

## **PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

# Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund

As of March 31, 2024



Portfolio Manager: Eric Moffett Managed Fund Since: 2021 Joined Firm: 2007

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital through investments primarily in the common stocks of companies located (or with primary operations) in emerging markets.

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Symbol	IEMFX
CUSIP	74144Q203
Inception Date of Fund	October 31, 2002
Benchmark	MSCI EM Index Net
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	1.00%
Fiscal Year End	October 31
12B-1 Fee	-

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

Emerging markets gained in U.S. dollar terms in March but underperformed their developed peers.

In Asia, South Korean equities were resilient against a backdrop of strong industrial production data which rebounded in February after contracting the prior month. Export growth for February also came in above expectations but softened from January. China and India posted modest returns and underperformed the wider emerging markets universe. In the former, concerns about the property sector slump offset optimism that economic recovery may be gaining traction. Industrial production and retail sales rose more than forecast in January and February from a year earlier as consumption surged during the week-long Lunar New Year holiday. In India, inflation ticked up for the second month in February on rising food, fuel, and household items costs.

Turning to Latin America, Colombia and Peru rose sharply. In Colombia, inflation eased for the 11th consecutive month in February. Mexican equities also delivered solid returns. The central bank cut its interest rate for the first time in three years, lowering the benchmark rate by 25 basis points to 11%. Brazil was the only regional market to record a loss. Industrial output dipped in February from January amid weaker mining production.

Equities in the Europe, the Middle East, and Africa region edged higher but underperformed emerging markets as a whole. South Africa was positive on the back of higher copper and gold prices. In contrast, Egypt plunged as its central bank delivered a surprise 600 basis point rate hike, lifting the deposit rate to a record high of 27.25%.

Annualized

### **PERFORMANCE**

(NAV total return)

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	One	Three	One	Three	Five	Ten	Fifteen	•	
	Month	Months	Year	Years	Years	Years	Years		
Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	0.50%	-0.47%	-3.61%	-11.68%	-1.82%	2.39%	6.68%		
MSCI Emerging Markets Index Net	2.48	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	2.95	6.65		

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit troweprice.com. The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

Investments in emerging markets are subject to abrupt and severe price declines, and should be regarded as speculative. The fund's share price will fluctuate with changes in market, political, economic, and foreign currency exchange conditions.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

## **RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

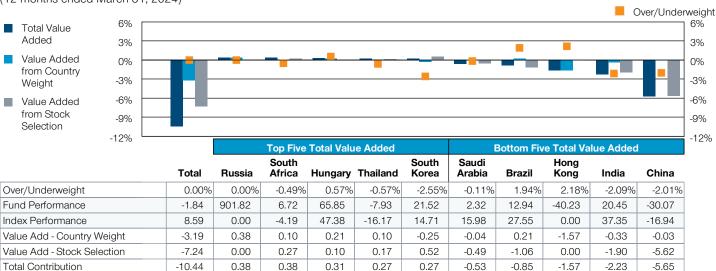
	Active Share* (as of 3/31/24)	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	62.5%	19.80%	-3.84%	1.03	0.96	-0.96	-0.19	4.22%
MSCI EM Index Net	-	18.89	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.01	0.00

<sup>\*</sup>Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

# COUNTRY ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX (TOP AND BOTTOM 5 BY TOTAL VALUE ADDED)

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)

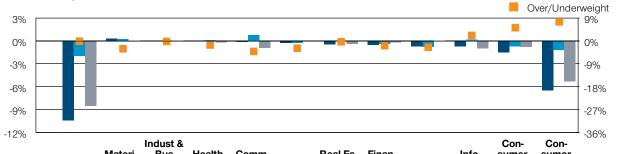


## SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)







	Total	als	Svcs	Care	Svcs	Utilities	tate	cials	Energy	Tech	Staples	Disc
Over/Underweight	0.00%	-2.98%	-0.16%	-1.48%	-4.05%	-2.78%	-0.22%	-1.74%	-2.40%	2.25%	5.24%	7.59%
Fund Performance	-1.84	-5.26	4.80	-14.08	-23.36	0.00	-25.55	15.33	38.07	23.24	-7.82	-26.70
Index Performance	8.59	-4.15	3.82	-0.82	-11.38	18.79	-11.15	15.67	36.85	27.59	-2.66	-5.21
Value Add - Group Weight	-1.93	0.31	-0.03	0.17	0.80	-0.24	-0.05	-0.35	-0.74	0.21	-0.74	-1.16
Value Add - Stock Selection	-8.50	0.03	0.02	-0.19	-0.89	0.00	-0.38	-0.15	0.05	-0.91	-0.76	-5.31
Total Contribution	-10.44	0.34	-0.01	-0.02	-0.10	-0.24	-0.43	-0.50	-0.69	-0.70	-1.49	-6.48

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All numbers are percentages. Analysis represents the total performance of the portfolio as calculated by the FactSet attribution model and is inclusive of other assets. Non-equity positions are excluded from structure shown. Returns will not match official T. Rowe Price performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources and does not capture intra-day trading. Performance for each security is obtained in the local currency and, if necessary, is converted to USD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. Figures are shown with gross dividends reinvested. Sources: Financial data and analytics provider FactSet. Copyright 2024 FactSet. All Rights Reserved. MSCI/S&P GICS Sectors; Analysis by T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price uses the current MSCI/S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for sector and industry reporting. Figures are shown gross of fees. Returns would be lower as a result of the deduction of such fees. Performance returns are in USD.

# **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 38.8% of total net assets.

	Country	Industry	% of Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	Semicons & Semicon Equip	11.7%
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	Tech. Hard., Stor. & Periph.	6.9
Tencent Holdings	China	Interactive Media & Services	3.8
Yum China Holdings	China	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	3.5
Reliance Industries	India	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.9
Localiza Rent A Car	Brazil	Ground Transportation	2.2
Fuyao Glass Industry	China	Automobile Components	2.0
Las Vegas Sands	United States	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	2.0
Wal-Mart de Mexico	Mexico	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	2.0
Saudi National Bank	Saudi Arabia	Banks	1.8

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	MSCI EM Index Net
Number of Issuers	89	1,312
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$53,957	\$32,076
Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)*° †	18.7X	16.9X
Price to Book (trailing)°	3.5X	2.5X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	11.7%	11.7%
Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)° †	16.7%	14.3%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	54.0%	31.5%
Total Assets (all share classes)	610,999,898	-
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	0.7%	-

<sup>°</sup>Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.  $^*\mbox{I/B/E/S}$   $\circledcirc$  2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

# **GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSIFICATION**

	Asia	Latin America	Africa & Middle East	Developed	Europe	Reserves
Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	73.0%	13.9%	8.0%	3.5%	0.8%	0.7%
MSCI EM Index Net	78.7	8.9	9.9	0.5	2.0	0.0
Over/Underweight	-5.6	5.0	-1.9	3.0	-1.2	0.7

# **SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

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	Info Tech	Finan- cials	Cons Disc	Cons Stpls	Bus Svcs	Comm Svcs	Materi- als	Energy	Health Care	Real Es- tate	Utilities
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Institutional Emerging Markets Equity Fund	26.0%	20.6%	20.0%	10.9%	6.8%	4.6%	4.2%	2.9%	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%
MSCI EM Index Net	23.7	22.4	12.4	5.6	7.0	8.6	7.2	5.3	3.5	1.5	2.8
Over/Underweight	2.2	-1.7	7.6	5.2	-0.2	-4.1	-3.0	-2.4	-1.5	-0.2	-2.8

<sup>†</sup>These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

## **Definitions**

Active Share is a holdings based measure of active management representing the percentage of a portfolio's holdings that differ from those in its benchmark. Compared to tracking error, which measures the standard deviation of the difference in a manager's returns versus the Benchmark returns, Active Share allows investors to get a clearer understanding of what a manager is doing to drive performance, rather than drawing conclusions from observed returns. The greater the difference between the asset composition of a product and its benchmark, the greater the active share is.

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