

# Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
- Invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of companies tied economically to emerging market countries (as defined by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index), either directly in equity securities or indirectly (for example, notes and convertibles).
- Uses a bottom-up selection process to identify quality companies at prices below their intrinsic value.
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks.
- The fund may invest:
  - in companies that it has determined either have strong current performance on ESG issues tied to long term value creation or improvement catalysts in place demonstrating that they are on track to meet improvement expectations around ESG issues tied to long term value creation
  - in stocks across all capitalisations and styles, diversified across countries and sectors
  - in assets denominated in any currency
  - an aggregate of up to 50% of fund assets both directly and indirectly in China A-shares
  - by using futures/derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes
- The fund expects to maintain an allocation to China within 15 percentage points of the allocation of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

## KEY RISKS

**Market risk:** securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, and equity securities generally have greater price volatility than debt securities.

**Smaller company securities risk:** securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. **Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may be more sensitive than more mature markets to a variety of economic factors and may be less liquid than markets in the developed world. **ESG risk:**

applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers, ESG screens are dependent on third party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I (USD) (15 Dec 2010)*	7.78	-19.92	-12.11	23.10	27.32	-16.25	35.98	12.49	-12.94	-4.51
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) <sup>1</sup>	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.42	-14.57	37.28	11.19	-14.92	-2.19

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class I (USD) (15 Dec 2010)*	2.03	1.05	1.05	4.57	-8.94	1.17	2.61	1.39
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) <sup>1</sup>	2.48	2.37	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	2.95	1.91

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## FUND INFORMATION

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**Fund inception date:** 15 December 2010

**Asset class:** Emerging markets equity

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** \$266.68m (USD)

**Base currency:** USD

**Benchmark:** MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**

Class I: \$1,000,000 (USD)

**Management approach:** Actively managed

**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:** Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## KEY STATISTICS

	Fund
Alpha	-3.97
Beta	1.01
Sharpe ratio	-0.64
Standard deviation	18.26%
R-squared	0.94
Information ratio	-0.88
Upside capture	93.19%
Downside capture	107.28%
Tracking error	4.43%
Correlation coefficient	0.97
Treynor ratio	-0.12

Based on the net returns calculated over a 36-month period for the share class shown in the performance table.

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>		
China & Hong Kong	23.36	-1.79
South Korea	16.05	+3.24
India	14.21	-3.49
Taiwan	13.80	-3.83
Mexico	9.31	+6.61
Brazil	5.92	+0.69
Indonesia	3.93	+2.07
Thailand	2.95	+1.43
South Africa	2.80	+0.02
Chile	2.43	+1.95

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Sector weights (%)

Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>		
Information technology	21.37	-2.36
Communication Services	17.61	+8.99
Financials	15.42	-6.93
Consumer staples	14.90	+9.27
Consumer discretionary	10.32	-2.10
Energy	6.48	+1.16
Industrials	3.51	-3.45
Materials	2.53	-4.67
Health care	2.11	-1.36
Real estate	1.70	+0.18
Cash & equivalents	4.05	+4.05

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Portfolio characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Weighted average market cap	US\$143.19bn	US\$127.56bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$42.56bn	US\$31.38bn
Dividend yield	2.44%	2.81%
EPS growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	22.27%	17.97%
P/E ratio (trailing 12-month)	18.62x	16.26x
P/B ratio	1.85x	1.92x
P/S ratio	1.78x	1.96x
Number of equity holdings	97	1,376

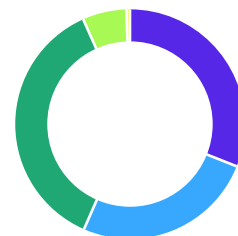
Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	8.95
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	6.67
Reliance Industries Limited	4.79
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	3.98
HDFC Bank Limited ADR	2.84
Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV ADR Class B	2.78
Alibaba Group Holding Limited Sponsored ADR	2.48
WH Group Ltd. (HK)	2.13
Bharti Airtel Limited	2.01
Sk Telecom Co Ltd Sponsored ADR	1.91

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## Holding market capitalisation (%)



- 31.00 - Mega cap (US\$100bn and above)
- 25.56 - Large cap (US\$25bn–US\$100bn)
- 36.76 - Medium cap (US\$5bn–US\$25bn)
- 6.19 - Small cap (US\$500m–US\$5bn)
- 0.49 - Micro cap (under US\$500m)

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<sup>2</sup> Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.



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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Distribution type	ISIN code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class I (USD)	15 Dec 2010	Accumulating	LU0541502299	WFEMEIU LX	120.17	0.95	1.140

\*\*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.

## ESG metrics

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.5	98%	5.8	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.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	23	100%
Benchmark	24	99%

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).

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.42
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.00
Thermal Coal	0.83	2.71
Tobacco	0.00	0.84
UNGC violators	6.11	7.07

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	156	100%	200	99%	-22%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	252	100%	440	99%	-43%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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