

## MARKETING COMMUNICATION

# **Monthly Report**

Report for the month ended 31 July 2025

## **FUND AT A GLANCE**

Fund Inception Date	30 March 2022
Base Currency	USD
Fund AUM (£)	197,417,270

## PERFORMANCE % (PERIOD RETURNS TO 31 JULY 2025)

(Performance shown below is net of fees)

Share Class Net Performance Returns	1 Month (%)	3 Month (%)	6 Month (%)	1 Year (%)	Since Inception* (%)
F - GBP returns (inception 30/03/22)	-0.30	-1.55	0.50	-0.63	1.90
S - GBP returns (inception 11/06/24)	-0.33	-1.64	0.34	-0.95	-0.69
Z - GBP returns (inception 24/03/23)	-0.25	-1.41	0.79	-0.05	1.99
Benchmark (GBP) – MSCI Emerging Markets Index	5.57	13.74	8.40	13.74	5.06
F - EUR returns (inception 22/04/22)	-1.01	-3.04	-2.66	-3.15	1.36
Benchmark (EUR)- MSCI Emerging Markets Index	4.56	11.92	4.86	10.79	4.42

Fund performance is based on the actual prices of the share class shown, priced at the Valuation Point (12 noon). Benchmark performance is based on market close of business. These figures do not include an initial charge. If this is paid, it will reduce returns from that shown.

## Source: MSCI & Skerryvore as of 31 July 2025

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## **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**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation.

## **SFDR**

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund does not have a sustainability objective and does not put sustainability above investment returns. The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and discloses in accordance with Article 8 of the SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation). No index has been designated as a reference benchmark, as defined in SFDR.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

Copies of legal and regulatory Fund documentation as well as Fund performance reports can be found via the link below.



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## PLATFORMS AVAILABLE

7IM, Aviva, Aegon, abrn wrap, Allfunds, AJ Bell, Embark, Integrafin, interactive investor, Novia, Parmenion, Quilter, SECCL, Transact

<sup>\*</sup> Annualised

# Skerryvore ICAV – Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

Share Class	ISIN	SEDOL	Launch	Ongoing Charge	AMC	Initial Charge	Min Investment
F Share Class							
GBP Acc class	IE000AW7I893	BP5XH85	30/03/22	0.58%	0.43%	<5%	Nil
EUR Acc class	IEOOOFLGLBC2	BP5XH96	22/04/22	0.58%	0.43%	<5%	Nil
S Share Class							
GBP Acc class	IE00092BXG10	BP5XH07	11/06/24	0.90%	0.75%	<5%	5k
Z Share Class							
GBP Acc class	IEOOODNFBBZ7	BMTXZ53	24/03/23	0.00%	0.00%	<5%	50m

## **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

Number of holdings	41
Number of countries	16
Number of sectors	8
Number of industries	19
7-day liquidity (%)	100
Average market capitalization (\$m)	61,091
Active share (%)	91

## **SECTOR WEIGHTS**



## **TOP 10 COUNTRY WEIGHTS**

Country	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
India	21.75	16.89
Taiwan	12.70	19.48
Mexico	10.91	1.92
Brazil	10.73	4.05
China	8.60	29.22
South Africa	7.56	3.21
Canada	3.73	0.00
Portugal	3.32	0.00
Netherlands	3.06	0.00
Greece	2.85	0.65
Cash	2.98	0.00

## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Name	Weight (%)
Cipla Ltd	5.25
HDFC Bank Limited	4.27
Walmart De Mexico	3.97
Franco-Nevada	3.73
TSMC	3.65
Yifeng Pharmacy Chain	3.48
Tata Consultancy Services	3.34
Jeronimo Martins	3.32
Advantech Co Ltd	3.15
Heineken Holding	3.06

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Benchmark MSCI EM Net Total Return Index - Totals may not sum due to rounding. Any security mentioned is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice. Not for use with the public. Not for redistribution

# Skerryvore ICAV GEM Equity Fund

## **POSITIONING & STRATEGY**

We are fundamental, long-term, bottom-up investors seeking to create a high-conviction portfolio of reasonably valued, high-quality companies that are exposed to, or operate in, emerging markets. Portfolio positioning is the output of our bottom-up based convictions, rather than a specific top-down view.

## **COMMENTARY**

Global emerging market equities rose in US 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 postpandemic 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.

We also purchased a new position in **Uni-President China Holdings Ltd**, a Hong Kong listed leading food and beverage company in Mainland China. Uni-President China is a subsidiary of Taiwan-based Uni-President Enterprises Corp. It operates primarily in China's instant noodles and non-alcoholic beverages markets, offering well-known brands that have become household names. The company has spent decades building nationwide distribution capabilities and has developed a strong brand reputation based on quality, affordability and innovation. The stock trades at an attractive valuation relative to its superior return on equity, net cash balance sheet and long-term growth opportunity.

## **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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Benchmark MSCI EM Net Total Return, as of 31 July 2025

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