

Baillie Gifford™

Baillie Gifford China Equities Fund

First Quarter 2024

About Baillie Gifford

Philosophy	Long-term investment horizon A growth bias Bottom-up portfolio construction High active share
Partnership	100% owned by 57 partners with average 21 years' service Ownership aligns our interests with those of our clients Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view in all that we do Stability, quality and consistency

Fund Facts

K Class Ticker	BGCDX
Institutional Class Ticker	BGCBX
Launch Date	July 07, 2021
Size	\$2.0m
Benchmark	MSCI China All Shares Index
Stocks (guideline range)	40-80
Current Number of Stocks	55
Active Share	70%*
Annual Turnover	14%**
Style	Growth

*Relative to MSCI China All Shares Index. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, MSCI. Active Share is a measure of the Fund's overlap with the benchmark. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the benchmark and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the benchmark.

**The Turnover figure presented is based on internal calculation methods and differs to the financial statements which are calculated in accordance with the requirements of N-1A.

Portfolio Summary

The Fund aims to invest in an actively managed portfolio of Chinese market stocks. We invest on a long-term (5 year) perspective, and have a strong preference for growth. We are looking for significant upside in each stock that we invest in. The process is driven by rigorous, fundamental, bottom-up analysis undertaken by our dedicated Emerging Markets Team. The fund managers draw on this analysis, as well as insights gleaned from discussion with all of Baillie Gifford's global investors, to produce a portfolio that typically holds 40-80 stocks.

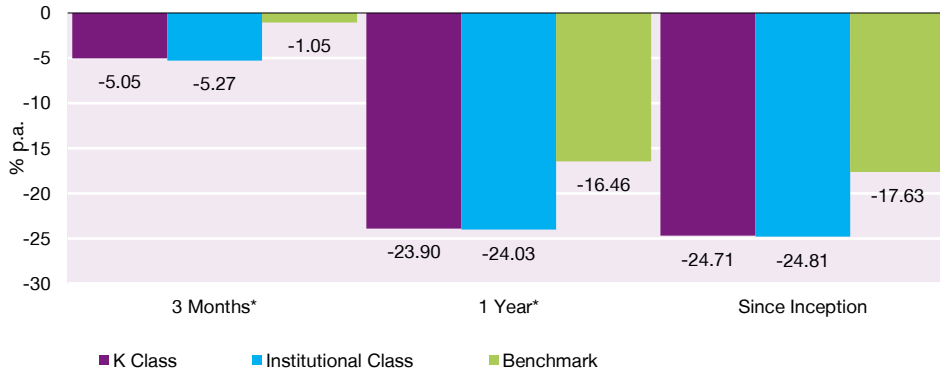
China Portfolio Construction Group

Name	Years' Experience
Mike Gush*	21
Roderick Snell*	18
Linda Lin*	14
Sophie Earnshaw	14

*Partner

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Fund Performance as of March 31, 2024



Gross Expense Ratio	
Share Class – K	9.21%
Share Class – Institutional	9.30%
Net Expense Ratio	
Share Class – K	0.87%
Share Class – Institutional	0.96%

Benchmark: MSCI China All Shares Index

The performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For the most recent month-end performance please visit the Fund's website at bailliegifford.com/usmutualfunds.

The Baillie Gifford Fund's performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions and is net of management fees and expenses. From time to time, certain fees and/or expenses have been voluntarily or contractually waived or reimbursed, which has resulted in higher returns. Without these waivers or reimbursements, the returns would have been lower. Voluntary waivers or reimbursements may be applied or discontinued at any time without notice. Only the Board of Trustees may modify or terminate contractual fee waivers or expense reimbursements. All fees are described in the Fund's prospectus.

*Expense Ratios: All mutual funds have expense ratios which represent what shareholders pay for operating expenses and management fees. Expense ratios are expressed as an annualized percentage of a fund's average net assets paid out in expenses. Expense ratio information is as of the Fund's current prospectus, as revised and supplemented from time to time. The net expense ratios for this fund are contractually capped (excluding taxes, sub-accounting expenses and extraordinary expenses) through April 30, 2024. *Not annualized.*

The MSCI China All Shares Index captures large and mid-cap representation across China A-shares, B-shares, H-shares, Red-chips, P-chips and foreign listings (e.g. ADRs). The index aims to reflect the opportunity set of China share classes listed in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shenzhen and outside of China. This unmanaged index does not reflect fees and expenses and is not available for direct investment. The Fund is more concentrated than the MSCI China All Shares Index.

Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, Bank of New York Mellon, MSCI. Share Class launch date: July 2, 2021. NAV returns in US dollars.

Stock Level Attribution

Quarter to March 31, 2024

Top Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
ZiJin Mining	0.59
Meituan	0.52
Midea	0.38
China Merchants Bank	0.32
CATL	0.28

Bottom Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Silergy	-0.87
Shandong Sinocera Functional Material	-0.55
Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls	-0.55
PDD Holdings	-0.49
WuXi AppTec	-0.41

One Year to March 31, 2024

Top Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
ZiJin Mining	0.97
Brilliance China Automotive	0.82
Midea	0.75
Weichai Power	0.48
Fuyao Glass Industry	0.47

Bottom Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Li Ning	-1.36
Glodon Company	-1.16
JD.com	-0.86
Shandong Sinocera Functional Material	-0.70
Yonyou	-0.64

Source: Revolution, MSCI, Baillie Gifford China Equities Fund relative to MSCI China All Shares Index.

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All attribution figures are calculated gross of fees, relative to the Index from stock level up, based on closing prices.

Attribution is shown relative to the benchmark therefore not all stocks shown are held in the portfolio. See the List of Holdings section of this report for the stocks held.

Market environment

China's lacklustre domestic economy remained a key driver of domestic stock markets this quarter. Despite reporting 5.2% gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2023, economic indicators show a lack of momentum across many areas. China is suffering from a deficit of demand because of low wage growth, post-COVID confidence and a weak property sector. This impacted equity markets, with January being particularly weak. This did trigger the authorities to step in and attempt to shore up sentiment prior to the Chinese New Year with a number of policy measures that helped reverse market declines.

For macroeconomic watchers, China's annual meetings of China's legislature (The National People's Congress) and political advisory body (The Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference), saw Premier Li Qiang's inaugural delivery of the government's approach to its economy, politics and foreign policy. We'd argue there is far too much time and effort spent analysing China's GDP growth target, which at 'around 5% in 2024' is largely as expected yet may be challenging given a higher base in 2023 and relatively underwhelming stimulus to date.

More interesting from a portfolio perspective is the focus on "new productive forces", where a number of holdings should benefit, over time, from proposals to consolidate and expand China's leading position in areas such as intelligent connected electric vehicles and accelerate the development of emerging sectors such as hydrogen energy, new materials, and innovative pharmaceuticals. For the digital economy, China will deepen research and application of big data, artificial intelligence, and other technologies. It will also promote digital transformation in the manufacturing and service industry, and support platform economy companies to play a significant role in promoting innovation, increasing employment, and competing internationally.

We believe in growth and innovation. We believe that long-term returns accrue to companies benefiting from secular and disruptive trends that play out over longer time frames than most market participants are willing or able to contemplate. The size and scale of China's markets make it home to a large proportion of growth companies. While this approach has proved challenging in recent times as

valuations have diverged from individual company performance, we continue to be excited about companies in the portfolio and are aware that this approach will require patience.

Performance

The Fund underperformed its respective index during the first quarter. Top contributors to performance included Zijin Mining, Meituan and Popmart.

The mining company Zijin Mining delivered record copper and gold production in 2023, driven by key project launches that helped counter cost pressures. At its annual results briefing, management highlighted their expectation for additional yearly copper production of 100,000 tonnes and 10% gold production growth in the coming five years, and a stronger focus on cost control in the coming year.

Meituan, the e-commerce platform, has seen its share price fall significantly over the last year on fears over greater industry competition and a slower consumption backdrop. However, it has continued to report strong growth and management's commitment to reduce the losses from new business areas was taken positively this quarter. We visited Meituan's founder in Beijing in January and added to the shares thereafter.

Popmart is a character-based entertainment company. The company reported very strong growth in revenues and profits for 2023 and provided ambitious growth targets for 2024. The company has a strong, and growing, line up of product aimed directly at the younger generations, a cohort with increasing consumption power and radically different tastes to their elders. We are impressed by the resilience of its products in the domestic market and the rapid growth in its overseas business.

The top detractors for the first quarter were Silergy, Zhejiang Sanhua and PDD.

Silergy, an analog chip designer, was a top performer last quarter but became the largest detractor during this quarter. Such volatility is expected given the cyclical nature in the semiconductor sector which can often override structural factors as drivers of the share price in the short term. Silergy's gross margins for the fourth quarter were lower than had been anticipated which led to lowered earnings estimates. However, the company projects its 2024 sales to return to

normal growth of 20-30%, inventory has declined substantially and the business is recovering from cyclical lows.

PDD is a fast-growing e-commerce platform which, like Silergy, was a top performer last quarter but among the top detractors this quarter. There is clearly a challenge when trying to read into quarterly share price movements and we prefer to focus on longer-term dynamics. Despite delivering very strong growth for 2023, PDD's share price was hurt by negative reporting about its accounting practices and governance. We met with PDD management during the quarter to discuss their international regulatory engagement, disclosure and compliance around business expansion.

Zhejiang Sanhua (Sanhua) is the world's largest manufacturer of refrigeration control components and thermal management components. In part of its business, Sanhua provides the electronics valves and thermal management modules for electric vehicles. Its share price was negatively impacted this quarter by media reports of potential upcoming United States (US) restrictions on the imports of Chinese manufactured cars. With US elections later this year, we expect geopolitical risks will remain a concern for a number of Chinese companies, albeit that the long-term structural opportunities continue.

Notable transactions

Market volatility, operational developments and opportunities provided by low valuations led to a pickup in transactions this quarter. A new purchase was made of Luckin Coffee, China's largest coffee chain. Additions were made to electric vehicle battery manufacturer CATL, Meituan and gaming company NetEase. Complete sales were made of the contract development and manufacturing organisation Wuxi Aptec, the e-commerce platform JD.com and Yunnan Energy New Materials, a manufacturer of separators for lithium-ion batteries. Reductions were made to Alibaba the e-commerce and cloud service company, and Zijin Mining.

Market Outlook

China's economy continues to transition away from its old model of property-led growth to a new model of innovation-led growth. There is clearly a risk that the government will fail to manage this transition successfully. However, we remain

cautiously optimistic. Stabilisation in the property sector could be very meaningful for consumer confidence, which could, in turn, be very meaningful for domestic demand. China has made significant progress in areas such as renewable energy, electric vehicles and, increasingly, semiconductors, highlighting the enormous growth opportunities to Chinese companies whose business strategies are aligned to China's national objectives. These opportunities are reflected in the operational performance of the companies in the portfolio, but broader sentiment has led to an extraordinary divergence between earnings and value.

Many things such as regulation, the more public prominence of the Chinese Communist Party, geopolitics and the domestic economy have changed in recent years, but there are a number of things that haven't. Our travels, alongside insight from on the ground, continue to highlight an entrepreneurial spirit driving companies to challenge entrenched incumbents, and the huge spoils available to domestic victors. As such, despite a difficult period of performance, we continue to believe that China remains an exciting hunting ground for growth investors. With valuations low in both an absolute and relative sense, we believe that the opportunity in China has become even more compelling. As such, we remain optimistic about future returns.

Transactions from 01 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

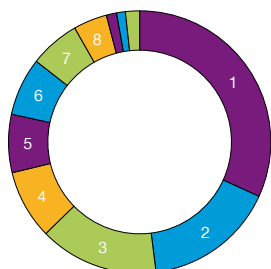
New Purchases

Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Luckin Coffee	Luckin is the largest coffee company in the China, having recently overtaken Starbucks. The company was delisted and the founder expelled after fraudulent sales were revealed in 2020, however the new management team and backers have saved the business and built an exceptional mass market beverages brand. We met some of the new management and backers in China, and assess that the company still has years of growth ahead of it, and scope to increase profits further. A result of its controversial past, the company is still traded off-exchange in the US, but ample liquidity is available to make an investment. Continued operational growth and the prospect of a substantial re-rating in such an event make this potentially a very attractive investment.

Complete Sales

Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
JD.com	JD is an ecommerce platform and retailer with particular strengths in logistics and a focus on top tier cities. The weaker economic backdrop and regulatory challenges for big tech companies in China have exacerbated competitive challenges and slowed growth in the sector. Although JD has net cash and a low valuation, it is unclear that its growth profile is sufficient to meet our investment requirements. We have decided to sell the position and consolidate into holdings which we believe are better placed to deliver profitable growth over the long-term.
WuXi AppTec	Wuxi Apptec is a global leader in outsourced drug research, development and manufacturing. Its technological competence and attractive cost base have enabled it to forge close relationships with a broad customer base, including global pharmaceutical companies and biotech start-ups. This competitive edge has resulted in the company taking significant share in the world's largest pharmaceutical market, the US. Wuxi now generates approximately 65% of revenue from this market. Unfortunately, we believe that this revenue and the company's future growth may now be at risk due to the Biosecure Act being debated in Congress. The Act was proposed in early 2024 and, if passed, would block US government agencies and contractors from doing business with Wuxi. Wuxi does not rely heavily on US government contracts, but many of its large US customers do. As such, Wuxi may lose these customers, along with any funding that it receives for its US facilities. More intangibly, the company's reputation globally may have been impacted negatively by the Act thereby limiting future growth. Whilst there is a chance that, on this occasion, the Act will be watered down or not passed into law, we worry that similar headwinds will continue to plague the company and that the reputational damage may have already been done. The valuation has corrected significantly since the beginning of the year but does not reflect what we believe to be the company's reduced growth opportunity or the likely operational impact on the company if the Act is passed in its current form. As such, we have decided to sell the shares.
Yunnan Energy New Material	Yunnan Energy New Material is a leading manufacturer of separators for lithium-ion batteries. The investment case was built around China's leadership in electric vehicle sales, scale in its supply chains and the large growth opportunity this offered. A recent assessment of the portfolio's holdings in the sector highlighted a growing concern around pricing pressure within the separator market both from competitors and from customers, as well as lower conviction in Yunnan Energy's competitive advantages relative to other portfolio holdings. As such, we have decided to sell the holding and use the proceeds to add to the position in CATL.

Sector Analysis (%)



1	Consumer Discretionary	31.80
2	Industrials	16.20
3	Communication Services	14.69
4	Consumer Staples	8.54
5	Financials	7.17
6	Information Technology	7.15
7	Health Care	6.21
8	Materials	4.15
9	Utilities	1.26
10	Real Estate	1.08
11	Cash	1.74

Total may not sum due to rounding. The composition of the Fund's holdings is subject to change. Percentages are based on securities at market value.

Top Ten Holdings

Holdings	Fund %
1 Tencent	10.03
2 Kweichow Moutai	5.86
3 Alibaba	5.27
4 Meituan	5.10
5 PDD Holdings	4.25
6 NetEase	3.21
7 China Merchants Bank	3.15
8 CATL	3.14
9 Midea	2.74
10 Ping An Insurance	2.62

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Portfolio Characteristics

Number of holdings	55
Number of countries	2
Number of sectors	10
Number of industries	33
Active Share	70%*
Annual Turnover	14%**

*Relative to MSCI China All Shares Index. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, MSCI.

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Voting Activity

Votes Cast in Favour		Votes Cast Against		Votes Abstained/Withheld	
Companies	15	Companies	1	Companies	None
Resolutions	88	Resolutions	1	Resolutions	None

We strengthened engagement with CATL around transparency, board stability and supply chain management

KE Holdings saw an upgrade to its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) rating due to stronger data security measures

An in-person meeting with PDD discussed their international regulatory engagement, compliance alongside business expansion, and ESG disclosures

Company Engagement

Engagement Type	Company
Environmental	Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited, HUAYU Automotive Systems Company Limited, Topchoice Medical Co., Inc.
Social	Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited
Governance	Beijing United Information Technology Co.,Ltd., Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited, China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited, HUAYU Automotive Systems Company Limited, LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd., Li Ning Company Limited, PDD Holdings Inc., Pop Mart International Group Limited, Proya Cosmetics Co.,Ltd., Weichai Power Co., Ltd., Yifeng Pharmacy Chain Co., Ltd.
Strategy	Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited, PDD Holdings Inc., Silergy Corp.

Votes Cast in Favour

Companies	Voting Rationale
Anker Innovations 'A', Asymchem Laboratories 'A', Centre Testing 'A' - Stock Connect, Dongguan Yiheda Automation Co 'A', Estun Automation 'A', Fuyao Glass Industry Grp 'H', Guangdong KinLong Hardware 'A', Guangzhou Kingmed 'A', Huayu Auto Systems 'A', Midea Group 'A', Sinocare 'A', Sinocera Material 'A', WuXi AppTec 'H', Yifeng Pharmacy Chain 'A', Yunnan Energy New Material 'A'	We voted in favour of routine proposals at the aforementioned meeting(s).

Votes Cast Against

Company	Meeting Details	Resolution(s)	Voting Rationale
Guangzhou Kingmed 'A'	EGM 01/31/24	5.1	We opposed the election of one director because we have concerns over his suitability to serve on the board as he was criticised by Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Votes Abstained

We did not abstain on any resolutions during the period.

Votes Withheld

We did not withhold on any resolutions during the period.

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Midea	2.74
Ping An Insurance	2.62
Zijin Mining	2.58
Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls	2.33
BeiGene	2.11
Shenzhou International	2.07
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	1.89
Fuyao Glass Industry	1.80
Proya Cosmetics	1.78
Haier Smart Home	1.76
Weichai Power	1.71
Guangzhou Kingmed Diagnostics Group	1.66
Shandong Sinocera Functional Material	1.57
Silergy	1.53
Shenzhen Megmeet Electrical	1.51
Centre Testing International	1.46
Brilliance China Automotive	1.44
Ping An Bank	1.40
Anker Innovations	1.38
Estun Automation	1.36
BYD Company	1.28
Huayu Auto Systems	1.26
ENN Energy	1.26
Li Ning	1.26
Luckin Coffee	1.09
KE Holdings	1.08
Kingdee International Software	1.01
Sungrow Power Supply	1.00
Hangzhou Robam Appliances	0.94
Pop Mart International Group	0.91
Yifeng Pharmacy Chain	0.90
SG Micro	0.88
Yonyou	0.82
Kuaishou Technology	0.78
Asymchem Laboratories	0.75
Sinocare	0.69
Kingsoft	0.67
Mint Group	0.63

Asset Name	Fund %
LONGi Green Energy Technology	0.60
Jiangsu Azure	0.56
Beijing United Information Technology	0.53
Sunny Optical Technology	0.51
Medlive Technology	0.50
Topchoice Medical Investment	0.49
Dongguan Yiheda	0.42
Glodon Company	0.41
Guangdong KinLong	0.29
Cash	1.74
Total	100.00

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Important Information and Fund Risks

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As with all mutual funds, the value of an investment in the Fund could decline, so you could lose money. The most significant risks of an investment in the Baillie Gifford China Equities Fund are China Risk, Investment Style Risk, Growth Stock Risk, Long-Term Investment Strategy Risk, Non-Diversification Risk and Geographic Focus Risk. Investing in securities of Chinese issuers involves certain risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers, including more frequent trading suspensions and government interventions (including by nationalization of assets), currency exchange rate fluctuations or blockages, different financial reporting standards, custody risks, and potential adverse tax consequences. Investing in securities of Chinese issuers involves certain risks such as limits on use of brokers and foreign ownership. There can be a higher dependence on exports and international trade with the potential for increased trade tariffs, sanctions and embargoes. U.S. sanctions or other investment restrictions could preclude the Fund from investing in certain Chinese issuers or cause the Fund to sell investments at a disadvantageous time. Chinese securities can become illiquid quickly as Chinese issuers have the ability to suspend trading and have done so in response to market volatility and other events. The Fund is managed on a bottom up basis and stock selection is likely to be the main driver of investment returns. Returns are unlikely to track the movements of the benchmark. The prices of growth stocks can be based largely on expectations of future earnings and can decline significantly in reaction to negative news. The Fund is managed on a long-term outlook, meaning that the Fund managers look for investments that they think will make returns over a number of years, rather than over shorter time periods. The Fund may have a smaller number of holdings with larger positions in each relative to other mutual funds. The Fund focuses on investments in China, meaning it may offer less diversification and be more volatile than other funds. Other Fund risks include: Conflicts of Interest Risk, Currency Risk, Emerging Markets Risk, Equity Securities Risk, Environmental, Social and Governance Risk, Focused Investment Risk, Government and Regulatory Risk, Information Technology Risk, Initial Public Offering Risk, Large-Capitalization Securities Risk, Liquidity Risk, Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk,

Market Risk, New and Smaller-Sized Funds Risk, Non-U.S. Investment Risk, Service Provider Risk, Settlement Risk, Small-and Medium-Capitalization Securities Risk, Underlying Funds Risk and Valuation Risk.

For more information about these and other risks of an investment in the Fund, see "Principal Investment Risks" and "Additional Investment Strategies" in the prospectus.

Baillie Gifford China Equities Fund seeks capital appreciation. There can be no assurance, however, that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

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