

# EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY UCITS II FUND

MAY 2024

NAV \$22.40 USD

**FUND AUM** \$1.6 BILLION

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To seek long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of Emerging Markets issuers in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe.

# **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

The Fund is actively managed using an objective, disciplined, and systematic process designed to exploit mispricings within emerging markets. At the bottom-up level, we use a wide range of more than 100 quantitative factors focused on valuation, earnings, quality, and price movements. At the top-down level, we utilize factors related to valuation, quality, risk. growth, technical, and economic indicators.

#### SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Sustainability is fully integrated into the investment process. Our Sustainability Framework follows a 4pillar approach:

> **ESG** integration Exclusions

Net Zero Aligned

Active Ownership

The fund meets the requirements for Article 8 classification under SFDR.

More details on our Responsible Investing at Acadian is available here: https://www.acadianasset.com/investment-strategies/responsible-investing.

# **FUND FACTS**

USD Base Currency: Liquidity: Daily Settlement: T+3 14:00 GMT Cut-Off Time: Legal Status: **UCITS V** Domicile: Ireland

Management Company: Carne Global Fund Managers

(Ireland) Limited

# **INCEPTION DATE** 01 Jul 2009

### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE\***



#### PERFORMANCE\*

Past performance is not a guide to future performance, the value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

Performance Currency: USD	FUND (NAV)	MSCI EM INDEX (NET)	VALUE ADDED VS. BENCHMARK
One Month Return	1.3	0.6	0.7
Three Month Return	4.2	3.5	0.7
Year-to-Date Return	8.2	3.4	4.8
2023	22.0	9.8	12.2
2022	-20.9	-20.1	-0.8
2021	6.9	-2.5	9.4
2020	13.4	18.3	-4.9
2019	17.7	18.4	-0.7
One Year Annualized Return	24.1	12.4	11.7
Three Year Annualized Return	-0.1	-6.2	6.1
Five Year Annualized Return	7.6	3.5	4.1
Ten Year Annualized Return	4.3	2.7	1.6
Since Inception Annualized Return	7.0	4.7	2.3

### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)

# ■ Fund ■ MSCI EM Index (net) 24.1 124 -0.1 3 Year 5 Year 10 Year Since 1 Year Inception

# **STATISTICS**

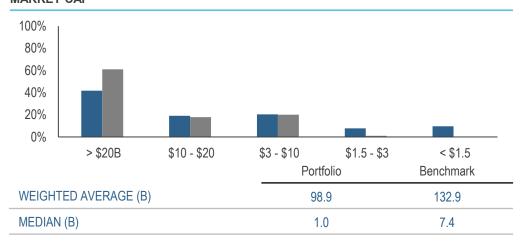
	Fund	MSCI EN
Volatility (5Y)	18.5	18.6
Alpha (5Y)	4.0	-
Beta (5Y)	1.0	-
Tracking Error (5Y)	4.8	-
Information Ratio (5Y)	8.0	-
Sharpe Ratio (5Y)	0.3	0.1
Active Share (%)	63.8	-
Number of Holdings	1146	1373
Turnover (T12M)	51.26	-

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#### **RATIOS**

Price/Earnings 10.1
Price/Books 1.3
Dividend Yield 3.64%

#### MARKET CAP



#### MSCI Emerging Markets COUNTRY **SECTOR** Utilities 36 81.6 Asia 79.9 Real Estate Materials 6.7 Information Technology Latin America (LATAM) 8.0 Industrials 2.3<sub>2</sub> Health Care Europe/Mid East/Africa 10.2 (EMEA) 11.2 Financials 10.1 Energy Hong Kong/Singapore 0.0 Consumer Staples (HK/SG) 0.0 Consumer Discretionary Communication Services 1.4 Cash 1.4 Cash

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	% OF PORTFOLIO
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	Taiwan	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	6.5
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	China	Media & Entertainment	3.8
HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO LTD	Taiwan	Technology Hardware & Equipment	2.1
MEDIATEK INC	Taiwan	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	2.1
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	South Korea	Technology Hardware & Equipment	2.1
PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA	Brazil	Energy	1.8
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORP.	China	Banks	1.6
PDD HOLDINGS INC	China	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	1.6
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	China	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	1.5
HANA FINANCIAL GROUP INC	South Korea	Banks	1.3

The above reflects positions in individual China securities accessed through the Fund's investment in the Acadian Sustainable China A Equity fund, which is currently 2.8% of the portfolio. Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell individual securities. Reference to the benchmark is for comparative purposes only and is not intended to indicate that the portfolio will contain the same investments as the benchmark. Investors have the opportunity for losses as well as profits. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. Index Source: MSCI Copyright MSCI 2024. All Rights Reserved. Unpublished. PROPRIETARY TO MSCI. This document is directed solely at persons categorised as Professional Clients under MiFID. Retail Clients should not act or rely on the information contained in this document. Acadian Asset Management (UK) Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority – Reg No 460224.

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250

200

150 100

50

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Portfolio

Benchmark

Scope 1: Direct emissions through the consumption of fossil fuels, includes industrial use, power generation and aircraft

Benchmark

Scope 2: Indirect emissions through consumption of purchased electricity

Carbon Intensity: (Scope 1 + Scope 2 /Sales)

Portfolio

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#### IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Emerging market risk: investing in emerging markets or lesser developed countries exposes the Fund to higher levels of possible risk and return. It may be difficult to buy and sell investments in such countries. The Fund may be exposed to price instability, currency fluctuations and changes in economic, political, regulatory and governmental conditions which may affect the performance of the Fund

Market risk: the Fund invests in shares and the value of these shares may go down as well as up due to a variety of factors including market and economic conditions, sector, geographical and political events. The Fund may also invest in assets denominated in currencies other than the Fund's base currency and changes in exchange rates may adversely affect the value of your investment. The value of your investment may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the original amount invested

Derivative risk: the Fund may use specialist financial techniques (known as derivatives) to both reduce or "off-set" risk and for investment purposes. The value of a derivative depends primarily on the performance of the underlying asset. A small movement in the value of the underlying asset may cause a large movement in the value of the derivative

Exchange rate risk: the Fund invests in assets denominated in currencies other than the Fund's base currency. Changes in exchange rates may lead to fluctuations in the value of your investment.

# **ABOUT ACADIAN**

- Acadian is a global investment manager. It was founded in 1986 in Boston.
- We manage \$110bn\* in assets on behalf of institutional investors, including \$20.0b in Europe.
- Acadian specializes in systematic equity and multi-asset strategies.

#### **ESG PROFILE**

Responsible investing issues are embedded in our process in the context of our quantitative frameworks for bottom-up security and top-down valuation. At our core, Acadian seeks investments that are likely to generate the best risk-adjusted returns, inclusive of ESG considerations. We believe that such investments are characterized by strong financial health, solid business prospects, effective corporate governance, and upside potential – traits that are likely to be embodied by sustainable and responsible businesses. Alongside the traditional financial criteria we employ to help identify such companies – i.e., fundamental value, earnings, quality, and price factors – we incorporate ESG issues in our bottom-up and top-down frameworks through the use of corporate governance and corruption indicators and other signals that capture ESG considerations. Research and implementation of these factors must meet the same high standards for inclusion into our investment process. That is, we will only incorporate ESG signals into our process that we believe will assist in maximizing risk-adjusted returns.

Outside of ESG signals incorporated into our investment model we can incorporate additional and stronger ESG and responsible investment considerations through our flexible and customizable portfolio construction framework. These may include common exclusions such as Tobacco or Weapons to some more unique classifications. Acadian's large investment universe and optimization techniques minimizes the investment impact of socially responsible considerations. The decision to invest in the Fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the funds as described in the prospectus.

## **FUND ANALYSIS**

The portfolio outperformed its benchmark for the month. Stock selection contributed to return, while country allocations were positive. Key sources of positive active return included a combination of stock selection and an underweight position in South Korea, a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in Taiwan, and stock selection in China. Detractors included stock selection in India, stock selection in Saudi Arabia, and an overweight position in the United Arab Emirates.

From a process perspective, Acadian's Alpha model yielded positive results, whereas Non-Alpha model components detracted. Within our Alpha model, in aggregate, Bottom-Up signals were rewarded. Within our Bottom-Up model, Value, Quality, and Growth signals experienced tailwinds while Technical faced headwinds. Acadian's Peer model, which seeks to capture non-obvious linkages between companies, delivered unfavorable results. Our Top-Down model contributed to return.

#### SHARE CLASS DETAILS

FUND BASE CURRENCY – USD BENCHMARK – MSCI EM (BB CODE: MXEF)

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	MANAGEMENT FEE	TYPE	ISIN	BLOOMBERG CODE	YEARLY ON-GOING	PERFORMANCE FEE	
					CHARGES		
Accum. Class A Shares - USD	1.40%	Retail	IE00BH7Y7K21	RAEMEAA ID	1.59%	20%	
Accum. Class B Shares - EUR	1.40%	Retail	IE00BH7Y7L38	RAEMBEU ID	1.59%	20%	
Accum. Class C Shares - USD	0.75%	Institutional	IE00BH7Y7M45	RAEMECU ID	0.95%	n/a	
Accum. Class D Shares - GBP	0.75%	Institutional	IE00BH7Y8M10	RAEMEDG ID	0.95%	n/a	
Class F Shares - GBP Income	0.75%	Institutional	IE00BDQPPH17	RAEMFGI ID	0.94%	n/a	
Accum. Class E Shares - EUR	1.50%	Retail	IE00BYZW0531	RAEMEEA ID	1.70%	n/a	
Accum. Class G Shares - USD	1.20%	Institutional	IE00BFZNGW26	RAEMGUA ID	1.39%	n/a	
Accum. Class J Shares - EUR	0.75%	Institutional	IE00BKKJHX87	ACEM2JE ID	0.94%	n/a	

\*As of March 31, 2024. Rounding is applied to the total firm AUM which includes \$1329.5 million in model advisory contracts where Acadian does not have trading authority. The individual strategy level assets under management (AUM) are rounded to the nearest decimal point and do not include model advisory assets.

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