# Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Strategy





#### **KEY FACTS**

### **Investment Objective**

The Strategy's objective is to generate investment returns by investing in companies that are focused on the growth in consumption and services in emerging markets. The portfolio provides exposure to this philosophy through active stock picking based on a fundamental bottom-up approach with disciplined analytics and an awareness of macro factors. 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 Strategy is suitable for investors seeking long term capital appreciation.

### **Strategy Information**

STRATEGY INCEPTION	14th March 2012
STRATEGY CURRENCY	USD
STRATEGY SIZE	\$578.3 m
INDEX	MSCI TR Net Emerging Markets USD
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#### MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

The Strategy has had an excellent month, with the net asset value rising by 3.9% which compares very well with the rise of 1.3% in the MSCI AC Emerging Markets Index.

Most of the outperformance came from the holdings in China. Despite any real sign of economic recovery or improving consumer sentiment, stock prices have been strong. It is often the case that markets pre-empt a recovery, and valuations in China remain undemanding.

Several of the holdings in China have reported interim or quarterly results this month, and invariably they have been very encouraging. *Tencent's* second quarter figures revealed sales growth of 15%, driven by robust advertising demand. This was ahead of expectations and the shares gained 8.5%. Shares in its subsidiary, *Tencent Music*, the Chinese equivalent of Spotify, rose 16.8% following their figures. Although they have 550 million users, most of them exhibit a great reluctance to pay for the service. But this seems to be changing finally, with paying users up by 6%, which together with strong advertising revenues drove a 39% growth in earnings. *Ecovacs*, the maker of robotic cleaners grew revenues by 38% in the second quarter, with net profit a stunning 62% higher. The shares responded to this good news by gaining 21.7%. *FUTU*, the pre-eminent investment platform for overseas Chinese investors, saw client assets under management grow by 68% over the last year and recent months have been especially strong. Again, the shares reacted very positively, rising by 20.8% in August. Finally, *DiDi*, the Chinese UBER, also reported very good results, with China volumes 12.4% higher, and although the international operations are still somewhat less satisfactory, the shares rose by 16.3%. Pleasingly, none of the holdings in China performed poorly.

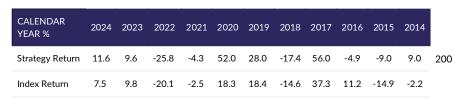
India was less helpful, although none of the holdings corrected significantly, the worst being *Max Healthcare* which lost 7.4%. Corporate news was limited, with *Bharti Airtel* the only company to report results this month. They were solid, if unspectacular, and the shares hardly moved. One of the founding shareholders of *Interglobe Aviation* placed some stock at a small discount, which kept that share subdued. He has almost sold his entire holding now, and his intention has been well documented, but the shares ended August 4.5% lower. Economic data released at the end of the month showed that the Indian economy grew at 7.8% in the second quarter of 2025, and with inflation at a mere 2.7%, the scope for the Reserve Bank of India to cut rates remains considerable. In our view, there is little reason not to remain extremely positive about the Indian market.

Outside these two major markets, *Sea Ltd*, the SE Asian gaming and ecommerce operator, delivered an impressive set of second quarter figures. Revenues grew at 38%, with net profit spectacularly higher, and the company conveyed an optimistic outlook, to which the shares responded very cheerfully, gaining 19.1%. *Latam Airlines* also made a very substantial contribution with the shares gaining another 15.8% after announcing some strong passenger data for July. Both *DBS* and *Itau Unibanco*, leading banks in Singapore and Brazil respectively, had a solid month, rising by 5.4% and 9.5% respectively.

We continue to believe that the combination of a lower oil price and a weak US Dollar will be very helpful for Emerging Markets. In addition, concern about debt levels and slow economic growth has taken the shine off the enthusiasm for many developed markets. We continue to believe that the outlook for Emerging Markets is as good as anywhere, and better than most.

### **NET PERFORMANCE**

CUMULATIVE %	1M	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	INCEPTION
Strategy Return	3.9	6.9	15.1	12.9	25.7	12.3	131.1	219.9
Index Return	1.3	9.5	16.4	16.8	36.1	28.9	95.2	68.0



Source: Aubrey Capital Management & MSCI

All figures are presented net of fees in USD. 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.

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FACTSHEET: August 2025

## **Top 10 Positions**

Company	% of Holding
Tencent	6.2
Taiwan Semiconductor	5.5
Sea Ltd	4.3
Eternal	4.1
Futu Holdings	4.0
Xiaomi	3.9
InterGlobe Aviation	3.3
Samsung Electronics	3.3
Mercadolibre	3.2
Eastroc Beverage	3.2
Number of Holdings	33

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## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

#### **Sector Allocation**



•	Consumer Discretionary`	22.3
•	Information Technology	18.6
	Communication Services	18.2
•	Industrials	16.6
	Financials	16.1
	Health Care	5.0
•	Consumer Staples	3.2

## **Geographic Allocation**



•	China	39.3
•	India	20.9
•	Taiwan	10.5
•	Singapore	9.9
	Brazil	8.4
•	South Korea	8.1
•	Chile	2.9

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