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# Emerging and Frontier Countries Equity Fund (I)

An equity fund emphasizing country allocation across emerging and frontier markets.



**EICOX** Symbol **\$14.11 \$**0.00

NAV as of May 7, 2024



Attribution Mar 31, 2024

### The Fund

This top-down macro-focused fund offers exposure to emerging and frontier markets countries as well as off-index countries. The Fund seeks to provide investors with income and capital appreciation through attractive risk-adjusted returns. Managed by the Emerging Markets Team, a leader in political and macroeconomic analysis of countries.

### The Approach

Utilizing a top-down, country-allocation investment approach, the research process focuses on forecasting changes in macroeconomic and policy environments combined with fundamental valuation analysis. Allocations are focused on broadbased, country-level equity exposures, rather than individual stocks.

### The Features

The Fund provides access to a management team with over 50 years of combined experience. Rather than be guided by benchmark weightings, allocations to countries are implemented based on the investment team's proprietary research, which may provide broader diversification and lower volatility.

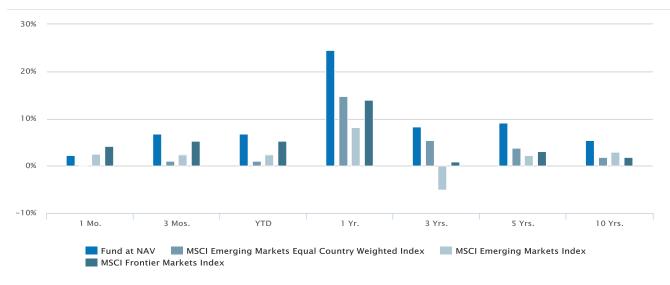
### Overview

## Historical Returns (%)





03/31/2024



04/30/2024							
Fund at NAV	0.00	7.35	6.77	22.43	7.27	8.99	5.39
MSCI Emerging Markets Equal Country Weighted Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.66	1.11	0.31	11.34	4.57	3.23	1.60
MSCI Emerging Markets Index <sup>2</sup>	0.45	7.83	2.83	9.88	-5.68	1.88	2.96
MSCI Frontier Markets Index <sup>3</sup>	-2.98	1.10	2.11	10.00	-2.27	2.36	0.92
03/31/2024							
Fund at NAV	2.21	6.77	6.77	24.48	8.29	9.08	5.40
MSCI Emerging Markets Equal Country Weighted Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.07	0.98	0.98	14.77	5.39	3.73	1.79
MSCI Emerging Markets Index <sup>2</sup>	2.48	2.37	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	2.94
MSCI Frontier Markets Index <sup>3</sup>	4.15	5.25	5.25	13.97	0.92	3.02	1.79

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### **Fund Facts**

as of Mar 31, 2024

Class I Inception	11/03/2014
Performance Inception	11/01/2013
Investment Objective	Total return
Total Net Assets	\$775.1M
Minimum Investment	\$1000000
Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>4</sup>	1.30%
Expense Ratio (Net) 4,5	1.15%
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## Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>6</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

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Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.5
Samsung Electronics Ltd	3.3
National Bank Of Greece Sa	2.8
Piraeus Financial Holdings Sa	2.4
Eurobank Holdings Sa	2.2
Georgia Capital PIc	2.2
Bank Of Cyprus Holding Plc	1.9
Mytilineos Sa	1.8
Alpha Services And Holdings Sa	1.7
Bank Of Georgia Group Plc	1.7
Total	24.5

## Morningstar Rating™

as of Apr 30, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Diversified Emerging Mkts Category
Overall	****	716
3 Years	****	716
5 Years	****	653
10 Years		426

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## Portfolio Management

Steven Vanne, CFA, FRM	Managed Fund since 2023
Federico Sequeda, CFA	Managed Fund since 2024
Sahil Tandon, CFA	Managed Fund since 2024

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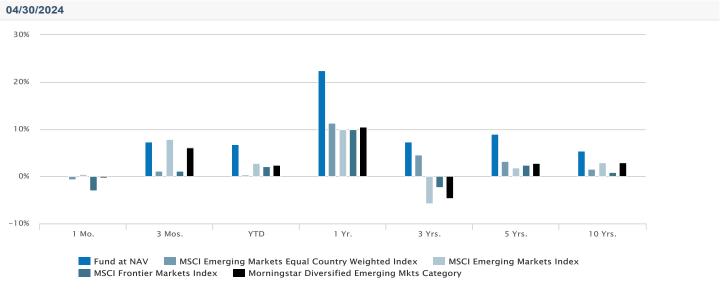
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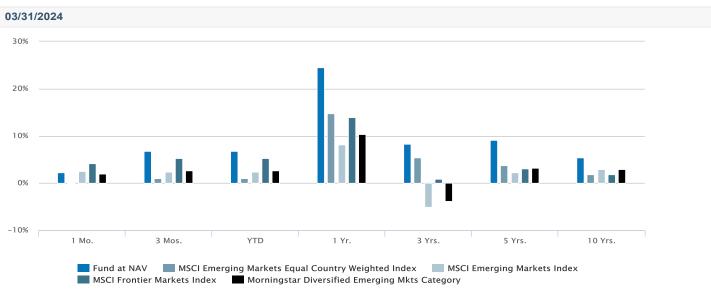
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### Performance

## Historical Returns (%)







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Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category <sup>7</sup>	-0.30	6.11	2.40	10.54	-4.66	2.83	2.86
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## Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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MSCI Emerging Markets Equal Country Weighted Index <sup>1</sup>	-4.09	-19.48	11.95	26.42	-12.46	12.48	-2.20	6.16	-6.36	16.71
MSCI Emerging Markets Index <sup>2</sup>	-2.19	-14.92	11.19	37.28	-14.57	18.42	18.31	-2.54	-20.09	9.83
MSCI Frontier Markets Index <sup>3</sup>	6.84	-14.46	2.66	31.86	-16.41	17.99	1.43	19.73	-26.34	11.63

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## Risk Measures (3 Year)<sup>8</sup>

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Alpha (%)	3.55
Beta	0.80
Standard Deviation (%)	14.57
Sharpe Ratio	0.31
Downside Market Capture Ratio (%)	76.07

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## **NAV History**

Date	NAV	NAV Change
May 07, 2024	\$14.11	\$0.00
May 06, 2024	\$14.11	\$0.12
May 03, 2024	\$13.99	\$0.04
May 02, 2024	\$13.95	\$0.11
May 01, 2024	\$13.84	-\$0.03
Apr 30, 2024	\$13.87	-\$0.10
Apr 29, 2024	\$13.97	\$0.10
Apr 26, 2024	\$13.87	\$0.13
Apr 25, 2024	\$13.74	-\$0.01
Apr 24, 2024	\$13.75	\$0.02

## Distribution History<sup>9</sup>

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
Dec 28, 2023	\$0.25370	\$12.99
Dec 29, 2022	\$0.60250	\$10.54
Dec 29, 2021	\$0.13560	\$12.98

No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years. Fund prospectus

## Capital Gain History<sup>9</sup>

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 29, 2021		\$0.21780	\$12.98

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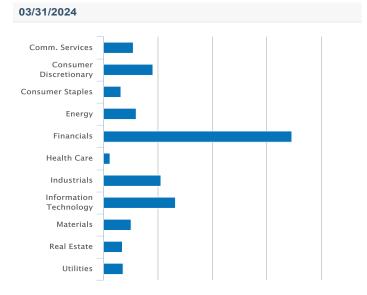
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- 7. The Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Category includes funds that invest primarily in stocks found in emerging market countries.
- 8. Risk measures calculated against the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Alpha measures risk-adjusted performance, showing excess return delivered at the same risk level as the benchmark. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. Standard deviation measures the historic volatility of a fund. Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Downside market capture ratio measures the percentage of the benchmark's returns that was captured by the manager, in periods defined by negative returns for the benchmark
- 9. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information

**Portfolio** 

as of Mar 31 2024

Number of Countries	16
Emerging-Market Exposure	85.91%
Frontier-Market Exposure	13.11%
Off-Index Exposure	8.4%
Active Share 10	50.00%



Comm. Services	5.54	5.56
Consumer Discretionary	9.05	6.15
Consumer Staples	3.26	5.95
Energy	6.07	5.48
Financials	34.62	41.52
Health Care	1.15	2.46
Industrials	10.54	8.40
Information Technology	13.27	6.71
Materials	5.04	8.46
Real Estate	3.52	2.69
Utilities	3.63	6.61

# Assets by Country (%)<sup>11</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

	Fund	Primary Benchmark
Greece	20.38	4.02
Korea	15.70	4.31
Poland	9.42	4.25
United Arab Emirates	7.92	3.97
Taiwan	6.33	4.50
MSCI Index Future	6.24	0.00
Vietnam	6.03	0.00
India	6.00	4.16
Saudi Arabia	5.79	4.09
Other Countries	23.60	70.70

Holding	% of Net Assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	5.14%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	3.72%
National Bank of Greece SA	3.14%
Piraeus Financial Holdings SA	2.74%
Eurobank Ergasias Services and Holdings SA	2.56%
Georgia Capital PLC	2.50%
US DOLLARS	2.36%
Bank of Cyprus Holdings PLC	2.11%
Mytilineos SA	2.06%
Alpha Services and Holdings SA	1.98%
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- 12. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

### Management



**Steven Vanne, CFA, FRM**Executive Director
Joined Eaton Vance in 2013

### Biography

Steve is an executive director of Morgan Stanley Investment Management and a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the team's emerging markets equity strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2013. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Steve began his career in the investment management industry in 2007. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was affiliated with State Street Bank and Trust Company.

Steve earned a Bachelor of Arts in quantitative economics from Providence College. He is a CFA charterholder and holds the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designation.

#### Education

• B.A. Providence College

#### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2023



Federico Sequeda, CFA Executive Director, Portfolio Manager Joined Eaton Vance 2010

#### **Biography**

Federico Sequeda is a portfolio manager on the Emerging Markets team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the team's emerging markets strategies. He joined Eaton Vance in 2010. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Federico began his career in the investment management industry in 2009. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was an investment associate with Bridgewater Associates, LP.

Federico earned a B.A., magna cum laude, from Dartmouth College. He is a CFA charterholder.

#### Education

• B.A. Dartmouth College

### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2024

### Other funds managed

- Global Macro Absolute Return Advantage Fund
- Global Macro Absolute Return Fund



Sahil Tandon, CFA
Managing Director, Portfolio Manager
Joined Morgan Stanley in 2004

### Biography

Sahil Tandon is a portfolio manager and Head of Portfolio Analysis on the Emerging Markets team.

He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the team's emerging markets strategies. He joined Morgan Stanley in 2004, where he began his career in the investment management industry.

Sahil earned a B.A. in economics from Brandeis University. He is a member of the CFA Society of the United Kingdom and is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

• B.A. Brandeis University

### Experience

• Managed Fund since 2024

### Literature



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