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# Ashmore Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Share class: Class I

#### Reporting period

012025



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<sup>\*</sup>The Definitions page details certain risks and terms that may or may not be stated in each Quarterly Investment Review. Please refer to the Definitions page for additional information.



### 1. Performance summary

#### **Fund facts**

 Benchmark
 Operating expenses
 Symbol
 Total
 Net

 MSCI EM (Net Return)
 Class I
 EMFIX
 1.49
 1.05

 Index
 Ashmore has contractually agreed to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses until February 28, 2026. The expense limitation arrangement may only be terminated prior to that date by the Board of Trustees.

Net returns %	3M	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	SI
Fund	1.49	1.49	5.14	2.45	10.32	6.55	3.46
Benchmark	2.93	2.93	8.09	1.44	7.94	3.70	2.35
Excess	-1.44	-1.44	-2.95	1.00	2.38	2.85	1.11

Period performance - Class I as of 03/31/2025

#### Performance inception

Jun 22, 2011

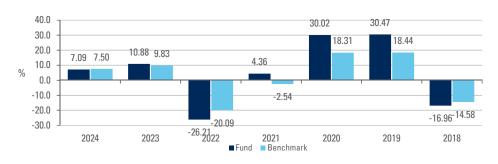
Portfolio size Dividend frequency

USD 163.7 million Quarterly

#### Fund objective and strategy

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. Investing primarily in emerging markets equity and equity related securities across the market capitalisation spectrum. The fund adopts a disciplined and an index unconstrained approach targeting stocks with higher quality and higher growth attributes. 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.

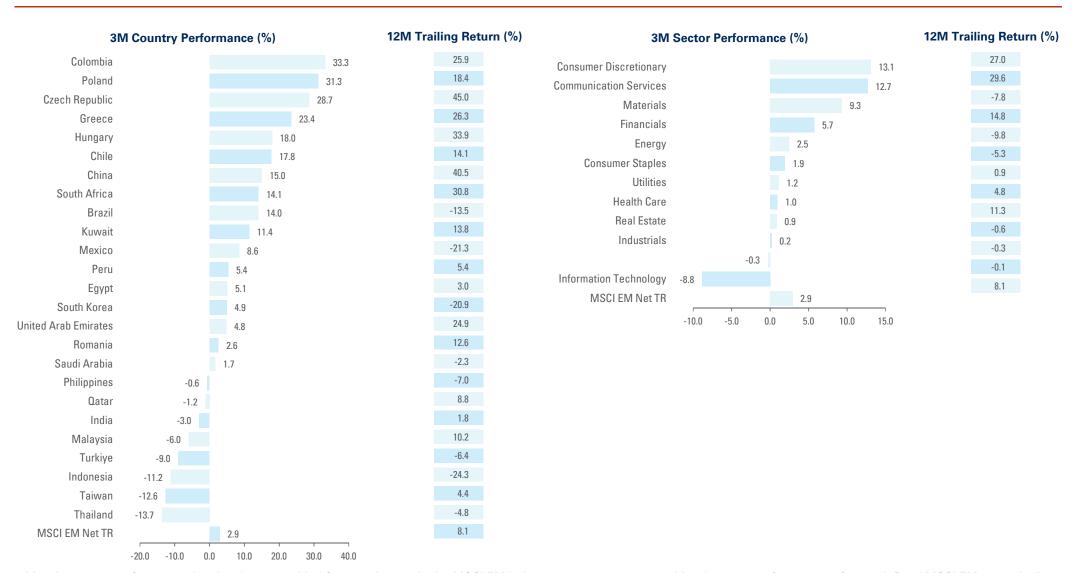
#### Calendar year performance - Class I as of 03/31/2025



1The MSCI EM is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global Emerging Markets. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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. The information above shows only the performance of the Fund's Institutional Class Shares. Although Class A and Class C shares would have similar annual returns (because all the Fund's shares represent interests in the same portfolio of securities), Class A and Class C performance would be lower than Institutional Class performance because of the lower expenses paid by Institutional Class Shares. The performance shown above would be lower if it reflected sales charges applicable to Class A and Class C shares.

### 2. Performance analysis



3Month country performance data has been provided for constituents in the MSCI EM Index.

3Month sector performance refers to defined MSCI EM sector indices.

Source: MSCI Emerging Markets, as at 31 March 2025.

## 2. Performance analysis

### **3M Stock attribution**

	Weig	Attribution %	
Stock	Fund	Benchmark	Total
Top 10			
Tencent Holdings Ltd	9.34	5.25	0.53
TOTVS SA	1.10	0.04	0.39
Tencent Music Entertainment Group	1.96	0.14	0.37
KoMiCo Ltd	0.95	-	0.32
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	-	0.70	0.22
NetEase Inc	1.54	0.50	0.20
SK Hynix Inc	2.44	0.90	0.19
Infosys Ltd	-	0.78	0.19
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC	1.00	0.08	0.18
Hansol Chemical Co Ltd	0.94	-	0.16
Bottom 10			
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	-	3.39	-1.14
Chroma ATE Inc	0.97	-	-0.39
Alchip Technologies Ltd	1.10	0.08	-0.34
Xiaomi Corp	-	1.33	-0.33
Lotes Co Ltd	0.66	0.04	-0.30
Andes Technology Corp	0.79	-	-0.28
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	10.45	8.60	-0.25
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd	1.93	0.10	-0.24
Delta Electronics Inc	1.04	0.27	-0.22
BYD Co Ltd	-	0.86	-0.22

Attributions are subject to change at any time and does not guarantee future results. The value of an investment in the Fund may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Source: Ashmore, as at 31 March 2025. Attribution compared to MSCI Emerging Markets based on month end holdings.

## 2. Performance analysis

## **3M Country attribution**

	Fund a	nd benchmark w	eights %	Total return	analysis %	Relative re	eturn attribution a	nalysis %
Country	Fund weight	Benchmark weight	Active weight	Fund return	Benchmark return	Asset allocation	Security selection	Total
Top 10 contributors								
South Korea	8.19	8.99	-0.80	13.80	4.92	-0.03	0.84	0.81
India	12.22	18.52	-6.30	-3.16	-2.95	0.67	-0.09	0.58
Brazil	5.10	4.41	0.69	20.60	14.05	0.04	0.33	0.37
Thailand	-	1.18	-1.18	-	-13.69	0.26	-	0.26
United Arab Emirates	2.79	1.41	1.38	9.20	4.77	0.02	0.20	0.21
Mexico	4.60	1.87	2.72	7.33	8.57	0.17	-0.04	0.14
Turkiye	-	0.57	-0.57	-	-8.96	0.08	-	0.08
Saudi Arabia	0.98	4.06	-3.08	-11.53	1.68	0.06	0.00	0.06
Hungary	1.32	0.28	1.04	6.25	17.99	0.15	-0.11	0.04
Qatar	-	0.79	-0.79	-	-1.16	0.04	-	0.04
Top 10 detractors								
China	30.36	31.29	-0.93	9.16	15.02	-0.30	-1.25	-1.55
Taiwan	19.66	16.85	2.81	-15.00	-12.63	-0.67	-0.47	-1.15
Indonesia	4.08	1.24	2.84	-8.81	-11.20	-0.33	0.12	-0.21
South Africa	1.03	3.12	-2.09	11.81	14.06	-0.18	-0.02	-0.20
Kazakhstan	2.34	-	2.34	-1.95	-	-0.10	-	-0.10
Argentina	0.98	-	0.98	-13.78	-	-0.08	-	-0.08
Greece	-	0.56	-0.56	-	23.44	-0.08	-	-0.08
Hong Kong	2.21	-	2.21	4.12	-	-0.06	-	-0.06
Chile	-	0.47	-0.47	-	17.80	-0.05	-	-0.05
Kuwait	-	0.81	-0.81	-	11.38	-0.05	-	-0.05
			Fund	1.49	2.93	-0.58	-0.56	-1.14

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## 2. Performance analysis

### 1Y Stock attribution

	Wei	Attribution %	
Stock	Fund	Benchmark	Total
Top 10			
Tencent Holdings Ltd	9.34	5.25	1.58
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	-	2.72	1.38
Meituan	4.12	1.25	0.55
WinWay Technology Co Ltd	-	-	0.51
Reliance Industries Ltd	-	1.16	0.47
MediaTek Inc	1.88	0.81	0.45
KE Holdings Inc	1.02	0.18	0.41
Tencent Music Entertainment Group	1.96	0.14	0.38
NU Holdings Ltd/Cayman Islands	-	0.42	0.38
Classys Inc	0.91	-	0.35
Bottom 10			
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	-	3.39	-1.46
Hansol Chemical Co Ltd	0.94	-	-0.97
Xiaomi Corp	-	1.33	-0.83
Bank Mandiri Persero Tbk PT	2.25	0.15	-0.66
Kaspi.KZ JSC	2.34	-	-0.58
Localiza Rent a Car SA	-	0.07	-0.52
StoneCo Ltd	-	-	-0.49
Hana Materials Inc	-	-	-0.45
Samsung C&T Corp	-	0.09	-0.43
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV	1.26	0.23	-0.38

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	Fund a	nd benchmark w	eights %	Total return	n analysis %	Relative r	eturn attribution a	nalysis %
Country	Fund weight	Benchmark weight	Active weight	Fund return	Benchmark return	Asset allocation	Security selection	Total
Top 10 contributors								
Taiwan	19.66	16.85	2.81	11.17	4.43	-0.16	1.61	1.45
India	12.22	18.52	-6.30	6.40	1.75	0.62	0.38	0.99
United Arab Emirates	2.79	1.41	1.38	28.89	24.89	0.30	-0.07	0.23
Malaysia	1.39	1.35	0.04	25.39	10.16	0.00	0.20	0.20
Thailand	-	1.18	-1.18	-	-4.77	0.18	-	0.18
Hong Kong	2.21	-	2.21	15.83	-18.19	-0.68	0.86	0.18
South Korea	8.19	8.99	-0.80	-15.74	-20.92	-0.51	0.68	0.17
Turkiye	-	0.57	-0.57	-	-6.43	0.10	-	0.10
Saudi Arabia	0.98	4.06	-3.08	-28.06	-2.32	0.17	-0.08	0.09
Top 10 detractors								
China	30.36	31.29	-0.93	31.60	40.50	-0.33	-1.74	-2.07
Brazil	5.10	4.41	0.69	-14.65	-13.54	-0.93	-0.03	-0.96
Kazakhstan	2.34	-	2.34	-21.79	-	-0.55	-	-0.55
South Africa	1.03	3.12	-2.09	30.45	30.77	-0.47	0.03	-0.43
Mexico	4.60	1.87	2.72	-17.36	-21.28	-0.54	0.17	-0.38
Hungary	1.32	0.28	1.04	-29.23	33.88	0.22	-0.55	-0.33
Indonesia	4.08	1.24	2.84	-28.03	-24.30	-0.61	0.32	-0.29
Argentina	0.98	-	0.98	-28.42	-	-0.25	-	-0.25
Greece	-	0.56	-0.56	-	26.30	-0.07	-	-0.07
Czech Republic	-	0.17	-0.17	-	44.95	-0.04	-	-0.04
			Fund	5.14	8.09	-3.37	1.65	-1.72

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## 3. Portfolio Positioning versus benchmark

## **Country positions**

Country	Fund %	Benchmark %	Active weight %
China	30.4	31.3	-0.9
Taiwan	19.7	16.9	2.8
India	12.2	18.5	-6.3
South Korea	8.2	9.0	-0.8
Brazil	5.1	4.4	0.7
Mexico	4.6	1.9	2.7
Indonesia	4.1	1.2	2.8
United Arab Emirates	2.8	1.4	1.4
Kazakhstan	2.3	0.0	2.3
Hong Kong	2.2	0.0	2.2
Malaysia	1.4	1.3	0.0
Hungary	1.3	0.3	1.0
Poland	1.0	1.0	0.0
South Africa	1.0	3.1	-2.1
Saudi Arabia	1.0	4.1	-3.1
Argentina	1.0	0.0	1.0
Total number of countries	16	25	

## **Sector positions**

Sector	Fund%	Benchmark%	Active weight%
Information technology	24.8	21.7	3.1
Financials	17.6	24.4	-6.8
Consumer discretionary	15.2	14.6	0.6
Industrials	13.3	6.3	7.0
Communication services	12.8	10.3	2.6
Health care	6.6	3.4	3.2
Consumer staples	4.5	4.7	-0.3
Real estate	1.9	1.7	0.2
Materials	1.8	5.9	-4.2
Energy	0.0	4.5	-4.5
Total number of sectors	10	11	

## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

### **Quarterly changes to country exposure**

	Active weight %					
Country	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	
China	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-1.3	-0.9	
Taiwan	2.6	5.1	5.0	5.8	2.8	
India	-5.6	-6.2	-7.3	-7.6	-6.3	
South Korea	3.4	4.9	1.1	-0.8	-0.8	
Brazil	3.9	3.5	3.3	0.3	0.7	
Mexico	2.0	0.7	2.3	3.0	2.7	
Indonesia	-0.9	-1.6	0.9	2.6	2.8	
United Arab Emirates	-1.2	-1.1	-0.2	2.0	1.4	
Kazakhstan	1.7	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	
Hong Kong	1.9	2.1	3.6	3.1	2.2	
Malaysia	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	
Hungary	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	
Poland	-1.0	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	0.0	
South Africa	-2.7	-2.9	-3.1	-1.9	-2.1	
Saudi Arabia	-2.2	-2.1	-3.0	-4.2	-3.1	
Argentina	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	



Source: Ashmore, as at 31 March 2025. Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets

Position changes are based on month end holdings

## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

## Stock exposure by NAV

Top 10 Stock	Country	Sector	Fund %	Benchmark %	Active weight %
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology	10.4	8.6	1.8
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Communication Services	9.3	5.3	4.1
Meituan	China	Consumer Discretionary	4.1	1.3	2.9
HDFC Bank Ltd	India	Financials	3.2	1.5	1.6
ANTA Sports Products Ltd	China	Consumer Discretionary	2.8	0.2	2.6
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	Information Technology	2.4	0.9	1.5
Kaspi.KZ JSC	Kazakhstan	Financials	2.3	-	2.3
Bank Mandiri Persero Tbk PT	Indonesia	Financials	2.2	0.1	2.1
AIA Group Ltd	Hong Kong	Financials	2.2	-	2.2
E Ink Holdings Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	2.0	0.1	1.9
Total number of holdings			59	1149	

## **Key position changes**

Changes in positioning	Country	Sector
New holdings		
Proya Cosmetics Co Ltd	China	Consumer Staples
JD.com Inc	China	Consumer Discretionary
International Gemmological Institute India	India	Industrials
Holdings exited		
Beijing Oriental Yuhong Waterproof Technolo	China	Materials
WinWay Technology Co Ltd	Taiwan	Information Technology
Sungrow Power Supply Co Ltd	China	Industrials

Source: Ashmore, as at 31 March 2025. Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets



## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

## Largest stock active positions

Stock	Fund %	Benchmark %	Active weight %
Top 5 overweight			
Tencent Holdings Ltd	9.3	5.3	4.1
Meituan	4.1	1.3	2.9
ANTA Sports Products Ltd	2.8	0.2	2.6
Kaspi.KZ JSC	2.3	-	2.3
AIA Group Ltd	2.2	-	2.2

Stock	Fund %	Benchmark %	Active weight %
Top 5 underweight			
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	-	3.4	-3.4
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	-	2.7	-2.7
Xiaomi Corp	-	1.3	-1.3
Reliance Industries Ltd	-	1.2	-1.2
China Construction Bank Corp	-	1.1	-1.1

## Stock active weight changes

Stock	Active weight change %
Largest active increase	
Proya Cosmetics Co Ltd	1.6
JD.com Inc	1.3
Meituan	1.3
ANTA Sports Products Ltd	1.2
International Gemmological Institute India	1.1

Stock	Active weight change %
Largest active decrease	
Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd	-1.2
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	-1.1
Beijing Oriental Yuhong Waterproof Technolo	-1.1
AIA Group Ltd	-0.9
WinWay Technology Co Ltd	-0.9



## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

### **Fund statistics**

Statistics	Fund	Benchmark	Definition
Price/earnings forward	12.6x	11.8x	The ratio of share price to next 12 months estimated earnings per share.
Price/earnings	15.1x	14.4x	The ratio of share price to last 12 months earnings per share.
Return on equity	21.8%	12.7%	A profitability ratio calculated as net income divided by average shareholders' equity.

### **Fund characteristics**

Characteristics	Fund	Benchmark	Definition
Weighted average market cap	\$161.5bn	\$158.9bn	The average market capitalisation of the fund weighted by the size of each position and its corresponding market capitalisation.
Number of holdings	59	1149	Number of issuers the fund holds.
Standard deviation	19.6	17.5	A statistical measure of distribution around an average which depicts how widely returns varied over a certain period of time.
Tracking error	5.6	-	The annualised standard deviation of the fund's returns relative to the benchmark. A measure of active risk.
Beta	1.1	-	Measure of the historical fund sensitivity to the systematic risk represented by the fund's benchmark.
Active share	76.8	-	The difference in weight of fund holdings versus benchmark holdings including cash.

Source: Ashmore, as at 31 March 2025.

Data based on Bloomberg consensus estimates

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets

Where shown, Standard Deviation, Tracking Error and Beta are for 3 year period, or 1 year if 3 years of data are not available.

### 4. Ashmore group review

Ashmore is a dedicated Emerging Markets (EM) investment manager. We focus on a number of investment themes including external debt, local currencies and local currency debt, corporate debt, blended debt, equities, alternatives (incorporating distressed debt, private equity, infrastructure and real estate), multi-asset and overlay/liquidity. We manage pooled funds, segregated accounts and white label products for a range of global institutional clients including central banks and sovereign wealth funds, government and corporate pension plans, banks, insurance companies and non-profit organisations as well as distributors and high net worth individuals.

- Ashmore Group plc, parent company, listed on the London Stock Exchange
- 275 staff employed globally
- Team based investment process, unchanged since 1992
- 99 member global investment team
- 29 dedicated in-house legal and compliance professionals
- 34-strong business development and client servicing team
- USD 46.2 billion\* in assets under management as at 31 March 2025.
- \*Estimated figure only

## AUM theme split - by primary Fund theme



There can be no guarantee that any strategy (risk management or otherwise) will be successful. All investing involves risk, including potential loss of principal.

### 5. Definitions

### **Definitions**

**Fund Weight:** The percentage of fund net assets represented by the position.

Benchmark: A financial index against which the performance of a fund or investment strategy can be measured.

Benchmark Weight: The percentage of the benchmark represented by the position.

Active Weight: The difference between the fund weight and the benchmark weight in the position.

#### Attribution analysis:

Asset Allocation: refers to the contribution to fund performance relative to the benchmark that is derived from differences in country exposure between the fund and the benchmark.

Security Selection: refers to the contribution to fund performance relative to the benchmark that is derived from the selection of individual securities.

Total: is the total attribution for the fund and combines Asset allocation and Security selection decisions.

Stock Attribution Total: refers to the contribution to fund performance resulting from stock exposure relative to the performance of the local country market in the benchmark.

#### 6. Investment considerations

#### **Investment considerations**

The Fund holdings will change and the information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that securities sold have not been repurchased. There can be no guarantee that any strategy will be successful. All investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal. Certain risks related to an investment in the Funds are summarized below:

Foreign Investment and Emerging Markets Risk: Foreign investments can be riskier than U.S. investments. Potential risks include adverse political and legal developments affecting issuers located and/or doing business in foreign countries, currency risk that may result from unfavourable exchange rates, liquidity risk if decreased demand for a security makes it difficult to sell at the desired price, and risks that stem from substantially lower trading volume on foreign markets. These risks are generally greater for investments in emerging markets, which are also subject to greater price volatility, and custodial and regulatory risks.

Foreign Markets: Investments in foreign markets entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in emerging-market countries are greater than the risks generally associated with foreign investments. Frontier market countries generally have smaller economies and even less developed capital markets or legal and political systems than traditional emerging market countries. As a result, the risks of investing in emerging market countries are magnified in frontier market countries.

Bond Funds will tend to experience smaller fluctuations in value than stock funds. However, investors in any bond fund should anticipate fluctuations in price, especially for longer-term issues and in environments of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk is the risk that the values of the debt securities and other instruments in a fund's portfolio will decline because of increases in interest rates, which can adversely affect the fund's performance.

Non-Diversified Risk: The fund is non-diversified, so it may be more exposed to the risks associated with individual issuers than a diversified fund.

**Derivatives Risk:** Investments in derivatives can be volatile. Potential risks include currency risk, leverage risk (the risk that small market movements may result in large changes in the value of an investment), liquidity risk, index risk, pricing risk, and counterparty risk (the risk that the counterparty may be unwilling or unable to honor its obligations).

Ashmore Investment Management (US) Corp., a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Funds' shares.

This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses before investing or sending money. This and other important information about the Ashmore Funds can be found in the fund's prospectus. To obtain more information, please call 1-866-876-8294 or visit www.ashmoregroup.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.