# Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Fund





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#### **KEY FACTS**

### **Investment objective**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term (5 years plus) and will invest at least 95% in shares of emerging market companies. The Investment Manager's focus is on growth companies expected to deliver increasing revenue and profit from the expansion of their business over the medium to long term. As part of its investment process, the Investment Manager integrates environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors into its routine analysis.

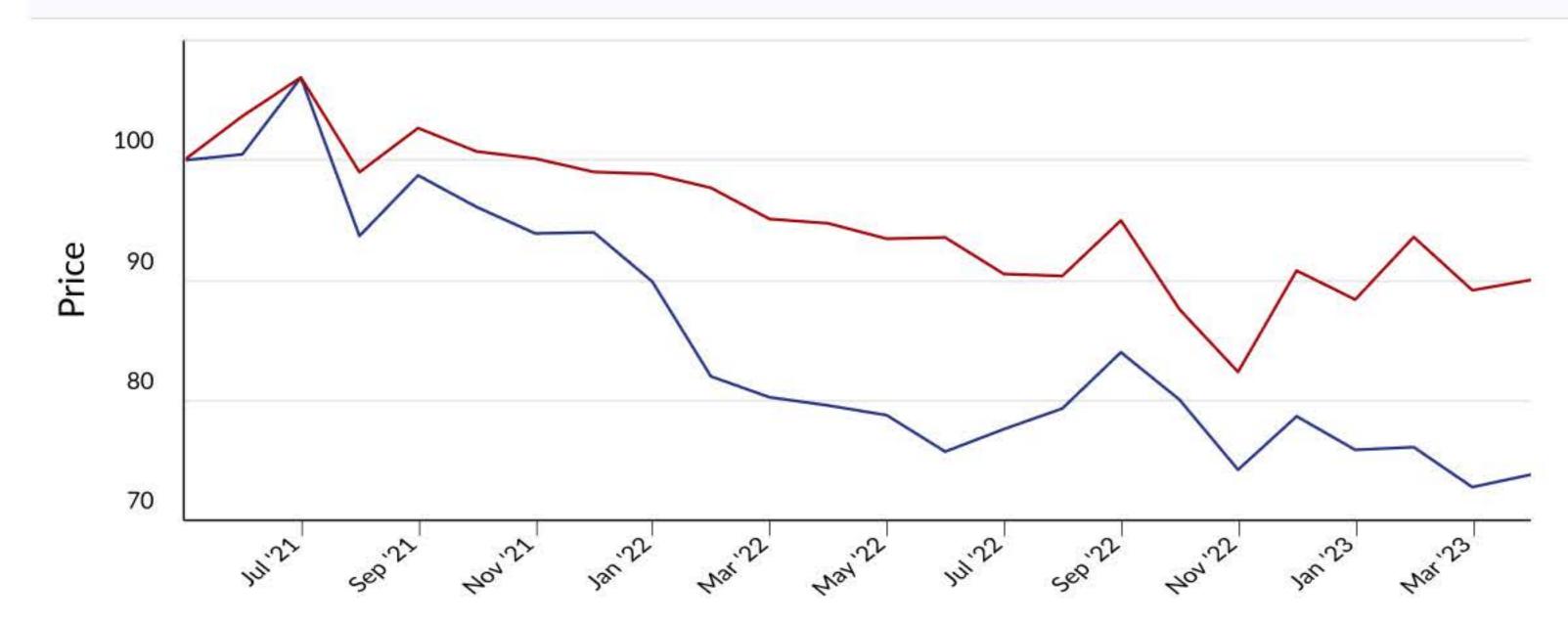
# **Fund Information**

FUND NAME	SVS Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Fund
LEGAL FORM	Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC)
UMBRELLA	SVS Aubrey Capital Management Investment Funds
ADMINISTRATOR	Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited
DOMICILE	UK
CURRENCIES	GBP, USD, EUR

INDEX	MSCI TR N	Net Emerging Markets GBP			
STRATEGY SIZ		£410.5m			
FUND SIZE		£13.1m			
INCEPTION DA	AIE	12th May 2021			

#### NET PERFORMANCE

NET PERFORMANCE % AS AT 31/03/2023	1M	3M	6M	1Y	INCEPTION
Aubrey Global Emerging Markets Fund (B Acc)	1.4	-2.7	-7.8	-7.3	-26.2
MSCI TR Net Emerging Markets Index	1.0	1.9	2.8	-5.0	-10.0



- SVS Aubrey GEM -26.2%
- MSCI EM Index -10.0%

Source: Aubrey Capital Management, MSCI and Evelyn Partners.

All figures are presented net of fees in GBP and calculated using the B Accumulation share class.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is used for comparative purposes only. Investment returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

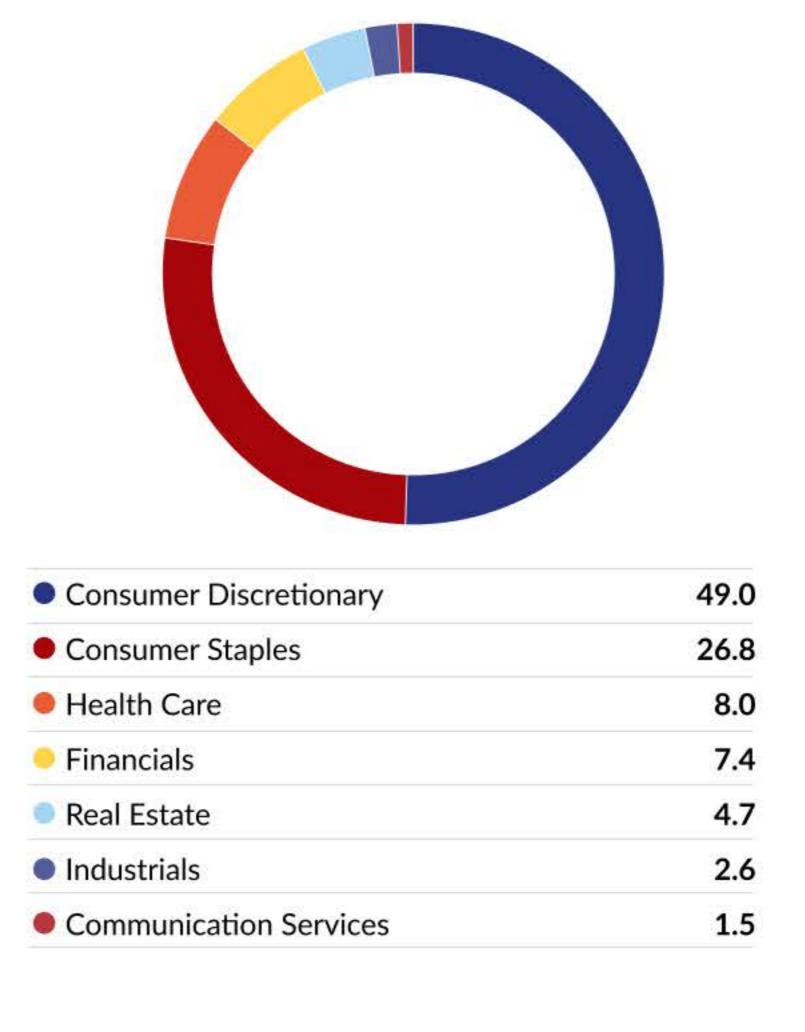
## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

# **Top 10 Positions**

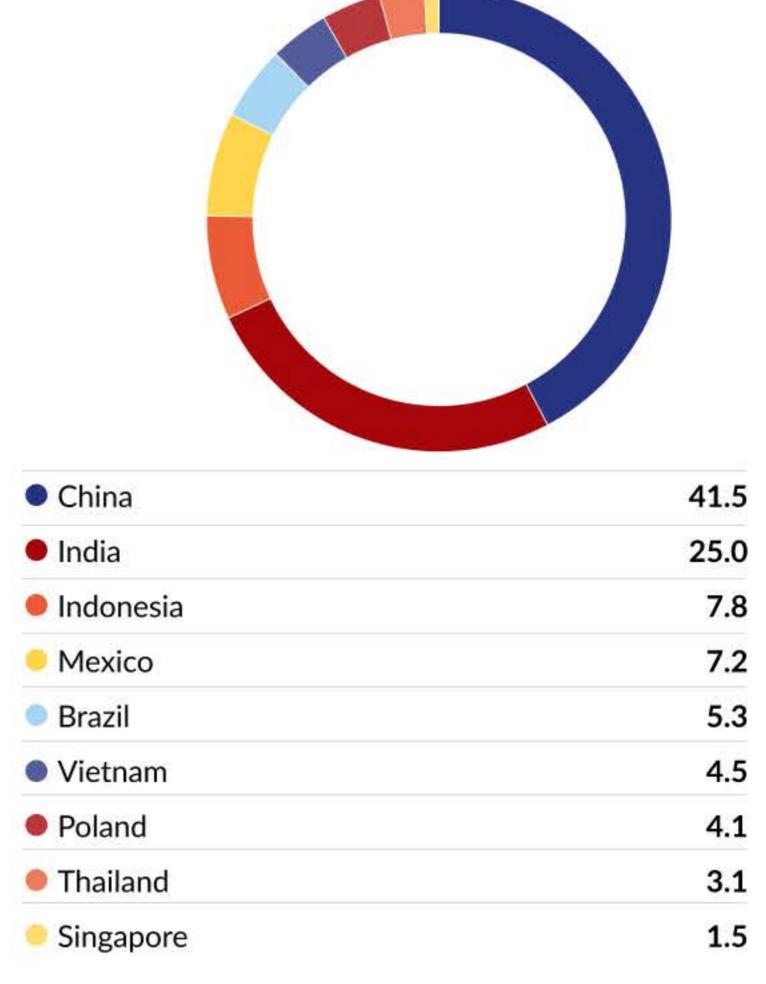
Company	% of Holding		
Proya Cosmetics	4.5		
Yadea Group	4.4		
Varun Beverages	4.4		
Dino Polska	4.2		
Mercadolibre	3.3		
Chow Tai Fook Jewellery	3.2		
Bumrungrad Hospital	3.1		
H World Group	3.1		
Alibaba Group	3.0		
Byd Co	3.0		

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#### **Sector Allocation**



# **Geographic Allocation**



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#### **AVAILABLE SHARE CLASS PRICES**

SHARE CLASS	PRICE	ISIN	BLOOMBERG	MANAGEMENT FEE	ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE	MIMIMUM SUBSCRIPTION	MIN. ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION
B Acc GBP	73.80	GB00BNDMH797	SVGEMGA LN	0.75%	1.15%	GBP 5,000	GBP 5,000
B Acc USD	91.20	GB00BNDMH912	SVGEMUA LN	0.75%	1.15%	USD 7,000	USD 7,000

Prices in pence/cents

Ongoing charges figure (OCF) is based upon the expenses incurred but does not include transaction costs (see KIID for details). Management fee includes Aubrey's fee and excludes ACD fee.

### **PLATFORMS**

AVIVA, Embark, Fidelity, Hargreaves Lansdown, M&G, Nucleus & Transact

## MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

The Fund has had a good month with the net asset value rising by 1.4% which compares well with the 1.0% recorded by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (£). We end the quarter still slightly behind the benchmark, which got ahead in January due to a significant rally in semiconductor stocks, a sector to which we never have any exposure.

A good many of the Fund's holdings listed in Hong Kong and China reported results for 2022 this month. One or two, such as *Li Ning* (sportswear), and *Pinduoduo*, (ecommerce), were marginally disappointing, due to excess inventory and increased competition ending the month 7.3% and 13.5% lower respectively. Those apart, most others produced extremely encouraging figures. *Meituan*, which dominates the food delivery market in China, revealed a 21.4% increase in fourth quarter sales, with the company seeing a good recovery in demand since the country was unlocked in early December. We expect revenues to grow by a further 20% in 2023, and the shares gained 5.4%. *Yadea*, which makes very splendid electric scooters, grew sales and net profit at 15.2% and 57.8% in 2022, which was significantly ahead of expectations. The company now expects earnings to rise by more than 20% in 2023, and encouraged by this the shares gained 20.4%. *BYD*, which dominates the market for electric and hybrid vehicles in China, grew sales at 96% in 2022, with margin improvements translating into a fivefold increase in net profit. Demand in China remains extremely strong, and the company is also expanding overseas. The shares rose 8.8% in response to this very welcome announcement. *JD Health*, had a good month, gaining 6.7%. As an online pharmacy, it was one of the few Chinese companies to benefit from the Covid hysteria, and sales rose by 55% in 2022. Although 2023 will hopefully be rather more normal, we still expect revenues to rise by at least 30%. Finally, *H World Group*, one of China's largest hotel operators, reported on a disappointing 2022 but reiterated that a rapid recovery beckons in 2023, with a very impressive new hotel opening programme ahead.

Corporate news in India was very limited ahead of their traditional March year end, but in Brazil *Raia Drogasil*, the country's leading pharmacy chain, reported solid sales growth of 22% in the last quarter of 2022, with enhanced margins driving a 37% improvement in net profit. The company expects margins to improve further this year, and the shares gained 7.8%. *Dino Polska*, the Polish supermarket operator also announced figures which were well ahead of forecasts. Sales grew at 48% in 2022, albeit enhanced by very high inflation, but the company continues to open new stores and looks set for another fine year in 2023, the shares ended the month 5.2% higher.

A new holding was started in **Sea Ltd**, (ecommerce), following some very encouraging 2022 figures. The company had ventured into some geographies outside Asia, with unhappy consequences for profitability. This has now been addressed with the company exiting Poland and India amongst others, reducing shipping subsidies, and increasing merchant take rates. It remains the dominant ecommerce player in South East Asia, covering the whole region, an area which is still in the early stages of online shopping adoption. Proceeds for this purchase came from the sale of Godrej Properties, (Indian property), which remains an excellent long term prospect, but has been struggling with the headwinds of higher interest rates over the last six months.

#### **RATINGS**



Andrew Dalrymple and John Ewart are AAA rated by Vadevalor as of 31/03/23



This Fund is Elite rated by FundCalibre as of 31/03/23

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE**

Aubrey bases its measures for ESG analysis on the United Nations Global Compact. This framework provides us with a foundation for assessing corporate sustainability where we focus our analysis on four themes:

- 1. Human Rights: Companies should respect the internationally declared human rights laws.
- 2. Labour: Elimination of discrimination in the workplace as well as all forms of forced labour.
- 3. Environment: Encourage companies to develop and create initiatives that promote sustainability.
- 4. Anti-Corruption: Businesses should eliminate corruption in all forms, including bribery.

Signatory of:



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