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Fund in Focus: Newton Asian Income fund

Sheridan Admans, investment adviser at The Share Centre, explains why investors seeking income may benefit from considering Asia and in particular the Newton Asian Income fund.

“Historically, very few investors have looked at Asia as an economic region able to support their needs for income, however Newton fund managers would beg to differ. The fund house has long been respected and is renowned for its income producing funds and this fund represents an alternative approach for investors seeking income, provided they are prepared to accept a higher amount of risk.

“Newton uses a global thematic approach to investment whereby economic strategy and global investment themes, built around areas such as green issues, population growth and dwindling resources, will drive change. The fund seeks exposure to these drivers with the anticipation of benefiting from them over the long term.

“Like many of their other income funds, the Newton Asian Income fund aims to deliver an income yield in excess of its benchmark; in this case an income yield of at least 35% higher than that of the FTSE AW Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index.

“Manager, Jason Pidcock, heads the Asian team of 18, which support him with research and ideas, providing good coverage of the region. Newton income funds focus on strong dividend growth, which is further strengthened by their strong sell discipline. A company is sold when the dividend yield falls below a prescribed level, to some degree reducing the downside side risk of the portfolio.

“The fund invests in approximately 45 - 55 stocks demonstrating the conviction of Jason and his

team; with those stocks picked on a thematic basis rather than being picked on anticipated prevailing economic conditions.”

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Note to editors:

Webchat! On Wednesday 8 June at 13:00 Sheridan Admans and the manager of this fund, Jason Pidcock will be taking your questions. Go to share.com/webchat to submit your questions.

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