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USD I CLASS

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	19 December 2016
Share Class	USD I Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCEMEIU
ISIN	IE00BSJCNT20
WKN	A2DPJA
Number of Holdings	25-30
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	0.80%
Minimum Investment	\$500,000
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Market Index (Net) US\$
Number of Stocks	25
Net Exposure	97.7%
Fund Size	\$57.7 million
Strategy Size	\$133.3 million*
Active Share	82.7%

\*Based on estimates and is not official

## 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	-6.03	-6.73	0.70
3 Months	-6.06	-4.40	-1.66
YTD	-4.85	0.22	-5.07
1 Year	18.30	20.64	-2.34
Annualised 3 Year	11.12	7.93	3.19
Annualised Since Inception*	12.34	11.79	0.55

\*Inception date 19/12/16

Past performance results are no indication of future results.

## Calendar Year Performance

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
2017	42.55	37.28	5.27
2018	-20.77	-14.57	-6.20
2019	20.63	18.42	2.21
2020	31.03	18.31	12.72

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## Risk Analysis

Since Inception	Fund	Benchmark
Tracking Error	6.61	
Standard Deviation	17.71	17.03
Information Ratio	0.11	---
Sharpe Ratio*	0.62	0.60
Upside Market Capture	102.59	100.00
Downside Market Capture	99.64	100.00
Batting Average	0.53	

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

## Fund Ratings\*

Overall Morningstar Rating™



Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



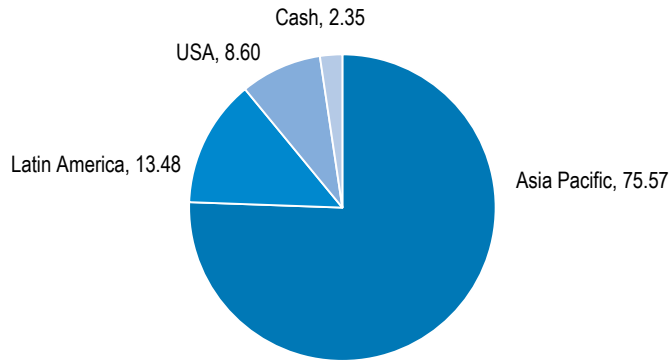
Morningstar Low Carbon Rating™



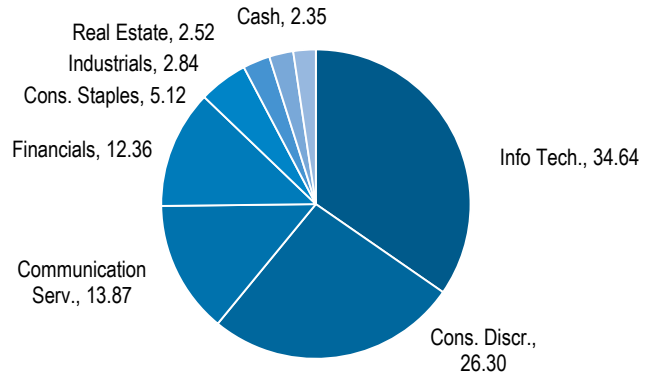
Quantalys Rating™



## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Top 5 Holdings

	Portfolio Weight
TSMC	8.64%
MercadoLibre	8.08%
Samsung Electronics	6.73%
Alibaba	5.65%
HDFC Bank	5.20%

## Monthly Contributors / Detractors

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ EPAM Systems	0.41%
+ IPG Photonics	0.14%
+ Infosys	0.12%
- Tencent	-1.10%
- Alibaba	-0.86%
- New Oriental Education	-0.81%

## Manager Commentary

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned -6.7% in July, the biggest monthly decline since March 2020. Emerging Asia (-8.1%) was the weakest performing region, followed by Latin America (-4.1%). EMEA recorded a small positive return (+0.0%). Real estate (-17.4%) was the weakest performing sector followed by consumer discretionary (-14.1%) and communication services (-11.8%). Materials (+1.7%) was the only sector to record a positive return.

Digital giants **Tencent** and **Alibaba** were the largest detractors from returns, after the Chinese authorities introduced a number of new regulatory measures. The residual position in **New Oriental Education** was also amongst the detractors when the after-school tutoring industry in China was effectively prohibited from operating on a for-profit basis. Positive contributors to returns were thin on the ground. They included **EPAM Systems**, which offers digital transformation services to corporate clients, laser manufacturer **IPG Photonics** and the Indian IT consulting company **Infosys**.

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