# **Investing Ahead of the Curve**



# **Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**

## March 31, 2024

## 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.

## 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



# Strategy Composite Risk/Return Analysis

As of 3/31/24

10 Year Statistics	Axiom (Gross)	Axiom (Net)	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	47.2	33.6	33.7
Annualized Return (%)	3.9	2.9	2.9
Annualized Excess Return (%)	1.0	0.0	
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	60.0	55.0	
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	17.0	17.0	17.1
Tracking Error (%)	3.8	3.8	
Information Ratio	0.3	0.0	
Annualized Sortino Ratio	0.2	O.1	0.1
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	124.3	115.5	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	103.0	104.4	-

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$22.2B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.6B).

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.

# **Strategy Facts**

Inception August 1, 2007

Firm Assets \$22.8 B\*

Strategy Assets \$5.0 B

Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets

Vehicles Separate account, commingled fund,

CIT and UCITS\*\*

# Axiom Investors ICAV

UCITS Inception October 12, 2022 Vehicle Assets Under Management \$68 M ISIN Class A: IE0002ABY889 Fee Schedule

Class A: 1.15%

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## **Portfolio Managers**

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## Young Kim

Portfolio Manager José Gerardo Morales, CFA Portfolio Manager

**Donald Elefson, CFA** Portfolio Manager

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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 '24	6.56%	6.31%	2.37%	19	5,003.8	22,202.6	22.54	N/A	16.61	17.51
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%

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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 OIT, 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. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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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