

# **KBIGI Integris Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**

Summary Details			
Assets under Mgmt.	\$15.3m		
Inception Date	01 Jan 2015		
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Net Return Index		
Number of Stocks	84		
Risk Characteristics			
Beta (5 Yrs)	1.00		
Information Ratio (5 Yrs)	0.34		
Volatility	19.22		
Portfolio Statistics	Strategy Index		
Dividend Yield	4.3%	3.3%	
Dividend Payout	43.2%	33.1%	
Dividend Payout  Dividend Growth	43.2% 16.7%	33.1% 15.6%	
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Dividend Growth	16.7%	15.6%	
Dividend Growth  Total Payout Yield	16.7% 4.2%	15.6% 2.3%	
Dividend Growth  Total Payout Yield  Price to Earnings (trailing)	16.7% 4.2% 8.2x	15.6% 2.3% 11.2x	
Dividend Growth  Total Payout Yield  Price to Earnings (trailing)  Price to Book	16.7% 4.2% 8.2x 1.3x	15.6% 2.3% 11.2x 1.6x	

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/22. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 5 year period relative to the Index as at the 12/31/22. Portfolio and Benchmark Statistics are from a representative account managed to the same strategy and the benchmark respectively. KBI Global Investors independently estimate these statistics for both the portfolio and the benchmark. The AUM listed above is Global Equity Integris Emerging Markets AUM. This is the combined AUM of KBI Global Investors Ltd and KBI Global Investors (North America) Ltd excluding AUA from Q1 2022. Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap figures are in US Dollars. KBI calculate the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity figure for the portfolio (representative account managed to the same strategy) quarterly. Index carbon intensity data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research. KBI calculate the ESG scores for the portfolio (representative account managed to the same strategy) quarterly. Index ESG ratings are sourced from MSCI ESG Research.

## **Investment Philosophy**

We are "total return" investors.

Our conviction is that companies with the financial strength and discipline to maintain and grow their dividend commitments outperform.

Uniquely, we find such companies across all capitalisations, and in every sector and every region, even ones where dividends are low and not typically used as a method of analysis. By "looking where others don't look" we consistently find and exploit mispriced stocks.

The main reasons for outperformance are:

- Quality of information
- Better governance
- Plentiful positive earnings surprises
- · Capital efficiency and financial discipline
- Lower volatility
- Better valuations

### **Annualised Performance (\$)**

	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	3Yrs	5Yrs
Strategy (Gross)	13.5	-17.8	-17.8	-2.2	0.2
Strategy (Net)	13.2	-18.5	-18.5	-3.0	-0.7
Benchmark	9.7	-20.1	-20.1	-2.7	-1.4

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 12/31/22 KBI calculate both composite returns and benchmark returns. Returns are gross of fees in USD. Our firm claims GIPS compliance and is annually verified by an independent verification firm to be so. The verification report from our verifier and our GIPS composite presentation are available upon request. The performance record disclosed here is that of the firm's composite for this strategy. The Integris Emerging Markets Equity composite is a well diversified, all cap, strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub classifications of the global emerging markets as defined within the MSCI Emerging Markets benchmark. No active currency management is undertaken. The strategy invests purely in those companies that pay above average dividends relative to their industry peer group and is managed by a dedicated, specialist team of investment professionals in Dublin, Ireland. The strategy uses an ESG screen within its portfolio construction process. We established Integris as our corporate brand for our screened offerings in 2019. The material risks associated with the composite include market risk and stock-specific event risk. Share prices can decline and there is a risk that the composite may under-perform its benchmark. The benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, inclusive of net income. The net index provides a better comparator for potential investors given the tax treatment on dividend income. The benchmark is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging market countries. The benchmark is market-cap weighted. Sources of foreign exchange rates may differ between the composite and the benchmark, but not materially so. See disclaimers for further information.

### **Investment Process**

## We summarise our process into three steps

#### Step 1

- Create regional industry group segments from MSCI Index.
- Eliminate stocks below segment average yield.
- Lower yield stocks, countries, industries will qualify.

#### Step 2

- Eliminate stocks and segments that fail sustainability, quality and growth critoria.
- Eliminate stocks with lowest ESG score.
- Rank remaining stocks.

## Step 3

 Create portfolio targeting preferred financial criteria, ESG criteria and highest ranked stocks.

## **Current Emerging Markets ESG Portfolio Characteristics**

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI EM Index	+/- %
<3 (small)	6.9	3.5	3.4
3-5 (mid-small)	27.9	8.4	19.5
5-10 (mid)	17.3	16.0	1.3
10-25 (mid-large)	27.3	23.1	4.2
>25 (large)	20.5	49.1	-28.6

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/22. Market Cap figures are based on a representative account relative to the Index. Market Cap figures are in US Dollars.

## **Strategy Overview**

Objective Consistency. Downside protection. Lower

risk. ESG

Style Relative value. High quality. Multi cap.

Diversified.

Products
Screening
Global, Emerging Markets, Eurozone
Fossil Fuel Reserves, CCC rated
companies, Tobacco & others.

## **Investment Team**

Key People	Title	Investment Experience		
	CIO			
Noel O'Halloran	Chief Investment Officer	35yrs		
Port	folio Management T	eam		
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	35yrs		
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	31yrs		
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs		
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs		
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	32ys		
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs		
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	22yrs		
Trading				
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	17yrs		

## **Portfolio Positioning**

#### Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Financials	22.9	Health Care	5.5
Information Technology	20.6	Industrials	5.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.5	Consumer Staples	4.8
Communication Services	11.6	Real Estate	3.0
Materials	6.5	Energy	0.5
Utilities	5.7		

#### Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
Emerging Asia	77.5
Emerging EMEA	13.6
Emerging Latin America	8.9

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Stock	Country	%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	6.7
Samsung Electronics Company Limited	South Korea	4.9
China Construction Bank	China	2.9
Turkcell Iletisim Hizmet As	Turkey	2.6
Power Grid Corporation Of India Limited	India	2.5
China Medical System Holdings Limited	China	2.4
Lenovo Group Limited	China	2.2
Cia Energetica de Minas Gerais	Brazil	2.1
Zhejiang Expressway Company	China	2.0
Netease Inc	China	2.0

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the tor 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 12/31/22 based on the aggregate USE value. Each quarter KBI Global Investors uses this same objective, non-performance based criteria to select the ten largest holdings. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for the strategy, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. All information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy the securities mentioned.

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#### Overview

While much of the narrative at year end is around recession fears and impending disappointing earnings, we feel there may well be more opportunities to generate good returns than many realise.

The percentage of stock passing our quality hurdles is high, and payout ratios are near all time lows. This means the buffer around existing dividend behavior is high. Even if earnings disappoint (we feel the portfolio is good shape on this front) current levels of yield and dividend growth can be maintained by allowing payout ratios to return to more normal long term levels. Dividends and dividend growth become highly valuable sources of return when share price increases are scarce.

The rally in value and high yield stocks in the fourth quarter suggests that investors have begun to pick up on this opportunity. While the shine may have gone off tech stocks investors have started to look elsewhere. The good news is that they like what they see. The surprisingly strong fundamentals and cheap valuations of companies that exist across the market capitalisations are starting to get noticed.

Up until quarter four, all of the relative outperformance of value over growth stocks since last year had come in down markets. Value stocks were seen as attractive for the defensive qualities they bring and their lower sensitivity to rising rates. However, in quarter four, value stocks led the rally. The fact that they did so as long bond yields fell suggest something is now seriously different.

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