

Sun Life Excel Emerging Markets Fund

FUND REVIEW | Q3 2018

Unless otherwise indicated: currency references are in C\$; data sources are Sun Life Global Investments and Morningstar; opinions and data as of September 30, 2018.

CATEGORY¹

Emerging markets equity

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund's investment objective is to seek capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies with a connection to emerging markets.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Sun Life Global Investments (Canada) Inc.

SUB-ADVISOR

Schroder Investment Management
North America Inc.
New York, New York, U.S.A.

INCEPTION DATE

September 1, 2011

TOTAL ASSETS

\$621,701,402

BENCHMARK

MSCI Emerging Markets Index

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Opinions and data for "PERFORMANCE SUMMARY" provided by Schroder Investment Management.

Sun Life Excel Emerging Markets Fund (Series A) returned -2.9% in the third quarter, underperforming its benchmark by roughly 0.1 percentage point.

Country allocation had a positive impact on relative performance. The overweight to Greece, which underperformed, and underweights to Mexico and Taiwan, both of which outperformed, detracted value. This was mostly offset by overweights to Poland and Russia, which both outperformed, and the underweight to South Africa, which underperformed.

Stock selection was positive overall. Chinese stock selection added the most value due to overweight positions in Sinopec (the oil company posted strong results), CNOOC (the crude oil and natural gas producer benefited from rising oil prices) and AIA Group (the insurance group's growth continues, with additional opportunities from potential deregulation in China). Stock selection was also positive in Korea, mainly due to the underweight to SK Hynix (the electronic component manufacturer underperformed on concerns over DRAM cycle peaking) and the overweight to NCsoft (the gaming company's stock rose on expectations of new launches).

These positives were offset somewhat by negative stock selection in Russia, which detracted value due to the overweight to Sberbank (potentially faces risk of further U.S. sanctions). Stock selection was also negative in India where the overweights to Maruti Suzuki (the auto manufacturer's sales growth decelerated) and HDFC Bank (underperformed following a share issuance during the quarter) and the underweight to Reliance Industries (the energy conglomerate reported strong earnings from refining) detracted value.

¹Mutual fund categories are maintained by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC).

PERFORMANCE²

SERIES A

COMPOUND RETURNS % ²	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Fund	-2.94	-8.60	1.75	10.20	6.96	0.84
Benchmark	-2.81	-8.73	2.52	11.00	8.47	6.79
+ / -	-0.13	0.13	-0.76	-0.80	-1.52	-5.95

CALENDAR YEAR %	YTD	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011 ³
Fund	-4.97	29.24	4.58	2.13	2.07	-2.75	-7.08	-12.31
Benchmark	-4.76	28.26	7.34	2.04	6.63	3.93	15.61	-7.11
+ / -	-0.22	0.97	-2.76	0.09	-4.55	-6.68	-22.68	-5.20

RISK ANALYSIS ⁴	SHARPE	BETA	STANDARD DEVIATION	SORTINO	UP CAPTURE	DOWN CAPTURE
Fund	0.58	0.94	11.44	0.99	92.48	99.14
Benchmark	0.68	1.00	11.83	1.22	100.00	100.00

SERIES F

COMPOUND RETURNS % ²	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Fund	-2.69	-8.12	2.82	11.40	8.09	1.90
Benchmark	-2.81	-8.73	2.52	11.00	8.47	6.79
+ / -	0.13	0.61	0.31	0.40	-0.38	-4.88

CALENDAR YEAR %	YTD	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011 ³
Fund	-4.23	30.63	5.77	3.20	3.09	-1.77	-6.07	-12.02
Benchmark	-4.76	28.26	7.34	2.04	6.63	3.93	15.61	-7.11
+ / -	0.52	2.37	-1.57	1.16	-3.54	-5.70	-21.67	-4.91

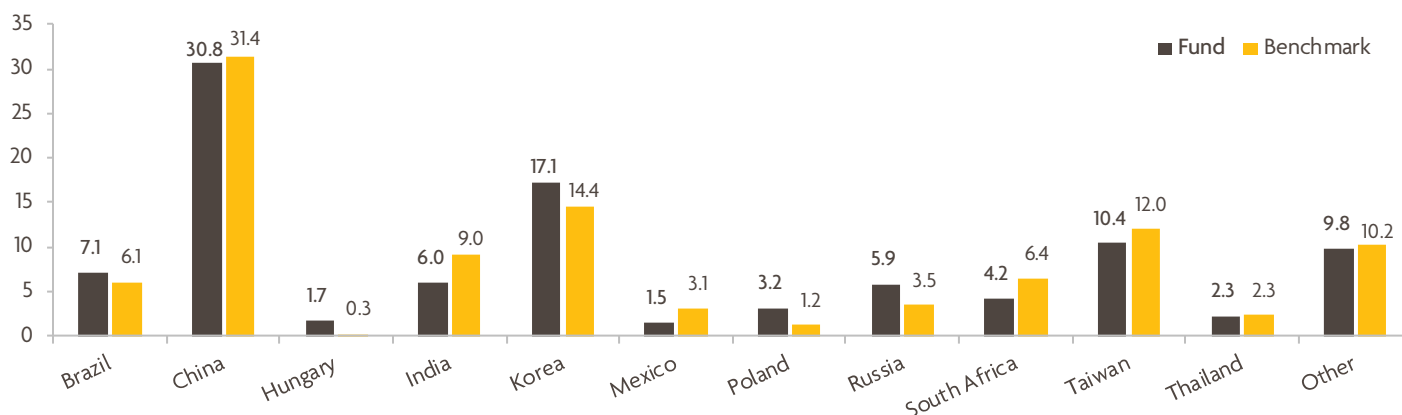
RISK ANALYSIS ⁴	SHARPE	BETA	STANDARD DEVIATION	SORTINO	UP CAPTURE	DOWN CAPTURE
Fund	0.67	0.94	11.44	1.18	95.42	95.42
Benchmark	0.68	1.00	11.83	1.22	100.00	100.00

²Returns for periods longer than one year are annualized. Series A securities of the fund are available for purchase to all investors, while Series F securities are only available to investors in an eligible fee-based or wrap program with their registered dealer. While Series A and Series F securities have the same reference portfolio, any difference in performance between these series is due primarily to differences in management fees and operating fees. The management fee for Series A securities includes the trailing commission, while Series F securities does not. Investors in Series F securities may pay a separate fee-based account fee that is negotiated with and payable to their registered dealer.

³Partial calendar year. Returns are for the period from the fund's inception date of September 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

⁴Data based on 5-year period ending September 30, 2018.

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)



Source: Schroder Investment Management

ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS | GEOGRAPHIC (SERIES F)

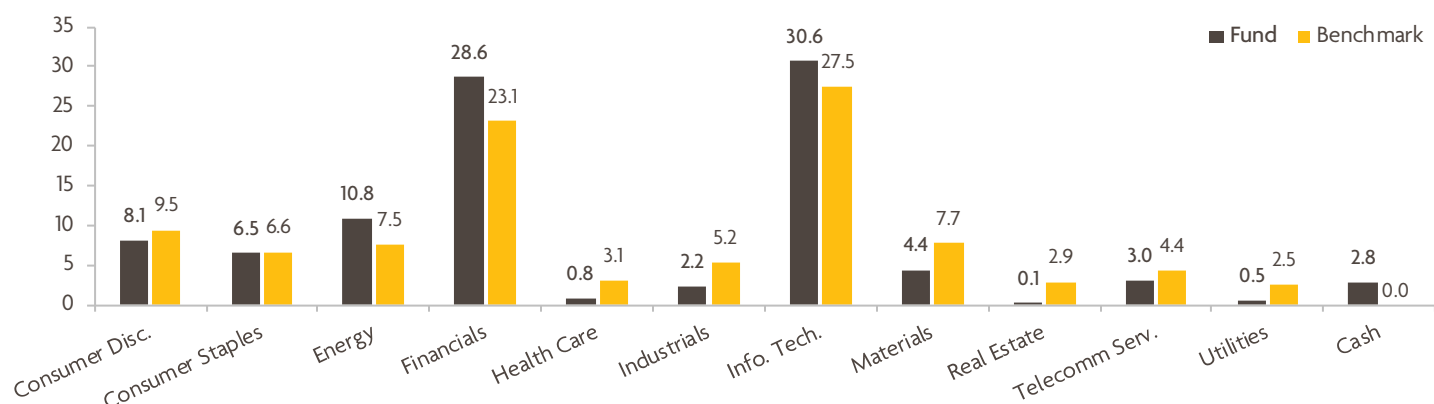
COUNTRY	COUNTRY WEIGHT			CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL		
	FUND %	BENCHMARK %	+/-	FUND %	BENCHMARK %	+/-
Brazil	7.11	6.10	1.01	3.95	4.23	-0.28
China	30.79	31.38	-0.60	-5.23	-9.11	3.89
Hungary	1.72	0.28	1.44	2.61	2.83	-0.23
India	6.02	9.05	-3.03	-7.31	-3.95	-3.37
Korea	17.14	14.42	2.72	-0.13	-1.06	0.93
Mexico	1.47	3.13	-1.66	-0.76	5.05	-5.81
Poland	3.18	1.19	1.99	7.46	8.72	-1.27
Russia	5.88	3.46	2.42	0.03	4.31	-4.28
South Africa	4.21	6.42	-2.21	-10.18	-9.01	-1.17
Taiwan	10.40	11.98	-1.57	4.08	4.69	-0.61
Thailand	2.27	2.35	-0.08	9.54	11.78	-2.24
Other	9.81	10.24	-0.44	-	-	-

COUNTRY	SECURITY SELECTION %	COUNTRY ALLOCATION %	TOTAL %
Brazil	-0.03	0.05	0.02
China	1.25	0.06	1.30
Hungary	0.00	0.08	0.08
India	-0.22	0.03	-0.19
Korea	0.16	0.02	0.18
Mexico	-0.09	-0.14	-0.23
Poland	-0.03	0.22	0.19
Russia	-0.26	0.11	-0.14
South Africa	-0.04	0.14	0.10
Taiwan	-0.10	-0.12	-0.22
Thailand	-0.04	-0.01	-0.04
Other	-0.13	-0.42	-0.56

Attribution analysis measures the effect of active management on fund performance relative to the benchmark. For example, "security selection" quantifies the manager's contribution to relative performance, either positive or negative, as decisions are made about which securities to hold, and whether to overweight or underweight those securities relative to the benchmark. "Security selection" and "country allocation" values may not reconcile with the "total" value across rows due to rounding or other effects.

Source: Schroder Investment Management

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)



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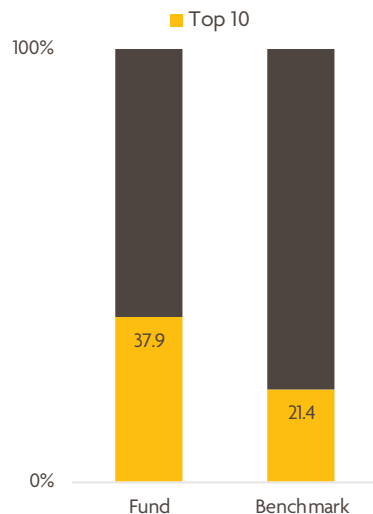
ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS | SECTOR (SERIES F)

SECTOR	SECTOR WEIGHT			CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL		
	FUND %	BENCHMARK %	+/-	FUND %	BENCHMARK %	+/-
Consumer Discretionary	8.08	9.45	-1.38	-10.19	-12.02	1.83
Consumer Staples	6.47	6.63	-0.16	-8.36	-4.47	-3.90
Energy	10.82	7.54	3.28	11.85	12.31	-0.46
Financials	28.61	23.09	5.52	-2.15	-0.44	-1.71
Health Care	0.81	3.08	-2.27	-7.92	-8.76	0.84
Industrials	2.22	5.24	-3.02	3.59	0.97	2.62
Information Technology	30.65	27.50	3.15	-5.26	-6.23	0.97
Materials	4.39	7.73	-3.34	8.69	2.42	6.26
Real Estate	0.10	2.90	-2.80	-1.14	-7.25	6.11
Telecomm Services	3.01	4.37	-1.36	-5.59	-0.14	-5.44
Utilities	0.53	2.48	-1.94	-7.80	-3.61	-4.19
Cash	2.85	0.00	2.85	3.82	0.00	3.82

SECTOR	SECURITY SELECTION %	SECTOR ALLOCATION %	TOTAL %
Consumer Discretionary	0.17	0.13	0.30
Consumer Staples	-0.25	0.00	-0.25
Energy	-0.01	0.48	0.47
Financials	-0.51	0.12	-0.39
Health Care	0.00	0.15	0.15
Industrials	0.05	-0.11	-0.06
Information Technology	0.29	-0.11	0.18
Materials	0.26	-0.18	0.08
Real Estate	0.01	0.12	0.13
Telecomm Services	-0.16	-0.04	-0.20
Utilities	-0.02	0.02	0.00
Cash	0.00	0.14	0.14

Source: Schroder Investment Management

HOLDINGS ANALYSIS



TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	FUND %	BENCHMARK %	+ / -
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	6.68	3.89	2.79
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR	6.09	4.09	2.00
TENCENT HOLDINGS	5.81	4.54	1.27
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING	4.37	3.68	0.70
CHINA CONST BK	3.49	1.62	1.87
LUKOIL PJSC - ADR	3.05	0.63	2.42
CHINA PETROLEUM & CHEMICAL CORP	2.58	0.49	2.08
AIA GROUP	2.35	0.00	2.35
INFOSYS	1.77	0.68	1.09
NASPERS	1.75	1.82	-0.07
Top 10 holdings % of net assets		37.95	21.44
Total # fund holdings		101	

Holdings may change at any time without notice.

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