

# PZENA EMERGING MARKETS VALUE FUND

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### **FUND FACTS**

Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Inception Date	26 October 2016
APIR	ETL0483AU
ARSN	613 119 681
Base Currency	AUD
Minimum Investment Amount	A\$25,000
Fund AUM	A\$42.5 Million
Management Expense Ratio	0.95%
Liquidity	Daily
Benchmark Index	MSCI Emerging Markets, net in A\$
Investment Universe	1,000 largest companies from non-developed countries
# of Positions	Generally 30-60
Buy/Sell Spread	0.50%/0.50%

Registered for distribution in Australia and New Zealand

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - AUD		ANNUALISED			
	QTD 2023	One Years	Three Years	Five Year	Since Inception 26 Oct 2016
Pzena Emerging Markets Value Fund (gross of fees)	7.78%	20.59%	10.49%	9.63%	11.33%
Pzena Emerging Markets Value Fund (net)	7.32%	19.44%	9.51%	8.55%	10.19%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	7.07%	11.03%	-0.02%	3.97%	6.59%
MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index	5.97%	14.32%	4.34%	3.85%	6.18%

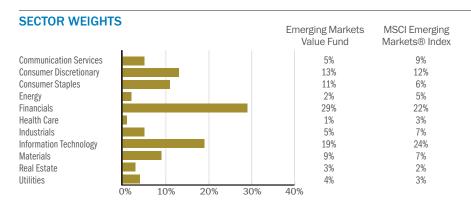
The above performance numbers are based on unaudited financial statements. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is used as a benchmark to indicate the investment environment existing during the time periods shown in this report. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets, and provides equity returns including dividends net of withholding tax rates as calculated by MSCI. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index cannot be invested in directly. Pzena Emerging Markets Value Fund return reflects month end valuations as at the last business day of each month and the Since Inception returns are annualised. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS			
	Emerging Markets Value Fund	MSCI Emerging Markets® Index	
Price / Earnings (1-Year Forecast)	8.2x	12.6x	
Price / Book	1.1x	1.7x	
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$21.3	\$10.0	
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$127.0	\$183.6	
Active Share	79.4	-	
Number of Stocks	55	1,376	

Source: MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Pzena Analysis



Country weights adjusted for cash - may appear higher than actual.



Sector weights adjusted for cash - may appear higher than actual. Numbers may not add due to rounding.



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#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

HON HAI PRECISION INDUSTRY CO.	5.6%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG.	5.2%
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO.	4.5%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING	3.3%
COGNIZANT TECH SOLUTIONS	3.1%
CIA ENERG MG-CEMIG	2.9%
AMBEV SA	2.8%
HAIER SMART HOME CO.	2.8%
BAIDU INC. CLASS A	2.7%
CHINA OVERSEAS LAND & INVESTMENT	2.6%
Total	35.5%

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

- Universe: 1000 largest companies from non-developed countries
- Fundamental research conducted on companies considered the most undervalued based on price relative to normalized earnings
- Co-Portfolio Managers construct a portfolio of deeply undervalued businesses requiring unanimous consent



#### **PLATFORMS**

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### PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

After a weak start to the year, emerging markets rose modestly in the quarter, rebounding on the back of a partial China relief rally. While most countries were up modestly, there was wide variation across countries with Peru, Turkey, and Taiwan up double digits while Egypt and Thailand posted negative returns. Within the sectors, information technology was the strongest while real estate and materials were down the most. The Pzena Emerging Markets Value Fund returned 7.1%, in line with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, but ahead of the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index, which returned 6.0% for the quarter.

Stock selection in the consumer discretionary, financials and information technology sectors contributed positively to the outcome, whereas the positions in materials and real estate detracted from relative returns.

In terms of individual stocks, the strongest individual contributors were electronics assembler Hon Hai Precision Industry, Hankook Tire & Technology and Korean insurer, DB Insurance. Hon Hai benefitted from increased share in module and rack level assembly on NVIDIA's next generation GPU platform. Hankook benefitted from lower raw material costs (rubber primarily) and a recovery in demand which allowed inventory de-stocking. DB Insurance posted reasonable results, driving the stock price higher.

Our biggest relative detractors in the quarter were Chinese real estate player China Overseas Land & Investment (COLI), Brazilian brewer Ambev, and South African materials company, Sasol. **COLI** underperformed due to continued weakness in the

Chinese property market despite government easing measures. Ambev fell on earnings that were heavily impacted by a devaluation of the Argentine peso, despite posting a 4th consecutive quarter of gross margin expansion. We continue to believe in the long-term potential of these stocks. Sasol posted disappointing results with productivity in its mining operations the key issue, causing negative free cash flow and a

rise in net financial leverage.

In the quarter, we added Korean auto supplier **Hyundai Mobis** to the portfolio. After-sales Services segment provides stable and predictable strong cash generation for the company. Meanwhile, its Auto Parts segment, which generated losses in 2023, shows potential for improvement as R&D costs, which climbed over the past few years due to new wins, should show returns as the new plants go into production in the coming years. We also added to our positions in Baidu, Sasol, WH Group and Tencent Holdings.

We sold out of electronics manufacturer, Flex, after its shares ran up strongly in the past year and trimmed the positions in DB Insurance, Aurobindo Pharma, Trip.com, Shriram Finance, and TSMC, all on strength / valuation.

We believe controversy and fear can create opportunities for value investors, and we continue to be excited by the cheap company valuations against their fundamentals in emerging markets. Our largest sector exposures remain in information technology and financials. Asia constitutes the largest component of the portfolio with the largest individual country exposures to China, Korea, and in Latin America, Brazil.



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