SKERRYVORE GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS ALL-CAP EQUITY FUND C SHARE CLASS

Monthly Report

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THE FUND AT A GLANCE

| Feature | Fund Facts |
|-------------------------------|---|
| APIR code | BFL3229AU |
| Benchmark | MSCI Emerging Markets Index (AUD) |
| Active stock limit | +10% |
| Cash | 0-10% |
| Recommended investment period | Long term (five years plus) |
| Buy/sell spread | +/-0.25% |
| Entry/exit fees | Nil |
| Management fees & costs* | 1.10% p.a. of Net Asset Value of the fund |

C SHARE CLASS - PERIOD RETURNS TO 31 JULY 2025

| | 1 Month (%) | 3 Month (%) | 6 Month (%) | 1 Year (%) | 2 Year p.a (%) | 3 Year p.a (%) | Since Inception p.a (%) |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fund (net) | -1.96 | -3.47 | 2.99 | 4.42 | 7.02 | 11.52 | 4.92 |
| Benchmark ¹ | 3.77 | 11.99 | 11.85 | 18.85 | 14.14 | 13.49 | 5.09 |
| Value Added | -5.73 | -15.46 | -8.85 | -14.43 | -7.12 | -1.97 | -0.17 |

ABOUT US

We are an independent investment management boutique established in Edinburgh in 2019. Our sole focus is emerging markets equities. Our core investment team has been together a decade with an average of over 17 years investment experience.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy stresses the importance of alignment. We invest alongside managers and owners with good reputations that share our belief in a long-term approach to investment - the strategies have a history of preserving as well as growing client capital by investing alongside owners and managers with a record of integrity and delivery.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Achieve long-term capital appreciation through investing in companies, operating in, or exposed to, emerging markets

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Glen Finegan Lead Portfolio Manager

Nicholas Cowley Portfolio Manager

Michael Cahoon Portfolio Manager

Past performance does not predict future returns Source: MSCI and Skerryvore as of 31 July 2025

*Management fees and costs consist of annual management fee rate and capped recoverable expenses. For a detailed split of the fees and costs, please refer to the fund(s) PDS.

MSC Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (AUD). The Index captures large and mid-cap representation across emerging market countries. (MSCI EM Net Total Return Index (AUD)).

^{2.} Inception date - 03 August 2021

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

| Number of holdings | 48 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of countries | 19 |
| Number of sectors | 8 |
| Number of industries | 23 |
| 7-day liquidity (%) | 95 |
| Average market capitalization (\$m) | 46,971 |
| Active share (%) | 91 |

TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS

| Country | Fund (%) | Benchmark ⁵ (%) |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|
| India | 21.66 | 16.89 |
| Taiwan | 12.53 | 19.48 |
| Mexico | 9.70 | 1.92 |
| Brazil | 9.17 | 4.05 |
| South Africa | 7.33 | 3.21 |
| China | 7.01 | 29.22 |
| Canada | 3.74 | 0.00 |
| Greece | 3.51 | 0.65 |
| Netherlands | 2.87 | 0.00 |
| Portugal | 2.86 | 0.00 |

SECTOR WEIGHTS



HOW TO INVEST

The fund is open to investors directly via the PDS (available on our <u>website</u>) or via the following platforms: AMP North - BT (Panorama) - Hub24 - Macquarie Wrap - Netwealth - Mason Stevens - Powerwrap - Praemium

FINANCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Representa | ative Fund ⁱ |
|---|-------------------------|
| ROE (Return on Equity)² | 21.16 |
| ROA (Return on Assets)³ | 6.24 |
| Leverage Ratio | 10.43 |
| ROIC Annual (Return on Investment Capital) ⁴ | 9.19 |
| Earnings Growth – 12m fwd* | 11.55 |
| Current P/CF – 12m fwd* (Price to Cash Flow) | 12.03 |

REGIONAL WEIGHTS

| Region | Fund (%) | Benchmark (%) |
|--------------|----------|---------------|
| Asia Pacific | 50.92 | 80.47 |
| Americas | 27.01 | 6.83 |
| EMEA | 20.05 | 12.71 |
| Cash | 2.02 | 0.00 |

STOCK LEVEL ATTRIBUTION

TOP DETRACTORS TO RETURN

| Name | Contribution (%) |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Raia Drogasil | -0.36 |
| Tata Consultancy Services | -0.35 |
| WEG | -0.29 |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd | -0.26 |
| Fomento Economico Mexico | -0.25 |

STOCK LEVEL ATTRIBUTION

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

| Name | Contribution (%) |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Mega Lifesciences | 0.45 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor | 0.30 |
| Hindustan Unilever Ltd | 0.17 |
| Cipla Ltd | 0.12 |
| Philippine Seven Corp | 0.10 |

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- 1. A representative global portfolio was used to illustrate this fund.
- 2. Return on Common Equity is calculated as of the date of analysis as [(Trailing 12M Net Income (Losses) Trailing 12M Total Cash Preferred Dividends) / Average Total Common Equity]
- 3. Return on Assets (in percentage) is calculated as of the date of analysis as [(Trailing 12M Net Income (Losses) Trailing 12M Total Cash Preferred Dividends) / Average Total Assets]
- 4. Trailing 12M Net operating profit after tax / Average invested capital
- 5. MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index
- * These are forward looking, based on certain assumptions and subject to certain known and unknown risks and should not be relied upon as being indicative of future performance or events

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POSITIONING & STRATEGY

The fund's objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investing in companies operating in, or exposed to, emerging markets.

COMMENTARY

Global emerging market equities rose in Australian dollar terms during the period. The fund fell in value and underperformed the benchmark index¹ as markets rallied on continued hope that trade tensions would not impact the broader global economy and continued excitement in AI related businesses.

HOLDING LEVEL COMMENTARY

We exited our position in Chilean brewer **Compañía Cervecerías Unidas (CCU)** following a reassessment of the medium-term outlook. While CCU remains a well-managed business with leading market positions in beer and soft drinks across Chile and parts of South America, the investment case had become less compelling.

In recent quarters, CCU has benefited from favourable commodity cost trends, price increases, and post-pandemic demand recovery. These factors contributed to margin expansion and earnings growth, which were well recognised by the market and reflected in a significantly higher valuation multiple. At current levels, we believe the shares are discounting a continuation of these favourable conditions that may prove difficult to sustain.

Looking ahead, we see risks of increased competitive intensity. Management's capital allocation priorities, including investment in non-core geographies, add further uncertainty. Given the narrower margin of safety and more attractive opportunities elsewhere in our universe, we took the decision to reallocate capital.

OUTLOOK

In an increasingly capricious political environment strong corporate governance is more important than ever to protect investors. We actively seek out owners and management teams with long track records of treating all their stakeholders fairly.

Many years' experience of investing in inflation-prone emerging markets has taught us to seek out companies with strong pricing power. A proven ability to create intellectual property, ownership of strong brands and well-managed retail franchises are some of the attributes of companies we have seen navigate previous periods of inflation. Regulated assets or assets at high risk of being regulated often lack pricing power, which can leave them more exposed to inflationary pressures, and for that reason we have tended to avoid holding these in our portfolios.

The fund has a significant exposure to high quality domestic franchises such as leading retailers and soft drinks makers. These may prove to be more defensive in the current period of trade friction and are also beneficiaries of the demographic opportunity available in some emerging markets.

Finally, strong balance sheets help companies weather economic cycles, and as a result we won't invest in businesses with a record of excessive borrowing. Most importantly our investment philosophy and process are designed to weather stormy waters. Historically these storms have originated within our own markets, but developed markets are the source of the current bout of volatility.

We believe valuations for businesses within our portfolio look attractive on an absolute basis and the long-term return opportunity in emerging markets continues to be an attractive one.

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