

# Lazard Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio

The **Lazard Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio** is an all-cap, style-unconstrained fund that seeks attractive returns over a full market cycle, in both relative and risk-adjusted terms. The fund management team aims to deliver a consistent pattern of excess returns, primarily through stock selection.

	Institutional	Open	R6
Ticker	ECEIX	ECEOX	RLEOX
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index		
Total Net Assets	\$176.8 Million		

## Performance Review (%; net of fees. As of September 30, 2021)

	3 M	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	Since Inception 11/1/2013	Since Inception 4/9/2018
Institutional	-11.32	-8.22	10.29	4.81	6.24	3.30	-
Open	-11.44	-8.46	9.80	4.44	5.85	2.93	-
R6	-11.38	-8.21	10.28	4.80	-	-	0.90
Benchmark	-8.09	-1.25	18.20	8.58	9.23	4.88	4.72

## Characteristics

	Lazard	Benchmark
Forward Return on Equity (%)	15.2	13.5
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	3.6	5.3
Forward Price/Earnings	14.9	13.0
EPS Growth NTM (%)	28.2	15.3
No. of Holdings	78	1,418
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	184.3	135.3
Beta (3 Yrs)	Institutional 1.06 Open 1.06	N/A
Sharpe Ratio (3 Yrs)	Institutional 0.18 Open 0.16	0.39
Active Share (%)	68.1	N/A
Turnover – 12 Months (%)	27.3	N/A

Please see "Important Information" for definitions.

### Calendar Year

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Institutional	11.98	21.59	-18.12	40.35	3.47	-10.36	-1.25
Benchmark	18.31	18.42	-14.57	37.28	11.19	-14.92	-2.19

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## Allocations

Sector	Lazard (%)	Benchmark (%)
Information Technology	26.4	20.9
Consumer Discretionary	15.0	14.7
Financials	14.6	19.5
Communication Services	12.5	10.4
Materials	10.1	8.7
Consumer Staples	5.5	5.9
Energy	5.2	5.9
Industrials	4.8	4.9
Health Care	3.1	4.9
Utilities	0.5	2.3
Real Estate	-	2.1
Cash & Equivalents	2.2	-

Region	Lazard (%)	Benchmark (%)
South/East Asia	66.3	78.4
Other*	13.0	-
Latin America	10.3	7.3
Europe/Middle East/Africa	8.2	14.2
Cash & Equivalents	2.2	-

\*Other consists of companies that have 50% or more of their net assets and/or sales from emerging markets, but are domiciled in non-emerging markets countries.

As of 30 September 2021  
Source: Lazard, FactSet, MSCI

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## Top Ten Holdings

	Lazard (%)	Sector
TSMC	11.1	Information Technology
Tencent	7.4	Communication Services
Samsung	5.2	Information Technology
Alibaba	3.8	Consumer Discretionary
HDFC Bank	3.2	Financials
LUKOIL	2.7	Energy
ICBC	2.1	Financials
Sberbank	2.1	Financials
Hindalco Industries	2.1	Materials
Infosys	1.8	Information Technology

For a complete list of holdings, please visit [www.lazardassetmanagement.com](http://www.lazardassetmanagement.com)

## Expenses

Minimum Initial Investment	Total Expense Ratio	Net Expense Ratio*
Institutional: \$10,000	Institutional: 1.20%	Institutional: 1.20%
Open: \$2,500	Open: 1.62%	Open: 1.50%
R6: \$1,000,000	R6: 1.87%	R6: 1.20%

**Stephen Russell, CFA**  
Managing Director

Portfolio Manager/Analyst

24 years of investment experience

**Thomas C. Boyle**  
Director

Portfolio Manager/Analyst

24 years of investment experience

\* Reflects a contractual agreement by Lazard Asset Management LLC (the "Investment Manager") to waive its fee and, if necessary, reimburse the Portfolio until April 30, 2022, to the extent Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses exceed 1.25%, 1.50% and 1.20% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio's Institutional, Open and R6 Shares, respectively. To the extent the Total Expense Ratio of the R6 Shares of the Portfolio exceeds the Total Expense Ratio of the Portfolio's Institutional Shares (in each case, not including management fees, custodial fees or other expenses related to the management of the Portfolio's assets), the Investment Manager has contractually agreed, until April 30, 2022, to bear the expenses of the R6 Shares in the amount of such excess.

## Important Information

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