



Emerging Markets Equity Strategy

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

Strategy facts

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Inception: August 1, 2007

Firm assets: \$20.6 B*

Strategy assets under management: \$8.9 B

Vehicles: Separate account, commingled fund, CIT** and UCITS

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets

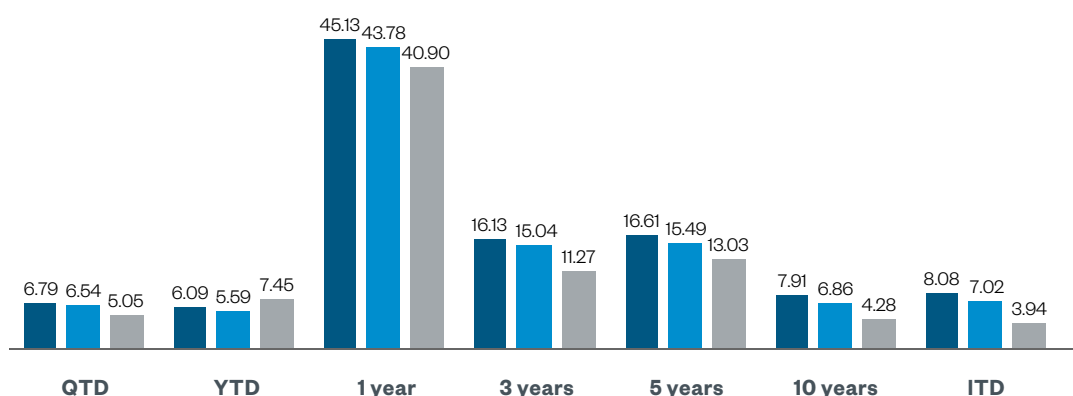
Strategy objectives

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 Equity strategy concentrates its investments in companies located in emerging market countries or in companies that derive the majority of their revenues or assets from an emerging market country. The strategy focuses on growing companies undergoing significant change.

Annualized returns

Performance period: 8/1/07-6/30/21

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



Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Portfolio statistics

	Strategy	Bench.
Holdings	81	1412
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	\$175,805	\$165,716
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$510	\$348
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	-13.3	6.0
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	17.4	13.8
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	53.8	44.9
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.3	0.3
Earnings Revisions Up	65%	57%
Earnings Revisions Down	35%	43%

Portfolio top ten holdings

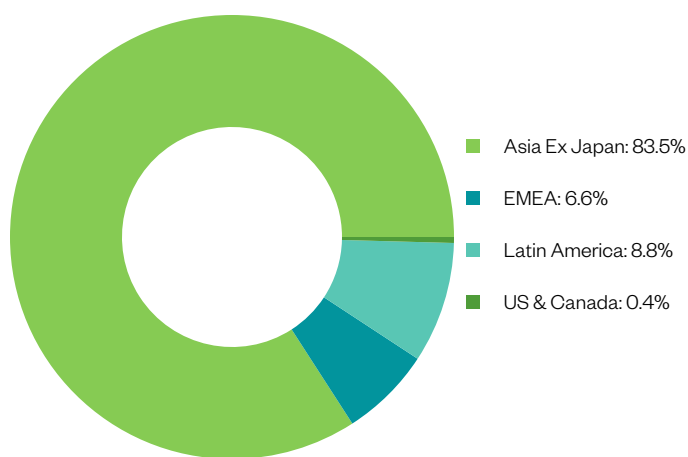
Security	Country	Sector	Strategy	Bench.
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info. Tech.	8.5%	6.1%
Samsung	Korea	Info. Tech.	6.0%	4.0%
Tencent	China	Comm. Serv.	4.9%	5.0%
Alibaba	China	Discretionary	3.3%	0.0%
Li Ning Company	China	Discretionary	2.9%	0.3%
Contemporary Amperex	China	Industrials	2.5%	0.1%
Infosys	India	Info. Tech.	2.3%	0.8%
Shinhan Financial	Korea	Financials	2.2%	0.2%
SK hynix	Korea	Info. Tech.	2.0%	0.7%
Hyundai Motor Co.	Korea	Discretionary	1.9%	0.3%

*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$19.8B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.8B).

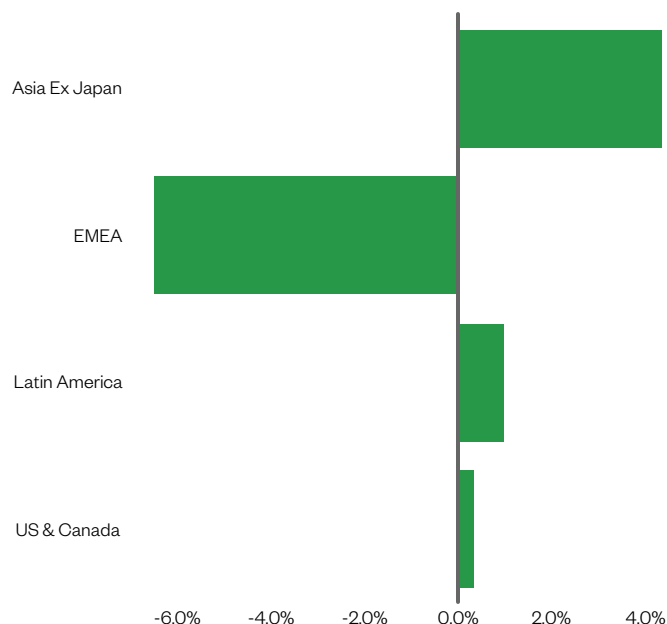
Source: Factset and Axiom. There can be no assurance that the Strategy will continue to hold these positions or that weightings do not change after the as of date stated. Please refer to the attached GIPS compliant presentation for complete performance information.

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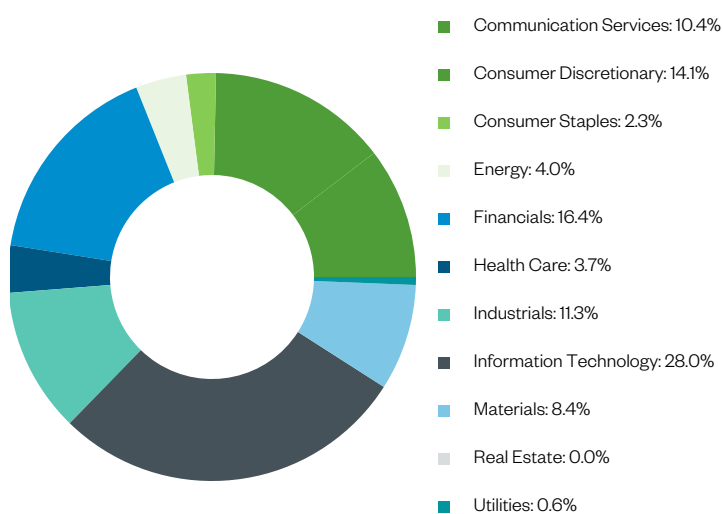
Portfolio exposure by region



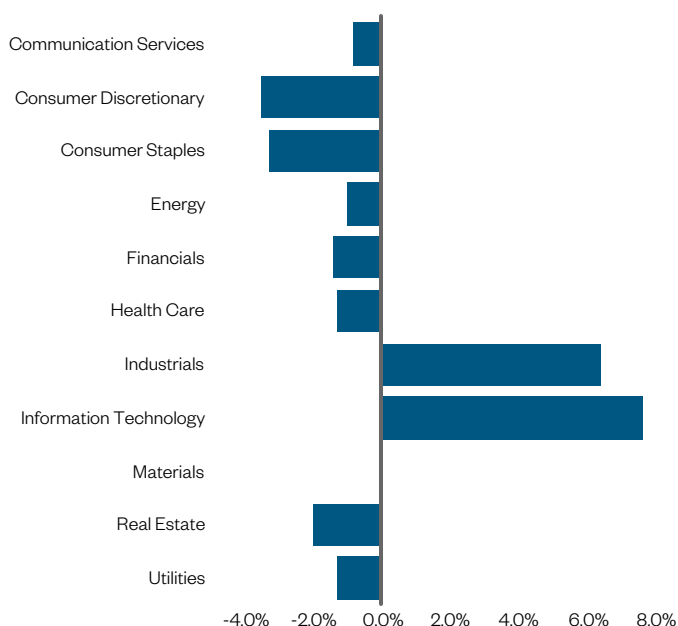
Regional allocation vs. benchmark weight



Portfolio exposure by sector



Sector allocation vs benchmark weight





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Commentary

During the second quarter 2021, the Axiom Emerging Markets Equity Strategy ("Strategy") outperformed the MSCI EM Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy remains ahead of the Index on a net of fees basis over the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, and since inception periods.

Axiom's focus on ahead of the curve dynamic growth stock selection led to strong performance this quarter as growth stocks showed signs of resuming market leadership after several quarters of outperformance by value. The faster than expected economic recovery that unfolded over the past twelve months has been fueled by massive monetary and fiscal stimulus globally as well as by optimism surrounding the introduction of effective vaccines. The policy driven economic tailwinds supported a period of outperformance by cyclical and distressed value stocks since the 'COVID' bottom last spring. Key economic indicators have just started to tick down from record highs as credit momentum in major economies has begun to decline. For instance, the JP Morgan Composite World PMI has fallen from a record high of 58.5 in May to 56.6 in June. Within emerging markets, the broad macro indicators were somewhat mixed during the second quarter. EMBI spreads narrowed during the quarter from 323.9 to 312.5 while the JPM EM currency index strengthened slightly from 56.1 to 57.3. On the other hand, the emerging market PMI remained at 52.8 during the second quarter which is below the fourth quarter level of 54.1 with Chinese and other Asian PMIs showing a marked deceleration. In China, the credit tightening has been significant with the Chinese credit impulse turning negative only seven months after the peak last October. The pace of recovery appears to be peaking and the sharpest part of the economic re-acceleration seems to be behind us. Growth stocks have also been supported recently as concerns about elevated current inflation readings are now being offset by significant selloffs in many of the commodities that contributed to the rise in inflation. Within emerging markets this meant a resumption of leadership by growth stocks late in the second quarter that narrowed the outperformance of value over growth for the quarter to 65 bps.

By sector, industrials was the best performer, led by Contemporary Amperex which continues to see strong demand and overall growth in electric vehicle batteries. The consumer discretionary sector was also an outperformer led by top performing stock Li Ning, which is benefiting from improving Chinese sportswear spending trends and market share gains from foreign brands. Finally, communication services was also a strong performer led by Korean internet company Kakao. Materials and energy were the largest relative detractors for the quarter.

From a country perspective, China was the top contributor where Contemporary Amperex and Li Ning, mentioned above were joined by fellow outperformers Longi Green and Shenzhen Innovance. South Korea was a key country contributor driven by Kakao while the underweight in Naspers led to South Africa also being a top contributor. Top detractors included Brazil, where we saw a strong rotation from growth to value cyclicals. Taiwan was another top detractor given the underperformance of the Taiwanese tech sector.

From an individual stock perspective, the Strategy's best relative contributors were Li Ning, Contemporary Amperex, Kakao, Silergy, and LONGi Green Energy. Detracting stocks for the quarter were TAL, Taiwan Semiconductor, Kasikornbank, Grupo Mexico, and PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia.

We are optimistic about the outlook for our holdings and believe investors should be taking advantage of the recent value-stock rally to reinforce their allocation to dynamic growth equities. Emerging market activity should continue to benefit from ongoing vaccination programs which for the most part lag US/Europe progress and in regions such as Latin America and ASEAN the lag is significant. Progress on vaccination levels and further economic reopening in emerging markets later this year should be supportive. Nevertheless, the market might be in the early stages of looking out towards slower global economic growth in coming years and shifting back to favoring Axiom's ahead of the curve dynamic growth investments which continue to deliver superior and better than expected sustainable growth.

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	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 2021	6.09%	5.59%	7.45%	18	8,157.7	19,836.6	41.12	N/A	18.79	18.52
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
2013	4.30%	3.26%	-2.60%	8	1,444.2	9,949.8	14.52	0.30	19.37	19.04
2012	22.94%	21.74%	18.22%	8	1,271.3	8,611.6	14.76	0.03	21.98	21.50
2011	-17.48%	-18.31%	-18.42%	7	833.8	10,161.2	8.21	0.07	26.38	25.76

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 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, 2020 was 0.15%. The Axiom Emerging Markets Trust CIT, which is also included in the composite has an all-in fee (management fees & expenses) of 1.00%.

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.

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