

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Emerging Markets Strategy

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Emerging Markets Strategy (net)	-7.78	3.30	3.30	-5.21	-1.64	2.34	5.67
Emerging Markets Strategy (gross)	-7.58	4.19	4.19	-4.39	-0.79	3.26	6.78
MSCI Emerging Markets +	-8.01	7.50	7.50	-1.92	1.70	3.99	5.17
Value Add vs. MSCI Emerging Markets +	+0.22	-4.20	-4.20	-3.29	-3.34	-1.65	+0.50
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### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

Global equity markets diverged in the fourth quarter, as the U.S. had another solid month while the rest of the world struggled – although the returns for a USD investor look particularly lackluster outside the U.S. because of a surging dollar. In particular, with the imminent return of Donald Trump to the White House, areas that are assumed to be beneficiaries of likely policy were favored, while areas that might be subject to tariffs were treated less kindly.

The portfolio outperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets index for the quarter. The biggest country-sector contributor was an underweight position in Korea Information Technology, driven largely by an underweight to Samsung, which endured another challenging quarter. A small overweight position in Pakistan Petroleum also drove relative performance as the stock nearly doubled over the quarter. The portfolio also enjoyed success in Hungary Financials, as well as Taiwan and China Industrials. On the negative side, a meaningful overweight position in Brazil was a significant detractor from relative performance as the country lagged, while underperforming stock selection in India, including some Energy positions, also detracted.

Portfolio weights, as a percent of equity, for the positions mentioned were: Samsung (0.7%), Pakistan Petroleum (0.0%).

Composite Inception Date: 31-Dec-93

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