# **Martin Currie Emerging Markets Fund**



Growth | Fact Sheet as of December 31, 2022

#### **Investment Overview**

Long-term capital appreciation through investments in equity and related securities of emerging market and developing countries across Asia, the Indian subcontinent, Latin/Central America, the Middle East, Eastern/Central Europe and Africa. A fundamentals-based, high conviction, risk-aware portfolio built for the long-term, with ESG analysis embedded into the investment process.

#### Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges				With Sales Charges				Inception		
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Date
Class I	-26.85	-3.95	-1.47	_	3.05	-26.85	-3.95	-1.47	-	3.05	5/29/2015
Class A	-27.05	-4.22	_	_	-0.85	-31.23	-6.09	_	-	-2.16	7/16/2018
Class C	-27.63	-4.92	_	-	-1.58	-28.35	-4.92	_	-	-1.58	7/16/2018
Class FI	-27.02	-4.23	-1.78	_	2.73	-27.02	-4.23	-1.78	-	2.73	5/29/2015
Class IS	-26.81	-3.86	-1.39	_	3.19	-26.81	-3.86	-1.39	-	3.19	5/29/2015
Benchmark	-20.09	-2.69	-1.40	_	_	-20.09	-2.69	-1.40	_	_	_

### **Cumulative Total Returns** (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Class I	11.18	-26.85	-26.85	-5.12	27.67	29.15	-18.86	46.81	10.64	_	-	_
Class A	11.09	-27.05	-27.05	-5.35	27.26	28.94	_	_	_	_	_	-
Class C	10.93	-27.63	-27.63	-6.10	26.46	27.87	_	_	_	_	_	_
Class FI	11.20	-27.02	-27.02	-5.44	27.28	28.60	-19.09	46.35	10.28	_	_	_
Class IS	11.23	-26.81	-26.81	-5.01	27.81	29.27	-18.82	47.10	11.05	_	_	_
Benchmark	9.70	-20.09	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44	-14.58	37.28	11.19	_	-	_

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit www.franklintempleton.com.

Effective August 2, 2021, except as noted below, Class C [including Class C, Class C-1 & Class C-2] shares will automatically convert to Class A shares after the shares have been held for 8 years from their original purchase date. The initial conversion took place on August 16, 2021. Refer to the fund's prospectus or contact your Service Agent for more information.

<b>Share Class Details</b>			Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)	
	CUSIP	Ticker	Max	CDSC	Gross	Net
Class I	52471E621	MCEIX	0.00	_	0.94	0.94
Class A	52471E282	MACEX	5.50	_	1.22	1.22
Class C	52471E274	MCECX	0.00	1.00	1.97	1.97
Class FI	52471E597	MEFIX	0.00	_	1.26	1.26
Class IS	52471E613	MCEMX	0.00	_	0.86	0.85

Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. Net expenses reflect contractual fee waivers, expense caps and/or reimbursements, which cannot be terminated prior to 12/31/2023 without Board consent. Additional amounts may be voluntarily waived and/or reimbursed and may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice.

There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

Maximum sales charges have been updated as of August 15, 2022, please refer the Fund's prospectus for more information.

#### Growth of \$10,000

Class I Shares—Inception through December 31, 2022 Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



#### **Fund Overview**

Dividend Frequency, if any	Annually
Morningstar Category	Diversified Emerging Markets
Lipper Classification	Emerging Markets Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	23%

# Benchmark(s)

MSCI Emerging Markets Index-NR

<b>Fund Characteristics</b>	Fund	Benchmark
Total Net Assets	\$615.28 Million	
Number of Holdings	54	1,377
Average Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$133,695	\$93,586
Price to Book	3.21x	3.12x
Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing)	15.51x	10.41x

# Risk Statistics (3-Year—Class I)

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Beta	1.08	_
R-Squared	0.93	_
Sharpe Ratio	-0.09	-0.07
Standard Deviation (%)	23.02	20.55
Alpha (%)	-0.66	_
Information Ratio	-0.19	_
Tracking Error	6.45	_

#### **Top Equity Issuers (% of Total)**

Fund
7.96
7.72
6.79
4.03
3.02
2.98
2.95
2.69
2.67
2.61

# Geographic Allocation (Equity as a % of Total Fund)

	Fund	Benchmark
China	28.61	32.28
India	17.84	14.42
South Korea	15.12	11.32
Taiwan	11.35	13.80
Brazil	6.33	5.26
Indonesia	3.59	1.90
Mexico	3.39	2.28
Saudi Arabia	1.87	4.11
South Africa	0.00	3.69
Other	11.04	10.94

# **Sector Allocation (Equity % of Total)**

	Fund	Benchmark
Financials	26.23	22.15
Information Technology	26.09	18.62
Consumer Discretionary	13.37	14.06
Communication Services	9.08	9.90
Materials	7.21	8.85
Industrials	5.48	6.06
Energy	4.77	4.88
Health Care	3.05	4.07
Consumer Staples	2.62	6.44
Other	1.22	4.97

#### **Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
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Martin Currie is an active equity specialist that builds global, stock-driven portfolios based on fundamental research, devoting all of its resources to delivering optimum investment outcomes.

#### What should I know before investing?

Equity securities are subject to price fluctuation and possible loss of principal. Small- and mid-cap stocks involve greater risks and volatility than large-cap stocks. International investments are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in emerging markets. To the extent the fund focuses its investments in a single country or only a few countries in a particular geographic region, economic, political, regulatory or other conditions affecting such country or region may have a greater impact on fund performance relative to a more geographically diversified fund. As a non-diversified fund, it is permitted to invest a higher percentage of its assets in any one issuer than a diversified fund, which may magnify the fund's losses from events affecting a particular issuer. The fund may be significantly overweight or underweight certain companies, industries or market sectors, which may cause the fund's performance to be more sensitive to developments affecting those companies, industries or sectors. The manager's portfolio selection strategy is not solely based on ESG considerations, and therefore the issuers in which the fund invests may not be considered ESG-focused companies. Integrating ESG considerations into the investment process is not a guarantee that better performance will be achieved. Derivatives, such as options and futures, can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on fund performance. In addition to the fund's operating expenses, the fund will indirectly bear the operating expenses of any underlying funds.

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Beta A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. R-squared measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. Sharpe Ratio refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard Deviation** measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. Alpha is the annualized percentage difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of market risk, as measured by beta. Information Ratio In investing terminology, the ratio of expected return to risk. Usually, this statistical technique is used to measure a manager's performance against a benchmark. This measure explicitly relates the degree by which an investment has beaten the benchmark to the consistency by which the investment has beaten the benchmark. Tracking Error measure of the deviation of the return of a fund compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period of time. Expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment fund is managed, the smaller the tracking error. Turnover is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. Price to Book The price per share of a stock divided by its book value (i.e., net worth) per share. For a portfolio, the value represents a weighted average of the stocks it holds. Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing) is the share price of a stock, divided by its per-share earnings over the past year. For a portfolio, the value represents a weighted average of the stocks it holds.

# Important Information

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The Index consists of the following 24 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates. Source: MSCI makes no warranties and shall have no liability with respect to any MSCI data reproduced herein. No further redistribution or use is permitted. This report is not prepared or endorsed by MSCI. Net Returns (NR) include income net of tax withholding when dividends are paid. Information is historical and may not reflect current or future portfolio characteristics. All portfolio holdings are subject to change. Important data provider notices and terms available at www.franklintempletondatasources.com.

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