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Ashmore Emerging Markets Frontier Equity Fund

Share class: Class I

Reporting period

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1. Performance summary

Fund facts

 Benchmark
 Operating expenses
 Symbol
 Total
 Net

 MSCI FM + Select EM
 Class I
 EFEIX
 2.03
 1.55

 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.

Performance inception

Nov 05, 2013

Fund size Dividend frequency

USD 100.2 million Quarterly

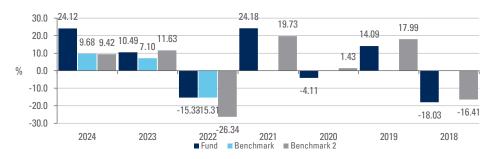
Fund objective and strategy

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 performance - Class I as of 09/30/2025

Net returns %	3M	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	SI
Fund	6.42	16.80	15.61	16.27	14.03	8.17	6.17
Benchmark	9.69	29.11	28.11	15.15	-	-	-
Secondary Index	14.89	37.82	36.22	18.61	10.54	7.09	5.58

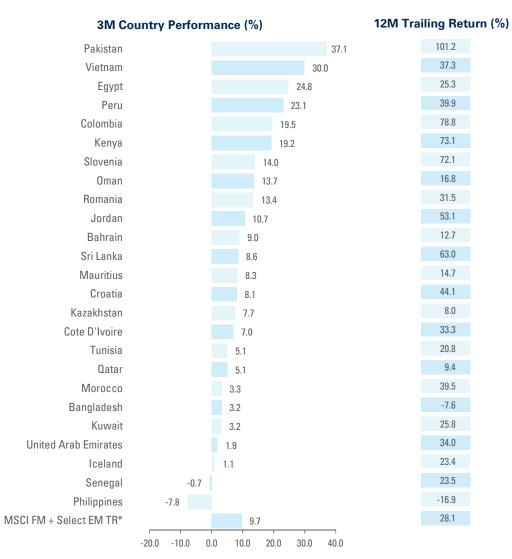
Calendar year performance - Class I as of 09/30/2025



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.

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.

Source: MSCI Frontier + Select Emerging Markets Countries Capped Index Net TR, as at 30 September 2025.

2. Performance analysis

3M Stock attribution

	Wei	ghts %	Attribution %
Stock	Fund	Benchmark	Total
Top 10			
Vietnam Prosperity JSC Bank	2.80	0.41	0.99
NagaCorp Ltd	1.38	-	0.50
Kuwait Finance House KSCP	-	4.39	0.39
Vinhomes JSC	3.57	1.17	0.26
Searle Co Ltd/The	1.42	0.03	0.25
Hudbay Minerals Inc	1.21	-	0.23
Systems Ltd	0.58	0.09	0.20
Piraeus Financial Holdings SA	1.91	-	0.18
Hoa Phat Group JSC	3.86	1.17	0.18
Mobile World Investment Corp	2.32	-	0.18
Bottom 10			
Vingroup JSC	-	2.22	-0.91
Globant SA	0.72	-	-0.53
FPT Corp	1.88	0.44	-0.47
BDO Unibank Inc	2.25	0.83	-0.43
VIX Securities JSC	-	0.55	-0.36
Doha Bank QPSC	2.83	-	-0.31
Akdital Holding	2.25	0.32	-0.30
FPT DIGITAL RETAIL JSC	1.31	0.12	-0.27
Kaspi.KZ JSC	3.36	1.43	-0.26
DigiPlus Interactive Corp	-	-	-0.26

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2. Performance analysis

3M Country attribution

	Fund a	nd benchmark w	eights %	Total retur	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								
Cambodia	1.38	-	1.38	68.14	-	0.50	-	0.50
Kuwait	5.22	10.83	-5.61	2.79	3.18	0.28	-0.04	0.24
Iceland	1.97	2.85	-0.89	6.56	1.10	0.10	0.09	0.20
Greece	1.91	-	1.91	22.68	-	0.18	-	0.18
Tanzania, United Republic Of	1.14	-	1.14	20.41	-	0.11	-	0.11
Estonia	-	0.32	-0.32	-	-6.77	0.06	-	0.06
Bangladesh	-	0.73	-0.73	-	3.24	0.05	-	0.05
Morocco	6.19	6.90	-0.71	3.35	3.25	0.04	0.00	0.04
Senegal	-	0.34	-0.34	-	-0.66	0.04	-	0.04
Slovenia	3.30	3.45	-0.15	15.30	13.97	0.00	0.04	0.03
Top 10 detractors	Fop 10 detractors							
Vietnam	27.91	14.32	13.59	14.94	30.00	2.27	-3.60	-1.34
Argentina	0.72	-	0.72	-36.84	-	-0.53	-	-0.53
Saudi Arabia	3.52	-	3.52	0.30	-	-0.44	-	-0.44
Kazakhstan	5.91	3.06	2.86	1.27	7.66	-0.05	-0.38	-0.44
Philippines	5.24	5.68	-0.44	-10.85	-7.80	-0.04	-0.30	-0.34
Pakistan	2.00	2.93	-0.93	37.85	37.13	-0.16	-0.06	-0.22
Peru	2.95	5.00	-2.05	26.28	23.06	-0.24	0.06	-0.18
Colombia	-	1.90	-1.90	-	19.54	-0.16	-	-0.16
Romania	5.13	5.54	-0.41	10.49	13.37	-0.02	-0.13	-0.15
Kenya	-	1.70	-1.70	-	19.23	-0.14	-	-0.14
			Fund	6.42	9.69	1.87	-4.74	-2.87

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2. Performance analysis

YTD Stock attribution

	Weights %		
Stock	Fund	Benchmark	Total
Top 10			
Vietnam Prosperity JSC Bank	2.80	0.41	0.81
Vinhomes JSC	3.57	1.17	0.67
Piraeus Financial Holdings SA	1.91	-	0.62
NagaCorp Ltd	1.38	-	0.52
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	3.30	0.87	0.40
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	2.55	0.62	0.35
Kuwait Finance House KSCP	-	4.39	0.33
Cameco Corp	1.17	-	0.32
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank PJSC	2.35	0.88	0.28
Hudbay Minerals Inc	1.21	-	0.27
Bottom 10			
FPT Corp	1.88	0.44	-2.61
Globant SA	0.72	-	-1.90
Vingroup JSC	-	2.22	-1.70
Kaspi.KZ JSC	3.36	1.43	-1.33
Krka dd Novo mesto	-	1.69	-0.55
BD0 Unibank Inc	2.25	0.83	-0.55
Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC	0.99	-	-0.51
VIX Securities JSC	-	0.55	-0.40
Bank Mandiri Persero Tbk PT	-	-	-0.38
Bancolombia SA	-	-	-0.37

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2. Performance analysis

YTD Country attribution

	Fund a	nd benchmark w	eights %	Total retur	ı 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								
Qatar	6.56	10.30	-3.74	21.51	9.57	0.49	0.68	1.17
Greece	1.91	-	1.91	94.38	-	0.64	-	0.64
Cambodia	1.38	-	1.38	103.73	-	0.53	-	0.53
Iceland	1.97	2.85	-0.89	28.93	10.29	0.22	0.21	0.44
Bangladesh	-	0.73	-0.73	-	-5.76	0.28	-	0.28
South Africa	-	0.13	-0.13	33.46	-0.25	0.01	0.21	0.22
Tanzania, United Republic Of	1.14	-	1.14	46.34	-	0.16	-	0.16
Bahrain	-	0.99	-0.99	-	15.14	0.13	-	0.13
Serbia	-	0.01	-0.01	-	-100.00	0.06	-	0.06
Sri Lanka	-	0.50	-0.50	-	17.11	0.05	-	0.05
Top 10 detractors								
Vietnam	27.91	14.32	13.59	11.56	49.24	2.24	-7.67	-5.43
Argentina	0.72	-	0.72	-72.96	-	-1.86	-	-1.86
Saudi Arabia	3.52	-	3.52	3.05	-	-1.19	-	-1.19
Kazakhstan	5.91	3.06	2.86	5.35	11.56	-0.75	-0.32	-1.06
Pakistan	2.00	2.93	-0.93	15.53	43.53	-0.21	-0.66	-0.87
Colombia	-	1.90	-1.90	-	79.12	-0.54	-	-0.54
United Arab Emirates	10.89	14.26	-3.36	19.61	22.98	-0.04	-0.42	-0.46
Slovenia	3.30	3.45	-0.15	63.68	76.85	-0.20	-0.22	-0.41
Romania	5.13	5.54	-0.41	44.14	47.87	-0.18	-0.22	-0.40
Indonesia	-	-	-	-24.66	-	-0.38	-	-0.38
			Fund	16.80	29.11	-2.70	-8.29	-10.99

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3. Portfolio Positioning versus benchmark

Country positions

Country	Fund %	Benchmark %	Active weight %
Vietnam	27.9	14.3	13.6
United Arab Emirates	10.9	14.3	-3.4
Qatar	6.6	10.3	-3.7
Morocco	6.2	6.9	-0.7
Kazakhstan	5.9	3.1	2.9
Philippines	5.2	5.7	-0.4
Kuwait	5.2	10.8	-5.6
Romania	5.1	5.5	-0.4
Saudi Arabia	3.5	0.0	3.5
Slovenia	3.3	3.5	-0.2
Peru	3.0	5.0	-2.1
Pakistan	2.0	2.9	-0.9
Iceland	2.0	2.9	-0.9
Greece	1.9	0.0	1.9
Cambodia	1.4	0.0	1.4
Tanzania, United Republic Of	1.1	0.0	1.1
Mauritius	1.0	0.8	0.2
Argentina	0.7	0.0	0.7
Total number of countries	18	30	

3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

Quarterly changes to country exposure

Country	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25
Vietnam	18.6	19.9	16.6	23.2	27.9
United Arab Emirates	13.3	12.7	13.0	12.4	10.9
Qatar	5.8	7.5	7.0	7.9	6.6
Morocco	1.7	2.5	5.1	6.4	6.2
Kazakhstan	8.1	8.8	9.0	6.2	5.9
Philippines	12.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	5.2
Kuwait	5.9	7.1	7.6	5.9	5.2
Romania	7.6	6.1	6.4	4.8	5.1
Saudi Arabia	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.5	3.5
Slovenia	2.3	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.3
Peru	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.6	3.0
Pakistan	2.1	3.3	2.9	2.0	2.0
Iceland	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.0
Greece	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.9
Cambodia	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.4
Tanzania, United Republic	-	-	-	1.0	1.1
Mauritius	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.0
Argentina	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.7

Quarterly absolute weight change (%)



Source: Ashmore, as at 30 September 2025. 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 %
Hoa Phat Group JSC	Vietnam	Materials	3.9	1.2	2.7
Vinhomes JSC	Vietnam	Real Estate	3.6	1.2	2.4
National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	Kuwait	Financials	3.4	4.4	-0.9
Banca Transilvania SA	Romania	Financials	3.4	1.6	1.9
Kaspi.KZ JSC	Kazakhstan	Financials	3.4	1.4	1.9
Attijariwafa Bank	Morocco	Financials	3.3	1.3	2.0
Nova Ljubljanska Banka dd	Slovenia	Financials	3.3	0.9	2.4
Doha Bank QPSC	Qatar	Financials	2.8	-	2.8
Vietnam Prosperity JSC Bank	Vietnam	Financials	2.8	0.4	2.4
Qatar National Bank QPSC	Qatar	Financials	2.7	3.6	-0.9
Total number of holdings			53	292	

Key position changes

Changes in positioning	Country	Sector
New holdings		

Holdings exited

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Vietnam Dairy Products JSC	Vietnam	Consumer Staples
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia	Financials
SM Prime Holdings Inc	Philippines	Real Estate

Source: Ashmore, as at 30 September 2025.
Benchmark: MSCI Frontier + Select Emerging Markets Countries Capped Index Net TR

3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

Fund statistics

Statistics	Fund	Benchmark	Definition
Price/earnings forward	10.7x	11.0x	The ratio of share price to next 12 months estimated earnings per share.
Price/earnings	11.6x	11.7x	The ratio of share price to last 12 months earnings per share.
Return on equity	16.6%	16.3%	A profitability ratio calculated as net income divided by average shareholders' equity.

Fund characteristics

Characteristics	Fund	Benchmark	Definition
Weighted average market cap	\$13.3bn	\$17.0bn	The average market capitalisation of the fund weighted by the size of each position and its corresponding market capitalisation.
Number of holdings	54	292	Number of issuers the fund holds.
Standard deviation	10.8	9.9	A statistical measure of distribution around an average which depicts how widely returns varied over a certain period of time.
Tracking error	5.8	-	The annualised standard deviation of the fund's returns relative to the benchmark. A measure of active risk.
Beta	0.9	-	Measure of the historical fund sensitivity to the systematic risk represented by the fund's benchmark.
Active share	68.0	-	The difference in weight of fund holdings versus benchmark holdings including cash.

Source: Ashmore, as at 30 September 2025. Data based on Bloomberg consensus estimates

Benchmark: MSCI Frontier + Select Emerging Markets Countries Capped Index Net TR

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
- 272 staff employed globally
- Team based investment process, unchanged since 1992
- 98 member global investment team
- 28 dedicated in-house legal and compliance professionals
- 36 strong business development and client servicing team
- USD 48.7 billion* in assets under management as at 30 September 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.