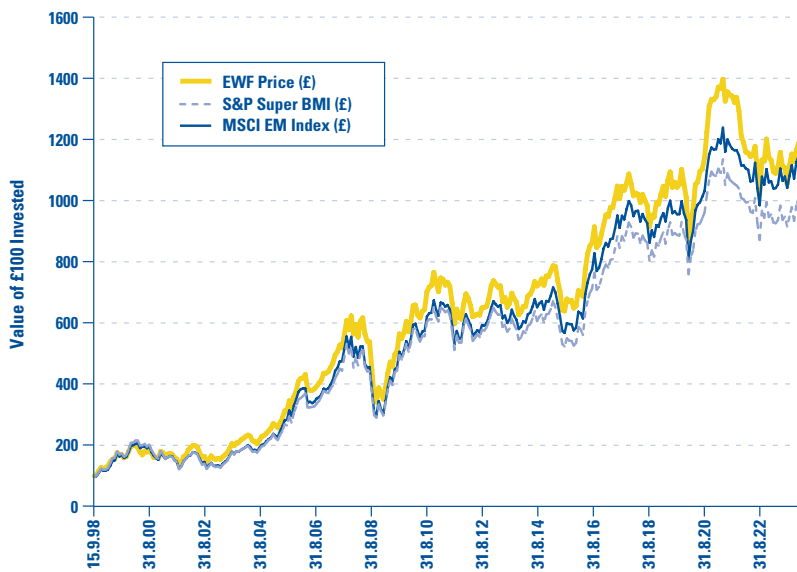




## Summary

During May, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) fell 0.21%, net of fees, compared to a 0.78% fall in its benchmark index, the sterling-adjusted S&P Emerging Frontier Super Composite Net Total Return Broad Market Index (S&P Super BMI). Additionally, and for comparative purposes only, the sterling-adjusted MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) fell 1.1% over the month. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.17 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 0.74 of a percentage point, net of fees.

## EWF Performance\* Compared to the S&P Super BMI\*\* and MSCI EM Index (£) Since Inception (Rebased from inception, where 15th September 1998 = 100)



\* Historical net of fees performance is based on an investment management fee of 1.5% per annum; as of 7 February 2022, the investment management fee is 1.45%. Returns are quoted in GBP for the convenience of shareholders, however the base currency of the Fund is USD.

\*\*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

## Portfolio Data

Fund Size	£80.7m
Number of Shares in Issue	1,017,836.108
Number of Portfolio Holdings	41
Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds	16.86%*
Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio	1.75 years**

Excluding 45.93% 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

## Performance Figures (£)

	EWF*	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
1 Month	-0.21%	-0.78%	-1.10%
3 Months	+3.20%	+2.78%	+2.85%
6 Months	+8.01%	+7.01%	+6.84%
12 Months	+10.40%	+11.16%	+9.40%
Since Inception	+1102.27%	+1056.61%	+912.67%
Inception (Annualised)	+10.16%	+9.99%	+9.42%

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## Volatility\*

	EWF Price	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
12 Months	+11.33%	+11.19%	+12.14%
Inception	+18.37%	+18.64%	+19.50%

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

## Price

Price	US\$91.19
	£71.63
	EURO 84.00
Exchange Rate	£1 = US\$1.2732
	EURO 1 = US\$1.0856
Yield	NIL

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

# Investment Commentary

## Economic Overview\* *(Macroeconomics)*

Global equities rebounded in May, helped by the strong performance of US tech stocks and the ongoing optimism surrounding AI. In the first half of the month, stocks were supported by expectations for Fed easing later in the year after Fed Chair Powell downplayed the likelihood of further hikes at the May FOMC. However, sticky US inflation data tempered optimism, and stocks trended lower in the second half of May. Market pricing for US interest rates were largely unchanged over the month, with one Fed rate cut fully priced in by the end of 2024. The US Treasury 2-year and 10-year yields dropped by 16 bps and 18 bps, respectively. As such, the US Dollar Index (DXY) lost 1.5% of its value, while the MSCI Emerging Market (EM) Currency Index gained 0.5%. Nonetheless, investor appetite for emerging markets was limited due to multiple elections in the emerging world. EM equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) returned 0.6% in US dollar terms, underperforming developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 3.9 percentage points.

Markets took note of the elections in India (throughout May), South Africa (29 May) and Mexico (2 June). The Indian stock market was volatile in May as foreign institutional investors sold US\$3.3 billion of Indian equities. The MSCI India Index gained 0.7% in US dollar terms. The MSCI South Africa Index, in contrast, fell by 0.1% in US dollar terms as polls pointed to the ruling-ANC losing their majority for the first time in three decades. While Mexico's general election took place in early June, speculation that the ruling Morena party could achieve unchecked power in Congress via a supermajority led to a selloff in Mexican equities in May. The MSCI Mexico Index dropped by 2.5% in US dollar terms. Combined with the 5% decline in the MSCI Brazil Index, Latin America underperformed EM by 3.7 percentage points.

The weakest performer in May was Saudi Arabia, where the MSCI Index fell by 7.6% in US dollar terms. The softer Saudi Arabian equity market was reflective of the 7.1% drop in the Brent crude oil prices.

Oil prices were weighed down by builds in inventory and fading geopolitical risk. Other commodities fared better, with the Bloomberg TR indices for precious and industrial metals gaining 4.6% and 1.8%, respectively.

The MSCI China Index rose by 2.4% in US dollar terms, continuing the upturn of prior months. During May, developments included President Xi urging for deeper reforms while chairing a symposium and the Chinese securities regulator tightening rules on share sales made by large shareholders. Other strong markets in May were Egypt (+11.6%), the Czech Republic (+8.5%) and Colombia (+7.1%).

## Portfolio Commentary\* *(Investment Management)*

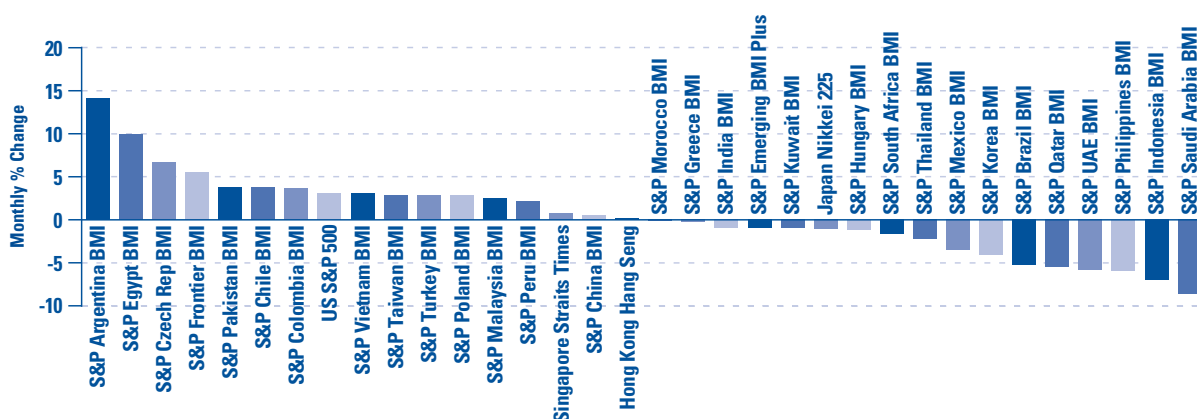
In May, emerging markets generalist exposure was increased as we purchased shares of **JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Income Trust** and **Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust** at discounts of 11.5% and 16%, respectively.

In Latin America, Brazilian exposure was reduced via sales of **Ocean Wilsons Holdings** into price strength at discounts averaging 44%. Regional exposure was replaced with purchases of **BlackRock Latin America Investment Trust** at a 14.5% discount.

In Asia, generalist exposure was decreased as we sold shares of **Pacific Horizon Investment Trust** at a 6% discount. Exposure was replaced via purchases of **Schroder Asia Pacific Investment Trust** and **Invesco Asia Trust** at discounts of 12% and 13%, respectively. Exposure to Malaysia was reduced as the Fund took profits in **iCapital Biz Berhad** at a 27% discount. Finally, exposure to South Korea was increased through the purchase of **Weiss Korea Opportunity Fund** at a 6.5% discount, which is attractive given its regular redemption opportunities at NAV.

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

## Index Performances During May 2024 (£)



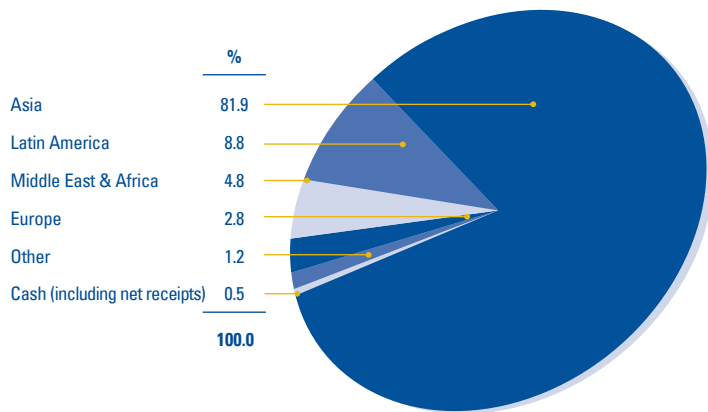
*The countries and other indices included in this graph are not benchmarks for EWF, they are included to provide an indication as to how the underlying countries themselves have performed over the period.*

Source: Bloomberg, S&P

# 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 narrows. 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	9.6	14.7
2 Asia Dragon Trust	6.7	9.5
3 Taiwan Fund Inc	6.3	19.7
4 Fidelity China Special Situations	6.1	9.5
5 JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust	6.0	11.8
6 abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund Inc	5.1	14.0
7 Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	4.9	11.2
8 JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	4.8	16.9
9 abrdn Asia Focus	4.1	16.9
10 Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	4.0	17.2
	<b>57.6</b>	

\*Based upon NAV estimate.  
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Source: CLIM

## EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings

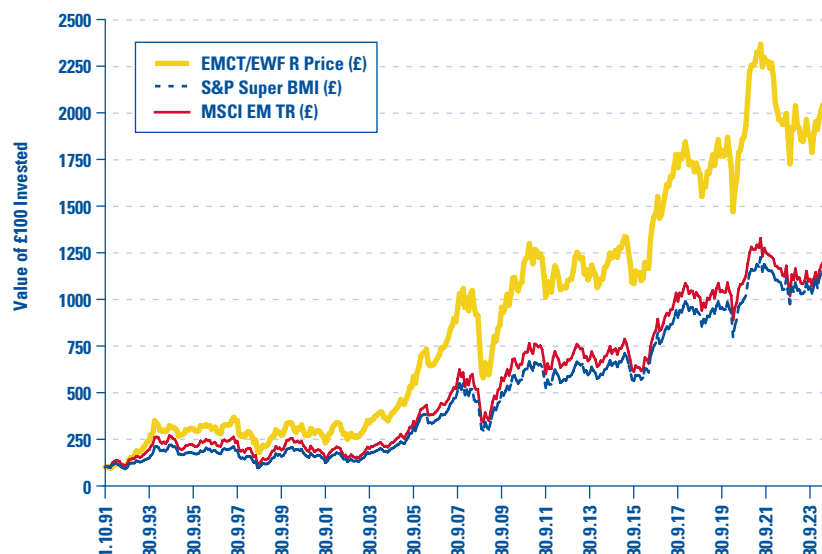
	April 2024			May 2024		
	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*
<b>Asia</b>						
Australia	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
China	21.3	24.1	26.7	22.0	24.3	26.8
Hong Kong	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0
India	16.6	19.6	18.0	16.8	19.5	18.6
Indonesia	2.1	1.8	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.6
Malaysia	2.0	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.4
Philippines	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.5
Singapore	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
South Korea	11.9	11.6	12.0	11.4	11.2	11.6
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	15.3	16.9	17.1	15.4	17.5	18.1
Thailand	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.8	1.5	1.4
Vietnam	5.6	0.3	0.0	5.7	0.3	0.0
Other Asia	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
	<b>81.2</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>80.0</b>
<b>Europe</b>						
Czech Republic	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Greece	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.5
Hungary	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Iceland	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kazakhstan	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Poland	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.0	1.0
Romania	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Slovenia	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Turkey	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.2	1.1	0.8
Other Europe	1.1	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.2	0.0
	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>						
Argentina	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.0
Brazil	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.6
Chile	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5
Colombia	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Mexico	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.5
Panama	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Peru	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3
Other Lat Am	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>Middle East &amp; Africa</b>						
Bahrain	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Egypt	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Jordan	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kuwait	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.8
Morocco	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Oman	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Qatar	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.8
Saudi Arabia	2.8	3.6	4.1	2.7	3.3	3.8
South Africa	1.0	2.4	2.8	1.0	2.3	2.8
UAE	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.4	1.2	1.1
Other Middle East & Africa	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0
	<b>5.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Other	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0
Cash (including net receipts)	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0

Values as at month-end  
\*Index allocation may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

## EWf Performance (EMCT Transfer) Compared to the S&P Super BMI and MSCI EM Index (£)

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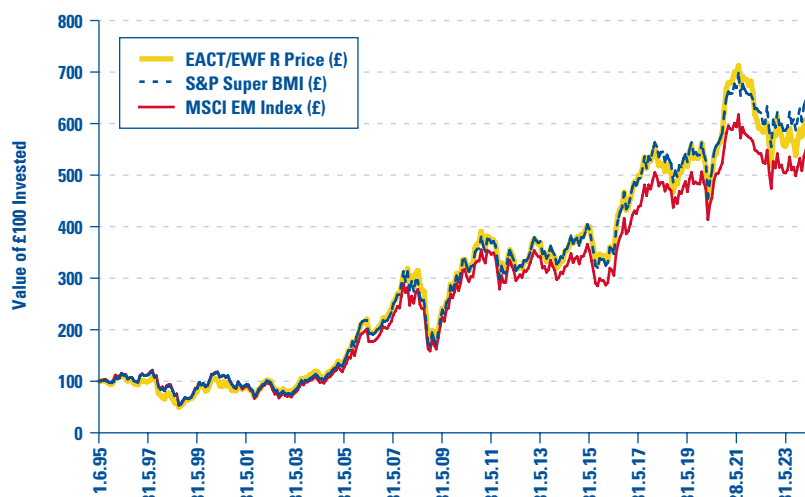


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Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

### 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.
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The indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested directly.  
All data: Bloomberg, BNY Mellon, CLIM, S&P, MSCI

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### 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	1.45%
Ongoing Charges including Investment Management Charge	1.81%
Dealing	Daily (Excl. Bank Holidays in UK and Ireland)
Valuation	Daily at 4:00 p.m. EST
Sedol	0903916
ISIN	IE0009039169
Bloomberg Ticker	WOREMDR ID (US\$), WOREMSR ID (£)
Reuters	COLIM



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