

## Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy

March 31, 2025

### 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
- Active risk management with disciplined portfolio construction
- Driven by fundamentals, supported by evidence
- Advancing positive change through active engagement

### Annualized Returns (%)

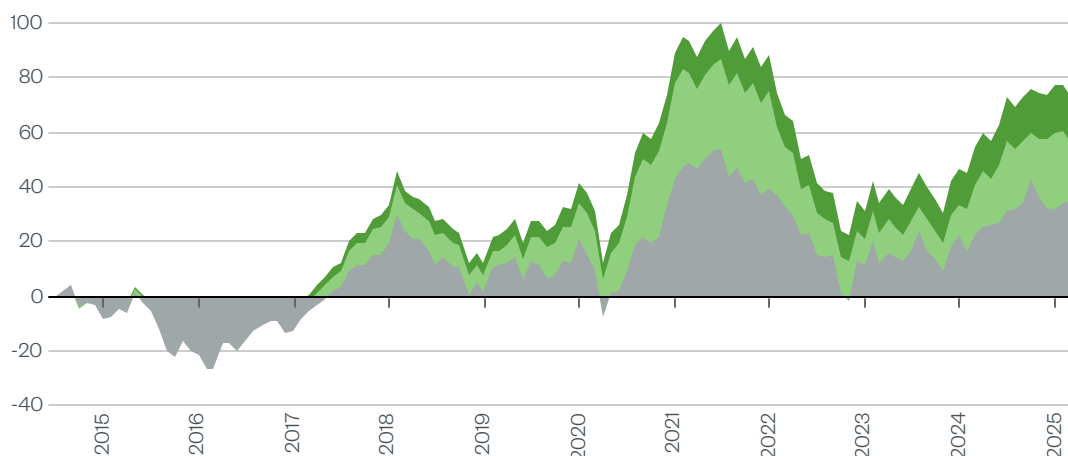
As of 3/31/25



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### Cumulative Returns (%)

As of 3/31/25



### Strategy Facts

#### Inception

July 1, 2014

#### Firm Assets

\$23.8 B\*

#### Strategy Assets

\$2.4 B\*

#### Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets

#### Vehicles

Separate account  
Commingled fund  
CIT\*\*  
UCITS

### Portfolio Managers

#### Andrew Jacobson, CFA

Portfolio Manager,  
Chief Investment Officer

#### José Gerardo Morales, CFA

Portfolio Manager

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$23.3B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.5B); Strategy Assets Under Management (\$2.0B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.4B).

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## Top 10 Holdings

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Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	9.6	8.6
Tencent	China	Communication Services	6.8	5.3
Alibaba	China	Consumer Discretionary	5.0	3.4
Embraer S.A.	Brazil	Industrials	3.1	0.1
Xiaomi Corp. Class B	China	Information Technology	2.8	1.3
ICICI Bank	India	Financials	2.8	1.1
Pop Mart International Group Limited	China	Consumer Discretionary	2.5	0.1
Emaar Properties (P.J.S.C)	United Arab Emirates	Real Estate	2.4	0.3
China Construction	China	Financials	2.1	1.1
Bajaj Finance	India	Financials	2.1	0.4

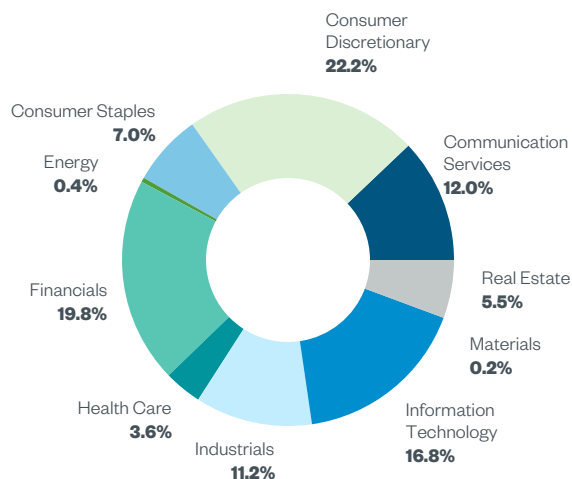
## Risk/Return Analysis & Portfolio Characteristics (%)

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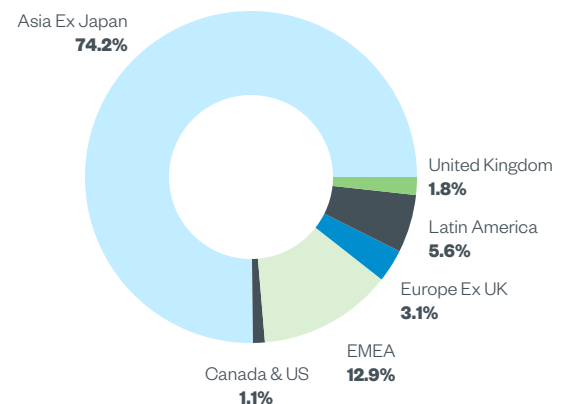
10 Year Statistics	Axiom (Gross)	Axiom (Net)	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	77.2	61.0	43.9
Annualized Return (%)	5.9	4.9	3.7
Annualized Excess Return (%)	2.2	1.2	--
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	67.5	60.0	--
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	16.4	16.4	17.0
Tracking Error (%)	5.4	5.4	--
Information Ratio	0.4	0.2	--
Annualized Sortino Ratio	0.4	0.3	0.2
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	115.5	107.1	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	96.2	97.7	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	110	1206
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	39.3%	21.6%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$171.0	\$158.3
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$19.3	\$8.8
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$591	\$444
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	-2.1	6.5
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	15.3	11.9
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	19.2	19.7
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.8	0.6
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	57.9	307.0

## Sector Exposure (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



Index: MSCI Emerging Markets

Currency: USD

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## Commentary

During the first quarter 2025, the Axiom Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy ("Strategy") underperformed the MSCI EM Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis over the 5-year, 10-year, and since inception periods.

Emerging markets outperformed the U.S. during the first quarter, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index gaining +3%, while the S&P 500 declined more than -4%. The U.S. dollar weakened by almost -4%, amplifying the relative strength of non-U.S. equities. Value stocks outpaced growth globally (MSCI ACWI) by nearly 12%, led by strong gains in materials, energy, and financials, while information technology stocks corrected, with the so-called "Mag 7" declining by -16%. Emerging markets also posted solid gains, supported by a recovery in leading Chinese innovation companies—particularly following the January release of Deep Seek R1—which contributed to the broader reset in AI-related equities outside of China. Meanwhile, the removal of Germany's low national "debt ceiling" by the newly elected government in February added support for select European equities. Non-U.S. markets continue to trade at meaningful discounts to the U.S., with new sources of sustainable growth emerging, even as some of the dominant themes of the past few years—such as the accelerated buildout of AI infrastructure and resilient U.S. consumption—show signs of moderating. Having benefited strongly from these themes in recent years, Axiom's investment team actively mitigated risk and repositioned portfolios to capture new global opportunities.

From a sector perspective, the largest relative contributor during the quarter was consumer staples, due to positive performance by Giant Biogene and Coca-Cola HBC. The primary detracting sectors for the quarter were consumer discretionary, financials, and information technology.

From a country perspective, the largest relative contributor was Greece where the strong national economic fundamentals continued to drive loan growth and profitability momentum at National Bank of Greece and Piraeus Financial. Other contributors included Singapore due to positive performance by Sea Limited which is benefitting from its business growth across Southeast Asia, and Brazil led by Embraer. Embraer is continuing to execute on their deliveries of airplanes while its global competitor's struggle. India, China, and Argentina were the primary detracting countries for the quarter.

The largest stock specific relative contributors for the quarter were Pop Mart International, Embraer, Giant Biogene, Sea Limited, and Xiaomi. The largest detractors on a relative basis were Alibaba, Accton Technology, Taiwan Semiconductor, Central Depository Services, and KFin Technologies.

Dynamic growth investing is more essential than ever as the Trump administration's newly announced tariffs mark a potentially significant shift in U.S. trade and industrial policy. The structure and tone of these measures suggest more than a technical adjustment—they may hasten the deglobalization trends already in motion since the global financial crisis. Alongside ongoing demographic pressures, rising debt levels, and accelerating technological disruption, these developments reinforce the relevance of Axiom's "4Ds" investment framework: demographics, debt, deglobalization, and disruption. Our dynamic growth philosophy focuses on identifying the evolving group of global companies delivering sustainable, innovation-led growth in this environment. While the market digests the tariff news and its broader implications, it's worth noting that missing just 10 of the best recovery days over the past 30 years would have cut long-term returns nearly in half (source: Ned Davis Research). Global monetary policy and incrementally more favorable fiscal policy in certain countries continue to provide a supportive backdrop, with central bank cuts now outpacing hikes by a ratio of nearly 4-to-1. Valuations across global markets remain historically reasonable, while corporate and consumer balance sheets appear broadly healthy—important buffers against macroeconomic headwinds. With more than 25 years of experience successfully navigating changing market conditions, Axiom remains focused on our rigorous, evidence-based dynamic growth approach to identify investment opportunities, manage risk, and help our clients achieve attractive long-term outcomes.

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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 '25	-2.57%	-2.81%	2.93%	8	2,031.6	23,298.9	8.72	N/A	15.64	17.35
2024	21.06%	19.92%	7.50%	8	2,060.1	24,180.9	8.52	1.70	16.37	17.50
2023	11.48%	10.42%	9.83%	8	1,900.1	19,915.6	9.54	0.66	16.05	17.14
2022	-30.21%	-30.90%	-20.09%	10	1,924.3	16,580.9	11.61	0.33	19.95	20.26
2021	-0.71%	-1.66%	-2.54%	8	1,634.8	18,639.7	8.77	0.48	18.10	18.33
2020	34.07%	32.81%	18.31%	8	1,876.2	18,535.9	10.12	N/A	19.65	19.60
2019	25.67%	24.49%	18.42%	6	1,268.6	13,458.1	9.43	0.09	14.33	14.17
2018	-16.00%	-16.82%	-14.58%	≤ 5	1,118.5	9,729.2	11.50	N/A	14.42	14.60
2017	44.13%	42.76%	37.28%	≤ 5	221.6	12,116.0	1.83	N/A	13.87	15.35
2016	7.09%	6.07%	11.19%	≤ 5	87.1	9,671.6	0.90	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015	-7.83%	-8.73%	-14.92%	≤ 5	2.2	8,704.3	0.02	N/A	N/A	N/A

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%

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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, 2024 was 0.79%.

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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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.

Counterparty and bankruptcy risk: Although Axiom will attempt to limit its transactions to counterparties which are established, well-capitalized and creditworthy, the strategy will be subject to the risk of the inability of counterparties to perform with respect to transactions, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes, which could subject the strategy to substantial losses.

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