

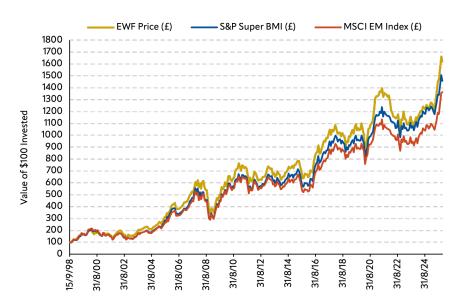
# The Emerging World Fund (Retail)

November 2025 Month-End Report

# Summary

During November, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) fell 2.45%, net of fees, compared to a 3.13% 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 3.21% over the month. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.43 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 0.86 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	£71.12m
Number of Shares in Issue	664,151.788
Number of Portfolio Holdings	37
Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds	13.75%*
Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio	1.92 years**
Excluding 50.50% of the portfolio with unlimited life.	

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon

# Performance Figures (£)

	EWF*	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
1 Month	-2.45%	-3.13%	-3.21%
3 Months	+9.94%	+8.91%	+11.10%
6 Months	+26.08%	+19.28%	+21.40%
12 Months	+32.78%	+20.50%	+24.24%
Since Inception	+1522.55%	+1359.35%	+1211.96%
Inception (Annualised)	+10.78%	+10.35%	+9.92%

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## Volatility\*

	EWF Price	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
12 Months	+12.99%	+11.70%	+12.71%
Inception	+18.07%	+18.28%	+19.15%

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

#### Price

Price	US\$128.08
	£96.67
	EURO 110.36
Exchange Rate	£1 = US\$1.32500
	EURO 1 = US\$1.16055
Yield	NIL

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

# **Investment Commentary**

# Economic Overview\* (Macroeconomics)

Global equities were flat in November as the rally in technology firms lost steam amid growing concerns about an artificial intelligence (AI) bubble. The US government reopened following a 43-day shutdown, allowing the release of data such as the September jobs report. Anticipation for another rate cut at the December FOMC meeting grew following dovish remarks from New York Fed President John Williams. The market was pricing in an 83% likelihood of a rate cut, up from 68% at the start of November. The 2-year and 10-year US Treasury yields fell by 8 bps and 6 bps, respectively. In trade news, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments against the Trump administration's use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to implement tariffs.

Emerging markets (EM) equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) fell by 2.4% in US dollar terms, underperforming developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 2.7 percentage points. The US dollar (as measured by the DXY Index) and the MSCI EM Currency Index edged down by 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively.

The best performing EM in November was the MSCI Chile Index, which gained 8.9% in US dollar terms, followed by Brazil (+7.7%) and Colombia (+6.5%). As such, Latin America outperformed the EM aggregate by 8.5 percentage points. The stock market in Chile benefited from the first round of presidential elections resulting in a run-off between the conservative and left-wing candidates, with the former ahead in the polls. In Brazil, President Lula signed a bill that expands income tax exemptions, offset by the introduction of a new tax rate for high-income individuals.

The weakest EM sector was Information Technology (-6.2%), as a result the worst performing major EM were those exposed to the sector, namely Korea (-7.9%) and Taiwan (-5.0%). Gulf markets were dragged down by weakness in the US dollar and oil prices, with declines recorded in Saudi Arabia (-8.1%), UAE (-6.6%), Qatar (-3.0%) and Kuwait (-1.8%). The MSCI China Index also fell by 2.5% in US dollar terms as rising tensions between China and Japan, soft October activity data, and weaker tech sentiment weighed on the market.

The Bloomberg Commodity TR Index gained by 3.2%, with broad-based rises across the commodity complex. Precious metals (+8.8%) were the strongest sub-index after silver and gold prices rose by 16% and 5.9%, respectively, on the back of expectations of another rate cut at the December FOMC meeting. Precious metals were followed by energy (+2.4%), agriculture (+1.7%) and industrial metals (+0.5%). The price of Brent crude oil fell by 2.9% as Russia-Ukraine ceasefire talks added to expectations of higher Russian output in an already oversupplied market.

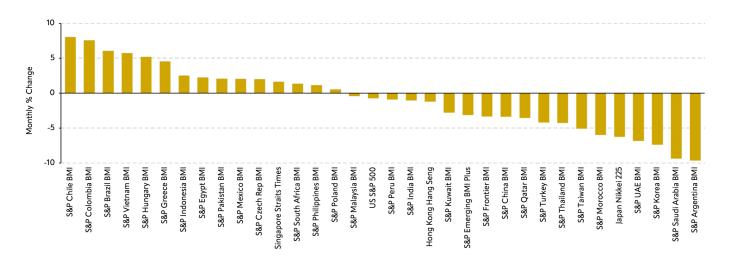
# Portfolio Commentary\* (Investment Management)

In November, emerging markets generalist exposure was adjusted as we sold shares of abrdn Emerging Markets ex China Fund Inc, JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth and Income, Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust and Utilico Emerging Markets Trust at discounts ranging from 8% to 12%, while shares of Fidelity Emerging Markets were purchased at a 9% discount, ahead of the fund's planned share buyback from a large shareholder which would add approximately 4% to NAV. Global exposure was reduced as we sold shares of Hansa Investment Company at a 39% discount. Frontier and smaller emerging markets exposure was reduced as shares of BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust were sold at a 3% discount.

In Asia, generalist exposure was adjusted as shares of abrdn Asian Income Fund, abrdn Asia Focus, Invesco Asia Dragon Trust and Pacific Horizon Investment Trust were sold at average discounts of 9.5%, 13%, 6% and 9.5%, respectively, while shares of Pacific Assets Trust, Schroder Asia Pacific Trust and Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust were purchased at discounts ranging from 11% to 14%. Exposure to China was adjusted as we sold shares of Fidelity China Special Situations, Morgan Stanley China A-Share Fund Inc, Prosus and Templeton Dragon Fund Inc at average discounts of 8%, 14%, 29% and 14%, respectively, while shares of Baillie Gifford China Growth Trust, JPMorgan China Growth & Income and Naspers were purchased at average discounts of 10%, 10% and 37%, respectively. Exposure to Korea was reduced as shares of Korea Fund Inc, LG Chem, LG Corp, Samsung C&T and SK Inc were sold into strength at discounts averaging 11.5%, 65%, 55%, 56% and 58.5%, respectively. Exposure to Taiwan was reduced as we sold shares of Taiwan Fund Inc on outperformance at a 16% discount. Exposure to India was adjusted as we sold shares of Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust, India Fund Inc and Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund Inc at discounts of 1%, 5% and 11.5%, respectively, while shares of India Capital Growth Fund were purchased at an 11% discount. Exposure to Vietnam was adjusted as we sold shares of Vietnam Enterprise Investments Limited at a 15% discount, while shares of VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund were purchased at an average discount of 23%. Exposure to the Philippines was increased as we purchased shares of Ayala Corp at an average discount of 40%.

In Latin America, exposure to Brazil was reduced as we sold shares of **Ocean Wilsons Holdings** at a 48% discount. Exposure to Mexico was reduced as we sold shares of **Mexico Fund Inc** at a 13% discount.

# Index Performances During November 2025 (£)



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.

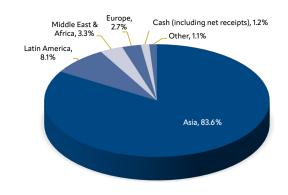
Source: Bloomberg, S&P

<sup>\*</sup>The portfolio section includes major transactions undertaken 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 narrows. EWF is a sub-fund of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc.  $\Diamond$ 

## Portfolio Breakdown



Source: CLIM

# **Fund Portfolio**

Тор	Holdings	Fund (%)	Discount* (%)
1	Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust	7.8	8.0
2	Taiwan Fund Inc	7.2	18.3
3	Fidelity Emerging Markets	5.8	9.2
4	JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth & Income	5.6	7.5
5	Fidelity China Special Situations	5.6	8.0
6	Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	5.3	9.9
7	Invesco Asia Dragon Trust	4.9	5.0
8	Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	4.3	10.8
9	abrdn Asia Focus	3.6	12.4
10	abrdn Emerging Markets ex China Fund Inc	3.5	10.1
		53.6	

<sup>\*</sup>Based upon NAV estimate.

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Source: CLIM

# **EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings**

	0	October 2025		No	November 2025		
	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	Fund	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index	
Asia							
Australia	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	
China	26.1	28.3	28.8	27.7	28.2	28.8	
Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	
India	12.3	16.0	15.3	11.6	16.3	15.8	
Indonesia	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	
Malaysia	0.1	1.5	1.1	0.1	1.6	1.2	
Philippines	1.1	0.4	0.4	1.4	0.5	0.4	
Singapore	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	
South Korea	14.5	12.0	12.9	13.9	11.5	12.2	
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Taiwan	19.4	18.8	20.5	18.9	18.5	20.1	
Thailand	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.0	
Vietnam	3.8	0.4	0.0	3.7	0.4	0.0	
Other Asia	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	
	84.0	80.0	81.1	83.6	79.7	80.7	
urope							
Czech Republic	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Greece	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6	
Hungary	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	
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	1.0	1.0	0.4	1.0	1.1	
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	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.4	
Other Europe	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	
	3.2	3.5	2.4	2.7	3.5	2.5	
atin America & Caribbea	n						
Argentina	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.0	
Brazil	3.1	3.6	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.6	
Chile	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	
Mexico	3.0	1.6	1.9	3.4	1.7	1.9	
Panama	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	
Peru	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Other Lat Am	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	
Other Lat Am	7.1	7.3	7.0	8.1	7.8	7.4	
Middle East & Africa	7.1	7.5	7.0	0.1	7.0	7.4	
Egypt	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	
Kuwait	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	
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	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.7	
Saudi Arabia	0.6	2.9	3.2	0.5	2.7	2.9	
South Africa	1.3	2.8	3.4	1.6	2.9	3.6	
UAE	0.7	1.5	1.4	0.5	1.4	1.4	
Other Middle East & Africa							
Other Middle East & Africa	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0	
	3.2	9.2	9.5	3.3	9.0	9.4	
Other	10	0.0		4.4	0.0		
Other	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	
Cash (including net receipts)	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	

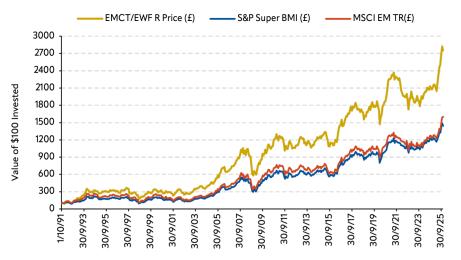
Values as at month-end

\*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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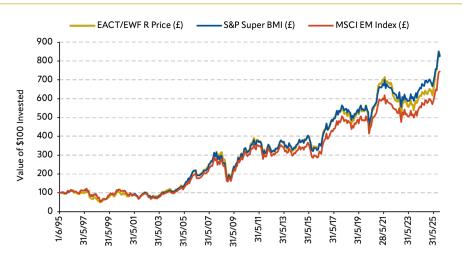


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Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

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

Rebased from where 1 June 1995 = 100



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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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All values and calculations in this report are as at 30 November 2025 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	1.45%
Ongoing Charges including Investment Management C	harge 1.90%
Dealing	Daily (Excl. Bank Holidays in UK and Ireland)
Valuation	Daily at 4:00 p.m. EST
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