

31 December 2020

GBP I CLASS

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	19 December 2016
Share Class Inception	23 January 2018
Share Class	GBP I Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap. Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCEMEIG
ISIN	IE00BD1R3L25
Number of Holdings	25-30
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	0.80%
Minimum Investment	\$500,000
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Market Index (Net) £
Number of Stocks	26
Net Exposure	96.8%
Fund Size	\$47.4 million
Strategy Size	\$119.9 million
Active Share	76.7%

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to deliver a superior return to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index over the long-term by investing primarily in equity and similar securities issued by companies that have significant exposure to emerging market economies.

## Investment Process

- Investment philosophy: sustained growth drives returns; quality protects against downside; valuation matters.
- In-depth fundamental analysis. High conviction, confidence building process.
- Concentrated long-only equity strategy with 25-30 quality growth investments.
- Benchmark agnostic, unconstrained portfolio construction, high active share.

## Performance Analysis

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
1 Month	3.2	4.8	-1.6
3 Months	14.3	13.2	1.1
YTD	26.9	14.7	12.2
1 Year	26.9	14.7	12.2
Annualised 2 Year	21.4	14.3	7.1
Annualised Since Inception*	6.7	4.6	2.1

\*Inception date 23/01/18

Past performance results are no indication of future results.

## Discrete Yearly Performance

	Fund %	Benchmark %
31/12/2018 to 31/12/2019	16.1	13.8
31/12/2019 to 31/12/2020	26.9	14.7

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## Risk Analysis

Since Inception*	Fund	Benchmark
Tracking Error	6.8	
Standard Deviation	18.4	17.7
Information Ratio	0.4	---
Sharpe Ratio**	0.8	0.7
Upside Market Capture	106.4	100.0
Downside Market Capture	97.7	100.0
Batting Average	0.5	

\* USD I Class

\*\* Sharpe ratio calculated using Bloomberg US Generic Govt. 3 Month Yield

## Fund Ratings\*

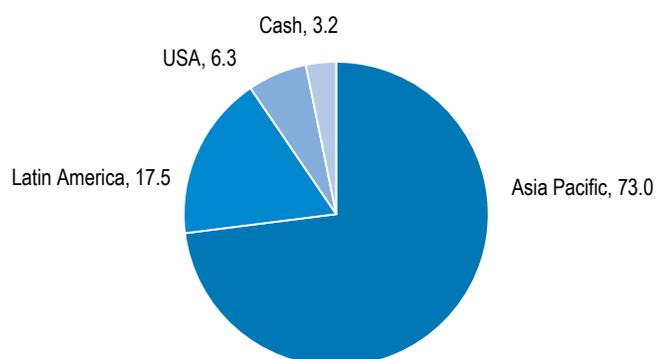
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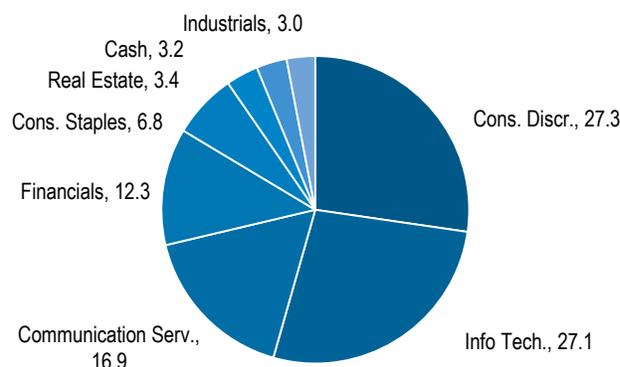
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## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Top 5 Holdings

	Portfolio Weight
TSMC	8.7%
MercadoLibre	8.1%
Samsung Electronics	6.9%
Tencent	5.7%
Alibaba	5.3%

## Monthly Contributors / Detractors

+	Samsung Electronics
+	TSMC
+	MercadoLibre
-	Alibaba
-	Dali Foods
-	CP ALL

## Manager Commentary

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned +7.4% in December, another exceptional month, taking total returns for the benchmark to +18.3% in 2020. Since its low-point in March, the Index has risen by almost 75%. For the month, Emerging Asia (+7.4%) rose by slightly less than the Index but it was the best performing region for 2020 (+28.4%). Latin America (+11.9%) and EMEA (+6.5%) both rose strongly in December but were in negative territory for the 12-month period (-13.8% and -6.9% respectively). All sectors, except real estate (-1.7%), delivered positive returns during December and the technology sector (+16.2%) was the strongest performer. A similar pattern applied for 2020 as a whole with technology (+60.1%) leading the market and real estate (-16.9%) suffering the largest declines.

**Samsung Electronics** was the largest contributor to performance for December. New flagship models from its mobile devices division – including the *Galaxy Z Fold 2* smartphone – are reported to have sold well. Its semiconductor division is also benefiting from growing demand alongside **TSMC**, which was the second largest contributor to performance. The largest detractor from performance for the month was **Alibaba**, with the share price decline reflecting market concerns about a regulatory investigation into the company's competitive practices. The only other detractor of note was **Dali Foods**. The company's shares have de-rated, primarily on concerns about growing competition across its product portfolio.

\*Returns expressed in U.S. Dollars

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