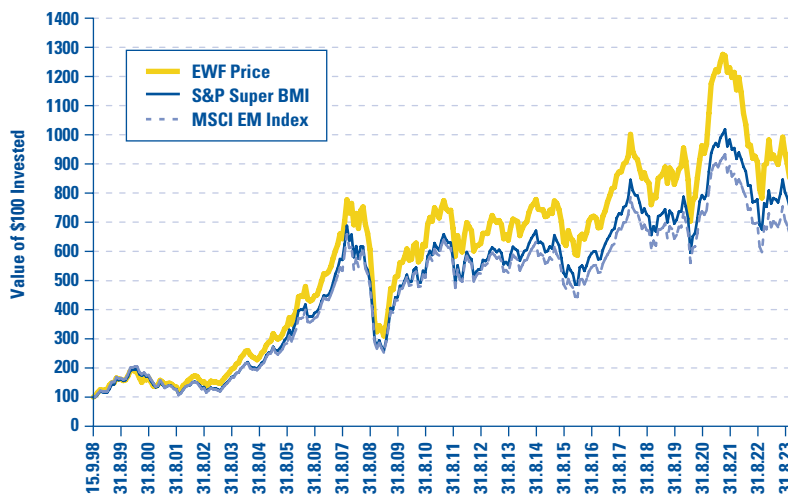




Summary

During October, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) fell 5.4%, net of fees, whilst its benchmark index, the dollar-adjusted S&P Emerging Frontier Super Composite Net Total Return Broad Market Index (S&P Super BMI), fell 4.01%. Additionally, and for comparative purposes only, the MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) fell 3.89% over the period. The discount movements of the Fund's underlying holdings, as well as country allocation versus the benchmark index, were unfavourable, whilst NAV performances were favourable. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.55 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 1.1 percentage points, net of fees. Please note attribution in the table below is shown gross of fees, whilst performance reported in the narrative above and chart below is net of fees.

EWF Performance* Compared to the S&P Super Composite Net Total Return BMI** and MSCI EM Index (US\$) Since Inception (Rebased from inception, where 15th September 1998 = 100)



*Performance figures are net returns. Historical figures are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum; as of 7 February 2022, the IM Fee is 0.95% per annum.

**The benchmark was changed from the S&P Emerging BMI Plus on January 1, 2009 to better reflect the investment strategy of the Fund. The S&P Emerging BMI Plus was the successor index to the S&P/IFC Global Composite Index, the benchmark for the Fund prior to September 1, 2008, which has been discontinued. Benchmark changes have not been applied retroactively and therefore historical benchmark performance is a blend of the BMI and IFC indices. The MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) is shown for comparative purposes. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

EWF Performance & Attribution Analysis (Gross)

Performance (%)	Oct	Nov	Dec	QTD	YTD
EWF	-5.32			-5.32	-4.63
S&P Super BMI*	-4.01			-4.01	-0.09
Relative to S&P	-1.31			-1.31	-4.54
MSCI EM Index*	-3.89			-3.89	-2.14
Relative to MSCI	-1.43			-1.43	-2.49
Attributed to (%)**					
Country Allocation	-0.30			-0.30	-0.06
Portfolio Holding NAV	+0.26			+0.26	-0.92
Discount Movements	-1.27			-1.27	-3.56
Relative to S&P	-1.31			-1.31	-4.54

*Index returns subject to change due to restatements by index vendors in the historical index levels.
**CLIM estimates.

The above returns have been rounded and are presented as gross of fees performance figures, which do not reflect the deduction of investment management fees. Please see Prospectus for information regarding fees and expenses. The actual return is reduced by the investment management fees and any other expenses the Fund may incur in the management of the account. Performances for the Quarter and Year to Date are compounded and therefore will not always equal the sum of the individual component months.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

Performance Figures

	EWF* (USD)	S&P Super BMI (USD)	MSCI EM Index (USD)
1 Month	-5.40%	-4.01%	-3.89%
3 Months	-14.02%	-11.09%	-12.16%
6 Months	-6.74%	-3.29%	-4.78%
1 Year	+8.86%	+11.43%	+10.80%
Since Inception	+752.77%	+652.60%	+561.92%
Inception (Annualised)	+8.91%	+8.36%	+7.81%

	EWF* (GBP)	S&P Super BMI (GBP)	MSCI EM Index (GBP)
1 Month	-4.85%	-3.45%	-3.32%
3 Months	-8.83%	-5.72%	-6.87%
6 Months	-3.40%	+0.18%	-1.37%
1 Year	+3.99%	+5.73%	+5.13%
Since Inception	+1079.60%	+941.03%	+815.60%
Inception (Annualised)	+10.32%	+9.77%	+9.21%

	EWF* (Euro)	S&P Super BMI (Euro)	MSCI EM Index (Euro)
1 Month	-5.24%	-3.85%	-3.73%
3 Months	-10.32%	-7.25%	-8.38%
6 Months	-2.59%	+1.01%	-0.55%
1 Year	+2.47%	+4.19%	+3.60%
Since Inception	+836.28%	+726.29%	+626.73%
Inception (Annualised)	+9.31%	+8.77%	+8.21%

	EWF* (SGD)	S&P Super BMI (SGD)	MSCI EM Index (SGD)
1 Month	-5.05%	-3.65%	-3.52%
3 Months	-11.30%	-8.26%	-9.37%
6 Months	-4.27%	-0.68%	-2.22%
1 Year	+5.58%	+7.88%	+7.27%
Since Inception	+75.95%	+84.75%	+67.05%
Inception (Annualised)	+4.03%	+4.39%	+3.65%

*Historical figures are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum; as of 7 February 2022, the IM Fee is 0.95% per annum. Returns are quoted in GBP, EUR and \$S for the convenience of shareholders, however the base currency of the Fund is USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Volatility*

	EWF Price (USD)	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
12 Months	+22.22%	+19.74%	+21.90%
Inception	+20.44%	+20.43%	+21.36%

*Annualised standard deviation of monthly returns over the period (US\$).

Price

Price	US\$85.26
	£70.26
	EURO 80.68
	SS\$116.74
Exchange Rate	£1 = US\$1.2135
	EURO 1 = US\$1.0570
	SS\$1 = US\$0.7299
Yield	NIL

Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

Investment Commentary

Economic Overview* (Macroeconomics)

Global equities struggled in October in response to rising yields and geopolitical risk. The attack in Israel on October 7 led to fears that the conflict would spill over into the wider Middle East. The market fallout was felt most acutely in commodity markets. The potential for Iran to become directly involved in the conflict raised the risk of stricter enforcement of US sanctions on Iranian oil exports and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. The Brent crude oil price reached \$92.4 by mid-October. Restraint from the US and Iran helped allay fears of a broader conflict, leaving the Brent crude oil price 8.3% lower on the month. Elevated geopolitical risk boosted gold prices by 7.3%. Meanwhile, dovish comments from Fed officials raised the bar for a hike at November's FOMC meeting. Nonetheless, rising term premia pushed up the 10-year Treasury yield by 36 bps, while the 2-year Treasury yield edged up by just 4 bps.

Emerging market (EM) equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) fell by 3.9%. As such, EM equities underperformed developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 1 percentage point. The MSCI EM Currency Index was flat, increasing by just 0.1%. Similarly, the DXY Index gained only 0.5% in October.

The weakest EMs were Turkey, the UAE and Chile, where their respective MSCI indices declined by 13%, 9.6% and 9.1% in US dollar terms, respectively. Turkey's stock market was impacted by rising tension in the Middle East, while the central bank pressed on with its tightening cycle by raising rates by 5% to 35%. Other markets in the region fared relatively better, with the MSCI Qatar Index and MSCI Saudi Arabia Index falling 6% and 2.9% in US dollar terms, respectively.

Poland was the best performer in October, as its MSCI index gained 16.4% in US dollar terms. The stock market rally was driven by the electoral win of the pro-EU opposition coalition. Following behind Poland, the MSCI indices for Egypt and Hungary rose by 4.6% and

1.5% in US dollar terms, respectively. As such, the EMEA region outperformed EM by 1 percentage point.

The MSCI China Index fell by 4.3% in US dollar terms, the third consecutive negative month. The decline in stock market prices contrasted with the improving economic environment. Activity data for September came in better than expected, while authorities approved a 1 trillion yuan bond issuance. In addition, there was a brief thawing in US-China relations as China's Foreign Minister visited the US ahead of the APEC summit.

Portfolio Commentary* (Investment Management)

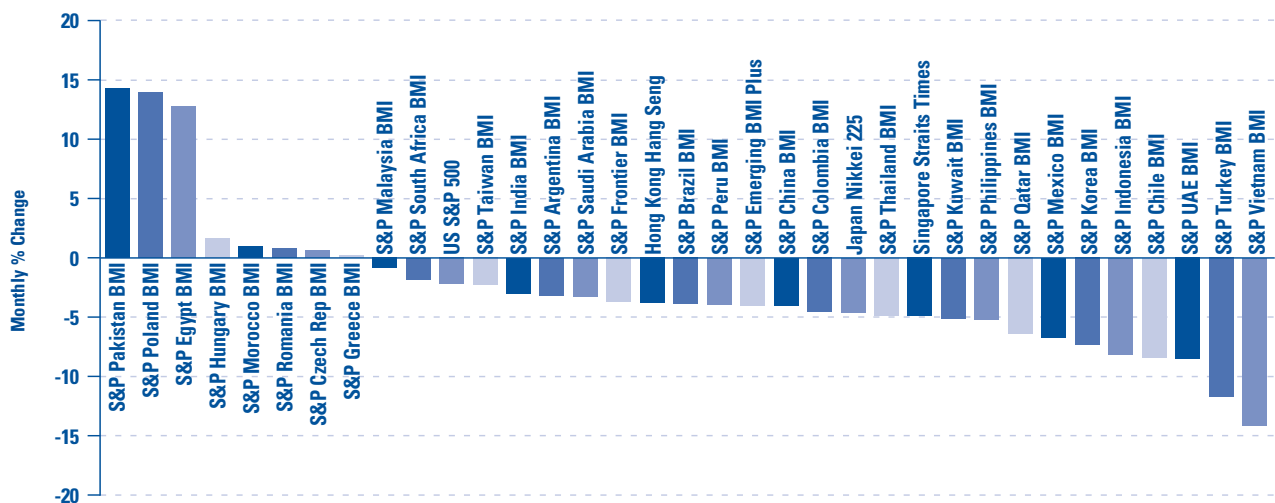
In October, emerging markets generalist exposure was adjusted as we sold shares of **Utilico Emerging Markets Trust** at a 16% discount following outperformance on the back of strong NAV growth, whilst shares of **JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust** were purchased at a 12% discount.

In Asia, regional exposure was increased as shares of **Schroder AsiaPacific Fund** were purchased at a 13.5% discount. Chinese exposure was increased as shares of **Fidelity China Special Situations** were purchased at discounts as wide as 13%. Exposure to South Korea was reduced as shares of **LG Corp** were sold as its discount narrowed from the mid 60% level to a 57% discount. Exposure to India was reduced following outperformance as shares of **Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund Inc** were sold at a 19.5% discount. Exposure to Vietnam was increased as shares of **VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund** were purchased at a 22% discount.

In Africa, South African exposure was decreased as we sold shares of **Remgro** at an average discount of 42.5% following a period of strong NAV performance.

*The portfolio section includes major transactions undertaken over the period.

Index Performances During October 2023 (US\$)

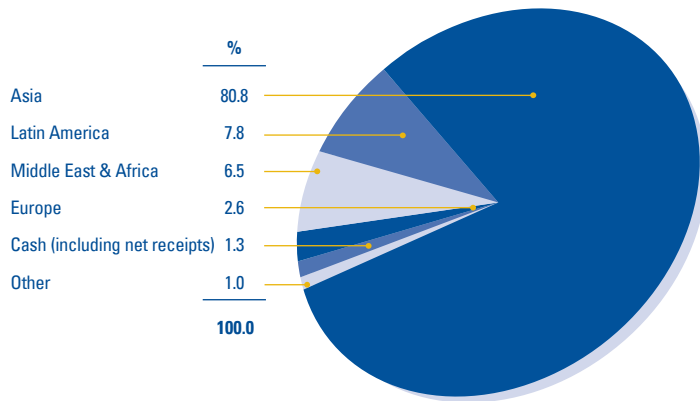


*The countries and other indices included in this graph are not benchmarks for EWF, they are included to provide an indication as to how the underlying countries themselves have performed over the period.

Fund Objective & Background

The objective of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) is to invest for capital growth in a portfolio of closed-end funds whose investment policy is directed mainly towards emerging markets. This approach allows great flexibility in asset allocation, a wider diversification of investments, participation in the performances of high quality fund managers and potentially enhanced performance when the discounts to net asset value at which closed-end funds tend to trade narrow. EWF is a sub-fund of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc. ◆

Portfolio Breakdown



Source: CLIM

Fund Portfolio

Top Holdings	Fund (%)	Discount* (%)
1 Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	9.1	13.7
2 Taiwan Fund Inc	5.5	21.0
3 iShares Core MSCI EM IMI UCITS ETF	4.9	0.5
4 JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	4.7	20.0
5 Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	4.1	16.2
6 Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	4.1	13.4
7 JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust	4.0	11.8
8 Asia Dragon Trust	3.9	17.8
9 Fidelity Emerging Markets	3.8	14.8
10 abrdn Asia Focus	3.6	17.4
	47.7	

*Based upon NAV estimate.

This is provided for information purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice to buy or sell any securities.

Source: CLIM

Portfolio Data

Fund Size	US\$121.1m
Number of Shares in Issue	1,435,392,022
Number of Portfolio Holdings	44
Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds	20.05%
Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio	1.59 years**

Excluding 54.89% of the portfolio with unlimited life.

*Size Weighted Portfolio Discount represents the see-through discount of the underlying closed-end funds. It is calculated by multiplying the percentage position sizes of the underlying closed-end funds by their respective discounts. These calculations are then added together to determine the size weighted portfolio discount for the portfolio. The size weighted portfolio discount is a measure of value within the portfolio, with a higher value representing wider discounts, and accordingly more value within the portfolio.

**Some of the closed-end funds have either fixed maturities or continuation votes that allow shareholders to vote on a restructuring of the underlying closed-end fund. The size weighted portfolio life is calculated by taking the percentage position sizes of the relevant holdings on the portfolio and multiplying them by their respective time periods remaining to the corporate event. These calculations are then added together to determine the minimum size weighted portfolio life for the portfolio. A lower size weighted portfolio life is beneficial for the portfolio as it may equate to potentially more corporate activity in the near term.

Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon

EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings

	September 2023			October 2023		
	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*
Asia						
Australia	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
China	23.4	27.0	30.0	23.7	27.0	29.8
Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0
India	16.4	17.6	15.7	16.6	17.8	15.9
Indonesia	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.9
Malaysia	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.4
Philippines	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6
Singapore	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
South Korea	12.6	11.7	12.2	11.5	11.3	11.8
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	12.4	14.7	14.7	13.4	15.0	15.0
Thailand	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.9	1.8	1.9
Vietnam	4.4	0.4	0.0	4.6	0.3	0.0
Other Asia	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
	79.8	77.7	78.5	80.8	77.6	78.3
Europe						
Czech Republic	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Greece	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5
Hungary	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Iceland	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kazakhstan	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Poland	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.9
Romania	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Slovenia	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Turkey	0.1	1.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.7
Other Europe	1.5	0.2	0.0	1.5	0.2	0.0
	2.5	3.1	2.4	2.6	3.3	2.6
Latin America & Caribbean						
Argentina	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0
Brazil	4.2	5.1	5.4	4.2	5.1	5.4
Chile	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Colombia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Mexico	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.4
Panama	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Peru	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
Other Lat Am	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	7.9	9.1	8.8	7.8	9.0	8.7
Middle East & Africa						
Bahrain	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Egypt	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Jordan	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kuwait	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.8
Morocco	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Nigeria	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Oman	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Qatar	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.9
Saudi Arabia	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.6	3.6	4.2
South Africa	2.0	2.6	3.0	1.5	2.6	3.1
UAE	0.4	1.5	1.4	0.5	1.4	1.3
Other Middle East & Africa	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
	7.0	10.1	10.3	6.5	10.1	10.4
Other	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Cash (including net receipts)	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0

Values as at month-end

*Index allocation may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

Country Allocation (-0.30%)

(Relative performance is in US dollar terms and references the country's S&P Super BMI component or an appropriate market index versus the S&P Super BMI composite index)

Country allocation was negative, with underperformance resulting from the Fund's overweight position to Vietnam (which detracted 45 basis points from performance) as its index underperformed the composite index. An underweight position to Poland (-9 bps) also detracted from performance as its index outperformed.

However, the Fund's underweight position to Turkey (+8 bps) contributed outperformance as its index underperformed.

Portfolio Holding NAV (+0.26%)

(Performances are quoted in US dollar terms against their respective S&P Super BMI component, or for out-of-benchmark exposure, against a comparable country or regional index)

NAV performances were positive as the NAVs of **VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund** (+32 bps) and **Samsung C&T** (+16 bps) outperformed their indices by 12.8 and 7.1 percentage points, respectively. The NAV of **VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund** outperformed due to a 5.2% valuation uplift to its private assets, as well as an overweight position to Asia Commercial Bank which outperformed by 11.4 percentage points. **Samsung C&T's** NAV outperformed as Samsung Biologics gained after reporting better than expected third quarter earnings and plans to accelerate its bioreactor capacity expansion.

Some underperformance stemmed from **Taiwan Fund Inc** (-24 bps) as its NAV underperformed its index by 4.1 percentage points due to stock selection within the information technology sector. Overweight positions in Asia Vital Components and Quanta Computer were the main stock detractors, as they underperformed over the period.

Discount Movements (-1.27%)

(Performances are quoted in US dollar terms unless specified otherwise)

Discount movements were negative as the discounts of **Gulf Investment Fund** (-17 bps), **abrdn China Investment Company** (-12 bps), and **abrdn New Dawn Investment Trust** (-11 bps) widened by 15.2, 5.9, and 3.9 percentage points, respectively. The discount of **Gulf Investment Fund** widened as a result of retail selling in response to the conflict in Gaza. The discount of **abrdn New Dawn Investment Trust** widened amid weakness in Asian equity markets on concerns that global interest rates would stay higher for longer.

Conversely, **icapital.biz Berhad** (+10 bps) contributed outperformance as its discount narrowed by 6.5 percentage points after a dividend policy was announced.

Source: Bloomberg, S&P, CLIM

Risk Profile

- There is no capital guarantee or protection on the value of the Fund. Investors can lose all capital invested in the Fund.
- Some emerging markets in which the Fund invests may have less developed political, economic and legal systems. Such markets may carry a higher than average risk to investment and may lead to large fluctuations in the value of the Fund.
- The Investment Manager does not engage in currency hedging. Changes in currency exchange rates may therefore adversely affect the value of your investment.
- During difficult market conditions, some of the Fund's assets may become difficult to accurately value or to sell at a desired price.
- The Fund may invest in warrants. Warrants carry a degree of risk significantly higher than the underlying company shares due to their leveraged nature and therefore have higher volatility.

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All values and calculations in this report are as at 31 October 2023 unless otherwise stated.

Fund Details

The Emerging World Fund is a sub-fund of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc	
Domicile	Dublin
Status	UCITS
Inception	15th September 1998
Income	Reporting status
Investment Management Charge	0.95%
Ongoing Charges including Investment Management Charge	1.31%
Minimum Investment	US\$10,000, additions US\$750
Dealing	Daily (Excl. Bank Holidays in UK and Ireland)
	Shares are allocated only on receipt of cleared funds and completed application form.
Valuation	Daily at 4:00 p.m. EST
Sedol	0293059
ISIN	IE0002930596
Bloomberg Ticker	WOREMUI ID (USS), WOREMSI ID (E)
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