

First quarter 2025

# China Hong Kong Opportunities Strategy

Quarterly Investment Update



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## Q1 2025: China equities moved higher on domestic technological advancements and favorable government policies

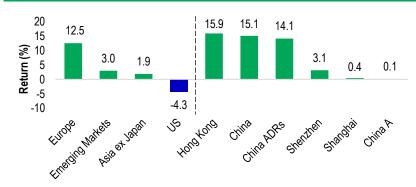
#### Market review and update

- Mainland China and Hong Kong equities moved higher.
- China equities posted gains. Domestic technological advancements in AI and humanoid robot fields, along with increased AI capex by large cap TMT firms drove the tech sector. During the March National People's Congress (NPC) meeting. Mainland China laid out key economic targets with domestic demand as the key economic driver in 2025. It includes setting the GDP growth target at "around 5%" and budget deficit ratio at "around 4% of GDP", as well as announcing RMB 4.4 trillion of new special local government bonds and RMB 500 billion of new special sovereign bonds for supporting banking sector's liquidity. In addition, Mainland China released 30 measures to support consumption by boosting income, stabilizing equity and property markets, providing incentives to increase birth rate, and enhancing support for trade-in programs.

#### For China A-shares, the tech sector benefitted from optimism over the AI and humanoid robot-related supply chains, as Mainland China announced breakthrough in technology innovation with new Al large language models. In addition, materials moved higher as Mainland China increased state funding for strategic minerals to defend against trade tension, as well as expanding carbon trading among steel, cement and aluminum sectors. Besides, consumer sectors rose on the back of favorable consumption stimulus.

Hong Kong equities moved higher. During the FY2025-2026 Hong Kong Budget, the government announced relaxation of stamp duty rate for properties valued at HK\$3-4 million, which should be positive for secondary market home sales. In addition, HK\$1 billion is allocated for establishing the Hong Kong Al Research and Development Institute, which aligns with the government's efforts in developing new quality productive forces.

### Global Equity markets performance\* - Q1 2025



#### Sector performance - Q1 2025



Source: Manulife Investment Management, March 31, 2025. MSCI Zhong Hua is comprised of MSCI China (85%) and MSCI Hong Kong (15%).

\*Global equity markets performance are based on gross total returns of the respective indices: US - S&P 500 Index; Europe - Euro STOXX 50 Index; Emerging Markets - MSCI Emerging Markets Index; Asia ex Japan -MSCI AC Asia Excluding Japan Index; China – MSCI China Index; China A – MSCI China A Onshore Net Total Return Index USD; China ADRs – MSCI Overseas China Price USD Index; Hong Kong – Hang Seng Index; Shanghai - Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index; Shenzhen - Shenzhen Stock Exchange Composite Index

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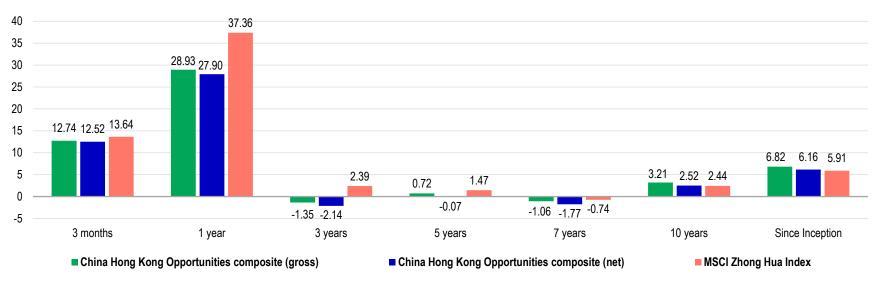


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## **China Hong Kong Opportunities Composite**

Investment results as of March 31, 2025

#### Annualized returns (%)



### Calendar year returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
China Hong Kong Opportunities composite (gross)	13.28	-15.97	-26.87	-20.12	45.11	23.97	-14.91	58.57	-0.17	-3.27
China Hong Kong Opportunities composite (net)	12.37	-16.64	-27.45	-20.75	44.14	23.29	-15.37	57.70	-0.72	-3.80
MSCI Zhong Hua Index	16.43	-11.82	-19.27	-19.23	24.99	20.56	-16.35	49.16	1.37	-5.73

Composite inception date: January 1, 2006.

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## Q1 2025: Strategy moved higher but underperformed the benchmark

#### What helped?

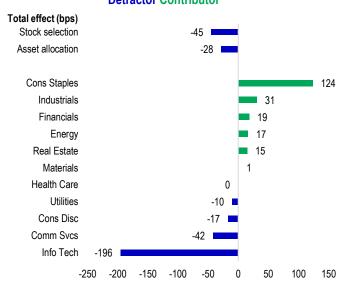
- The portfolio's underweight in utilities contributed to performance. Stock selection in consumer staples also contributed to performance.
- Sichuan Kelun-Biotech Biopharmaceutical, a Chinese biopharmaceutical company on the back of solid 2024 earnings and smooth commercialization in multiple products. It remains a leader for cancer treatment and a beneficiary of favorable government policy for the innovative drug industry.
- Mao Geping Cosmetics, a Chinese cosmetics company, which rallied post initial public offering and solid 2024 results. The company is competitively positioned as one of the few Chinese domestic premium beauty brands. It should benefit from its ongoing efforts in product category expansion and penetration into high-end department stores in top-tier cities.

#### What hurt?

- The portfolio's overweight in industrials and underweight in communication services detracted from performance. Stock selection in information technology and utilities also detracted from performance.
- Pony AI, a Chinese autonomous driving technology solution provider, which pulled back on profit-taking after its strong performance on expectation over accelerated autonomous driving adoption. The company has obtained regulatory approval for robotaxi services in Mainland China and actively exploring overseas business expansion.
- ASMPT, a Hong Kong-listed manufacturer of semiconductor backend equipment, weighed by short-term cyclical pressure from mainstream semiconductor demand. That said, its advanced packaging business continued to demonstrate good traction, which should be a long-term growth driver.

Performance (USD)	Q1 2025
China Hong Kong Opportunities Strategy (Gross)	12.74
China Hong Kong Opportunities Strategy (Net)	12.52
MSCI Zhong Hua Index	13.64

## Attribution over Prevailing Benchmark Detractor Contributor



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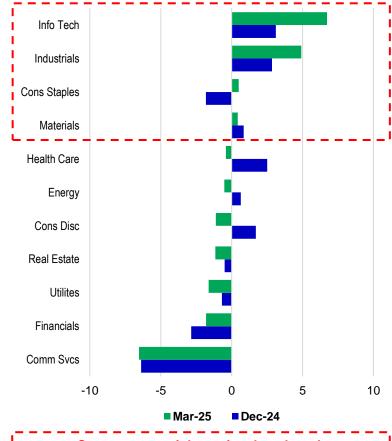


## Representative portfolio sector positioning and changes

#### Key investment themes and outlook

- We think Mainland China may roll out more fiscal and monetary stimulus. During the Two Sessions, it was highlighted that "the central budget has preserved sufficient policy tools and spaces to counteract domestic and external uncertainties". Mainland China sets the GDP growth target at around 5%, CPI growth target at ~2% and budget deficit ratio at around 4% of GDP, which are in-line with our view. In addition, Mainland China may roll out more consumption-related policies in upcoming quarters. It has recently injected capital for 4 Chinese banks with RMB520 billion which is positive enabling the banks to support further loan growth to support corporates and SMEs.
- As we anticipate more innovation in the humanoid robot industry and faster development in autonomous driving, we continue to favour technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT) and platform companies (with acceleration on Al adoption), advanced manufacturing companies, edge AI beneficiaries (e.g. AI smartphones and AI PCs), as well as the robotic supply chain.

#### Representative portfolio active weights (%)



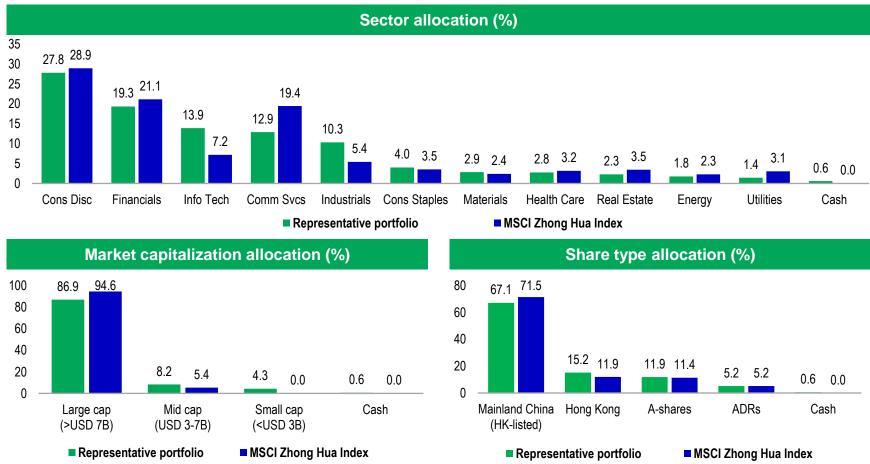
Sectors overweight against benchmark

Source: Manulife Investment Management, FactSet, as of March 31, 2025.

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Representative portfolio characteristics as of March 31, 2025



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## **China/Hong Kong Equity: Market Outlook**

### Powering up on technology, localization and globalisation

We believe (1) China's self dynamics, (2) acceleration on technology advancement and (3) localization, as well as (4) export to consumer demand and (5) incentives to return capital to shareholders should drive China/Hong Kong equity markets in 2025.

Acceleration

**Abroad** 

**Advancement** 

**A**utomation

- We believe Mainland China's recently announced monetary, fiscal policies as well as trade-in policies help accelerate domestic consumption demand. Also, Mainland China will continue to boost import substitution and self-sufficiency domestically.
- OW in Consumer staples with slight UW on Consumer discretionary favour domestic-oriented and niche consumptions e.g. food & beverage, education, tourism.
- We favor innovative leaders with established R&D centers and production plants overseas which have localized their operations, while gaining market share.
- **OW in Industrial** e.g. advanced manufacturing companies
- We see more Al adoption, with a proliferation of Al devices into 2025, such as Al personal computers (PCs), Al smartphones, Al smart glasses, etc.
- **OW in Information technology** favour beneficiaries of Edge AI, wearable devices (e.g. AI smart glasses) and beneficiaries of semiconductor localization trends.
- We prefer strong industrial leaders with robust R&D capabilities. These companies benefit from domestic growth recovery while riding on overseas market strength due to strong pricing and margins in overseas markets.
- **OW in Industrial** favour advanced manufacturing leaders, robotics supply chain, etc.

Source: Manulife Investment Management, as of March 31, 2025.



eVestment Offshore China Equity Universe Trailing performance as of March 31, 2025

## Trailing performance: second quartile 3-month return





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Return	Rank	Return	Rank									
12.74	46	28.93	50	-1.35	46	0.72	63	-1.06	67	3.21	65	
13.64	29	37.36	4	2.39	15	1.47	57	-0.74	65	2.44	75	1
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	12.52	50	27.90	55	-2.14	58	-0.07	63	-1.77	56	2.52	53
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ex	14.31	20	38.69	6	3.20	12	2.14	31	-0.46	30	2.31	58
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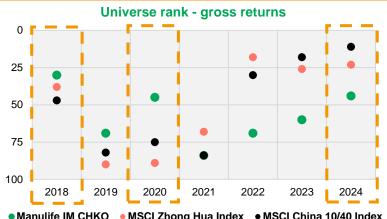
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eVestment Offshore China Equity Universe Calendar year performance as of March 31, 2025

## Calendar year performance: above median CY2018 (top tercile), CY2020, CY2024 return



2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 ● Manulife IM CHKO ● MSCI Zhong Hua Index ● MSCI China 10/40 Index													x
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38	20.56	90	24.99	89	-19.23	68	-19.27	18	-11.82	26	16.43	23	MS
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	Return	Rank												
	-15.37	24	23.29	57	44.14	41	-20.75	71	-27.45	65	-16.64	58	12.37	45
	-16.35	29	20.56	71	24.99	85	-19.23	63	-19.27	17	-11.82	19	16.43	8
:	-18.25	35	22.18	62	30.75	71	-20.14	65	-21.53	34	-10.97	17	18.25	6
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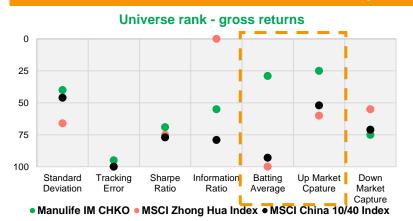
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eVestment Offshore China Equity Universe 10-year risk and efficiency metrics as of March 31, 2025

#### Risk and efficiency metrics: above median 10-year batting average, up-market capture



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25.05	40	4.82	95	.05	69	.16	55	.54	29	111.01	25	104.38	75
23.59	66	-	-	.02	75	-	-	-	-	100.00	60	100.00	55
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25.03	33	4.82	100	.02	53	.02	53	.54	1	109.50	20	105.17	87
23.59	62	-	-	.02	54	-	-	-	-	100.00	51	100.00	50
24.79	40	-	-	.02	56	-	-	-	-	104.72	28	103.03	72

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- Active approach across all sectors, market cap range and share type of Chinese equity
- Focus on under-researched ideas to identify emerging winners in secular growth areas
- Growth at a reasonable price (GARP) with quality bias
- Our China/HK investment team focuses on stock selection via the Growth, Cash Generation, Management, Valuation (GCMV) + Catalyst framework to uncover hidden gems
- We believe that there are four mega trends (i.e. the "4As" positioning) in China presenting emerging growth opportunities which the team invests in via the GCMV+catalyst lens.

### Acceleration:

Consumption may further improve on mainland China's pro-growth policies

### Advancement:

Advancement in tech in mainland China continues with new development e.g. Edge AI, wearables, autonomous driving

### Abroad:

Leading mainland Chinese companies are going abroad

### Automation:

Advanced manufacturing leaders with robust R&D capabilities should excel

Source: Manulife Investment Management, as of March 31, 2025.



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#### **GIPS®** Report

## **Manulife Investment Management**

### China Hong Kong Opportunities Composite

#### Prelim - Only Schedule of Year End Returns updated per SEC Marketing Rule

Creation Date: January 1, 2018 Inception Date: January 1, 2006 Reporting Currency: USD

#### Schedule of Calendar Year Returns and Assets

Year End	Gross of Fees Return (%)	Net of Fees Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite Net 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Number of Portfolios End of Period	Composite Dispersion (%)	Total Assets End of Period (Millions)	Firm Assets End of Period (Millions)
2023	-15.97	-16.64	-11.82	28.34	27.53	<=5	N/A	337	486,485
2022	-26.87	-27.45	-19.27	28.79	26.85	<=5	N/A	418	422,291
2021	-20.12	-20.75	-19.23	20.99	18.92	<=5	N/A	516	455,705
2020	45.11	44.14	24.99	21.57	19.73	<=5	N/A	491	421,097
2019	23.97	23.29	20.56	18.43	17.84	<=5	N/A	389	422,034
2018	-14.91	-15.37	-16.35	18.67	17.51	<=5	N/A	361	392,058
2017	58.57	57.70	49.16	19.97	18.73	<=5	N/A	311	N/A
2016	-0.17	-0.72	1.37	20.09	19.34	<=5	N/A	196	N/A
2015	-3.27	-3.80	-5.73	18.52	17.57	<=5	N/A	133	N/A
2014	5.98	5.40	7.07	15.16	15.71	<=5	N/A	124	N/A

#### Schedule of Year End Returns

Date	Return	1 Year Gross (%)	5 Year Gross (%)	10 Year Gross (%)	SI Gross (%)	1 Year Net (%)	5 Year Net (%)	10 Year Net (%)	SI Net (%)
12/31/24	Composite	13.28	-4.20	2.69	6.23	12.37	-4.94	2.01	5.59
Date	Return	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI				
12/31/24	Benchmark	16.43	-3.50	1.86	5 27				

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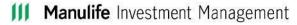
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Composite Description: The China Hong Kong Opportunities strategy seeks to achieve capital growth over the long term through investment in high quality companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and/or the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited across the market capitalization spectrum that have good earnings growth potential and trading at a reasonable valuation. There is a US\$2 million asset requirement to be eligible for inclusion in the strategy. To better align with the manager's strategy, effective July 1, 2020 the strategy name was changed to The China Hong Kong Opportunities strategy from the Hong Kong Opportunities strategy.

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Benchmark Change: Effective on 1 August 2009, to better reflect composite holdings, the composite benchmark changed from FTSE Hong Kong (Total Return, Gross of dividend withholding tax) to MSCI Zhong Hua Index (Net).



### **Benchmark definitions**

Index	Definition
CSI 300 Index	CSI 300 Index consists of the 300 largest and most liquid A-share stocks. The Index aims to reflect the overall performance of China A-share market.
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MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index	The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index captures large and mid cap representation across 2 of 3 Developed Markets (DM) countries* (excluding Japan) and 9 Emerging Markets (EM) countries* in Asia. With 1,187 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Small Cap Index	The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Small Cap Index captures small cap representation across 4 of 5 Developed Markets countries* (excluding Japan) and 9 Emerging Markets countries* in the Asia Pacific region. With 1,612 constituents, the index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.
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MSCI ASEAN Small Cap	The MSCI AC ASEAN Small Cap Index captures small cap representation across 4 Emerging Markets countries* and 1 Developed Market country. With 254 constituents, the index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.
MSCI Golden Dragon Index	The MSCI Golden Dragon Index captures the equity market performance of large and mid-cap China securities (H shares, B shares, Red- Chips and P-Chips) as well as securities classified in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Currently, the index also includes A stock connect large and mid-cap shares.
MSCI China A Onshore Index	The MSCI China A Onshore Index (Net Total Return (USD)) captures large and mid cap representation across China securities listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges.
MSCI India 10/40 Index	The MSCI India 10/40 Index (Total Return) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index. The MSCI 10/40 index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the India market. It is designed and maintained on a daily basis to take into consideration of the 10% and 40% concentration constraints on funds. A fund cannot invest more than 5% of its assets in securities issued by a single issuer. This limit can be increased up to 10%, provided that wherever the 5% limit is surpassed, the fund's exposure to these "larger" assets does not exceed 40% of the funds' total assets.
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Taiwan Weighted Total Return Index	The Taiwan Stock Exchange Capitalization Weighted Stock Index (TAIEX) measures the performance of aggregate listed stocks on Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE). TAIEX is the first TWSE self-compiled index and is the most prominent benchmark of the Taiwan securities market.

<sup>\*</sup> Developed Markets countries in the index include: Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore. Emerging Markets countries include: China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.



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### **Investment Considerations**

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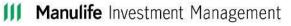
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