

# 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
- 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
- Expects to maintain an allocation to China within 15 percentage points of the allocation of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index

## Key Risks

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

## Calendar-year-performance (%)

**Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I (SEK)*	4.18	-7.53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Class I (GBP)*	2.23	-10.35	-11.21	19.25	22.52	-11.29	24.12	34.45	-7.94	1.45
Class I (EUR)*	4.50	-14.83	-5.68	13.04	30.06	-12.31	19.30	16.05	-3.06	8.55
Class I (USD)*	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							Since Inception	
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y		
Class I (SEK)		-1.53	1.56	7.59	3.94	-0.96	—	—	-2.70
Class I (GBP)		0.54	1.00	2.57	6.91	-5.10	0.90	4.46	3.01
Class I (EUR)		0.55	2.18	5.54	8.71	-4.46	2.33	3.82	3.06
Class I (USD)		2.71	4.09	5.68	10.83	-6.54	2.45	2.04	1.68
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) <sup>1</sup>		1.61	5.94	9.55	15.07	-3.06	4.79	2.56	2.36

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## Fund information

**Fund managers:** Jerry Zhang, Ph.D., CFA; Derrick Irwin, CFA; Richard Peck, CFA

**Fund inception date:** 15 December 2010

**Asset class:** Emerging markets equity

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** \$280.33m (USD)

**Base currency:** USD

**Benchmark:** MSCI EM NR USD<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):** \$1,000,000 (USD)

**Management approach:** Actively managed

**SFDR:** Article 8<sup>†</sup>

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

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.



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## Key statistics

	Fund
Alpha	-2.47
Beta	0.99
Sharpe Ratio	-0.52
Standard Deviation	17.36%
R-Squared	0.95
Information Ratio	-0.59
Upside capture	92.01%
Downside capture	103.40%
Tracking Error	4.04%
Correlation coefficient	0.97
Treynor Ratio	-0.09

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	9.27
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	5.94
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.77
Reliance Industries Limited	4.61
HDFC Bank Limited ADR	2.98
Alibaba Group Holding Limited Sponsored ADR	2.72
Bharti Airtel Limited	2.46
PT Telkom Indonesia (Persero) Tbk ADR Class B	2.15
WH Group Ltd. (HK)	2.10
KT Corporation ADR	1.79

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## Holdings market capitalization (%)

	Fund
Mega cap (\$100B and above)	35.36
Large cap (\$25B-\$100B)	20.42
Mid cap (\$5B-\$25B)	35.53
Small cap (\$500M-\$5B)	7.70
Micro cap (under \$500M)	0.64

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

## Geographic allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Asia/Pacific ex-Japan	75.30	-4.88
Latin America	16.10	+8.75
Africa/Middle East	3.40	-6.57
Europe	1.53	-0.97

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

## Sector weights (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Information technology	20.68	-3.56
Communication services	18.56	+9.59
Financials	15.91	-6.69
Consumer staples	12.97	+7.73
Consumer discretionary	11.43	-0.82
Energy	6.23	+1.09
Industrials	3.60	-3.18
Materials	2.88	-3.79
Health care	2.21	-1.40
Real estate	1.86	+0.39

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Portfolio characteristics

	Fund
EPS growth forecast	21.69%
Forward P/E ratio	13.09x
Number of equity holdings	106
P/B ratio	1.82x
P/S ratio	1.98x
Weighted average market cap	US\$162.37bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$42.22bn

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.



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## Share class information

	Inception Date	Distribution Type	ISIN Code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual mgmt fee	Ongoing charges / TER (%)**
Class I (SEK)	1 Apr 2021	Accumulating	LU2324830244	WEEMERI LX	910.87	0.95	1.140
Class I (GBP)	15 Dec 2010	Accumulating	LU0541502703	WFEMEIS LX	95.65	0.95	1.140
Class I (EUR)	15 Dec 2010	Accumulating	LU0541502455	WFEMEIE LX	113.61	0.95	1.140
Class I (USD)	15 Dec 2010	Accumulating	LU0541502299	WFEMEIU LX	125.67	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 <sup>1</sup>	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.6	97%	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.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	22	99%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	23	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 <sup>1</sup>
	Controversial Weapons	0.00
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.00
Thermal Coal	1.17	2.48
Tobacco	0.00	0.94
UN Global Compact non-compliant	6.38	7.59

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark <sup>1</sup>		% above / below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$MM invested)*	144	99%	178	99%	-19%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	240	99%	488	99%	-51%

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

### Key Risks

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