

# Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth - SICAV

Class I (USD)

*William Blair*

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 outperformance versus the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (net) was primarily driven by positive stock selection across most sectors. From a sector perspective, the Consumer Discretionary, Staples and Industrials sectors were the most notable contributors to relative performance. Consumer Discretionary results were boosted by Brazilian retailer Magazine Luiza and Korean apparel company Fila Korea. Magazine Luiza's stock strength was underpinned by continued acceleration in operating momentum as the company executes on its digital transformation and delivers better than expected results in both physical stores and the e-commerce platform. Fila Korea's share price outperformance was supported by the company's strong Q3 financial results, with operating profit doubling year-over-year, driven by solid results across all divisions, combined with Management's positive growth outlook. Within Consumer Staples, both the overweighting and stock selection helped. In particular, Charoen Pokhand Indonesia, the Indonesian poultry feed manufacturer, rallied as the company posted strong operating performance amid favorable chicken prices and stable input costs. Industrials performance was boosted by Brazilian auto-related holdings Localiza Rent a Car, Randon SA Implementos e Participacoes and Tegma Gestao Logistica.

Partially offsetting these effects was weak performance in the Information Technology and Healthcare sectors. Within Information Technology, Globalwafers Co, the Taiwanese semiconductor company, hampered relative performance. The stock fell amid weak silicon wafer demand due to a downturn in the semiconductor cycle. Within Healthcare, Dentium, the Korean dental implant company, corrected sharply on the back of disappointing Q3 results and concerns about slowing China demand.

From a geographic perspective, Brazil was a key contributor boosted by both the portfolio overweight and stock selection. The India overweighting also added to relative performance. Conversely, China was the most significant detractor, dragged down by the portfolio overweighting and negative stock selection effects, especially in Healthcare.

Calendar year underperformance versus the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (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 Consumer Discretionary, Financials and Real Estate sectors were the largest detractors from relative returns. Within the Consumer Discretionary sector, the auto components overweighting early in the year and stock selection hindered performance amid weak auto demand and trade war dynamics. The overweighting and stock selection also dampened relative performance in Financials. In particular, the Argentine bank, Grupo Supervielle, weighed on results due to the sharp Argentine peso depreciation, broad market weakness and deteriorated fundamental outlook. Within Real Estate, China Real Estate companies KWG Group and Cifi Holdings Group detracted due to the weak demand and pricing environment and regulatory headwinds.

Partially offsetting these effects was strong relative performance in the Information Technology and Consumer Staples sectors. Within Consumer Staples, TCI boosted relative performance. The share price of the Taiwanese original design manufacturer of health products advanced significantly during the year on accelerating operating momentum, fueled by product innovation and growth potential in China. Within Information Technology, Yageo, the Taiwanese passive components manufacturer, propelled relative results. Yageo's share price rallied in the first part of the year amid favorable industry dynamics (tight supply and strong demand in passive components).

### **Positioning**

During the fourth quarter, Information Technology exposure was reduced to an underweight position through liquidations in the Electronic Equipment, IT Services and Semiconductor industries. Novatek Microelectronics Corp, the Taiwanese semiconductor company, was sold amid weak end demand for smartphones and TV panel price declines. In contrast, Consumer Discretionary exposure was increased during the period primarily via new purchases in the Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure, Household Durables and Textile, and Apparel and Luxury Goods industries. CVC Brasil Operadora e Agencia, the leading Brazilian travel agency operator, was purchased as the company's growth outlook has significantly improved, driven by the better macroeconomic backdrop, increased store count and digital transformation. Arcelik, the leading Turkish white goods manufacturer with strong brand awareness, low production costs and an extensive distribution network was bought during the quarter. We believe the stock offers an attractive risk reward balance given the improving operating momentum, stabilizing Lira currency, and attractive valuation, and should benefit from the recently announced government subsidy program. Exposure to Consumer Staples also increased as a result of the purchases of Indofood CBP

Sukses Makmur Tbk (ICBP), a major Indonesian food and beverage manufacturer. We believe ICBP will deliver solid earnings growth on the back of the improving Indonesian consumer backdrop, noodle price hike, volume growth in newer categories and scale efficiency. From a geographic perspective, notable adjustments were an increase to Brazil, offset by decreases to Mexico and China.

## **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
<b>Regions</b>				
<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
<b>Size</b>				
Large Cap	-7.9	-14.9	37.7	12.5
Small Cap	-7.2	-18.6	33.8	2.3
<b>Sectors</b>				
<b>Communication Svcs</b>	-6.9	-18.0	16.8	1.9
Discretionary	-10.4	-28.3	38.6	0.3
Staples	-5.0	-14.2	25.0	0.2
Energy	-10.9	3.4	21.0	35.4
Financials	-1.0	-9.2	32.7	13.3
Healthcare	-15.4	-19.8	35.4	-9.8
Industrials	-4.0	-15.1	25.7	-2.1
IT	-15.1	-21.8	59.9	15.1
Materials	-10.5	-13.4	33.5	29.7
Real Estate	-0.9	-16.0	42.2	-1.1
Utilities	4.1	-5.8	17.5	4.9
<b>Style</b>				
Quality	6.6	18.7	2.4	7.4
Valuation	2.6	19.3	0.1	24.2
Ettrend	-0.4	10.0	14.4	6.7
Momentum	-2.4	0.9	18.3	-6.1
Growth	-1.6	-9.2	9.5	-8.5
Composite	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. Real Estate was added as a GICS sector effective 9/1/16. Assignment to this sector has been applied retroactively to the index holdings. 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>Since Inception*</b>
William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth (Class I)	-5.93%	-24.51%	-24.51%	0.19%	1.44%	2.71%
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (net)	-7.18%	-18.59%	-18.59%	3.68%	0.95%	0.31%

\*Inception 01/03/2013

*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 Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of small cap companies in emerging markets.*

*Periods greater than one year are annualised. 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.williamblairfunds.com](http://SICAV.williamblairfunds.com).*

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

**William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (net)**

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

GICS Sector	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth			MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (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	2.8%	-13.8%	-0.4%	4.2%	-8.0%	-0.3%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%
Consumer Discretionary	22.4%	2.8%	0.7%	14.7%	-1.2%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%
Consumer Staples	12.2%	-1.0%	0.1%	7.0%	-7.9%	-0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%
Energy	2.2%	-17.6%	-0.4%	2.0%	-19.1%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Financials	15.5%	-1.5%	-0.1%	10.3%	-4.4%	-0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%
Health Care	10.7%	-17.4%	-2.1%	8.7%	-13.4%	-1.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.6%
Industrials	11.9%	4.7%	0.6%	14.4%	-4.8%	-0.7%	-0.5%	1.3%	0.0%	0.8%
Information Technology	10.8%	-17.6%	-2.7%	14.2%	-12.4%	-1.8%	0.2%	-0.9%	0.0%	-0.7%
Materials	7.4%	-8.4%	-0.8%	12.3%	-9.2%	-1.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Real Estate	0.8%	10.0%	0.0%	7.7%	-7.8%	-0.6%	-1.2%	1.4%	0.0%	0.1%
Utilities	2.2%	-9.3%	-0.3%	4.5%	6.3%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.6%
Cash	1.1%	-	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</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 28/9/18; industry and subindustry reclassifications effective 1/10/18.

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

**William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (net)**

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Region	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth			MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (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	72.1%	-7.4%	-6.1%	76.9%	-8.5%	-6.7%	-0.2%	0.8%	0.1%	0.7%
EMEA	8.3%	-8.8%	-0.6%	11.6%	-5.3%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.4%
Latin America	18.6%	8.6%	1.3%	11.4%	1.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.8%	-0.1%	1.3%
Cash	1.1%	-	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

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## Top Holdings by Weight

December 2018

The table below shows the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth portfolio'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.

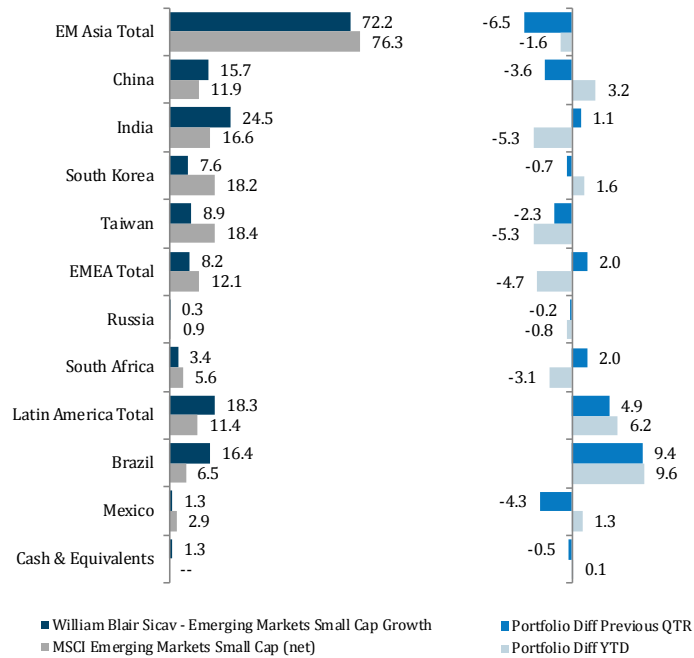
	Country	Economic Sector	% of Total Net Assets
<b>Mid Cap</b>			
Irb Brasil Resseguros Sa	Brazil	Financials	2.8%
Magazine Luiza Sa	Brazil	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%
Localiza Rent A Car	Brazil	Industrials	1.8%
Bank Negara Indonesia Perser	Indonesia	Financials	1.4%
Home Product Center Pcl-For	Thailand	Consumer Discretionary	1.4%
<b>Small Cap</b>			
Fila Korea Ltd	South Korea	Consumer Discretionary	2.2%
Tci Co Ltd	Taiwan	Consumer Staples	1.9%
Feng Tay Enterprise Co Ltd	Taiwan	Consumer Discretionary	1.5%
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	Malaysia	Financials	1.5%
Zhejiang Supor Co Ltd -A	China	Consumer Discretionary	1.4%

**Total: 18.5%**

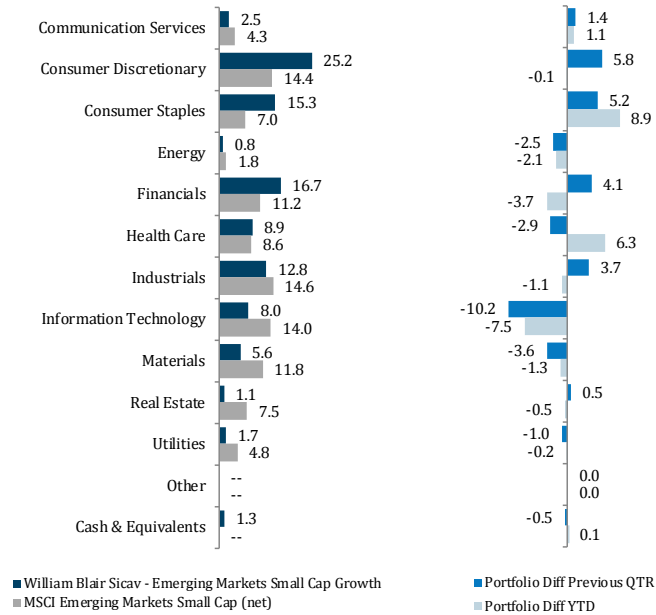
Source: Eagle

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Regional Exposure



Sectoral Exposure



Source: William Blair.

As of Date: 31/12/2018

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

	William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth	MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (net)
<b>Market Capitalization</b>		
Large [>\$15b]	0.0%	0.1%
Medium [\$4-15b]	18.1%	0.0%
Small [<\$4b]	80.6%	99.9%
<b>Fundamental Characteristics</b>		
<b>Growth</b>		
EPS, 3 year historic	20.3%	15.9%
DPS, 3 year historic	19.4%	11.5%
Reinvestment rate	13.8%	8.9%
<b>Profitability</b>		
ROE	23.4%	12.4%
Operating Margin	18.7%	14.5%
<b>Valuation</b>		
PE [Estimated EPS]	17.9 X	10.9 X
Price-to-Book Value	4.4 X	2.2 X
EV/EBITDA	15.5 X	9.7 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>72.19</b>	<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>		<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>	
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>24.48</b>	<b>India (continued)</b>	
Nagacorp Ltd	0.87	Biocon Ltd	1.39	Bandhan Bank Ltd	0.39
<b>China</b>	<b>15.66</b>	Astral Poly Technik Ltd	1.38	Escorts Ltd	0.36
Zhejiang Supor Co Ltd -A	1.42	Havells India Ltd	1.31	Info Edge India Ltd	0.36
Yihai International Holding	1.41	Gruh Finance Ltd	1.29	Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd	0.34
China Education Group Holdin	1.22	Berger Paints India Ltd	1.28	Minda Industries Ltd	0.31
Noah Holdings Ltd-Spon Ads	1.16	Marico Ltd	1.17	Vmart Retail Ltd	0.31
Dali Foods Group Co Ltd	1.10	Radico Khaitan Ltd	1.09	Pvr Ltd	0.25
Zhejiang Weixing New Build-A	0.93	Pidilite Industries Ltd	1.03	Hdfc Asset Management Co Ltd	0.23
Health And Happiness H&H Int	0.93	Bata India Ltd	0.88	Cyient Ltd	0.20
China Suntien Green Energy-H	0.84	V.I.P. Industries Ltd	0.87	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>5.93</b>
A-Living Services Co Ltd-H	0.75	Mahanagar Gas Ltd	0.83	Bank Negara Indonesia Perser	1.44
Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd	0.72	Ipca Laboratories Ltd	0.82	Ace Hardware Indonesia	1.41
Li Ning Co Ltd	0.61	Interglobe Aviation Ltd	0.80	Charoen Pokphand Indonesi Pt	1.12
Jnby Design Ltd	0.57	Aarti Industries Limited	0.77	Indofood Cbp Sukses Makmur T	0.89
Huazhu Group Ltd-Adr	0.53	Niit Technologies Ltd	0.72	Gudang Garam Tbk Pt	0.60
By-Health Co Ltd-A	0.50	Rbl Bank Ltd	0.72	Pakuwon Jati Tbk Pt	0.47
China Water Affairs Group	0.45	Phoenix Mills Ltd	0.64	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>3.48</b>
Fu Shou Yuan International	0.45	Graphite India Ltd	0.63	Hong Leong Bank Berhad	1.47
Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc	0.44	City Union Bank Ltd	0.63	Hartalega Holdings Bhd	1.29
Ssy Group Ltd	0.28	Colgate Palmolive (India)	0.61	Top Glove Corp Bhd	0.72
Toly Bread Co Ltd-A	0.28	Endurance Technologies Ltd	0.58	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>0.79</b>
Towngas China Co Ltd	0.26	Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd	0.55	Jollibee Foods Corp	0.53
Chongqing Zhifei Biologica-A	0.24	Page Industries Ltd	0.47	Bloomberry Resorts Corp	0.26
Kingdee International Sftwr	0.20	Sterlite Technologies Ltd	0.45	<b>South Korea</b>	<b>7.60</b>
China Everbright Greentech L	0.20	Sundram Fasteners Ltd	0.43	Fila Korea Ltd	2.16
Ping An Healthcare And Techn	0.16	Kei Industries Ltd	0.43	Jyp Entertainment Corp	1.07

As of Date: 31/12/2018

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	Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight
<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>		<b>EM Asia (continued)</b>		<b>Latin America</b>	<b>18.30</b>
<b>South Korea (continued)</b>		<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>0.58</b>
Cosmax Inc	1.06	Hoa Phat Group Jsc	0.39	Globant SA	0.58
Posco Chemtech Co Ltd	0.82	<b>EMEA</b>	<b>8.23</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>16.37</b>
Douzone Bizon Co Ltd	0.75	<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>0.48</b>	Irb Brasil Resseguros SA	2.79
Cafe24 Corp	0.49	Moneta Money Bank As	0.48	Magazine Luiza SA	2.56
Dentium Co Ltd	0.42	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>0.86</b>	Localiza Rent A Car	1.77
Macquarie Korea Infra Fund	0.38	Safaricom PLC	0.86	Cvc Brasil Operadora E Agenc	1.35
Koh Young Technology Inc	0.24	<b>Poland</b>	<b>1.17</b>	Construtora Tenda SA	1.22
Korea Investment Holdings Co	0.20	Dino Polska SA	1.17	Notre Dame Intermed Par SA	1.12
<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>8.94</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>0.98</b>	Azul Sa-Adr	1.07
Tci Co Ltd	1.94	Banca Transilvania SA	0.98	Rumo SA	1.06
Feng Tay Enterprise Co Ltd	1.48	<b>Russia</b>	<b>0.33</b>	Tegma Gestao Logistica	1.02
Chailase Holding Co Ltd	0.79	Tcs Group Holding -Reg S	0.33	Randon Participacoes Sa-Pref	0.92
Sinbon Electronics Co Ltd	0.77	<b>South Africa</b>	<b>3.41</b>	Sul America Sa - Units	0.53
Aspeed Technology Inc	0.62	Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	1.02	Arezzo Industria E Comercio	0.42
Makalot Industrial Co Ltd	0.60	Clicks Group Ltd	0.90	Bk Brasil Operacao E Assesso	0.38
Asmedia Technology Inc	0.59	Mr Price Group Ltd	0.67	Metalurgica Gerdau Sa-Pref	0.15
Eclat Textile Company Ltd	0.58	Avi Ltd	0.54	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>1.35</b>
Parade Technologies Ltd	0.52	Santam Ltd	0.29	Banco Del Bajio SA	0.79
Globalwafers Co Ltd	0.45	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>0.61</b>	Grupo Aeroportuario Sur-Adr	0.31
Chroma Ate Inc	0.32	Arcelik As	0.61	Grupo Cementos Chihuahua	0.25
Voltronic Power Technology	0.27	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>1.28</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>4.05</b>	Nmc Health PLC	0.39	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Home Product Center Pcl-For	1.42				
Bangkok Chain Hospital-Foreg	1.12				
Muangthai Capital Pcl-Foreign	0.76				
Bangkok Expressway And Metro	0.74				

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