

## The SavInvest India Asia Fund (SIAF)

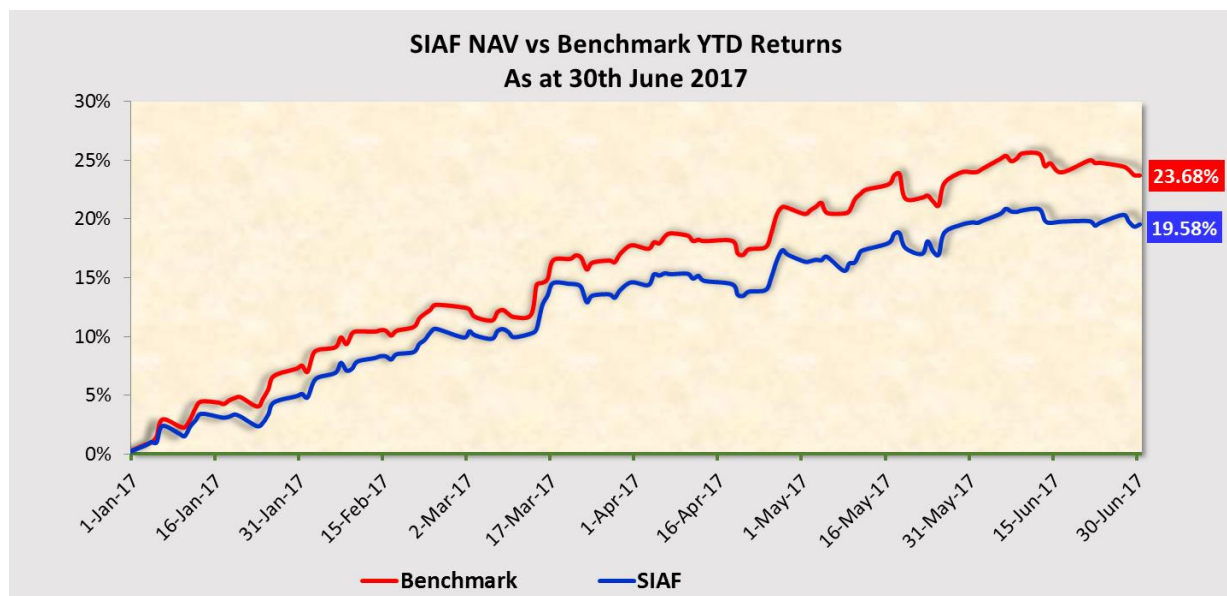
### Performance Review

For the Six Month period ended June 30th 2017

*The positive trend of the SavInvest India Asia Fund enjoyed during the first quarter of 2017 would have continued into the second quarter. We provide an update to investors on the Fund's performance during the first half of 2017 and share our investment perspectives for India and the Asian region.*

### Fund Performance

The SIAF's Net Asset Value (NAV) advanced 19.58% during the first half of 2017, ending the period at US\$10.48. The SIAF's benchmark advanced 23.68% over the corresponding period. The relatively strong rally during the first quarter of 2017 filtered into the second quarter, on account of commendable performance across the Asian region. In India, indications are that the economy has recovered fully from the demonetization effect, as evidenced by improvements in liquidity combined with increases in the number of cashless transactions. Investors have welcomed policy tax reforms through the new Goods and Services Tax (GST).



The return generated by the SIAF comprised both capital and currency appreciation. Approximately 70% of the fund is invested directly in India. During the first six months of 2017, the Rupee appreciated 5%.

### Market Review and Outlook

Indian equity valuations have ascended considerably, in tandem with the market rally. Valuations are being supported by business optimism and significant foreign inflows. Net inflows to the equity market from foreign institutional investors (FII) totaled US\$ 8.22B in the first half of 2017, 178% higher when compared to the US\$ 2.95B inflow for the same period in 2016. Investors have welcomed the new GST tax, as it signals government's intention to continue creating required policy environment for boosting economic growth. Downside risks, though limited, could include (i) any unexpected shortfall of earnings compared to estimates and (ii) weakening of the Indian Rupee against the US dollar.

Asian equities (excluding Japan) advanced 21.59% (USD) in the first half of 2017. The Korean market remained the top performer, up 24.53% (USD), while Taiwanese stocks returned 19.80%. In India, the BSE 100 was up 23.58% (USD). The Korean and Taiwanese markets, both heavily exposed to Technology stocks, would have benefited significantly from the global rally in the Technology sector.

### Fund Outlook & Initiatives

Looking ahead, the Fund will remain positioned to benefit from the potential upswing in emerging and developed Asian economies, as investor sentiment has remained positive across the region.

In its April World Economic Outlook, the IMF reiterated its GDP growth projections for India of 7.2% and 7.7% in 2017 and 2018 respectively. Investors appear to favor the Indian government's intention to make the necessary policy changes in order to boost economic growth. This, coupled with continued business optimism, suggests a positive outlook for the market in India.

In keeping with our approach to investing, Asia remains the most attractive regional investment destination on a fundamental basis. We at Bourse continue to monitor the markets closely and make the best decisions in the interest of investors. The Fund's initiatives going forward will be to remain overweight in India in light of bullish sentiments. Additionally, the Fund will seek to minimize country exposure to those Asian investment destinations which tend to be more volatile in nature. As our highly valued clients, we will continue to keep you fully updated on market developments and our investment responses for the Savinvest India Asia Fund.

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