

### FIRST QUARTER REPORT

MARCH 31, 2008

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### MESSAGE TO SHAREHOLDERS

#### FROM THE INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Dear Valued Shareholders.

The first quarter of 2008 will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the more challenging episodes in the recent history of capital markets. Shares in the U.S. and around the world declined due to concerns over the health of the global economy. At the root of those concerns were fears about the solvency of certain segments of the U.S. financial system.

Over the past several years, the U.S. economy experienced a sustained expansion in credit, particularly with respect to mortgage-related lending. During this period, banks and securities firms were keen to participate in the boom for residential credit. The extended duration of that boom tempted many companies to adopt aggressive lending practices, both with respect to how mortgages were made, and especially how they were financed. These tactics have recently backfired: During the past several months, mortgage delinquencies have risen, even as the sources of funding for such loans have dissipated. As conditions in the credit markets have worsened, many small- and mid-sized financial services firms have watched their capitalizations languish, and some have been forced to declare bankruptcy.

The market took an astonishing turn on March 17, when the fifth-largest investment bank on Wall Street suffered a collapse. Bear Stearns, a storied bank whose history spanned the Great Depression, was forced to sell itself to J.P. Morgan for a small sum, or face insolvency and liquidation. J.P. Morgan was willing to complete the transaction only after the U.S. Federal Reserve took the unprecedented action of underwriting \$30 billion of Bear Stearns' worst assets, thereby shielding the acquirer from initial losses. The sudden demise of this long-running institution sent deep shivers through the markets. Stocks sagged under fears that the deterioration in the U.S. credit cycle would push the domestic economy into recession, and that, in turn, would slow growth overseas. Equities around the world declined in response.

Over the first quarter, the sharp decline of markets in Asia Pacific and elsewhere acted as a substantial headwind for the Funds' performance. The MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index—the broadest equity benchmark in the Asian region—declined approximately 11% in the first three months of the year. Several markets in the region, such as China and India, fell substantially further. None of the Funds in the family were able to sidestep these difficult conditions, as all declined during the quarter. Importantly, though, nearly all the Funds bested their respective benchmarks, and some by a substantial margin.

We have highlighted this relative outperformance not because we put much weight on a single quarter's results. Instead, our investment philosophy aims for returns over longer horizons, and we hold a humble view of our ability to time markets. However, the performance of the Funds during the first quarter illustrates another principle we strive for: to manage our clients' assets with a strong appreciation for risk. Except for the last several months, most markets in Asia have experienced nearly five years of uninterrupted gains. In such an environment, it has been tempting to aim for maximal returns, while turning a blind eye to the downside of markets. Yet even among Matthews' more aggressive strategies, we have attempted to cultivate a prudent approach toward risk. Our tools are simple—we emphasize appropriate diversification, and avoid timing markets, no matter how seemingly attractive the opportunity.

Although the contraction of the U.S. credit cycle has done damage to markets around the world, fundamentals in the Asia Pacific region have thus far held up reasonably well. Balance sheets of regional banks and insurance companies have declared losses due to their exposure to subprime mortgage instruments, though the cumulative impact has been much smaller than elsewhere around the world. More importantly, the credit cycle has not invoked a solvency or liquidity crisis in the region—indeed, Asian banks have been

among the first to recapitalize some of the weaker financial institutions in the U.S. A point of potential weakness arises from Asia's reliance on exports to Western economies. This, of course, remains of critical concern; yet Asian companies have done a great deal to diversify their end export markets during the last decade. Consequently, the dependency on any single market, such as the U.S., has been lessened. Critically, exports bound for intra-region consumption have also become a greater component of the region's growth. Thus, while aggregate exports may slow, they appear unlikely to nosedive.

In our view, Asia Pacific's greater challenge arises not from the U.S. credit bust, but rather the potential for policy errors by governments in reaction to burgeoning inflation. Across the region, inflation is hovering at levels not seen in a decade. Rapid growth in personal incomes has meant that, so far, most consumers have been sheltered from the painful pinch of higher prices for food and other necessities. Yet sharp price increases on staple crops have lead many governments to introduce price controls and to ban exports—measures that will more likely exacerbate the problem. Most economies in the region, save Japan and Australia, face a dilemma: Their fortunes have been tied to the dollar for several decades via exchange-rate mechanisms designed to encourage stable prices and economic

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stability. However, the dollar's status has been tarnished, and the rapid interest rate cuts in the U.S. may have stoked some of the inflationary pressures now surfacing in the region. Asia Pacific may find it difficult to maintain its ties to the dollar, but severing longstanding ties will beget unknown and probably volatile outcomes. If the region were to detach itself from the dollar, this would constitute the truest sort of "decoupling;" and contrary to expectation, it might not be a welcome event for investors

In closing, we would like to draw attention to a change made during the quarter to the Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund. To better reflect its income orientation, in March 2008, the Fund began to distribute investment income dividends on a quarterly, rather than semi-annual basis. For further details, please see the Fund's commentary on page 6.

As always, it is a privilege and an honor to serve as your investment advisor.

ANDREW T. FOSTER

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Acting Chief Investment Officer Matthews International Capital Management, LLC G. P. 4/2023

**G. Paul Matthews** 

Chairman

Matthews International Capital Management, LLC

#### REDEMPTION FEE POLICY

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**Fund Holdings:** The Fund holdings shown in this report are as of March 31, 2008. Holdings are subject to change at any time, so holdings shown in this report may not reflect current Fund holdings. The Funds file complete schedules of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Funds' Form N-Q is filed with the SEC within 60 days of the end of the quarter to which it relates, and is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. It may also be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

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### MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY INCOME FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MAPIX

**Objective:** Total return with an emphasis on providing current income. Total return includes current income (dividends and distributions paid to shareholders) and capital gains (share price appreciation). The Fund measures total return over longer periods.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in income-paying publicly traded common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks, and other equity-related instruments (including, for example, investment trusts and other financial instruments) of companies located in the Asia Pacific region, which includes Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: Jesper Madsen, CFA

Co-Manager: Andrew T. Foster

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the quarter ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund declined –3.11%, while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index, fell –10.95% during the same period.

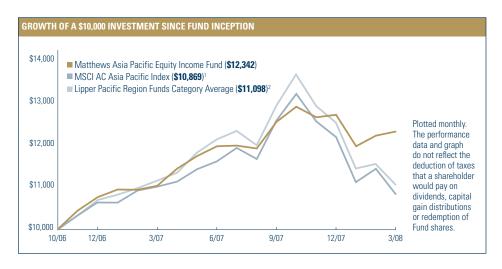
The volatility in equity markets experienced in the fourth quarter of 2007 extended into the first quarter of this year. The Fund, however, exhibited lower volatility than its benchmark, as some of its higher-yielding holdings with defensive business models held up better than the general market. During the quarter, the two main contributors to portfolio performance were convenience store operators Lawson of Japan and President Chain Stores of Taiwan. Convenience stores are often perceived as more defensive businesses since they generate earnings from a high volume of repeat visitors buying small-ticket daily items. CLP Holdings, an integrated electrical power company in Hong Kong with a growing regional footprint, also posted positive returns for the quarter. The regulatory framework under which the company operates was revised, giving investors greater

clarity into future earnings. Since Hong Kong's monetary policy is tied to that of the U.S., interest rates fell in lock step with the interest rate cuts introduced by the Federal Reserve. This made the dividend yield of a power utility like CLP, with some fixed-income characteristics, more attractive, which increased demand for the company's shares.

By country, our Taiwan holdings were the main contributors to Fund performance. Taiwanese equities have generally underperformed equities elsewhere in the region over the last decade, resulting in higher dividend yields and greater attraction for incomeoriented investors. Taiwanese equities moved counter to global markets, posting positive returns for the first quarter leading up to and following Taiwan's presidential election. President-elect Ma Ying-jeou of the Kuomintang (KMT) party is widely expected to strike a reconciliatory stance vis-à-vis the People's Republic of China, improving relations which had become strained by Taiwan's outgoing administration. Improved cross-strait

| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                          |         |               |                    |
|---|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Fund Inception: 10/31/06                                  | 3 MO    | Average Annua | al Total Returns   |
|   | 3 IVIU  | 1 YR          | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |
| Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund                  | -3.11%  | 11.68%        | 16.05%             |
| MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index <sup>1</sup>          | -10.95% | -1.46%        | 6.06%              |
| Lipper Pacific Region Funds Category Average <sup>2</sup> | -11.33% | -1.08%        | 7.54%              |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   |                        |                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gross Operating Expense:3 | 1.41% Portfolio Turnov | /er: <sup>4</sup> 26.95% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock markets of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The Matthews Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund invests in countries that are not included in the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to Matthews International Capital Management (the "Advisor"). The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses to the extent needed to limit total annual operating expenses to 1.50% until October 31, 2009. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

# MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY INCOME FUND

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>                |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | COUNTRY         | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | Taiwan          | 4.8%            |
| HSBC Holdings PLC                            | United Kingdom  | 4.0%            |
| Lawson, Inc.                                 | Japan           | 3.7%            |
| Globe Telecom, Inc.                          | Philippines     | 3.0%            |
| Singapore Press Holdings, Ltd.               | Singapore       | 3.0%            |
| The Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.       | Japan           | 2.9%            |
| Benesse Corp.                                | Japan           | 2.8%            |
| CLP Holdings, Ltd.                           | China/Hong Kong | 2.6%            |
| Cyberlink Corp.                              | Taiwan          | 2.6%            |
| BOC Hong Kong Holdings, Ltd.                 | China/Hong Kong | 2.6%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10                        |                 | 32.0%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| Japan                                      | 20.9% |
| China/Hong Kong                            | 20.3% |
| Taiwan                                     | 15.4% |
| Singapore                                  | 8.2%  |
| Australia                                  | 7.0%  |
| Malaysia                                   | 6.4%  |
| United Kingdom <sup>2</sup>                | 4.0%  |
| India                                      | 3.7%  |
| South Korea                                | 3.5%  |
| Thailand                                   | 3.4%  |
| Philippines                                | 3.0%  |
| Indonesia                                  | 1.8%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 2.4%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 24.8% |
| Financials                                 | 23.8% |
| Information Technology                     | 13.9% |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 11.0% |
| Consumer Staples                           | 8.7%  |
| Health Care                                | 5.0%  |
| Industrials                                | 4.2%  |
| Utilities                                  | 3.9%  |
| Energy                                     | 2.3%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 2.4%  |

| 45.9% |
|-------|
| 33.6% |
| 18.1% |
| 2.4%  |
|       |

| NUM | MBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS    | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|-----|--------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|     | 56                 | \$11.55 | \$91.7 million | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.
 The United Kingdom is not included in the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index.
 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 6

relations could lead to fewer restrictions on the transfer of people, capital, goods and services, and therefore benefit Taiwanese businesses. However, while the prospect of improved crossstrait relations is positive, past overtures have generally fallen short, leaving investors wary.

Conversely, the Fund's Indian holdings were the main detractors to performance during the quarter. Small- and mid-capitalization companies generally fared worse than larger companies. The broad sell-off of companies in quite different industries indicated that lower valuations were driven less by companyspecific events and more by market-based liquidity as foreign investors became net sellers.

Volatile equity markets often represent a time of opportunity for long-term investors. Companies with good growth potential, both in terms of earnings and dividends, often sell at more reasonable valuations and dividend yields. During the quarter, the Fund added Billabong, an Australian manufacturer and retailer of well-known surfing apparel and accessories. The company's stock had fallen sharply, in great part due to concerns of a slowdown in U.S. sales as well as currency headwinds from the Australian dollar's gains against the U.S. dollar. However, while earnings in the U.S. have contracted slightly, earnings outside of the U.S. continue to post healthy growth. We believe the company's ability to grow dividends over the coming years and its track record of doing so fits with the Fund's investment focus.

The Fund also initiated an investment in the preferred shares of Ito En, Japan's leading ready-to-drink green tea beverage manufacturer. Last year, the company conducted a preferred share offering. Dividend payments on preferred shares are 25% higher than that on common shares. However, in order to receive higher dividends, preferred shareholders only have limited voting rights under certain circumstances. The preferred offering was not well received by the market partly because such shares remain unknown to many Japanese investors. As a result the preferred shares slumped relative to the common shares, selling at about a 40% discount in spite of the higher claim to the dividend. The combination of the deep discount and the higher claim to future dividends allowed the Fund to take a position in a company that has historically sold at low dividend yields due to high valuations.

During the quarter, the Fund distributed its first quarterly dividend of 5.86 cents. Since the Fund's inception, income has been distributed on a semi-annual basis. However, to better reflect its income-oriented strategy, the Fund now intends to distribute its dividends quarterly. It is important to note that quarterly income distributions will likely fluctuate in part to reflect the actual dividend distributions received each quarter from the securities in the portfolio. Individual quarterly distributions will therefore not necessarily be an indication of the total annual dividend distribution.

The Fund continues to be invested in companies we believe can sustain or grow their dividend, even during periods of volatility. As noted above, volatility brings with it opportunities and, as such, we continue to search for attractive investment candidates across the region.

# MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY INCOME FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: 95.9%

|  | SHARES     | VALUE       |
|--|------------|-------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 20.3%                   |            |             |
| CLP Holdings, Ltd.                       | 289,500    | \$2,395,562 |
| BOC Hong Kong Holdings, Ltd.             | 966,000    | 2,347,194   |
| Hang Seng Bank, Ltd.                     | 113,900    | 2,076,642   |
| ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd.             | 242,000    | 1,757,950   |
| Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.             | 912,000    | 1,751,594   |
| Television Broadcasts, Ltd.              | 287,000    | 1,544,993   |
| Sa Sa International Holdings,<br>Ltd.    | 3,800,000  | 1,425,951   |
| Next Media, Ltd.                         | 3,460,000  | 1,357,026   |
| Pico Far East Holdings, Ltd.             | 10,696,000 | 1,271,369   |
| Huaneng Power International,             |            |             |
| Inc. H Shares                            | 836,000    | 639,445     |
| Huaneng Power International,<br>Inc. ADR | 17,500     | 534,450     |
| Other Investments                        |            | 1,475,445   |
| Total China/Hong Kong                    |            | 18,577,621  |
|  |            |             |
| JAPAN: 19.2%                             |            |             |
| Lawson, Inc.                             | 75,700     | 3,363,760   |
| The Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd.   | 383,000    | 2,654,304   |
| Benesse Corp.                            | 54,800     | 2,586,034   |
| Monex Beans Holdings, Inc.               | 3.694      | 2,126,634   |
| Eisai Co., Ltd.                          | 58.100     | 2,000,430   |
| Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co., In         |            | 1,320,467   |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.          | 24,700     | 1,239,992   |
| Tokyu REIT, Inc.                         | 155        | 1,173,240   |
| Hitachi Koki Co., Ltd.                   | 92,000     | 1,173,240   |
| THEOGIT NONE GO., ETG.                   | 32,000     | 1,104,142   |
| Total Japan                              |            | 17,649,003  |

|                                 | SHARES    | VALUE       |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| TAIWAN: 15.4%                   |           |             |
| Taiwan Semiconductor            |           |             |
| Manufacturing Co., Ltd.         | 1,876,298 | \$3,882,954 |
| Cyberlink Corp.                 | 535,000   | 2,348,341   |
| Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.      | 857,727   | 2,264,327   |
| President Chain Store Corp.     | 485,000   | 1,662,032   |
| Giant Manufacturing Co., Ltd.   | 647,000   | 1,636,602   |
| Taiwan Secom Co., Ltd.          | 609,000   | 1,257,254   |
| Johnson Health Tech Co., Ltd.   | 325,000   | 608,787     |
| Taiwan Semiconductor            |           |             |
| Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR     | 50,087    | 514,394     |
| Total Taiwan                    |           | 14,174,691  |
|                                 |           |             |
| SINGAPORE: 8.2%                 |           | 0.700.000   |
| Singapore Press Holdings, Ltd.  | 831,000   | 2,789,280   |
| Venture Corp., Ltd.             | 240,000   | 1,852,960   |
| Parkway Life REIT               | 1,430,868 | 1,243,371   |
| Singapore Post, Ltd.            | 1,142,000 | 958,298     |
| Yellow Pages (Singapore), Ltd.  | 1,067,000 | 642,657     |
| Total Singapore                 |           | 7,486,566   |
|                                 |           |             |
| AUSTRALIA: 7.0%                 | 000 400   | 1 000 040   |
| AXA Asia Pacific Holdings, Ltd. | 323,439   | 1,633,049   |
| Billabong International, Ltd.   | 130,951   | 1,558,839   |
| Coca-Cola Amatil, Ltd.          | 179,498   | 1,397,013   |
| Insurance Australia Group, Ltd. | 320,121   | 1,077,528   |
| Tabcorp Holdings, Ltd.          | 61,523    | 798,134     |
| Total Australia                 |           | 6,464,563   |
| MALAYSIA: 6.4%                  |           |             |
| Media Prima BHD                 | 3,235,900 | 2,296,845   |
| Public Bank BHD                 | 676,000   | 2,225,039   |
| Berjaya Sports Toto BHD         | 811,200   | 1,310,919   |
| Total Malaysia                  | •         | 5.832.803   |

#### **PREFERRED EQUITIES: 1.7%**

|  | SHARES                                  | VALUE       |
|--|---|-------------|
| UNITED KINGDOM: 4.0%                         |   |             |
| HSBC Holdings PLC ADR                        | 26,900                                  | \$2,213,870 |
| HSBC Holdings PLC                            | 90,800                                  | 1,489,264   |
| Total United Kingdom                         |   | 3,703,134   |
| INDIA: 3.7%                                  |   |             |
| Ashok Leyland, Ltd.b                         | 1,895,000                               | 1,681,982   |
| HCL-Infosystems, Ltd.                        | 230,167                                 | 931,252     |
| Chennai Petroleum Corp., Ltd.                | 105,000                                 | 736,683     |
| Total India                                  |   | 3,349,917   |
| SOUTH KOREA: 3.5%                            |   |             |
| Hana Financial Group, Inc.                   | 37,640                                  | 1,542,751   |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd.                         | 4,488                                   | 849,557     |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR                     | 36,300                                  | 784,443     |
| Total South Korea                            |   | 3,176,751   |
| THAILAND: 3.4%                               |   |             |
| Advanced Info Service Public                 |   |             |
| Co., Ltd.                                    | 540,600                                 | 1,723,292   |
| PTT Public Co., Ltd.                         | 136,500                                 | 1,378,431   |
| Total Thailand                               |   | 3,101,723   |
| PHILIPPINES: 3.0%                            |   |             |
| Globe Telecom, Inc.                          | 77,320                                  | 2,795,168   |
| Total Philippines                            |   | 2,795,168   |
| INDONESIA: 1.8%                              |   |             |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia ADR              | 25,200                                  | 1,056,888   |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia                  | 559,000                                 | 589,673     |
| Total Indonesia                              | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 1,646,561   |
| Total Indulicata                             |   | 1,040,001   |
| TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES<br>(Cost \$85,590,060) |   | 87,958,501  |

|                     |  | SHARES          | VALUE                          |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| JAP                 | AN: 1.7%   |                 |                                |
| lto E               | n, Ltd., Pfd.  | 140,400         | \$1,582,395                    |
| Tota                | l Japan  |                 | 1,582,395                      |
|                     | AL PREFERRED EQUITIES<br>t \$1,555,339)  |                 | 1,582,395                      |
|                     | <b>AL INVESTMENTS: 97.6%</b> t \$87,145,399°)  |                 | 89,540,896                     |
|                     | H AND OTHER ASSETS,<br>S LIABILITIES: 2.4%   |                 | 2,194,515                      |
| NET                 | ASSETS: 100.0%   |                 | \$91,735,411                   |
| а                   | Certain securities were fair valued<br>Board of Trustees (Note A).   | under the discr | etion of the                   |
|                     | Board of fractions (restoring.   |                 |                                |
| b                   | Non-income producing security.   |                 |                                |
| _                   | Non-income producing security.  Cost of investments is \$87,145,399 consists of:   | and net unreal  | ized appreciation              |
| _                   | Cost of investments is \$87,145,399  |                 |                                |
| _                   | Cost of investments is \$87,145,399 consists of:   |                 | . \$8,338,788                  |
| _                   | Cost of investments is \$87,145,399 consists of: Gross unrealized appreciation   |                 | . \$8,338,788<br>. (5,943,291) |
| b<br>c              | Cost of investments is \$87,145,398 consists of: Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation Net unrealized appreciation American Depositary Receipt           |                 | . \$8,338,788<br>. (5,943,291) |
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| ADR<br>Pfd.<br>REIT | Cost of investments is \$87,145,398 consists of: Gross unrealized appreciation Gross unrealized depreciation Net unrealized appreciation American Depositary Receipt Preferred |                 | . \$8,338,788<br>. (5,943,291) |

### MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

(CLOSED TO MOST NEW INVESTORS)

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MACSX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation. The Fund also seeks to provide some current income.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in dividend-paying equity securities and the convertible securities, of any duration or quality, of companies located in Asia. Asia includes China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: Andrew T. Foster

Co-Manager: G. Paul Matthews

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

During the first three months of 2008, the Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund declined –4.25%, while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index, fell –12.61% during the same period.

Markets around the world were racked by volatility as the contraction of the U.S. credit cycle exposed the terminal weakness inherent in the balance sheets of several major financial institutions, most notably Bear Stearns. Capital markets in Asia Pacific declined in sympathy, and on concerns that the region's growth would stall if global demand faltered. Amid this environment, the Fund performed largely in line with expectation: It weathered the worst of the downturn well, outperforming both Asian markets and the S&P 500 on a relative basis.

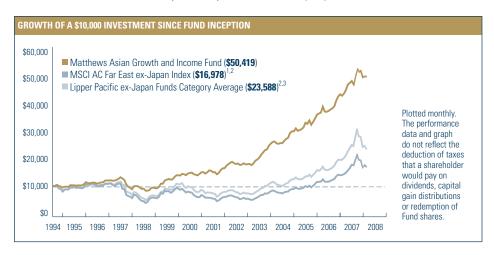
The portfolio experienced several successful events during the quarter. Most notable of these was its investment in HSBC Holdings, which represented 3.0% of the portfolio at quarter end. For some time now, the bank has

been under pressure. Even as profit growth has been steady, some investors have publicly declared their doubts about the bank's management and the performance of its shares. Analysts also moved quickly to downgrade the bank's earnings, assuming that HSBC would fall victim to the U.S. subprime debacle. Yet in recent months the bank's leadership has become clear. In the latter half of 2006, before the credit crisis became fodder for headlines. the bank was one of the first to recognize the burgeoning problem, and undertook actions to clean up its balance sheet accordingly. In mid-2007, HSBC again lead the way as the first bank to bring its off-balance sheet interests back on the balance sheet. This was not just a show of strength; in doing so, the bank rejected common wisdom that a much-touted, government-led Structured Investment Vehicle (SIV) "superfund" was a viable alternative to help calm debt markets. The superfund never materialized, leaving competitor banks to scramble for a solution. In March, HSBC declared

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                            |         |        |        |              |         |                    |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| Fund Inception: 9/12/94                                     | 2 MO    |        |        | Annual Total | Returns |                    |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR   | 3 YRS  | 5 YRS        | 10 YRS  | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund                       | -4.25%  | 13.59% | 18.21% | 23.21%       | 17.63%  | 12.68%             |
| MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index <sup>1</sup>       | -12.61% | 17.93% | 23.70% | 28.90%       | 9.99%   | 3.97%2             |
| Lipper Pacific ex-Japan Funds Category Average <sup>3</sup> | -14.42% | 14.83% | 23.25% | 28.29%       | 11.81%  | 6.37% <sup>2</sup> |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   |       |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:4 | 1.15% | Portfolio Turnover:5 | 27.93% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund invests in countries that are not included in the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated from 8/31/94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

## MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

#### (CLOSED TO MOST NEW INVESTORS)

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>                       |                 |                  |                 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|   | COUNTRY         | SECURITY TYPE    | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Singapore Press Holdings, Ltd.                      | Singapore       | Equity           | 3.7%            |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.        | Taiwan          | Equity           | 3.3%            |
| CLP Holdings, Ltd.                                  | China/Hong Kong | Equity           | 3.1%            |
| HSBC Holdings PLC                                   | United Kingdom  | Equity           | 3.0%            |
| Advanced Info Service Public Co., Ltd.              | Thailand        | Equity           | 2.9%            |
| Hang Seng Bank, Ltd.                                | China/Hong Kong | Equity           | 2.9%            |
| Hongkong Land CB 2005, Ltd., Cnv., 2.750%, 12/21/12 | China/Hong Kong | Convertible Bond | 2.8%            |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd.                                | South Korea     | Equity           | 2.7%            |
| Far EasTone Telecommunications Co., Ltd.            | Taiwan          | Equity           | 2.6%            |
| Rafflesia Capital, Ltd., Cnv., 1.250%, 10/04/11     | Malaysia        | Convertible Bond | 2.4%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10                               |                 |                  | 29.4%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| China/Hong Kong                            | 30.1% |
| Singapore                                  | 15.4% |
| Taiwan                                     | 13.1% |
| South Korea                                | 10.6% |
| Malaysia                                   | 6.0%  |
| India <sup>2</sup>                         | 5.9%  |
| Thailand                                   | 5.2%  |
| Australia <sup>2</sup>                     | 3.3%  |
| United Kingdom <sup>2</sup>                | 3.0%  |
| Japan <sup>2</sup>                         | 2.7%  |
| Indonesia                                  | 1.9%  |
| Philippines                                | 1.4%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 1.4%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Financials                                 | 25.9% |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 22.9% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 16.7% |
| Industrials                                | 9.5%  |
| Utilities                                  | 7.1%  |
| Health Care                                | 5.0%  |
| Consumer Staples                           | 4.8%  |
| Information Technology                     | 4.7%  |
| Energy                                     | 2.0%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 1.4%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>3</sup>                        |       |
|---|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)                            | 58.9% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion) Small cap (under \$1 billion) | 26.5% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)                           | 13.1% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities              | 1.4%  |

| BREAKDOWN BY SECURIT                       | ГҮ    |
|--|-------|
| Common Equities                            | 76.6% |
| Convertible Bonds <sup>4</sup>             | 19.7% |
| Preferred Equities                         | 2.3%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 1.4%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS   | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 71                   | \$18.94 | \$2.1 billion | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> India, Australia, the United Kingdom and Japan are not included in the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index.

<sup>3</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Convertible bonds are not included in the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 12

growing earnings for the year, and further that it would pay its dividend in full, and raise it for the year ahead—this came even as many of its competitors cut dividends and sought new sources of capital.

Of course, the portfolio was also not without its share of frustrations. Over the past few years, the Fund has increased its allocation to technology-related shares. The exact premise for each investment in this area has been different, but the general idea has been that such companies were available at lower valuations, had underappreciated growth prospects, solid balance sheets and improving cash flow. However, this fundamentally driven premise did not fare well during the first quarter, when concerns about the health of the global economy led many investors to sell technology-related shares in knee-jerk fashion. We continue, however, to see long-term prospects for the Fund's holdings in this sector, as valuations and fundamentals remain attractive.

The portfolio also struggled under the weight of one of its larger holdings, SK Telecom, South Korea's largest cellular carrier. The company's shares surged late in the fourth quarter of 2007 on news that the South Korean government would allow the company to engage in a merger with another local telecommunications company, despite antitrust concerns. However, the shares dropped

precipitously early this year; the market grew concerned that in order to endear its merger with wary consumer groups, the government was prepared to force SK Telecom to adopt substantial reductions in its tariff schedule. Higher marketing costs and disappointing dividends from the company have also dampened its share price.

Falling markets are always difficult to tolerate. Yet corrections do breed opportunities, and the Fund is always keen to take advantage of such occasions as they arise. The Asian convertible bond market offers an intriguing hunting ground at the moment. For many years, that market was dormant, with a limited number of attractive candidates for investment. However, during the past 24 months, issuance expanded sharply: The market rose from approximately \$30 billion in size to \$60 billion at the end of 2007. Even as the market grew, however, many of the more recent issues were priced at large premiums, and had no coupons attached. Consequently, such bonds lacked the defensive characteristics that the Fund appreciates. Amidst the broader market correction, these bonds have also declined, and thus new pockets of opportunity have begun to emerge. We look forward to exploring the risks and rewards presented by this market on your behalf.

## MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

### **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS** <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) **COMMON EQUITIES: 76.6%**

| Total Singapore                                  |             | 321,398,764  | IVIAI IIIAIIAIIU                       |            | 100,200,720  |
|--|-------------|--------------|--|------------|--------------|
| Yellow Pages (Singapore), Ltd.                   | 6,638,000   | 3,998,087    | Total Thailand                         |            | 108.280.726  |
| Cerebos Pacific, Ltd.                            | 8,208,000   | 22,644,056   | Co., Ltd.                              | 25,672,800 | 4,892,387    |
| Parkway Life REIT                                | 26,137,110  | 22,712,179   | Thai Reinsurance Public                | 17,000,700 | 10,020,470   |
| Singapore Post, Ltd.                             | 29,248,000  | 24,543,161   | BEC World Public Co., Ltd.             | 47,386,400 | 43,028,478   |
| Parkway Holdings, Ltd.                           | 14,242,200  | 33,472,321   | Advanced Info Service Public Co., Ltd. | 18,935,000 | 60,359,861   |
| Ascendas REIT                                    | 23,690,000  | 41,544,441   | THAILAND: 5.2%                         |            |              |
| DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.                         | 3,650,000   | 48,064,469   |  |            |              |
| Fraser and Neave, Ltd.                           | 13,504,100  | 48,087,419   | Total South Korea                      |            | 140,903,875  |
| Singapore Press Holdings, Ltd.                   | 22,741,500  | 76,332,631   | •                                      | ,          |              |
| SINGAPORE: 15.4%                                 |             |              | G11R, Inc.                             | 309,540    | 2,658,580    |
|  |             |              | Daehan City Gas Co., Ltd.              | 280,300    | 8,914,991    |
| Total China/Hong Kong                            |             | 499,013,193  | SK Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR               | 522,200    | 11,284,742   |
| OTHER HINESTHIGHTS                               |             | 11,302,140   | KT Corp. ADR                           | 718.800    | 17,071,500   |
| Other Investments                                | 14,330,003  | 1,334,366    | KT Corp.                               | 505.730    | 24,042,560   |
| China-Hong Kong Photo<br>Products Holdings, Ltd. | 14,998,003  | 1,334,586    | Hana Financial Group, Inc.             | 751.889    | 30,817,688   |
| I-CABLE Communications, Ltd. <sup>†</sup>        | 129,801,000 | 19,537,438   | SK Telecom Co., Ltd.                   | 243.608    | 46,113,814   |
| Hang Lung Properties, Ltd.                       | 5,935,920   | 21,314,420   | SOUTH KOREA: 6.7%                      |            |              |
| Vitasoy International<br>Holdings, Ltd.          | 50,051,000  | 21,861,296   | Total Taiwan                           |            | 273,047,585  |
| Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd                   | . 7,775,900 | 23,526,461   | Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR            | 200,000    | 2,054,000    |
| CITIC Pacific, Ltd.                              | 6,095,000   | 26,091,427   | Taiwan Semiconductor                   |            |              |
| Next Media, Ltd.                                 | 68,536,000  | 26,880,089   | Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.             | 3,073,960  | 8,114,996    |
| ASM Pacific Technology, Ltd.                     | 3,700,500   | 26,881,379   | Taiwan Secom Co., Ltd.                 | 9,745,779  | 20,119,745   |
| Giordano International, Ltd.                     | 66,675,000  | 27,004,401   | Co., Ltd.                              | 9,352,705  | 24,007,052   |
| PCCW, Ltd.                                       | 48,711,000  | 30,758,784   | Cathay Financial Holding               | 13,033,000 | 40,707,037   |
| Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                            | 6,586,000   | 31,478,265   | President Chain Store Corp.            | 13.653.000 | 46.787.057   |
| Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.                     | 17,353,100  | 33,328,492   | Chunghwa Telecom Co.,<br>Ltd. ADR      | 2.009.404  | 52,284,692   |
| Television Broadcasts, Ltd.                      | 6,280,000   | 33,806,808   | Co., Ltd.                              | 31,474,611 | 53,789,261   |
| HongKong Electric Holdings, Ltd                  | . 6,090,500 | 38,652,205   | Far EasTone Telecommunication          |            | F0 700 004   |
| Hang Seng Bank, Ltd.                             | 3,307,500   | 60,302,837   | Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                | 31,839,352 | \$65,890,782 |
| CLP Holdings, Ltd.                               | 7,839,700   | \$64,872,157 | Taiwan Semiconductor                   |            |              |
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 23.9%                           |             |              | TAIWAN: 13.1%                          |            |              |
|  | SHARES      | VALUE        |  | SHARES     | VALUE        |
|  |             |              |  |            |              |

#### **PREFERRED EQUITIES: 2.3%**

|  | SHARES      | VALUE        |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| AUSTRALIA: 3.3%                                |             |              |
| Insurance Australia Group, Ltd.                | 10,161,357  | \$34,203,144 |
| AXA Asia Pacific Holdings, Ltd.                | 6,744,925   | 34,055,241   |
| Total Australia                                |             | 68,258,385   |
| UNITED KINGDOM: 3.0%                           |             |              |
| HSBC Holdings PLC ADR                          | 717,900     | 59,083,170   |
| HSBC Holdings PLC                              | 196,800     | 3,227,833    |
| Total United Kingdom                           |             | 62,311,003   |
|  |             |              |
| JAPAN: 2.7%<br>Nippon Building Fund, Inc. REIT | 2.865       | 36,509,594   |
| Other Investments                              | 2,000       | 20,654,190   |
| Other investments                              |             | 20,004,100   |
| Total Japan                                    |             | 57,163,784   |
| INDONESIA: 1.9%                                |             |              |
| PT Telekomunikasi                              |             |              |
| Indonesia ADR                                  | 745,500     | 31,266,270   |
| PT Tempo Scan Pacific                          | 139,445,000 | 9,171,616    |
| Total Indonesia                                |             | 40,437,886   |
| PHILIPPINES: 1.4%                              |             |              |
| Globe Telecom, Inc.                            | 856,190     | 30,951,826   |
| ·  |             |              |
| Total Philippines                              |             | 30,951,826   |

(Cost \$1,210,409,099)

|  | SHARES  | VALUE        |
|--|---------|--------------|
| SOUTH KOREA: 2.3%                                  |         |              |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., Pfd.                      | 566,280 | \$17,774,718 |
| Hyundai Motor Co., Ltd., 2nd Pfd.                  | 305,760 | 10,100,297   |
| Samsung Fire & Marine<br>Insurance Co., Ltd., Pfd. | 119,550 | 9,993,591    |
| LG Household & Health Care,<br>Ltd., Pfd.          | 177,830 | 9,875,953    |
| Total South Korea                                  |         | 47,744,559   |
| TOTAL PREFERRED EQUITIES (Cost \$19,413,954)       |         | 47,744,559   |

See footnotes on page 19.

# MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

### **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS** a (UNAUDITED) (continued)

**INTERNATIONAL DOLLAR BONDS: 19.7%** 

|  | FACE AMOUNT            | VALUE                    |  | FACE AMOU    |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| HINA/HONG KONG: 6  | .2%                    |                          | SOUTH KOREA: 1.6%                              |              |
| Hongkong Land CB 2005,<br>Ltd., Cnv.<br>2.750%, 12/21/12                         | \$49,200,000           | \$58,732,500             | SK Telecom Co., Ltd., Cnv.<br>0.000%, 05/27/09 | \$29,430,000 |
| China Petroleum & Chemi<br>Corp., Cnv.   |                        |                          | Total South Korea                              |              |
| 0.000%, 04/24/14<br>Brilliance China Finance,<br>Ltd., Cnv.                      | 305,950,000°           | 42,319,155               | TOTAL INTERNATIONAL DOLLAR BONDS               |              |
| 0.000%, 06/07/11<br>Other Investments  | 14,950,000             | 16,579,550<br>12,940,316 | (Cost \$380,806,326)                           |              |
| otal China/Hong Kong   |                        | 130,571,521              |  |              |
| 44144014 0 00  |                        |                          |  |              |
| MALAYSIA: 6.0%<br>Bafflesia Capital, Ltd., Cnv<br>1.250% <sup>d</sup> , 10/04/11 | v.<br>42,100,000       | 51,067,300               |  |              |
| Cherating Capital, Ltd., Cr<br>2.000%, 07/05/12                                  |                        | 46,471,500               |  |              |
| rime Venture Labuan, Ltd<br>1.000%, 12/12/08                                     | d., Cnv.<br>11,170,000 | 15,755,285               |  |              |
| TL Power Finance Cayma<br>Ltd., Cnv.   | an,                    |                          |  |              |
| 0.000%, 05/09/10   | 9,400,000              | 11,879,250               |  |              |
| otal Malaysia  |                        | 125,173,335              |  |              |
| NDIA: 5.9%   |                        |                          |  |              |
| Ranbaxy Laboratories,<br>Ltd., Cnv.  |                        |                          |  |              |
| 0.000%, 03/18/11<br>ata Motors, Ltd., Cnv.                                       | 33,326,000             | 36,783,572               |  |              |
| 1.000%, 04/27/11   | 27,349,000             | 31,341,954               |  |              |
| Reliance Communications<br>Ltd., Cnv.  | •                      | 00.000.445               |  |              |
| 0.000%, 05/10/11<br>Sun Pharmaceutical Indus                                     | 22,290,000<br>stries.  | 28,832,115               |  |              |
| Ltd., Cnv.<br>0.000%, 11/26/09   | 13,269,000             | 25,692,008               |  |              |
| otal India   |                        | 122,649,649              |  |              |

#### VALUE

#### **TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 98.6%**

\$2,060,573,391

(Cost \$1,610,629,379e)

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 1.4%

28,444,786

#### **NET ASSETS: 100.0%**

#### \$2,089,018,177

- Certain securities were fair valued under the discretion of the Board of Trustees (Note A).
- b Non-income producing security
- c Face amount reflects principal in local currency.
- Variable rate security. The rate represents the rate in effect at March 31, 2008.
- e Cost of investments is \$1,610,629,379 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

 Gross unrealized appreciation
 \$490,987,096

 Gross unrealized depreciation
 [41,043,084]

 Net unrealized appreciation
 \$449,944,012

- f Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)
- ADR American Depositary Receipt
- Cnv. Convertible
- Pfd. Preferred
- REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

See accompanying notes to schedules of investments.

This portfolio data should not be relied upon as a complete listing of this Fund's holdings, as information on particular holdings may have been withheld if it was in the Fund's interest to do so.

### MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MPACX

**Objective:** Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Asia Pacific Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in the Asia Pacific region. The Asia Pacific region includes Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. The Fund may also invest in the convertible securities, of any duration or quality, of Asia Pacific companies.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: Taizo Ishida

Co-Manager: Sharat Shroff, CFA

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the quarter ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Asia Pacific Fund declined –8.97%, while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index fell –10.95%.

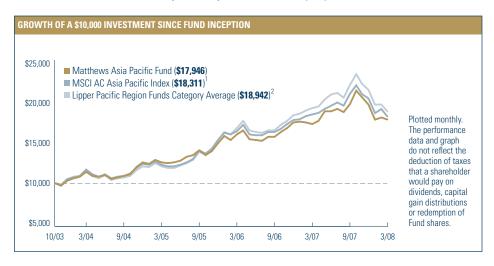
During the quarter, Asian stock markets suffered one of the largest quarter-to-quarter declines since the third quarter of 2002. The markets corrected from their peaks last October to more reasonable levels as average price-to-earnings (P/E) multiples declined from the high teens to the low teens during the period. Though we are not yet convinced that the correction is over, we are seeing more exciting investment opportunities across the region in terms of valuation and growth. Valuations of Japanese firms, for example, are now in unique territory, with many stocks trading below book value. The average dividend yields are now higher than 10-year government bond yields. Volatile equity markets like these often represent a time of opportunity for long-term investors.

Fund performance during the quarter was helped by stock selection across the region. For example, India was the second-largest positive contributor, albeit with a heavy overweight position: The Indian market was down -26.6% for the period, but our holdings were down only -9.9%. Infosys, an information technology services company that derives its largest source of company revenue from the U.S., did not do well due to the U.S. slowdown. Our allocation in Thailand saw the strongest performance, and the Fund was rewarded for its overweight positions in the country. Japan made a large contribution for the quarter as the yen/dollar exchange rate climbed some 10% during the period. The Fund's stock selection among small-cap companies in Japan boosted performance as well, as smaller companies outperformed larger ones. The portfolio's underweight in Australia helped Fund performance as this market was hurt by weaker commodities and financials. However, the Fund found attractive new opportunities

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                          |         |                              |        |                    |  |
|---|---------|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|--|
| Fund Inception: 10/31/03                                  | 2.840   | Average Annual Total Returns |        |                    |  |
|   | 3 MO    |                              | 3 YRS  | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |  |
| Matthews Asia Pacific Fund                                | -8.97%  | 3.05%                        | 12.49% | 14.16%             |  |
| MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index <sup>1</sup>          | -10.95% | -1.46%                       | 14.13% | 14.67%             |  |
| Lipper Pacific Region Funds Category Average <sup>2</sup> | -11.33% | -1.08%                       | 15.69% | 15.44%             |  |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIO    |       |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:3 | 1.20% | Portfolio Turnover:4 | 40.49% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI All Country Asia Pacific Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock markets of Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Phatio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

# MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC FUND

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>       |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     | COUNTRY         | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Funai Zaisan Consultants Co., Ltd.  | Japan           | 3.0%            |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. | India           | 3.0%            |
| Unicharm Petcare Corp.              | Japan           | 2.7%            |
| Benesse Corp.                       | Japan           | 2.6%            |
| Nintendo Co., Ltd.                  | Japan           | 2.4%            |
| China Mobile, Ltd.                  | China/Hong Kong | 2.3%            |
| Yahoo! Japan Corp.                  | Japan           | 2.3%            |
| Dabur India, Ltd.                   | India           | 2.0%            |
| Hanmi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.      | South Korea     | 2.0%            |
| Ichiyoshi Securities Co., Ltd.      | Japan           | 1.9%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10               |                 | 24.2%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| Japan                                      | 41.9% |
| China/Hong Kong                            | 20.1% |
| South Korea                                | 10.3% |
| India                                      | 9.0%  |
| Thailand                                   | 5.0%  |
| Singapore                                  | 3.8%  |
| Australia                                  | 3.5%  |
| Taiwan                                     | 3.5%  |
| Indonesia                                  | 2.6%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.3%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Financials                                 | 32.0% |
| Information Technology                     | 21.4% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 17.6% |
| Consumer Staples                           | 8.9%  |
| Health Care                                | 7.9%  |
| Industrials                                | 5.3%  |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 4.6%  |
| Materials                                  | 2.0%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.3%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 57.9% |
| Mid cap (\$1–\$5 billion)                  | 23.2% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 18.5% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.3%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS     | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 72                   | \$15.74 | \$411.3 million | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts. <sup>2</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 20

in Australia that were added to the portfolio during the quarter.

The Fund focuses on domestically oriented companies that benefit from rising household incomes in Asia. One such company is Bharti Airtel Limited, the largest mobile telecommunications firm in India. The wireless telephony business of Bharti was founded in the mid-1990s when the industry was opened to private sector competition. Since then, Bharti's management has been able to claim market share from public sector incumbents and private sector competitors with deeper pockets. Its management has demonstrated a realistic assessment of the regulatory challenges of operating in India's wireless industry, and has been innovative in turning its vendors into partners. As such, in spite of charging one of the lowest calling tariffs globally, Bharti is able to generate strong operating margins. There are some near-term headwinds due to rising competition in the Indian market; but we believe Bharti is well-positioned due to its scale to benefit from the secular trend of increasing penetration, and the potential for greater

demand of higher value-added services by Indian consumers

Another example of a firm that is capturing the Asia Pacific region's increasing household incomes is Pigeon, a Japanese high-end baby care company. Pigeon manufactures baby products to meet the needs of Asian mothers with rising affluence. The company is particularly successful in China, and its operating profit from Asia ex-Japan almost doubled in 2007. It now accounts for 60% of total company profit. As Chinese consumers are becoming increasingly attuned to safety and quality issues, a "made in Japan" brand now has a high appeal, and brand power, for millions of new mothers in China as well as other Asian countries.

Increasingly, companies in the region are benefiting from diversifying trade within Asia. The Fund is positioned to take advantage of these shifts in greater regional exposure, including growing business with China.

# MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: 99.7%

|                                    | SHARES             | VALUE        | SHARES   | VALUE       |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| JAPAN: 41.9%                       |                    |              | CHINA/HONG KONG: 20.1%                                       |             |
| Funai Zaisan Consultants Co., Ltd. | <sup>†</sup> 7,081 | \$12,463,347 | China Mobile, Ltd. ADR 124,800                               | \$9,361,248 |
| Unicharm Petcare Corp.             | 351,600            | 11,189,351   | Hang Lung Group, Ltd. 1,379,000                              | 6,591,030   |
| Benesse Corp.                      | 228,100            | 10,764,131   | Lenovo Group, Ltd. 9,610,000                                 | 6,273,686   |
| Nintendo Co., Ltd.                 | 18,800             | 9,836,247    | China Merchants Bank Co.,                                    |             |
| Yahoo! Japan Corp.                 | 17,612             | 9,255,987    | Ltd. H Shares 1,625,000                                      | 5,707,812   |
| Ichiyoshi Securities Co., Ltd.     | 764,900            | 7,745,445    | Dairy Farm International                                     |             |
| Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.    | 282,800            | 7,442,387    | Holdings, Ltd. 1,256,400                                     | 5,579,955   |
| Sysmex Corp.                       | 198,500            | 7,218,104    | Shangri-La Asia, Ltd. 1,988,000                              | 5,420,298   |
| Pigeon Corp.                       | 334,300            | 6,986,516    | China Life Insurance Co., Ltd. H Shares 1,528,000            | 5,308,323   |
| Sekisui House, Ltd.                | 738,000            | 6,894,569    | LDK Solar Co., Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup> 193,800                 | 5,232,600   |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.        | 280,000            | 6,862,469    | China Vanke Co., Ltd. B Shares 2,076,114                     | 4,651,112   |
| Sony Corp. ADR                     | 170,300            | 6,823,921    | Pico Far East Holdings, Ltd. 37,582,000                      | 4,467,147   |
| The Sumitomo Trust & Banking       |                    |              | Television Broadcasts, Ltd. 788,000                          | 4,467,147   |
| Co., Ltd.                          | 907,000            | 6,285,779    | The9. Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup> 199.300                          |             |
| Point, Inc.                        | 126,150            | 5,981,914    |  | 4,085,650   |
| Nitto Denko Corp.                  | 137,700            | 5,854,901    | Ctrip.com International, Ltd. ADR 73,900                     | 3,918,178   |
| Daibiru Corp.                      | 598,700            | 5,742,053    | NetEase.com, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup> 194,800 Other Investments | 3,742,108   |
| GCA Savvian Group Corp.b           | 1,424              | 5,128,571    | Other investments  | 8,193,716   |
| Nidec Corp.                        | 79,500             | 4,905,769    | Total China/Hong Kong  | 82,774,864  |
| Sumitomo Realty & Development      |                    |              |  |             |
| Co., Ltd.                          | 270,000            | 4,810,213    | SOUTH KOREA: 10.3%   |             |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.    | 95,600             | 4,799,320    | Hanmi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. 51,654                        | 8,128,960   |
| ORIX Corp.                         | 32,620             | 4,498,831    | Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd. 113,517                    | 5,996,988   |
| Hoya Corp.                         | 189,400            | 4,475,119    | Kiwoom Securities Co., Ltd. 100,715                          | 5,751,362   |
| Toyota Motor Corp. ADR             | 38,200             | 3,853,998    | NHN Corp. <sup>b</sup> 22,470                                | 5,276,556   |
| Canon, Inc. ADR                    | 82,650             | 3,832,481    | Amorepacific Corp. 8,804                                     | 4,769,460   |
| Keyence Corp.                      | 14,600             | 3,397,218    | Hyundai Department Store Co., Ltd. 45,970                    | 4,436,249   |
| Takeuchi Manufacturing Co., Ltd.   | 131,600            | 2,715,068    | CDNetworks Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup> 255,243                    | 4,118,431   |
| Toray Industries, Inc.             | 356,000            | 2,333,352    | Hana Financial Group, Inc. 95,420                            | 3,910,981   |
| Total Japan                        |                    | 172,097,061  | Total South Korea  | 42,388,987  |

|  | SHARES     | VALUE                  |
|--|------------|------------------------|
| INDIA: 9.0%  |            |                        |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries,                                 |            |                        |
| Ltd. <sup>b</sup>  | 394,073    | \$12,191,757           |
| Dabur India, Ltd.  | 2,973,060  | 8,219,176              |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.  | 221,500    | 7,469,635              |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd.                                     | 125,678    | 4,536,980              |
| Bharti Airtel, Ltd.b   | 153,131    | 3,166,643              |
| Other Investments  |            | 1,201,583              |
| Total India  |            | 36,785,774             |
|  |            |                        |
| THAILAND: 5.0%   |            |                        |
| Land & Houses Public Co., Ltd.<br>Advanced Info Service Public | 22,417,300 | 7,293,325              |
| Co., Ltd.  | 1,945,100  | 6,200,473              |
| Major Cineplex Group Public                                    | 7.005.400  | 4 004 000              |
| Co., Ltd.  | 7,285,400  | 4,221,298              |
| Siam Commercial Bank<br>Public Co., Ltd.                       | 1,014,400  | 2,996,322              |
| Total Thailand   |            | 20,711,418             |
| OLNIO A DODE IO GOV  |            |                        |
| SINGAPORE: 3.8% DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.                       | 519,700    | C 042 E00              |
| Hyflux, Ltd.   | 2,130,812  | 6,843,590<br>4,703,109 |
| Fraser and Neave, Ltd.   | 1,162,000  | 4,703,103              |
| Traser and Neave, Eta.   | 1,102,000  | 4,137,023              |
| Total Singapore  |            | 15,684,522             |
| AUSTRALIA: 3.5%  |            |                        |
| AXA Asia Pacific Holdings, Ltd.                                | 1,424,589  | 7,192,774              |
| Tabcorp Holdings, Ltd.   | 297,625    | 3,861,069              |
| Computershare, Ltd.  | 437,302    | 3,504,998              |
| Computershare, Etc.  | 437,302    | 3,304,330              |
| Total Australia  |            | 14,558,841             |
| TAIWAN: 3.5%   |            |                        |
| Taiwan Secom Co., Ltd.   | 3,579,160  | 7,389,023              |
| Taiwan Semiconductor   | 2,0,0,.00  | ,,000,020              |
| Manufacturing Co., Ltd.  | 3,393,029  | 7,021,793              |
| Total Taiwan   |            | 14,410,816             |

|                        |  | SHARES   | VALUE                 |
|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| IND                    | ONESIA: 2.6%   |  |                       |
| Bank                   | Rakyat Indonesia   | 7,889,500  | \$5,446,254           |
| PT A                   | stra International   | 1,925,500  | 5,111,947             |
| Tota                   | l Indonesia  |  | 10,558,201            |
| TOT                    | AL INVESTMENTS: 99.7%  | ,<br>D   | 409,970,484           |
| (Cost                  | t \$371,608,199°)  |  |                       |
|                        | H AND OTHER ASSETS,<br>S LIABILITIES: 0.3%   |  | 1,348,266             |
| NET                    | ASSETS: 100.0%   |  | \$411,318,750         |
| а                      | Certain securities were fair value   | ed under the disc  | retion of the         |
| b                      | Board of Trustees (Note A).  Non-income producing security   |  |                       |
| С                      | Cost of investments is \$371,608, consists of:   | 199 and net unre   | ealized appreciation  |
|                        | Gross unrealized appreciation  |  | \$85,136,956          |
|                        | Gross unrealized depreciation  |  |                       |
|                        | Net unrealized appreciation  |  | \$38,362,285          |
|                        |  |  |                       |
| t                      | Affiliated Issuer, as defined under 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of this issuer)  |  |                       |
| †<br>ADR               | 1940 (ownership of 5% or more  |  |                       |
| ADR                    | 1940 (ownership of 5% or more this issuer)   | of the outstandin  |                       |
| ADR<br>See a<br>This p | 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of<br>this issuer)  American Depositary Receipt  | of the outstandin<br>of investments.<br>upon as a comple | g voting securities   |
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## MATTHEWS PACIFIC TIGER FUND (CLOSED TO MOST NEW INVESTORS)

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MAPTX

**Objective:** Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in the Pacific Tiger countries of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Managers: Richard H. Gao and Sharat Shroff, CFA Co-Manager: Mark W. Headley

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the first quarter ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund declined –11.99%, while the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index lost –12.61% and the MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan Index fell –14.35%.

During the first three months of the year, most major Asian markets, with the exception of Taiwan, suffered from weakening equity prices. Thailand did not see gains but held up relatively better than other markets. Maintaining a diversified portfolio and staying focused on domestically oriented companies in sectors like consumer staples and health care helped the relative performance of the Fund. The lack of exposure to energy and other commodities also benefited the portfolio.

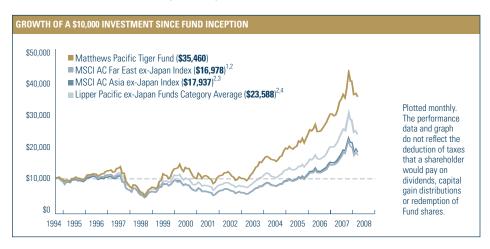
In many parts of Asia, it is our opinion that the economy is shifting from an environment of low inflation and robust growth to a period of rising inflation and moderating growth in the short to medium term. Amid escalating cost pressures and tightening liquidity, the management teams of companies in the region are starting to build more cushion in their outlooks, a process that is still continuing. While it may lead to uncertainty in the medium term, as long-term investors we find it encouraging that companies are starting to again budget for risk.

During the quarter, the performance of Asian equity markets was also influenced by political developments with key elections in Taiwan, Korea and Malaysia. The prospect of improving relations between China and Taiwan led to a sharp rally in some Taiwanese stocks. The Matthews Pacific Tiger portfolio has carried a relatively small exposure to Taiwan due to the overhang from the country's prior political climate. The Fund does not target any country-specific weighting. If anything, we believe that country of origin will play a lesser role in determining investment returns for the long term. The recent Taiwan election and expectations for a more constructive government mean that constraints on investment across the Taiwan Strait may start to be lifted

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                  |         |                              |        |        |                    |        |
|---|---------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Fund Inception: 9/12/94                           | 2.840   | Average Annual Total Returns |        |        |                    |        |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR 3 YRS                   | 5 YRS  | 10 YRS | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |        |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund                       | -11.99% | 18.49%                       | 22.42% | 31.43% | 16.59%             | 9.79%  |
| MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index 1        | -12.61% | 17.93%                       | 23.70% | 28.90% | 9.99%              | 3.97%2 |
| MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan Index <sup>3</sup> | -14.35% | 19.12%                       | 24.98% | 30.05% | 10.55%             | 4.39%2 |
| Lipper Pacific ex-Japan Funds Category Average 4  | -14.42% | 14.83%                       | 23.25% | 28.29% | 11.81%             | 6.37%² |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   | ;     |                                  |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:5 | 1.10% | Portfolio Turnover: <sup>6</sup> | 24.09% |

- <sup>1</sup> The MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock markets of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund invests in countries that are not included in the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.
- <sup>2</sup> Calculated from 8/31/94.
- <sup>3</sup> The MSCI All Country Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the stock of markets of China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.
- <sup>4</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods
- <sup>5</sup>Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.
- <sup>6</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>          |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | COUNTRY         | % OF NET ASSETS |
| President Chain Store Corp.            | Taiwan          | 3.1%            |
| Lenovo Group, Ltd.                     | China/Hong Kong | 2.9%            |
| Advanced Info Service Public Co., Ltd. | Thailand        | 2.8%            |
| Swire Pacific, Ltd.                    | China/Hong Kong | 2.7%            |
| NHN Corp.                              | South Korea     | 2.7%            |
| Cipla, Ltd.                            | India           | 2.7%            |
| Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                  | China/Hong Kong | 2.6%            |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.    | India           | 2.6%            |
| Dabur India, Ltd.                      | India           | 2.5%            |
| DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.               | Singapore       | 2.5%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10                  |                 | 27.1%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| China/Hong Kong                            | 32.6% |
| South Korea                                | 16.8% |
| India <sup>2</sup>                         | 16.1% |
| Singapore                                  | 10.0% |
| Thailand                                   | 8.2%  |
| Indonesia                                  | 6.1%  |
| Taiwan                                     | 5.1%  |
| Malaysia                                   | 4.0%  |
| Philippines                                | 0.5%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.6%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Financials                                 | 30.7% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 14.8% |
| Information Technology                     | 13.2% |
| Health Care                                | 12.2% |
| Industrials                                | 10.5% |
| Consumer Staples                           | 9.9%  |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 7.4%  |
| Utilities                                  | 0.7%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.6%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>3</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 49.7% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                  | 42.3% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 7.5%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.6%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS   | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 70                   | \$24.52 | \$3.2 billion | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> India is not included in the MSCI All Country Far East ex-Japan Index.
<sup>3</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 26

over time. However, it remains to be seen whether improving political relations between China and Taiwan will add a new leg of growth for some Taiwanese companies.

The Fund aims to remain consistent with its goal of offering shareholders a diversified vehicle that looks across a spectrum of geographies and industries to identify the right investment opportunities without paying speculative prices. Since the beginning of 2007, we have been wary of expectations that were becoming embedded in some of the region's stock prices. However, the recent weakness, particularly in China and India, is offering the opportunity to acquire quality companies, capable of generating sustainable long-term growth. One such example is China Resources Enterprise (CRE), which derives growth from private retail consumption. Even as investment spending is slowing in China, the government is taking steps to boost consumption activity, which should help to rebalance the economy and reduce pressure on the currency. Furthermore, wages have been growing at a low-teens rate in both urban and rural parts of China. This has helped retail sales post annual gains of 18% to 20% in recent months. CRE is wellgeared to benefit from this trend as it is one of China's largest consumer conglomerates. The company, a leading retailer, also runs the largest brewery in the country. Its management has

demonstrated a commitment to sharpen the company's focus on consumer-related businesses, and is actively looking to divest non-core assets. The company also continues to unlock value on its balance sheet and return it to shareholders through cash dividends. The inflation of raw material prices, particularly in CRE's brewery business, is a near-term threat but we believe growing economies of scale place CRE in a better position than its competitors.

The coming months are likely to remain volatile, but in our view, the fundamentals underlying Asia's economic evolution still remain intact. As existing markets are deregulated, and as new markets are formedespecially those born of rising household incomes in the region—entrepreneurs enjoy greater opportunities to build attractive businesses. The challenge is for capital markets to continue developing at the same rate in order for these opportunities to take shape. For instance, there are large parts of the Chinese economy that are not represented in the equity market. Even though the private sector accounts for close to 80% of GDP it makes up less than 25% of the equity market's capitalization. We believe that the development of capital markets is an ongoing process, and will translate into attractive investment prospects for the portfolio over time.

# MATTHEWS PACIFIC TIGER FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: 99.4%

|   | SHARES           | VALUE         |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 32.6%                              |                  |               |
| Lenovo Group, Ltd.                                  | 138,688,000      | \$90,539,537  |
| Swire Pacific, Ltd. A Shares                        | 7,522,500        | 85,254,113    |
| Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                               | 17,425,000       | 83,284,051    |
| NWS Holdings, Ltd.                                  | 22,523,636       | 76,559,117    |
| Shangri-La Asia, Ltd.                               | 19,672,000       | 53,635,862    |
| Television Broadcasts, Ltd.                         | 9,420,700        | 50,713,980    |
| Dairy Farm International<br>Holdings, Ltd.          | 10,937,300       | 48,575,010    |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.                              | 8,362,000        | 48,254,540    |
| Dah Sing Financial                                  |                  |               |
| Holdings, Ltd.                                      | 6,845,600        | 45,123,820    |
| Ping An Insurance (Group) Co.                       |                  |               |
| of China, Ltd. H Shares                             | 6,101,000        | 43,826,467    |
| NetEase.com, Inc. ADRb                              | 2,190,600        | 42,081,426    |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR                              | 551,250          | 41,349,263    |
| China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd<br>H Shares           | 11,316,500       | 39,749,205    |
| Travelsky Technology, Ltd.<br>H Shares <sup>†</sup> | 40,812,000       | 30,472,911    |
| China Vanke Co., Ltd. B Shares                      | 13.482.943       | 30,205,799    |
| Integrated Distribution Services                    | ., . ,           | 30,203,733    |
| Group, Ltd.   | 10,711,000       | 30,053,574    |
| Agile Property Holdings, Ltd.                       | 27,518,000       | 29,382,166    |
| Dongfeng Motor Group Co., Ltd<br>H Shares           | l.<br>56,326,000 | 25,590,849    |
| Towngas China Co., Ltd.b                            | 52,667,000       | 22.354.787    |
| Dickson Concepts                                    | 02,007,000       | 22,004,707    |
| International, Ltd. <sup>†</sup>                    | 32,715,400       | 22,335,156    |
| Glorious Sun Enterprises, Ltd.                      | 41,262,000       | 20,177,930    |
| Other Investments                                   |                  | 69,696,010    |
| Total China/Hong Kong                               |                  | 1,029,215,573 |

|   | SHARES     | VALUE                    |
|---|------------|--------------------------|
| SOUTH KOREA: 16.8%                                  |            |                          |
| NHN Corp. <sup>b</sup>                              | 362,280    | \$85,073,017             |
| Amorepacific Corp.                                  | 129,948    | 70,397,735               |
| Hanmi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. <sup>†</sup>         | 444,747    | 69,991,299               |
| Hana Financial Group, Inc.                          | 1,645,983  | 67,463,935               |
| MegaStudy Co., Ltd.                                 | 159,301    | 53,131,793               |
| S1 Corp.  | 926,932    | 48,197,115               |
| Yuhan Corp.   | 223,067    | 41,955,892               |
| Samsung Securities Co., Ltd.                        | 525,760    | 38,805,231               |
| Hyundai Development Co.                             | 532,704    | 36,627,234               |
| ON*Media Corp.b                                     | 4,834,370  | 18,116,078               |
| Total South Korea                                   |            | 529,759,329              |
|   |            |                          |
| INDIA: 16.1%  |            |                          |
| Cipla, Ltd.   | 15,174,720 | 83,597,826               |
| Sun Pharmaceutical<br>Industries, Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 2,679,886  | 02 000 010               |
| Dabur India. Ltd.                                   | 28,958,736 | 82,909,810<br>80,057,899 |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                                     | 1,952,568  | 65,846,363               |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd.                          | 1,585,051  | 57,220,394               |
| Bharti Airtel, Ltd.                                 | 2,185,402  | 45,192,605               |
| Titan Industries, Ltd.                              | 1,436,318  | 38,057,188               |
| Bank of Baroda                                      | 4,077,022  | 29,028,806               |
| Sintex Industries, Ltd.                             | 2,527,653  | 22,628,301               |
| Other Investments                                   | 2,021,000  | 2,629,427                |
| Carol invocationto                                  |            | 2,020,127                |
| Total India   |            | 507,168,619              |
| SINGAPORE: 10.0%                                    |            |                          |
| DBS Group Holdings, Ltd.                            | 6,035,750  | 79,480,854               |
| Hyflux, Ltd. <sup>†</sup>                           | 29,616,187 | 65,368,580               |
| Fraser and Neave, Ltd.                              | 17,479,750 | 62,244,508               |
| Parkway Holdings, Ltd.                              | 19,591,050 | 46,043,301               |
| Keppel Land, Ltd.                                   | 10,416,000 | 42,385,526               |
| Tat Hong Holdings, Ltd.                             | 12,197,000 | 19,781,621               |
| Total Singapore                                     |            | 315,304,390              |

#### **RIGHTS: 0.0%**

|   | SHARES      | VALUE        |         |  | SHARES               |
|---|-------------|--------------|---------|--|----------------------|
| THAILAND: 8.2%                            |             |              | MAL     | AYSIA: 0.0%  |                      |
| Advanced Info Service Public              |             |              | Reso    | rts World BHD,   |                      |
| Co., Ltd.                                 | 27,238,600  | \$86,829,580 | exp     | pire 04/11/08  | 5,014,850            |
| Land & Houses Public Co., Ltd.            | 156,102,800 | 50,787,046   | Tota    | l Malauria   |                      |
| Bank of Ayudhya Public                    |             |              | iota    | l Malaysia   |                      |
| Co., Ltd. NVDRb                           | 61,539,600  | 45,414,147   |         |  |                      |
| Bangkok Bank Public Co., Ltd.             | 9,724,700   | 43,118,060   | TOT     | AL RIGHTS: 0.0%  |                      |
| Amata Corp. Public Co., Ltd. <sup>†</sup> | 59,894,900  | 32,149,398   | (Cost   |  |                      |
| Total Thailand                            |             | 258,298,231  | (000)   | . +=/  |                      |
|   |             |              | TOT     | AL INVESTMENTS: 99.4%  | 3.1                  |
| INDONESIA: 6.1%                           |             |              |         | : \$2,299,665,682°)  | 0,1                  |
| PT Bank Central Asia                      | 139,891,000 | 49,736,763   | (000)   | Ψ2,200,000,002 γ   |                      |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia               | 45,799,000  | 48,312,023   | CVS     | H AND OTHER ASSETS,  |                      |
| PT Kalbe Farma                            | 355,674,000 | 38,072,885   |         | S LIABILITIES: 0.6%  |                      |
| PT Astra International                    | 13,289,730  | 35,282,470   | LLO     | 217121211120101070   | _                    |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia               |             |              | NET     | ACCETO: 400 00/  | 00.4                 |
| ADR                                       | 265,000     | 11,114,100   | NEI     | ASSETS: 100.0%   | \$3,1                |
| Other Investments                         |             | 10,196,973   | а       | Certain securities were fair valued<br>Board of Trustees (Note A). | d under the discreti |
| Total Indonesia                           |             | 192,715,214  | b       | Non-income producing security                                      |                      |
|   |             |              | С       | Cost of investments is \$2,299,665                                 | ,682 and net unrea   |
| TAIWAN: 5.1%                              |             |              |         | consists of:   |                      |
| President Chain Store Corp.               | 28,591,000  | 97,977,643   |         | Gross unrealized appreciation                                      |                      |
| Taiwan Semiconductor                      |             |              |         | Gross unrealized depreciation Net unrealized appreciation          |                      |
| Manufacturing Co., Ltd.                   | 24,767,053  | 51,254,828   | t       | Affiliated Issuer, as defined under                                |                      |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry                | 4 04 4 000  | 40 440 550   | į.      | 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of                                   |                      |
| Co., Ltd.                                 | 1,814,000   | 10,443,559   |         | this issuer)   |                      |
| Total Taiwan                              |             | 159,676,030  | ADR     |  |                      |
|   |             |              | NVDR    | Non-voting Depositary Receipt                                      |                      |
| MALAYSIA: 4.0%                            |             |              | See ar  | ccompanying notes to schedules of                                  | investments          |
| Resorts World BHD                         | 50,148,500  | 54,198,479   |         | ortfolio data should not be relied up                              |                      |
| Public Bank BHD                           | 16,107,900  | 53,018,797   |         | holdings, as information on particu                                |                      |
| Top Glove Corp. BHD <sup>†</sup>          | 15,609,880  | 19,168,738   | if it w | as in the Fund's interest to do so.                                |                      |
| Total Malaysia                            |             | 126,386,014  |         |  |                      |
|   |             |              |         |  |                      |
| PHILIPPINES: 0.5%                         |             |              |         |  |                      |
| SM Prime Holdings, Inc.                   | 70,208,117  | 14,336,198   |         |  |                      |
| Total Philippines                         |             | 14,336,198   |         |  |                      |
|   |             |              |         |  |                      |

3,132,859,598

**TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES: 99.4%** 

(Cost \$2,299,665,682)

|        |  | SHARES              | VALUE                |
|--------|--|---------------------|----------------------|
|        | LAYSIA: 0.0%   |                     |                      |
|        | orts World BHD,  | E 01/10E0           | <b>¢</b> 707 020     |
| ex     | pire 04/11/08  | 5,014,850           | \$797,829            |
| Tota   | l Malaysia   |                     | 797,829              |
|        |  |                     |                      |
| (Cost  | <b>AL RIGHTS: 0.0%</b><br>t \$0)   |                     | 797,829              |
|        |  |                     |                      |
|        | <b>AL INVESTMENTS: 99.4</b> %<br>t \$2,299,665,682°)   | <b>3</b> ,          | 133,657,427          |
|        | H AND OTHER ASSETS,  |                     | 40 400 500           |
| LES    | S LIABILITIES: 0.6%  |                     | 19,409,562           |
| NET    | ASSETS: 100.0%   | \$3                 | ,153,066,989         |
| а      | Certain securities were fair values Board of Trustees (Note A).  | ed under the discre | etion of the         |
| b      | Non-income producing security  |                     |                      |
| С      | Cost of investments is \$2,299,66  | 65,682 and net unre | ealized appreciation |
|        | consists of: Gross unrealized appreciation   |                     | \$974,932,432        |
|        | Gross unrealized depreciation .  |                     |                      |
|        | Net unrealized appreciation  |                     |                      |
| t      | Affiliated Issuer, as defined undo 1940 (ownership of 5% or more this issuer)                                      |                     |                      |
| ADR    | American Depositary Receipt  |                     |                      |
| NVDR   | Non-voting Depositary Receipt  |                     |                      |
| See a  | ccompanying notes to schedules (   | of investments.     |                      |
| Fund's | oortfolio data should not be relied<br>s holdings, as information on parti<br>ras in the Fund's interest to do so. |                     |                      |
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### MATTHEWS ASIAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MATFX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Asian Technology Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Asia that derive greater than 50% of their revenues from the sale of products or services in technology-related industries and services. Asia includes China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Matthews considers technology-related industries and businesses to include, but not be limited to, the following: telecommunications, telecommunications equipment, computers, semiconductors, semiconductor capital equipment, networking, Internet and online service companies, media, office automation, server hardware producers, software companies (e.g., design, consumer and industrial), biotechnology and medical device technology companies, pharmaceuticals and companies involved in the distribution and servicing of these products.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: J. Michael Oh

Co-Managers: Mark W. Headley and Lydia So

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

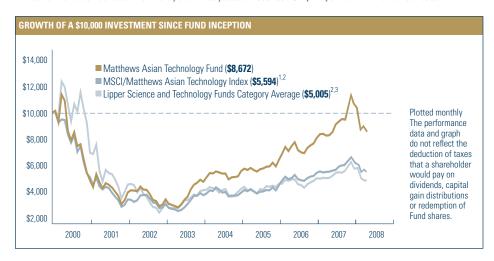
For the quarter ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Asian Technology Fund lost –16.22%, while the MSCI/Matthews Asian Technology Index declined –9.16%. The Asian technology sector continued to correct due to a worsening macro environment that has stemmed from worries over the U.S. credit crisis and talk of a potential recession in the U.S. market.

During the quarter, software and services companies within the information technology sector experienced the most significant decline, making them the worst performers in the Fund. In recent years, the Fund has benefited from its holdings in that sector, and the growth outlook for such companies still remains solid in the region. Demand for various Internet services such as keyword search, casual and massively multiplayer

online role-playing games (MMORPG), multimedia content and social networking sites also remains strong. However, last year's strong outperformance and substantial gains of software and services companies led some investors to take profits in the first quarter. We continue to view the software and services industry as one of the Fund's key focus areas and have added to select positions where we saw long-term investment opportunities. Another segment to underperform during the quarter was technology hardware and equipment. The U.S. is still the biggest market for technology products, and a significant slowdown in the U.S. could negatively impact this segment. On the other hand, performance was helped by the Fund's exposure to the health care sector, which was relatively unharmed by the turmoil in the credit markets.

| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                                  |         |        |                              |        |                     |
|---|---------|--------|------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Fund Inception: 12/27/99  | 2 140   |        | Average Annual Total Returns |        |                     |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR   | 3 YRS                        | 5 YRS  | SINCE<br>INCEPTION  |
| Matthews Asian Technology Fund                                    | -16.22% | 4.59%  | 15.34%                       | 25.11% | -1.71%              |
| MSCI/Matthews Asian Technology Index 1                            | -9.16%  | 1.11%  | 11.48%                       | 17.07% | -6.80% <sup>2</sup> |
| Lipper Science and Technology Funds Category Average <sup>3</sup> | -15.78% | -4.32% | 6.21%                        | 12.29% | -9.06% <sup>2</sup> |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA (2742) or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   | ;     |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:4 | 1.25% | Portfolio Turnover:5 | 33.21% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI/Matthews Asian Technology Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of Asian equities tracking a broad range of technology stocks including semiconductor equipment and products, communications equipment, computers and peripherals, electronic equipment and instruments, office electronics, software, IT consulting and services, Internet software and services, diversified telecommunications services, and wireless telecommunications services. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated from 12/31/99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

# MATTHEWS ASIAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup> |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                               | COUNTRY         | % OF NET ASSETS |
| NHN Corp.                     | South Korea     | 5.1%            |
| China Mobile, Ltd.            | China/Hong Kong | 4.6%            |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | South Korea     | 4.3%            |
| Nintendo Co., Ltd.            | Japan           | 4.1%            |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.        | China/Hong Kong | 3.4%            |
| Baidu.com, Inc.               | China/Hong Kong | 3.4%            |
| Yahoo! Japan Corp.            | Japan           | 3.0%            |
| Bharti Airtel, Ltd.           | India           | 2.9%            |
| Sony Corp.                    | Japan           | 2.9%            |
| MediaTek, Inc.                | Taiwan          | 2.8%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10         |                 | 36.5%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| China/Hong Kong                            | 28.3% |
| Japan                                      | 21.5% |
| South Korea                                | 18.2% |
| India                                      | 13.6% |
| Taiwan                                     | 12.8% |
| Thailand                                   | 1.9%  |
| Indonesia                                  | 1.8%  |
| Malaysia                                   | 1.7%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.2%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Information Technology                     | 60.9% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 17.7% |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 12.6% |
| Industrials                                | 3.0%  |
| Materials                                  | 2.8%  |
| Health Care                                | 2.8%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.2%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 62.2% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                  | 23.0% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 14.6% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.2%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV    | FUND ASSETS     | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 49                   | \$8.21 | \$193.7 million | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.
 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 32

On a company basis, the Fund's performance benefited most from Yahoo! Japan. The company, which underperformed other Asian Internet firms last year, rebounded during the first quarter as investors regained their interest in the Japanese equity market. Yahoo! Japan's advertising revenue has been seeing steady growth in a difficult market environment as online advertising continued to take market share away from traditional media. Samsung Electronics, which benefited from the expected recovery in the dynamic random access memory (DRAM) industry contributed positively to Fund performance.

The Fund's worst-performing holdings were Internet companies. This includes Baidu, a Beijing-based Internet company, the dominant Internet search engine in China. Baidu continues to strengthen its leadership position in China, capturing even more market share from rivals including Google. However, Baidu's strong performance last year led shareholders to take profits, contributing to the stock's sharp decline in the first quarter. The Fund's second-worst performer was Tencent, which runs a popular instant messaging service.

By country, overall returns were strongest in Thailand. While Chinese companies were among the best contributors last year, the first quarter saw China become the Fund's worst-performing country, with the exception of strong returns in Hong Kong. In recent years, China's economy has shown tremendous growth and domestic Chinese firms, especially Internet-related companies, have benefited from that expansion. However, more recently, the U.S. credit crisis has dampened investor enthusiasm for Chinese companies, and their declines have been exacerbated by their strong outperformance last year.

Looking ahead, the Fund continues to search for long-term opportunities in a broad range of technology industries that we believe are poised to benefit from increasing demand from Asian consumers and overall growth in the Asia Pacific region.

# MATTHEWS ASIAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: 99.8%

|   | SHARES    | VALUE       |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| CHINA/HONG KONG: 28.3%  |           |             |
| China Mobile, Ltd. ADR  | 120,000   | \$9,001,200 |
| Tencent Holdings, Ltd.  | 1,142,800 | 6,594,749   |
| Baidu.com, Inc. ADRb  | 27,300    | 6,541,899   |
| Ctrip.com International, Ltd. ADR                                       | 99,100    | 5,254,282   |
| New Oriental Education &<br>Technology Group, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>     | 80,700    | 5,234,202   |
| Sina Corp. <sup>b</sup>   | 122,800   | 4,328,700   |
| The9, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>   | 186,408   | 3,821,364   |
| Perfect World Co., Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                                | 167,324   | 3,799,928   |
| Focus Media Holding, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>                              | 77,300    | 2,717,095   |
| China Communications Services<br>Corp., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>      | 3,680,000 | 2,523,922   |
| Kingdee International Software Group Co., Ltd.                          | 3,102,000 | 2,401,183   |
| BYD Electronic (International)<br>Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                | 1,693,500 | 2,161,823   |
| China High Speed Transmission<br>Equipment Group Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 377,000   | 555,238     |
| Other Investments   |           | 6,289       |
| Total China/Hong Kong   |           | 54,941,874  |
| JAPAN: 21.5%  |           |             |
| Nintendo Co., Ltd.  | 15,085    | 7,892,542   |
| Yahoo! Japan Corp.  | 11.166    | 5,868,292   |
| Sony Corp.  | 140,800   | 5,663,209   |
| Nikon Corp.   | 145,000   | 3,880,859   |
| Mixi. Inc. <sup>b</sup>   | 342       | 3,545,607   |
| Sumco Corp.   | 149.300   | 3,292,577   |
| Canon, Inc. ADR   | 60,400    | 2,800,748   |
| Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.   | 106,000   | 2,789,579   |
| Nitto Denko Corp.   | 54,900    | 2,334,307   |
| Ibiden Co., Ltd.  | 49,500    | 1,963,260   |
| Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.  | 31,500    | 1,580,189   |
| Total Japan   |           | 41,611,169  |

|  | SHARES      | VALUE       |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| SOUTH KOREA: 18.2%                           |             |             |
| NHN Corp.b                                   | 42.195      | \$9,908,513 |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.                | 13,322      | 8,424,199   |
| JVM Co., Ltd.                                | 113,990     | 5,185,897   |
| LG Electronics, Inc.                         | 28,834      | 3,705,682   |
| SSCP Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                  | 138,297     | 3,163,849   |
| CDNetworks Co., Ltd.b                        | 184,653     | 2,979,438   |
| ON*Media Corp.b                              | 499,330     | 1,871,164   |
| Total South Korea                            |             | 35,238,742  |
|  |             |             |
| INDIA: 13.6%                                 |             |             |
| Bharti Airtel, Ltd.b                         | 274,373     | 5,673,844   |
| Rolta India, Ltd.                            | 584,443     | 3,830,864   |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd.                   | 94,815      | 3,422,825   |
| Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.              | 166,542     | 3,387,899   |
| Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.               | 275,691     | 3,372,719   |
| Television Eighteen India, Ltd.              | 281,976     | 2,811,882   |
| Sun Pharmaceutical                           |             |             |
| Industries, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                | 68,365      | 2,115,064   |
| Info Edge India, Ltd.                        | 83,290      | 1,792,578   |
| Total India                                  |             | 26,407,675  |
| TAIWAN: 12.8%                                |             |             |
| MediaTek, Inc.                               | 402.970     | 5,352,639   |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry                   | , , , , , , | ,,,,,       |
| Co., Ltd.                                    | 905,261     | 5,211,768   |
| Synnex Technology                            |             |             |
| International Corp.                          | 1,710,000   | 4,689,677   |
| Epistar Corp.                                | 1,240,643   | 3,484,202   |
| InnoLux Display Corp.                        | 1,158,258   | 3,095,651   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 1,459,930   | 3,021,290   |
| Total Taiwan                                 |             | 24,855,227  |
|  |             |             |
| THAILAND: 1.9%                               |             |             |
| Advanced Info Service                        |             |             |
| Public Co., Ltd.                             | 1,131,100   | 3,605,653   |
| Total Thailand                               |             | 3,605,653   |

|  | SHARES    | VALUE       |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| INDONESIA: 1.8%                                  |           |             |
| PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia ADF                  | 84,600    | \$3,548,124 |
| Total Indonesia                                  |           | 3,548,124   |
| MALAYSIA: 1.7%                                   |           |             |
| Media Prima BHD                                  | 4,534,700 | 3,218,734   |
| Total Malaysia                                   |           | 3,218,734   |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.8%                         |           | 402 427 400 |
| (Cost \$172,788,344°)                            |           | 193,427,198 |
| CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,<br>LESS LIABILITIES: 0.2% |           | 313,629     |

**NET ASSETS: 100.0%** 

\$193,740,827

- Certain securities were fair valued under the discretion of the Board of Trustees (Note A).
- b Non-income producing security
- c Cost of investments is \$172,788,344 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

 Gross unrealized appreciation
 \$39,420,713

 Gross unrealized depreciation
 (18,781,859)

 Net unrealized appreciation
 \$20,638,854

ADR American Depositary Receipt

See accompanying notes to schedules of investments.

This portfolio data should not be relied upon as a complete listing of this Fund's holdings, as information on particular holdings may have been withheld if it was in the Fund's interest to do so.

### MATTHEWS CHINA FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MCHFX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews China Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in China. China includes its political, administrative and other districts, such as Hong Kong.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: Richard H. Gao Co-Managers: Mark W. Headley and Andrew T. Foster

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the first quarter ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews China Fund declined –22.45%, while its benchmark, the MSCI China Index was down –23.69%. Chinese shares saw three months of consecutive declines—continuing a trend of weakness that started in the last two months of 2007. In fact, from the market's peak at the end of October 2007 to the bottom it reached in late-March, the MSCI China Index has corrected –44%. The Fund declined –38% during the same period.

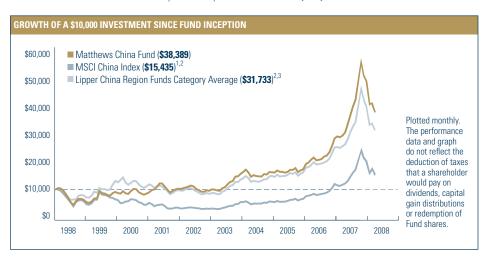
The sharp decline of Chinese equities occurred as the world's economic outlook became more bearish amid growing U.S. subprime mortgage and credit market problems. As we suggested in the 2007 annual report, exports are now playing a larger role in China's economy than was previously the case. Inasmuch as the world economy may be entering recession, China has more to lose from a global slowdown. In this environment, the risk tolerance of investors has dropped substantially and emerging markets such as China and India have borne the brunt of

liquidity outflows. A rapid increase in inflation and initial signs of slowing export growth have compounded investors' concerns. This news comes as general market sentiment has been wary about the government's intent to undertake fiscal "tightening" measures so as to "cool" the fast-growing economy.

During the first quarter, rising inflation appeared to be the biggest concern in the market. China's consumer price index, the major gauge of inflation, rose 8.7% in February, its highest level in nearly 12 years. Given that export growth has already slowed in recent months, it is particularly challenging for China to tame inflation without hurting growth and triggering a sharp slowdown. So far, most of the inflation has come as a result of surging food prices. This was partly a reflection of the combined effects of the Lunar New Year holiday and the severe snowstorms China endured during that period. At the time, normal food supplies were disrupted, even as seasonal demand rose due to the annual festival. Otherwise non-food core

| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                        |         |                              |        |        |        |                     |
|---|---------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Fund Inception: 2/19/98                                 | 2.840   | Average Annual Total Returns |        |        |        |                     |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR                         | 3 YRS  | 5 YRS  | 10 YRS | SINCE<br>INCEPTION  |
| Matthews China Fund                                     | -22.45% | 27.56%                       | 32.00% | 31.45% | 13.79% | 14.23%              |
| MSCI China Index <sup>1</sup>                           | -23.69% | 29.84%                       | 40.75% | 40.14% | 4.71%  | 4.39% <sup>2</sup>  |
| Lipper China Region Funds Category Average <sup>3</sup> | -21.24% | 18.24%                       | 28.95% | 29.83% | 12.13% | 11.90% <sup>2</sup> |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-783-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIO    | ;     |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:4 | 1.17% | Portfolio Turnover:5 | 22.13% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI China Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of Chinese equities that includes China-affiliated corporations and H shares listed on the Hong Kong Exchange, and B shares listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated from 2/28/98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

### MATTHEWS CHINA FUND

|   | SECTOR                     | % OF NET ASSETS |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| China Mobile, Ltd.                        | Telecommunication Services | 6.4%            |
| Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd.           | Utilities                  | 3.7%            |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings, Ltd. | Utilities                  | 3.3%            |
| NWS Holdings, Ltd.                        | Industrials                | 3.1%            |
| China Vanke Co., Ltd.                     | Financials                 | 3.1%            |
| Swire Pacific, Ltd.                       | Financials                 | 2.8%            |
| Sina Corp.                                | Information Technology     | 2.7%            |
| Dongfeng Motor Group Co., Ltd.            | Consumer Discretionary     | 2.7%            |
| China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.            | Financials                 | 2.4%            |
| CNOOC, Ltd.                               | Energy                     | 2.3%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10                     |                            | 32.5%           |

| CHINA EXPOSURE <sup>2,3</sup>                  |       |
|--|-------|
| SAR (Hong Kong)                                | 38.1% |
| H Share  | 31.5% |
| China-affiliated corporations                  | 18.2% |
| Overseas Listed                                | 7.9%  |
| B Share  | 4.3%  |
| Liabilities in excess of cash and other assets | 0.0%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                              |       |
|--|-------|
| Consumer Discretionary                         | 21.0% |
| Financials                                     | 19.6% |
| Industrials                                    | 12.7% |
| Information Technology                         | 12.3% |
| Utilities                                      | 10.5% |
| Energy   | 7.8%  |
| Telecommunication Services                     | 7.7%  |
| Consumer Staples                               | 6.0%  |
| Materials                                      | 2.4%  |
| Liabilities in excess of cash and other assets | 0.0%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>3</sup>               |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)                   | 64.3% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                      | 28.9% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)                  | 6.8%  |
| Liabilities in excess of cash and other assets | 0.0%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS   | REDEMPTION FEE                    | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 65                   | \$30.81 | \$1.5 billion | 2. 00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SAR (Hong Kong) companies are companies that conduct business in Hong Kong and/or mainland China. H Shares are mainland China companies listed on the Hong Kong exchange but incorporated in mainland China. China-affiliated corporations, also known as "Red Chips," are mainland China companies with partial state ownership listed and incorporated in Hong Kong. Overseas Listed companies are companies that conduct business in mainland China but are listed in overseas markets such as Japan, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States. B Shares are mainland Chinese companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, available to both Chinese and non-Chinese investors.

<sup>3</sup> Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 38

inflation was up only 1.6%. With an increasing supply of food items in China such as pork and poultry, food prices are expected to be heading down in the second half of this year.

The first quarter proved challenging for the Fund. During this period, the hardest hit sectors were consumer discretionary, financials, industrials and energy. Most companies in these areas had accumulated substantial gains in the past two years, and were the first targets for investors who pared back their exposure during the recent market volatility. Financial companies, which had benefited greatly from the strong performance of the A-share market last year fell victim to the weakness in this market during the first quarter. The Fund began adding more defensive names during the third quarter of 2007 as valuations appeared expensive. This effort paid off nicely during the first quarter—among these defensive companies is a top contributor to the portfolio, Hong Kong China Gas (HKCG). HKCG is the sole producer, distributor and seller of piped gas in Hong Kong. It expanded into China in 2000. With "first mover advantage," the firm

quickly secured more than 60 downstream gas distribution projects in China. HKCG provides investors with stable core earnings growth in Hong Kong as well as new growth opportunities in China. The company served as a good cushion during a declining market.

After a more than 40% correction from their peak levels, Chinese equities are now selling at much more reasonable valuations. Meanwhile, growth in corporate earnings is still expected to be robust with consensus earnings growth for Chinese shares listed in Hong Kong at more than 18% this year. We continue to strive for a diversified portfolio with focus on long-term domestic consumption growth in China. In the first quarter of 2008, we took advantage of stock price corrections to increase our positions in stocks in which we hold a high conviction. These include stocks in the consumer and information technology sectors. We slightly trimmed down our positions in the financial, industrial and materials sectors.

# MATTHEWS CHINA FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: CHINA/HONG KONG: 100.0%

|   | SHARES                  | VALUE                           |  | SHARES     | VALUE                           |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONA                              | RY: 21.0%               |                                 | FINANCIALS: 19.6%                          |            |                                 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisu                       | re: 4.3%                |                                 | Real Estate Management &                   | Developmen | t: 9.1%                         |
| Café de Coral Holdings, Ltd.                      | 14,728,100              | \$28,286,898                    | China Vanke Co., Ltd. B Shares             | 20,838,980 | \$46,685,509                    |
| Shangri-La Asia, Ltd.                             | 7,315,600               | 19,946,041                      | Swire Pacific, Ltd. A Shares               | 3,676,000  | 41,660,900                      |
| China Travel International                        |                         |                                 | Hang Lung Group, Ltd.                      | 6,545,000  | 31,282,302                      |
| Investment HK, Ltd.                               | 38,412,000              | 15,662,836                      | Agile Property Holdings, Ltd.              | 13,704,000 | 14,632,357                      |
|   |                         | 63,895,775                      |  |            | 134,261,068                     |
| Distributors: 3.4%                                |                         |                                 | Commercial Banks: 6.7%                     |            |                                 |
| China Resources Enterprise, Ltd                   | 1. 9,648,000            | 31,306,748                      | China Merchants Bank Co.,                  |            |                                 |
| Li & Fung, Ltd.                                   | 5,001,200               | 18,733,513                      | Ltd. H Shares                              | 10,342,000 | 36,326,274                      |
|   |                         | 50,040,261                      | BOC Hong Kong Holdings, Ltd.               | 10,270,500 | 24,955,337                      |
| Automobiles: 2.7%                                 |                         |                                 | China Construction Bank                    |            |                                 |
| Dongfeng Motor Group Co.,                         |                         |                                 | Corp. H Shares                             | 25,560,000 | 19,306,908                      |
| Ltd. H Shares                                     | 88,928,000              | 40,403,065                      | Bank of Communications Co.,                | 40.004.000 | 40.070.040                      |
| Tautiles Assessed 9 Lauren                        | C 2 C0/                 |                                 | Ltd. H Shares                              | 16,264,000 | 19,278,649                      |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury (                      |                         | 22 277 040                      |  |            | 99,867,168                      |
| Ports Design, Ltd. Glorious Sun Enterprises, Ltd. | 7,813,500<br>33,994,000 | 22,277,948                      | Insurance: 3.8%                            |            |                                 |
| diorious sun Enterprises, Ltd.                    | 33,994,000              | 16,623,735<br><b>38,901,683</b> | Ping An Insurance (Group) Co.              |            |                                 |
|   |                         | 30,301,003                      | of China, Ltd. H Shares                    | 4,619,500  | 33,184,128                      |
| Media: 2.3%                                       |                         |                                 | China Life Insurance Co.,<br>Ltd. H Shares | 6,747,000  | 22 420 202                      |
| Television Broadcasts, Ltd.                       | 2,542,000               | 13,684,220                      | Ltu. Fi Silales                            | 0,747,000  | 23,439,302<br><b>56,623,430</b> |
| Clear Media, Ltd.b                                | 10,128,000              | 8,488,976                       |  |            | 30,023,430                      |
| Pico Far East Holdings, Ltd.                      | 49,062,000              | 5,831,706                       | Total Financials                           |            | 290,751,666                     |
| AirMedia Group, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>             | 357,600                 | 5,685,840                       |  |            |                                 |
|   |                         | 33,690,742                      |  |            |                                 |
| <b>Diversified Consumer Servi</b>                 | ces: 1.8%               |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| New Oriental Education &                          |                         |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| Technology Group, Inc. ADR <sup>b</sup>           | 411,800                 | 26,709,348                      |  |            |                                 |
| Specialty Retail: 1.6%                            |                         |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| Belle International Holdings,                     |                         |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| Ltd.  | 23,204,000              | 24,287,902                      |  |            |                                 |
| Leisure Equipment & Produ                         | cts: 1.3%               |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| Li Ning Co., Ltd.                                 | 6,686,500               | 19,033,981                      |  |            |                                 |
| Multiline Retail: 1.0%                            |                         |                                 |  |            |                                 |
| Golden Eagle Retail Group, Ltd                    | 17,277,000              | 14,299,353                      |  |            |                                 |
| Total Consumer Discretiona                        | rv                      | 311,262,110                     |  |            |                                 |
|   | • 1                     | 3.1/202/110                     |  |            |                                 |

|   | SHARES          | VALUE        |   | SHARES     | VALUE        |
|---|-----------------|--------------|---|------------|--------------|
| INDUSTRIALS: 12.7%  |                 |              | INFORMATION TECHNOLO                    | OGY: 12.3% |              |
| Transportation Infrastructur  | e: 4.3%         |              | Internet Software & Service             | es: 5.3%   |              |
| GZI Transport, Ltd.   | 38,869,000      | \$18,509,308 | Sina Corp. <sup>b</sup>                 | 1,156,900  | \$40,780,725 |
| China Merchants Holdings  |                 |              | NetEase.com, Inc. ADRb                  | 997,000    | 19,152,370   |
| International Co., Ltd.   | 3,732,581       | 17,895,601   | Tencent Holdings, Ltd.                  | 3,159,000  | 18,229,621   |
| COSCO Pacific, Ltd.   | 7,530,000       | 14,817,286   | Other Investments                       |            | 10,482       |
| Beijing Capital International   | 10 000 000      | 10 000 047   |   |            | 78,173,198   |
| Airport Co., Ltd. H Shares  | 13,332,000      | 12,223,947   | Computers & Peripherals:                | 3 1%       |              |
|   |                 | 63,446,142   | Lenovo Group, Ltd.                      | 41.066.000 | 26,809,072   |
| <b>Industrial Conglomerates: 3</b>                                      | .1%             |              | TPV Technology, Ltd.                    | 31,868,000 | 18,926,791   |
| NWS Holdings, Ltd.  | 13,739,276      | 46,700,579   | 11 V Toolmology, Eta.                   | 01,000,000 | 45.735.863   |
| Construction & Engineering China Communications                         | : 1.7%          |              | Software: 2.1%                          |            |              |
| Construction Co., Ltd.  |                 |              | Kingdee International                   |            |              |
| H Shares  | 10,709,000      | 23,982,825   | Software Group Co., Ltd. <sup>†</sup>   | 25,736,000 | 19,921,618   |
| China Railway Construction  |                 |              | The9, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup>             | 532,300    | 10,912,150   |
| Corp., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>                                       | 1,500,000       | 2,062,280    |   |            | 30,833,768   |
|   |                 | 26,045,105   | Communications Equipme                  | nt: 1.2%   |              |
| Electrical Equipment: 1.5%  |                 |              | ZTE Corp. H Shares                      | 3,955,800  | 18,814,475   |
| China High Speed Transmission<br>Equipment Group Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | n<br>14,850,000 | 21,870,790   | IT Services: 0.6% Travelsky Technology, |            |              |
| Machinery: 1.1%   |                 |              | Ltd. H Shares                           | 12,178,000 | 9,092,892    |
| Shanghai Zhenhua Port<br>Machinery Co., Ltd. B Shares                   | 11,989,906      | 16,319,173   | Total Information Technolo              | gy         | 182,650,196  |
| Airlines: 1.0%  |                 |              |   |            |              |
| Air China, Ltd. H Shares  | 16,937,900      | 14,508,872   | See footnotes on page 45.               |            |              |

188,890,661

**Total Industrials** 

## MATTHEWS CHINA FUND

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS a (UNAUDITED) (continued)

COMMON EQUITIES: CHINA/HONG KONG (continued)

|   | SHARES          | VALUE         |   | SHARES               | VALUE                           |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| UTILITIES: 10.5%  |                 |               | TELECOMMUNICATION SE  | RVICES: 7.7%         | )                               |
| Gas Utilities: 3.7%   |                 |               | Wireless Telecommunicati                                      | on Services: 6       | 6.4%                            |
| Hong Kong & China Gas Co.,<br>Ltd.                          | 17,925,540      | \$54,234,819  | China Mobile, Ltd.<br>China Mobile, Ltd. ADR                  | 4,545,083<br>359,500 | \$68,288,555<br>26,966,095      |
| Independent Power Produce                                   | ers & Energy    | Traders: 3.5% |   |                      | 95,254,650                      |
| Huaneng Power International,<br>Inc. H Shares               | 29,550,000      | 22,602,389    | <b>Diversified Telecommunica</b> China Communications Service |                      | : 1.3%                          |
| Datang International Power<br>Generation Co., Ltd. H Shares | 41,794,000      | 22,460,213    | Corp., Ltd. H Shares <sup>b</sup>                             | 27,438,000           | 18,818,305                      |
| Huaneng Power International,<br>Inc. ADR                    | 213,400         | 6,517,236     | Total Telecommunication S                                     | ervices              | 114,072,955                     |
| IIIC. ADII  | 213,400         | 51,579,838    | CONSUMER STAPLES: 6.0%  | 6                    |                                 |
| Electric Utilities: 3.3%                                    |                 |               | Food Products: 3.6%   |                      |                                 |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure<br>Holdings, Ltd.                | 12,222,500      | 49,344,684    | Tingyi (Cayman Islands)<br>Holding Corp.                      | 24,305,000           | 32,032,536                      |
| Total Utilities   |                 | 155,159,341   | China Yurun Food Group, Ltd.                                  | 17,085,000           | 21,728,169<br><b>53,760,705</b> |
| ENERGY: 7.8%  |                 |               | Food & Staples Retailing: 1                                   | 3%                   |                                 |
| Oil. Gas & Consumable Fuels                                 | s: <b>6.3</b> % |               | Lianhua Supermarket Holdings                                  |                      | 40 740 400                      |
| CNOOC, Ltd.   | 23,549,000      | 34,692,438    | Co.,Ltd. H Shares <sup>†</sup>                                | 13,648,000           | 18,748,169                      |
| China Shenhua Energy Co.,<br>Ltd. H Shares                  | 6,286,000       | 25,456,255    | Beverages: 1.1% Tsingtao Brewery Co.,                         |                      |                                 |
| PetroChina Co., Ltd. H Shares                               | 14,780,000      | 18,505,434    | Ltd. H Shares   | 5,727,000            | 17,075,814                      |
| China Petroleum & Chemical<br>Corp. (Sinopec) H Shares      | 16,242,000      | 14,050,260    | Total Consumer Staples  |                      | 89,584,688                      |
|   |                 | 92,704,387    | MATERIALS: 2.4%   |                      |                                 |
| <b>Energy Equipment &amp; Service</b>                       | s: 1.5%         |               | Construction Materials: 1.9                                   | n/.                  |                                 |
| China Oilfield Services,<br>Ltd. H Shares                   | 13,420,000      | 22,318,593    | China National Building Material Co., Ltd. H Shares           | 11,604,000           | 27,784,447                      |
| Total Energy  |                 | 115,022,980   | Paper & Forest Products: 0.                                   | 5%                   |                                 |
|   |                 |               | Nine Dragons Paper<br>Holdings, Ltd.                          | 10,157,000           | 8,352,064                       |
|   |                 |               | Total Materials   | -, - ,               | 36,136,511                      |

#### VALUE

#### **TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 100.0%**

\$1,483,531,108

(Cost \$1,271,244,799c)

#### LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF CASH AND OTHER ASSETS: (0.0%)

(243,285)

#### **NET ASSETS: 100.0%**

\$1,483,287,823

- Certain securities were fair valued under the discretion of the Board of Trustees (Note A).
- b Non-income producing security
- c Cost of investments is \$1,271,244,799 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

 Gross unrealized appreciation
 \$318,143,278

 Gross unrealized depreciation
 [105,856,969]

 Net unrealized appreciation
 \$212,286,309

- † Affiliated Issuer, as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (ownership of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of this issuer)
- ADR American Depositary Receipt

See accompanying notes to schedules of investments.

This portfolio data should not be relied upon as a complete listing of this Fund's holdings, as information on particular holdings may have been withheld if it was in the Fund's interest to do so.

### MATTHEWS INDIA FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MINDX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews India Fund, a non-diversified fund, seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in publicly traded common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible securities of companies located in India.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lead Manager: Andrew T. Foster Co-Manager: Sharat Shroff, CFA

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the first three months of 2008, the Matthews India Fund declined –22.95%, while the benchmark Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index fell –27.41% during the same period.

India's markets suffered sharp losses during the first quarter, despite commentators' assertions that somehow the country's domestically driven economy would "decouple" from troubles elsewhere. At Matthews, we have always thought differently. True, the facts support the claim that India's economy is domestic in nature: The export sector is woefully underdeveloped. However, this does not mean that India might somehow hive itself off from the rest of the world. India is, in fact, highly dependent on capital flows from abroad to support its growth.

Large fiscal deficits at both the national and state levels mean that the government crowds out private markets in classic fashion. India enjoys high savings rates; yet a boom in household debt means that much of the country's marginal savings—those above

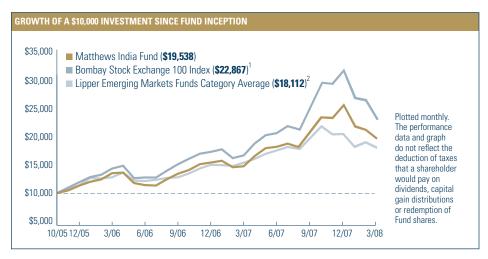
and beyond the government's expenditure requirements—have gone to fuel household consumption in the form of mortgages, auto finance and consumer loans. This has meant precious little capital has been left for investment by private companies. Indeed, India runs a capital account deficit, meaning that it must import capital from abroad to support its consumption. As the global tolerance for risk has retrenched, flows of capital bound for India have slowed—and thus it can be no great surprise that local markets have slumped in response.

Capital markets in India have had a rough year, but there are signs of continued improvement as well. On the negative side, several large IPOs have failed to occur, and other capital raisings have been deferred. Such hiccups have thrown certain segments of the market into convulsions. Conversely, however, the market has shown increasing capacity to differentiate higher quality companies from lower quality ones. This is an essential ingredient to the economy's future health, as it means that

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                            |         |        |                    |  |  |
|---|---------|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| Fund Inception: 10/31/05 Average Annual Total Returns       |         |        |                    |  |  |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR   | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |  |  |
| Matthews India Fund   | -22.95% | 32.10% | 31.98%             |  |  |
| Bombay Stock Exchange 100 Index <sup>1</sup>                | -27.41% | 36.64% | 40.82%             |  |  |
| Lipper Emerging Markets Funds Category Average <sup>2</sup> | -11.72% | 17.68% | 27.77%             |  |  |

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| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   | 3     |                                  |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:3 | 1.28% | Portfolio Turnover: <sup>4</sup> | 25.59% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Bombay Stock Exchange 100 (BSE 100) Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of the 100 stocks listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange. It is not possible to invest in an index. Source: Index data from Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

## MATTHEWS INDIA FUND

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>       |                            |                 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
|                                     | SECTOR                     | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd.          | Information Technology     | 5.4%            |
| Dabur India, Ltd.                   | Consumer Staples           | 5.3%            |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. | Health Care                | 4.1%            |
| Bharti Airtel, Ltd.                 | Telecommunication Services | 4.1%            |
| Gail (India), Ltd.                  | Utilities                  | 4.0%            |
| Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.      | Health Care                | 3.9%            |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                     | Financials                 | 3.4%            |
| Cipla, Ltd.                         | Health Care                | 3.0%            |
| Axis Bank, Ltd.                     | Financials                 | 3.0%            |
| Ashok Leyland, Ltd.                 | Industrials                | 2.9%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10               |                            | <b>39.1</b> %   |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| India                                      | 99.9% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.1%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 16.3% |
| Financials                                 | 15.6% |
| Information Technology                     | 14.5% |
| Industrials                                | 13.3% |
| Health Care                                | 12.2% |
| Consumer Staples                           | 11.0% |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 6.7%  |
| Utilities                                  | 6.3%  |
| Energy                                     | 4.0%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.1%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 40.7% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                  | 45.9% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 13.3% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.1%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS   | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 61                   | \$18.83 | \$1.0 billion | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.
 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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stronger companies will enjoy better access to capital, enabling faster growth; and less capital will be wasted on sub-par companies.

Most indications suggest that profit growth will moderate slightly, but from levels that would be considered high from a historical perspective. Margin pressures have begun to weigh on most industries. Inflation is driving up material and labor costs faster than many companies can re-price their own goods and services. Also, companies are beginning to falter due to the "high base effect," meaning that such companies have grown so rapidly they are finding it hard to grow relative to their newly enlarged revenue bases.

Looking forward, inflationary pressures remain one of the greatest difficulties for the economy. We have expressed our concerns about inflation for almost two years now. Contrary to our expectations, inflation moderated during most of 2007, but has recently returned with a vengeance. Hopefully, the burgeoning problem can be contained. India's

central bank has historically exhibited a high degree of independence, and has fought inflation doggedly, especially when ignited by excess credit growth on the part of local banks. However, the country has entered an election year, and thus the risk of populist policies that might result in a misstep is higher.

Despite the challenging conditions in current markets, we remain enthusiastic investors in India. The economy's recent growth is neither transient nor fictional: It has been rooted in improving fundamentals, underpinned by regulatory reform, market liberalization and private sector expansion. However, we would caution investors not to invest on a false premise, namely the belief that India has stood apart from the rest of the world. India has grown especially because it has enmeshed with the rest of the world—it has been a key beneficiary of "globalization." Thus, despite the country's investment merits, it is unlikely to provide a safe haven amid the volatility of the global marketplace.

# MATTHEWS INDIA FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS <sup>a</sup> (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: INDIA: 96.2%

|  | SHARES      | VALUE        |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| FINANCIALS: 15.6%                        |             |              |
| Commercial Banks: 9.5%                   |             |              |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd.                          | 983,033     | \$33,150,778 |
| Axis Bank, Ltd.                          | 1,499,200   | 29,767,841   |
| Corporation Bank                         | 3,159,331   | 22,171,810   |
| Oriental Bank of Commerce                | 2,196,834   | 9,787,376    |
| HDFC Bank, Ltd. ADR                      | 10,000      | 982,400      |
|  |             | 95,860,205   |
| Thrifts & Mortgage Finance:              | 2.0%        |              |
| Housing Development                      |             |              |
| Finance Corp.                            | 337,473     | 20,134,196   |
| Real Estate Management & I               | Developmen  | t: 1.8%      |
| Unitech, Ltd.                            | 2,588,777   | 17,945,651   |
| Diversified Financial Service            | es: 1.2%    |              |
| SREI Infrastructure Finance, Ltd.        | 3,525,000   | 11,997,422   |
| Capital Markets: 0.7%                    |             |              |
| IL&FS Investsmart, Ltd.                  | 2,256,457   | 6,670,124    |
| Consumer Finance: 0.4%                   |             |              |
| Other Investments                        |             | 3,821,373    |
| Total Financials                         |             | 156,428,971  |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOG                    | Y: 14.5%    |              |
| IT Services: 11.0%                       |             |              |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd.               | 1,372,615   | 49,551,448   |
| Wipro, Ltd.                              | 1,947,435   | 21,078,465   |
| Rolta India, Ltd.                        | 2,898,990   | 19,002,088   |
| HCL-Infosystems, Ltd.                    | 3,903,185   | 15,792,220   |
| Infosys Technologies, Ltd. ADR           | 129,500     | 4,632,215    |
|  |             | 110,056,436  |
| Internet Software & Services             | s: 1.9%     |              |
| Info Edge (India), Ltd.                  | 566,727     | 12,197,172   |
| Sify Technologies, Ltd. ADR <sup>b</sup> | 1,669,624   | 7,446,523    |
| eny roomiorogroo, Eta. 7 Eri             | 1,000,02    | 19,643,695   |
| Software: 1.6%                           |             |              |
| Financial Technologies (India), L        | td. 399,855 | 16,007,291   |
| Total Information Technology             | ,           | 145,707,422  |
| iotai iiitoriiiation reciiitology        | 1           | 140,707,422  |

|  | SHARES     | VALUE        |
|--|------------|--------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONAR                  | Y: 14.5%   |              |
| Media: 5.8%                            |            |              |
| HT Media, Ltd.                         | 3,477,688  | \$15,038,974 |
| SunTV Network, Ltd.                    | 1,467,816  | 11,194,632   |
| Zee Entertainment<br>Enterprises, Ltd. | 1,443,908  | 8,871,055    |
| Television Eighteen India, Ltd.        | 801,847    | 7,996,068    |
| Dish TV India, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>       | 3,362,097  | 4,165,069    |
| PVR, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                 | 819,751    | 3,911,842    |
| Inox Leisure, Ltd.                     | 1,448,127  | 3,610,687    |
| Wire and Wireless India, Ltd.b         | 3,395,454  | 3,073,877    |
|  |            | 57,862,204   |
| Automobiles: 2.4%                      |            |              |
| Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.              | 1,352,500  | 23,638,794   |
| Multiline Retail: 1.8%                 |            |              |
| Vishal Retail, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>       | 876,436    | 18,251,360   |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisur           | e: 1.5%    |              |
| Indian Hotels Co., Ltd.                | 5,333,200  | 15,037,031   |
| Household Durables: 1.0%               |            |              |
| Voltas, Ltd.                           | 2,311,750  | 10,419,477   |
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury G           | oods: 1.0% |              |
| Titan Industries, Ltd.                 | 369,589    | 9,792,760    |
| Auto Components: 1.0%                  |            |              |
| Bharat Forge, Ltd.                     | 1,466,000  | 9,769,976    |
| Total Consumer Discretionar            | У          | 144,771,602  |
|  |            |              |

|   | SHARES     | VALUE        |  | SHARES        | VALU         |
|---|------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| INDUSTRIALS: 13.3%                                  |            |              | CONSUMER STAPLES: 10.29                        | <b>/</b> 6    |              |
| Machinery: 6.3%                                     |            |              | Personal Products: 7.2%                        |               |              |
| Ashok Leyland, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                    | 32,811,277 | \$29,122,937 | Dabur India, Ltd.                              | 19,286,659    | \$53,318,950 |
| Jain Irrigation Systems, Ltd.                       | 1,281,590  | 18,922,602   | Marico, Ltd.                                   | 11,124,720    | 18,859,37    |
| Thermax, Ltd.                                       | 905,000    | 13,700,281   |  |               | 72,178,32    |
| Tata Motors, Ltd. ADR                               | 72,600     | 1,134,012    | Household Products: 2.6%                       |               |              |
|   |            | 62,879,832   | Hindustan Unilever, Ltd.                       | 4,637,269     | 26,451,64    |
| Industrial Conglomerates: 2.2                       | 2%         |              | Beverages: 0.4%                                |               |              |
| Siemens India, Ltd.                                 | 942,414    | 14,616,457   | Radico Khaitan, Ltd.                           | 1,542,000     | 4.258.04     |
| MAX India, Ltd. b                                   | 2,135,602  | 7,894,190    | , ,  | 1,0 12,000    |              |
|   |            | 22,510,647   | Total Consumer Staples                         |               | 102,888,02   |
| Construction & Engineering:                         | 2.0%       |              | TELECOMMUNICATION SER                          | VICES: 6.7%   | )            |
| Larsen & Toubro, Ltd.                               | 266,330    | 20,310,803   | Wireless Telecommunicatio                      | n Services: 6 | 6.7%         |
| Building Products: 2.0%                             |            |              | Bharti Airtel, Ltd. <sup>b</sup>               | 1,969,191     | 40,721,51    |
| Sintex Industries, Ltd.                             | 2,166,834  | 19,398,142   | Reliance Communications, Ltd.                  | 2,049,755     | 26,192,37    |
|   | 2,100,001  | 10,000,112   | Total Telecommunication Se                     | rvices        | 66,913,88    |
| Air Freight & Logistics: 0.8%<br>Gati, Ltd.         | 3,281,339  | 7,992,130    | UTILITIES: 6.3%                                |               |              |
| Total Industrials                                   |            | 133,091,554  | Gas Utilities: 4.2%                            |               |              |
|   |            | ,            | Gail (India), Ltd.                             | 3,726,501     | 39,853,72    |
| HEALTH CARE: 11.1%                                  |            |              | Other Investments                              | 3,720,301     | 2,479,40     |
|   |            |              | Other investments                              |               | 42,333,12    |
| Pharmaceuticals: 11.1%                              |            |              |  |               | 12,000,12    |
| Sun Pharmaceutical Industries,<br>Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 1.319.260  | 40,815,018   | Electric Utilities: 2.1%                       |               |              |
| Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.                      |            | 39,252,664   | CESC, Ltd.                                     | 2,006,117     | 20,596,14    |
| Cipla, Ltd.   | 5,489,657  | 30,242,627   | Total Utilities                                |               | 62,929,26    |
| Sun Pharma Advanced                                 | 3,403,037  | 30,242,027   |  |               |              |
| Research Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                     | 594,260    | 1,263,057    | ENERGY: 4.0%                                   |               |              |
| •   | ,          |              | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuel                     | s: 4.0%       |              |
| Total Health Care                                   |            | 111,573,366  | Reliance Industries, Ltd.                      | 379,371       | 21,379,098   |
|   |            |              | Chennai Petroleum Corp., Ltd.                  | 2,717,744     | 19,067,77    |
|   |            |              | Total Energy                                   |               | 40,446,87    |
|   |            |              | TOTAL COMMON EQUITIES:<br>(Cost \$788,101,722) | INDIA         | 964,750,95   |

See footnotes on page 53.

### MATTHEWS INDIA FUND

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS a (UNAUDITED) (continued)

#### **RIGHTS: 0.1%**

#### SHARES VALUE **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 0.1%** Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure: 0.1% Indian Hotels Co., Ltd., Equity Shares, expire 04/15/08 1,066,640 \$1,121,939 Indian Hotels Co., Ltd., 6% Non-Cnv. Debentures, expire 04/15/08 533,320 **Total Consumer Discretionary** 1,121,939 **TOTAL RIGHTS** 1,121,939 (Cost \$0)

#### **INTERNATIONAL DOLLAR BONDS: 3.6%**

| FAC  | CE AMOUNT           | VALUE               |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONA                               | RY: 1.7%            |                     |
| Automobiles: 1.7%                                  |                     |                     |
| Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd., Ci<br>0.000%, 04/14/11  | nv.<br>\$15,000,000 | \$16,950,000        |
| Total Consumer Discretiona                         | ary                 | 16,950,000          |
| HEALTH CARE: 1.1%                                  |                     |                     |
| Pharmaceuticals: 1.1%                              |                     |                     |
| Ranbaxy Laboratories, Ltd., Cn<br>0.000%, 03/18/11 | v.<br>10,000,000    | 11,037,500          |
| Total Health Care                                  |                     | 11,037,500          |
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 0.89                             | <b>%</b>            |                     |
| Beverages: 0.8%                                    |                     |                     |
| Radico Khaitan, Ltd., Cnv.<br>3.500%, 07/27/11     | 7,000,000           | 7,700,000           |
| Total Consumer Staples                             |                     | 7,700,000           |
| Total Consumer Staples                             |                     | 7,700,00            |
| TOTAL INTERNATIONAL DOLLAR BONDS                   |                     | 35.687.500          |
| (Cost \$36.961.199)                                |                     | 33,00 <i>1</i> ,300 |

#### VALUE

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.9%** 

\$1,001,560,396

(Cost \$825,062,921c)

CASH AND OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES: 0.1%

826,898

#### **NET ASSETS: 100.0%**

\$1,002,387,294

- Certain securities were fair valued under the discretion of the Board of Trustees (Note A).
- b Non-income producing security
- c Cost of investments is \$825,062,921 and net unrealized appreciation consists of:

 Gross unrealized appreciation
 \$239,075,037

 Gross unrealized depreciation
 (62,577,562)

 Net unrealized appreciation
 \$176,497,475

ADR American Depositary Receipt

Cnv. Convertible

See accompanying notes to schedules of investments.

This portfolio data should not be relied upon as a complete listing of this Fund's holdings, as information on particular holdings may have been withheld if it was in the Fund's interest to do so.

### MATTHEWS JAPAN FUND

#### FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

SYMBOL: MJFOX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Japan Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in Japan.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

Lead Manager: Taizo Ishida

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the three months ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Japan Fund declined –4.19%, while its benchmark, the MSCI Japan Index, dropped –7.75%. The Japanese market, measured by the Tokyo Stock Price Index, slipped below 1200—its lowest level in the past three years. Meanwhile, the yen rose more than 10% against the U.S. dollar, the sharpest quarter-to-quarter rise since the third quarter of 1999.

Performance during the first quarter was strengthened by stock selection, particularly within the consumer discretionary, consumer staples and information technology sectors. On the other hand, the Fund's stock selections within the health care sector were a drag on performance for the quarter.

Reflective of a weak market, defensive sectors such as consumer staples and utilities performed well, whereas health care, one of the more defensive sectors, held back the Fund's performance mainly due to the lack of a new drug pipeline. During the quarter, the financial sector, surprisingly, performed in line with the

market, despite ongoing problems in the U.S. mortgage and credit markets.

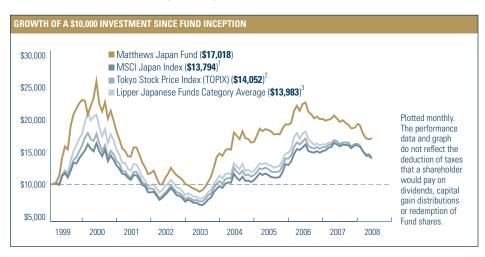
Inflation has become a problem globally as basic commodity prices have skyrocketed, and Japan has not been able to escape this. The difference, however, is that this is a welcome trend in Japan as prices of most day-to-day items rose for the first time in as long as 10 to 30 years, depending on the product. Remarkably, milk prices, for example, saw their first price hike in nearly 30 years. As a result, February's core consumer price index rose 1.0% year-over-year, marking the highest year-to-year rise in the last 10 years. The apparent increase in inflation suggests that Japan's crippling era of deflation may finally be coming to an end.

During the quarter, the Fund initiated several new positions including two notable global large-cap firms. We added Toray, a leader in the carbon fiber industry and Fanuc, wellknown in the field of robotics and factory automation. As with many quality Japanese

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                      |        |         |        |        |                    |  |  |
|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| Fund Inception: 12/31/98 Average Annual Total Returns |        |         |        |        |                    |  |  |
|   | 3 MO   | 1 YR    | 3 YRS  | 5 YRS  | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |  |  |
| Matthews Japan Fund                                   | -4.19% | -15.48% | -2.50% | 14.01% | 5.92%              |  |  |
| MSCI Japan Index <sup>1</sup>                         | -7.75% | -14.61% | 6.54%  | 15.11% | 3.54%              |  |  |
| Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX) <sup>2</sup>          | -6.33% | -15.43% | 4.41%  | 13.91% | 3.75%              |  |  |
| Lipper Japanese Funds Category Average <sup>3</sup>   | -8.68% | -18.36% | 2.80%  | 12.35% | 3.34%              |  |  |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIOS   |       |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:4 | 1.23% | Portfolio Turnover:5 | 45.51% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MSCI Japan Index is a free float—adjusted market capitalization—weighted index of Japanese equities listed in Japan. It is not possible to invest in an index. Source: Index data from Morgan Stanley Capital International; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX) is a market capitalization—weighted index of all companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. It is not possible to invest in an index. Source: Index data from Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

# **MATTHEWS JAPAN FUND**

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>      |                        |                 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|                                    | SECTOR                 | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Unicharm Petcare Corp.             | Consumer Staples       | 3.6%            |
| Pigeon Corp.                       | Consumer Staples       | 3.2%            |
| Nintendo Co., Ltd.                 | Information Technology | 3.2%            |
| Benesse Corp.                      | Consumer Discretionary | 3.1%            |
| Sony Corp.                         | Consumer Discretionary | 2.8%            |
| Toyota Motor Corp.                 | Consumer Discretionary | 2.7%            |
| Sysmex Corp.                       | Health Care            | 2.4%            |
| Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.    | Information Technology | 2.2%            |
| Funai Zaisan Consultants Co., Ltd. | Financials             | 2.2%            |
| Keyence Corp.                      | Information Technology | 2.1%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10              |                        | <b>27.5</b> %   |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| Japan                                      | 99.1% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.9%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Financials                                 | 25.7% |
| Information Technology                     | 20.5% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 19.7% |
| Industrials                                | 15.0% |
| Health Care                                | 7.1%  |
| Consumer Staples                           | 6.8%  |
| Materials                                  | 3.2%  |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 0.6%  |
| Energy                                     | 0.5%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.9%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 54.1% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                  | 23.7% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 21.4% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.9%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV     | FUND ASSETS     | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 68                   | \$13.94 | \$196.9 million | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.
 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 54

stocks, valuations for these companies became quite attractive, and presented themselves as unique investment opportunities.

Toray is a global leader in the production of carbon fiber, for which there is an expected increase in applications. Because the material is so lightweight yet incredibly strong, there is a growing demand for it in industries including aviation and automotives. These industries are seeking more fuel-efficient materials in light of higher oil prices. The Fund took advantage of the company's weak stock price caused by news of production delays of a new Boeing 787 aircraft, which will use the company's carbon fiber in its wings and body.

Fanuc, a leader in the design and production of robots used in factories around the world, has seen the rapid automation of auto plants in Asia as a growth driver. A third of Fanuc's total company sales now come from Asia, excluding Japan. The company maintains an operating margin of more than 40%, which is unmatched by its peers or any other global manufacturer. Fanuc also has a significant amount of cash on its balance sheet, as well as strong cash flow.

Japan, in our view, stands to be a clear beneficiary of the Asian growth story for a long time to come. Just as many of the global companies in the West have shifted their focus to emerging economies across the globe, many Japanese companies are shifting from a U.S.—only focus to doing business within Asia as well as the Middle East.

# **MATTHEWS JAPAN FUND**

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: JAPAN: 99.1%

|  | SHARES       | VALUE           |                                     | SHARES                   | VALUE       |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| FINANCIALS: 25.7%                      |              |                 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY              | <b>'</b> : <b>20</b> .5% |             |
| Real Estate Management &               | Development  | t: <b>8.1</b> % | Electronic Equipment & Instru       | ments: 7.9%              | <b>/</b> o  |
| Funai Zaisan Consultants Co., L        | td. 2,409    | \$4,240,108     | Keyence Corp.                       | 17,870                   | \$4,158,101 |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.            | 168,000      | 4,117,482       | Nidec Corp.                         | 45,400                   | 2,801,534   |
| Daibiru Corp.                          | 332,300      | 3,187,045       | Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.      | 55,000                   | 2,759,061   |
| Sumitomo Realty & Developme            | nt           |                 | Hoya Corp.                          | 95,500                   | 2,256,462   |
| Co., Ltd.                              | 137,000      | 2,440,738       | Ohara, Inc.                         | 113,900                  | 2,055,107   |
| Shoei Co., Ltd.                        | 113,080      | 1,426,923       | Topcon Corp.                        | 184,300                  | 1,469,805   |
| JOINT Corp.                            | 96,400       | 627,846         |                                     |                          | 15,500,070  |
|  |              | 16,040,142      | Software: 3.9%                      |                          |             |
| Commercial Banks: 6.0%                 |              |                 | Nintendo Co., Ltd.                  | 11.915                   | 6,233,983   |
|  |              |                 | NSD Co., Ltd.                       | 99,100                   | 1,452,932   |
| The Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. | 529,000      | 3,666,127       | 1400 00., Eta.                      | 00,100                   | 7,686,915   |
| The Chiba Bank, Ltd.                   | 435,000      | 2,977,308       | IT C 0.00/                          |                          |             |
| The Joyo Bank, Ltd.                    | 518,000      | 2,977,306       | IT Services: 2.2%                   | 404.000                  | 4 004 740   |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group         |              | 2,049,390       | Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.     | 164,600                  | 4,331,743   |
| Inc.                                   | ,<br>217,630 | 1,903,789       | Internet Software & Services:       | 2.0%                     |             |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group         |              | 1,303,703       | Yahoo! Japan Corp.                  | 7,680                    | 4,036,224   |
| Inc. ADR                               | 66,100       | 575,070         |                                     | .,                       |             |
| 1110.71511                             | 00,100       | 11,771,890      | Office Electronics: 1.9%            |                          |             |
|  |              | 11,771,030      | Canon, Inc. ADR                     | 79,450                   | 3,684,097   |
| <b>Real Estate Investment Trust</b>    | ts: 4.5%     |                 | Computers & Peripherals: 1.5        | 0/-                      |             |
| Tokyu REIT, Inc.                       | 258          | 1,952,877       | Melco Holdings, Inc.                | 172,500                  | 2,957,552   |
| Nomura Real Estate Office Fund         | *            |                 | Meico Holdings, Ilic.               | 172,300                  | 2,557,552   |
| Inc., REIT                             | 233          | 1,898,057       | Semiconductors & Semicond           | uctor Equip              | ment: 1.1%  |
| Japan Logistics Fund, Inc., REIT       |              | 1,792,791       | Sumco Corp.                         | 100,800                  | 2,222,985   |
| United Urban Investment Corp.,         |              | 1,707,242       | •                                   |                          |             |
| Global One Real Estate Investm         |              |                 | Total Information Technology        |                          | 40,419,586  |
| Corp., REIT                            | 143          | 1,610,336       |                                     |                          |             |
|  |              | 8,961,303       | CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY              | <b>′</b> : 19.7%         |             |
| Capital Markets: 3.5%                  |              |                 | Household Durables: 6.1%            |                          |             |
| Ichiyoshi Securities Co., Ltd.         | 369,200      | 3,738,552       | Sekisui House, Ltd.                 | 438,000                  | 4,091,899   |
| GCA Savvian Group Corp.b               | 881          | 3,172,943       | Sony Corp. ADR                      | 75,900                   | 3,041,313   |
| correction creap corp.                 | 001          | 6,911,495       | Matsushita Electric Industrial      |                          |             |
|  |              | 0,011,100       | Co., Ltd.                           | 112,000                  | 2,434,545   |
| Insurance: 2.0%                        |              |                 | Sony Corp.                          | 60,000                   | 2,413,299   |
| The Fuji Fire & Marine                 |              |                 |                                     |                          | 11,981,056  |
| Insurance Co., Ltd.                    | 1,440,000    | 3,857,489       |                                     |                          |             |
| Consumer Finance: 1.6%                 |              |                 | Specialty Retail: 3.6%              | 00.400                   | 0.754.000   |
|  | 22 220       | 2 070 672       | Nitori Co., Ltd.                    | 66,100                   | 3,754,682   |
| ORIX Corp.                             | 22,330       | 3,079,672       | Point, Inc.                         | 70,090                   | 3,323,602   |
| Total Financials                       |              | 50,621,991      |                                     |                          | 7,078,284   |
|  |              |                 | <b>Diversified Consumer Service</b> | s: 3.1%                  |             |
|  |              |                 | Benesse Corp.                       | 127,900                  | 6,035,653   |
|  |              |                 | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure       | : 3.0%                   |             |
|  |              |                 | Oil I                               | /                        |             |

Other Investments

5,922,369

| SHARES   | VALUE  |  | SHARES  | VALUE   |
|----------|--|--|---|---|
|          |  | CONSUMER STAPLES: 6.8%                 |   |   |
| 53,100   | \$5,357,259  | Food Products: 3.6%                    |   |   |
|          |  | Unicharm Petcare Corp.                 | 224,000   | \$7,128,597   |
| 395,800  | 2,356,843  | Household Products: 2 2%               |   |   |
|          | 38 731 464   | Pigeon Corp.                           | 303,900   | 6,351,188   |
|          | 00,701,101   | Total Consumer Stanles                 |   | 13,479,785  |
|          |  | Total Consumer Ctapies                 |   | 10,410,100  |
|          |  | MATERIALS: 3.2%                        |   |   |
| 37,800   | 3,626,303  | Chemicals: 2.7%                        |   |   |
| 756,000  | 3,264,275  |  | 488 000   | 3,198,527   |
| 205.100  | 2.390.046  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | -   | 2,130,214   |
|          |  | Mitto Deliko Corp.                     | 30,100  | 5,328,741   |
|          |  | 0                                      |   | 3,320,741   |
| 07,000   | 12,647,454   |  | 420 000   | 1,023,030   |
| o: 2 N0/ |  | ,                                      | 420,000   |   |
|          | 2.014.E00  | lotal Materials                        |   | 6,351,771   |
|          |  |  |   |   |
|          |  | TELECOMMUNICATION SERV                 | /ICES: 0.6%   | )   |
| 36,800   |  | Wireless Telecommunication             | Services: 0   | 1.6%  |
|          | 5,812,895  | KDDI Corp.                             | 177   | 1,088,705   |
|          |  | Total Telecommunication Ser            | vices   | 1.088.705   |
| 416      | 3,468,846  |  |   | 1,000,100   |
| rs: 1.8% |  | ENERGY: 0.5%                           |   |   |
| 112,900  | 3,454,292  | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels:           | 0.5%  |   |
|          |  | Inpex Holdings, Inc.                   | 90  | 1,017,303   |
| 101.000  | 2.871.032  | Total Energy                           |   | 1,017,303   |
| •        |  |  |   |   |
|          | 4 407 047  |  |   | 195,197,954   |
| 78,000   | 1,197,017  | (Cost \$215,607,843°)                  |   |   |
|          | 29,451,536   | CASH AND OTHER ASSETS,                 |   |   |
|          |  | LESS LIABILITIES: 0.9%                 |   | 1,708,458   |
|          |  | <b>NET ASSETS: 100.0%</b>              |   | \$196,906,412   |
|          | 4 705 404  | a Certain securities were fair value   | d under the disc  | retion of the   |
|          |  | Board of Trustees (Note A).            |   |   |
|          |  | b Non-income producing security        | 140   | المسالة المسالة   |
|          |  |  | o43 anu net unre  | anzeu uepreciatio   |
| 88,400   | 539,176  | Gross unrealized appreciation          |   |   |
|          | 11,003,607   | Gross unrealized depreciation          |   | (34,824,401   |
|          |  | ADR American Depositary Receipt        |   | ., ., .,  |
|          |  | REIT Real Estate Investment Trust      |   |   |
| 60 400   | 3 032 206  | DELL DEGLESTATE HINESTHELLT HAST       |   |   |
| 60,400   | 3,032,206  | See accompanying notes to schedules of |   |   |
| 60,400   | 3,032,206<br>14,035,813  |  | pon as a comple   |   |
|          | 53,100 395,800 37,800 756,000 205,100 183,000 67,000 8: 3.0% 203,300 65,890 36,800 416 rs: 1.8% 112,900 101,000 % 78,000 | 37,800                                 | CONSUMER STAPLES: 6.8%   Food Products: 3.6%   Unicharm Petcare Corp. | CONSUMER STAPLES: 6.8%   Food Products: 3.6%   Unicharm Petcare Corp.   224,000 |

### MATTHEWS KOREA FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY**

SYMBOL: MAKOX

Objective: Long-term capital appreciation.

**Strategy:** Under normal market conditions, the Matthews Korea Fund, a non-diversified fund, seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its total net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of companies located in South Korea.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

Lead Manager: J. Michael Oh

Co-Managers: Mark W. Headley and Michael B. Han, CFA

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

For the three months ending March 31, 2008, the Matthews Korea Fund lost –16.46%, while its benchmark, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index, declined –15.20%. The Korean equity market continued to correct in the first quarter due to a worsening global macro environment sparked mainly by the U.S. credit crisis and rising oil prices.

The Fund trailed its benchmark during the quarter primarily due to its overweight position in financials, particularly in banks and consumer sectors. Although Korean financial companies appear to have had limited direct exposure to the global credit crunch stemming from the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis. Korean financial firms have nevertheless declined in sympathy. Korean banks have also found slowing growth in the domestic market to be another hurdle. Domestic market growth has remained lackluster since the sharp recovery from the country's consumer credit card crisis in 2005. The Capital Market Consolidation Act (CMCA), which was introduced last year, also did not help banks. The CMCA was

passed with the intention of speeding up the restructuring of Korea's domestic brokerage sector. It may indeed help brokerage firms, fostering more sophisticated financials firms akin to U.S. investment banks. However, as brokerage firms become more sophisticated, they could potentially compete with traditional banks for their high-end customers.

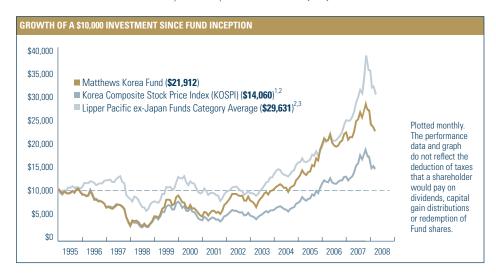
The Fund's performance in the first quarter was helped most by holdings in the information technology sector. Internet-related companies, which have been relatively insulated from global market trends, helped the Fund perform during the quarter. Expectations for a semiconductor industry recovery also served as a catalyst for performance of the information technology sector.

On a company basis, the biggest contribution came from Samsung Electronics, which benefited from the expected recovery in the memory chip industry, and better-thanexpected performance of mobile phone handsets. Daewoong Pharmaceutical, a drug

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| PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2008                            |         |        |        |        |        |                    |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Fund Inception: 1/3/95 Average Annual Total Returns         |         |        |        |        |        |                    |
|   | 3 MO    | 1 YR   | 3 YRS  | 5 YRS  | 10 YRS | SINCE<br>INCEPTION |
| Matthews Korea Fund   | -16.46% | 4.17%  | 18.12% | 29.35% | 21.30% | 6.10%              |
| Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) <sup>1</sup>      | -15.20% | 11.50% | 22.03% | 32.38% | 17.77% | 2.61% <sup>2</sup> |
| Lipper Pacific ex-Japan Funds Category Average <sup>3</sup> | -14.42% | 14.83% | 23.25% | 28.29% | 11.81% | 8.22% <sup>2</sup> |

All performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions. Unusually high returns may not be sustainable. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance please call 800-789-ASIA [2742] or visit www.matthewsfunds.com.



| FISCAL YEAR 2007 RATIO    |       |                      |        |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Gross Operating Expense:4 | 1.21% | Portfolio Turnover:5 | 24.40% |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) is a market—capitalization weighted index of all common stocks listed on the Korea Stock Exchange. It is not possible to invest in an index. Source: Index data from Bloomberg; total return calculations performed by PFPC Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated from 12/31/94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lipper, Inc. fund performance does not reflect sales charges and is based on total return, including reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, for the stated periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ratio has been restated to reflect current management and administrative and shareholder servicing fees expected to be incurred by the Funds and paid to the Advisor. Matthews Asian Funds do not charge 12b-1 fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The lesser of fiscal year 2007 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.

# MATTHEWS KOREA FUND

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>             |                            |                 |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
|   | SECTOR                     | % OF NET ASSETS |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.             | Information Technology     | 9.2%            |
| NHN Corp.                                 | Information Technology     | 5.1%            |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.         | Financials                 | 4.5%            |
| Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. | Financials                 | 4.2%            |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd.                      | Telecommunication Services | 3.9%            |
| Kookmin Bank                              | Financials                 | 3.7%            |
| Daewoong Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.         | Health Care                | 3.7%            |
| Shinsegae Co., Ltd.                       | Consumer Staples           | 3.5%            |
| Samsung Securities Co., Ltd.              | Financials                 | 3.5%            |
| Hana Financial Group, Inc.                | Financials                 | 3.4%            |
| % OF ASSETS IN TOP 10                     |                            | 44.7%           |

| COUNTRY ALLOCATION                         |       |
|--|-------|
| South Korea                                | 99.1% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.9%  |

| SECTOR ALLOCATION                          |       |
|--|-------|
| Financials                                 | 23.2% |
| Information Technology                     | 17.0% |
| Industrials                                | 13.7% |
| Consumer Discretionary                     | 12.7% |
| Health Care                                | 10.5% |
| Consumer Staples                           | 9.9%  |
| Telecommunication Services                 | 5.3%  |
| Materials                                  | 3.9%  |
| Energy                                     | 2.9%  |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | 0.9%  |

| MARKET CAP EXPOSURE <sup>2</sup>           |       |
|--|-------|
| Large cap (over \$5 billion)               | 48.4% |
| Mid cap (\$1-\$5 billion)                  | 34.8% |
| Small cap (under \$1 billion)              | 15.8% |
| Cash and other assets,<br>less liabilities | N 9%  |

| NUMBER OF SECURITIES | NAV    | FUND ASSETS     | REDEMPTION FEE                   | 12b-1 FEES |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 44                   | \$5.48 | \$192.6 million | 2.00% within<br>90 calendar days | None       |

Holdings may combine more than one security from same issuer and related depositary receipts.
 Source: FactSet Research Systems. Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY** continued from page 60

developer and distributor, was also a strong contributor to Fund performance.

On the other hand, SK Telecom, facing intensifying competition in the domestic wireless industry, was the Fund's worst performer for the quarter. The industry experienced a very high customer turnover rate during the quarter. SK Telecom has been criticized for not producing enough dividends. Rather than return cash to investors, the company has been spending on overseas investments, some of which have not been profitable. Hana Financial Group, which has been suffering from slowing growth in the domestic market, also detracted from Fund performance during the quarter.

On February 25, 2008, South Korea inaugurated Lee Myung Bak to be its first president who can claim to have a business background. Welcomed by the business community, President Lee has pledged to cut taxes and speed up deregulations to encourage investment and boost economic growth.

During the first quarter, exports continued to show stronger-than-expected growth helped by increased shipments to China and Europe. Trade volume between North and South Korea also doubled in the first quarter year-on-year, reaching about US\$420 million. However, Korea's trade deficit still widened as imports outpaced exports due to rising raw material and commodity prices.

The Fund added new companies during the quarter in the consumer discretionary and information technology sectors: a domestic travel agency, a navigation hardware and software manufacturer, and a consumer electronics maker. We believe that in the long term, the consumer, financials and information technology sectors will create more stable value and returns for the Fund's shareholders. The overall valuation of the Korean equity market remains one of the cheapest in the Asian region. We continue to believe that the overall economy is reasonably healthy and expect the restructuring process to continue.

## MATTHEWS KOREA FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED) COMMON EQUITIES: SOUTH KOREA: 99.1%

|  | SHARES      | VALUE                      |  | SHARES      | VALU       |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| FINANCIALS: 23.2%  |             |                            | INDUSTRIALS: 13.7%                     |             |            |
| Commercial Banks: 11.7%                                    |             |                            | Construction & Engineering:            | 4.1%        |            |
| Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd                           | . 163,708   | \$8,648,528                | GS Engineering &                       |             |            |
| Hana Financial Group, Inc.                                 | 161,762     | 6,630,142                  | Construction Corp.                     | 26,932      | \$3,974,39 |
| Kookmin Bank   | 114,498     | 6,426,491                  | Samsung Engineering Co., Ltd.          | 24,209      | 2,256,67   |
| Kookmin Bank ADR   | 13,839      | 775,676                    | Hyundai Development Co.                | 22,988      | 1,580,59   |
|  |             | 22,480,837                 |  |             | 7,811,65   |
| Capital Markets: 7.3%                                      |             |                            | <b>Industrial Conglomerates: 3.7</b>   | 1%          |            |
| Samsung Securities Co., Ltd.                               | 91,602      | 6,760,949                  | Samsung Techwin Co., Ltd.              | 77,540      | 4,240,12   |
| Kiwoom Securities Co., Ltd.                                | 92,750      | 5,296,518                  | Orion Corp.                            | 16,695      | 2,871,57   |
| Korea Investment Holdings Co., I                           | Ltd. 43,413 | 2,048,208                  |  |             | 7,111,69   |
|  |             | 14,105,675                 | Commercial Services & Supp             | lies: 3.2%  |            |
| Insurance: 4.2%  |             |                            | S1 Corp.                               | 119.944     | 6,236,65   |
| Samsung Fire & Marine                                      |             |                            | B4 - Lin 0 70/                         | -,-         |            |
| Insurance Co., Ltd.  | 38,847      | 8,053,650                  | Machinery: 2.7%                        | 110 75/     | E 17E 10   |
| Total Physical Let.  |             | 44 640 460                 | JVM Co., Ltd.                          | 113,754     | 5,175,16   |
| Total Financials   |             | 44,640,162                 | Total Industrials                      |             | 26,335,16  |
| Semiconductors & Semicond<br>Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 27,904      | 17,645,163                 | Media: 2.7% Cheil Communications, Inc. | 13,070      | 3,152,88   |
| Internet Software & Services                               | - 6.8%      |                            | ON*Media Corp. <sup>b</sup>            | 539,530     | 2,021,80   |
| NHN Corp.b   | 41,914      | 9,842,526                  | ore intenta corp.                      | 333,330     | 5,174,69   |
| CDNetworks Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                          | 204,765     | 3,303,952                  |  |             | 3,174,00   |
| obriotivomo odi, Eta.                                      | 20 1,7 00   | 13,146,478                 | Multiline Retail: 2.6%                 |             |            |
| Flootronio Fauinment 9 Instr                               |             |                            | Hyundai Department Store Co., I        | .td. 51,820 | 5,000,79   |
| Electronic Equipment & Instr<br>Thinkware Systems Corp.b   | 61,568      | <sup>,,</sup><br>2,010,579 | Automobiles: 2.2%                      |             |            |
| Tillikware systems corp.                                   | 01,000      | 2,010,375                  | Hyundai Motor Co.                      | 53,999      | 4,312,29   |
| Total Information Technology                               | •           | 32,802,220                 | Household Durabales: 2.2%              |             |            |
|  |             |                            | LG Electronics, Inc.                   | 31,362      | 4,030,57   |
|  |             |                            | Other Investments                      |             | 263,08     |
|  |             |                            |  |             | 4,293,66   |
|  |             |                            | Auto Components: 1.8%                  |             |            |
|  |             |                            | Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.                 | 222,250     | 3,535,78   |
|  |             |                            | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure          | •           |            |
|  |             |                            | Modetour Network, Inc.                 | 64.844      | 2.239.99   |
|  |             |                            | ,                                      | ,,,         |            |
|  |             |                            | Total Consumer Discretionar            | У           | 24,557,22  |

|   | SHARES      | VALUE       |   | SHARES               | VALUE                |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| HEALTH CARE: 10.5%                                |             |             | MATERIALS: 3.9%                               |                      |                      |
| Pharmaceuticals: 10.5%                            |             |             | Chemicals: 2.6%                               |                      |                      |
| Daewoong Pharmaceutical<br>Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup> | 64.807      | \$7,121,247 | SSCP Co., Ltd. <sup>b</sup>                   | 112,843              | \$2,581,532          |
| Hanmi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.                    | 39.256      | 6,177,846   | LG Chem, Ltd.                                 | 31,016               | 2,326,248            |
| Yuhan Corp.                                       | 31,319      | 5,890,681   |   |                      | 4,907,780            |
| Dong-A-Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.                   | 8.949       | 955,028     | Metals & Mining: 1.3%                         |                      |                      |
|   | 0,010       |             | POSCO ADR                                     | 21,500               | 2,558,070            |
| Total Health Care                                 |             | 20,144,802  | Total Materials                               |                      | 7,465,850            |
| CONSUMER STAPLES: 9.9%                            |             |             |   |                      |                      |
|   |             |             | <b>ENERGY: 2.9%</b>                           |                      |                      |
| Food & Staples Retailing: 5.4%                    |             | 0.700.400   | Oil. Gas & Consumable Fue                     | els: 2.9%            |                      |
| Shinsegae Co., Ltd.                               | 10,709      | 6,763,406   | GS Holdings Corp.                             | 96,517               | 3,769,514            |
| Shinsegae Food Co., Ltd.                          | 62,465      | 3,758,017   | S-Oil Corp.                                   | 28,750               | 1,833,902            |
|   |             | 10,521,423  | Total Francisco                               |                      | E COO 44C            |
| Personal Products: 2.9%                           |             |             | Total Energy                                  |                      | 5,603,416            |
| Amorepacific Corp.                                | 10,254      | 5,554,978   |   |                      |                      |
| Beverages: 1.6%                                   |             |             | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS: 99.1</b>                | 1%                   | 190,824,591          |
| Hite Brewery Co., Ltd.                            | 26,715      | 3,016,396   | (Cost \$141,170,488°)                         |                      |                      |
| Total Consumer Staples                            |             | 19,092,797  | CASH AND OTHER ASSETS                         |                      |                      |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERV                            | 'ICES: 5.3% |             | LESS LIABILITIES: 0.9%                        | ),                   | 1,792,441            |
| Wireless Telecommunication                        | Services: 3 | .9%         | NET ASSETS: 100.0%                            |                      | \$192,617,032        |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd.                              | 29,288      | 5,544,077   | a Certain securities were fair va             | luad under the disc  | protion of the       |
| SK Telecom Co., Ltd. ADR                          | 89,500      | 1,934,095   | Board of Trustees (Note A).                   | iluea unaer the also | retion of the        |
|   |             | 7,478,172   | b Non-income producing securi                 | ty                   |                      |
| Diversified Telecommunication                     | n Services  | : 1.4%      | c Cost of investments is \$141,17             | 70,488 and net unre  | ealized appreciation |
| KT Corp.  | 38,460      | 1,828,400   | consists of:<br>Gross unrealized appreciation |                      | \$63,343,788         |
| KT Corp. ADR                                      | 36,900      | 876,375     | Gross unrealized depreciation                 |                      |                      |
|   |             | 2,704,775   | Net unrealized appreciation                   |                      |                      |
| Total Telecommunication Serv                      | vices       | 10,182,947  | ADR American Depositary Receipt               |                      |                      |
| iotai ielecollillullication ser                   | 11069       | 10,102,341  | See accompanying notes to schedule:           | s of investments     |                      |
|   |             |             | ood addompanying notes to scribulity          | o or mycounicillà.   |                      |

This portfolio data should not be relied upon as a complete listing of this Fund's holdings, as information on particular holdings may have been withheld if it was in the Fund's interest to do so.

### NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

A. SECURITY VALUATION: The Funds' equity securities are valued based on market quotations or at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") when no market quotations are available or when market quotations have become unreliable. The Board has delegated the responsibility of making fair value determinations to the Funds' Valuation Committee (the "Valuation Committee"), subject to the Funds' Pricing Policies. The Funds' have retained third-party pricing services which may be utilized by the Valuation Committee under circumstances described in the Pricing Policies to provide fair value prices for certain securities held by the Funds. When fair value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund to calculate its NAV differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities for that day. All fair value determinations are made subject to the Board's oversight.

The books and records of the Funds are maintained in U.S. dollars. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the current prevailing exchange rates. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate. Translation gains or losses resulting from changes in the exchange rate during the reporting period and realized gains and losses on the settlement of foreign currency transactions are reported in the results of operations for the current period. The Funds do not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments in equity securities which is due to changes in the foreign exchange rate from that which is due to changes in market prices of equity securities. International dollar bonds are issued offshore, pay interest and principal in U.S. dollars, and are denominated in U.S. dollars.

Market values for equity securities are determined based on the last sale price on the principal (or most advantageous) market on which the security is traded. If a reliable last sale price is not available, market values for equity securities are determined using the mean between the last available bid and asked price. Securities are valued through valuations obtained from a commercial pricing service or at the most recent mean of the bid and asked prices provided by investment dealers in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

Foreign securities are valued as of the close of trading on the primary (or most advantageous) market on which they trade. The value is then converted to U.S. dollars using current exchange rates and in accordance with the Pricing Policies. Foreign currency exchange rates are determined as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE").

Events affecting the value of foreign investments occur between the time at which they are determined and the close of trading on the NYSE. Such events would not normally be reflected in a calculation of a Funds' NAV on that day. If events that materially affect the value of the Funds' foreign investments occur during such period, and the impact of such events can be reasonably determined, the investments will be valued at their fair value as described above.

Foreign securities held by the Funds may be traded on days and at times when the NYSE is closed. Accordingly, the NAV of the Funds may be significantly affected on days when shareholders have no access to the Funds. For valuation purposes, quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities, and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates.

#### B. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NO. 157 "FAIR VALUE

**MEASUREMENTS"** ("FAS 157"): In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FAS 157 effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. The Funds have adopted FAS 157 as of January 1, 2008. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FAS 157 are described below:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Funds' own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of March 31, 2008 is as follows:

|  | MATTHEWS<br>ASIA PACIFIC<br>EQUITY INCOME<br>FUND | MATTHEWS<br>ASIAN GROWTH<br>AND INCOME<br>FUND | MATTHEWS<br>ASIA PACIFIC<br>FUND | MATTHEWS<br>PACIFIC TIGER<br>FUND | MATTHEWS<br>ASIAN<br>TECHNOLOGY<br>FUND |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Level 1 – Quoted Prices                          | \$5,104,045                                       | \$380,867,587                                  | \$48,975,077                     | \$164,929,813                     | \$47,047,542                            |
| Level 2 – Other Significant<br>Observable Inputs | 84,436,851  | 1,654,013,796                                  | 360,995,407                      | 2,968,727,614                     | 146,379,656                             |
| Level 3 – Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs     |   | 25,692,008                                     |                                  | <u>_</u>                          |   |
| Total Market Value of Investments                | \$89,540,896                                      | \$2,060,573,391                                | \$409,970,484                    | \$3,133,657,427                   | \$193,427,198                           |
|  |   | MATTHEWS<br>CHINA<br>FUND                      | MATTHEWS<br>INDIA<br>FUND        | MATTHEWS<br>JAPAN<br>FUND         | MATTHEWS<br>KOREA<br>FUND               |
| Level 1 – Quoted Prices                          |   | \$138,786,044                                  | \$42,182,650                     | \$15,830,682                      | \$6,144,216                             |
| Level 2 – Other Significant<br>Observable Inputs |   | 1,344,745,064                                  | 959,377,746                      | 179,367,272                       | 184,680,375                             |
| Level 3 – Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs     |   |  |                                  |                                   |   |
| Total Market Value of Investments                |   | \$1,483,531,108                                | \$1,001,560,396                  | \$195,197,954                     | \$190,824,591                           |

Following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

|                                       | MATTHEWS ASIA PACIFIC EQUITY INCOME FUND | MATTHEWS ASIAN GROWTH<br>AND INCOME FUND |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Balance as of 12/31/07 (market value) | \$2,115,979                              | \$6,791,533                              |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3    | (2,115,979)                              | 18,900,475                               |
| Balance as of 3/31/08 (market value)  | \$                                       | \$25,692,008                             |

C. TAX INFORMATION: Under current tax law, capital and currency losses realized after October 31 and prior to the Fund's fiscal year end may be deferred as occurring on the first day of the following fiscal year. Post October losses at fiscal year end December 31, 2007 were as follows:

|                                       | POST OCTOBER CAPITAL LOSSES | POST OCTOBER CURRENCY LOSSES |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Matthews Asian Growth and Income Fund | \$                          | (\$22,680)                   |
| Matthews Pacific Tiger Fund           | <u> </u>                    | (220,413)                    |
| Matthews Asian Technology Fund        | (587,611)                   | _                            |
| Matthews China Fund                   | <u> </u>                    | (19,959)                     |
| Matthews India Fund                   | <u> </u>                    | (31,442)                     |
| Matthews Korea Fund                   | <u> </u>                    | (10,385)                     |

## NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF INVESTMENTS

For federal income tax purposes, the Fund indicated below has capital loss carryforwards, which expire in the year indicated, as of December 31, 2007, which are available to offset future capital gains, if any:

| LOSSES DEFERRED EXPIRING IN:   | 2008          | 2009          | 2010          | TOTAL           |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Matthews Asian Technology Fund | (\$1,570,881) | (\$5,967,059) | (\$3,461,198) | (\$ 10,999,138) |

For additional information regarding the accounting policies of the Matthews Asian Funds, refer to the most recent financial statements in the N-CSR filing at www.sec.gov.

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