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#### Series F

#### Fundamental - Emerging Markets Equity

## **Key Reasons to Invest**

- Growth Potential: Exposure to the growth potential of companies located in, or with significant business interests in, emerging market countries excluding China.
- Disciplined Approach: A disciplined approach focused on identifying quality companies with long-term sustainable competitive advantages and attractive valuations.
- Diversification: For investors looking to diversify their core equity holdings and benefit from the unique exposures and opportunities that emerging markets provide.

## **Investment Objective**

The fund seeks to provide capital growth. It invests primarily in equity securities of companies that are located in, or with significant business interests in emerging market countries outside of China.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund intends to invest primarily in equity securities of issuers located in emerging markets excluding China, as defined by the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets ex-China Index.

The portfolio manager uses a bottom-up stock selection process favouring companies that are trading at a significant discount to what it believes is their underlying earnings potential. These companies should have the ability to generate positive and sustainable earnings growth, thus enabling them to achieve economic profits over time (return in excess of cost of capital). When evaluating companies, the focus is based on:

- long-term earnings growth
- excellent management teams
- dominance of their underlying markets

This disciplined approach also ensures broad diversification across countries and sectors.

Morningstar Category	Emerging Markets Equity
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$5.8 million
MER <sup>1</sup>	0.80%
Trading Expense Ratio	0.40%
Risk Profile	Low Med High

Benchmark MSCI EM ex-China

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## Fund Codes/Ticker

Series	CAD	USD
F	5044	5144
ETF	AEMX	

## **Distributions (Series F)**

	2024	2023	2022
\$Amount/ Unit	0.09	0.06	N/A
Annual Frequency <sup>2</sup>			

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

<sup>2</sup> The distribution is not guaranteed, may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager and may vary from payment to payment.



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Securities regulations do not allow us to display performance for a fund that has less than one year of performance data.

## Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: **38** 

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd.	Taiwan	Information Technology	10.61%
ICICI Bank Ltd.	India	Financials	7.40%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	South Korea	Information Technology	4.46%
Reliance Industries Ltd.	India	Energy	3.78%
Naspers Ltd.	South Africa	Consumer Discretionary	3.57%
Saudi Awwal Bank	Saudi Arabia	Financials	3.42%
SK Hynix Inc.	South Korea	Information Technology	3.23%
Infosys Ltd.	India	Information Technology	2.67%
Salik Co. PJSC	United Arab Emirates	Industrials	2.64%
Powszechna Kasa Oszczednosci Bank Polski SA	Poland	Financials	2.63%
Total			44.4%



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Portfolio

23.6% 19.6%

11.2%

9.0%

6.1%

5.4%

5.2%

4.9%

3.6%

11.5%

**Country Allocation\*** 

India

Taiwan South Korea

Brazil

Greece

Indonesia

Other

South Africa

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

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# **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio
Active Share	76.2%
Price to Earnings	16.7
Forward Sales Growth	3.9%
Forward Earnings Growth	13.7%
Forward Price to Earnings	13.5
Return on Equity	16.9%
Turnover	89.6%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$ billions)	203.5

# **Sector Allocation**

	Portfolio
Information Technology	26.6%
Financials	26.4%
Industrials	10.5%
Consumer Discretionary	8.7%
Energy	8.0%
<b>Communication Services</b>	7.4%
Materials	4.3%
Utilities	2.2%
Consumer Staples	1.0%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.8%

## \* Cash is not included. Source: AGF Investments, Morningstar. This document is not complete without the end disclosures. See last two pages for term definitions.

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#### **Investment Management Team**

The Global Equity team covers a variety of mandates from global core to global specialty and emerging markets. They use their collective industry experience and globally diversified cultural backgrounds to locate opportunities unrecognized by the market.

## **Portfolio Managers**



## **Regina Chi, CFA®** VP & Portfolio Manager AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 1994
- Firm Exp: since 2017

#### Investment Team/Resources



## Stephen Way, CFA®

SVP and Head of Global & Emerging Markets Equities AGF Investments Inc. • Industry Exp: since 1987

Firm Exp: since 1987

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Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, AGF has investment operations and client servicing teams on the ground in North America and Europe. AGF serves more than 815,000 investors. AGF trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AGF.B.

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# **Term Definitions**

## **Active Share**

Active Share tracks the disparity between a portfolio manager's holdings and that of its benchmark index. A low Active Share score indicates that a portfolio manager is closely replicating the target index, while a high Active Share score indicates that a fund's holdings diverge significantly from the target index.

#### Beta

A measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a benchmark index). The benchmark index has a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of more (less) than 1.0 indicates that a fund's historical returns have fluctuated more (less) than the benchmark index. For example, a Beta of 1.10 shows that the fund performed 10% better than its benchmark index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

## **Downside Capture (Ratio)**

The Downside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was negative. A Downside Capture Ratio of less than 100% is considered desirable.

## **Forward Earnings Growth**

Forward Earnings are an estimate of a company's earnings for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted earnings.

## Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E)

A Forward P/E is calculated based on forecasted earnings per share; a stock's current price divided by next year's expected earnings.

## **Forward Sales Growth**

Forward Sales are an estimate of a company's revenues for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted revenue.

#### **Information Ratio**

The Information Ratio is the ratio of the portfolio returns above the returns of the blended benchmark to the volatility of those returns. It's designed to measure the ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis.

#### Management Expense Ratio (MER)

The Management Expense Ratio, commonly referred to as MER, is a measure of the total expenses (fees and other costs) borne by the mutual fund or ETF, expressed as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total annual expenses by the average net asset value of the fund for the given year.

## **Price/Earnings**

(P/E ratio or P/E) The ratio of share price to earnings per share.

#### **Return on Equity**

A profitability ratio calculated as net income divided by average shareholders' equity.

## **Risk Profile**

The Risk Profile is based on the historical volatility of a fund, as measured by the 10-year annualized standard deviation of the 10-year average returns of the fund. The investment risk level is required to be determined in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' standardized risk classification methodology.

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

Sharpe Ratio characterizes how well the return of a fund compensates the investor for each unit of absolute risk they assume, as measured by the Standard Deviation of the fund. The greater a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been.



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## **Term Definitions**

## **Standard Deviation**

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A statistical measure of the range/dispersion of a fund's performance. The more variable the returns, the larger the Standard Deviation. When a fund has a high Standard Deviation, it means that its range of performance was wide for the given period, i.e. greater historical volatility. Standard Deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

#### **Tracking Error**

The Tracking Error represents a fund manager's added value variability. It reports the difference between the return received and that of the benchmark being compared to. It is reported as a Standard Deviation percentage difference.

## Trading Expense Ratio (TER)

The total gross expenses divided by the fund's average net assets.

#### Turnover (Ratio)

The portfolio Turnover Ratio is the rate at which assets in a fund are bought and sold by the portfolio managers. It is calculated as the minimum of securities bought or sold divided by the average assets over the period.

#### Upside Capture (Ratio)

The Upside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was positive. An Upside Capture Ratio of greater than 100% is considered desirable.

#### Weighted Average Market Cap

Market cap is the market value of all the outstanding shares in a company. In a portfolio the Weighted Average Market Cap is the sum of the products of a company's market cap and its percentage allocation in the portfolio.