

THREADNEEDLE GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND

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CURRENT WORDING

To achieve long-term capital growth.

To invest the assets of the Fund primarily in equities of Emerging Markets companies.

These are defined as companies domiciled in and/ or whose significant activities are in Emerging Market countries. Emerging Market countries are those characterised as developing or emerging by the World Bank, the United Nations or the MSCI Emerging Markets Free Index.

If the ACD considers it desirable, it may further invest up to one third of the total assets of the Fund in other securities (including fixed interest securities, other equities and money market securities).

In addition, the ACD may use derivatives and forward transactions for purposes that are limited to efficient portfolio management.

NEW WORDING

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term. It looks to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index over rolling 3-year periods, after the deduction of charges.

The Fund is actively managed, and invests at least 75% of its assets in equities and equity-related securities of Emerging Market companies.

The Fund considers Emerging Market companies to be those domiciled in Emerging Market countries, or which have significant business operations in such countries. Emerging Market countries are those characterised as developing or emerging by the World Bank, the United Nations, or the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The Fund selects companies considered to have good prospects for share price growth, from any industry or economic sector, and whilst there is no restriction on size, investment tends to focus on larger companies, such as those included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is designed to capture the share performance of large and medium-sized companies across Emerging Markets worldwide, and is currently comprised of more than 1,000 companies. It provides a suitable target benchmark against which Fund performance will be measured and evaluated over time.

The Fund typically invests in fewer than 100 companies, which may include the shares of some companies not within the Index. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its value in China A-Shares through the China-Hong Kong Stock Connect Programme. The Fund may invest in other securities (including fixed interest securities) and collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Columbia Threadneedle companies), when deemed appropriate.

The Fund may also hold money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

The Fund is not permitted to invest in derivatives for investment purposes, but derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk, or managing the Fund more efficiently.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to facilitate comparison between funds with broadly similar characteristics (peer groups). This Fund is classified in the IA Global Emerging Markets sector. Performance data on funds within this sector may be used when evaluating the performance of this Fund.