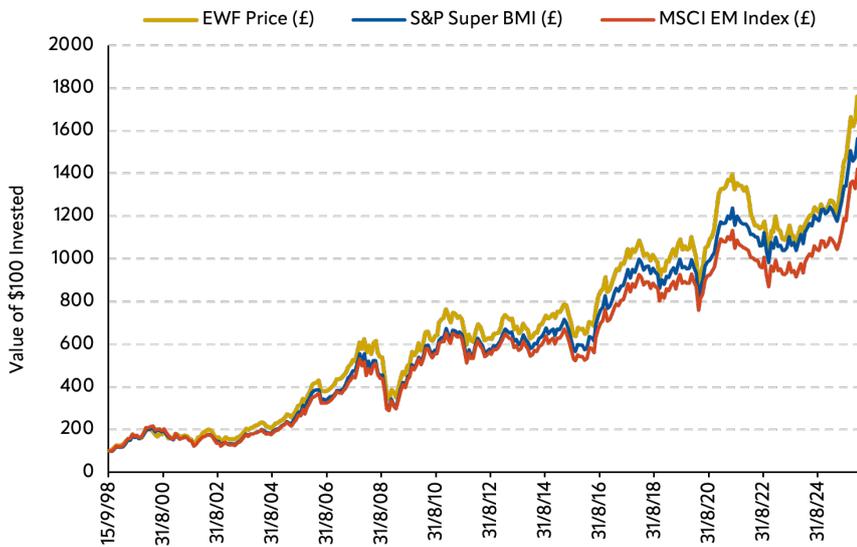




## Summary

During January, the share price of The Emerging World Fund (EWF) rose 6.50%, net of fees, compared to a 5.96% 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 6.70% over the month. Since its inception in September 1998, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark index on an annualised basis by 0.48 of a percentage point and outperformed the MSCI EM Index on an annualised basis by 0.87 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	£78.88m
Number of Shares in Issue	677,652.637
Number of Portfolio Holdings	40
Size Weighted Portfolio Discount of closed-end funds	12.96%*
Size Weighted Average Life of Portfolio	1.76 years**

Excluding 48.88% 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	+6.50%	+5.96%	+6.70%
3 Months	+5.91%	+3.84%	+4.77%
6 Months	+21.29%	+16.65%	+19.31%
12 Months	+38.22%	+25.82%	+29.34%
Since Inception	+1661.56%	+1464.30%	+1320.18%
Inception (Annualised)	+11.05%	+10.57%	+10.18%

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## Volatility\*

	EWF Price	S&P Super BMI	MSCI EM Index
12 Months	+13.60%	+12.46%	+13.58%
Inception	+18.04%	+18.25%	+19.13%

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

## Price

Price	US\$144.01
	£104.95
	EURO 121.06
Exchange Rate	£1 = US\$1.37225
	EURO 1 = US\$1.18965
Yield	NIL

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

## Investment Commentary

### Economic Overview\* (Macroeconomics)

Following strong performance in 2025, global equities started the new year more cautiously as markets were impacted by an array of geopolitical developments. In addition to the capture of Venezuelan leader Maduro at the start of January, the US also threatened to annex Greenland, and attack Iran in response to a violent crackdown of protests in the latter. Heightened geopolitical tensions benefited silver and gold prices, which rose by 18.9% and 13.3% respectively. In contrast, with the source of most of these tensions emanating from the US, the US dollar (as measured by the DXY Index) depreciated by 1.4%. The US Fed kept rates on hold, as widely expected, at its January FOMC meeting. Chair Powell's remarks that the outlook had clearly improved were perceived as hawkish by the market. Futures market pricing continues to imply two rate cuts by the end of 2026. The 2-year and 10-year US Treasury yields rose by 5 bps and 7 bps, respectively. President Trump nominated Kevin Warsh as Chair Powell's replacement when his term ends in May. His appointment will need to be approved by the Senate.

Emerging market (EM) equities (as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index) gained 8.9% in US dollar terms, outperforming developed market (DM) equities (as measured by the MSCI World Net TR Index) by 6.6 percentage points. The MSCI EM Currency Index increased by 0.6%. Information Technology (+16.8%) was the best performing EM sector, with Consumer Staples (+1.1%) the weakest.

Korea retained its spot as one of the best performing EM as it continued to benefit from artificial intelligence (AI) optimism, with the MSCI index rising by 28.1% in US dollar terms. Closely behind were Colombia (+27.4%), Peru (+27.1%) and Egypt (+24.5%). Latin America outperformed the EM aggregate by 6.5 percentage points.

The worst performing EM in January was India (-5.1%), and the Indian rupee recorded the largest monthly EM depreciation of 2.3%. Market sentiment soured over the threat of higher US tariffs on India over its purchase of Russian oil, which overshadowed the announcement of the new India-EU free trade agreement. Other weak markets were Indonesia (-4.8%), Kuwait (-3.2%) and Czech Republic (-1.3%). The Indonesian

market sold off after MSCI froze adjustments to the index. If MSCI does not deem progress to be enough at the May review, Indonesia's weight within the EM benchmark could be reduced, with the greater risk that it is reclassified as a frontier market.

The Bloomberg Commodity TR Index rose by 10.4%, with increases in energy (+20.6%), precious metals (+11%) and industrial metals (+5.6%) comfortably offsetting the small decline in agriculture (-0.3%). The price of Brent crude oil breached \$70/bbl, ending the month 16.2% higher, as US-Iran tensions ratcheted.

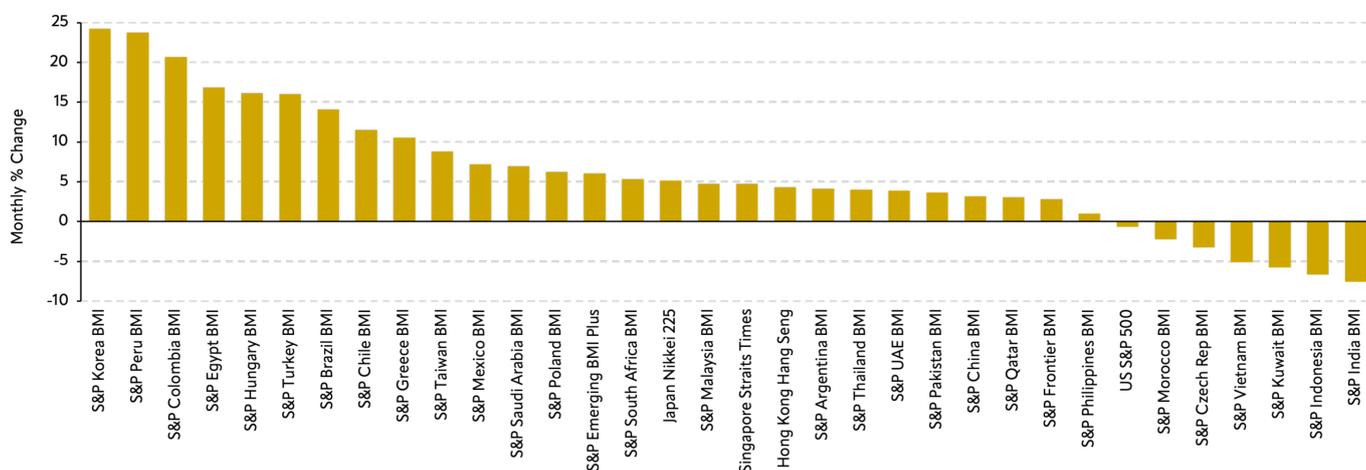
### Portfolio Commentary\* (Investment Management)

In January, emerging markets generalist exposure was adjusted as we purchased shares of **Mobius Investment Trust** at an 11% discount, while shares of **Fidelity Emerging Markets**, **Templeton Emerging Markets Fund** and **Utilico Emerging Markets Trust** were sold at discounts ranging from 7% to 9.5%.

In Asia, generalist exposure was increased as shares of **Pacific Assets Trust** and **Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust** were purchased at average discounts of 10% and 13%, respectively. Exposure to China was adjusted as we sold shares of **Fidelity China Special Situations** at an 8% discount while shares of **Templeton Dragon Fund Inc** were purchased at a discount of 14%. Exposure to Korea was increased as shares of **Korea Fund Inc** and **SK Inc** were purchased at discounts of 11.5% and 65.5%, respectively. Exposure to Taiwan was increased as we purchased shares of **Taiwan Fund Inc** at an average discount of 17.5%. Finally, exposure to India was adjusted as we purchased shares of **abrdn New India Investment Trust** and **Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund Inc** at discounts ranging from 10% to 11%, while shares of **India Fund Inc** were sold at discounts as narrow as 1%.

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

### Index Performances During January 2026 (£)



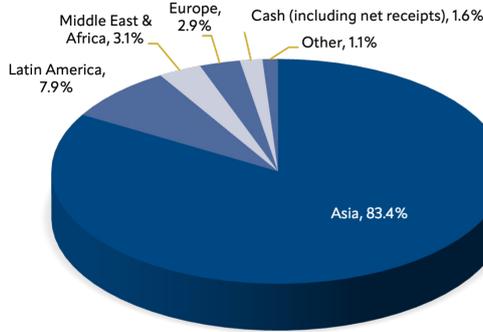
The countries and other indices included in this graph are not benchmarks for EWF, they are included to provide an indication as to how the underlying countries themselves have performed over the period.

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	79	8.2
2 Taiwan Fund Inc	6.2	15.1
3 Fidelity Emerging Markets	6.1	4.9
4 JPMorgan Emerging Markets Growth & Income	5.4	7.6
5 Schroder AsiaPacific Fund	5.1	9.7
6 Fidelity China Special Situations	4.9	7.6
7 Invesco Asia Dragon Trust	4.4	8.4
8 iShares MSCI Korea UCITS ETF USD Dist	4.4	1.9
9 iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF	4.1	1.4
10 Utilico Emerging Markets Trust	3.8	9.7
	<b>52.3</b>	

\*Based upon NAV estimate.

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Source: CLIM

## EWF and EM Indices Country Weightings

Fund	December 2025		January 2026		
	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	S&P Super BMI*	MSCI EM Index*	
<b>Asia</b>					
Australia	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
China	27.4	27.4	25.7	26.7	26.6
Hong Kong	2.7	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
India	11.7	15.9	12.0	13.9	13.3
Indonesia	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.0
Malaysia	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	1.2
Philippines	1.4	0.4	1.4	0.4	0.4
Singapore	0.9	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
South Korea	14.5	12.4	16.2	14.5	15.6
Sri Lanka	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Taiwan	18.3	19.0	18.7	19.5	21.1
Thailand	0.6	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.0
Vietnam	3.7	0.4	3.4	0.4	0.0
Other Asia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
	<b>83.0</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>80.2</b>
<b>Europe</b>					
Czech Republic	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Greece	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.6
Hungary	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Iceland	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Kazakhstan	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
Poland	0.4	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.1
Romania	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Slovenia	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Turkey	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5
Other Europe	1.0	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.0
	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>					
Argentina	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.9	0.0
Brazil	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.6
Chile	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.6
Colombia	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Mexico	3.5	1.7	3.3	1.7	2.0
Panama	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Peru	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Other Lat Am	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>Middle East &amp; Africa</b>					
Egypt	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Kuwait	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
Morocco	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Oman	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Qatar	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.6
Saudi Arabia	0.5	2.6	0.5	2.6	2.9
South Africa	1.4	3.1	1.6	3.0	3.8
UAE	0.5	1.4	0.5	1.4	1.4
Other Middle East & Africa	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0
	<b>3.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Other	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
Cash (including net receipts)	1.2	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0

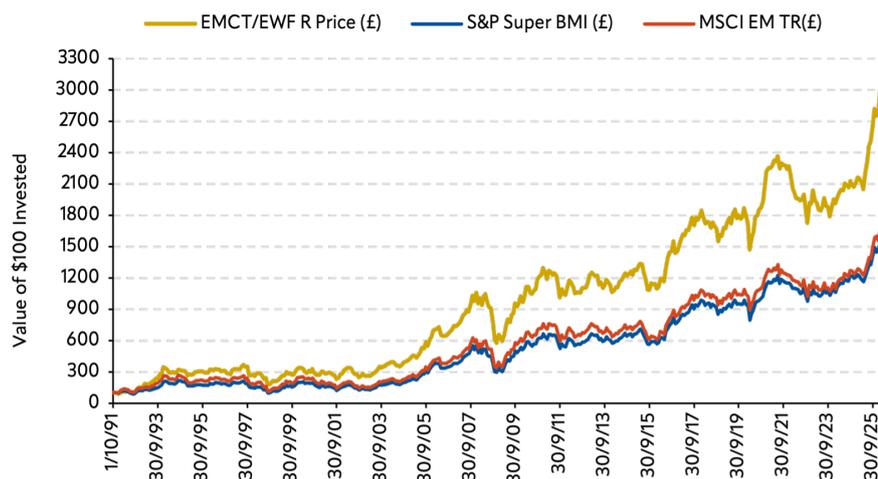
Values as at month-end

\*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

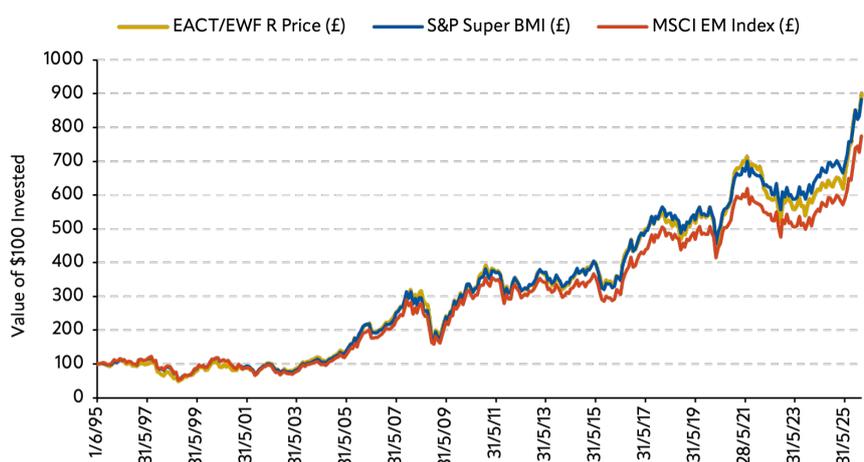


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Source: CLIM, BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

## 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.
- 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 January 2026 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	1.88%
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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