

## Emerging Markets Equity Strategy

September 30, 2024

### Objective

The Emerging Markets Equity Strategy seeks long term compounding by focusing its investments in emerging markets.

### Why Invest?

- Clearly defined, transparent, and consistent process
- Active risk management with disciplined portfolio construction
- Driven by fundamentals, supported by evidence
- Advancing positive change through active engagement

### Annualized Returns (%)

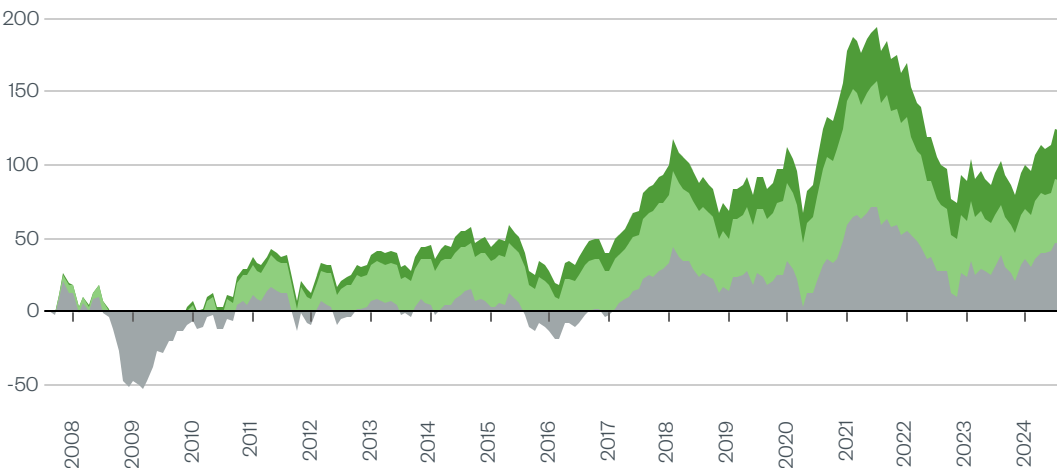
As of 9/30/24



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### Cumulative Returns (%)

As of 9/30/24



### Strategy Facts

#### Inception

August 1, 2007

#### Firm Assets

\$23.3 B\*

#### Strategy Assets

\$4.9 B

#### Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets

#### Vehicles

Separate account  
Commingled fund  
CIT\*\*  
UCITS

### Portfolio Managers

#### Andrew Jacobson, CFA

Portfolio Manager,  
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Portfolio Manager

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Portfolio Manager

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Portfolio Manager

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$22.8B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.5B).

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Source: Factset and Axiom. There can be no assurance that the Strategy will continue to hold these positions or that weightings do not change after the as of date stated. Please refer to the attached GIPS compliant presentation for complete performance information.

## Top 10 Holdings

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Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	12.5	9.0
Tencent	China	Communication Services	6.5	4.5
Meituan Class B	China	Consumer Discretionary	3.0	1.3
Embraer S.A.	Brazil	Industrials	2.6	0.1
Samsung	Korea	Information Technology	2.4	3.1
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	India	Industrials	2.0	0.1
Reliance Industries	India	Energy	2.0	1.3
Trip.com Group Ltd.	China	Consumer Discretionary	2.0	0.4
MercadoLibre, Inc.	US	Consumer Discretionary	1.9	0.0
Zomato Ltd.	India	Consumer Discretionary	1.9	0.3

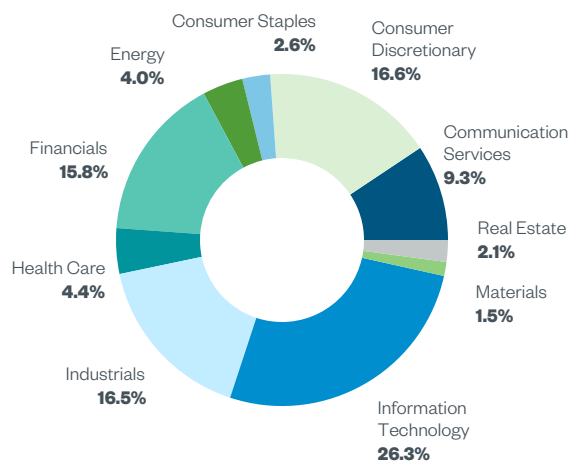
## Risk/Return Analysis & Portfolio Characteristics (%)

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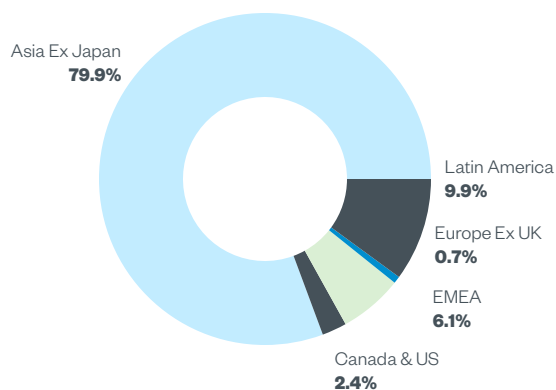
10 Year Statistics	Axiom (Gross)	Axiom (Net)	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	59.1	44.4	48.4
Annualized Return (%)	4.8	3.7	4.0
Annualized Excess Return (%)	0.7	-0.3	--
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	60.0	57.5	--
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	16.8	16.8	17.0
Tracking Error (%)	4.1	4.1	--
Information Ratio	0.2	-0.1	--
Annualized Sortino Ratio	0.3	0.2	0.2
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	117.5	108.9	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	102.5	103.9	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	85	1277
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	36.8%	20.1%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$175.3	\$156.4
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$22.4	\$8.7
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$353	\$319
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	2.9	11.9
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	16.1	12.3
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	28.9	22.3
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.6	0.6
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	156.2	331.4

## Sector Exposure (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



Index: MSCI Emerging Markets

Currency: USD

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## Commentary

During the third quarter 2024, the Axiom Emerging Markets Equity Strategy ("Strategy") underperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis since inception.

Several sharp global equity market rotations impacted Axiom's portfolio this quarter. Semiconductor related stocks, which led markets through the first half of the year, corrected during the quarter primarily due to uncertainty regarding the timing of the release of Nvidia's next generation chips, further deterioration in the outlook for Chinese demand even as China ramps up production of low-end semiconductors, and ongoing concerns about the sustainability of elevated AI-related demand. Nvidia and its supply chain partners have recently confirmed near-term commercial shipments of the next generation chips as well as that AI related demand continues to exceed supply. However, offsetting these positives, the China-related supply and demand outlook has deteriorated sharply. As a result, Axiom has reduced semiconductor exposure focusing on holdings competing at the highest technological specifications. Ironically, ex-semiconductors, China exposed stocks rallied very sharply this quarter from depressed levels as the Chinese government announced new stimulus measures in response to accelerating evidence that the property driven credit crisis is severely impacting China's economy. The recent Chinese policy announcements appear inadequate to sustainably offset the many structural headwinds and we made only modest, stock-specific changes to the portfolio. In general, outside the rally in China, global markets were led by interest rate sensitive and yield oriented stocks, including in the real estate, financial services, utilities, and consumer staples sectors as the Fed finally joined the easing cycle with a larger than expected 50 basis point cut. The global easing cycle started over one year ago and world-wide cuts are now running ahead of hikes by nearly five-to-one year-to-date. Axiom has generally been benefitting from easing over the past year, even though we lagged this quarter, and we have selectively added to well-positioned holdings.

From a sector perspective, the largest relative contributor during the quarter was materials, due to our underweight. The main detractors for the quarter were information technology, financials, and consumer discretionary. Regarding information technology, memory semiconductor stocks were especially weak. Prices of memory semiconductors have started to soften, particularly for lower end applications. The softness is driven by weaker demand for PCs and smartphones, coupled with increasing supply out of China.

From a country perspective, the largest relative contributor was Brazil, driven by Embraer and WEG. Other contributors included Mexico, led by BBB Foods and Grupo Financiero Banorte, and our investment in MercadoLibre, a US listed stock that derives all of its revenues from Latin America. China, Korea, and Taiwan were the main detractors for the quarter. Chinese policy surprised the markets at the end of the quarter. Policy makers announced measures to address the accelerating Chinese economic slowdown. While the policy announcements were small relative to the size of the problem and seem insufficient to resolve the issues, the increased sense of urgency displayed by authorities drove a powerful 'short covering' rally in Chinese equities, especially distressed real estate stocks. As Chinese markets rallied, many well performing stocks in other markets, particularly in India and Korea, sold off and appear to have been funding sources for the Chinese trades. Moreover, this rally was funded by recent strong performance from our Korean and Indian holdings.

The largest stock specific relative contributors for the quarter were Embraer, Meituan, Zomato, Samsung Biologics, and MercadoLibre. The largest relative detractors were SK hynix, HANMI Semiconductor, Wiwynn, and Bharat Electronics.

Easing cycles are generally a tailwind for high quality, sustainable dynamic growth stocks and Axiom has historically outperformed during these cycles. Axiom's strategies are supported by strong balance sheets, enjoy attractive and above market growth, and benefit from rising earnings forecasts. Axiom continues to closely monitor macroeconomic and geopolitical developments. We remain focused on implementing our fundamental, forward-looking, evidence-based Dynamic Growth philosophy and process to steward client capital successfully through market cycles.

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## Footnotes and Disclaimers

	Composite return (gross of fees)	Composite return (net of fees)	Benchmark Total Return	No. of accounts	Market value (millions)	Total firm assets (millions)	% of firm assets (%)	Internal dispersion (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)
YTD '24	16.67%	15.85%	16.86%	18	4,266.3	22,754.9	18.75	N/A	16.40	17.38
2023	6.19%	5.18%	9.83%	18	4,817.0	19,915.6	24.19	0.45	16.28	17.14
2022	-29.96%	-30.65%	-20.09%	19	5,691.5	16,580.9	34.33	0.23	20.17	20.26
2021	-3.22%	-4.15%	-2.54%	17	7,526.5	18,639.7	40.38	0.26	18.49	18.33
2020	31.22%	29.99%	18.31%	17	7,342.6	18,535.9	39.61	0.53	19.80	19.60
2019	25.98%	24.79%	18.42%	18	6,180.6	13,458.1	45.93	0.31	14.46	14.17
2018	-15.76%	-16.59%	-14.58%	18	4,541.1	9,729.2	46.67	0.50	14.76	14.60
2017	42.57%	41.21%	37.28%	21	6,210.6	12,116.0	51.26	0.71	15.07	15.35
2016	9.30%	8.21%	11.19%	16	3,170.0	9,671.6	32.78	0.17	15.55	16.07
2015	-11.29%	-12.19%	-14.92%	16	2,571.7	8,704.3	29.54	0.29	13.96	14.06
2014	-0.26%	-1.26%	-2.19%	14	2,349.1	9,482.3	24.77	0.35	15.07	15.00

Fee schedule: First \$25 million: 1.00%; next \$75 million: 0.90%; next \$25 million: 0.80%; next \$50 million: 0.70%; Balance: 0.60%

Firm Compliance Statement: Axiom Investors LLC (the "Firm") claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Axiom has been independently verified for the period September 1, 1998 to September 30, 2024. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Axiom Emerging Markets Equity composite has had a performance examination for the periods August 1, 2007 to September 30, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Composite Description: The Emerging Markets Equity strategy (the "Composite") is designed for investors who seek to invest in a broadly diversified portfolio of emerging market equities. Portfolios are invested in the full range of global emerging markets. Currencies may be actively managed to reduce portfolio volatility. The Composite represents the performance of all institutional emerging markets style fee-paying, discretionary equity accounts, regardless of asset size and comingled fund(s). The Composite was initiated and created in August 2007. A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds and performance results are available upon request.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets index, which is designed to measure the equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The benchmark is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested, after the deduction of withholding taxes and is free float-adjusted market cap weighted and unmanaged. FX is based off London 4 P.M. close.

Significant Cash Flow Policy: Accounts with a cash flow greater than 20% of the portfolio market value are excluded for the month.

Reporting Currency: Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars. FX is based off NY 4 P.M. close.

Fees: Gross of fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the highest fee from the monthly gross composite return which is expressed above in the stated fee schedule. Returns include the reinvestment of income. Performance is calculated net of withholding taxes on dividends. The fee schedule for the Axiom Emerging Markets Equity Fund, which is included in the Emerging Markets Equity Composite is listed above. The total expense ratio as of December 31, 2023 was 0.16%. The Axiom Emerging Markets Trust CIT, which is also included in the composite has an all-in fee (management fees & expenses) of 0.78%.

Internal Dispersion: Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. If 5 or less accounts, N/A is shown.

Annualized Standard Deviation: The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Batting Average: The number of periods that the portfolio outperforms (or matches) the benchmark divided by the total number of periods.

Tracking Error: The active risk of the portfolio. It determines the standard deviation of the excess returns between the portfolio and the benchmark. It is calculated by creating a new return series of the excess returns and then calculating the population standard deviation of that return series.

Information Ratio: A measure of consistency in excess return. The annualized excess return over a benchmark divided by the annualized standard deviation (population) of excess return.

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Fees and expenses: The strategy may be subject to substantial charges for management, advisory and brokerage fees. It may be necessary for those accounts that are subject to these charges to make substantial trading profits to avoid depletion or exhaustion of their assets.

Reliance on key persons: The strategy's manager or advisor has total trading authority over the strategy and may be subject to various conflicts of interest. The death, disability or departure of the manager or advisor may have a material effect on the strategy.

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