

# EMERGING MARKETS UCITS FUND

Euro Accumulation Shares

As of December 31, 2023

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## FUND STATISTICS

**Class Inception:** Feb 10, 2016

**ISIN:** IE00BWT3P209

**Minimum Initial Investment:**

\$1 Million

**Ongoing Expenses: \*** 1.25%

*\*The Investment Manager has currently undertaken to limit ongoing charges (excluding expenses for interest, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, shareholder service fees, fees and expenses of other funds in which the Fund invests, and extraordinary expenses) of the share class to 1.25% of the average daily net asset value.*

**Class Net Assets:** €58,057,458

## TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 12/31/2023

	MSCI Emerging Markets	EUR Class (Net)	in EUR (Gross)
<b>Curr. Qtr.</b>		2.96%	3.45%
<b>1 year</b>		14.80%	6.53%
<b>3 Years</b>		-0.25%	-1.40%
<b>5 Years</b>		4.57%	4.79%
<b>Since Inc.</b>		6.61%	7.52%

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital in emerging markets.

## Investment Strategy

The Investment Manager uses a quantitative investment approach to purchase and sell investments for the Fund. The Fund invests in companies in ten or more emerging markets. If the Fund invests in a country, the percentage of the Fund's total assets attributable to that country is not expected to be greater than the weight of that country as represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, plus 5 percentage points, or less than the weight of that country in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index minus 5 percentage points.

## Fund Features

- Actively managed, tracking-error oriented, quantitative strategy
- Combines bottom-up and top-down factors in security selection
- Supports strict risk controls in stock selection process
- Provides diversification benefits to a developed markets portfolio

## About the Adviser

Causeway Capital Management LLC is an investment management firm which began operations in June 2001. Causeway has approximately \$45.5 billion in global, international, and emerging market equities assets under management, and has 106 employees, 39 of whom are investment professionals.

**JOE GUBLER, CFA Portfolio Manager** Mr. Gubler is a quantitative portfolio manager at Causeway. He joined the firm in 2005 and has been a portfolio manager since January 2014. In addition to managing quantitative portfolios and conducting alpha research, Mr. Gubler also leads the efforts to maintain and enhance Causeway's proprietary risk models. He is also a member of the operating committee.

**ARJUN JAYARAMAN, PhD, CFA Portfolio Manager** Dr. Jayaraman is a director, quantitative portfolio manager and head of the quantitative research at Causeway and has been with the firm since January 2006. Dr. Jayaraman's responsibilities and research include stock selection, asset allocation, risk model development, and portfolio construction.

**MACDUFF KUHNERT, CFA Portfolio Manager** Mr. Kuhnert is a director and a quantitative portfolio manager at Causeway and has been with the firm since its inception in June 2001. Mr. Kuhnert's responsibilities and research include stock selection, asset allocation, risk model development, and portfolio construction.

**RYAN MYERS, Portfolio Manager** Mr. Myers is a quantitative portfolio manager at Causeway. He joined the firm in June 2013 and has been a portfolio manager since January 2021. His responsibilities include alpha research, stock selection, and portfolio construction.

**TOP TEN COUNTRIES**

China	26.8%
India	20.1%
Taiwan	19.0%
South Korea	16.3%
Brazil	6.3%
Turkey	2.0%
Saudi Arabia	1.8%
Thailand	1.6%
Mexico	1.5%
Indonesia	1.3%

**TOP TEN SECTORS**

Information Technology	24.1%
Financials	18.1%
Consumer Discretionary	15.1%
Industrials	10.5%
Communication Services	8.6%
Energy	8.1%
Health Care	3.9%
Consumer Staples	3.3%
Utilities	3.1%
Materials	2.8%

**TOP TEN ACTIVE HOLDINGS**

Kia Corp. (South Korea)	2.0%	REC Ltd. (India)	1.3%
Banco do Brasil SA (Brazil)	2.0%	Vipshop Holdings (China)	1.2%
PetroChina Co., Ltd. (China)	1.9%	KB Financial Group, Inc. (South Korea)	1.2%
China Construction Bank Corp. (China)	1.7%	Oil & Natural Gas Corp. Ltd. (India)	1.1%
Tencent Holdings Ltd. (China)	1.3%	PDD Holdings (China)	1.0%

*Active defined as Fund weight minus MSCI Emerging Markets Index weight. The holdings identified above can and will differ from the Fund's Top 10 holdings measured by Fund weight. Holdings are subject to change.*

## Market commentary

Emerging markets stocks posted positive returns during the quarter and the calendar year. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index ("Index") returned 5.65% in local currency terms during the fourth quarter. Information technology, utilities, and financials were the top-performing sectors within the Index in local currency terms. Real estate, communication services, and consumer discretionary were the weakest-performing sectors during the quarter.

The Causeway Emerging Markets UCITS Fund ("Fund"), on a net asset value basis, underperformed the Index during the quarter. We use both bottom-up "stock-specific" and top-down factor categories to seek to forecast alpha for the stocks in the Fund's investable universe. Our bottom-up technical (price momentum) and competitive strength factors were positive indicators during the quarter. Growth was a neutral indicator and valuation was negative. Of our top-down factors, currency was a positive indicator. Macroeconomic and country/sector aggregate were negative during the quarter.

On a gross return basis, stock selection in Mexico detracted from relative performance in emerging Latin America. In the emerging Europe, Middle East, and Africa ("EMEA") region, positions in Turkey and Poland detracted from relative performance. Fund holdings in the emerging Asia region contributed to relative performance, due primarily to positive stock selection in India and China. From a sector perspective, the largest detractors from relative performance were information technology, industrials, and communication services. The greatest contributors to relative performance were consumer discretionary, utilities, and financials. The largest stock-level detractors from relative performance included overweight positions in oil & gas producer, PetroChina Co., Ltd. (China), passenger and freight railway operator, China Railway Group (China), and online services company, Tencent Holdings Ltd.(China). The top contributors to relative performance included overweight positions in utility and infrastructure financing company, REC Ltd. (India), automobile manufacturer, Kia Corp. (South Korea), and online retailer, PDD Holdings (China).

Copies of the prospectus, supplement, KIID (together with an Italian translation) and summary of investor rights document are available at <https://www.causewaycap.com/ucits/emerging-markets-ucits-fund/>, or upon request.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth less than their original cost and current performance may be lower than the performance quoted. Returns greater than one year are average annual total returns. All information is as of the date shown. Investment performance reflects the Investment Manager's voluntary undertaking to limit ongoing charges during certain periods. In the absence of such voluntary undertaking, total return would be reduced. MSCI has not approved, reviewed or produced this report, makes no express or implied warranties or representations and is not liable whatsoever for any data in the report. You may not redistribute the MSCI data or use it as a basis for other indices or investment products. Returns greater than one year are annualized.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index in USD (Gross) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index, designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets, consisting of different emerging country indices. The Index is gross of withholding taxes, assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, and assumes no management, custody, transaction or other expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Accounts will not be invested in all the constituent securities of their benchmark indices at all times, and may hold securities not included in their benchmark indices.

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Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. International investing may involve risk of capital loss from unfavorable fluctuations in currency values, from differences in generally accepted accounting principles or from social, economic or political instability in other nations. Emerging markets involve heightened risks related to the same factors as well as increased volatility and lower trading volume. These risks are further enhanced for investments in smaller capitalization companies. The Fund is also subject to, among other risks, market fluctuations and security selection risk, quantitative risk and derivatives risk. Current and future securities exposures are subject to risk.

Holdings are subject to change. There is no assurance that any securities exposures mentioned will remain in or out of the Fund. A decision may be taken at any time to terminate the arrangements made for the marketing of the UCITS/relevant sub-fund in any EEA Member State in which it is currently marketed. In such circumstances, shareholders in the affected EEA Member State will be notified of this decision and will be provided with the opportunity to redeem their shareholding in the UCITS/relevant sub-fund.