Allspring

Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio managers: Alison Shimada and Elaine Tse

Sub-adviser: Allspring Global Investments, LLC

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)

Fund inception: 29 Jun 2012

Management approach: Actively managed

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: Article 8^t

[†]Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation and current income
- Invests at least 80% of its assets in dividend-paying emerging market equity securities (companies tied economically to emerging market countries as defined by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index), across any market cap
- Uses a top-down and bottom-up strategy to identify companies with sustainable dividend yields and strong earnings growth to construct a portfolio with the potential for maximum portfolio dividend yield within a controlled level of risk
- May invest:
 - In equity securities, participatory notes, convertible securities, equity-linked notes/certificates, depositary receipts and US\$-denominated equities issued by non-US issuers
 - In an aggregate of up to 20% of fund assets both directly and indirectly in China A-shares
 - By using futures/derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes
- Seeks to manage towards a low-carbon portfolio and targets an overall carbon intensity that is at least 30% lower than that of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund - Class I (USD)	0.84	11.55	11.09	-18.69	3.34	8.40	17.05	-11.47	26.10	6.10	-9.49
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	2.93	7.50	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.42	-14.57	37.28	11.19	-14.92

Fund performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on an NAV-to-NAV basis in US dollars (with income re-invested). Share class inception date: 29 Jun 2012

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) is a reference benchmark, selected as the most appropriate comparison for this fund, and may change without notice.

Quarterly review

- The fund underperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) for the quarter that ended 31 March 2025.
- At the sector level, stocks within the materials, energy and communication services sectors served as relative contributors, whilst stocks within the financials, information technology (IT) and health care sectors hindered relative performance.
- At the country level, stock selection in Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Thailand aided relative performance, whilst stocks within China-Hong Kong, India and Korea impeded relative returns.

Market review

Emerging market equities, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net), advanced 2.93% in the first quarter as attractive relative valuations led to outperformance versus developed markets. China/Hong Kong markets experienced a small sell-off in January but significantly outperformed other markets in February (11.76%) despite US President Trump articulating an additional 10% tax on Chinese goods that would take effect on 4 March. Chinese President Xi Jinping attended a meeting with private entrepreneurs on 17 February 2025, signalling support for the private sector after years of turmoil. In March, the China/Hong Kong markets performed positively (1.98%) as January and February 2025 economic data beat expectations across the board and industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales all came in better than expected. This was a strong start towards the government's gross domestic product growth forecast of "around 5%" for 2025. Policymakers also doubled subsidies for a consumer trade-in programme to 300 billion yuan (US\$41.47 billion) this year, matching market expectations.

India's market performed poorly (-3.56%) in January, as the market was pressured by strong foreign institutional investor outflows and then fell 8.02% in February before performing well in March (9.40%) as the market recovered on improved sentiment given the Reserve Bank of India's measures to improve growth and improving data points.

Taiwan also proved to be volatile during the quarter, declining 11.54% in March primarily on concerns of potential tariff adds from the US government and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure demand due to global macroeconomic uncertainties. Offsetting the volatility in Asia was mixed-but-overall-strong performance in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, particularly in countries such as Poland, Greece and Hungary.

FUND RISKS

Currency risk Smaller-company securities risk Emerging market risk ESG risk Equity securities risk Global investment risk Leverage risk Risks of investing in China

Risks of investing in China Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

Portfolio positioning

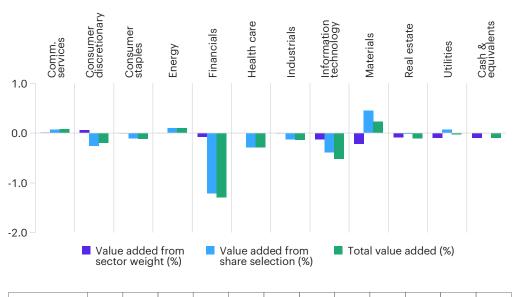
QUARTERLY SECTOR ATTRIBUTION AND ANALYSIS

- At the sector level, stocks within the materials, energy and communication services sectors served as relative contributors during the quarter, whilst stocks within the financials, IT and health care sectors hindered relative performance.
- Within the health care sector, Sinopharm (the largest pharmaceutical distributor in China) was a top detractor, underperforming the benchmark in the first quarter given weaker-than-expected industry growth

weaker-than-expected industry growth with lingered anti-corruption impact and unrealied financial support from the government in the second half of 2024. Sinopharm reported 2024 total revenue and net profit of 584.5 billion renminbi (-2.0% year over year) and 7.05 billion renminbi (-22.1% year of year), respectively, missing consensus by 14%.

 Within the financials sector, Nippon Life India Asset Management performed poorly. As one of the leading asset management companies in India offering mutual fund investment and portfolio management services, the company reported strong third quarter fiscal-year 2025 results and stable inflow trends, but shares de-rated, owing to softness in Indian equities markets and high volatility.

EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY INCOME FUND VERSUS MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX (NET)



	COMM. SERVICES	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	CONSUMER STAPLES	ENERGY	FINANCIALS	HEALTH CARE	INDUSTRIALS	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MATERIALS	REAL ESTATE	UTILITIES	CASH & EQUIVALENTS
SECTOR WEIGH	HTS (AV	/ERAGE	% WEI	GHT DL	JRING 1	THE QU	ARTER)					
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	9.94	13.82	4.05	1.18	21.13	2.82	6.69	24.70	1.98	5.78	4.52	3.40
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	9.77	13.82	4.65	4.44	23.69	3.36	6.42	23.89	5.76	1.62	2.57	0.00
Over/ underweight	0.17	0.00	-0.60	-3.26	-2.56	-0.54	0.27	0.81	-3.78	4.16	1.95	3.40

SECTOR RETURNS (%)												
Fund sector return	13.20	10.89	-0.47	10.14	0.04	-9.12	-2.03	-10.25	36.24	-0.20	4.22	0.76
Index sector return	12.70	13.10	2.17	2.49	5.75	0.97	0.22	-8.83	9.32	0.87	1.17	0.00
Relative return	0.50	-2.21	-2.64	7.65	-5.71	-10.09	-2.25	-1.42	26.92	-1.07	3.05	0.76

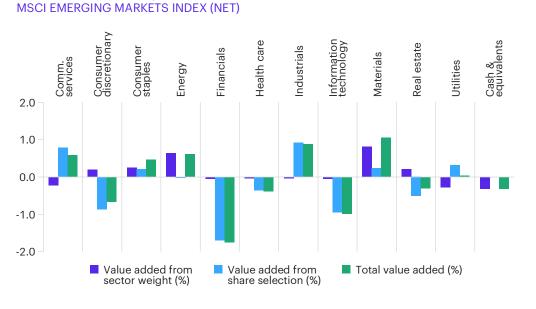
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EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY INCOME FUND VERSUS

Portfolio positioning

TRAILING 12-MONTH SECTOR ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

- Stock selection in financials, IT and consumer discretionary drove underperformance over the last 12 months but was partially offset by stocks within materials, industrials and energy.
- Within finance, stock selection was hurt by LIC Housing Finance Ltd., the largest listed housing finance company in India. It primarily offers mortgages to retail customers and has a small construction finance segment. For the first quarter of fiscal-year 2025, the company reported net interest income slightly below consensus expectations due to lower quarter-over-quarter net interest margins (NIMs). However, NIM guidance for fiscal-year 2025 was maintained. Coupled with an improving outlook for home loan demand, benign credit costs and attractive valuations, we remain positive on the company's prospects.
- Within industrials, Yangzijiang Shipbuilding, the leading shipbuilder in China, was a help to performance. The new orders in 2023 and the first half of 2024 beat company and market expectations, and the full-year 2024 is expected to reach over US\$10 billion. We expect the green energy transition and tight emission regulations should continue to support new orders. Over three years of orderbook and muted steel plate prices are positive to the earnings outlook.



	COMM. SERVICES	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	CONSUMER STAPLES	ENERGY	FINANCIALS	HEALTH CARE	INDUSTRIALS	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MATERIALS	REAL ESTATE	UTILITIES	CASH & EQUIVALENTS
SECTOR WEIGH	HTS (AV	/ERAGE	% WEI	GHT DI	JRING 1	THE PAS	ST 12 N	IONTHS	6)			
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	8.52	12.65	3.62	1.89	21.70	2.31	7.46	25.52	2.36	5.05	5.40	3.53
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	9.22	13.11	5.08	4.85	22.92	3.40	6.70	23.83	6.51	1.55	2.82	0.00
Over/ underweight	-0.70	-0.46	-1.46	-2.96	-1.22	-1.09	0.76	1.69	-4.15	3.50	2.58	3.53

SECTOR RETUR	RNS (%)											
Fund sector return	42.15	20.63	1.95	-1.92	6.89	-9.32	11.10	-3.52	8.37	0.81	8.58	3.08
Index sector return	29.61	26.95	-5.10	-9.81	14.75	4.78	-0.21	-0.05	-8.11	11.27	0.93	0.00
Relative return	12.54	-6.32	7.05	7.89	-7.86	-14.10	11.31	-3.47	16.48	-10.46	7.65	3.08

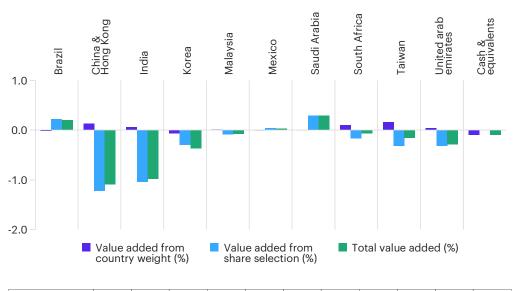
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Portfolio positioning

QUARTERLY COUNTRY ATTRIBUTION AND ANALYSIS

- At the country level, stock selection in Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Thailand aided relative performance for the quarter, whilst stocks within China-Hong Kong, India and Korea impeded relative returns.
- Embraer, an aircraft manufacturer in Brazil, was a top contributor to performance. The company provided its 2025 guidance, indicating favourable growth on deliveries, margins and cash flow, validating our positive outlook on the company. It also provided colour on the marginal improvement in selected supply chains and ramp-up on services contracts that would provide additional revenue more materially into 2026–2028.
- Detracting from performance in India was 360 One Wam, which is among the largest wealth management companies in India and focuses on serving the ultra-high-net-worth/high-net-worth segments. Softness in the Indian equities market tempered expectations on transaction-based revenues and new wealth creation, driving de-rating.

EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY INCOME FUND VERSUS MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX (NET)



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Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	4.37	30.23	15.62	8.80	1.27	1.98	2.96	4.08	18.11	1.61	3.40
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	4.32	29.28	17.98	9.43	1.42	1.83	4.09	3.05	19.06	1.41	0.00
Over/ underweight	0.05	0.95	-2.36	-0.63	-0.15	0.15	-1.13	1.03	-0.95	0.20	3.40

COUNTRY RETU	RNS (%)										
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	20.40	10.48	-9.03	1.37	-15.51	10.08	12.02	9.43	-14.27	-12.50	0.76
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	14.05	15.02	-2.95	4.92	-6.01	8.57	1.68	13.84	-12.63	4.77	0.00
Relative Return	6.35	-4.54	-6.08	-3.55	-9.50	1.51	10.34	-4.41	-1.64	-17.27	0.76

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Portfolio positioning

TRAILING 12-MONTH COUNTRY ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

- At the country level, stock selection in Brazil, Taiwan and Singapore contributed positively to relative returns for the 12-month period but was more than offset by stocks within China-Hong Kong and Korea.
- Stock selection struggles in Korea were driven in part by Samsung Electronics Co., a leading global electronics and memory conglomerate. The company underperformed the benchmark during the fourth quarter given delayed high bandwidth memory (HBM) technology improvement and the US HBM sales restriction to China. We expect Samsung's HBM technology to take longer to catch up with SK Hynix and be qualified by NVIDIA. Also, the US HBM restriction to China should affect the earnings, as it has 20% of exposure to the country.
- Stock selection in Taiwan was helped by strong performance in Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC), the world's leading semiconductor foundry maker, due to our underweight positions in the stock. The weaker share price performance was due to the concerns on potential tariff adds from the US government, AI infrastructure demand concerns due to global macroeconomic uncertainties and TSMC's growing cost pressure due to the additional US\$100 billion capital expenditure investment to ramp up the manufacturing sites in the US.



	BRAZIL	CHINA & HONG KONG	INDIA	INDONESIA	KOREA	MALAYSIA	MEXICO	SAUDI ARABIA	SOUTH AFRICA	TAIWAN	CASH & EQUIVALENTS
COUNTRY WEIG	HTS (AV	/ERAGE	% WEIG	HT DUF	RING TH	E PAST	12 MON	ITHS)			
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	4.60	27.42	16.97	2.01	9.71	1.34	2.34	2.57	3.91	17.22	3.53
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	4.59	26.92	18.82	1.57	10.73	1.44	2.07	3.99	3.02	18.70	0.00
Over/ underweight	0.01	0.50	-1.85	0.44	-1.02	-0.10	0.27	-1.42	0.89	-1.48	3.53

COUNTRY RETU	COUNTRY RETURNS (%)												
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	5.17	28.79	2.89	-35.69	-25.87	4.33	-26.48	9.29	31.38	7.70	3.08		
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	-13.54	40.44	1.75	-24.30	-20.92	10.16	-21.28	-2.32	30.40	4.43	0.00		
Relative Return	18.71	-11.65	1.14	-11.39	-4.95	-5.83	-5.20	11.61	0.98	3.27	3.08		

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Portfolio positioning

OUTLOOK

- · Overall, we remain constructive on emerging markets for 2025 due to their improved political visibility, accommodative policies, a favourable emerging market economic growth premium and low investor positioning. Whilst President Trump's threats on tariffs and immigration present renewed headwinds to emerging market growth, governments within the regions are better prepared to respond. Many emerging market countries have large domestic markets capable of sustaining growth and the flexibility for fiscal adjustments and countervailing policies when faced with challenging external conditions. Risks are arguably higher for US inflation and economic growth, and a potential US policy misstep is presenting the conditions for emerging markets to outperform developed markets.
- · As China's recovery story unfolds and as negotiated peace deals lead to reconstruction, commodity-centric emerging markets also stand to benefit. Valuations within the asset class remain compelling, with forward earnings for the next 12 months (NTM) at 12.4 times and a price/book ratio (NTM) of 1.9 times, coupled with double-digit earnings growth for next year. We believe that emerging markets remain underappreciated and under-owned by many investors and offer diversification benefits as US exceptionalism wanes and strength in the US dollar rolls over. Our strategy, focusing on quality companies with robust shareholder yields, provides a resilient framework to invest in emerging markets for the long term.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS TO QUARTER-END FUND PERFORMANCE

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CONTRIBUTORS	DETRACTORS
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	360 One Wam Ltd.
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.	Nippon Life India Asset Management
Gold Fields Ltd.	Infosys Ltd.
Embraer S.A.	Sinopharm Group Co., Ltd.
Bank Polska Kasa Opieki Spolka Akcyjna	PT Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk.

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SHARE CLASS INFORMATION (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	INCEPTION DATE	ТҮРЕ	ISIN		ONGOING CHARGES/ TER (%)*
Class I (USD)	2012-06-29	Accumulating	LU0791591158	0.95	1.15

*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

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TOP HOLDINGS¹

SHARES	% OF NET ASSETS
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	7.24
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	6.15
Alibaba Group Holding Limited	5.22
MediaTek Inc	2.46
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	2.45
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Pfd Non-Voting	1.80
China Construction Bank Corporation Class H	1.63
Embassy Office Parks REIT	1.55
Infosys Limited Sponsored ADR	1.51
Etihad Etisalat Co.	1.37

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (USD)¹

	FUND	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX (NET)
Weighted average market cap	\$143.03bn	\$159.70bn
Weighted median market cap	\$25.73bn	\$39.90bn
EPS Growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	11.20%	13.18%
P/E ratio (trailing 12-month)	13.11x	15.31x
P/B ratio	1.77x	1.87x
P/S ratio	1.83x	2.02x
Number of equity holdings	106	1,206

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments

FUND FACTS—CLASS I (USD)

Fund inception date	29 Jun 2012
Net expense ratio—Inst (USD)	1.15%
Assets—all share classes	\$112.94m

ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

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	3 MONTH	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund-Inst (USD)	0.84	0.84	6.79	1.84	9.22	3.54
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)	2.93	2.93	8.09	1.44	7.94	3.71
Morningstar Global Emerging Markets Equity Average	2.23	2.23	6.05	0.74	7.40	2.85

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RANKINGS AND RATINGS

Morningstar total return rankings—Institutional Class (as of 31 Mar 2025)

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY	GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY
1 year	1,664 out of 3,691
3 year	885 out of 3,044
5 year	576 out of 2,506
10 year	535 out of 1,386

Overall Morningstar Rating [™] ★★★★

The Overall Morningstar Rating, a weighted average of the 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) ratings, is out of 3,044 funds in the Global emerging markets equity category, based on risk-adjusted returns as of 31 Mar 2025. Ratings and awards are not an indication, promise, or guarantee of future performance. Ratings and awards should not be relied upon when making an investment decision.

PERFORMANCE AND VOLATILITY MEASURES

	FUND
Alpha	0.46
Beta	0.95
Sharpe ratio	-0.15
Standard deviation	16.90%
R-squared	0.96
Information ratio	0.1
Upside capture	95.86%
Downside capture	96.39%
Tracking error	3.60%

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments

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ESG METRICS

The data provided is for transparency and informational purposes only. The ESG metrics are not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be utilised by the fund. The information is based on third party ratings and, unless otherwise stated within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus. Refer to allspringglobal.com for further sustainability disclosures.

MSCI ESG SCORE

	FUND		BENCHMARK	
	VALUE	COVERAGE	VALUE	COVERAGE
MSCI Overall Score	6.0	95%	5.9	100%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 - 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	FUND	BENCHMARK
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.35
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.00
Thermal Coal	0.00	2.04
Торассо	0.00	0.36
UNGC violators	6.87	8.41

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SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	VALUE	COVERAGE
Fund	21	100%
Benchmark	23	100%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 - 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	FUND		BENCHMARK		
	VALUE	COVERAGE	VALUE	COVERAGE	% ABOVE/ BELOW BENCHMARK
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	29	98%	124	100%	-77%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	78	98%	309	100%	-75%

 $^{*}\mbox{Carbon emissions}$ includes scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions. Data sourced from MSCI ESG Research.

BENCHMARK DESCRIPTIONS:

The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets (EM) Index (Net) is a free-float-adjusted market-capitalisation-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets.

The Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets) Index (Net) captures large- and mid-cap representation across 24 emerging market countries, as of 31 May 2017. With 845 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free-float-adjusted market capitalisation in each country. You cannot invest directly in an index. The Fund uses the MSCI Emerging Markets Index as a reference for selecting investments and for performance comparison. The investments of the Sub-Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.

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The Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund received 4 stars among 3,044 funds, 4 stars among 2,506 funds, and 4 stars among 1,386 funds for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods, respectively. The Morningstar Rating is for the Institutional Class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

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KEY RISKS

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DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Alpha measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of risk (as measured by beta).

Beta measures fund volatility relative to general market movements. It is a standardised measure of systematic risk in comparison with a specified index. The benchmark beta is 1.00 by definition.

Downside capture measures a fund's replication of its benchmark during periods of negative returns. During periods of negative benchmark returns, a downside capture ratio less than 100% reflects product performance greater than the benchmark and a downside capture ratio greater than 100% reflects performance less than the benchmark.

Information ratio measures the consistency of excess return (return in excess of a benchmark). This value is determined by taking the annualised excess return over a benchmark (style benchmark by default) and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return.

R-squared is a measurement of how similar a fund's historical performance has been to that of the benchmark. The measure ranges from 0.0, which means that the fund's performance bears no relationship to the performance of the index, to 1.0, which means that the fund's performance was perfectly synchronised with the performance of the benchmark.

Sharpe ratio measures the potential reward offered by a mutual fund relative to its risk level. The ratio uses a fund's standard deviation and its excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk-adjusted performance.

Standard deviation represents the degree to which an investment's performance has varied from its average performance over a particular time period.

Tracking error measures the extent to which a manager's performance mimics that of a benchmark. The value is the standard deviation of the difference between a fund's performance and a benchmark's performance.

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