# Fidelity China Special Situations PLC

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### Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio made up primarily of securities issued by companies in China, both listed and unlisted, as well as Chinese companies listed elsewhere. The Company may also invest in companies with significant interests in China.

### **Investment Company Facts**

Launch date: 19.04.10

Portfolio manager: Dale Nicholls
Appointed to trust: 01.04.14
Years at Fidelity: 29
Total Net Assets (TNA): £ 1,414m
Ordinary shares in Issue: 494,840,250

Share price: 265.00p **NAV:** 285.71p **Discount:** 7.25%

Gross Market Gearing: 23.1% Net Market Gearing: 20.9%

### Performance comparator

Market Index:

MSCI China Index (Net)

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

## Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within

### Portfolio Manager Commentary

Stimulus measures in China show a strong commitment to boosting domestic demand. The aim is for supportive policies to drive a turnaround in economic fundamentals leading to broader earnings growth and improved market sentiment. The Chinese economy showed resilience in early 2025, with retail sales and industrial production exceeding expectations as seen in January - February economic activity data. While consumer confidence remains low, elevated household savings indicate potential buying power that could support recovery once confidence is restored. Meanwhile, investors remain cautious on tariff hikes from the Trump administration.

The holding in Pony AI weighed on gains due to weak Q4 results and declining Robotaxi sales. Towards the end of the period, excitement around DeepSeek sparked a rally in China's internet and technology names. Against this backdrop, relative performance was hurt by the lack of exposure to Xiaomi and an underweight position in Alibaba. Encouragingly, LexinFintech contributed notably amid interest from institutional investors. VNET benefited from Al-driven demand for its data centres, while Hesai Group saw growth due to its acquisition of a Swiss IP and stronger ties with BYD.

Over the 12 months to 31 March 2025, the Trust's NAV increased by 31.5%, underperforming its reference index, which delivered 37.5% over the same period. The Trust's share price increased 35.8%.

## Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



#### Performance to 31.03.25 in GBP (%)

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	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 16.04.10*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	1.3	18.8	18.8	35.8	13.9	36.6	225.9
NAV Cumulative Growth	0.2	11.6	11.6	31.5	12.8	33.4	248.0
Index Cumulative Growth	-0.5	11.6	11.6	37.5	13.2	3.3	93.6
Share Price Annualised Growth	=	-	-	-	4.4	6.4	8.2
NAV Annualised Growth	=	-	-	-	4.1	5.9	8.7
Index Annualised Growth	_	_	_	_	12	0.6	15

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested in GRP net of fees

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstan.

\*Performance commencement date

### Key Risks

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up, so you may get back less than you invest. Overseas investments are subject to currency fluctuations. This investment trust invests in emerging markets which can be more volatile than other more developed markets. This trust invests more heavily than others in smaller companies, which can carry a higher risk because their share prices may be more volatile than those of larger companies and the securities are often less liquid. This trust uses financial derivative instruments for investment purposes, which may expose it to a higher degree of risk and can cause investments to experience larger than average price fluctuations. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility

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# Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)

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	(% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	123.1
Net Equity	119.0
Other	1.9
Uninvested Cash	0.0
Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and	

presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

## Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)

GICS Sector	Fund	Index	Relative
Consumer Discretionary	40.2	32.3	7.9
Industrials	23.8	4.1	19.7
Communication Services	22.1	21.8	0.2
Financials	12.4	17.2	-4.8
Consumer Staples	10.1	3.7	6.4
Health Care	8.9	3.6	5.3
Information Technology	7.4	8.1	-0.8
Materials	3.2	2.8	0.4
Real Estate	2.7	1.8	0.9
Utilities	1.1	2.0	-1.0
Energy	0.9	2.6	-1.7
Total Sector Exposure	132.7	100.0	
Other Index / Unclassified	-13.7	0.0	
Total Equity Exposure	119.0	100.0	

# Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)

GBP	Fund	Index	Relative
>10bn	35.6	74.2	-38.6
5-10bn	6.1	14.9	-8.9
1-5bn	28.3	6.8	21.5
0-1bn	37.3	0.0	37.3
Total Market Cap Exposure	107.3	95.9	
Index / Unclassified	11.7	4.1	
Total Equity Exposure	119.0	100.0	

### Country Exposure (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
China A-Shares	9.6	12.9	-3.3
China B-Shares	0.0	0.2	-0.2
China H-Shares*	14.7	23.9	-9.2
Red Chips*	10.7	3.6	7.1
OTHER STOCKS LISTED IN HK**	45.9	52.9	-7.0
CHINA STOCKS LISTED IN US	26.9	6.4	20.5
Listed in TAIWAN	0.4	0.0	0.4
Listed in SINGAPORE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Listed in UNITED KINGDOM	0.9	0.0	0.9
Listed in CANADA	0.0	0.0	0.0
Listed in GERMANY	1.1	0.0	1.1
Listed in JAPAN	1.0	0.0	1.0
US ADRs, NON-CHINA	0.0	0.1	-0.1
UNLISTED	9.6	0.0	9.6
Other	0.2	0.0	0.2
Grand Total	120.9	100	20.9
*As classified on Bloomhera			

# Top Positions (% TNA)

	GICS Sector	Geographic Location	Fund	Index	Relative
TENCENT HLDGS LTD	Communication Services	China	13.8	16.8	-3.0
PDD HOLDINGS INC	Consumer Discretionary	China	5.2	3.3	1.9
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	Consumer Discretionary	China	5.2	10.8	-5.6
BYTEDANCE LTD	Communication Services	China	3.9	0.0	3.9
CRYSTAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD	Consumer Discretionary	Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	2.7
PING AN INS GROUP CO CHINA LTD	Financials	China	2.6	1.8	0.8
LEXINFINTECH HOLDINGS LTD	Financials	China	2.4	0.0	2.4
HESAI GROUP	Consumer Discretionary	China	2.3	0.0	2.3
MEITUAN	Consumer Discretionary	China	2.2	4.0	-1.8
VENTUROUS HOLDINGS LIMITED	Financials	Grand Cayman (UK Overseas Ter)	2.1	0.0	2.1

# Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	Relative
BYTEDANCE LTD	3.9	0.0	3.9
CRYSTAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD	2.7	0.0	2.7
LEXINFINTECH HOLDINGS LTD	2.4	0.0	2.4
HESAI GROUP	2.3	0.0	2.3
VENTUROUS HOLDINGS LIMITED	2.1	0.0	2.1
PDD HOLDINGS INC	5.2	3.3	1.9
CHINA FOODS LTD	1.9	0.0	1.9
HISENSE HOME APPLIANCES GROUP CO LTD	1.8	0.1	1.8
TUHU CAR INC	1.7	0.0	1.7
PONY.AI INC/CA	1.6	0.0	1.6

# Positions Concentration (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Top 10	42.3	51.5
Top 20	58.3	62.6
Top 50	88.7	75.9

China	13.8	16.8	-3.0
China	5.2	3.3	1.9
China	5.2	10.8	-5.6
China	3.9	0.0	3.9
Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	2.7
China	2.6	1.8	0.8
China	2.4	0.0	2.4
China	2.3	0.0	2.3
China	2.2	4.0	-1.8
Grand Cayman (UK Overseas Ter)	2.1	0.0	2.1

# Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	Relative
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	5.2	10.8	-5.6
XIAOMI CORP	0.0	4.2	-4.2
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	0.0	3.5	-3.5
TENCENT HLDGS LTD	13.8	16.8	-3.0
BYD CO LTD	0.0	2.8	-2.8
INDUSTRIAL & COML BK CHINA	0.0	2.2	-2.2
JD.COM INC	0.0	2.1	-2.1
MEITUAN	2.2	4.0	-1.8
BANK OF CHINA LTD	0.0	1.8	-1.8
Short Position - name withheld	-1.3	0.2	-1.5

Full portfolio listings, with the appropriate time lag as agreed by the Board, are available on request from Fidelity Investment Trusts.

Figures may not always sum to totals due to rounding

<sup>\*</sup>As classified on Bloomberg
\*\*Non-H-share and non-Red-Chip companies listed in Hong Kong, held by the fund or as part of MSCI China.



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# Approach and Style

The manager has a disciplined, bottom-up security selection approach. The fund seeks out investments in companies with good long-term prospects, cash generative businesses and companies controlled by strong management teams. Ideally these factors are not well understood by the market, and are therefore not reflected in valuations. The manager also focuses on smaller companies as these tend to be less well researched and, therefore, more mispriced. However, smaller companies tend to be higher risk, so risk management is key and meeting company management teams is essential in order to understand them and monitor their progress. On the long side, the manager looks for undervalued companies where returns are expected to go up over time.

### Portfolio Construction - Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as goard. as geared

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

## Administrative & Dealing Information

Financial Year End: 31st March Reference currency: UK Sterling (GBP)
Company domicile: United Kingdom Company legal structure: Investment Trust Capital guarantee: No

ISIN: GB00B62Z3C74 SEDOL: B62Z3C7 Bloomberg: FCSS LN
Distribution frequency: Annual

Charges made to income or capital: 25/75
Ongoing Charges: 0.88%
Annual Management Charge:: 0.85% (net assets) on the first £1.5bn of assets and 0.65% (net) on funds in excess of £1.5bn. +/- 0.20% (based on performance relative to the

Last VMF adjustment (+/- 0.2%) applied at month end: 0.02%

### How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- Aggregation: all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company.
   The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities - ie not aggregated
- **Categorisation**: for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.
- Derivatives: all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.
- "Basket" securities: securities that represent a number of company shares like index futures or options are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

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#### **Equity Exposure notes**

#### GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

#### **NET EQUITY**

The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.

#### **OTHER**

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

#### UNINVESTED CASH

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

#### Investment Company Facts

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The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

#### **PREMIUM**

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

#### DISCOUNT

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

#### GEARING

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

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The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

### General notes

### TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

#### INDEX

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

#### TOP NET LONG POSITIONS

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the investment company's total net assets are effectively invested (equity positions). Positions in other funds – including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) – can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

### TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS

Those equity positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

## NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 equity positions in the Company and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 equity positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between Company and Index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.

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#### ONGOING CHARGES

Ongoing Charges are taken from the Company's most recent Annual Report and represents the total of investment management fees and other expenses of the Company (excluding transaction costs, interest payments, tax and non-recurring expenses) expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value throughout the financial year.

#### SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.

More information is available at http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.

More information is available at http://www.icbenchmark.com/

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