# **Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**

Quarter 4, 2023

#### **Quarterly Headlines**

The MSCI EM Index gained 7.9% during the fourth quarter, accounting for most of the positive full-year return (+9.8%). The index's performance could have been even higher during the guarter had it not been for the continued underperformance of China (-4.2%).

Asia (+6.7%) posted a positive return despite China's weakness, with strength across the IT sector supporting both Taiwan (+17.4%) and Korea (+15.3%). Latin America (+17.6%) was an outperformer, as Mexico (+18.6%) and Brazil (+17.8%) added to prior year-to-date outperformance. Within EMEA (+8.4%), both South Africa and Saudi Arabia rallied into year-end, supported by gains from the smaller European markets of Poland (+38.0%) and Hungary (+17.0%).

The portfolio outperformed the index return through positive stock selection and top-down allocation. Stock selection was led by positive contributions from Taiwan. Korea. and Indonesia which were partially offset by negative selection in China and Brazil. The portfolio's overweight allocation to Latin America added value, while the underweight allocation to India and no exposure to Poland hindered relative returns. Stock selection added value in the materials, health care, and financials sectors, although the portfolio's consumer stocks held back returns.

A full-year portfolio review is included alongside the portfolio valuation.

### Strategy at a Glance

- Strategy Inception: August 1996
- Investment Team Size of 8
- Active, value-oriented defensive strategy
- Detailed, long-term fundamental analysis •
- Consistent application of income-oriented valuation • approach
- History of outperformance versus the benchmark, with lower volatility
- Portfolio contains 40 60 securities
- Annual turnover is generally 30 50%



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### **Performance Summary**

	Composite (Gross)	Composite (Net)	Benchmark	Secondary Benchmark
Quarter 4, 2023	8.6%	8.3%	7.9%	8.1%
1 Year	14.4%	13.3%	9.8%	14.2%
3 Years (Annualized)	-2.3%	-3.2%	-5.1%	0.0%
5 Years (Annualized)	5.2%	4.2%	3.7%	3.4%
10 Years (Annualized)	3.0%	1.9%	2.7%	1.9%
Since Inception (Annualized) August 1, 1996	7.8%	6.8%	5.4%	N/A

### Attribution

	Stock Selection	Market Allocation	Currency Effect	Total Return
Portfolio	0.2%	5.9%	2.2%	8.4%
Benchmark	-	5.6%	2.2%	7.9%

All returns in: USD Composite: Emerging Markets Equity

Benchmark: MSCI EM

Secondary Benchmark: MSCI EM Value

Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and MSCI All information is dated as at the end of the Quarter, unless otherwise stated. Refer to Important Notes and Disclosures.

### **Country Allocation**

Country	Portfolio Weight	Relative Weight	Se
China		25.9% -0.6%	Fi
South Korea	14.8%	+1.9%	In
Taiwan	13.7%	-2.3%	C
India	11.4%	-5.3%	М
Brazil	8.6%	+2.8%	C
Other EMEA	5.0%	+0.8%	C
Indonesia	3.8%	+1.9%	Н
Saudi Arabia	3.0%	-1.2%	Er
Mexico	2.9%	+0.1%	U
Peru	2.5%	+2.2%	In
UAE	2.1%	+0.8%	Re
Other Asia Pacific	1.6%	-0.4%	C
Other North America	1.6%	+1.6%	
Chile	1.2%	+0.7%	
Other Latin America	0.0%	-0.1%	
South Africa	0.0%	-3.1%	
Thailand	0.0%	-1.8%	
Cash	2.0%	-	

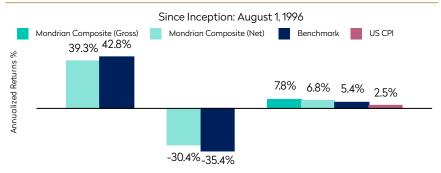
#### Sector Allocation

Sector	Portfolio Weight		elative Weight
Financials		25.3%	+2.9%
Info. Technology		24.7%	+2.5%
Comm. Services	9.1%		+0.2%
Materials	8.9%		+1.0%
Cons. Discretionary	8.8%		-4.0%
Consumer Staples	7.7%		+1.7%
Health Care	4.3%		+0.6%
Energy	4.0%		-1.1%
Utilities	2.7%		-0.1%
Industrials	2.6%		-4.2%
Real Estate	0.0%		-1.6%
Cash	2.0%		-

# **Strategy Characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Weighted Average P/E (trailing 12 months)	11.2x	14.5x
Weighted Average P/B	1.6x	1.6x
Weighted Average Dividend Yield	4.0%	2.9%
Number of Holdings	57	1,441
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD, billion)	110.4	100.7
Median Market Cap (USD, billion)	30.5	4.1

# **Defensive Characteristics**



All returns in: USD Composite: Emerging Markets Equity		Bull Market	Bear Market	Total	
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and MSCI All information is dated as at the end of the Quarter, unless otherwise stated. Refer to Important Notes and Disclosures.	No. of Quarters	67.7	42	109.7	

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