

December 31 2017

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	December 19, 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 Sectors	GICS 5-11
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\$

## Fund Statistics

Number of Stocks	28
Net Exposure	97.7%
Fund Size	\$20.1 million

## Top 5 Holdings

	Portfolio Weight
Frutarom	7.7%
Samsung Electronics	5.8%
Samsonite Intl Sa	5.6%
MercadoLibre Inc.	5.6%
Vakrangee Ltd.	5.5%

As of December 31 2017

## 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	5.36	3.59	1.77
3 Months	10.49	7.44	3.05
YTD	42.55	37.28	5.27
Since Inception*	42.00	38.00	4.00

\*Inception date 19/12/16

### December Contributors

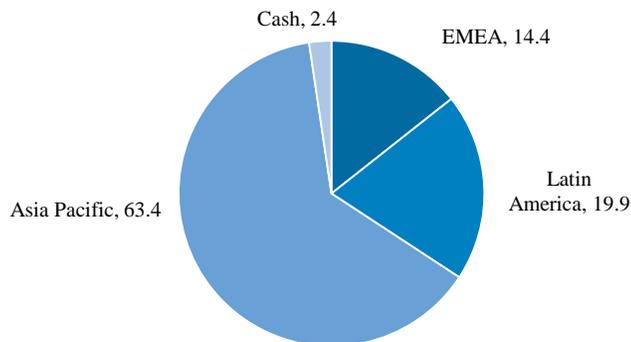
Mr Price Group	+0.87%
Vakrangee Ltd.	+0.61%
MercadoLibre Inc.	+0.57%

### December Detractors

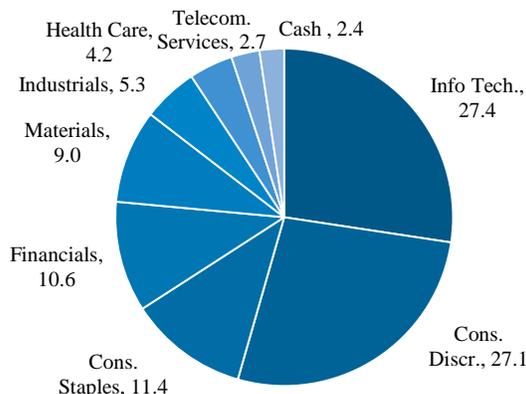
Matahari Department Store	-0.33%
Venture Corp.	-0.24%
Yum China Holdings	-0.24%

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## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Manager Commentary

The Fund returned 5.4% for December and 42.6% for the calendar year.

The emerging markets index returned more than 3% in December and total index returns for 2017 were a little shy of 40%. This is the best year for the benchmark since 2009. On a regional level, the highest returns for the month came from EMEA, followed by Latin America and then Asia. For 2017, Asia delivered the highest regional return by some margin. Healthcare and consumer staples were the strongest sectors for December, while technology lagged. All sectors posted double-digit returns for the year, with technology being the standout, delivering an annual return in excess of 60%.

The largest contributor to Fund performance during December was Mr Price, the South African retailer. The position returned more than 30% in US dollar terms. Mr Price has long been a quality company whose growth is somewhat hampered by a challenging domestic economy. Investors have recently turned more positive on the outlook for South Africa in light of change at the top of the ANC. Indian consumer services company Vakrangee was amongst the largest contributors once again following the strong results that it reported in November. MercadoLibre also had a positive month as the market looked more favourably on management's decision to subsidise shipping costs for items sold on its e-commerce platform.

Of the detractors, Matahari Department Store's shares reversed some of the gains that they had made in November, rounding off a challenging 2017. Two of the Fund's larger positions, Singapore-listed technology group Venture and restaurant operator Yum China had an unremarkable month but the calendar year was a period of strong earnings and share price performance for both companies.

## Portfolio Managers



### Ed Wallace | Investment Manager, GuardCap Asset Management Limited

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, GuardCap Asset Management Limited

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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