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### Strategy facts

Lead Portfolio Manager: Andrew Jacobson, CFA

Co-Portfolio Managers: José Gerardo Morales, CFA, Andrew Yoon, CFA

Inception: July 1, 2014
Firm assets: \$19.3 B\*

Strategy assets under management: \$1.7 B Strategy assets under advisement: \$651 M

Vehicles: Separate account, commingled fund, CIT\*\*, UCITS, & mutual fund\*\*\*

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets

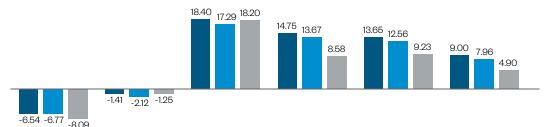
### Strategy objectives

Axiom invests in dynamic growth stocks globally. Axiom targets companies whose key business drivers are both improving and exceeding expectations through its disciplined process of data collection, analysis and portfolio construction. Axiom's dynamic growth strategy is implemented by the firm's experienced, stable, and collaborative investment team. The Emerging Markets World Equity strategy concentrates its investments in companies located in emerging market countries or companies that benefit from significant emerging market growth. The strategy focuses on growing companies undergoing significant change.

#### Annualized returns

Performance period: 7/1/14-9/30/21

- Emerging Markets World Equity Composite (% gross of fees)
- Emerging Markets World Equity Composite (% net of fees)
- MSCI EM (Emerging Markets)



QTD YTD 1 year 3 years 5 years ITD

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

#### Portfolio statistics

	Strategy	Bench.
Holdings	114	1418
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	\$150,106	\$133,768
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$463	\$326
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	-1.6	10.4
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	18.7	11.9
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	22.2	17.3
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.8	0.7
Earnings Revisions Up	70%	53%
Earnings Revisions Down	30%	47%

#### Portfolio top ten holdings

Security	Country	Sector	Strategy	Bench.
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info. Tech.	8.0%	6.5%
Samsung	Korea	Info. Tech.	3.7%	3.8%
Infosys	India	Info. Tech.	3.0%	1.0%
Contemporary Amperex	China	Industrials	2.4%	0.1%
Li Ning	China	Discretionary	2.3%	0.3%
Sberbank	Russia	Financials	2.1%	0.6%
HDFC Bank	India	Financials	2.0%	0.0%
Bajaj Finance	India	Financials	1.9%	0.4%
Tencent	China	Comm. Serv.	1.8%	4.3%
Lukoil	Russia	Energy	1.8%	0.5%

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$18.6B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.7B).

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.

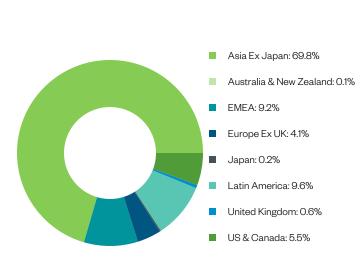
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\*\*\*The Pear Tree Axiom Emerging Markets World Equity Fund is a Pear Tree Fund subadvised by Axiom Advisors. The Fund is modeled after Axiom's Emerging Markets World Equity Strategy. For Information on the Fund, please contact IDT@peartreefunds.com.

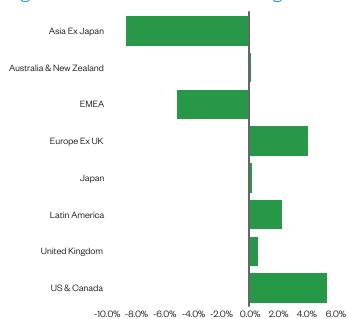


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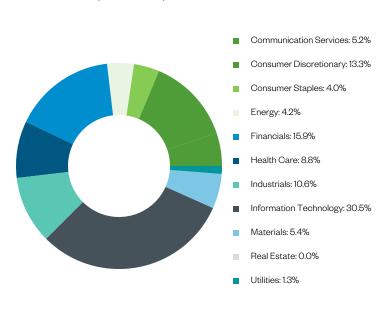
## Portfolio exposure by region



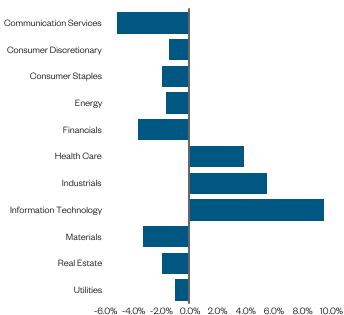
## Regional allocation vs. benchmark weight



Portfolio exposure by sector



## Sector allocation vs benchmark weight





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#### Commentary

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

Axiom outperformed this quarter despite global growth headwinds from the Delta variant, supply chain disruptions, and policy. Key global economic indicators continued to moderate this quarter. For example, the JPM Global PMI Composite has fallen every month since peaking in May at 58.6 and the most recent August data point of 52.6 indicates a more moderate pace of global recovery. Leading the global slowdown, China's local Caixin PMI Composite fell to 47.2 in August as China has been especially aggressive about reimposing a COVID lockdown in the face of Delta. In addition, President Xi's policy turn towards more direct state control over the economy under the mantra of "common prosperity" resulted in a myriad of disruptive regulations. Finally, the Evergrande credit saga pressured the important Chinese property sector. Recently, there have been signs of stabilization in China as policy has started easing in response to the slowdown. In the US, a modest backup in interest rates combined with persistent labor market imbalances restrained the pace of economic recovery. The US policy debate around substantial proposed tax hikes partly under the rubric of "fighting income inequality" creates risks to private sector investment and longer-term economic growth. Inflation remains elevated globally and it is still unclear how soon inflation will moderate once supply chain bottlenecks ease. While the recovery is maturing and economic growth is moderating, corporate profitability remains attractive. Also providing support, the Delta-wave appears to have peaked and credit conditions continue to be extremely favorable for equities. Global growth stocks slightly outperformed global value stocks this quarter notwithstanding a setback to emerging market growth stocks due to the policy headwinds facing the Chinese internet sector. Value outperformed growth in emerging markets this quarter due largely to the strong policy headwinds facing the Chinese internet sector. Axiom remains underweight Chinese stocks.

The highest contributing sectors on a relative basis during the third quarter were consumer discretionary, information technology, led by top performing stock Mindtree, and financials, driven by strong performance from Bajaj Finance. Consumer staples, energy, and communication services were the largest relative detractors for the quarter.

From a country perspective, China was the top contributor, due to strong performing stocks Alibaba and China Longyuan, followed by Brazil, driven by WEG, and Argentina led by Globant. Taiwan, Korea, and Indonesia were the top detracting countries during the quarter on a relative basis.

From an individual stock perspective, the Strategy's best relative contributors were Alibaba, Mindtree, China Longyuan, Bajaj Finance, and Globant. Detracting stocks for the quarter included Wuliangye, Taiwan Semiconductor, Gazprom, Zai Lab, and Trip.com.

We are approaching the one-year anniversary of the announcement of vaccines. While the recovery is continuing, year-on-year economic comparisons get more challenging. Also, we are seeing some policy headwinds from proposed tax and interest rate hikes globally. Furthermore, input prices, especially related to energy and logistics, represent ongoing economic challenges. Notwithstanding the challenges, global growth seems likely to settle into a more moderate expansion supported by ongoing reopening and supply chain restocking, absent additional major policy or health shocks. As growth moderates, value stocks seem likely to face renewed challenges having benefited from the cyclical tailwinds. We remain positive about the opportunities to differentiate Axiom's portfolios through dynamic growth stock selection with a medium and longer-term time horizon.

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#### Footnotes and disclaimers

									Composite	Benchmark
	Composite	Composite	Benchmark			Total firm			3-year	3-year
	return	return	Total Return	No. of	Market value	assets	% of firm	Internal	standard	standard
	(gross of fees)	(net of fees)	(%)	accounts	(millions)	(millions)	assets (%)	dispersion (%)	deviation (%)	deviation (%)
YTD 2021	-1.41%	-2.12%	-1.25%	8	1,666.7	18,649.8	8.94	N/A	19.08	19.13
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
2014*	-5.89%	-6.37%	7.84%	≤5	2.4	9,482.3	0.02	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Non-annualized partial period performance beginning 07/01/2014

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 June 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 June 30, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

Definition of the Firm: The firm is currently defined for GIPS purposes as Axiom International Investors, LLC (the "Firm") is a registered investment advisor under the Investment Act of 1940.

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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.

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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.

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.

Volatile markets: Market prices are difficult to predict and are influenced by many factors, including changes in interest rates, weather conditions, government intervention and changes in national and international political and economic events.

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