# William Blair

# 29.02.2024 Update William Blair SICAV Emerging Markets Leaders Fund

#### **OBJECTIVE**

**Capital Appreciation** 

## CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to invest in emerging markets companies with above-average returns on equity, strong balance sheets and consistent, above-average earnings growth, resulting in a focused portfolio of leading companies.

#### FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

Total Net Assets (\$MM)	\$345
Number of Holdings	58
Wgtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$110.2
Unwgtd Median Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$14.1
P/E Ratio (Next 12 Months)	19.3
EPS Growth (Projected)(%)	16.1%
Trailing 1-Year Turnover (%)	41.7%
Cash	1.6%
Inception Date	01.04.2011
Minimum Purchase Amount	\$1,000,000
ISIN Number	LU0612811850
Valoren Number	12795534
Bloomberg Ticker	WBEMLGA LX
Management Fee	1.40%
Total Expense Ratio	1.61%

#### WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- Provides focused investments in leading companies in terms of products, services, and execution
- · Historically consumer-focused, reflecting a growing opportunity set
- Managed by a seasoned team with decades of emerging markets experience
- The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark

#### RISKS

- The value of shares can increase or decrease and an investor may not get back the amount originally invested
- Where investments are made in currencies other than an investor's base currency, the value of those investments will be affected (favourably or unfavourably) by movements in exchange rates
- Equity securities may decrease in value in response to the activities of an individual company or in response to general market, business, and economic conditions
- Emerging markets investments typically involve special risk considerations, including higher volatility, lower liquidity, economic and political risk

#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (Period ending 29.02.2024)

	1 MTH	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Life of Fund (01.04.2011)
Class I <sup>USD</sup> Shares	4.30	-0.06	4.41	-11.60	1.33	2.18	1.43
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net)	4.76	-0.11	8.73	-6.30	1.89	3.01	1.30

#### **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I <sup>USD</sup> Shares	5.58	-26.11	-7.48	27.16	28.44	-17.84	41.69	1.83	-14.38	2.16
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net)	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.42	-14.58	37.28	11.19	-14.92	-2.19

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#### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)<sup>2,3</sup>

Company	Industry	Country	% of Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	Taiwan	9.8
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	Technology Hardware & Equipment	Korea	5.5
Reliance Industries Limited	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	India	3.7
Tencent Holdings Limited	Interactive Media & Services	China	3.6
PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	Commercial Banks	Indonesia	3.3
MercadoLibre, Inc.	Broadline Retail	Brazil	3.1
HDFC Bank Limited	Commercial Banks	India	3.1
Kweichow Moutai Co., Ltd.	Beverages	China	2.8
MediaTek Inc.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	Taiwan	2.7
SK hynix Inc.	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	Korea	2.5
Total Top 10			40.1

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (%)<sup>2,3</sup>

Sector Type	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>	
Information Technology	30.3	22.4	
Financials	16.8	22.8	
Industrials	14.6	7.0	
Consumer Discretionary	13.1	12.7	
Consumer Staples	10.9	5.8	
Energy	5.9	5.5	
Communication Services	4.6	8.6	
Health Care	2.3	3.7	
Materials	1.5	7.1	
Utilities	0.0	2.8	
Real Estate	0.0	1.6	

#### **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION (%)**<sup>2,3</sup>

Region	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>	
Asia	75.6	78.2	
Latin America	19.2	12.8	
Europe, Mid-East, Africa	3.6	9.0	
Asia Ex-Japan	1.6	0.0	

#### MARKET CAP DIVERSIFICATION (%)<sup>2, 3\*</sup>

Market Cap	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
> \$20.0B	62.8	43.7
\$5.0B - \$20.0B	24.9	35.1
< \$5.0B	12.3	21.2

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Todd McClone, CFA Started in Industry: 1992 Education: B.A., Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison



Hugo Scott-Gall Started in Industry: 1993



Paul Birchenough Started in Industry: 2011 Education: B.S., Nottingham University



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1 The MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. This series approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment. For more information on the index, please visit the website at www.msci.com.

2 Top ten holdings are shown as % of total net assets. Sector and market cap diversification exclude cash equivalents. Sector diversification calculated by William Blair based on Global Industry Classification Sectors (GICS). Market capitalization and geographic distribution are calculated by William Blair. Weights shown are percentages of total net assets. Sector weights may vary over time as benchmark index weights shift.

3 Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in any one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.

\* These amounts are calculated using float-adjusted market capitalizations.

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