

Wasatch Greater China Fund

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Chinese Equities Rallied Broadly as Pandemic Restrictions Eased

OVERVIEW

The Wasatch Greater China Fund—Investor Class was up 13.05% during the fourth quarter but underperformed the benchmark MSCI China Index, which ended the period with a gain of 13.52%.

Negative economic data weighed on Chinese equities early in the period, but as the Chinese government began easing pandemic-related restrictions, stocks rallied sharply in anticipation of what that would mean for the economy.

While the Fund was up substantially, it slightly trailed the Index. The underperformance was due largely to an overweight in the consumer-staples sector. Stocks within that sector did not rise as sharply as those in many other sectors did during the quarter, because consumer-staples companies benefited less from China's broad reopening than other businesses.

Over the course of the quarter, we pared back the consumer-staples overweight to marginally tilt our portfolio toward more companies that may benefit from China's reopening. However, we did not make

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wholesale changes and continue to like the long-term growth potential of our consumer-staples companies.

DETAILS OF THE QUARTER

The largest detractor from Fund performance during the period was **Yunnan Botanee Bio-Technology Group Co. Ltd., Class A**. Earnings results for the cosmetics maker were below expectations and the stock had become expensive, in our view, so we trimmed the position. By trimming Botanee and a few other positions we have been able to shift the Fund's holdings, on the margin, toward companies that may get a tailwind from China's loosening pandemic restrictions.

Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd., Class A was another detractor. The company is a leading seller of premium baijiu, a Chinese alcoholic spirit. The stock was down due to concerns China may regulate government spending on the beverage. We believe those concerns are overdone. Experts estimate government spending accounts for less than 10% of total baijiu spend. Further, spirit makers could be poised to benefit from an increase in social gatherings and business meetings as pandemic restrictions ease.

Also detracting from Fund performance was **Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food Co. Ltd., Class A**. The company produces soy sauce, oyster sauce and other condiments. Weaker earnings results weighed on the stock this quarter, but we continue to like the company. Inventory in some of Haitian's distribution channels has built up and sales to the catering industry have been weak due to lockdowns, but we expect revenue to pick up in the coming quarters as those headwinds ease. Over the long term, we expect the company to do well amid consolidation of the condiment market and a growing consumer preference for premium condiment brands in China.

Chailease Holding Co. Ltd. was a top contributor to Fund performance during the

month. The Taiwan-domiciled company provides financing for the leasing and purchase of commercial equipment. The stock has been up as nonperforming loans have stabilized, an early sign that the company has withstood economic challenges related to Covid-19. While there is some cyclicity to the business, we like Chailease's long-term growth potential. The company has built up niche expertise serving small- and medium-sized enterprises across a variety of industries. Management has well-established lending and monitoring procedures, and we believe its reputation will lead Chailease to better funding opportunities than its competitors.

AIA Group Ltd. was another top contributor. The stocks of many Chinese financial companies were up in the fourth quarter in anticipation of reopening, and AIA Group was no exception. The Hong Kong-based company provides insurance products and financial services throughout China, and we believe it stands to benefit considerably as China's rising middle class seeks to protect its wealth.

Another top contributor was **H World Group Ltd.** The company is the leading hotel chain in mainland China, and we anticipate a sharp increase in demand—and revenue—as China reopens. The stock was up this quarter on similar expectations from investors. Over the longer term, we believe H World will be a large beneficiary as China's fractured hotel industry consolidates. *(Current and future holdings are subject to change and risk.)*

OUTLOOK

Chinese stocks have lagged other markets considerably over the last two years, due to a host of factors including a struggling property sector, rising geopolitical tensions, regulatory uncertainty and, most of all, pandemic-related restrictions that hampered growth. With those restrictions finally easing, there could still be negative news from



China as the population faces a large surge in the virus. But we believe there are reasons to be optimistic about Chinese equities in 2023.

Those reasons start with reopening. China's zero-Covid policies have kept its economy stuck in low gear since early 2020. Now that the government has decided to forego restrictions, we don't believe it will turn back, despite the health consequences, because societal pressure against lockdowns has been too great. A return to normalization would be a boon to consumption. And as activity normalizes, we also wouldn't be surprised if the government launches stimulus measures.

Another reason to be constructive on Chinese equities is potential for momentum and inflows to the Chinese market as the economy improves. With developed markets tilting toward recession, a reopening China could be attractive to many investors who shunned Chinese equities over the last couple of years and are now underinvested in the world's second-largest equity market.

Other factors that could support Chinese equities are hard to predict over the long term. But Chinese stocks would become more attractive if the government does more to support its property market or if tensions with the United States ease. We saw progress on both fronts in the fourth quarter.

There are of course arguments against Chinese equities as well. While it seems unlikely the government would dial up restrictive Covid-era policies again, that could change if hospitals are

overwhelmed from the virus' spread. There is also an argument that reopening could cause rapid inflation, as it did in developed markets. However, we view the latter point as less of a risk in China because the government did not overwhelm its population with fiscal support the way many Western governments did. The savings rate among Chinese consumers is also generally higher than in the West, so while Chinese consumers will spend as the economy reopens, it may not fuel the excessive demand it did in the U.S.

For our part, we've never tried to time entry into Chinese equities. We believe the reasons for investing in the Chinese market are the same as we've shared since opening the Fund. China is the world's second-largest economy and equity market as well as a considerable source of innovation. Chinese equities are also relatively uncorrelated to developed- and emerging-market equities, providing potential diversification benefits for investors. Finally, China's equity market remains inefficient, giving active investors like Wasatch considerable opportunity to add value for shareholders.

For these reasons, we remain committed to Chinese stocks for the long term. But the near-term case for investing in the market is also starting to look more attractive.

Thank you for the opportunity to manage your assets.

Dan Chace, Allison He, Pedro Huerta, Kai Pan and Kevin Unger



AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

FOR PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Quarter*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception**
Greater China Fund—Investor	13.05%	-30.09%	N/A	N/A	-17.12%
Greater China Fund—Institutional	13.23%	-30.14%	N/A	N/A	-17.19%
MSCI China Index†	13.52%	-21.93%	N/A	N/A	-20.01%

*Returns less than one year are not annualized.

**The Wasatch Greater China Fund's inception date was November 30, 2020.

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GREATER CHINA FUND – TOP 10 HOLDINGS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Security Name	Percent of Net Assets
Chailease Holding Co. Ltd.	6.0%
Proya Cosmetics Co. Ltd. Class A	6.0%
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co. Ltd. Class A	4.9%
Kweichow Moutai Co. Ltd. Class A	4.4%
Silergy Corp.	4.3%
Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting Co. Ltd. Class A	4.1%
SG Micro Corp. Class A	4.0%
Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food Co. Ltd. Class A	3.9%
Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc.	3.8%
Sino Wealth Electronic Ltd. Class A	3.7%
Total	45.1%

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