



SUMITOMO MITSUI DS ASSET MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES SMD-AM CHINA A SHARES UCITS FUND

- **Luxembourg-domiciled UCITS fund investing in quality growth Chinese onshore companies;**
- **The strategy has performed 7.3 % p.a. (MSCI China A Onshore 2.2%, CSI300 2.9%) (1) since strategy inception in April 2007;**
- **Strong research capability with locally based investment team;**
- **Long track record with distinctive portfolio management focusing on quality and growth.**

London – 20th December 2022,

Sumitomo Mitsui DS Asset Management ('SMDAM') today launched one of its core Asian strategies in Europe: China A Share equity. The Luxembourg-domiciled SMD-AM China A Shares UCITS Fund invests in Chinese companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, and is intended for professional investors or eligible counterparties who seek actively managed, quality growth equity returns to complement their diversified portfolios.

The strategy was first introduced in 2007 in Japan to Japanese investors and has thus far consistently outperformed in relative terms. Mr UEHARA of SMDAM Tokyo, as the main portfolio manager, has contributed to the performance since 2014. Meanwhile, SMDAM Shanghai's Ms Wei (Maggie) SUN, with over 15 years of experience, has enhanced performance through her local expertise in stock recommendations; since mid-August 2016, the strategy has enjoyed a steady return of 9.0% p.a. (MSCI China A Onshore 1.5%, CSI300 3.4%) (2).

"We have launched the UCITS fund on the back of a very strong track record and as a very interesting option to investors who seek to manage their exposure to China in a more focused manner" Mr Naoto NAGAI, CIO (SMDAM HK), Management of Asia Oceania Equity Investment, said.

Indeed, SMDAM has had a long track record (15 years) of investing in the China A Shares market, and the investment and research teams have accumulated significant experience in taking advantage of changes in the Chinese economy and policy trends. Their ability to swiftly obtain an in-depth understanding of government policy and evaluate its consequences, has contributed towards uncovering new long-term investment objectives.

Mr NAGAI added: *"Using a bottom-up, fundamental research-driven approach to identify quality companies with attractive valuations from themes that are set to benefit from the changing growth dynamics in the Chinese economy together with ESG evaluation on the proprietary scoring system, we believe our China A share fund brings strong local expertise and a distinctive investment focus to Europe-based investors."*

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- (1) Source: SMD-AM & Bloomberg, reference indices: CSI300 Index, and MSCI China A Onshore Index, as at 30 November 2022.
 - (2) Source: SMDAM & Bloomberg, reference indices: CSI300 Index, and MSCI China A Onshore Index, as at 30 November 2022.
 - (3) Source: SMDAM as at 30 September 2022.
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