

**November 30 2019**
**GBP I CLASS**

## Fund Information

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| Fund Name             | GuardCap Emerging Markets Equity Fund                       |
| Fund Manager          | GuardCap Asset Management Limited                           |
| Fund Inception        | December 19, 2016   |
| Share Class Inception | January 23, 2018  |
| Share Class           | GBP I Class   |
| Style                 | Growth / Quality<br>Large-Mid Cap.<br>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) £                          |

## Fund Statistics

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Number of Stocks | 27             |
| Net Exposure     | 99.4%          |
| Fund Size        | \$19.5 million |
| Strategy Size    | \$88.3 million |
| Active Share     | 80.7%          |

## Top 5 Holdings

|                     | Portfolio Weight |
|---------------------|------------------|
| MercadoLibre Inc.   | 8.9%             |
| TSMC                | 6.9%             |
| Samsung Electronics | 6.0%             |
| Alibaba             | 5.9%             |
| HDFC Bank           | 4.9%             |

## 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

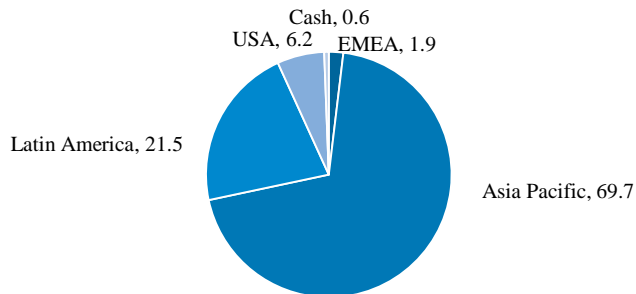
|          | Fund % | Benchmark % | Relative Return % |
|----------|--------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 Month  | 1.98   | -0.10       | 2.08              |
| 3 Months | -0.32  | -0.14       | -0.18             |
| YTD      | 12.65  | 8.50        | 4.15              |
| 1 Year   | 8.30   | 6.61        | 1.69              |

Past performance results are no indication of future results.

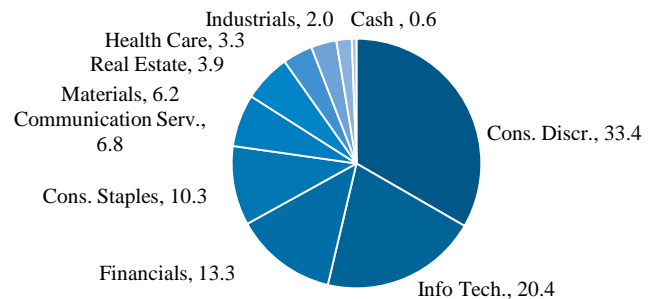
## November Contributors / Detractors

|                | Contribution to Portfolio Return |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| + MercadoLibre | +0.95%                           |
| + Alibaba      | +0.68%                           |
| + IFF          | +0.46%                           |
| - Megacable    | -0.43%                           |
| - Sinopharm    | -0.29%                           |
| - Ayala Land   | -0.22%                           |

## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Manager Commentary

Following two months of positive performance, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index was essentially flat in November (-0.1% in US dollar terms). By region, concerns over civil unrest in Chile weighed on markets in Latin America (-4.1%), whilst EMEA also struggled (-1.2%), leaving Asia as the only positive contributor (+0.5%) for the month. The two best performing sectors were consumer discretionary (+3.7%) and communication services (+1.4%), the two worst performing were utilities (-4.8%) and healthcare (-4.7%).

The month saw a return to favour for our biggest position MercadoLibre, which reversed its October dip, rising 11% during the month. Positive contributions also came from IFF, which delivered a set of well-received quarterly results and reassured on lingering investor concerns over the Frutarom acquisition, and Samsonite, a beneficiary of the positive noise surrounding a possible US-Chinese trade deal. The biggest detractors from performance came from Mexican cable operator Megacable, dragged down by the general LatAm malaise, and Sinopharm, again on concerns regarding a further profitability squeeze for the Chinese pharmaceutical sector.

## Portfolio Managers



### Ed Wallace | Investment Manager

Ed joined GuardCap in 2015. His career in the investment industry began in 2001 when he joined Gartmore Investment Management on their global equity team as a graduate trainee, subsequently becoming an analyst and portfolio manager. In 2011 Henderson Group acquired Gartmore and Ed moved with the team to Henderson Global Investors managing global and international equity funds for institutional and retail clients. Over an 18-month period (2003-05), he also participated in developing UK government policy on institutional investment at HM Treasury. Ed graduated with a first-class honours degree in Modern History & Economics from Oxford University (1999). He is a CFA® charterholder.



### Joris Nathanson | Investment Manager

Joris joined GuardCap in 2016. Prior to joining GuardCap, Joris spent ten years working for Nevsky Capital LLP, a multi-billion dollar AuM Global and Emerging Markets specialist investment firm offering both long only and long/short strategies, where he was Partner and Senior Analyst. Joris graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte LLP.

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