



# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# T. Rowe Price Funds SICAV –

# Responsible Asian ex-Japan Equity Fund

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## **Quick Facts**

Management Company T. Rowe Price (Luxembourg) Management S.à r.l.

Investment Manager

T. Rowe Price International Ltd, located in the UK

(internal delegation)

Sub-Investment Manager

T. Rowe Price Hong Kong Ltd, located in Hong Kong (internal delegation)

(internal delegation)

**Depositary**J.P. Morgan SE, Luxembourg Branch

Ongoing charges over a year Class A: 1.71%<sup>#1</sup>

Class Q: 0.87%<sup>#1</sup>

#1 The ongoing charges figure for the respective classes is calculated based on the expenses chargeable to the respective classes for the period ended 31 December 2021 and expressed as a percentage of the respective share classes' average net asset value over the same period. This figure

may vary from year to year.

Base currency USD

Financial year end of this Sub-Fund 31 December

**Dealing frequency** Daily

Dividend policy Class A / Class Q: No dividend distribution (income,

if any, will be reinvested)

Min. Investment Class A / Class Q:

USD 1,000 (initial), USD 100 (additional), or

equivalent amount in another currency

The Board of Directors of T. Rowe Price Funds SICAV has discretion to accept subscriptions for

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lower amounts than specified above.

## What is this product?

T. Rowe Price Funds SICAV – Responsible Asian ex-Japan Equity Fund (the "**Sub-Fund**") is an open-ended investment company incorporated under Luxembourg law and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

# **Objective and Investment Policy**

## Objective

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to increase the value of its shares, over the long term, through growth in the value of its investments.

## **Investment Policy**

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of shares of companies in Asia (excluding Japan).

Although the Sub-Fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and social characteristics is achieved through the Investment Manager's avoidance of sectors or companies, whose activities may be considered harmful to the environment and/or society through the application of its proprietary socially responsible screen (exclusion list). As a consequence, specific companies whose business activities involve controversial weapons (cluster munitions, anti-personnel mines, incendiary, chemical, biological and nuclear weapons), tobacco production, coal production, assault-style weapons for civilian use, adult entertainment, direct gambling operations and certain conduct-based criteria are excluded. There may be circumstances where the Sub-Fund has some limited, indirect, exposure to a company involved in the excluded categories. Examples of these circumstances could include an investment in an instrument that gives exposure to an index, or an investment in a fund managed by an unaffiliated investment manager. For further details, see the T. Rowe Price Responsible Exclusion List section in the prospectus.

The Sub-Fund invests at least 70% of its net asset value in equity and equity-related securities issued by companies that are either incorporated in any Asian country except Japan or conduct most of their business in such countries, where the Sub-Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its net asset value that may be invested in any one country or region in the investment universe. Types of securities may include common shares, preferred shares, warrants, American Depository Receipts (ADRs), European Depository Receipts (EDRs) and Global Depository Receipts (GDRs).

The Sub-Fund may invest 30% or more of its net asset value in small and mid-capitalisation shares. The Sub-Fund may invest up to 20% of its net asset value in China A and B shares that are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange or Shanghai Stock Exchange, where the Sub-Fund may invest directly in China A shares through Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) and/or Stock Connect (a joint securities trading and clearing program designed to permit mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong), including in shares listed on the Science and Technology Innovation (STAR) Board of the Chinese stock exchanges.

The Sub-Fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management.

The Investment Manager's approach is to:

• employ fundamental analysis to identify companies with sustainable above-market earnings





growth rates;

- focus on franchise strength, management team quality, free cash flow, and financing/balance sheet structure;
- verify relative valuation appeal versus both local market and region;
- apply negative screening based on macroeconomic and political factors in order to exclude certain securities selected in the bottom-up fundamental analysis; and
- assess environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors with particular focus on those
  considered most likely to have a material impact on the performance of the holdings or
  potential holdings in the Sub-Fund's portfolio. These ESG factors, which are incorporated into
  the investment process alongside financials, valuation, macro-economics and other factors, are
  components of the investment decision. Consequently, ESG factors are not the sole driver of
  an investment decision but are instead one of several important inputs considered during
  investment analysis. See the 'Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investment Policy'
  section in the prospectus for more details.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed but may use MSCI All Country Asia Ex-Japan Net Index for performance comparison. The Investment Manager is not constrained by any country, sector and/or individual security weightings relative to the benchmark index and has complete freedom to invest in securities that do not form part of the benchmark. However, at times, market conditions may result in the Sub-Fund's performance being more closely aligned with that of the benchmark index.

For temporary defensive purposes, the Sub-Fund has the flexibility to invest in money market securities up to 100% of its net asset value.

## Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The Sub-Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Sub-Fund's net asset value.

# What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. The following sets out the key risks. Please refer to the offering document for details of other applicable risk factors.

#### General investment risk

The Sub-Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Sub-Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

#### **Equity market risk**

In general, equities involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. Equities investment is subject to market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to factors such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic news, issuer-specific factors, government policy and market changes. Equities can lose value rapidly and remain at low prices indefinitely. Equities of rapidly growing companies can be highly sensitive to adverse news, because much of their value is based on high expectations for the future. Equities of companies that appear to be priced below their intrinsic value may continue to be undervalued. If a company goes through bankruptcy or a similar financial restructuring, its equities may lose most or all of their value.

#### **Exclusion criteria risk**

The use of exclusions may affect the Sub-Fund's investment performance and, as such, the Sub-





Fund may perform differently compared to similar funds that do not use such exclusions. The exclusion criteria used in the Sub-Fund's investment strategy may result in the Sub-Fund foregoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, and/or selling securities when it might be disadvantageous to do so. As such, the application of the exclusion criteria may restrict the ability of the Sub-Fund to acquire or dispose of investments at a price and time that it wishes to do so, and may therefore result in a loss to the Sub-Fund. In addition, the Sub-Fund may be subject to increased operational risk linked to the implementation and maintenance of the relevant exclusion criteria.

### Risks associated with depositary receipts

Investment into a given country may be made via direct investments into that market or by depositary receipts traded on other international exchanges. Investments in depositary receipts may be subject to counterparty risk, in which a significant or even total loss might be suffered in the event of the liquidation of the depositary or custodian bank issuing the depositary receipts.

Investments in depositary receipts may also be subject to liquidity risks as depositary receipts are often less liquid than the corresponding underlying securities. Further, holders of depositary receipts are not direct shareholders of the underlying company and generally do not have voting and other shareholder rights.

#### **Geographic concentration risk**

As the Sub-Fund invests a large portion of its assets in Asia excluding Japan, its performance will be more strongly affected by any adverse social, political, government policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal, regulatory, economic, environmental or market conditions within that area. This can mean higher volatility and risk of loss as compared to a fund that invests more broadly.

#### Small and mid-capitalisation shares risk

Shares of small and mid-capitalisation companies can be less liquid and more volatile to adverse economic developments than shares of larger companies in general. Small and mid-capitalisation companies often have less financial resources, shorter operating histories and less diverse business lines which as a result can be at greater risk of long-term or permanent business setbacks. Initial public offerings of small and mid-capitalisation companies can be highly volatile and can be hard to evaluate because of a lack of trading history and relative lack of public information.

## **Emerging markets risk**

The Sub-Fund may invest in emerging markets which are less established than developed markets. Therefore, the Sub-Fund may involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets. The reasons for this increased risk may include: (a) political, economic or social instability; (b) unfavorable changes in regulations and laws; (c) failure to enforce laws or regulations, or to recognise the rights of investors as understood in developed market; (d) excessive fees, trading costs or taxation, or outright seizure of assets; (e) rules or practices that place outside investors at a disadvantage; (f) incomplete, misleading, or inaccurate information about securities issuers; (g) lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; (h) manipulation of market prices by large investors; (i) arbitrary delays and market closures; (j) fraud, corruption and error; (k) currency controls; (l) likelihood of illiquidity and high volatility in securities markets; (m) delay or disruption in execution or settlement of trades; and (n) absence of segregation of assets under custody.

## Risk associated with high volatility of equity markets in emerging countries

High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the equity markets of emerging countries may result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Sub-Fund.





# Risk associated with regulatory/exchanges requirements of the equity markets in emerging countries

Securities exchanges in emerging countries typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. All these may have a negative impact on the Sub-Fund.

## **Currency risk**

The Sub-Fund may invest in securities denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Sub-Fund. Therefore, changes in currency exchange rates between these currencies and the base currency or exchange rate controls could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses and affect the net asset value of the Sub-Fund unfavourably.

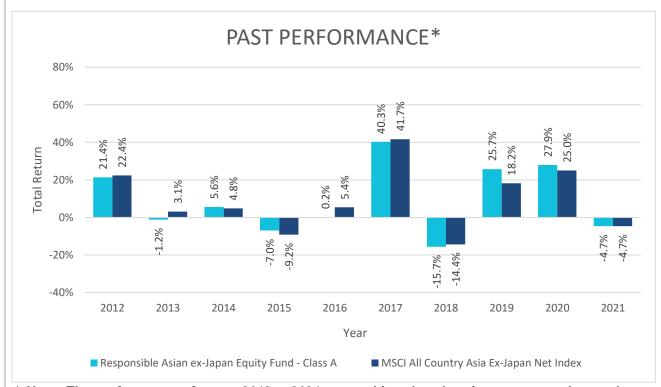
#### **Derivative risk**

Risk associated with derivatives include credit/counterparty risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and exchange-traded and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the Sub-Fund. Exposure to derivatives may lead to a risk of significant loss by the Sub-Fund.





# How has the Sub-Fund performed?



- \* Note: The performance of years 2012 2021 was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply, as the investment policy has changed since 2 November 2021.
- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-to-NAV, with dividend re-invested.
- These figures show by how much Class A increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- The Investment Manager views Class A being the most appropriate representative share class as this share class has the lowest minimum investment amount, a long track record, is available for investment by Hong Kong retail investors and broadly indicative of the Sub-Fund's performance characteristics.
- The benchmark used for performance comparison is MSCI All Country Asia Ex-Japan Net Index.
- Sub-Fund launch date: 12/2006Class A launch date: 01/2008

# Is there any guarantee?

This Sub-Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

# What are the fees and charges?

## Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Sub-Fund.





Fee	What you pay	
Subscription fee (Entry Charge)	Class A:	Up to 5% of the subscription amount
	Class Q:	Nil
Switching fee	Class A / Class Q:	Nil
Redemption fee	Class A / Class Q:	Nil

## Ongoing fees payable by the Sub-Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Sub-Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

	Annual rate (as a % of the net asset value of the relevant share class unless otherwise indicated)	
Management fee (Management Co. fee)	Class A: up to 1.60% Class Q: up to 0.75%	
Custodian fee (Custodial fee)#2	Class A / Class Q: up to 0.017%, subject to a minimum of 0.0005%	
Performance fee	N/A	
Administration fee (Administration agent fee)#2	Class A / Class Q: up to 0.07%, subject to a minimum of 0.01% or USD 40,000 per sub-fund whichever is higher	

#2 The total operating and administrative expenses will be subject to a limit of 0.17% of the respective net asset value of Class A and Class Q. Should the actual total operating and administrative costs attributable to the respective share classes exceed the expense limit, the Management Company will bear the excess. If the actual total operating and administrative costs attributable to the respective share classes fall below the limit, only the actual amount incurred will be deducted from the assets of the respective share classes.

## Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the Sub-Fund.

## **Additional Information**

- You generally buy, switch or redeem shares at the Sub-Fund's next determined net asset value after your request is received by the Hong Kong Representative in good order on or before 5pm (Hong Kong time) on a dealing day of the Sub-Fund. Please note that if you submit your application through an authorised distributor of the Sub-Fund, such distributor may apply an earlier deadline.
- There may be share classes with various characteristics and investor eligibility requirements within the Sub-Fund. Each class represents a proportional share of the underlying portfolio of the Sub-Fund. Each share class is identified by a basic share class designation (e.g. A). Where appropriate, one or more suffixes may be added to indicate certain characteristics.
- The net asset value of the Sub-Fund is calculated and the price of shares is published each business day in the South China Morning Post and the Hong Kong Economic Times.
- Investors may obtain the past performance information of other share class(es) offered to Hong Kong investors from the Hong Kong Representative upon request.





# **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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