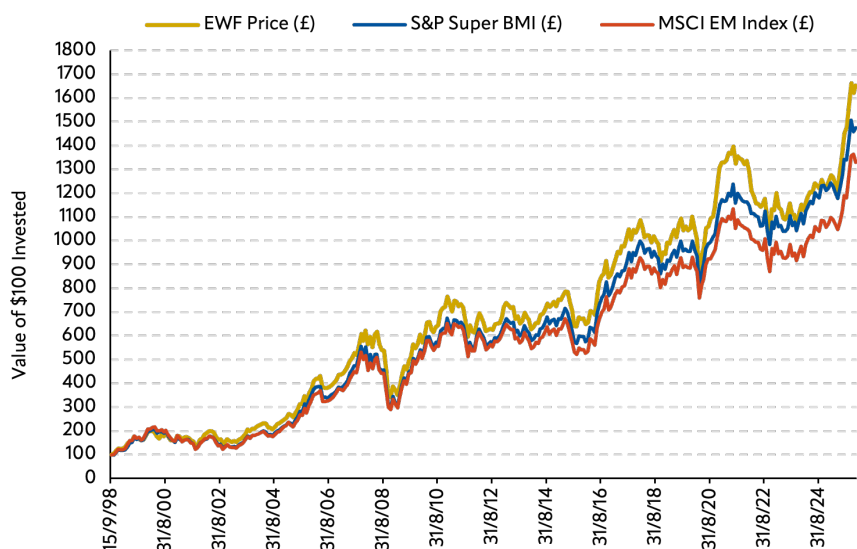


### Summary

During December, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) rose 1.94%, net of fees, compared to a 1.16% rise 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) rose 1.46% over the month. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.46 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 0.88 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  | £71.17m      |
| Number of Shares in Issue                            | 651,969,871  |
| Number of Portfolio Holdings                         | 39           |
| Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds | 13.22%*      |
| Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio              | 1.88 years** |

Excluding 47.70% 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                | +1.94%    | +1.16%        | +1.46%        |
| 3 Months               | +5.12%    | +3.95%        | +4.82%        |
| 6 Months               | +21.28%   | +15.93%       | +18.06%       |
| 12 Months              | +32.50%   | +20.85%       | +24.37%       |
| Since Inception        | +1553.97% | +1376.25%     | +1231.06%     |
| Inception (Annualised) | +10.83%   | +10.37%       | +9.95%        |

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### Volatility\*

|           | EWF Price | S&P Super BMI | MSCI EM Index |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 12 Months | +12.99%   | +11.69%       | +12.71%       |
| Inception | +18.04%   | +18.25%       | +19.12%       |

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

### Price

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Price         | US\$132.54           |
|               | £98.54               |
|               | EURO 112.85          |
| Exchange Rate | £1 = US\$1.34505     |
|               | EURO 1 = US\$1.17445 |
| Yield         | NIL                  |

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

# Investment Commentary

## Economic Overview\* (Macroeconomics)

Marking the end of a strong year, global equities nudged higher in December, driven in part by ongoing positive sentiment surrounding artificial intelligence (AI). This was despite a period of profit taking and an escalation between the US and Venezuela. The US Fed lowered rates by 25 bps at the December FOMC, the third consecutive cut. Two hawkish and one dovish dissent suggested that it was a mixed decision, while the dot plot projections were unchanged, with the median projection implying one rate cut in each of 2026 and 2027. The 2-year US Treasury yield fell by 2 bps, while the 10-year rose by 15 bps. The Bank of Japan, as widely expected, hiked by 25 bps, bringing the policy rate to a 30-year high.

Emerging market (EM) equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) rose by 3.0% in US dollar terms, outperforming developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 2.2 percentage points. The US dollar (as measured by the DXY Index) fell by 1.1%, while the MSCI EM Currency Index rose by 1.0%.

The worst performing EM in December was the MSCI Brazil Index, which fell by 1.3% in US dollar terms. The equity market was dragged down by the candidacy announcement of Flavio Bolsonaro, the former president's son, ahead of the 2026 election. Monthly declines were also recorded in China (-1.2%), Indonesia (-0.6%), India (-0.5%) and Saudi Arabia (-0.5%). The rising default risk of property developer Vanke, weighed on Chinese equities.

The best performing EM were Korea (+12.7%), Peru (+9.8%) and South Africa (+9.1%), with the former extending its AI-driven rally. The South African stock market benefited from the ongoing ascent in precious metals prices. The rand was also the best major EM currency in December following its 3.3% appreciation.

The Bloomberg Commodity TR Index fell by -0.3%, with declines in energy (-9.1%) and agriculture (-5.4%) offsetting rises in precious metals

(+8.2%) and industrial metals (+6.4%). Gold and silver prices rallied by 1.9% and 26.8% respectively, as the ongoing rally in gold pulled up the precious metals complex. The price of Brent crude oil dropped by 3.7% as projections point to a global crude surplus.

## Portfolio Commentary\* (Investment Management)

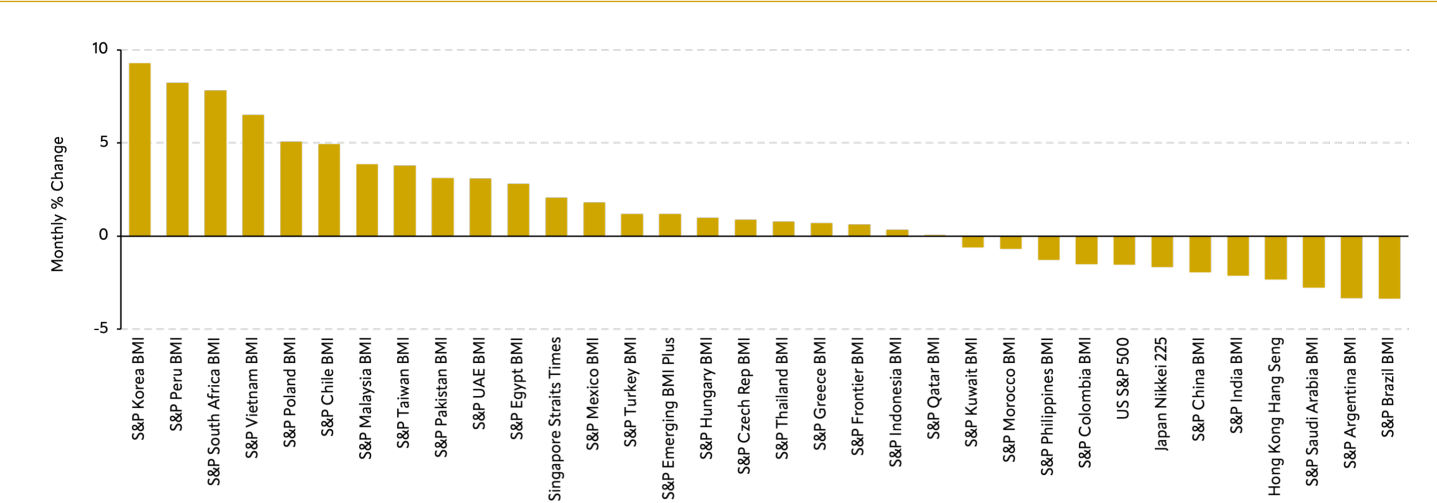
In December, emerging markets generalist exposure was reduced as we sold shares of **abrdn Emerging Markets ex China Fund Inc**, **JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth and Income**, **Templeton Emerging Markets Fund**, **Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust** and **Utilico Emerging Markets Trust** at discounts ranging from 7% to 10.5%.

In Asia, generalist exposure was adjusted as shares of **abrdn Asian Income Fund**, **abrdn Asia Focus** and **Invesco Asia Dragon Trust** were sold at average discounts of 7%, 12%, 5%, respectively, while shares of **Pacific Assets Trust** and **Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust** were purchased at discounts ranging from 10% to 12.5%. Exposure to China was reduced as we sold shares of **Fidelity China Special Situations** at an average discount of 8%. Exposure to Korea was adjusted as shares of **Samsung C&T** were sold into strength at a 53% discount, while shares of **Korea Fund Inc** were purchased at an 11.5% discount. Exposure to Taiwan was reduced as we sold shares of **Taiwan Fund Inc** on outperformance at an average discount of 16%. Exposure to India was increased as we purchased shares of **abrdn New India Investment Trust** and **India Fund Inc** at average discounts of 10% and 7%, respectively.

In Latin America, exposure to Mexico was reduced as we sold shares of **Mexico Fund Inc** at a 15% discount.

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

## Index Performances During December 2025 (£)



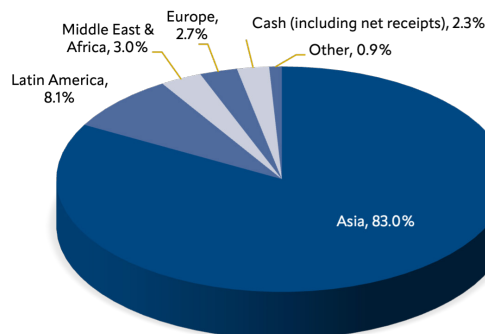
*The countries and other indices included in this graph are not benchmarks for EWF, they are included to provide an indication as to how the underlying countries themselves have performed over the period.*

*Source: Bloomberg, S&P*

## 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 | 7.8      | 8.1           |
| 2 Taiwan Fund Inc                             | 6.4      | 15.0          |
| 3 Fidelity Emerging Markets                   | 6.1      | 7.8           |
| 4 JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth & Income   | 5.6      | 7.9           |
| 5 Schroder AsiaPacific Fund                   | 5.3      | 10.2          |
| 6 Fidelity China Special Situations           | 5.1      | 9.1           |
| 7 Invesco Asia Dragon Trust                   | 4.7      | 6.7           |
| 8 Utilico Emerging Markets Trust              | 4.0      | 10.2          |
| 9 abrdn Emerging Markets ex China Fund Inc    | 3.4      | 8.4           |
| 10 abrdn Asia Focus                           | 3.4      | 12.7          |
|   | 51.8     |               |

\*Based upon NAV estimate.

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Source: CLIM

## EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings

|                                      | November 2025 |                |                | December 2025 |                |                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                      | Fund          | S&P Super BMI* | MSCI EM Index* | Fund          | S&P Super BMI* | MSCI EM Index* |
| <b>Asia</b>                          |               |                |                |               |                |                |
| Australia                            | 0.3           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 0.2           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| China                                | 27.7          | 28.2           | 28.8           | 27.4          | 27.4           | 27.6           |
| Hong Kong                            | 2.8           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 2.7           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| India                                | 11.6          | 16.3           | 15.8           | 11.7          | 15.9           | 15.3           |
| Indonesia                            | 1.4           | 1.4            | 1.2            | 1.4           | 1.4            | 1.2            |
| Malaysia                             | 0.1           | 1.6            | 1.2            | 0.0           | 1.6            | 1.2            |
| Philippines                          | 1.4           | 0.5            | 0.4            | 1.4           | 0.4            | 0.4            |
| Singapore                            | 0.9           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 0.9           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| South Korea                          | 13.9          | 11.5           | 12.2           | 14.5          | 12.4           | 13.3           |
| Sri Lanka                            | 0.1           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 0.1           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| Taiwan                               | 18.9          | 18.5           | 20.1           | 18.3          | 19.0           | 20.6           |
| Thailand                             | 0.7           | 1.2            | 1.0            | 0.6           | 1.2            | 1.0            |
| Vietnam                              | 3.7           | 0.4            | 0.0            | 3.7           | 0.4            | 0.0            |
| Other Asia                           | 0.1           | 0.1            | 0.0            | 0.1           | 0.1            | 0.0            |
|                                      | 83.6          | 79.7           | 80.7           | 83.0          | 79.8           | 80.6           |
| <b>Europe</b>                        |               |                |                |               |                |                |
| Czech Republic                       | 0.0           | 0.1            | 0.1            | 0.0           | 0.1            | 0.1            |
| Greece                               | 0.3           | 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            | 0.2           | 0.1            | 0.0            |
| Poland                               | 0.4           | 1.0            | 1.1            | 0.4           | 1.1            | 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                         | 0.9           | 0.2            | 0.0            | 1.0           | 0.2            | 0.0            |
|                                      | 2.7           | 3.5            | 2.5            | 2.7           | 3.6            | 2.5            |
| <b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b> |               |                |                |               |                |                |
| Argentina                            | 0.2           | 0.9            | 0.0            | 0.2           | 0.9            | 0.0            |
| Brazil                               | 3.6           | 4.0            | 4.6            | 3.6           | 3.7            | 4.3            |
| Chile                                | 0.3           | 0.5            | 0.5            | 0.3           | 0.5            | 0.6            |
| Colombia                             | 0.2           | 0.2            | 0.1            | 0.2           | 0.2            | 0.1            |
| Mexico                               | 3.4           | 1.7            | 1.9            | 3.5           | 1.7            | 1.9            |
| Panama                               | 0.1           | 0.1            | 0.0            | 0.0           | 0.1            | 0.0            |
| Peru                                 | 0.3           | 0.3            | 0.3            | 0.3           | 0.3            | 0.4            |
| Other Lat Am                         | 0.0           | 0.1            | 0.0            | 0.0           | 0.1            | 0.0            |
|                                      | 8.1           | 7.8            | 7.4            | 8.1           | 7.5            | 7.3            |
| <b>Middle East &amp; Africa</b>      |               |                |                |               |                |                |
| Egypt                                | 0.0           | 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                         | 0.5           | 2.7            | 2.9            | 0.5           | 2.6            | 2.9            |
| South Africa                         | 1.6           | 2.9            | 3.6            | 1.4           | 3.1            | 3.8            |
| UAE                                  | 0.5           | 1.4            | 1.4            | 0.5           | 1.4            | 1.4            |
| Other Middle East & Africa           | 0.7           | 0.3            | 0.0            | 0.6           | 0.3            | 0.0            |
|                                      | 3.3           | 9.0            | 9.4            | 3.0           | 9.1            | 9.6            |
| Other                                | 1.1           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 0.9           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| Cash (including net receipts)        | 1.2           | 0.0            | 0.0            | 2.3           | 0.0            | 0.0            |

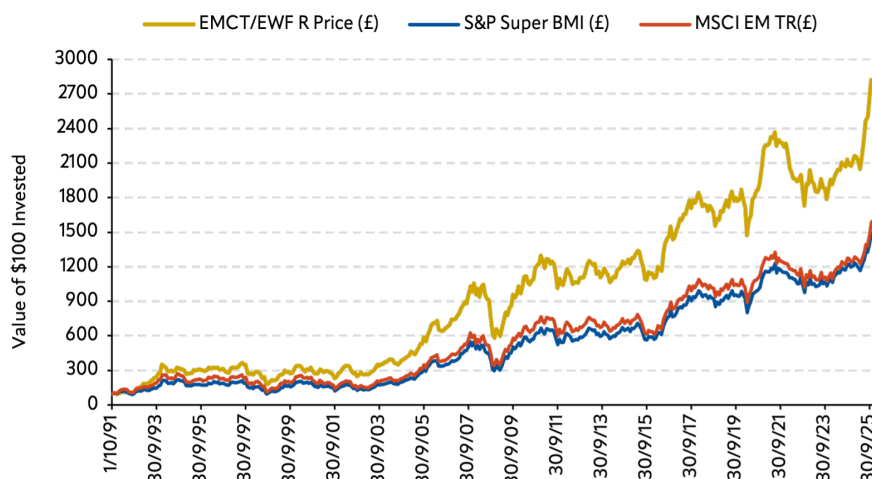
Values as at month-end

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

Source: CLIM, S&P, MSCI

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

Rebased from where 1 October 1991 = 100

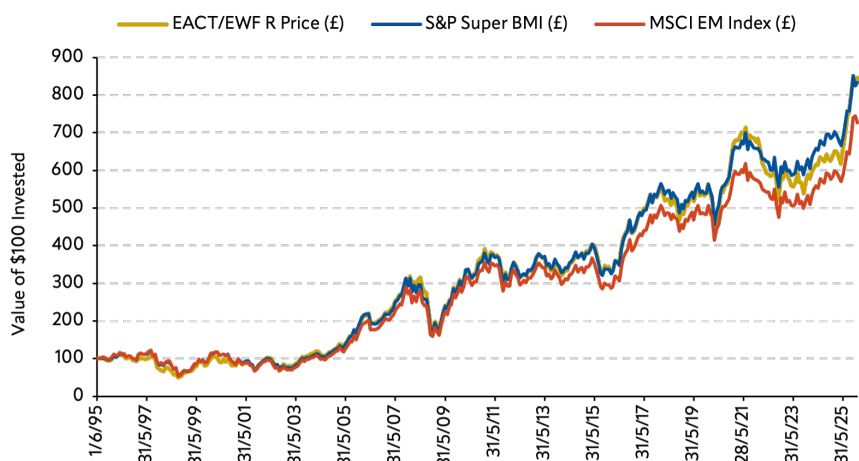


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Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

## 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 31 December 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 Charge .....                 | 1.90%   |
| 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 (£)             |
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