

# William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund

Class I (USD)

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Portfolio Review

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**Market Review**

Heightened concerns about slowing global growth, rising interest rates and tighter liquidity conditions contributed to the broad selloff across global equity markets in the fourth quarter of 2018. The sharp decline in global equities during the quarter (-13.28% for the MSCI ACWI IMI in USD terms) wiped out positive gains for the year and sent indices firmly into negative territory (-10.08%).

The final weeks of 2018 were nothing short of dramatic, punctuated by the U.S. political dispute over the budget which ultimately resulted in the federal government shutdown. Investors were also rattled by the increasingly volatile nature of U.S.-China relations, including the arrest of Huawei Technologies' CFO on suspicion of violating U.S. sanctions against Iran, further complicating the trade war outlook.

U.S. equities fell -13.52% for the quarter – the worst quarterly performance since 3Q2011, as measured by the S&P 500. The majority of underperformance occurred in December over concerns of higher interest rates and renewed political turmoil ahead of the new congressional session. From a sector perspective, Energy equities were hurt the most (-25.77% for the quarter) as the WTI oil price plunged over 40% to as low as \$42 per barrel in December.

European and UK equities trailed on concerns over slowing economic growth, political turmoil in Italy, and increasing Brexit uncertainty ahead of the March 29 deadline for withdrawal from the European Union. Uncertainty surrounding not only the terms of Brexit but the continuation of Brexit itself weighed more heavily on domestically-oriented UK sectors such as real estate and small cap companies more broadly. Amid this difficult backdrop, the MSCI Europe ex-UK

IMI declined 13.68% and the MSCI UK IMI fell 12.66% in USD terms during the quarter.

Emerging market equities outpaced developed markets during the quarter, led by strong outperformance in Brazil (+14.28% USD terms), Indonesia (+8.28%), and India (+3.20%). Within Brazil, optimism towards the newly elected government and pension reform prospects supported investor sentiment. The significant decline in oil prices contributed to gains for Indonesia and India on hopes of moderating inflation prospects, given both countries' dependency on oil imports.

**Performance**

Fourth quarter underperformance versus the MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net) was primarily driven by negative stock selection across most sectors coupled with the IT overweighting and Utilities and Industrials underweightings. Stock selection within the Communication Services was particularly weak, as Chinese social media platforms Tencent Holdings and Momo Inc weighed on relative performance. Tencent's share price declined sharply in the first part of the quarter as continued regulatory and macro headwinds weighed on investor sentiment ahead of the company's Q3 earnings report. Momo's stock weakness was driven by management's disappointing guidance due to softness in its live streaming business, coupled with a broader sector rotation away from higher valuation stocks during the quarter.

Partially offsetting these effects was an overweight to Financials and positive stock selection within the Materials and Industrials sectors. Within Materials, Asian Paints, India's leading decorative paints company, enhanced relative results. The stock was lifted by the company's favorable fundamental outlook given recent price hikes and lower oil prices. Localiza

Rent a Car SA, Brazil's leading car rental company within the Industrials sector, also added to performance. Localiza's share price strength was underpinned by the company's solid Q3 earnings and revenue growth and robust growth prospects, coupled with positive investor sentiment towards Brazil.

From a geographic perspective, China was the most significant detractor, dragged down by weak stock selection in Financials and Communication Services coupled with the Consumer Discretionary and Health Care sector overweightings. Conversely, India was a notable contributor, boosted by the Financials and Consumer Staples overweightings.

Calendar year underperformance versus the MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net) was partly driven by style headwinds as low valuation stocks outperformed growth-oriented stocks, especially in the second half of the year. From a sector perspective, the Energy, Consumer Discretionary and IT sectors were the most notable detractors. Stock selection was a key drag in Energy mainly due to unowned Index names that outperformed, while Consumer Discretionary and IT were negatively impacted by both the overweightings and stock selection. Within the IT sector, Sunny Optical, the Chinese camera lens and modules manufacturer, was a detractor. The stock price declined on the back of weak operating trends and broad market rotation away from higher valuation technology stocks. Maruti Suzuki, the Indian car manufacturer, weighed on Consumer Discretionary results. The stock underperformed as the company experienced weakening demand and lower margins on higher costs, promotional discounts and currency headwinds.

Partially offsetting these effects was an overweight to Financials and positive stock selection within the Health Care sector. Within Health Care, CSPC Pharmaceutical Group Ltd contributed to relative results. The share price rallied in the first half of the year fueled by the company's strong operating

momentum but lost ground on the second half amid regulatory headwinds in the form of government mandated drug price cuts.

### **Positioning**

During the fourth quarter, Information Technology exposure was reduced to an underweight position through liquidations and position trims. Sunny Optical Technology Group was sold due to weak fundamental trends, a softer demand outlook and increased competition. Furthermore, Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co, the Korean electronic component manufacturer, was eliminated amid weaker expectations for MLCC pricing and subdued unit growth. Health Care exposure was also reduced to an underweight position during the period. Chinese pharmaceutical companies CSPC Pharmaceutical and Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine were sold amid headwinds from the Chinese government's focus on drug price decreases. These reductions were offset primarily by increases to Financials and Consumer Discretionary. Within Financials, China Merchants Bank and Moneta were recent purchases. China Merchants Bank is a premier banking franchise, with a strong position in retail and SME lending. The bank has continued to deliver stronger earnings growth and ROE than larger peers while improving credit quality as well as capital and reserves positions. Moneta Money Bank is leading consumer lending company in the Czech Republic. Moneta's operating momentum has accelerated and we believe it will remain strong as the bank benefits from solid economic growth and a higher interest rate environment which we believe supports loan growth and the net interest margin prospectively. Moreover, the recently announced acquisition of two Czech banks will likely boost future growth prospects. Lojas Renner, the Brazilian apparel retailer was purchased within the Consumer Discretionary sector. We believe the company can deliver robust growth over the next several years with strong cash generation driven by structural

share gains in Brazil's apparel retail market and solid execution. From a geographic perspective, notable adjustments were an increase to Brazil, offset by decreases to South Korea and India.

## **Outlook**

As we begin 2019, surveys suggest that momentum in global growth continued to decelerate at the tail end of last year. Specifically, purchasing manager surveys continue to point to deceleration in the pace of industrial orders growth and subsequent industrial production growth. We regard the deceleration in economic activity in the US to be more about the base effect rather than the end of the current economic cycle. As the impact of highly stimulative fiscal policy unveiled at the beginning of 2018 begins to dissipate, the US economy is likely to slow to 2-2.5% growth, from the high of 4.2% in Q2 2018.

At the same time, we continue to expect the divergence between the US and other economies to begin to normalize. If the rest of the world continues to grow at the current pace, while the US economy slows, the growth wedge and by extension the substantial outperformance of US markets vis-à-vis the rest of the world is likely to moderate from here.

In Europe, near-term indicators of industrial activity continue to decelerate. At the same time, employment and income growth together with corporate balance sheets suggest support for domestic demand growth comparable to the 2018 rate. Italian budget woes have subsided, at least for now. While Brexit uncertainty remains an overhang, we believe the UK Parliament will seek to avoid near-term economic disruption.

The exceptionally strong US economy and rising US bond yields supported the US dollar in 2018, contributing to a

challenging year for emerging market economies. Looking ahead, these headwinds are likely to subside. Further, in the final quarter of 2018, the price of crude oil declined by a third, significantly easing constraints on emerging market economies, as many are large energy importers.

The likelihood of a US-China trade deal and de-escalation of tariff wars has risen at the beginning of 2019. Later in 2019 or in 2020, the US is likely to become a sizeable exporter of LNG and petroleum products. It needs to find consumers for its products, which will be relatively more expensive because of shipping costs. China is the largest and fastest growing consumer of such products. Thus, the economic rationale for a trade deal is substantial and imminent.

Last year, China implemented significant and wide-spread changes in its tax structure, especially income taxes. We expect that reducing taxes for households is likely to support consumer demand in China. We are not expecting China to implement a large stimulus, but slow policy changes have been made to keep growth steady. The recently announced reserve rate requirement cut is noteworthy in its size: the reserve ratio for major banks now stands at 13.5%, down from 17% a year ago.

Recent positioning adjustments within our ACWI-oriented strategies generally reflect our incrementally less cautious outlook on emerging markets. Within our dedicated emerging markets strategies, we have added to Brazil and maintained overweighted positions in India. Within China, we continue to emphasize domestically-oriented consumer, healthcare and technology companies that we believe are well positioned to benefit from the economy's ongoing transition to a consumption and services-driven growth model.

		QTD	YTD	2017	2016
Regions	<b>AC World (DM+EM)</b>	-13.3	-10.1	23.9	8.4
	<b>Developed Markets (DM)</b>	-14.0	-9.4	22.4	8.2
	Japan	-14.4	-13.5	25.3	3.2
	Europe ex UK	-13.7	-15.7	28.0	-0.2
	UK	-12.7	-15.0	23.7	-1.6
	USA	-14.5	-5.7	20.6	12.0
	<b>Emerging Markets (EM)</b>	-7.4	-15.0	36.8	9.9
	<b>Asia</b>	-9.2	-15.9	41.8	4.8
	China	-10.8	-18.7	50.7	0.0
	India	3.2	-11.2	43.7	-1.1
	Korea	-13.2	-20.6	46.0	4.2
	Taiwan	-13.0	-10.1	30.2	16.4
	<b>EMEA</b>	-4.3	-16.9	24.1	20.7
	Russia	-9.0	-1.7	5.1	57.0
	South Africa	-3.9	-24.7	34.0	20.6
	<b>Latin America</b>	0.5	-7.2	24.8	30.3
Brazil	14.3	-1.1	26.4	66.1	
Mexico	-19.1	-15.1	15.0	-9.3	
<b>Frontier Markets (FM)</b>	-4.4	-16.6	29.9	5.6	
Size	<b>Large Cap</b>	-7.9	-14.9	37.7	12.5
	<b>Small Cap</b>	-7.2	-18.6	33.8	2.3
Sectors	<b>Communication Svcs</b>	-6.9	-18.0	16.8	1.9
	<b>Discretionary</b>	-10.4	-28.3	38.6	0.3
	<b>Staples</b>	-5.0	-14.2	25.0	0.2
	<b>Energy</b>	-10.9	3.4	21.0	35.4
	<b>Financials</b>	-1.0	-9.2	32.7	13.3
	<b>Healthcare</b>	-15.4	-19.8	35.4	-9.8
	<b>Industrials</b>	-4.0	-15.1	25.7	-2.1
	<b>IT</b>	-15.1	-21.8	59.9	15.1
	<b>Materials</b>	-10.5	-13.4	33.5	29.7
	<b>Real Estate</b>	-0.9	-16.0	42.2	-1.1
	<b>Utilities</b>	4.1	-5.8	17.5	4.9
Style	<b>Quality</b>	6.6	18.7	2.4	7.4
	<b>Valuation</b>	2.6	19.3	0.1	24.2
	<b>Etrend</b>	-0.4	10.0	14.4	6.7
	<b>Momentum</b>	-2.4	0.9	18.3	-6.1
	<b>Growth</b>	-1.6	-9.2	9.5	-8.5
	<b>Composite</b>	5.2	27.2	7.9	18.3

Source: FactSet

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** Regional performance is based on IMI region/country indexes. Sector and style values are based on the MSCI EM IMI Index. Size values are based on the MSCI EM IMI Index. Style values reflect the Quintile 1 minus Quintile 5 spread of William Blair's proprietary quantitative models. Sectors are based on Global Industry Classification (GICS) sectors. Large Cap and Small Cap based on MSCI Global Investable Market Index Methodology. Data in blue reflects the top 20% (highest) values by region, country, sector, and style. Data in red reflects the bottom 20% (lowest) values by region, country, sector, and style. All index returns are net of dividends. A direct investment in an unmanaged index is not possible. Please refer to the 'Important Disclosures' section at the end of this document for further information on investment risks and returns. Name change from Telecommunication Services to Communication Services effective after close of business on 28/9/18; industry and subindustry reclassifications effective 1/10/18.

<i>Periods ended 12/31/2018</i>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>5 Year</b>	<b>10 Year</b>	<b>Since Inception*</b>
William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund (Class I)	-8.42%	-22.48%	-22.48%	5.38%	0.30%	8.23%	4.76%
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)	-7.44%	-15.05%	-15.05%	8.51%	1.56%	8.24%	5.47%

\*Inception 03/10/2005

*As of 10/1/2015, discretionary investment management of the portfolio is provided by William Blair Investment Management, LLC. Prior to such date, such discretionary investment management was provided by William Blair & Company, L.L.C., an affiliate of William Blair Investment Management, LLC.*

*The MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The series approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment.*

*Periods greater than one year are annualized. All charges and fees have been included within the performance figures. For the most current month-end performance information, please visit our Web site at [sicav.williamblair.com](http://sicav.williamblair.com).*

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The table below shows the calculated sector attribution of the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund portfolio vs. its benchmark.

**William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund vs. MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)**

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

GICS Sector	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund			MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)			Attribution Analysis			
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib to Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib to Return	Allocation Effect	Issue Selection Effect	Invest Effect	Total Effect
Communication Services	7.9%	-12.0%	-1.3%	12.8%	-6.9%	-0.9%	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.6%
Consumer Discretionary	14.0%	-9.6%	-1.4%	10.8%	-10.5%	-1.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Consumer Staples	12.1%	-7.3%	-0.8%	6.6%	-5.0%	-0.3%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.1%
Energy	0.5%	-12.9%	0.0%	7.6%	-10.9%	-0.8%	0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%
Financials	33.8%	-1.3%	-0.4%	22.9%	-1.0%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Health Care	4.5%	-19.3%	-1.0%	3.6%	-15.4%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.3%
Industrials	5.1%	1.0%	0.1%	6.5%	-4.0%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%
Information Technology	15.6%	-16.0%	-3.0%	14.7%	-15.0%	-2.4%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.4%
Materials	1.3%	-7.1%	-0.1%	8.2%	-10.5%	-0.9%	-0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%
Real Estate	1.9%	-5.0%	-0.1%	3.4%	-0.9%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%
Utilities	1.2%	2.3%	0.0%	2.8%	4.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Cash	2.2%	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

**Past performance is not indicative of future returns.** Gross investment performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, is gross of investment management fees and net of transaction costs. Attribution by segment is based on estimated returns of equities held within the segments listed. All stocks held during a measurement period, including purchases and sales, are included. Cash is not allocated among segments. Calculations are for attribution analysis only and are not intended to represent simulated performance history. The actual returns may be higher or lower. We calculate attribution using Opturo. Opturo runs transactions-based attribution, taking into account all trading activity. Interaction effect is reallocated into Allocation effect and Trade effect is reallocated into Issue Selection effect. Invest Effect is the decision to stay invested. It is meant to capture excess fund returns that are attributable to compounding effects rather than an active decision. Sectors are based on Global Industry Classification (GICS) Sectors. International investing involves special risk considerations, including currency fluctuations, lower liquidity, economic and political risk. Name change from Telecommunication Services to Communication Services effective after close of business on 28/09/18; industry and subindustry reclassifications effective 01/10/18.

The table below shows the calculated regional attribution of the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund portfolio vs. its benchmark.

**William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund vs. MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)**

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Region	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund			MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)			Attribution Analysis			
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib to Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib to Return	Allocation Effect	Issue Selection Effect	Invest Effect	Total Effect
EM Asia	71.5%	-9.4%	-7.5%	73.6%	-9.2%	-6.9%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%
EMEA	9.6%	-4.4%	-0.5%	14.2%	-4.3%	-0.6%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Latin America	16.8%	1.0%	0.0%	12.2%	0.5%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Cash	2.2%	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

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The table below shows the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund's largest holdings as of 31/12/2018 by market cap. The stocks are listed by country and by the economic sector that defines each one's role in the portfolio.

	Country	Economic Sector	% of Total Net Assets
<b>Large Cap</b>			
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Communication Services	4.8%
Alibaba Group Holding-Sp Adr	China	Consumer Discretionary	4.4%
Ping An Insurance Group Co-H	China	Financials	3.2%
Hdfc Bank Limited	India	Financials	3.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	Taiwan	Information Technology	3.1%
<b>Mid Cap</b>			
Walmart De Mexico Sab De Cv	Mexico	Consumer Staples	1.9%
B3 Sa-Brasil Bolsa Balcao	Brazil	Financials	1.8%
Grupo Financiero Banorte-O	Mexico	Financials	1.7%
Otp Bank Plc	Hungary	Financials	1.7%
Bajaj Finance Ltd	India	Financials	1.6%
<b>Small Cap</b>			
Localiza Rent A Car	Brazil	Industrials	1.3%
Britannia Industries Ltd	India	Consumer Staples	0.8%
Magazine Luiza Sa	Brazil	Consumer Discretionary	0.7%
Huazhu Group Ltd-Adr	China	Consumer Discretionary	0.7%
Zhejiang Supor Co Ltd -A	China	Consumer Discretionary	0.5%

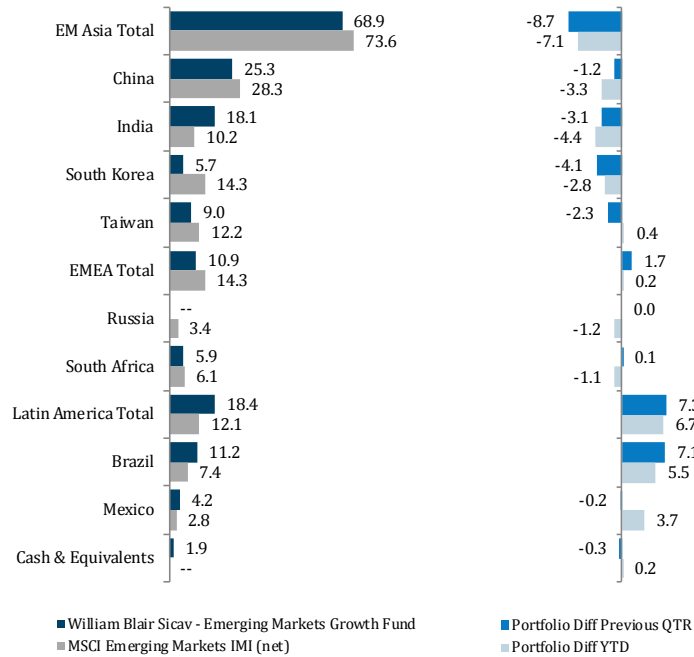
**Total: 31.3%**

Source: Eagle

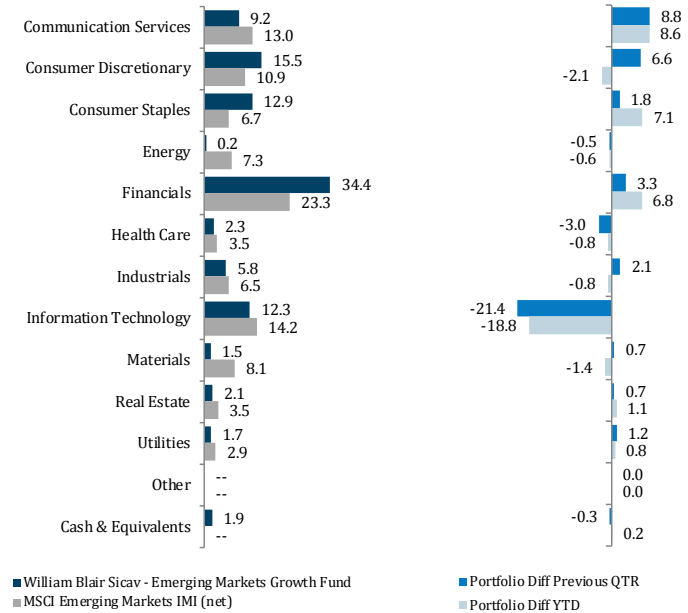
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The chart below shows the region and sector positioning of the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund vs. its benchmark.

**Regional Exposure**



**Sectoral Exposure**



Source: William Blair.

As of Date: 31/12/2018

Cash & Equivalents includes: cash and dividend accruals. Name change from Telecommunication Services to Communication Services effective after close of business on 28/09/18; industry and subindustry reclassifications effective 01/10/18.

Characteristics of market capitalization, growth, profitability and valuation are shown below in the table.

	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Growth Fund	MSCI Emerging Markets IMI (net)
<b>Market Capitalization</b>		
Large [>\$15b]	39.2%	36.9%
Medium [\$4-15b]	36.8%	29.6%
Small [<\$4b]	22.1%	33.5%
<b>Fundamental Characteristics</b>		
<b>Growth</b>		
EPS, 3 year historic	18.8%	16.5%
DPS, 3 year historic	20.6%	14.8%
Reinvestment rate	15.6%	11.9%
<b>Profitability</b>		
ROE	21.9%	16.0%
Operating Margin	23.3%	18.9%
<b>Valuation</b>		
PE [Estimated EPS]	16.1 X	10.8 X
Price-to-Book Value	3.5 X	2.2 X
EV/EBITDA	14.3 X	8.8 X

Sources: Factset, Eagle.

As of Date: 31/12/2018

Market cap calculations are based on the free float adjusted market cap. Growth and profitability characteristics shown are weighted averages, and valuation characteristics shown are weighted harmonic averages. Please refer to the 'Important Disclosures' section at the end of this document for further information on investment risks and returns.

	Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight
<b>EM Asia</b>	<b>68.86</b>	<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>		<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>	
<b>China</b>	<b>25.25</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>18.14</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>1.43</b>
Tencent Holdings Ltd	4.82	Hdfc Bank Limited	3.09	Public Bank Berhad	1.17
Alibaba Group Holding-Sp Adr	4.40	Housing Development Finance	2.58	Hartalega Holdings Bhd	0.26
Ping An Insurance Group Co-H	3.15	Bajaj Finance Ltd	1.63	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>0.79</b>
China Merchants Bank-H	2.22	Tata Consultancy Svcs Ltd	1.60	Ayala Land Inc	0.50
Shenzhen International Group	1.43	Hindustan Unilever Ltd	1.53	Jollibee Foods Corp	0.29
China International Travel-A	0.75	Infosys Ltd	1.08	<b>South Korea</b>	<b>5.67</b>
China Mengniu Dairy Co	0.74	Britannia Industries Ltd	0.82	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2.46
Huazhu Group Ltd-Adr	0.71	Asian Paints Ltd	0.68	Samsung Sdi Co Ltd	0.68
Anta Sports Products Ltd	0.67	Nestle India Ltd	0.58	Lg Household & Health Care	0.68
Foshan Haitian Flavouring -A	0.64	Indusind Bank Ltd	0.57	Sk Hynix Inc	0.59
Enn Energy Holdings Ltd	0.55	Hdfc Standard Life Insurance	0.50	Fila Korea Ltd	0.36
Zhejiang Supor Co Ltd -A	0.53	Havells India Ltd	0.50	Macquarie Korea Infra Fund	0.35
China Communications Servi-H	0.51	Upl Ltd	0.47	Korea Investment Holdings Co	0.29
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd-A	0.50	Dabur India Ltd	0.43	Douzone Bizon Co Ltd	0.27
Tencent Music Entertainm-Adr	0.48	Godrej Consumer Products Ltd	0.43	<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>8.98</b>
Guangdong Investment Ltd	0.45	Pidilite Industries Ltd	0.34	Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	3.09
58.Com Inc-Adr	0.39	Biocon Ltd	0.31	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac	1.95
Weibo Corp-Spon Adr	0.39	Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd	0.27	President Chain Store Corp	1.59
Shanghai International Air-A	0.36	Marico Ltd	0.26	E.Sun Financial Holding Co	1.00
Kingdee International Sftwr	0.32	Page Industries Ltd	0.24	Chailease Holding Co Ltd	0.31
Yihai International Holding	0.31	Hdfc Asset Management Co Ltd	0.22	Tci Co Ltd	0.29
Li Ning Co Ltd	0.30	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>3.71</b>	Makalot Industrial Co Ltd	0.26
Dali Foods Group Co Ltd	0.25	Bank Central Asia Tbk Pt	1.29	Eclat Textile Company Ltd	0.25
Xiabuxiabu Catering Manageme	0.17	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Perser	1.03	Feng Tay Enterprise Co Ltd	0.25
Ssy Group Ltd	0.14	Astra International Tbk Pt	0.80	<b>Thailand</b>	<b>4.21</b>
Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc	0.09	Gudang Garam Tbk Pt	0.36	Airports Of Thailand Pcl-For	1.17
		United Tractors Tbk Pt	0.23	Bangkok Dusit Med Service-F	0.94

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	Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight
<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>		<b>EMEA (continued)</b>		<b>Latin America (continued)</b>	
<b>Thailand (continued)</b>		<b>South Africa (continued)</b>		<b>Brazil (continued)</b>	
Cp All Pcl-Foreign	0.57	Mr Price Group Ltd	0.50	Iguatemi Emp De Shopping	0.32
Central Pattana Pub Co-Forei	0.53	Clicks Group Ltd	0.49	Bk Brasil Operacao E Assesso	0.18
Home Product Center Pcl-For	0.51	Sanlam Ltd	0.40	Sul America Sa - Units	0.17
Bangkok Expressway And Metro	0.28	Bidvest Group Ltd	0.35	<b>Chile</b>	<b>1.24</b>
Muangthai Capital Pcl-Foreig	0.20	Jse Ltd	0.24	Banco Santander-Chile-Adr	1.24
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>4.21</b>
Vingroup Jsc	0.25	Bim Birlesik Magazalar As	0.35	Walmart De Mexico Sab De Cv	1.89
Vietjet Aviation Jsc	0.23	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	<b>1.37</b>	Grupo Financiero Banorte-O	1.67
Vincom Retail Jsc	0.20	First Abu Dhabi Bank Pjsc	0.80	Megacable Holdings-Cpo	0.22
<b>EMEA</b>	<b>10.85</b>	Nmc Health PLC	0.33	Grupo Aeroportuario Sur-Adr	0.22
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>0.33</b>	Dp World Ltd	0.24	Grupo Aeroportuario Del Cent	0.21
Moneta Money Bank As	0.33	<b>Latin America</b>	<b>18.35</b>	<b>Peru</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>Greece</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>0.30</b>	Credicorp Ltd	1.36
Jumbo SA	0.28	Globant SA	0.30	<b>Cash</b>	<b>1.94</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Otp Bank PLC	1.66	Itau Unibanco Holding S-Pref	2.06		
<b>Kenya</b>	<b>0.24</b>	B3 Sa-Brasil Bolsa Balcao	1.76		
Safaricom PLC	0.24	Lojas Renner S.A.	1.59		
<b>Poland</b>	<b>0.44</b>	Localiza Rent A Car	1.33		
Dino Polska SA	0.24	Irb Brasil Resseguros SA	0.84		
Cd Projekt SA	0.20	Magazine Luiza SA	0.73		
<b>Romania</b>	<b>0.30</b>	Weg SA	0.52		
Banca Transilvania SA	0.30	Rumo SA	0.37		
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>5.88</b>	Cvc Brasil Operadora E Agenc	0.37		
Naspers Ltd-N Shs	1.98	Energisa Sa-Units	0.35		
Firststrand Ltd	1.06	Engie Brasil Energia SA	0.34		
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	0.85	Multiplan Empreendimentos	0.32		

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