Emerging Markets Equity

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Performance (CAD)

Annualized (%)	3 months		YTD	1 year	3 years	5 Y	ears	10 years	Sinceine	ception
Hexavest Emerging Markets Composite	-6.23	-1	9.84	-21.55	-0.22	().44	3.67		2.54
MSCI Emerging Markets (net)	-5.81	-2	0.76	-22.03	-0.85	(0.06	4.48		3.12
VALUE ADDED	-0.42		0.92	0.48	0.63).38	-0.81		-0.58
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Ten last years (%)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hexavest Emerging Markets Composite	11.38	4.91	3.94	1.87	3.71	24.61	-2.89	7.86	19.29	-5.11
MSCI Emerging Markets (net)	15.61	3.93	6.63	2.04	7.34	28.26	-6.88	12.45	16.23	-3.37
VALUE ADDED	-4.23	0.98	-2.69	-0.17	-3.63	-3.65	3.99	-4.59	3.06	-1.74

Positioning (vs MSCI Emerging Markets)



US Dollar (3.6%) 3.6% Indonesian Rupiah (5.5%) 3.3% Hong Kong Dollar (1.0%) 1.0% Saoudian Riyal (3.8%) -1.1% Taiwan Dollar (12.3%) -1.6% South African Rand (1.2%) -2.3%

CURRENCIES

Market Outlook		
MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	VALUATION	SENTIMENT
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The list of obstacles encountered by the global economy this year is long. Countries with a more domestic economy are expected to fare better than exporting countries. Central banks in emerging countries are in a difficult position: weak currencies and persistent inflation are preventing them from supporting the economy. Finally, real estate problems persisted in China. Although still hypothetical, a drop in zero-COVID measures in China has the potential to boost the domestic economy in 2023.

The difficult economic environment on the horizon is increasingly being reflected in emerging market equity valuations. According to our standard valuation model, these are trading at the 15th percentile of their historical distribution, a drop of 59 ranks since the beginning of 2022. That said, shares in India and the Gulf states remain very expensive compared to their historical value. In addition, the valuation premium for defensive sectors is starting to be very high and appears to already expect the economic slowdown. Investment opportunities may arise in low-cost cyclical sectors.

Emerging market equities ended the third quarter poorly. In September, they had their second worst monthly performance since the 2008–2009 crisis. Overall investor sentiment remains very depressed. This increases the potential for positive surprises. Investors' portfolios have a rather limited weight in equities, foreign exchange and emerging-market bonds. Such difficult market conditions can create investment opportunities. We expect some reversal of momentum before we can be more positive about the sentiment vector.

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Summary

Sectors:

REGIONS

SECTORS

Macro

Valuation

Sentiment

Investment Process

TOP-DOWN

DECISIONS

COUNTRIES

VECTORS OF ANALYSIS

CURRENCIES

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INDUSTRIES

Benchmark Exclusions	MSCI Emerging Markets (net) Tobacco, coal production and controversial weapons				
Value added objective	2% (4-year rolling periods)				
Active risk	2% to 4%				
Number of holdings	130 to 170				
Currency management	Active				
DEVIATIONS VS. BENCHMARK					
Regions:	+/- 15%				
Countries:	+/- 15%				
Currencies:	+/- 15%				

+/- 10%

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PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Initial universe

~ 1,400 stocks

Top-down decisions

Optimized Portfolio

ESG exclusions

and monitoring

Currency overlay and derivatives

Final portfolio

≈ 150 stocks

Investment Team

Jean-Benoit Leblanc, M.Sc., CFA Senior Portfolio Manager Experience: 23 years Team member since 2009

Julien Tousignant, M.Sc., CFA Portfolio Manager Experience: 9 years Team member since 2013 Jean-Pierre Couture, M.Sc. Economist and Senior Portfolio Manager Experience: 27 years Team member since 2010 Hao Feng, MBA, CFA Portfolio Manager Expérience: 11 years

Team member since 2013 Team member since 2021
Investment Approach

- Capture long term investment opportunities as well as benefit from short term dislocations
- Top-down approach
- Diversified sources of alpha: regions, countries, currencies, sectors, industries, and stocks
- Proprietary ESG process, tailored to emerging markets

Investment Themes



Responsible Investment

Christian Felx

Manager and Head of Responsible investment

Solène Hanquier

Head of ESG Strategies

- + We have a team of 8 specialists dedicated exclusively to responsible investment.
- Combine investments and RI expertise to offer high-performance strategies
- Development of a simple RI process that can be easily integrated into any mandate
- Ongoing exchanges between portfolio managers and the RI team increasing the efficiency of the investment process

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