



T. ROWE PRICE FUNDS SICAV

Emerging Markets Equity Fund – ESG Report

Providing transparency on Environment, Social and Governance aspects of the fund

As at 30 June 2020

ESG INTEGRATION APPROACH

- The Emerging Markets Equity Fund uses ESG integration as part of its investment process. This means incorporating environmental, social and governance factors to enhance investment decisions. Our philosophy is that ESG factors are a component of the investment decision – meaning that they are not the sole driver of an investment decision, nor are they considered separately from more traditional analysis.
- The process of ESG integration takes place on two levels: first, with our research analysts as they incorporate environmental, social, and governance factors into company valuations and ratings; and, second, with the portfolio manager as he balances these ESG factor exposures at the portfolio level. Both the analysts and portfolio manager are able to leverage dedicated, in-house resources to assist them in analyzing ESG criteria.
- Our ESG specialist teams provide investment research on ESG issues at the company level and on thematic topics. Additionally, they have built tools to help pro-actively and systematically analyze the environmental, social and governance factors that could impact our investments. The foundation of the analysis is a proprietary flagging tool called the Responsible Investing Indicator Model (RIIM). It covers approximately 14,000 securities and pulls from data sets that are not in the wheelhouse of traditional financial analysis. These data sets include:
 - ESG performance data (i.e. number of accidents, carbon emissions, strength of whistle-blower programs);
 - ESG targets (i.e. plans to reduce carbon emissions, increase diversity, etc.)
 - ESG incidents and controversies (i.e. environmental fines paid, local community controversies/protests against a company, etc.)
- Our approach to environmental and social factor integration is differentiated at the sector and industry levels, where our RIIM model helps us to determine the materiality of any given factor. Material ESG factors play an integral part in our risk/reward assessment of each company. Once all the factors have been assessed, the conclusions can influence whether to include or exclude the company or at what weight to add the company to the portfolio. ESG considerations can influence positioning on both the positive and the negative side.

RECENT COMPANY ENGAGEMENTS

We maintain a regular dialogue with the management teams of companies represented across the portfolio. Our investment-driven engagement program frequently identifies targets through our proprietary RIIM analysis, governance screening and analysts' fundamental research. While we engage with companies in a variety of different contexts, ESG engagement focuses on learning about, influencing or exchanging perspectives on the environmental practices, corporate governance or social issues affecting their business.

While most of the meetings we hold with company managements will include some discussion of ESG topics, we differentiate meetings held with a heavy focus on ESG, meaning ESG issues were the sole items on the agenda or made up a meaningful part of the meeting. Agenda items are classified as "meaningful" when they take up a significant portion of the meeting or are a significant factor in the investment case.

The following are selected examples of recent engagements with companies held in or considered for the portfolio. The examples are not meant to be representative of every engagement held, but to illustrate the types of ESG engagements we are having with the managements of our investment companies.

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Midea (1st Quarter 2020)

Focus	Environmental
Company Description	China-based Midea is one of the largest home appliance companies in the world.
Engagement Objective	We engaged with Midea on the impact of stricter energy efficiency regulation on the company's margins and competitive environment.
Participants	T. Rowe Price Portfolio Managers, an Investment Analyst, and a Responsible Investing Analyst engaged with an Investor Relations representative from Midea.
Engagement Outcome	<p>National standards for minimum energy performance of air conditioning units come into force in July 2020, with one additional year before enforcement. The industry will have to adapt to this change in energy efficiency standards.</p> <p>Midea expects to be able to adhere to the standards.</p> <p>The company believes the industry will become more concentrated, with smaller companies unable to absorb costs and adhere to the standards.</p> <p>The engagement informed our investment research. We believe that Midea is positioned to benefit from the stricter energy regulations, given its leading position in energy efficient air conditioners.</p>

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Naspers (1st Quarter 2020)

Focus	Governance
Company Description	South Africa-listed Naspers is a global internet group and one of the largest technology investors in the world.
Engagement Objective	We discussed corporate governance and compensation.
Participants	A T. Rowe Price Investment Analyst engaged with Naspers' Head of Human Resources, Group Head of Reward, and an Investor Relations representative.
Engagement Outcome	<p>Both Naspers and Prosus, its Netherlands-listed internet assets division, trade at a significant discount to their net asset value (NAV), which we in part attribute to the risks associated with corporate governance and capital allocation.</p> <p>The discussion centered on key management compensation, and on whether there are proper incentives in place for management to take steps to close the discount to NAV.</p> <p>Among other things, we advocated for greater disclosure and a clear link between compensation and targeting the discount.</p>

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Risks - The following risks are materially relevant to the fund (refer to prospectus for further details):

Country risk (China) - all investments in China are subject to risks similar to those for other emerging markets investments. In addition, investments that are purchased or held in connection with a QFII licence or the Stock Connect program may be subject to additional risks. **Country risk (Russia and Ukraine)** - in these countries, risks associated with custody, counterparties and market volatility are higher than in developed countries. **Country risk (Saudi Arabia)** - in Saudi Arabia it is necessary to use a trading account to buy and sell securities, introducing additional third-party associated risks. **Currency risk** - changes in currency exchange rates could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses. **Emerging markets risk** - emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks. **Small and mid-cap risk** - stocks of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than stocks of larger companies. **Style risk** - different investment styles typically go in and out of favour depending on market conditions and investor sentiment. **Volatility risk** - the performance of the fund has a risk of high volatility.

General fund risks - to be read in conjunction with the fund specific risks above. **Capital risk** - the value of your investment will vary and is not guaranteed. It will be affected by changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the fund and the currency in which you subscribed, if different. **Equity risk** - in general, equities involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. **Geographic concentration risk** - to the extent that a fund invests a large portion of its assets in a particular geographic area, its performance will be more strongly affected by events within that area. **Hedging risk** - a Fund's attempts to reduce or eliminate certain risks through hedging may not work as intended. **Investment fund risk** - investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. **Management risk** - the investment manager or its designees may at times find their obligations to a fund to be in conflict with their obligations to other investment portfolios they manage (although in such cases, all portfolios will be dealt with equitably). **Operational risk** - operational failures could lead to disruptions of fund operations or financial losses.

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