SKERRYVORE GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS ALL-CAP EQUITY FUND C SHARE CLASS Monthly Report Report for the month ended 29 November 2024 Skerryvore ASSET MANAGEMENT bennelong

# **Investment Results**

### C SHARE CLASS - PERIOD RETURNS TO 29 NOVEMBER 2024

	1 Month (%)	3 Month (%)	6 Month (%)	1 Year (%)	2 Year p.a (%)	Since Inception p.a <sup>2</sup> (%)
Fund (net)	-3.05	-0.32	1.46	8.18	9.83	3.96
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	-3.07	2.35	6.28	13.85	9.46	0.80
Value Added	0.02	-2.67	-4.82	-5.68	0.38	3.15

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

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 fell in Australian dollar terms during the period. The strategy produced a negative return and marginally outperformed the MSCI emerging markets index. India was the strongest performing market for the fund whilst The Philippines was the weakest.

The main driver for returns during the period was the result of the US election and the return of Donald Trump as President. This caused significant strength in the US dollar and led to weakness in several emerging market currencies as the market considered the risks of higher-tariffs on imports into the US. We believe that the funds low exposure to Chinese equities and particularly a lack of exposure to Chinese exporters reduces some of the broader risks and challenges that a potential trade war between America and China will have on equity prices if this were to occur. The fund is well positioned to take advantage of the continued growth in the developing world.

### **OUTLOOK**

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 high 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.

Finally, many central banks appear to consider the spectre of inflation to have been banished leading to falling interest rates which may help Emerging Markets and encourage investment which should lead to improved growth. History has taught us, however, that investing on the basis of what might happen is less useful than focusing on what has happened in the form of long-term track records of the businesses we own. We continue to believe that the owners and managers of our companies will be in a good position to take advantage of whatever the economic weather throws at them.





# **Investment Results**

### STOCK LEVEL ATTRIBUTION

### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

Name	Contribution (%)
Tata Consultancy Services	0.26
Qualitas Controladora	0.22
HDFC Bank Limited	0.19
Coca-Cola HBC	0.10
Advantech	0.09

### TOP DETRACTORS TO RETURN

Name	Contribution (%)
Nexon Co Ltd	-0.56
Fomento Economico Mexicano	-0.43
Mega Lifescience	-0.35
President Chain Store	-0.27
Franco Nevada	-0.23

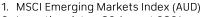
### **HOLDING LEVEL COMMENTARY & ANALYSIS**

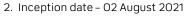
The largest positive contributor to returns was from Tata Consultancy Services. There was no specific news during the period that drove the return, however as a business that generates significant revenues and profits outside of India the business is seen as a beneficiary of recent weakness in the Indian Rupee relative to the US dollar. HDFC was the third largest contributor to returns during the period. The shares had been notably weak at the start of the year and its low valuation relative to more expensive midcap Indian equities and a growth profile that is more in-line with the broader Indian banking sector is alleviating fears that the franchise had lost its way through the recent merger of its two constituent parts. We continue to believe that the shares are very attractively valued for this leading Indian banking franchise.

Nexon was the largest negative contributor to relative returns. Recent results were strong with revenues +13% (YoY) and operating profits +11% (YoY) driven by robust game sales with a successful launch of The First Descendant and strong performance of MapleStory's localized versions. These results were below the markets elevated expectations and caused a sharp sell-off in the share price We continue to believe that the shares are very attractively valued for this leading Asian video games producer and distributor.

The second largest negative contributor to returns was from the holding in Mexican retailer FEMSA.

Recent results have been soft due to weakness in the Mexican economy, however the driver of the share price weakness has been the weakness in the Mexican Peso caused by fears and recent announcements of potential tariffs by President elect Donald Trump. We believe the current valuation of FEMSA more than accounts for these risks, and does not impact its long-term growth opportunity and have been adding to the funds position on recent weakness.





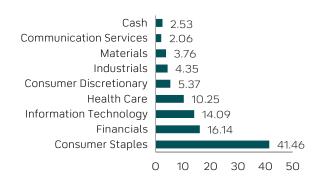




### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Name	Weight (%)
HDFC Bank Limited	5.77
Fomento Economico Mexicano	5.57
Cipla	4.96
TSMC	4.86
Tata Consultancy Services	3.75
Coca-Cola HBC	3.56
Yifeng Pharmacy Chain	3.26
Franco Nevada	3.22
Raia Drogasil	3.05
Kotak Mahindra Bank	2.86

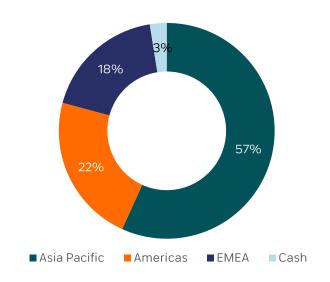
**SECTOR WEIGHTS** 



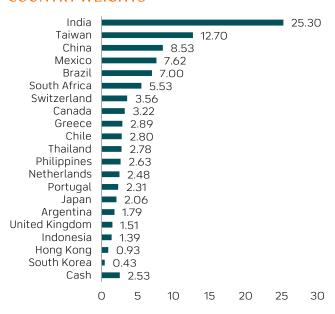
### THE FUND AT A GLANCE

Feature	Fund Facts
APIR code	BFL3229AU
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (AUD)
Investment objective	Achieve long-term capital appreciation through investing in companies, operating in, or exposed to, emerging markets
Portfolio managers	Glen Finegan, Nicholas Cowley, Michael Cahoon
Active stock limit	+10%
Cash	0-10%
Recommended investment period	Long term (five years plus)
Buy/sell spread	+/-0.3%
Entry/exit fees	Nil
Management fees & costs*	1.10% p.a. of Net Asset Value of the fund

### **REGIONAL WEIGHTS**



### **COUNTRY WEIGHTS**



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