

# Ashmore Emerging Markets Frontier Equity Fund

Morningstar Overall Rating™



Class A rating based on risk-adjusted returns among 718 Diversified Emerging Mkts as of 09/30/2023.

## EQUITIES

### Fund information

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Inception</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Dividend frequency</b>
USD 67.5 million	05 November 2013	MSCI FM + Select EM <sup>1</sup>	Quarterly

### Fund information

Share Class	Symbols	CUSIP	Annual fund operating expenses	
			Total	Net
Class I	EFEIX	044820736	1.98%	1.52%
Class C	EFECX	044820744	3.00%	2.52%
Class A	EFEAX	044820751	2.24%	1.77%

Ashmore has contractually agreed to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses until February 28, 2024. The expense limitation arrangement may only be terminated prior to that date by the Board of Trustees.

### Fund objective and strategy

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. Investing primarily in frontier market equity and equity related securities. The fund adopts a disciplined and an index unconstrained approach that has been honed over a decade of investing in frontier markets. The structured investment process is primarily bottom up and fundamentally driven with top down analysis an additional source of performance and risk control. The result is a high conviction stock portfolio of best ideas.

### Period returns as of September 30, 2023

Net returns %	1 month	3 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Class A (with sales charge)	-7.11	-3.30	2.26	0.19	6.97	1.92	-	2.41
Class A (without sales charge)	-1.96	2.05	7.92	5.74	8.91	3.03	-	2.97
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	-1.44	1.41	3.32	4.04	4.98	-	-	-

### Calendar year performance

Net returns %	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class A	-15.51	23.87	-4.40	13.75	-18.43	28.68	10.70
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	-15.31	16.84	-1.52	-	-	-	-
Secondary Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	-26.34	19.73	1.43	17.99	-16.41	31.86	2.66

**Past performance does not guarantee future results.** The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and net asset value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance current to the most recent month-end, please call 1-866-876-8294. Periods greater than one year are annualized. Returns are calculated as the movement in net price over the specified performance period, assuming full dividend reinvestment. Changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. For the period prior to the inception of the Class A Shares, performance information is based on the performance of the Class I Shares, adjusted to reflect the actual distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees and other expenses paid by Class A Shares. Returns with sales charge take into account the maximum initial sales charge of 5.25% for class A shares. Class C shares has a maximum contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) of 1%. The CDSC is reduced to 0% after one year. Class I shares are not subject to a sales load.

The portfolio holdings are subject to change.

<sup>1</sup>The benchmark was changed to the MSCI Frontier + Select Emerging Markets Countries Capped Index Net TR effective 01/01/2020. Prior to this, the benchmark was the MSCI Frontier Markets Index Net TR from inception. Source: MSCI. The MSCI data is comprised of a custom index calculated by MSCI; and as requested by, Ashmore. The MSCI data is for internal use only and may not be redistributed or used in connection with creating or offering any securities, financial products or indices. Neither MSCI nor any other third party involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating the MSCI data (the "MSCI Parties") makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such data or the results to be obtained by the use thereof, and the MSCI Parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to such data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall any of the MSCI Parties have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits,) even if notified of the possibility of such damages. The MSCI Frontier + Select Emerging Markets Countries Capped Index is a customised benchmark that is designed to measure equity market performance of constituent companies in each of the MSCI Frontiers Market Index (50%) and emerging markets crossover markets (50%), which are the Philippines, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Egypt, Pakistan and Kuwait, together with a country cap of 15%. You cannot invest directly in an index.

<sup>2</sup>MSCI Frontier Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across Frontier Market Countries. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Top 10 country exposure %	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Vietnam	23.3	13.9	9.4
United Arab Emirates	16.6	15.8	0.8
Kazakhstan	10.2	4.1	6.1
Romania	7.9	5.0	2.8
Qatar	7.1	11.3	-4.2
Philippines	6.0	7.7	-1.8
Saudi Arabia	3.4	-	3.4
Morocco	3.0	5.0	-2.0
Slovenia	2.6	2.4	0.3
Kuwait	2.6	10.1	-7.5
Total number of countries	19	30	

Sector exposure %	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Financials	45.5	47.2	-1.8
Real Estate	11.5	10.3	1.2
Information Technology	7.9	0.2	7.7
Industrials	7.7	8.6	-0.9
Consumer Discretionary	6.9	2.1	4.8
Energy	6.0	5.3	0.8
Consumer Staples	4.0	5.6	-1.7
Utilities	2.0	3.4	-1.4
Communication Services	1.0	8.2	-7.2
Materials	0.9	6.3	-5.4
Total	93.4	100.0	

Top 10 issuers %	Country	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Kaspi.KZ JSC	Kazakhstan	6.2	2.3	3.9
FPT Corp	Vietnam	5.4	-	5.4
Banca Transilvania SA	Romania	3.7	1.4	2.3
Emaar Properties PJSC	United Arab	3.5	2.5	1.0
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Kazakhstan	3.0	0.5	2.4
Vietnam Enterprise Investments Ltd	Vietnam	3.0	-	3.0
Vinhomes JSC	Vietnam	3.0	1.0	2.0
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC	United Arab	2.7	0.8	1.9
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	Slovenia	2.6	0.5	2.1
National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	Kuwait	2.6	4.2	-1.6
Total number of holdings		51	252	

Fund statistics	Fund
Median market cap	\$7.6bn
Standard Deviation	12.3%
Cash and equivalents	3.0%

**Median Market Capitalization:** The middle market capitalization of the sorted list of holdings.

**Standard Deviation:** A statistical measure of distribution around an average which depicts how widely returns varied over a certain period of time. When a fund has a high standard deviation, the predicted range of performance is wide, implying greater volatility.

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As of 09/30/2023, the Ashmore Emerging Markets Frontier Equity Fund\* Class A in the Diversified Emerging Mkts category received a rating of 5 stars among 718 funds for the 3-year period and 4 stars among 652 funds for the 5-year period, based on risk-adjusted returns. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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