

## Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy

December 31, 2021

### Objective

The Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy seeks long term compounding by focusing its investments in emerging market countries or companies that derive a majority of their revenues or assets from emerging market countries.

### Why Invest

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

### Portfolio Managers

#### Andrew Jacobson, CFA

Chief Investment Officer,  
Lead Portfolio Manager  
34 years of experience

#### José Gerardo Morales, CFA

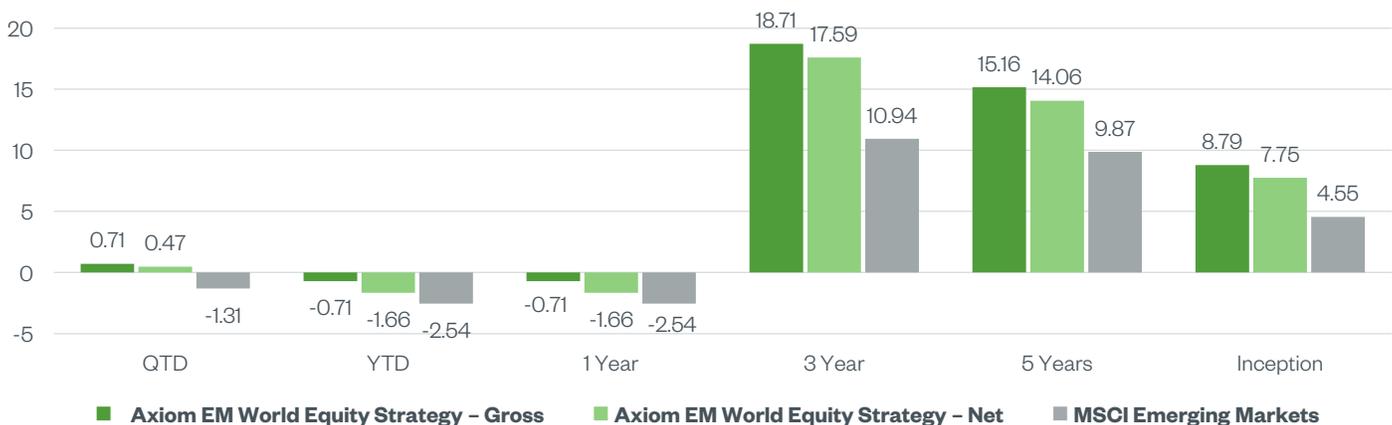
Co-Portfolio Manager  
33 years of experience

#### Andrew Yoon, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager  
11 years of experience

### Annualized Returns (%)

As of 12/31/21



\*Past performance is not indicative of future results, and the principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that you may have a gain or loss when you sell your units.

### Strategy Facts

#### Inception

July 1, 2014

#### Firm Assets

\$19.5B\*

#### Strategy Assets

\$2.4B\*

#### Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets

#### Vehicles

Separate account, commingled fund, CIT\*\*, UCITS, and mutual funds\*\*\*

### Top 10 Holdings

As of 12/31/21

Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	IT	8.7	7.0
Samsung	Korea	IT	4.9	4.6
Infosys	India	IT	3.4	1.1
Contemporary AmpereX	China	Industrials	2.7	0.2
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia	Financials	2.1	0.6
Globant SA	Argentina	IT	2.0	0.0
Samsung Biologics	Korea	IT	1.9	0.2
LUKOIL	Russia	Energy	1.9	0.5
Wal-Mart de Mexico	Mexico	Consumer Staples	1.8	0.3
Silergy	Taiwan	IT	1.8	0.2

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$18.6B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.9B). Index: MSCI Emerging Markets

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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.

# Investing Ahead of the Curve



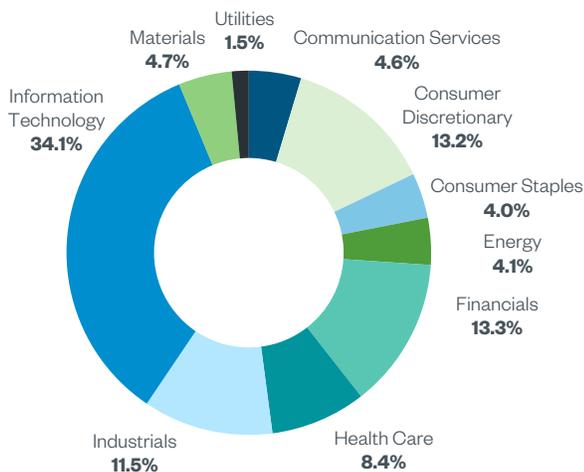
## Risk/Return Analysis & Portfolio Characteristics (%)

As of 12/31/21

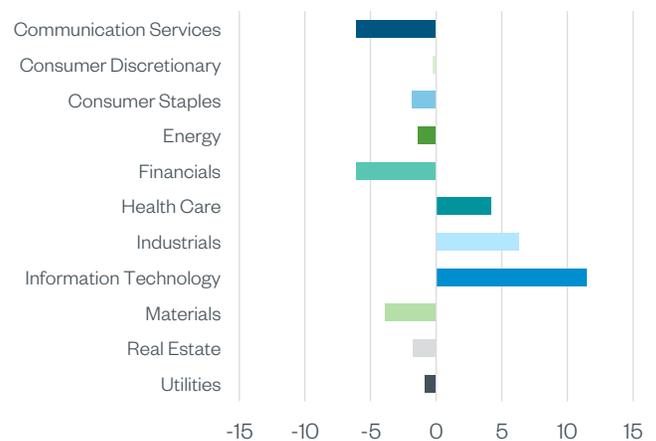
5 Year Statistics	Axiom	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	102.5	60.1
Annualized Return (%)	15.2	9.9
Annualized Excess Return (%)	5.3	-
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	85.0	-
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	16.6	16.5
Tracking Error (%)	3.5	-
Information Ratio	1.5	-
Annualized Sortino Ratio	1.4	0.8
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	125.7	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	89.4	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	115	1420
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	31.2%	14.5%
Wgt. Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	\$176.9	\$135.0
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$27.7	\$7.9
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$657	\$243
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	5.8	10.6
Price Earnings Ratio	19.9	11.8
Earnings Growth Rate	23.6	17.2
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.8	0.7
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	200.5	330.6

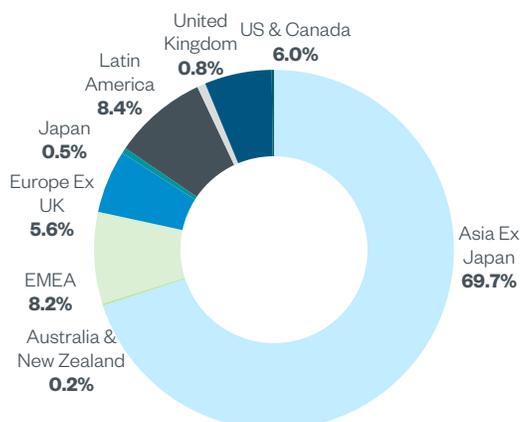
## Sector Exposure (%)



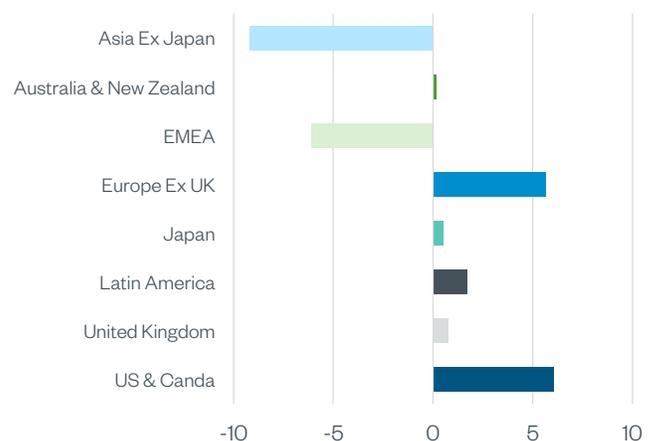
## Sector Allocation vs. Index (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



## Regional Allocation vs. Index (%)



Index: MSCI Emerging Markets

Currency: USD, Risk/return statistics are gross of fees.

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## Commentary

During the fourth quarter 2021, the Axiom Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy ("Strategy") outperformed the MSCI EM Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis over 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, and since inception periods.

For the full year 2021, the MSCI All Country Value Index outperformed MSCI All Country Growth Index by over 300 basis points. In developed markets, the spread for the year was only about 100 basis points in favor of value. However, in emerging markets, value led growth by over 1250 basis points. Additionally, for the first time since 2008, the underperformance of EM Growth to EM Value occurred for the fifth consecutive quarter. The magnitude of the underperformance, -17.9% during the five-quarter period, has not occurred since the data first became available in 1996. Unlike in developed markets, EM growth investing headwinds persisted into the fourth quarter largely due to policy and economic headwinds in China and disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on EM countries, as well as rising inflation and a strengthening USD, continued to weigh on the emerging markets, particularly emerging markets growth companies. Nevertheless, stock selection, particularly in China, proved to be a key differentiator for Axiom.

The policy driven reflationary tailwinds which fueled a powerful off and on value rally beginning with the announcement of vaccines at the end of 2020 might finally run out of gas during the first half of 2022. The now universal inflation concerns seem likely to crest in the coming months as the pace of global recovery moderates and supply chains reopen. The JPM Global Composite PMI peaked in late last spring at 54.8 and, since mid-year, world real GDP growth forecasts have been cut by -20 basis points to 5.8% for 2021 and by -10 basis points to 4.4% for 2022. Challenges including Delta, Omicron and other COVID-19 variants, the Chinese real estate credit crisis, gathering fiscal headwinds, and ongoing monetary policy tightening all represent notable downside risks to the global growth outlook as 2022 advances. Conversely, strong consumer balance sheets and employment trends, if sustained, provide potential upside. Regarding inflation, average expected world CPI rose by over +100 basis points throughout the course of the year to end at 3.9% for both 2021 and 2022. In Brazil, for instance, the CPI rose sharply throughout the year in 2021, starting at 4.5% in January to end at over 10% in December. In the US, inflation is now expected to peak at over 7%. Recently, however, under recognized signs of inflation peaking have begun to emerge, just as the US Fed and investor consensus have belatedly backed away from the 'transitory' language. For instance, in the last two months, the Chinese PMI input price index, which tends to lead US inflation by a quarter, has fallen sharply from 72 to 48 and, in December, nearly all of US Federal Reserve regional price surveys showed a decline as did the US ISM price index. Moreover, China and Vietnam, among the first larger countries globally to publish monthly inflation, both showed notable inflation drops in December. In a few months, commodity input prices, which have been important contributors to recent inflationary pressures will begin to anniversary last year's run-up. Finally, ongoing channel inventory builds will potentially accelerate as supply chain bottlenecks ease in East Asia and Southeast Asia post Omicron in a few months, resulting in potential

unexpected goods price deflation if demand slows in 2022. The balance of investors now expect four US Fed rate hikes in 2022 and many EM countries to continue to raise rates but the flattening yield curves will likely result in flat to negative yield spreads. Therefore, while some analysts worry principally about a policy error by the generally dovish monetary authorities, an equal policy risk would seem to be additional inflationary fiscal stimulus or punitive anti-growth tax hikes. As always, geopolitical tensions remain a wild card. On balance, conditions seem unlikely to provide sustained reflationary tailwinds for value stocks and, to the contrary, could be increasingly favorable for growth stocks as 2022 advances, especially if Fed rate hikes prove to already be fully discounted. Even if growth and inflation slow a little, anything near the forecast 8%+ nominal growth (4.4% real + 3.9% inflation) should support further stock market gains. For Axiom Investors, a more moderate economic outlook with fewer inflation and rate pressures over the course of 2022 should increasingly favor Axiom's dynamic growth stocks as our investments tend to offer higher structural growth and profitability and are less sensitive to a slower nominal growth rate. That said, we will continue to intensively monitor economic data globally. If reflation proves to be more durable, we expect to add to our more cyclical dynamic growth stocks including in the industrial, consumer, and financial sectors.

The highest contributing sectors on a relative basis during the fourth quarter were information technology, led by top performing stock in the portfolio, Infosys, consumer discretionary, due to Alibaba, and industrials, driven by strong performance from Contemporary Amperex. Financials, communication services, and materials were the largest relative detractors for the quarter.

From a country perspective, India was the top contributor, due to strong performing stocks Infosys and Tata Motors, followed by the United States, led by Microsoft, and China, driven by Alibaba. Singapore, Brazil, and Russia were the top detracting countries during the quarter on a relative basis.

From an individual stock perspective, the Strategy's best relative contributors were Infosys, Alibaba, Contemporary Amperex, Silergy, and Tata Motors. Detracting stocks for the quarter included Sea Ltd, WuXi AppTec, MercadoLibre, Sberbank, and Wuxi Biologics.

Axiom's structural case for growth investing, underpinned by our 4D's (Demographics, Debt, Deglobalization and Disruption), seems likely to reassert itself as 2022 advances and we pass beyond the current inflation scare. The policy driven reflationary tailwinds that temporarily boosted value stocks in 2021 appear likely to fade during 2022 as policy becomes an increasing headwind and both supply chain and input price issues resolve. We will continue to focus on stock selection as it seems likely that an ever-narrower subset of companies will be positioned to capture the available growth opportunities. Axiom's differentiated, active, information intensive security selection and monitoring process will help us remain objective and fact-based as we seek out the most compelling dynamic growth opportunities to stay ahead of the curve in the year ahead.

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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 (%)
<b>2021</b>	-0.71%	-1.66%	-2.54%	8	1,634.8	18,639.7	8.77	N/A	18.10	18.33
<b>2020</b>	34.07%	32.81%	18.31%	8	1,876.2	18,535.9	10.12	N/A	19.65	19.60
<b>2019</b>	25.67%	24.49%	18.42%	6	1,268.6	13,458.1	9.43	0.09	14.33	14.17
<b>2018</b>	-16.00%	-16.82%	-14.58%	≤5	1,118.5	9,729.2	11.50	N/A	14.42	14.60
<b>2017</b>	44.13%	42.76%	37.28%	≤5	221.6	12,116.0	1.83	N/A	13.87	15.35
<b>2016</b>	7.09%	6.07%	11.19%	≤5	87.1	9,671.6	0.90	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2015</b>	-7.83%	-8.73%	-14.92%	≤5	2.2	8,704.3	0.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2014*</b>	-1.41%	-2.12%	-1.25%	8	1,666.7	18,649.8	8.94	N/A	19.08	19.13

\*Non-annualized partial period performance beginning 7/1/2014

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, 2021. 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 World Equity composite has had a performance examination for the periods July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Composite Description: The Emerging Markets World 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 within all capitalization sizes. Currencies may be actively managed to reduce portfolio volatility. The Composite represents the performance of all institutional emerging markets world style fee-paying, discretionary equity accounts, regardless of asset size. The Composite was initiated and created in July 2014. 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. As of September 30, 2016, the Emerging Markets All Cap strategy (the "Composite") has been renamed the Emerging Markets World Equity composite.

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 effective July 31, 2018.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 World Equity Fund, which is included in the Emerging Markets World Equity Composite is listed above. The total expense ratio as of December 31,2020 was 0.96%.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. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

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