

31.10.2017 Update

William Blair SICAV Emerging Markets Leaders Fund

OBJECTIVE

Capital Appreciation

CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to invest in emerging markets companies with above-average returns on equity, strong balance sheets and consistent, above-average earnings growth, resulting in a focused portfolio of leading companies.

WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- Provides focused investments in leading companies in terms of products, services, and execution
- Historically consumer-focused, reflecting a growing opportunity set
- Managed by a seasoned team with decades of emerging markets experience

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (Period ending 31.10.2017)

| | 1 MTH | YTD | 1Y | 3Y | 5Y | 10Y | Life of Fund (11.11.2013) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|
| Class Z ^{USD} Shares | 1.89 | 37.05 | 26.19 | 5.59 | — | — | 7.00 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) (USD) | 3.51 | 32.26 | 26.45 | 5.70 | — | — | 5.51 |

FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Net Assets (\$MM) | \$306 |
| Number of Holdings | 54 |
| Wgtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$BB) | \$86.7 |
| Unwgt Median Mkt Cap (\$BB) | \$11.3 |
| P/E Ratio (Next 12 Months) | 17.0 |
| EPS Growth (Projected)(%) | 20.9% |
| Trailing 1-Year Turnover (%) | 82.6% |
| Cash | 1.8% |
| Inception Date | 11.11.2013 |
| Minimum Purchase Amount | \$20,000,000 |
| ISIN Number | LU0612820760 |
| Valoren Number | 12795582 |
| Bloomberg Ticker | WBEMLGZ LX |
| Management Fee | — |

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

| | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013† |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Class Z ^{USD} Shares | 3.28 | -13.18 | 3.60 | 2.76 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) (USD) | 11.19 | -14.92 | -2.19 | 1.12 |

† Since inception of Class Z^{USD} Shares on 11.11.2013 through 31.12.2013

Please be advised that any return estimates or indications of past performance on this document are for information purposes only. Returns for periods of one year or more are annualized. All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been taken into account in calculating the Fund's performance. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance and no assurance can be made that the profits will be achieved or that substantial losses will not be incurred. The value of shares and any income from them can increase or decrease. An investor may not get back the amount originally invested. Where investment is made in currencies other than the investor's base currency, the value of those investments, and any income from them, will be affected by movements in exchange rates. This effect could be unfavourable as well as favourable. Levels and bases for taxation may change. Further specific risks may arise in relation to specific investments and you should review the risk factors very carefully before investing. Intended risk profile of the Fund may change overtime. The Fund is designed for long-term investors. For the most current month-end performance information, please visit our web site at sicav.williamblair.com.

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The Articles of Incorporation, the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents (KIID), the Annual and Half-yearly Reports of the Fund and the Subscription Form are available free of charge in English and German from the website sicav.williamblair.com or at the registered office of the Management Company (33, rue de Gasperich, L-5826 Hesperange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), at the registered office of the Fund (William Blair SICAV, 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) or from the Swiss representative, First Independent Fund Services Limited, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich, and in German language at Marcard, Stein & Co., Ballindamm 36, 20095 Hamburg, Germany, and at Bank of Austria Creditanstalt AG, Am Hof 2, 1010 Vienna, Austria. Paying agent in Switzerland is NPB New Private Bank Ltd, Limmatquai 1, CH-8022 Zurich

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)^{2, 3}

| Company | Industry | Country | % of Fund |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | Technology Hardware & Equipment | Korea | 6.3 |
| Alibaba Group Holding Limited | Internet Software & Services | China | 6.2 |
| Tencent Holdings Limited | Internet Software & Services | China | 6.1 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. | Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | Taiwan | 5.9 |
| Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. | Insurance | China | 4.3 |
| Naspers Limited | Media | South Africa | 3.8 |
| Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited | Thriffs & Mortgage Finance | India | 2.7 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | Brazil | 2.4 |
| HDFC Bank Limited | Commercial Banks | India | 2.2 |
| Maruti Suzuki India Limited | Automobiles | India | 2.1 |
| Total Top 10 | | | 42.0 |

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (%)^{2, 3}

| Sector Type | Fund | Index ¹ |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Information Technology | 28.0 | 28.4 |
| Financials | 25.7 | 23.1 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 17.9 | 10.2 |
| Consumer Staples | 9.6 | 6.3 |
| Industrials | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| Materials | 4.6 | 7.2 |
| Energy | 3.4 | 6.9 |
| Telecommunication Services | 3.1 | 4.9 |
| Real Estate | 1.1 | 2.8 |
| Health Care | 0.9 | 2.3 |
| Utilities | 0.0 | 2.5 |

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION (%)^{2, 3}

| Region | Fund | Index ¹ |
|--------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Asia | 70.1 | 73.7 |
| Europe, Mid-East, Africa | 11.7 | 14.1 |
| Latin America | 18.2 | 12.2 |

MARKET CAP DIVERSIFICATION (%)^{2, 3*}

| Market Cap | Fund | Index ¹ |
|------------------|------|--------------------|
| > \$15.0B | 52.2 | 43.2 |
| \$4.0B - \$15.0B | 40.9 | 35.6 |
| < \$4.0B | 6.9 | 21.2 |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Todd McClone, CFA
Started in Industry: 1992
Education: B.A., Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison



Jeff Urbina, CFA
Started in Industry: 1985
Education: M.M., Northwestern Univ.; B.A., Northwestern Univ.



Jack Murphy, CFA
Started in Industry: 1996
Education: B.A., Villanova University

¹ The MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. This series approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment. For more information on the index, please visit the website at www.msci.com.

² Top ten holdings are shown as % of total net assets. Sector, Market Cap and Geographic Diversification charts show % of investments for the Fund and its benchmark Index and exclude cash equivalents.

³ Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in any one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.

* These amounts are calculated using float-adjusted market capitalizations.