# Lazard Emerging Markets Strategic Equity Portfolio

The Lazard Emerging Markets Strategic Equity Portfolio seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and strong returns versus the MSCI Emerging Markets Index by investing in companies with strong and/or improving financial productivity¹ at attractive valuations. Valuation dislocations can occur for reasons including, but not limited to, misunderstood business models or near-term political and economic concerns.

	Institutional	Open	R6
Ticker	EMBIX	EMBOX	RLEBX
Inception Date	05/28/10	05/28/10	
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Market Index		
Total Net Assets	\$61.1 million <sup>2</sup>		

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

				Annualized		
	3 M	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y
Institutional	-8.95	-4.66	17.50	7.50	6.74	4.83
Open	-8.93	-4.79	17.26	7.27	6.43	4.56
Benchmark	-8.09	-1.25	18.20	8.58	9.23	6.09



# Portfolio Allocation<sup>3</sup>

		Lazard	Benchmark	
No. of Holdings		69	1,418	
Weighted Avg Market Cap	(\$B)	116.1	135.3	
Beta (3 Yrs)	Institutional	1.06	- N/A	
	Open	1.07		
Standard Deviation (3 Yrs)	Institutional	20.95	- 19.13	
Standard Deviation (S 115)	Open	21.00		
Active Share		72.6	N/A	
Turnover (12 Mos)		N/A	N/A	

Please see "Important Information" for definitions.

The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Calendar year returns reflect only full-year performance. An investor may obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end online at www.lazardassetmanagement.com. The investment return and principal value of the Portfolio will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns of certain share classes reflect reimbursement of expenses as described in the prospectus. Had expenses not been reimbursed, returns would have been lower, and the expense ratio would have been higher.

# Allocations<sup>3</sup>

Geographic	Lazard (%)	Benchmark (%)
Emerging Markets	82.9	100.0
Asia Pacific ex-Japan	5.1	0.0
North America	4.2	0.0
United Kingdom	1.8	0.0
Continental Europe	1.0	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	5.1	0.0

Sector	Lazard (%)	Benchmark (%)
Financials	27.5	19.5
Information Technology	20.3	20.9
Consumer Discretionary	8.8	14.7
Communication Services	8.8	10.4
Energy	7.2	5.9
Materials	6.4	8.7
Industrials	5.6	4.9
Consumer Staples	5.4	5.9
Real Estate	2.6	2.1
Health Care	1.8	4.9
Utilities	0.3	2.3
Cash & Equivalents	5.1	0.0

Source: Lazard, FactSet, J.P. Morgan



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# Top Ten Holdings<sup>3</sup>

	Lazard (%)	Sector
Samsung Electronics	6.7	Information Technology
SK Hynix	3.6	Information Technology
Sberbank Russia	3.5	Financials
ICICI Bank	3.3	Financials
First Quantum Minerals	2.6	Materials
Alibaba	2.5	Consumer Discretionary
Tencent	2.4	Communication Services
Grupo Financiero Banorte	2.4	Financials
Techtronic Industries	2.4	Industrials
LUKOIL	2.1	Energy

Source: Lazard FactSet

For a complete list of holdings, please visit www.lazardassetmanagement.com.

## Expenses

#### Minimum Initial Investment

Institutional: \$10,000 Open: \$2,500 R6: \$1,000,000

## **Total Expense Ratio**

Institutional: 1.46% Open: 1.83% R6: 1.46%

## **Net Expense Ratio**

Institutional: 1.20% Open: 1.45% R6: 1.15%

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual agreement by Lazard to waive its fee and, if necessary, reimburse the Portfolio through April 30, 2022 to the extent the Total Expense Ratio exceeds 1.20%, 1.45%, and 1.15% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio's Institutional, Open, and R6 Shares, respectively.

# Portfolio Management Team

**Rohit Chopra** Managing Director Portfolio Manager/Analyst 24 years of experience

Ganesh Ramachandran, CFA Managing Director Portfolio Manager/Analyst

23 years of experience

John R. Reinsberg **Deputy Chairman** Head of International and Global Strategies Portfolio Manager/Analyst 40 years of experience

Team membership is current as of 31 December 2020. Personnel data are calculated as of year-end 2020. YTD 2021 experience/tenure is not reflected.

#### Notes

- 1 Financial productivity is typically measured by a company's return on equity, return on assets, return on invested capital, etc.
- 2 As of October 1, 2021.
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- 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.

### **Important Information**

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Lazard Emerging Markets Equity Blend converted to Lazard Emerging Markets Strategic Equity on March 2, 2021.

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Market Risk. A Portfolio may incur losses due to declines in one or more markets in which it invests. These declines

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