

# SGA Emerging Markets Growth Equity



Q1 2024

## Strategy

- **Be selective** in company identification and look for specific characteristics in all portfolio companies: pricing power, repeat revenues, growth opportunity, financial strength and management strength
- **Be diligent** in firsthand, team-based research to increase the odds that companies meet our quality and growth expectations, and to identify new investment opportunities
- **Be disciplined** in valuation, managing price risk through the application of valuation tools focused on cash flow

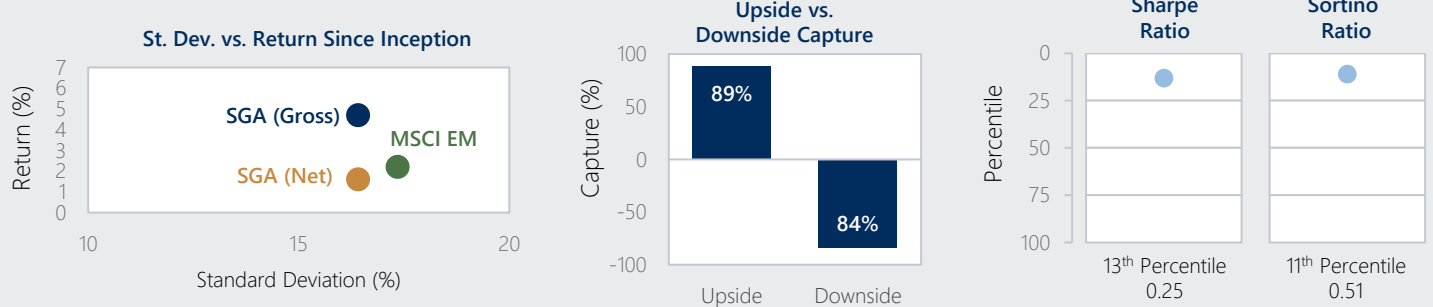
## Portfolio Construction

Style	Emerging Markets Growth
Assets as of 3/31/2024	\$1.0B
Composite Inception	August 1, 2014
Holdings	25 – 35
Average Position Size	2 - 6%
EM Company Exposure*	>80%
Maximum Exposure to one Sector	40%
Maximum Exposure to one Industry	25%
Expected Annual Turnover	30 – 45%

## Performance Results

	Q1 2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
SGA EM Growth (Gross)	-5.2%	-3.2%	-9.1%	2.4%	4.7%
SGA EM Growth (Net)	-5.9%	-6.0%	-11.8%	-0.6%	1.6%
MSCI EM (Net TR)	2.4%	8.2%	-5.1%	2.2%	2.2%
MSCI EM Growth (Net TR)	3.4%	5.2%	-8.9%	2.2%	3.0%

## Risk vs. Return



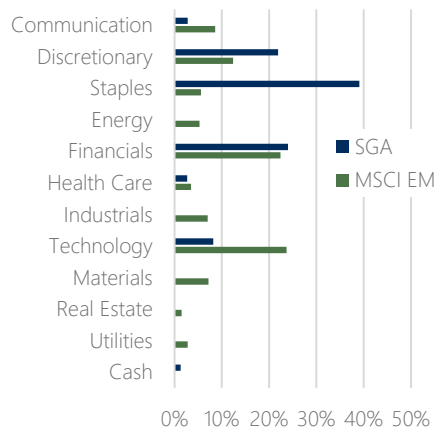
## Top 5 Countries

Countries	SGA	MSCI EM	Diff.
China	14.7%	22.5%	-7.8%
India	13.2%	17.7%	-4.5%
Mexico	11.5%	2.7%	+8.8%
United Kingdom	6.5%	0.1%	+6.4%
Japan	6.4%	0.0%	+6.4%

## Largest Holdings

Holdings	Weight	Sector	3-Year Earnings Growth (Est.)	Owned Since
HDFC Bank	7.0%	Financials	18%	Inception
FEMSA	6.4%	Consumer Staples	11%	Inception
Infosys	6.2%	Information Technology	10%	6/2016
XP	5.6%	Financials	14%	9/2020
MercadoLibre	5.4%	Consumer Discretionary	28%	Inception
Wal-Mart de Mexico	5.1%	Consumer Staples	13%	3/2015
Bank of Central Asia	5.1%	Financials	12%	1/2021
CP All	4.8%	Consumer Staples	20%	6/2018
Fast Retailing	4.5%	Consumer Discretionary	15%	2/2016
Yum China	4.1%	Consumer Discretionary	15%	8/2023

## Sector Allocation



## Portfolio Characteristics

Characteristics	SGA EM Growth	MSCI EM	SGA EM Growth	MSCI EM
No. of Holdings	26	1,376		
% In Top 10 Holdings	54%	24%		
Wgt. Avg. Market Cap	\$95B	\$127B		
Median Market Cap	\$72B	\$7B		
3-Yr. Est. Earnings Growth	13.7%	15.1%		
3-Yr. Est. Revenue Growth	10.2%	6.2%		
Gross Margin	41%	34%		
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.4x	-0.2x		
Cash/Earnings (C/E) Ratio	91%	72%		
Enterprise Yield (EY)	4.0%	4.2%		
Turnover (12 Mo)	24%	-		
Active Share	91%	-		

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, SGA Earnings and Revenues Estimates and Adjustments. SGA paid a standard fee to eVestment for access to rankings and other services. Peer Rank based on Gross Returns. Data as of 3/31/2024. \*Emerging Market Companies defined as companies domiciled in, or having at least 50% of revenues derived from, emerging markets. SGA EPS Growth data based upon portfolio companies' non-GAAP operating earnings. EPS calculations exclude companies with earnings going from (i) positive to negative or (ii) negative to positive, year to year. SGA Enterprise Yield is a proprietary measure of the projected free cash flow truly available to investors as a percentage of market value (FCFATS / Market Capitalization). Active share describes the share of portfolio holdings that differ from the benchmark. Gross Margin, C/E Ratio, EY calculated as weighted average. Net Debt/EBITDA calculated as weighted average excluding securities +/- 1 standard deviation from the benchmark average and excluding Bank, Insurance, and Investment Banking & Brokerage industries. CP All Net Debt/EBITDA uses consolidated figures. Upside and Downside Capture calculated using monthly gross returns vs MSCI EM Index. Peer Rank data since inception. Universe is eVestment Global Emerging Markets Equity, as of 12/31/2023. Peer size is 318. Sortino Ratio uses MAR of 0%. The largest contributors and detractors are determined using a ranking of the absolute contribution to portfolio return by each security held over the period under consideration. SGA weights and characteristics based on a representative account. Nothing herein should be considered investment advice, or a recommendation to purchase or sell. A complete list of all securities held by the strategy in the preceding year can be obtained free of charge by contacting SGA at (203) 348-4742. Trailing and Since Inception returns are annualized for periods longer than one year. Results are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income (including dividends, interest and other earnings). MSCI Indices are Net Total Return (MSCI Net Total Return Indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes). For interest and capital gains, SGA does not withhold taxes. For dividends, SGA will withhold taxes as reported by the client's custodian. Returns are calculated net of withholding taxes on dividends. The Net Returns are calculated based on the deduction of a model fee of 3.00% being the highest applicable fee that may be charged to SGA clients for the Emerging Markets Growth WRAP equity strategy. Net Returns do account for custodian and brokerage fees. Actual fees charged to clients may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fees schedule and portfolio size. SGA's fees are available upon request and may be found in Part 2A of its Form ADV. SGA Emerging Markets Growth WRAP composite inception is 8/1/2014. This information is supplemental and complements the GIPS Report on composite performance found on the back page of this document. It should not be assumed that future results will be reflective of past performance.

## Q1 2024 Review

- Following an early market pullback, optimism around the global macro backdrop led EM market indices to positive returns in Q1; SGA's portfolio performed in-line initially but lagged during the rebound
- Market leadership was concentrated in Semis, Energy, and Bank stocks, while Consumer Staples companies continued to lag, posing a headwind for our style of growth investing
- Reward to business quality metrics were mixed for quarter, with quality factors largely lagging as markets rebounded from their January lows
- Fast Retailing, H World Group, and Bank of Central Asia were the largest contributors; HDFC Bank, AIA Group, and Shandong Weigao were the largest detractors
- Positions Fast Retailing and Yum China were trimmed; HDFC Bank, FEMSA, and MercadoLibre were added to on weakness

## Portfolio Purchases

Unicharm  
Nestle  
TSMC

## Portfolio Sales

Raia Drogasil  
Shandong Weigao

## Absolute Contributors

	Company	CTR
Q1 2024	Fast Retailing	1.36%
	H World Group	0.37%
	Bank of Central Asia	0.27%
	Adidas	0.23%
	Unilever	0.18%
1-Year	XP	4.05%
	Fast Retailing	2.14%
	FEMSA	2.09%
	Sanlam	0.68%
	MercadoLibre	0.56%

## Absolute Detractors

	Company	CTR
Q1 2024	HDFC Bank	-1.23%
	AIA Group	-0.96%
	Shandong Weigao	-0.85%
	Bud APAC	-0.79%
	Mengniu Dairy	-0.64%
1-Year	Bud APAC	-2.40%
	Shandong Weigao	-2.18%
	Mengniu Dairy	-1.93%
	AIA Group	-1.60%
	JD.com	-1.14%

Period	Total Return						3 Year Standard Deviation						
	Before Fees	After Fees	MSCI EM Net TR Index	MSCI EM Growth Net TR Index	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion	SGA Composite	MSCI EM Net TR Index	MSCI EM Growth Net TR Index	Total Assets in Composite at Period End (USD millions)	Total Firm Assets at Period End (USD millions)	Percentage of non-fee paying accounts	Percentage of WRAP accounts
Aug. 1 - Dec. 31, 2014	-1.38%	-2.61%	-9.59%	-7.09%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.193	5,332	100%	0%
2015	-3.00%	-5.88%	-14.92%	-11.34%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.094	5,318	100%	0%
2016	2.10%	-0.92%	11.19%	7.59%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.096	5,672	100%	0%
2017	36.31%	32.38%	37.28%	46.80%	Five or Fewer	N/A	12.64%	15.35%	14.69%	0.130	9,971	100%	0%
2018	-11.00%	-13.66%	-14.57%	-18.26%	Five or Fewer	N/A	12.87%	14.60%	14.98%	0.116	9,096	100%	0%
2019	30.97%	27.17%	18.42%	25.10%	Five or Fewer	N/A	13.38%	14.17%	15.41%	5	12,347	0%	0%
2020	31.22%	27.42%	18.31%	31.33%	Five or Fewer	N/A	18.45%	19.60%	19.96%	6	18,780	0%	0%
2021	-14.37%	-16.93%	-2.54%	-8.41%	Five or Fewer	N/A	18.56%	18.33%	18.96%	86	22,899	0%	0%
2022	-12.35%	-14.98%	-20.09%	-23.96%	Five or Fewer	N/A	20.53%	20.26%	21.36%	94	18,407	0%	0%
Since Inception (August 1, 2014)	5.17%	2.07%	1.08%	2.36%			16.40*	17.42*	17.97*				

N/A- Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

3 Year Standard Deviation is not shown for 2014, 2015, and 2016 as 36 months of returns are not available

\* Since Inception Annualized Standard Deviation. SGA Composite Dispersion based on Gross Returns.

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