

**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT  
OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

**June 30 2022**

**CHOU ASIA FUND**

**CHOU ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT INC.**

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Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

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Chou Associates Management Inc. ("the Manager") manages the overall business of the Fund, including the selection of the securities in the Fund's portfolio and promoting sales of the Fund's units. For the purposes of this document, the terms Chou Associates Management Inc. and "the Manager" are interchangeable. Full contact information for the Manager is located at the end of this report.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

Chou Asia Fund's (the "Fund") objective is to provide long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in the securities markets of Asia considered by Chou Associates Management Inc. (the "Manager") to be undervalued. The Fund may also invest in securities other than equities and in businesses located outside of Asia. The Fund's investments may also include common and preferred shares, convertible debentures, options, warrants, government and corporate bonds and short-term indebtedness. The Fund may also use derivatives such as, but not limited to, futures, options, swaps and forward contracts to gain exposure to securities and asset classes consistent with the objectives of the Fund, and to hedge portfolio exposure against losses from foreign currency and domestic currency exposure and changes in securities prices.

The Fund's investment strategy follows a strong discipline with regard to the prices paid to acquire portfolio investments. The level of investment in a particular entity's securities is generally commensurate with the current price of the company's securities in relation to the Manager's assessment of such entity's intrinsic value as determined by various factors. This approach is designed to provide an extra margin of safety, which in turn, serves to reduce the Fund's overall portfolio risk.

### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund are disclosed in the Fund's most recently filed Simplified Prospectus which can be found on the Fund's website at [www.choufunds.com](http://www.choufunds.com) and SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

During the period ended June 30, 2022, there were no material changes that affected the Fund's overall level of risk.

### Market Review

After significant declines earlier in 2022, the MSCI China Index recovered some losses in the second quarter of the year while other global markets struggled to cope with rising interest rates by central banks. The recent rally of Chinese equities was boosted by easing lockdown measures in Beijing and Shanghai, relaxed quarantine rules and stepped-up stimulus policies. The People's Bank of China pledged to maintain a supportive monetary policy to drive the Chinese economy with emphasis on employment and inflation control. This notably different monetary position was enabled by very low inflation in China, at just 2.5% year-on-year in June.

Share prices in India plunged during the period as global volatility, rising inflation and soaring energy prices reduced investor sentiment towards the market. The S&P BSE Sensex index was down by 8.99% during the first half of 2022. Other Asian stocks in the Philippines, Singapore, and Malaysia recorded sharp drops, reflecting the falls seen in global stock markets.

### Results of Operations

For the period ended June 30, 2022, the Fund decreased by 11.4% for Series A units and 11.2% for Series F units after fees and expenses, while the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Total Return Index decreased by 15.5% in Canadian dollars. In U.S. dollars, the Fund was down 12.9% for Series A units and 12.7% for Series F units, while the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Total Return Index decreased by 17.0%.

The major advancers in the first half of 2022 were the equity holdings of BYD Company Limited, Postal Savings Bank of China Company Limited, and Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited.

The largest decliners in the same period were the equity holdings of China Yuchai International Limited, Samsung Electronics Company Limited, and AJIS CO LTD.

The Canadian currency depreciated against the Hong Kong dollar, which also positively affected the Fund.

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### **Portfolio Update**

During the period, the Fund did not reduce any of its holdings in the portfolio.

The Fund added an equity holding of JD.com Inc as it received shares from dividend payouts from Tencent Holdings Limited.

The Fund also had no covered call options in its portfolio as at June 30, 2022.

The Fund received \$4,225 in income from its securities lending program in the first half of 2022.

The Fund did not enter into any foreign currency contracts during the period ended June 30, 2022.

The Fund's net redemptions for the period ended June 30, 2022 were approximately \$8,030,402 for Series A units and net purchases of approximately \$6,629,259 for Series F units. Out of the net purchases for Series F units, \$6,858,633 was switched from Series A units following the OEO trailer ban. The Fund's average month-end cash position for the period was 14.1% of the Fund's net assets.

### **Recent Developments**

The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine and COVID-19 pandemic have continued to disrupt businesses around the world, adding volatility to both domestic and international markets. While governments and central banks have maintained their support of the economy through monetary and fiscal policies, the health of the economy remains unclear at this time. Based on this increased uncertainty, we expect the performance of the Fund's portfolio to be affected to some degree in the near term.

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager manages the overall business of the Fund, including selection of the securities in the Fund's portfolio, and promoting the sale of the Fund's units.

The Manager is also the trustee of the Fund. Investors receive units of a trust when they invest in the Fund. The Manager, as trustee, holds the actual title to the property in the Fund, the cash and portfolio securities, on behalf of the Fund's investors.

The Manager, its officers and directors invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. As of June 30, 2022, the Manager, its officers and directors do not hold any units of the Fund. All transactions with the Manager are carried out at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

During the period ended June 30, 2022, there were no transactions with related parties except in the capacities and instances set out above.

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## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period ended June 30, 2022, and for each of the past five years ended December 31, as applicable.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series A Units

	<u>Jun 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 23.42</b>	<b>\$ 28.66</b>	<b>\$ 17.25</b>	<b>\$ 17.52</b>	<b>\$ 20.08</b>	<b>\$ 16.58</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.17
Total expenses	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.59)	\$ (0.40)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.37)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.79	\$ 6.40	\$ 2.56	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.89
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (4.77)	\$ (7.07)	\$ 8.19	\$ (0.47)	\$ (2.93)	\$ 2.76
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ (4.04)</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>	<b>\$ 10.75</b>	<b>\$ (0.06)</b>	<b>\$ (2.55)</b>	<b>\$ 3.45</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ 0.04	\$ -	\$ 0.45	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ 4.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4.74</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.45</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 20.75</b>	<b>\$ 23.42</b>	<b>\$ 28.66</b>	<b>\$ 17.25</b>	<b>\$ 17.52</b>	<b>\$ 20.08</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 16.12</b>	<b>\$ 18.52</b>	<b>\$ 22.52</b>	<b>\$ 13.29</b>	<b>\$ 12.83</b>	<b>\$ 15.97</b>

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Units

	<u>Jun 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7,048</b>	<b>\$17,294</b>	<b>\$19,786</b>	<b>\$14,730</b>	<b>\$ 20,300</b>	<b>\$ 26,508</b>
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	339,660	738,334	690,428	853,782	1,158,473	1,320,405
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	2.28%	1.76%	1.86%	1.90%	2.08%	1.92%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	2.28%	1.76%	1.86%	1.90%	2.08%	1.92%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.03%	0.08%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	0.07%	7.00%	0.37%	15.55%	0.00%	0.96%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	<b>\$ 20.75</b>	<b>\$ 23.42</b>	<b>\$ 28.66</b>	<b>\$ 17.25</b>	<b>\$ 17.52</b>	<b>\$ 20.08</b>

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## The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series F Units

	<u>Jun 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>	<b>\$ 29.34</b>	<b>\$ 17.57</b>	<b>\$ 17.90</b>	<b>\$ 20.52</b>	<b>\$ 16.84</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.16
Total expenses	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.28)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 2.36	\$ 6.50	\$ 2.86	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.90
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (2.15)	\$ (6.40)	\$ 7.64	\$ (0.38)	\$ (2.93)	\$ 2.87
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ 10.62</b>	<b>\$ 0.11</b>	<b>\$ (2.43)</b>	<b>\$ 3.65</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ 0.17	\$ -	\$ 0.61	\$ -	\$ -
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ 4.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.11	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4.98</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.61</b>	<b>\$ 0.11</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 21.32</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>	<b>\$ 29.34</b>	<b>\$ 17.57</b>	<b>\$ 17.90</b>	<b>\$ 20.52</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 16.56</b>	<b>\$ 18.97</b>	<b>\$ 23.05</b>	<b>\$ 13.53</b>	<b>\$ 13.11</b>	<b>\$ 16.32</b>

## Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

	<u>Jun 2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7,970</b>	<b>\$ 1,279</b>	<b>\$ 1,770</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 2,239</b>	<b>\$ 2,931</b>
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	373,840	53,316	60,312	86,073	125,082	142,866
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.80%	1.29%	1.30%	1.33%	1.52%	1.39%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	1.80%	1.29%	1.30%	1.33%	1.52%	1.39%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.03%	0.08%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	0.07%	7.00%	0.37%	15.55%	0.00%	0.96%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	<b>\$ 21.32</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>	<b>\$ 29.34</b>	<b>\$ 17.57</b>	<b>\$ 17.90</b>	<b>\$ 20.52</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited semi-annual financial statements.

(2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of redeemable units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of redeemable units outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash upon request.

(4) This information is provided as at the period end shown and is rounded to the nearest thousand.

(5) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the period. The Manager may, at its discretion, waive or absorb certain operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by the Manager of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waived or absorbed by the Manager.

(6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the period.

(7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the financial period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

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## Management Fees

The Manager manages the Fund. The Manager is entitled to an investment management fee calculated daily as a percentage of the market value of the net assets equal to 1.5% per annum for Series A units and 1.0% per annum for Series F units, payable monthly. The Manager pays 50 basis points per year trailer fees to dealers out of management fees for Series A units. There is no trailer fee paid out for Series F units.

## Past Performance

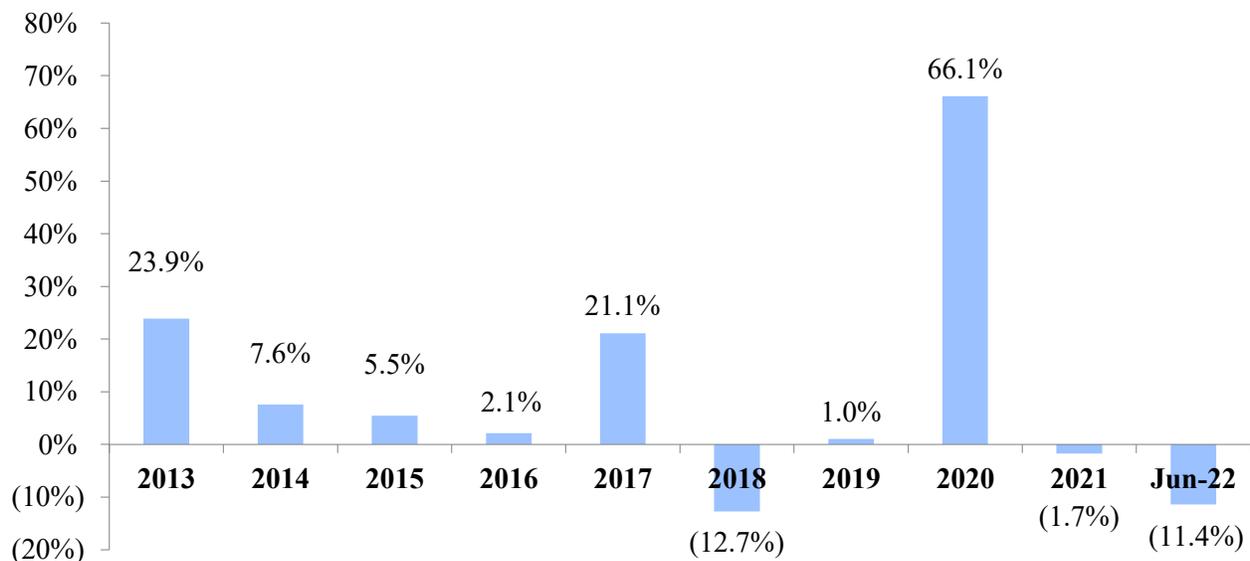
### General

The following charts and tables show the Fund's past performance. Rates of return are historical total returns that include changes in unit prices and assume the reinvestment of all distributions. These returns do not take into account any sales charges, redemption fees, other optional expenses or income taxes that the Fund's investors have to pay and which could reduce these returns. The Fund's past performance does not necessarily indicate its future performance.

### Year-by-Year Returns

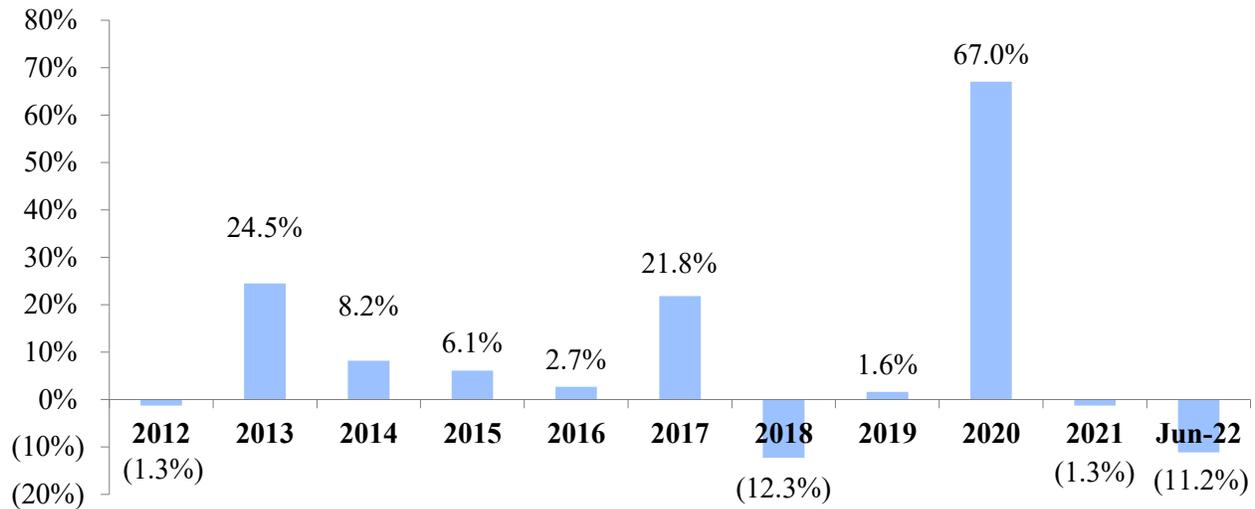
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each of the Series A and Series F units of the Fund for each of the years shown. Each chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 for each of the years, and how the performance of the Fund varied from year to year. The return for 2022 is for the six-month period from January 1 to June 30.

### Series A



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## Series F



## Annual Compound Returns

The following tables<sup>(1)</sup> show the annual compound total return for each of the Series A and Series F units of the Fund. The tables outline the Fund's past performance for the one-, three-, five-, ten-, and fifteen-year periods ended on June 30, 2022. Also shown for the same periods are the respective historical annual compound total returns of the MSCI Asia Pacific Index (the "Index"). The Index is based on the market capitalizations of approximately 900 leading companies publicly traded in the three developed market countries and eight emerging market countries in Asia. The benchmark Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

### Series A

June 30, 2022	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Asia Fund	-22.68%	13.99%	7.20%	8.36%	5.62%
MSCI Asia Pacific (\$CAN)	-18.99%	1.65%	3.05%	8.52%	4.47%

### Series F

June 30, 2022	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Asia Fund	-22.23%	14.59%	7.77%	8.95%	6.18%
MSCI Asia Pacific (\$CAN)	-18.99%	1.65%	3.05%	8.52%	4.47%

<sup>(1)</sup> Tables assume the reinvestment of all distributions.

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## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following tables provide a summary of the Fund's portfolio as at June 30, 2022.

<b><u>Geographic Distribution</u></b>	<b><u>% of Fund's Net Assets</u></b>
China	39.1%
India	12.6%
South Korea	11.9%
New Zealand	6.5%
Singapore	5.5%
Canada	4.2%
Japan	4.0%
Malaysia	0.8%
Net Cash Equivalents	15.4%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b><u>Total Issuers</u></b>	<b><u>% of Fund's Net Assets</u></b>
<i>(excluding cash equivalents)</i>	
<b>Equities</b>	
BYD Electronic (International) Company Limited	21.6%
BYD Company Limited, Class 'H'	11.3%
POSCO Holdings Inc., ADR	8.0%
Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited	7.2%
Pyne Gould Corporation Limited	6.5%
China Yuchai International Limited	5.5%
IDFC Limited	5.4%
Atlas Corporation, Series 'H'	4.2%
Ajis Company Limited	4.0%
Samsung Electronics Company Limited, GDR	3.9%
Postal Savings Bank of China Company Limited	3.1%
Tencent Holdings Limited	1.8%
Consun Pharmaceutical Group Limited	1.3%
Capital A Berhad	0.8%
JD.com Inc., Class 'A'	0.0%
Hanfeng Evergreen Inc.	0.0%
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>84.6%</b>
<b>Total Holdings</b>	<b>84.6%</b>

The summary of the Fund's investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. The next quarterly update as at September 30, 2022 will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure and will be posted on our website [www.choufunds.com](http://www.choufunds.com) on or before October 31, 2022.

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