds pay an annual administration and shareholder servicing fee to Matthews, as a percentage of the average

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daily net assets of each Fund in aggregate, computed and prorated on a daily basis. Under the Shareholder Services Agreement, the Funds in the aggregate pay Matthews 0.25% of their aggregate average daily net assets up to \$2 billion, 0.1834% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$2 billion up to \$5 billion, 0.15% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$5 billion up to \$7.5 billion, 0.125% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$7.5 billion up to \$15 billion, 0.11% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$15 billion up to \$22.5 billion, 0.10% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$25 billion up to \$30 billion, 0.08% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$30 billion up to \$35 billion, 0.07% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$35 billion up to \$40 billion, 0.06% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$40 billion up to \$45 billion, and 0.05% of their aggregate average daily net assets over \$45 billion.

Administration and shareholder servicing fees charged, for the year ended December 31, 2015, were as follows:

|                                     |                    | Administration and    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                                     |                    | Shareholder           |                    |
|                                     | Gross              | <b>Servicing Fees</b> | Net                |
|                                     | Administration and | Waived in Excess of   | Administration and |
|                                     | Shareholder        | Expense               | Shareholder        |
|                                     | Servicing Fees     | Limitation            | Servicing Fees     |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund | \$94,329           | \$                    | \$94,329           |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income    |                    |                       |                    |
| Fund                                | 5,389,839          | (86,260)              | 5,303,579          |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund         | 7,429,497          | (244,805)             | 7,184,692          |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund        | 248,951            |                       | 248,951            |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund            | 167                |                       | 167                |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund            | 19,988             |                       | 19,988             |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund           | 1,260,375          |                       | 1,260,375          |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund         | 11,459,861         | (857,693)             | 10,602,168         |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund              | 3,397              |                       | 3,397              |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund         | 232,258            |                       | 232,258            |
| Matthews China Fund                 | 1,306,491          |                       | 1,306,491          |
| Matthews India Fund                 | 2,137,111          |                       | 2,137,111          |
| Matthews Japan Fund                 | 1,647,370          |                       | 1,647,370          |
| Matthews Korea Fund                 | 286,380            |                       | 286,380            |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund  | 1,003,109          |                       | 1,003,109          |
| Matthews China Small Companies      |                    |                       |                    |
| Fund                                | 31,234             |                       | 31,234             |
| Matthews Asia Science and           |                    |                       |                    |
| Technology Fund                     | 247,195            |                       | 247,195            |
|                                     |                    |                       |                    |

In addition to the fees paid to the Funds transfer agent, the Funds bear the cost of fees paid to certain service providers or intermediaries, including supermarkets, which provide transfer agency, record-keeping and shareholder servicing to certain shareholders. These fees are referred to as intermediary service fees on the statement of assets and liabilities as well as the statement of operations. Additional information concerning these services and fees is contained in the Funds prospectuses.

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (BNY Mellon), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, serves as the Funds administrator, and in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for each Fund. BNY Mellon also serves as the Funds transfer agent, dividend disbursing agent and registrar. An officer of BNY Mellon serves as Assistant Treasurer to the Funds. Total fees accrued by the Funds for administration and accounting services for the year ended December 31, 2015 were as follows:

|   | Administration and     |
|---|------------------------|
|   | <b>Accounting Fees</b> |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | \$5,399                |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | 308,810                |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 506,832                |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 14,287                 |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 9                      |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 1,146                  |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 72,251                 |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 657,337                |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 192                    |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 13,297                 |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 151,438                |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 122,373                |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 94,121                 |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 16,399                 |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 57,520                 |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 1,791                  |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 14,165                 |

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. serves as the Funds custodian. Foreside Funds Distributors LLC, serves as the Funds distributor in the United States pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement. Matthews Asia Funds are distributed in Latin America by HMC Partners.

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Cross trades for the year ended December 31, 2015, were executed by the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act. Cross trading is the buying or selling of portfolio securities between funds to which Matthews International Capital Management, LLC serves as investment advisor. At its regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, the Board reviews such transactions as of the most recent calendar quarter for compliance with the requirements and restrictions set forth by Rule 17a-7.

As of December 31, 2015, Matthews and its affiliates held 370,411 shares of the Matthews China Small Companies Fund, representing approximately 15% of that Fund s outstanding shares.

As of December 31, 2015, Matthews and its affiliates held 1,383,209 shares of the Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund, representing approximately 22% of that Fund s outstanding shares.

As of December 31, 2015, Matthews and its affiliates held 168,743 shares of the Matthews Asia Focus Fund, representing approximately 13% of that Fund s outstanding shares.

As of December 31, 2015, Matthews and its affiliates held 190,905 shares of the Matthews Asia ESG Fund, representing approximately 36% of that Fund s outstanding shares.

As of December 31, 2015, Matthews and its affiliates held 94,249 shares of the Matthews Asia Value Fund, representing approximately 54% of that Fund s outstanding shares.

### 6. INVESTMENTS

The value of investment transactions made for affiliated and unaffiliated holdings for the year ended December 31, 2015 were as follows:

|                       | Affiliated Purchases | Proceeds from<br>Affiliated Sales | Unaffiliated Purchases | Proceeds from<br>Unaffiliated Sales |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Matthews Asia Strateg |                      | Aiimated Sales                    | Charmateu i urchases   | Charmateu baies                     |
| Income Fund           | \$                   | \$                                | \$32,426,493           | \$35,548,979                        |
| Matthews Asian Growt  | th                   |                                   |                        |                                     |
| and Income Fund       |                      |                                   | 618,817,959            | 1,769,760,356                       |
| Matthews Asia Divider | nd                   |                                   |                        |                                     |
| Fund                  | 54,833,390           | 20,899,575                        | 1,801,464,058          | 2,116,590,663                       |
| Matthews China        |                      |                                   |                        |                                     |
| Dividend Fund         |                      |                                   | 165,523,862            | 135,565,439                         |
| Matthews Asia Value   |                      |                                   |                        |                                     |
| Fund                  |                      |                                   | 1,483,256              | 142,595                             |
| Matthews Asia Focus   |                      |                                   |                        |                                     |
| Fund                  |                      |                                   | 3,130,891              | 4,301,722                           |
|                       |                      |                                   | 254,991,531            | 289,389,778                         |
|                       |                      |                                   |                        |                                     |

| Matthews Asia Growth Fund |            |            |               |               |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Matthews Pacific Tiger    |            |            |               |               |
| Fund                      | 93,097,520 | 53,825,246 | 900,070,011   | 1,954,956,485 |
| Matthews Asia ESG         | 75,071,520 | 33,023,240 | 700,070,011   | 1,754,750,405 |
| Fund                      |            |            | 5,763,880     | 752,324       |
| Matthews Emerging Asia    |            |            | 2,702,000     | 762,621       |
| Fund                      |            |            | 64,115,814    | 19,237,728    |
| Matthews China Fund       |            |            | 603,874,891   | 883,485,745   |
| Matthews India Fund       | 35,942,361 | 1,405,655  | 581,072,943   | 140,772,015   |
| Matthews Japan Fund       | 40,967,075 | 483,811    | 1,332,314,980 | 275,182,437   |
| Matthews Korea Fund       |            |            | 40,847,176    | 79,089,909    |
| Matthews Asia Small       |            |            |               |               |
| Companies Fund            | 14,394,911 |            | 344,866,333   | 329,445,055   |
| Matthews China Small      |            |            |               |               |
| Companies Fund            |            |            | 15,706,729    | 16,488,564    |
| Matthews Asia Science     |            |            |               |               |
| and Technology Fund       |            |            | 125,297,215   | 158,100,070   |

### 7. HOLDINGS OF 5% VOTING SHARES OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

The 1940 Act defines affiliated companies to include investments in portfolio companies in which a fund owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting shares. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Funds below held 5% or more of the outstanding voting shares of the noted portfolio companies. During this period, other Funds in the Trust may also have held voting shares of the issuers at levels below 5%.

### **Investments in affiliates:**

A summary of transactions in securities of issuers affiliated with a Fund for the year ended December 31, 2015 is as follows:

**Dividend** Net Realized

| SI  | nares Held at Dec. 31, 2014 | Shares<br>Purchased | Shares Sh<br>Sold | Dec. 31,<br>2015 | Value at Dec. 31, 2015 | Income<br>Jan. 1, 2015<br>Dec. 31,<br>2015 | Gain (Loss)<br>Jan. 1, 2015<br>Dec. 31,<br>2015 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| MATTHEWS INCOME FUN Name of Issuer: CITIC Telecom |                             | VTH AND             |                   |                  |                        |  |   |
| International Holdings, Ltd.                      | 188,818,250                 |                     | 188,818,250       |                  | \$                     | \$   | \$  |
| Total<br>Affiliates                               |                             |                     |                   |                  | \$                     | \$   | \$  |

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| Name of Issuer:  |                         |            |                        |                         |               |              |               |
|--|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Anritsu Corp. Ascendas   | 6,853,300               | 1,204,800  | 493,600                | 7,564,500               | \$49,563,094  | \$1,492,743  | (\$2,212,956) |
| India Trust Breville   | 55,065,000              |            | 1,594,300              | 53,470,700              | 32,808,738    | 2,052,190    | (272,425)     |
| Group, Ltd.<br>CapitaLand  | 10,847,453              |            | 203,434                | 10,644,019              | 57,515,357    | 2,157,910    | (499,012)     |
| Retail China<br>Trust, REIT<br>China<br>Machinery<br>Engineering | 52,179,400              |            | 8,947,000              | 43,232,400              | 45,342,034    | 3,589,911    | 4,816,676     |
| Corp. H Shares Greatview Aseptic Packaging                       |                         | 55,225,000 | 1,414,000              | 53,811,000              | 39,262,849    | 1,787,189    | (206,234)     |
| Co., Ltd. Minth Group,   | 110,945,000             |            | 1,915,000              | 109,030,000             | 49,294,621    | 2,861,572    | (305,699)     |
| Ltd. Pigeon Corp. Springland International                       | 61,267,000<br>2,377,800 | 4,755,600  | 1,732,000<br>3,327,300 | 59,535,000<br>3,806,100 | 118,275,877   | 4,009,279    | 2,322,239     |
| Holdings, Ltd.<br>St. Shine<br>Optical Co.,                      | 138,171,000             |            | 138,171,000            |                         |               |              |               |
| Ltd. Xingda International Holdings, Ltd.                         | 2,674,000               | 1,057,000  | 1,348,000              | 2,383,000               |               |              |               |
| H Shares Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure,                        | 87,141,000              |            | 87,141,000             |                         |               |              |               |
| Ltd.   | 109,490,000             |            | 168,000                | 109,322,000             | 68,286,284    | 4,092,447    | 403           |
| Total<br>Affiliates  |                         |            |                        |                         | \$460,348,854 | \$22,043,241 | \$3,642,992   |

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| ;  | Shares Held at Dec. 31, 2014 | Shares<br>Purchased | Shares S<br>Sold      | hares Held at Dec. 31, 2015 | Value at Dec. 31, 2015    | Dividend<br>Income<br>Jan. 1, 2015<br>Dec. 31,<br>2015 | Net Realized<br>Gain (Loss)<br>Jan. 1, 2015<br>Dec. 31, 2015 |
| MATTHEV  | S PACIFIC TI                 |                     |                       |                             | ,                         |  | ,  |
| Name of Issuer: Cheil Worldwide,                           |                              |                     |                       |                             |                           |  |  |
| Inc. Dongbu Insurance                                      | 6,420,440                    |                     | 266,143               | 6,154,297                   | \$107,636,527             | \$   | \$2,266,723  |
| Co., Ltd.<br>Fuyao Glass<br>Industry<br>Group Co.,<br>Ltd. | 4,020,500                    |                     | 771,381               | 3,249,119                   |                           |  |  |
| H Shares<br>Green Cross                                    |                              | 31,836,000          |                       | 31,836,000                  | 76,461,314                |  |  |
| Corp. Hyflux, Ltd. Synnex Technology International         | 1,008,655<br>65,284,280      |                     | 161,783<br>22,199,750 | 846,872<br>43,084,530       | 131,010,777<br>17,101,875 | 905,087<br>1,108,752                                   | 6,200,002<br>(14,588,250)                                    |
| Corp. Tata Power   | 102,065,354                  |                     | 3,874,000             | 98,191,354                  | 95,267,555                | 10,701,054   | (876,059)  |
| Co., Ltd.  | 162,545,436                  | 13,000,000          | 9,925,000             | 165,620,436                 | 169,173,116               | 3,553,739  | (12,399,093)   |
| Total<br>Affiliates  |                              |                     |                       |                             | \$596,651,164             | \$16,268,632   | (\$19,396,677)   |
| MATTHEW<br>Name of<br>Issuer:<br>eClerx<br>Services,       | /S INDIA FUNI                | )                   |                       |                             |                           |  |  |
| Ltd.<br>VST  | 1,189,293                    | 2,005,664           | 59,376                | 3,135,581                   | \$67,149,179              | \$1,268,206  | \$251,540  |
| Industries,<br>Ltd.  | 855,933                      | 359,771             |                       | 1,215,704                   | 31,082,796                | 1,310,066  |  |
| Total<br>Affiliates  |                              |                     |                       |                             | \$98,231,975              | \$2,578,272  | \$251,540  |

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| Name of         |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Issuer:         |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| AIT Corp.       | 678,700      | 499,000    | 47,400     | 1,130,300  | \$10,956,219                 | \$352,952                  | \$142,916  |
| Daiken          |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Medical Co.,    | 711 (00      | 1 0 42 600 |            | 1.755.200  | 14.070.600                   | 170 257                    |            |
| Ltd.            | 711,600      | 1,043,600  |            | 1,755,200  | 14,950,699                   | 179,257                    |            |
| eGuarantee,     | 401 000      | 440.800    |            | 941 900    | 10 101 070                   | 104 565                    |            |
| Inc.<br>MORESCO | 401,000      | 440,800    |            | 841,800    | 18,101,879                   | 104,565                    |            |
| Corp.           | 400,300      | 374,200    |            | 774,500    | 10,886,881                   | 204,126                    |            |
| N Field Co.,    | 400,300      | 374,200    |            | 774,300    | 10,000,001                   | 204,120                    |            |
| Ltd.            | 276,800      | 729,600    |            | 1,006,400  | 10,682,592                   | 41,827                     |            |
| Lta.            | 270,000      | 723,000    |            | 1,000,100  | 10,002,572                   | 11,027                     |            |
| Total           |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Affiliates      |              |            |            |            | \$65,578,270                 | \$882,727                  | \$142,916  |
|                 |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| MATTHEWS        | S ASIA SMALI | -          |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| COMPANIE        |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Name of         | o i ci d     |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Issuer:         |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Ezwelfare       |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Co., Ltd.       | 742,858      | 131,365    | 874,223    |            | \$                           | \$                         | \$         |
| FineTek Co.,    | ,            | ŕ          | ,          |            |                              |                            |            |
| Ltd.            |              | 3,208,920  | 16,000     | 3,192,920  | 7,205,664                    | 368,679                    | (32,275)   |
| SaraminHR       |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Co., Ltd.       | 682,434      |            | 682,434    |            |                              |                            |            |
| PT Wismilak     |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Inti Makmur     | 107,640,100  | 6,710,500  | 25,088,700 | 89,261,900 |                              |                            |            |
|                 |              |            |            |            |                              |                            |            |
| Total           |              |            |            |            | ф <b>п 2</b> 0 <b>г</b> 65 1 | Φ <b>2</b> (0 ( <b>7</b> 2 | (422.25)   |
| Affiliates      |              |            |            |            | \$7,205,664                  | \$368,679                  | (\$32,275) |

Issuer was not an affiliated company as of December 31, 2015.

Includes stock split during the period.

Includes stock dividend during the period.

### 8. INCOME TAX INFORMATION INCOME AND WITHHOLDING TAXES

It is the policy of the Funds to comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of their taxable income to their shareholders. The Funds have met the requirements of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies for the year ended December 31, 2015. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

Management has analyzed the Funds tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (current and prior three tax years), and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Funds financial statements. The Funds federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

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As of December 31, 2015, the components of accumulated earnings/deficit on tax basis were as follows:

| Undistributed | ributed |
|---------------|---------|
|---------------|---------|

|   | Undistributed          | Long-Term            | Capital Loss           |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|   | <b>Ordinary Income</b> | <b>Capital Gains</b> | Carryforwards          |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | \$                     | \$                   | (\$1,535,532)          |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     |                        | 40,554,606           |                        |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               |                        |                      |                        |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              |                        | 645,489              |                        |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 16,386                 |                      |                        |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 80,691                 |                      | (637,245)              |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 6,045,112              |                      | (19,506,205)           |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 15,495,421             |                      |                        |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 27,652                 |                      | (29,988)               |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 276,735                |                      | (883,817)              |
| Matthews China Fund                       |                        | 19,701,557           |                        |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 112,375                | 11,087,490           |                        |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 2,671,495              |                      | (64,759,904)           |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 2,182,168              | 7,169,413            |                        |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 1,244,171              |                      | (12,769,786)           |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 1,346                  | 747,896              | , in the second second |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund |                        | 10,439,580           |                        |

# Unrealized

|                           | Late Year    | Other Temporary | Appreciation     | <b>Total Accumulated</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|                           | Losses*      | Differences     | (Depreciation)** | Earnings/Deficit         |
| Matthews Asia Strategic   | Lusses.      | Differences     | (Depreciation)   | Lai migs/Deficit         |
| Income Fund               | (\$179,842)  | \$              | (\$3,229,900)    | (\$4,945,274)            |
| Matthews Asian Growth and | (+           | *               | (++,>,>++)       | (+ 1,5 52,2 7 3)         |
| Income Fund               | (366,546)    |                 | 206,388,329      | 246,576,389              |
| Matthews Asia Dividend    |              |                 |                  |                          |
| Fund                      | (32,923,665) | (27,008)        | 488,373,725      | 455,423,052              |
| Matthews China Dividend   |              |                 |                  |                          |
| Fund                      | (87,749)     |                 | 4,701,890        | 5,259,630                |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund  |              |                 | (25,360)         | (8,974)                  |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund  |              |                 | (1,533,983)      | (2,090,537)              |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund |              |                 | 129,242,658      | 115,781,565              |

| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund |             |           | 1,414,766,421 | 1,430,261,842 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund      |             |           | (151,962)     | (154,298)     |
| Matthews Emerging Asia      |             |           |               |               |
| Fund                        |             | (212,031) | 4,579,398     | 3,760,285     |
| Matthews China Fund         | (2,902,517) |           | 73,032,675    | 89,831,715    |
| Matthews India Fund         |             | (11,653)  | 240,416,115   | 251,604,327   |
| Matthews Japan Fund         |             |           | 165,208,185   | 103,119,776   |
| Matthews Korea Fund         |             |           | 63,301,929    | 72,653,510    |
| Matthews Asia Small         |             |           |               |               |
| Companies Fund              |             |           | 29,673,107    | 18,147,492    |
| Matthews China Small        |             |           |               |               |
| Companies Fund              |             |           | 600,246       | 1,349,488     |
| Matthews Asia Science and   |             |           |               |               |
| Technology Fund             |             |           | 38,871,441    | 49,311,021    |

<sup>\*</sup> The Funds have elected to defer certain qualified late-year losses and recognize such losses in the next fiscal year.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>The differences between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/depreciation is attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and passive foreign investment company (PFIC) mark to market adjustments.

As of December 31, 2015, the Funds have capital loss carryforwards available to offset future realized capital gains through the indicated expiration dates as follows:

Amount With No
Expiration\*
Short-term Long-term

#### LOSSES DEFERRED EXPIRING

| IN:                            | 2016       | 2017       | Losses      | Losses  | Total       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income |            |            |             |         |             |
| Fund                           | \$         | \$         | \$1,535,532 | \$      | \$1,535,532 |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund       |            |            | 128,568     | 508,677 | 637,245     |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund      |            | 19,506,205 |             |         | 19,506,205  |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund         |            |            | 29,988      |         | 29,988      |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund    |            |            |             | 883,817 | 883,817     |
| Matthews Japan Fund            | 20,727,478 | 44,032,426 |             |         | 64,759,904  |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies  |            |            |             |         |             |
| Fund                           |            |            | 12,769,786  |         | 12,769,786  |

<sup>\*</sup> Post-Enactment Losses: Must be utilized prior to losses subject to expiration. The following Funds utilized capital loss carryforwards in the current year:

**Utilized** 

**Capital Loss** 

|                                     | Carryiorwards |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund | \$131,018     |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund         | 182,779,099   |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund           | 6,923,705     |
| Matthews Japan Fund                 | 23,506,272    |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund | 734,068       |
|                                     |               |

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred during those future taxable years will be required to be utilized prior to any losses incurred in pre-enactment taxable years, which generally expire after eight years from when they are incurred. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or NAV. The permanent differences are primarily attributable to investments in PFICs, non-deductible expenses, foreign currency reclassification, capital gains tax, re-characterization of distributions, adjustments on distributions related to taxable spinoffs and the utilization of accumulated earnings and profits distributed to shareholders on redemptions of shares as part of the dividends paid deduction for income tax

purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2015, permanent differences in book and tax accounting have been reclassified to paid-in capital, undistributed net investment income (loss) and accumulated realized gain (loss) as follows:

|                                       |                 | Increase/(Decrease)      |                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|                                       |                 |                          | Increase/(Decrease) |
|                                       | Increase/       | <b>Undistributed Net</b> |                     |
|                                       |                 | _                        | Accumulated         |
|                                       | (Decrease)      | Investment               |                     |
|                                       |                 |                          | Realized            |
|                                       | Paid-in-Capital | Income/(Loss)            | Gain/(Loss)         |
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund   | \$              | (\$1,086,626)            | \$1,086,626         |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund |                 | 3,866,071                | (3,866,071)         |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund           | (96,561)        | 43,531,280               | (43,434,719)        |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund          |                 | 1,446,644                | (1,446,644)         |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund              | (7,928)         | 6,940                    | 988                 |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund              |                 | 21,510                   | (21,510)            |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund             |                 | 6,930,533                | (6,930,533)         |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund           | 119,162,538     | (12,995,390)             | (106,167,148)       |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                | (52,457)        | 53,774                   | (1,317)             |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund           |                 | 4,068                    | (4,068)             |
| Matthews China Fund                   | 13,916,644      | (1,012,648)              | (12,903,996)        |
| Matthews India Fund                   |                 | 2,246,623                | (2,246,623)         |
| Matthews Japan Fund                   |                 | 2,153,144                | (2,153,144)         |
| Matthews Korea Fund                   | 1,742,351       | (329,260)                | (1,413,091)         |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund    | (1,113)         | (247,960)                | 249,073             |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund   | 234,960         | 7,710                    | (242,670)           |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology  |                 | ,                        | , , ,               |
| Fund                                  | 3,039,193       | 507,410                  | (3,546,603)         |
|                                       | , , , -         | , ,                      | ( , , , , )         |

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### 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective February 1, 2016, Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (Mizuho), acquired an ownership interest in Matthews equal to approximately 16% of the outstanding units of Matthews previously held by a broad group of existing equity holders. Along with that transaction, Matthews adopted a new governance structure, through eliminating the managing member roles and expanding and providing additional authority to its Board of Directors. The governance changes constituted a change of control of Matthews and, therefore, technically resulted in an assignment of the Investment Advisory Agreement then in effect for each Fund, and its automatic termination as required by its terms and the Investment Company Act of 1940. The shareholders of each Fund approved a new Investment Advisory Agreement with Matthews, which became effective on February 1, 2016 upon the closing of those transactions and the automatic termination of the prior Investment Advisory Agreement. The new Investment Advisory Agreement has substantively the same terms as the prior Investment Advisory Agreement, including the same fee rates, except for the commencement and renewal dates.

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Report of Independent Registered

**Public Accounting Firm** 

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of

#### Matthews Asia Funds:

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the schedules of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund, Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund, Matthews Asia Dividend Fund, Matthews China Dividend Fund, Matthews Asia Value Fund, Matthews Asia Focus Fund, Matthews Asia Growth Fund, Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund, Matthews Asia ESG Fund, Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews China Fund, Matthews India Fund, Matthews Japan Fund, Matthews Korea Fund, Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund, Matthews China Small Companies Fund and Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund (hereinafter referred as the Funds ) at December 31, 2015, and the results of each of their operations, the changes in each of their net assets and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (consolidated financial statements and consolidated financial highlights for Matthews China Fund and Matthews Asia Dividend Fund) (hereinafter referred to as financial statements ) are the responsibility of the Funds management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2015 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

San Francisco, California

February 26, 2016

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Tax Information (unaudited)

For shareholders who do not have a December 31, 2015 tax year-end, this notice is for informational purposes. For the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, the Funds report the following items with regard to distributions paid during the period. All reportings are based on financial information available as of the date of this annual report and, accordingly, are subject to change. For each item, it is the intention of each Fund to report the maximum amount permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

### 1. Qualified Dividend Income

The Funds report a portion of the ordinary income distributed during the year ended December 31, 2015 as Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) as defined in the Internal Revenue code as follows:

|   | QDI Portion |
|---|-------------|
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | 1.94%       |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | 64.31%      |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 100.00%     |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 63.25%      |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 0.00%       |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 80.43%      |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 0.00%       |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 44.66%      |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 56.53%      |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 100.00%     |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 81.42%      |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 100.00%     |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 0.00%       |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 94.96%      |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 100.00%     |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 29.76%      |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 0.00%       |

### 2. Dividends Received Deduction

The Funds report a Dividend Received Deduction pursuant to Section 854 of the Internal Revenue Code for the year ended December 31, 2015 as follows:

| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund   | 0.00%  |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund | 2.31%  |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund           | 3.45%  |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund          | 4.04%  |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund              | 0.00%  |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund              | 12.50% |

| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 0.00% |
|---|-------|
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 1.27% |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 0.00% |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 0.00% |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 0.00% |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 0.00% |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 0.00% |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 0.00% |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 0.00% |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 0.00% |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 0.00% |

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# 3. Long-Term Capital Gain Distributions

The Funds report Long-Term Capital Gain distributions pursuant to Section 852(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the year ended December 31, 2015 as follows:

|   | <b>Long-Term Capital Gains</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | \$134,712,377                  |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 71,669,071                     |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 7,709,592                      |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 61,165                         |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 685,544,217                    |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 432,972                        |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 127,726,027                    |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 13,471,979                     |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 12,118,013                     |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 1,862,709                      |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 25,836,171                     |
|   |                                |

# 4. Foreign Taxes Paid

The Funds have elected to pass through to their shareholders the foreign taxes paid for year ended December 31, 2015 as follows:

|                                       | <b>Foreign Source Income</b> | Foreign Taxes Paid |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund   | \$3,829,016                  | \$84,023           |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund | 136,221,960                  | 5,652,434          |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund           | 162,653,864                  | 10,381,648         |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund          | 5,790,247                    | 210,539            |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund              | 5,764                        | 812                |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund              | 387,991                      | 13,720             |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund           | 219,250,295                  | 10,976,450         |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                | 50,415                       | 6,267              |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund           | 3,364,160                    | 286,590            |
| Matthews China Fund                   | 19,900,425                   | 103,503            |
| Matthews Korea Fund                   | 3,088,190                    | 509,194            |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund    | 12,765,019                   | 1,056,228          |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund   | 529,412                      | 11,589             |

# 5. Qualified Interest Income

The Funds report a portion of the net income dividends distributed during the year ended December 31, 2015, as Qualified Interest Income (QII), as defined in the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

**QII Portion** 

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| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | 3.46% |
|---|-------|
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | 0.02% |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 0.02% |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 0.16% |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 0.17% |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 0.07% |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 0.00% |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 0.03% |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 0.00% |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 0.05% |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 0.02% |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 0.03% |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 0.00% |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 0.07% |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 0.05% |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 0.05% |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 0.00% |

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# 6. Qualified Short Term Capital Gain Dividends

The Funds report a portion of the short term capital gain dividends distributed during the year ended December 31, 2015, as Qualified Short-Term Gain, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

|   | <b>Short-Term Gains</b> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund       | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund     | 100.00%                 |
| Matthews Asia Dividend Fund               | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews China Dividend Fund              | 100.00%                 |
| Matthews Asia Value Fund                  | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Asia Focus Fund                  | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Asia Growth Fund                 | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund               | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Asia ESG Fund                    | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Emerging Asia Fund               | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews China Fund                       | 100.00%                 |
| Matthews India Fund                       | 100.00%                 |
| Matthews Japan Fund                       | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Korea Fund                       | 100.00%                 |
| Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund        | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews China Small Companies Fund       | 0.00%                   |
| Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund | 0.00%                   |

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Approval of Investment Advisory Agreements (unaudited)

The Funds, which are series of the Trust, have retained Matthews International Capital Management, LLC (Matthews) to manage their assets pursuant to the Advisory Agreement (the Current Agreement), which has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Funds, including the Independent Trustees. Following an initial term with respect to each Fund upon its commencement of operations, the Current Agreement continues in effect from year-to-year provided that the continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of the Funds, or by the Board of Trustees, and, in either event, by a majority of the Independent Trustees of the Trust casting votes in person at a meeting called for that purpose.

At a meeting held on July 15, 2015, the Board, including the Independent Trustees of the Trust, approved a new Investment Advisory Agreement (the New Agreement ), to take effect with respect to each Fund for an initial term of two years upon consummation of the proposed change of control transaction involving Matthews that was previously described in a recent proxy statement sent to shareholders of each Fund in connection with a special shareholders meeting (the Transaction ). Because the consummation date of the Transaction was not yet set, at a meeting held on August 26, 2015, the Board, including the Independent Trustees of the Trust, approved the continuance of the Current Agreement, with respect to each Fund, for an additional one-year period ending August 31, 2016, or the earlier consummation of the Transaction.

Matterials reviewed - In response to a detailed information request sent on behalf of the Independent Trustees by their independent legal counsel, Matthews addressed a range of information relating to the New Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Transaction, the expected benefits and costs to shareholders of the Funds, the expected changes in the management and operations of Matthews after the Transaction, and Matthews management and investment teams serving the Funds. Matthews response also included extensive materials regarding each Fund's investment results, independently prepared advisory fee and expense comparisons to other mutual funds, advisory fee comparisons to advisory fees charged by Matthews to its institutional clients, and financial and profitability information regarding Matthews. Matthews profitability was compared to a peer group of investment advisers, and changes over time were reviewed. Furthermore, throughout the course of the year since the last renewal of the Current Agreement, the Independent Trustees received a wide variety of materials relating to the services provided by Matthews, including reports on each Fund's investment results, portfolio composition, portfolio trading practices, shareholder services, and other information relating to the nature, extent, and quality of services provided by Matthews to the Funds. In addition to the information furnished by Matthews, the Trustees were provided with legal memoranda discussing their fiduciary duties related to the approval of the New Agreement as well as considerations relevant to the Transaction.

The Independent Trustees later reviewed updated performance, expense and other information requested on behalf of

the Independent Trustees as part of considering and acting to renew the Current Agreement.

Review process - The Independent Trustees reviewed advice regarding legal and industry standards provided by their independent legal counsel. The Independent Trustees discussed the approval of the New Agreement and the renewal of the Current Agreement with representatives of Matthews and in private sessions at which no representatives of Matthews were present. In deciding to recommend the approval of the New Agreement and renewal of the Current Agreement with respect to each Fund, the Independent Trustees did not identify any single or particular piece of information that, in isolation, was the controlling factor. This summary describes the most important, but not all, of the factors considered by the Board and the Independent Trustees.

T The nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Matthews under the Advisory Agreement. The Trustees considered the experience and qualifications of the personnel at Matthews who are responsible for providing services to the Funds and who are responsible for the daily management of the Funds portfolios. The Trustees noted that Matthews has continued to expand its professional staff at both senior and junior levels over the past several years, and has enjoyed relative stability of its senior executive and portfolio management. They also reviewed Matthews recent hiring to further strengthen current capabilities and to support future potential growth of assets and the expansion of its business. Among other improved capabilities, the Trustees noted recent and planned enhancements to communications with intermediaries and investors, as well as various marketing efforts. The Trustees noted various initiatives such as efforts to access the China A-share market, investing in other emerging or frontier markets and continuing to develop greater access to other investors such as institutional retirement plans in Latin America. The Trustees have noted on-going enhancements to governance, risk and valuation practices. The Trustees viewed Matthews as well positioned to provide high quality services to the Funds under various market conditions, as demonstrated by the past volatile and challenging securities markets that have caused either contracting revenues or rapidly expanding assets at different times. The Trustees attributed much of that past stability to Matthews emphasis on preserving and enhancing portfolio management team resources, careful business planning and management, as well as its solid financial condition and strong cash reserves. As in past years, the Trustees considered the technical capabilities of Matthews, including design and implementation of a disaster recovery and business continuity infrastructure. The Trustees also considered the Chief Compliance Officer s report regarding Matthews compliance resources, risk assessment and other compliance initiatives and programs. One recent example noted by the Trustees was extensive employee training. The Trustees concluded that Matthews has implemented a robust and diligent compliance process, and demonstrates a strong commitment to a culture of compliance.

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The Trustees concluded that Matthews had the quality of personnel and other investment resources essential to performing its duties under the Advisory Agreement, and that the nature, overall quality, cost and extent of such management services are fully satisfactory.

The investment performance of Matthews. The Trustees reviewed the short-term and long-term performance of each Fund on both an absolute basis and in comparison to peer funds and benchmark indices. The Trustees noted the challenging conditions of various Asian markets in 2012 and part of 2013, as well as more recent market challenges. The Trustees expect that the performance of certain Funds will lag the market averages in some short-term periods because of Matthews emphasis on consistent long-term returns from investments in less cyclical companies. The Trustees also emphasized longer-term performance, which they believe is more important than short isolated periods for purposes of evaluating Matthews—success in meeting Fund and shareholder objectives. To the extent of any concerns about performance with respect to any particular period for a Fund, the Trustees noted that Matthews had provided a satisfactory explanation for that performance and explained its reasons for maintaining a consistent investment philosophy. In addition, the Trustees recognized actions taken by Matthews such as changes to the portfolio management team responsible for the Matthews China Fund and other China-focused investments. The Trustees also reviewed both the peer comparison measures compiled by Lipper Inc. (Lipper) and ratings by Morningstar, Inc. (Morningstar) for each Fund for various periods ending March 31, 2015 and selected updated information for various periods ending June 30, 2015.

The Trustees noted the difficulty of fairly benchmarking performance for certain of the Funds as well as the difficulty of establishing appropriate peer groups for certain of the Funds. The Trustees also gave more weight to each Fund s longer-term investment performance given the long-term investment philosophy of each Fund. On that basis, the Trustees concluded that they were satisfied with the Funds—overall performance records. The Trustees also reviewed Matthews—trading policies and efforts to obtain best overall execution for the Funds in the various markets in which the Funds trade securities. The Trustees noted the relatively low turnover rates in the various equity Funds and Matthews—consistent adherence to its long-standing investment approach, which emphasizes fundamental bottom-up driven investment selection in light of its view of regional economic conditions.

For **Matthews Asia Growth Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund s performance compared very favorably against its peers for the one-year, three-year, five-year, ten-year and since-inception periods. The Fund ranked in the first or second quintile against its peer group funds for those periods.

For **Matthews Asia Dividend Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund had performed well against its peer group during the one-year, three-year, five-year and since

inception periods, ranking in the first or second quintile for those periods.

For **Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund s performance was favorable in the one-year, three-year, five-year, ten-year and since-inception periods, ranking in the first quintile for those periods against the Lipper peer group.

For **Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund outperformed its peer group during the five-year, ten-year and since-inception periods, ranking in the first or second quintile for those periods.

Although the performance for the one-year and three-years periods was below the median, it was still satisfactory.

For Matthews Asia Science and Technology Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was more favorable than the median return of its peer funds over the one-year, three-year and since-inception periods, but less favorable than the average return of its peer funds over the five-year and ten-year periods. The Trustees noted the absence of a directly comparable peer group because the funds in the peer group invested globally, rather than being limited to Asia. The Trustees also acknowledged Matthews explanation about the very volatile asset class in which the Fund invests, which can produce variable relative results. The Trustees remained satisfied with Matthews explanation of its investment strategy and process for this Fund.

For **Matthews China Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund had outperformed the median of its peer funds over the ten-year and since-inception periods, ranking in the first or second quintile for the ten-year and since inception periods. The Trustees expressed some concern about other periods, with the one-year period below median in the fourth quintile, and the three-year and five-year periods in the lowest quintile. The Trustees focused on the more recent weak performance, which had been discussed extensively with Matthews. The Trustees noted changes to the portfolio management team for this Fund as well as Matthews explanation of its investment strategy and process. They will remain attentive to the Fund s progress in improving relative performance.

For **Matthews India Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund had outperformed its peer funds over the one-year, three-year, five-year and since inception periods, ranking in the first quintile for those periods.

For **Matthews Japan Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Funds performance was favorable compared to its peer funds over the one-year, three-year, five-year, ten-year and since-inception periods, ranking in the first or second quintile.

For **Matthews Korea Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund had enjoyed favorable performance above the median for the one-, three-, five-, ten-year and since

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inception periods, which was satisfactory as compared to its broader Lipper peer group for various periods. They consider the broader peer group, which consists of Pacific-oriented funds excluding Japan, as much too broad to be a useful peer group for a Korea-focused fund. For that reason, the Trustees placed greater weight on relative performance against a benchmark index.

For **Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund ranked in the top quintile among its peer groups for the three-year, five-year and since-inception periods, and in the second quintile for the one-year period. The Trustees noted that the peer group included global and international small cap funds, which the Trustees considered to be of limited use in evaluating the Fund statisfactory performance.

For **Matthews China Dividend Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund had ranked in the first or second quintile of its peer group for the three-year, five-year and since inception periods, but was below the median for the one-year period with positive performance.

For **Matthews China Small Companies Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was below the median in its peer group for the three-year, five-year and since inception periods. The Trustees recognized that small capitalization strategies, particularly for a China-focused fund, can produce highly variable results. The Trustees regarded the peer group of China funds as less useful because of the small capitalization mandate for this Fund within a China-focused peer group. The Trustees also noted changes to the portfolio management team for this Fund.

For **Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund**, the Trustees noted that the Fund performance had ranked in the first or second quintile for the one- and three-year periods, but below the median peer groups since inception. The Trustees recognized that the peer groups included mostly broader emerging market hard currency debt funds not focused on Asia, meaning the Fund s relative performance could be more dependent on the relative performance of the Asian debt markets than portfolio management activity. The Trustees regarded the Fund s performance as satisfactory.

For Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Focus Fund and Matthews Asia ESG Fund, the brief period since inception has not afforded sufficient performance to conduct a meaningful comparison to any peer group. The Trustees believe, however, that the relative past performance of other Funds managed by Matthews provides additional support for their renewal of the Current Agreement and approval of the New Agreement with respect to these three Funds.

T The extent to which Matthews realizes economies of scale as the Funds grow larger and whether Fund investors benefit from any economies of scale. The Trustees discussed Matthews ongoing investment in its technology,

systems, staffing and other aspects of its business that can benefit the Funds, which is an acceptable way for Matthews to share economies of scale with the Funds and their shareholders. The Trustees considered the new personnel hired over the past year, as well as planned hiring, and the extent to which that hiring could be expected to benefit shareholders. The Trustees also recognize that the Funds—total assets have fluctuated over the past few years, especially in certain strategies, which has also affected any economies of scale that could be enjoyed. The Trustees concluded that the advisory fee structure with breakpoints for the group-priced Funds (other than the individually priced Funds, which at the time of approval were the two small company focused Funds, the Emerging Asia Fund and the fixed-income Fund), and the new breakpoint for most of those individually priced Funds (other than the fixed-income Fund), enhances the ability of the Funds and their shareholders to benefit from past and future potential economies of scale, and continues to be appropriate given the size and objectives of the Funds. The Trustees further noted that additional economies of scale are shared with shareholders of the Funds through fee

waivers and/or expense reimbursements pursuant to the Operating Expenses Agreement, fee waivers pursuant to the Fee Waiver Agreement, and the breakpoints in the fees payable under the Services Agreement, all of which will not be changed as a result of the Transaction or the approval of the New Agreement. As a result, the Trustees remain satisfied about the extent to which economies of scale have been and will continue to be shared with the Funds and their shareholders.

The costs of the services provided by Matthews and others. The Trustees considered the advisory fees and total fees and expenses of each Fund in comparison to the advisory fees and other fees and expenses of other funds in each Fund s relevant peer group. The Trustees considered both the gross advisory fee rates charged by Matthews, as well as the effective advisory fee rates after taking into consideration the fees waived and expenses reimbursed pursuant to the Operating Expenses Agreement and the Fee Waiver Agreement, noting that the advisory fee rates under the New Agreement are identical to those under the Current Agreement and that the fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangements reflected in the Operating Expenses Agreement and the Fee Waiver Agreement will continue to be in place following the consummation of the Transaction. The Trustees found that the contractual advisory rates (excluding administrative services) for the Funds were very competitive and generally lower than those of the relevant peer group averages for most of the Funds. The Trustees also found that the total expense ratios paid by shareholders of the Funds, which are most representative of a shareholder s net experience, were also very competitive, with all but the relatively newer or smaller Funds ranking below the peer group averages.

The Trustees also compared Matthews advisory fees with those of Matthews separate accounts and other investment products, noting that the Funds advisory expenses were

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not disadvantageous (not being substantially higher than the separate accounts—rates). The Trustees agreed that total expenses appeared to be appropriate in comparison and taking into account the services differences between these products and the Funds, including the differences in the frequency of net asset value calculations and other operational and compliance activities. The Trustees considered various specific Fund expenses, including the custody fees and transfer agent fees. The Trustees noted that Matthews—continued efforts in recent years had resulted in, for many of the Funds, reduced expenses in some categories. The Trustees concluded that Matthews—advisory fee rates and the Funds expense ratios are reasonable in light of comparative performance and expense and advisory fee information for each of the Funds.

For each of the Funds, the Trustees noted that, subject to the considerations and exceptions noted below, the contractual advisory fee rates, the total expense ratio, and the effective or net advisory fee rates were all lower than or not materially above the median of the funds in each Fund s peer group.

For **Matthews Asia Small Companies Fund**, the Trustees noted that the gross advisory fee rate was equal to the peer group median, but actual total expenses excluding Rule 12b-1 and actual advisory fees were higher than the peer group median. The Trustees were pleased to note, however, that the actual total expenses and non-management expenses were below the peer group medians. The Trustees expect that the Fund s comparative position should improve as the Fund grows.

For **Matthews China Small Companies Fund**, the Trustees noted that the gross advisory fee rate, actual advisory fee rate and total expenses were above the median. The Trustees expect that the Fund s comparative position should improve as the Fund grows.

For **Matthews Asia Strategic Income Fund**, the Trustees noted that the gross advisory fee rate, but not the actual advisory fees, are lower than the peer group median, as well as the actual total expenses in part as the result of the expense limitation in effect.

For Matthews Emerging Asia Fund, Matthews Asia Focus Fund and Matthews Asia ESG Fund, the brief period since inception means that the Funds remain small and subject to subsidies under expense limitation agreements. The contractual advisory fee rate and actual advisory fee rate for the Matthews Emerging Asia Fund is above the peer group median. For the Matthews Asia Focus Fund the contractual advisory fee is below the median but the actual advisory fee is above the median for the peer group. For the Matthews Asia ESG Fund, the contractual advisory fee and the actual advisory fee are below the median for the peer group. With respect to these fees as well as total expense levels, these Funds remain new and relatively small and there is not sufficient peer group expense information to conduct a meaningful comparison to any peer group. The Trustees

remain comfortable with the expense levels set under the expense limitation agreement for these Funds.

T The profits to be realized by Matthews and its affiliates from the relationships with the Funds. The Trustees reviewed the profitability of Matthews on both an absolute basis and in comparison to other investment advisers. The Trustees noted that Matthews pretax profit margin appeared to be reasonable in relation to other advisors. The Trustees also noted that Matthews appeared to be sufficiently profitable to operate as a viable investment

management firm, able to honor its obligations as a sponsor of the Funds, including the Funds that did not generate a profit for Matthews, without earning excessive profits from any particular Fund or from the overall relationship with the Funds. The Trustees noted that, with fluctuations in asset levels in some prior years, volatility in revenues and profitability could be expected from time to time, but also noted the continued expenditures on personnel and other resources. The Trustees noted an increase in profitability in some prior years, but they are aware of the continued volatility of markets and asset levels that can result in continued fluctuations of profitability. The Trustees further noted that Matthews—continued upgrading of its trading, research, compliance, and other technological systems should increase Matthews—capacity, speed and reliability in providing services to the Funds as they grow, which further supports the long-term viability of the Funds and Matthews. The Trustees also considered that the additional benefits derived by Matthews from its relationship with the Funds are limited solely to permissible research and brokerage benefits received in exchange for—soft dollars.—After that review, the Trustees determined that the profitability level for Matthews with respect to the Current Agreement and the New Agreement should be fair and reasonable in consideration of the services it provides and will provide to the Funds.

No single factor was determinative of the Board s decision to approve the Current Agreement and the New Agreement, but rather the Trustees based their determination on the total mix of information available to them. After considering the factors described above, the Board concluded that the terms of the advisory arrangements are fair and reasonable to each Fund in light of the services that Matthews provides, its costs and reasonably foreseeable Fund asset levels, and that each Fund s shareholders received and would receive reasonable value in return for the advisory fees paid. The Independent Trustees concluded separately that continuance of the Current Agreement and approval of the New Agreement was supported by reasonable and impartial records and information, including the performance of the Funds in relation to their peer groups, the services provided by Matthews, and the competitive expense structure, and that the continuance of the Current Agreement and approval of the New Agreement with respect to each Fund would be in the best interests of each Fund and its shareholders. In addition, the consensus of the Board and the Independent Trustees, based on the information presented with respect to the consid-

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eration of the New Agreement, was that there would be no unfair burden imposed on the Funds as a result of the Transaction within the meaning of Section 15(f) of the 1940 Act.

Each of the Current Agreement and the New Agreement may be terminated by the Trustees on behalf of the Funds or by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice without penalty. Each of the Current Agreement and New Agreement will also terminate automatically in the event of its assignment, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Matthews Asia Value Fund (the Fund ), which is a new series of the Trust, has retained Matthews International Capital Management, LLC (Matthews) to manage its assets pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, including the Independent Trustees. Following an initial term with respect to the Fund upon its commencement of operations, the Advisory Agreement continues in effect from year-to-year provided that the continuance is specifically approved at least annually by the vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund, or by the Board of Trustees, and, in either event, by a majority of the Independent Trustees of the Trust casting votes in person at a meeting called for that purpose.

At a meeting held on November 18, 2015, the Board, including the Independent Trustees of the Trust, approved the Advisory Agreement, with respect to the Fund, for an initial term through August 31, 2016 or the earlier of the completion of a proposed change of control transaction involving Matthews. The Board, including the Independent Trustees of the Trust, also approved a new Advisory Agreement with respect to the Fund for an initial term of two years to take effect upon the closing of that change of control transaction. Both agreements are referred to together as the Advisory Agreements.

The Independent Trustees reviewed and discussed the information provided by Matthews at that and prior meetings. The Independent Trustees were assisted in their deliberations by their independent legal counsel. Below is a summary of the factors considered by the Board in approving the Advisory Agreements with respect to the Fund.

- T The nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Matthews under the Advisory Agreements. The Trustees considered the experience and qualifications of the personnel at Matthews who would be responsible for providing services to the Fund and would be responsible for the daily management of the Fund s portfolio. The Trustees noted that Matthews has continued to expand its professional staff at both senior and junior levels over the past several years, and has enjoyed relative stability of its senior executive and portfolio management. The Trustees noted Matthews on-going commitment to governance, compliance, risk and valuation practices. The Trustees viewed Matthews as well positioned to provide high quality services to the Fund under various market conditions, as demonstrated by the past volatile and challenging secu
  - rities markets that have caused either contracting revenues or rapidly expanding assets at different times. The Trustees concluded that Matthews has the quality of personnel and other investment resources essential to performing its duties under the Advisory Agreements, and that the nature, overall quality, cost and extent of such management services are expected to be satisfactory and reliable.
- T **The investment performance of Matthews.** The Trustees are familiar with the short-term and long-term performance of other series of the Trust on both an absolute basis and in comparison to peer funds and benchmark

indices. This is a new Fund without any prior performance. The Trustees also emphasized longer-term performance goals, which they believe are more important than short isolated periods for purposes of evaluating Matthews s success in meeting Fund and shareholder objectives. The Trustees concluded that Matthews has the potential to generate acceptable long-term performance for the Fund.

- The extent to which Matthews realizes economies of scale as the Fund grows larger and whether Fund investors benefit from any economies of scale. Because the Fund is new, it is not expected to recognize economies of scale for some time. The Trustees expect to monitor the Fund s growth and evaluate economies of scale at future renewals of the Advisory Agreement in effect at that time. They expect that the Fund will benefit from existing economies of scale because of the family pricing of certain series of the Trust, including the Fund, including recently negotiated breakpoints. Additional fee reductions were adopted under the Administration and Shareholder Services Agreement for all series of the Trust for each increment of \$5 billion of additional assets over \$25 billion, with the lowest fee rate on assets over \$45 billion. As a result, the Trustees remain satisfied about the extent to which economies of scale would be shared with the Fund and its shareholders.
- T The costs of the services provided by Matthews and others. The Trustees considered the advisory fees and total fees and expenses of the Fund in comparison to the advisory fees and other fees and expenses of other funds in the Trust, noting that the Fund does not have a fully suitable peer group for its specialty strategy. The Trustees noted that the expense limitation that would apply is the same as has been applied to certain other new series of the Trust, and that the administrative fee would be based on the combined family pricing for the Trust. Also, the total expense ratio to be paid by investors in the Fund, which is most representative of an investor s net experience, would be reasonable.
- T The profits to be realized by Matthews and its affiliates from the relationships with the Fund. The Trustees recognized that, as a new fund with expense limitations in place, it is unlikely that the Fund will generate profits for Matthews initially and may not do so until the Fund has experienced some significant growth. The Trustees also considered that the additional benefits expected to be

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derived by Matthews from its relationship with the Fund are limited solely to research benefits received in exchange for soft dollars.

No single factor was determinative of the Board's decision to approve the Advisory Agreements, but rather the Trustees based their determination on the total mix of information available to them. After considering the factors described above, the Board concluded that the terms of the advisory arrangements would be fair and reasonable to the Fund in light of the services that Matthews is expected to provide, and that the Fund's shareholders are expected to receive reasonable value in return for the advisory fees paid. For these reasons, the approval of the Advisory Agreements with respect to the Fund would be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

Each Advisory Agreement may be terminated by the Trustees on behalf of the Fund or by Matthews upon 60 days prior written notice without penalty. Each Advisory Agreement will also terminate automatically in the event of its assignment, as defined in the 1940 Act.

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Trustees and Officers of the Funds (unaudited)

The operations of each Fund are under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees establishes each Fund s policies and oversees and reviews the management of each Fund. The Board meets regularly to review the activities of the officers, who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Funds. The Statement of Additional Information, which includes additional information about Fund Trustees, is available without charge by calling 800.789.2742 or by visiting the Funds website, matthewsasia.com. The Trustees and executive officers of the Funds, their year of birth, business address and principal occupations during the past five years are set forth below:

| Name, Year of Birth,  Address and Position(s)  Held with Trust INDEPENDENT  | Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup> FRUSTEES | Principal Occupation(s)  During Past 5 Years  | Number of  Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee | Other<br>Trusteeships/Directorships<br>(number of portfolios) Held<br>by Trustee  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| JONATHAN F. ZESCHIN  Born 1953  Four Embarcadero Center  Suite 550  San Francisco, CA 94111  Chairman of the Board of | Trustee since 2007 and Chairman of the Board since 2014        | Partner (since 2009), Essential Investment Partners, LLC (investment advisory and wealth management); President (since 2000), Essential Advisers Inc. (financial holding company); Managing Partner (since 1998), JZ Partners LLC (consulting). | 19  | Director (since 2013), Matthews<br>A Share  Selections Fund, LLC (2 Portfolios); Trustee and Chairman of the Board, DCA Total Return Fund (2005 2011) (1 Portfolio) and DCW Total Return Fund (2007 2010) (1 Portfolio); Trustee (2002 2007), ICON Funds (17 Portfolios); Director (2002-2004), Wasatch Funds (10 portfolios) |
| Trustees and Trustee TOSHI SHIBANO Born 1950 Four Embarcadero Center Suite 550  | Since 2003   | Faculty (since 2000), General Electric s  John F. Welch Leadership Center;  President (since 1995), Strategic Value   | 19  | Director (since 2013), Matthews<br>A Share Selections Fund, LLC<br>(2 Portfolios)   |

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development

Trustee

programs); Faculty Director and Executive Education Lecturer (since 1995), Center for Executive Education, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley; Adjunct Professor (2000 2011), Columbia Graduate School of Business; Associate Professor (2001 2005), Thunderbird School of Global Management; Visiting Assistant Professor (2000), Stanford Graduate School of Business;

**Assistant Professor** 

(1995) 2000), University of Chicago Graduate School of

Business; Assistant

**Investment Officer** 

Professor (1988 1995), Haas School of Business, UC

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Vice President, Corporate

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Chief Learning

Officer (2006 2008),

Goldman Sachs

(investment banking and

investment

Director (since 2013), Matthews A Share Selections Fund, LLC

(2 Portfolios)

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(2 Portfolios); Trustee

(2001 2006), Barclays Global Investor Funds and Master Investment Portfolios (15

Portfolios); Director (2000 2006), iShares, Inc. (24

Portfolios) and iShares Trust (over 70 Portfolios); Trustee (1994) 2006) and Chairman of

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94111 Associate Dean (2005 2006), Matthews International Funds (9

> Acting Dean (2004 2005), Portfolios)

Professor (2000 2004), Trustee

Professor (1993 1996), Haas

Berkeley.

**Associate Professor** (1996 2000), Assistant

School of Business, UC

1 Each Trustee serves for an indefinite term, until retirement age or until his/her successor is elected. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

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| CHRISTOPHER LEE  Born 1967  Four Embarcadero Center  Suite 550  San Francisco, CA 94111  Trustee | Since 2015                       | Lecturer (part-time) (since 2013), The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Private Investor and Partner (since 2012), FAA Investments (financial holding company); Managing Director, Asia Region, and Head of Global Markets Investment Products & db-X (2010 2012), Deutsche Bank AG (financial services); Managing Director, Equity Risk Management Products, and Head of Intermediary Business (2002 2010), UBS AG (financial services); Vice President, Global Markets & Investment Bank (2000 2002), Vice President, International Private Clients Group (1997 2000), Associate, Debt and  Equity Markets Group (1995 1997),  Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (brokerage | 19                  | Director (since 2015), Matthews A Share Selections Fund, LLC (2 Portfolios); Director (since 2013), Asian Masters Fund (Australia) (1 Portfolio); Trustee (since 2013), African Wildlife Foundation; Trustee (since 2010), Oakland Museum of California |
| GALE K.  | Since 2015                       | and investment management).  Formerly President and   | 19                  | Director (since 2015), Matthews   |
| CARUSO   | 5mcc 2013                        | Chief Executive Officer   | -/                  | A Share Selections Fund, LLC  |

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| Four Embarcadero<br>Center<br>Suite 550<br>San Francisco, CA<br>94111<br>Trustee                                     |  | (1999 2003), Zurich<br>Kemper Life (life<br>insurance and annuities);<br>Chairman, President and<br>Chief Executive Officer<br>(1994 1999), Scudder<br>Canada Investor Services,<br>Ltd. (investment<br>management); Managing<br>Director (1986 1999),<br>Scudder Kemper<br>Investments, Inc.<br>(investment management).   |               | (2 portfolios); Trustee (since 2006), Pacific Select Fund (58 Portfolios) and Pacific Life Funds (33 Portfolios); Director (2005 2012), Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine; Director (2005 2009), LandAmerica Financial  Group, Inc.; Director (2001 2003), Make- A-Wish of Northern Illinois; former member of the Board of Directors, Illinois Life Insurance Council.                            |
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| G. PAUL MATTHEWS  Born 1956  Four Embarcadero Center  Suite 550  San Francisco, CA 94111  Trustee WILLIAM J. HACKETT | President since 2008 and Trustee                     | Director (since 1996), Chairman (1996 2009), Managing Member (1996 2016), Portfolio Manager (1996 2012), Chief Investment Officer (1991 2007), Matthews (investment management); President (1994 2007), Matthews International Funds (registered investment company).  Chief Executive Officer (since 2009), President and Secretary (since 2007),                      | 19            | Director (since 2013), Matthews A Share Selections Fund, LLC (2 Portfolios); Director (since 2004), Matthews Asian Selections Funds PLC (Ireland) (1 Portfolio); Trustee (2001 2004) and Trustee and Chairman of Board (1994 1998), Matthews International Funds (7 Portfolios).  Chairman (since 2010), Matthews Asia Funds SICAV (Luxembourg) (13 Portfolios);                                 |

San Francisco, CA Director (since 2010), 94111 Matthews Global Investors

S.à r.l. (Luxembourg)

Trustee and (investment management);

Director (since 2010),

President Matthews Global Investors

(Hong Kong) Limited (investment management); Partner (2002 2007), Deloitte & Touche, LLP

(accounting).

1 Each trustee serves for an indefinite term, until retirement age or until his/her successor is elected. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

2 A trustee is considered an interested person of the Trust as defined under the 1940 Act because of an ownership interest in the Advisor or an office held with the Trust or the Advisor.

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|                                 |                                       |  | Other Trusteeships                        |
| Name, Year of Birth,            |                                       |  | Directorships                             |
| ,                               | Term of Office                        |  | (number of                                |
| Address and Position(s)         | and Length of                         |  | portfolios)                               |
| Held with Trust<br>OFFICERS WHO | Time Served <sup>1</sup> ARE NOT TRUS | Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years  | Held by Officer                           |
| ROBERT J.<br>HORROCKS,<br>PHD   | Since 2009                            | Chief Investment Officer (since 2009), Director of Research (2008–2009), Matthews (investment management); Head of Research (2006–2008), Mirae Asset Management (investment management); Chief | None                                      |
| Born 1968                       |                                       | Investment Officer (2003 2006), Everbright Pramerica (investment management).  |   |
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| Suite 550                       |                                       |  |   |
| San Francisco, CA<br>94111      |                                       |  |   |
| Vice President                  |                                       |  |   |
| JOHN P.<br>McGOWAN              | Since 2005                            | Senior Vice President of Business Administration (since 2009), Chief Administrative Officer (2007 2008)  |   |
| Born 1964                       |                                       | Chief Operating Officer (2004 2007), Matthews (investment management); Vice President and  | Matthews Asian                            |
| Four Embarcadero                |                                       | Secretary (since 2013), Matthews A Share Selections Fund, LLC (registered investment company); Director  | Selections Funds                          |
| Center                          |                                       | (since 2010), Matthews Asia Funds SICAV (Luxembourg) (investments); Director (since 2010),   | Plc (1 Portfolio);                        |
| Suite 550                       |                                       | Matthews Global Investors S.à r.l. (Luxembourg) (investment management); Director (since 2004),  | Director,                                 |
| San Francisco, CA<br>94111      |                                       | Matthews Asian Selections Funds, PLC (Ireland) (investments).  | Matthews Asia                             |
| Vice President and              |                                       |  | Funds SICAV (Luxembourg) (13 Portfolios). |
| Secretary                       |                                       |  | i ortionos).                              |
| SHAI A. MALKA                   | Since 2005                            | Vice President of Fund Accounting and Operations (since 2010), Senior Manager of Fund Accounting and   | None                                      |
| Born 1973                       |                                       | Operations (2004 2009), Matthews (investment management); Treasurer (since 2013), Matthews A   |   |
| Four Embarcadero<br>Center      |                                       | Share Selections Fund, LLC (registered investment company).  |   |

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Treasurer

**DAVID** Since 2014

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MONROE

Chief Legal Officer (2006 2013), Nikko Asset

Management Co., Ltd. (investment management).

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Center

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Vice President

MANOJ K. Since 2005

**POMBRA** 

Born 1964

Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-Money Laundering None

Officer (since 2005), Matthews (investment

management); Senior Manager, Mutual Fund Compliance/Manager Portfolio Compliance

(2001 2005), Franklin Templeton Investments

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Center

(investment management).

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and Anti-Money

Laundering Officer

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None

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#### Item 2. Code of Ethics.

- (a) The registrant, as of the end of the period covered by this report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party.
- (c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics description.
- (d) The registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant s principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item s instructions.

# Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

- (a) As of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant s board of directors has determined that the registrant has two audit committee financial experts serving on its audit committee, Toshi Shibano and Jonathan F. Zeschin, and that both are independent.
- (b) Prof. Shibano is a member of the Faculty of the General Electric Corporate Leadership Development Center and also serves as Executive Education Lecturer at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. He was an Adjunct Professor at the Columbia Graduate School of Business and has served on the faculties of Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management, Stanford Graduate School of Business, the University of Chicago School of Business and the Australian Graduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales. He regularly reviews current research in accounting both for use in instruction of courses and for internal faculty evaluation. He has experience analyzing and evaluating financial statements at the appropriate level of complexity through his professional activities on the educational faculties referenced above.

Prof. Shibano also has extensive experience in executive education worldwide (Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Finland, Italy, Mexico, India) and has developed innovative new programs in financial analysis, management control systems and strategy implementation. Prof. Shibano has published in the Journal of Accounting Research, the Journal of Accounting and Economics, the Rand Journal of Economics, and the Journal of Applied Corporate Finance, on the topics of strategic audit risk, accounting standard setting, international accounting standards, tax minimization, foreign currency risk management, and organizational structure. Prof. Shibano received his MBA from the Haas School at UC Berkeley and earned his PhD at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, earning the highest academic honors in both programs. Prof. Shibano has gained additional accounting expertise as the Audit Committee Chair of Matthews International Funds.

Mr. Zeschin is Partner of Essential Investment Partners, LLC, a wealth management and investment advisory firm. He is also the portfolio manager for that firm s Essential Growth Portfolio. Essential Investment Partners, LLC succeeded to the business of Essential Advisers, Inc. He is Managing Partner of JZ Partners, LLC, a business consulting firm for investment managers. Prior to forming Essential Advisers, Inc., Mr. Zeschin held senior executive positions with Founders Asset Management, Inc., Invesco Fund Group, and Stein Roe & Farnham, Inc. Mr. Zeschin holds a Masters of Management from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University, with majors in Finance and Marketing, and a Bachelor in Business Administration in Accounting with distinction from the University of Michigan. He holds a Certified Public Accountant certificate from the state of Illinois and is a Certified Financial Planner certificant. Mr. Zeschin is a former chair of the ICI s Accounting Treasurer s Committee and a former member of the AICPA Investment Companies committee. Mr. Zeschin is currently the chairman of the Board of Trustees to two NYSE listed closed-end funds. He has served on the audit committees of mutual fund boards since 2002. He has experience analyzing and evaluating financial statements at the appropriate level of complexity through his professional activities on the educational faculties referenced above. Mr. Zeschin has gained additional expertise as a member of the Audit Committee of Matthews International Funds.

#### **Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

#### **Audit Fees**

(a) The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant s annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years are \$446,520 in 2014 and \$525,698 in 2015.

#### Audit-Related Fees

(b) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant s financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item are \$0 in 2014 and \$0 in 2015.

#### Tax Fees

(c) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning are \$114,858 in 2014 and \$124,963 in 2015. Tax fees include services provided by the principal accountant for tax return preparations.

#### All Other Fees

- (d) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item are \$0 in 2014 and \$0 in 2015.
- (e)(1) Disclose the audit committee s pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c)(7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

# Pre-Approval of Auditor Services.

*Pre-Approval Requirements*. Before the Auditor is engaged by the Trust to render audit related or permissible non-audit services, <u>either</u>:

- (i) The Audit Committee shall pre-approve all audit related services and permissible non-audit services (*e.g.*, tax services) to be provided to the Trust; or
- (ii) The Audit Committee shall establish policies and procedures governing the Auditor s engagement. Any such policies and procedures must (1) be detailed as to the particular service and (2) not involve any delegation of the Audit Committee s responsibilities to the Adviser. The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to grant pre-approvals. The pre-approval policies and procedures shall include the requirement that the decisions of any member to whom authority is delegated under this Section 4(e) shall be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

De Minimis Exceptions to Pre-Approval Requirements. Pre-approval for a service provided to the Trust other than audit, review or attest services is not required if: (1) the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Trust constitutes not more than 5 percent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Trust to the Auditor during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided; (2) such services were not recognized by the Trust at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (3) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee and are approved by the Audit Committee or by one or more members of the Audit Committee to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee.

*Pre-Approval of Non-Audit Services Provided to the Adviser and Certain Control Persons.* With respect to services that have a direct impact on the operations or financial reporting of the Trust, the Audit Committee shall pre-approve all such non-audit services proposed to be provided by the Auditor to (i) the Adviser and (ii) any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Trust.

Application of De Minimis Exception: The de minimis exceptions set forth above under Section 4(e)(ii) apply to pre-approvals under this Section 4(e)(iii) as well, except that the total amount of revenues calculation for Section 4(e)(iii) services is based on the total amount of revenues paid to the Auditor by the Trust and any other entity that has its services approved under this Section (i.e., the Adviser or any control person).

- (e)(2) The percentage of services described in each of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X are as follows:
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) 100%.
- (d) Not applicable.
  - (f) The percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant s engagement to audit the registrant s financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant s full-time, permanent employees was 0%
  - (g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant s accountant for services rendered to the registrant, and rendered to the registrant s investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant was \$466,862 in 2014 and \$353,683 in 2015.
  - (h) The registrant s audit committee of the board of directors has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant s investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant s independence.

# Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Investments.

(a) Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

(b) Not applicable.

# Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

Not applicable.

# Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.

Not applicable.

#### Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant s board of directors, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101)), or this Item.

#### Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant s second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

# Item 12. Exhibits.

- (a)(1) Code of ethics, or any amendment thereto, that is the subject of disclosure required by Item 2 is attached hereto.
- (a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

(12.other) Not applicable.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

| (Registrant)               | Matthews International Funds   | _ |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| By (Signature and Title)*_ | /s/ William J. Hackett William J. Hackett, President (principal executive officer)   | _ |
| Date 3/8/2016              |  |   |
| •                          | ats of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investi<br>www.by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and | ž |
| By (Signature and Title)*_ | /s/ William J. Hackett William J. Hackett, President (principal executive officer)   | - |
| Date 3/8/2016              |  | _ |
| By (Signature and Title)*_ | /s/ Shai Malka Shai Malka, Treasurer (principal financial officer)   | - |
| Date 3/8/2016              |  | _ |

<sup>\*</sup> Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.