# Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Opportunities Fund





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#### **KEY FACTS**

## **Investment objective**

The objective of the Fund is to generate attractive returns by investing solely in companies which are entirely focussed on the growth in consumption and services in emerging markets. The portfolio provides exposure to this philosophy through active stock picking, combining a top-down and bottom-up approach, with fundamental and disciplined analysis. The focus is on growth companies, which are domiciled, or carrying out the main part of their economic activity, in an emerging market country. The Fund is suitable for investors seeking long term capital appreciation.

#### **Fund Information**

FUND TYPE	Open-ended UCITS Fund
LEGAL FORM	SICAV
MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Edmond de Rothschild
CUSTODIAN	Edmond de Rothschild
ADMINISTRATOR	Edmond de Rothschild
DOMICILE	Luxembourg

INCEPTION	DATE	2nd March 2015
FUND SIZE		\$293.7m
STRATEGY	SIZE	\$489.79m
INDEX	MSCI TR	Net Emerging Markets USD
PRICING FE	REQUENCY	Daily
MANAGER	S	Andrew Dalrymple,
		John Ewart, Rob Brewis

#### NET PERFORMANCE

NET PERFORMANCE % AS AT 30/09/2023	1M	3M	YTD	<b>1</b> Y	3Y	5Y	7Y	2022	2021	2020	2019	INCEPTION
Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Opps Fund (IC1)	-1.6	-0.7	0.0	1.7	-20.2	26.3	49.3	-26.6	-5.0	51.6	27.6	40.7
MSCI TR Net Emerging Markets	-2.6	-2.9	1.8	11.7	-5.1	2.8	24.9	-20.1	-2.5	18.3	18.4	24.0



Aubrey GEM Opps Fund +40.7%

MSCI EM Index +24.0%

Source: Aubrey Capital Management & MSCI

All figures are presented net of fees in USD since Fund inception. MSCI Emerging Markets Index is used for comparative purposes only. Investment returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

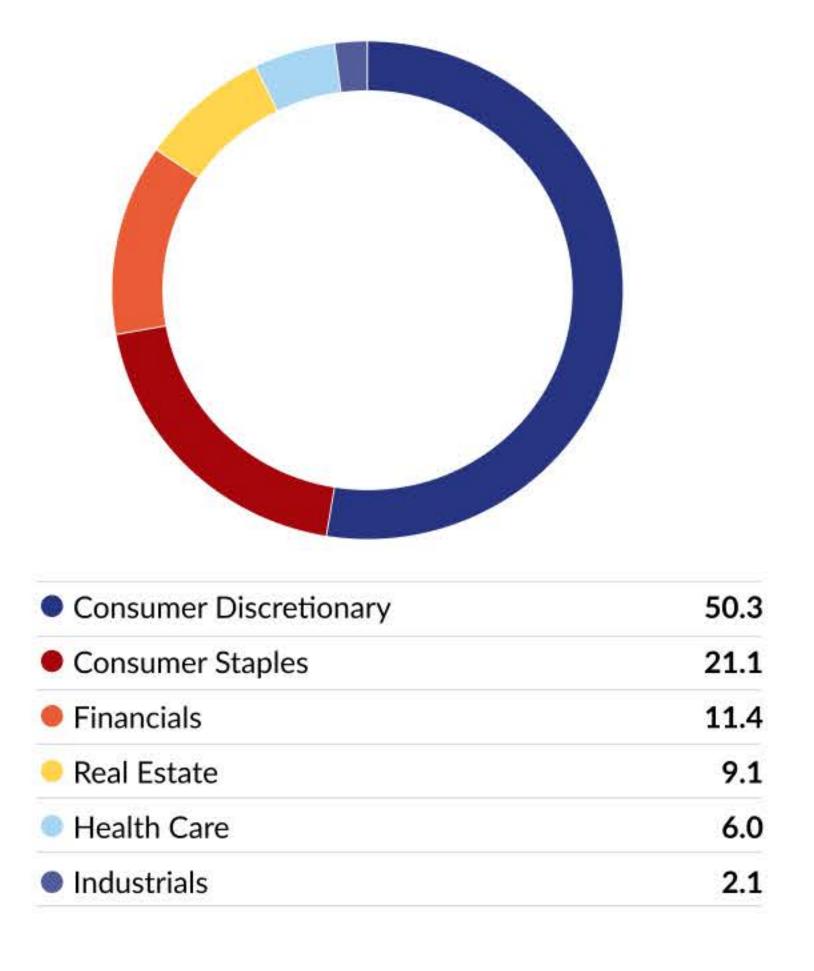
# PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

# **Top 10 Positions**

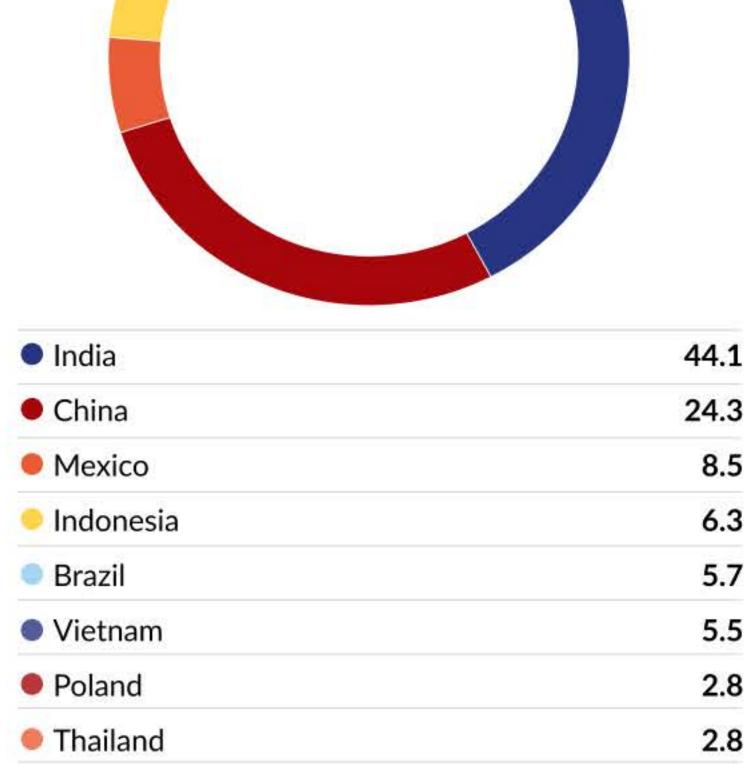
Company	% of Holding		
Varun Beverages	5.4		
Macrotech Developers	3.8		
Bank Rakyat	3.6		
New Oriental	3.6		
Mercadolibre	3.4		
Maruti Suzuki	3.3		
Apollo Hospitals	3.3		
BYD	3.2		
Titan	3.0		
ICICI Bank	3.0		

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# Sector Allocation



# Geographic Allocation



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#### AVAILABLE SHARE CLASS PRICES

SHARE CLASS	PRICE	ISIN	BLOOMBERG	MANAGEMENT FEE	ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE	MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION	MIN. ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION
IC1 USD	141.35	LU1177490023	M3AIC1U LX Equity	0.75%	1.12%	USD 70,000	USD 15,000
RC1 GBP	198.19	LU1391034839	M3ARC1G LX Equity	0.75%	1.12%	No Minimum	No Minimum
IC1 EUR	139.17	LU1391035307	AUGEIC1 LX Equity	0.75%	1.12%	EUR 70,000	EUR 15,000

Ongoing charges figure (OCF) is based upon the expenses incurred but does not include transaction costs (see KIID for details).

#### **PLATFORMS**

Aegon, AJ Bell, Attrax, Aviva, Banco Inversis, Cofunds, Comdirect, DWP, Embark, FNZ, Hargreaves Lansdown, Interactive Investor, James Hay, M&G, Novia, Nucleus, Pershing Nexus, Quilter, Standard Life, Transact & 7IM.

#### MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

World stock markets were under renewed pressure in September as the Federal Reserve indicated that US interest rates were likely to remain at their current levels for some time to come, causing the 10-year Treasury Bond yield to rise sharply. In addition, an OPEC supply cut which sent the oil price sharply higher, put additional pressure on equities. In these conditions the Fund often performs relatively well, as consumer plays suffer less than the larger cyclical stocks which dominate the index, and indeed, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell by 2.6% over the month, the net asset value of the Fund fell by 1.6%.

Outperformance was largely generated by our Indian holdings which continue to perform well. Despite initial worries that the higher oil price would keep inflation, and therefore interest rates at a higher level, Indian property stocks had a strong month. Macrotech Developers which is one of the largest residential developers in Mumbai rose 19.3% while DLF, focused on Delhi, gained 5.3%. Both stocks have risen by more than 40% so far this year. Two of the Fund's motor vehicle plays also performed well. TVS Motors (motorcycles), rose by 7.2% while Maruti Suzuki, (cars), ended the month 7.2% higher. Apollo Hospitals, Varun Beverages and Zomato were all around 5% higher, which in the context of a tough market was exceptionally helpful. There was little corporate news of any significance, and one portfolio change was made with the sale of HDFC Bank in favour of a holding in Bajaj Finance. Mostly due to technical reasons, the recent merger with its parent company HDFC Ltd has cast a shadow over HDFC Bank, while Bajaj, a leader in consumer finance, and a stock which we have successfully owned in the past, is growing faster and is a purer consumer play.

China continues to grind lower, beset by worries over the property market, a weakening currency, and diminishing foreign direct investment. All but one of the Fund's China holdings ended the month lower, although as with India, corporate news was almost non-existent. At month end the Fund had 24% of its assets committed to China, confined solely to ecommerce and services companies, as well as electric vehicle makers and travel and restaurants, all areas which on the basis of recent quarterly and interim results are faring well, and indeed, should benefit substantially if the economy, and sentiment improves.

Elsewhere, we met with mixed results. Dino Polska (Polish supermarkets), continued to decline following its results in August which revealed some margin pressure. Vietnam traded down, for no very clear reason, and both Khang Dien House and Mobile World ended the month 11.8% and 2.2% lower respectively. Our sole Thai holding, Bumrungrad Hospital, had another good month, rising 3.5% while hosting a very reassuring conference call. Mexico was weaker, and we used this weakness to start a holding in Alsea which is the franchisee for Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, and Burger King amongst others, and operates almost 3,000 quick service restaurants in 5 countries in Latin America. We expect it to grow earnings by over 25% next year, and in our view, the stock is attractively valued.

As we write, China is in the middle of a national holiday week, and doubtless, much ink and hot air will be expended analysing behavioural and consumption trends in the hope of spotting an improvement. We expect that the Fund's holdings are well positioned to take advantage of better times, should they arise. Meanwhile, we continue to believe that India represents an outstanding long term opportunity, with our portfolio of high quality market leading companies in a prime position to benefit from a rapidly improving economy.

# **RATINGS**





Andrew Dalrymple and John Ewart are AAA rated and Rob Brewis AA rated by Vadevalor as of 30/09/23

Aubrey is gold rated in the **Global Emerging Markets** Sector by Citywire for their rolling risk adjusted performance, across the sector, over a seven year period.

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Aubrey bases its measures for ESG analysis on the United Nations Global Compact. This framework provides us with a foundation for assessing corporate sustainability where we focus our analysis on four themes:

- 1. Human Rights: Companies should respect the internationally declared human rights laws.
- 2. Labour: Elimination of discrimination in the workplace as well as all forms of forced labour.
- 3. Environment: Encourage companies to develop and create initiatives that promote sustainability.
- 4. Anti-Corruption: Businesses should eliminate corruption in all forms, including bribery.

This fund is Article 8 under the European Union's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).

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