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To the Prospectus of Matthews Asia Funds

Dated April 29, 2008, as supplemented September 15, 2008

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The following supplements the Portfolio Managers section on pages 28, 32, 36 and 48 and the Management of the Funds - Portfolio Managers section on pages 54 and 55 with respect to the Matthews China, Matthews India, Matthews Japan and Matthews Asian Technology Funds:

The Lead Manager for the Matthews China Fund is Richard Gao and the Co-Manager is Andrew T. Foster.

The Lead Manager for the Matthews India Fund is Sharat Shroff, CFA, and the Co-Managers are Andrew T. Foster and Noor Kamruddin.

The Lead Manager for the Matthews Japan Fund is Taizo Ishida and the Co-Manager is Virgil Adams.

The Lead Manager for the Matthews Asian Technology Fund is J. Michael Oh and the Co-Manager is Lydia So.

Virgil Adams is Co-Manager of the Matthews Japan Fund. Prior to joining Matthews International Capital Management, LLC in 2008, Virgil was Co-Founder and Managing Partner of New Frontiers Investments in Shanghai, starting in 2002. He was also President of Amida Capital in Tokyo. Before that, Virgil served as a Founding Partner and Portfolio Manager for Hachibushu Capital, a multi-strategy hedge fund based in Tokyo. Previously, Virgil worked for six years at Fidelity Investments as an Equity Analyst and Portfolio Manager. He received a B.A. in International Studies from the University of Oregon and an M.B.A from the University of Michigan. He is fluent in Japanese. Virgil has been a Portfolio Manager of the Japan Fund since 2009.

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To the Statement of Additional Information of Matthews Asia Funds
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The following supplements the Portfolio Managers section on pages 42 through 45 of the Statement of Additional Information:

NUMBER OF

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NAME OF PORTFOLIO MANAGER	ACCOUNT CATEGORY	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS	IN ACCOUNTS	BASED ON ACCOUNT PERFORMANCE
MARK W. HEADLEY Co-Portfolio Manager of the Matthews Pacific Tiger and Korea Funds.	Registered Investment Companies	0	0	0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0
	Other Accounts	0	0	0
ANDREW T. FOSTER Lead Portfolio Manager of the Matthews Asian Growth and Income; Co-Portfolio Manager of the Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income, China and India Funds.	Registered Investment Companies	0	0	0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$336,860,135	0
	Other Accounts	0	0	0
NOOR KAMRUDDIN Co-Portfolio Manager of the Matthews India and Asia Small Companies Funds.	Registered Investment Companies	0	0	0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0	0
	Other Accounts	0	0	0

NUMBER OF
ACCOUNTS WHERE
TOTAL ASSETS ADVISORY FEE IS
NAME OF ACCOUNT NUMBER OF IN BASED ON ACCOUNT
PORTFOLIO MANAGER CATEGORY ACCOUNTS ACCOUNTS PERFORMANCE

SHARAT SHROFF, CFA Registered 0 0 0 0
Lead Portfolio Manager of Investment
the Matthews Pacific Tiger Companies
and India Funds;
Co-Portfolio Manager of
the Matthews Asia Pacific

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	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	26,598,021
	Other Accounts	3	558,708,645
VIRGIL ADAMS Co-Portfolio Manager of the Matthews Japan Fund.		0	0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	0
	Other Accounts	0	0
The following supplements Statement of Additional In	-	ers section o	n page 47 of the
NAME OF PORTFOLIO MANAGER			R RANGE OF ITIES IN THE FUND
Virgil Adams	X None		