

# RBC Funds (Lux) - Emerging Markets Equity Focus Fund

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## Investment commentary

The biggest contributor to relative returns this month was a holding in TCS as shares in the Indian I.T. services company appreciated alongside broader industry strength on the back of strong results and investor flows. This is a high quality franchise within an attractive structural growth area. Positions in HDFC Ltd, India's leading housing finance provider, and MercadoLibre, the Latin American e-commerce giant, also contributed. HDFC Ltd reported robust results with management commentary suggesting a healthy recovery from the second COVID-19 wave impact, and MercadoLibre reported strong quarterly results and continued high growth across the business, despite tough year-on-year comparisons.

The biggest detractor from relative returns was a holding in leading Chinese insurer Ping An as the company reported weak new-business-value growth during 1H 2021 as a result of COVID-related disruptions and ongoing agency reform. Earnings and dividends growth remained resilient, however, and the company announced a new buy-back. Positions in South Korean companies SK Hynix and NCSOFT also detracted. SK Hynix's share price remained weak due to market concerns over an early end of the memory upcycle and memory price outlook. Despite this, the company expects both DRAM and NAND pricing to continue their upward trend throughout 2H 2021 thanks to solid server-related demand and mobile seasonality. NCSOFT's shares declined following the launch of the mobile version of its Blade and Soul 2 game but despite a disappointing initial response, the game comprises a limited portion of overall company revenues.

## Fund information

Investment manager	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Sub-investment manager	RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Portfolio manager	Phil Langham Zeena Dahdaleh, CFA
Fund launch date	November 14, 2018
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index
Fund size (USD)	128.1 m
Fund type	UCITS
Fund domicile	Luxembourg
SFDR classification	Article 8

### Investment objective:

To provide long-term total returns principally through capital appreciation by investing in a concentrated portfolio of equity securities of companies located in or with significant business interests in emerging markets.

## Fund characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Holdings (ex cash)	33	1,342
Portfolio turnover (%)	21.6	-
Active share (%)	82.1	-

## Share class information

Share class	Mgmt fees (%)	TER* (%)	NAV	Bloomberg	ISIN
O (acc) USD	0.85	1.05	135.59	RBEMEF0 LX	LU1868742773
A (acc) USD	1.90	2.20	131.18	RBEMEF A LX	LU1868742427
B (acc) USD	0.95	1.25	134.71	RBEMEF B LX	LU1868742690

## Net annualised performance (%)

Share class	1 M	3 M	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y	SI**
O (acc) USD	0.92	-5.40	-0.75	16.88	-	-	-	11.51
A (acc) USD	0.82	-5.66	-1.48	15.57	-	-	-	10.20
B (acc) USD	0.90	-5.44	-0.89	16.64	-	-	-	11.25
Benchmark (USD)	2.62	-4.12	2.84	21.12	-	-	-	13.98

## Net calendar year performance (%)

Share class	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Cumulative SI**	Inception date
O (acc) USD	17.90	16.68	-	-	-	35.59	14-Nov-18
A (acc) USD	16.52	15.24	-	-	-	31.18	14-Nov-18
B (acc) USD	17.65	16.39	-	-	-	34.71	14-Nov-18
Benchmark (USD)	18.31	18.42	-	-	-	44.16	14-Nov-18

**Past performance is not indicative of future results and is calculated in various currencies as labeled. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, MSCI. All returns for periods greater than one year are shown on an annualised basis.

\*TER – Total expense ratio. \*\*SI – Since inception.

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## Top 10 holdings (%)

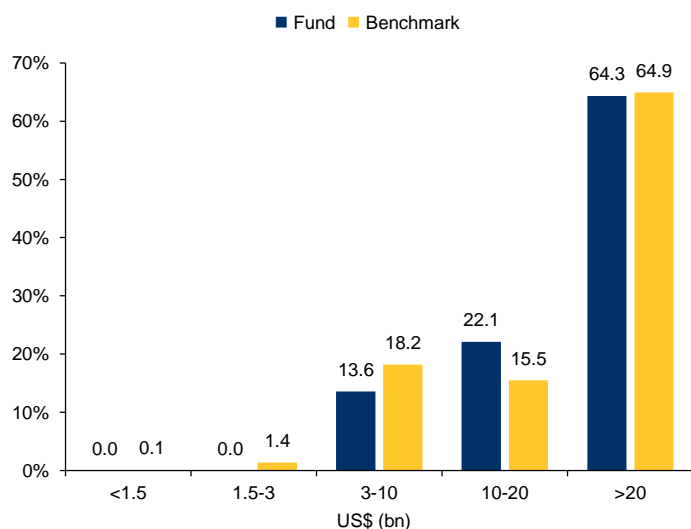
Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
TSMC	7.3	6.7
SK Hynix	5.2	0.6
Housing Development Finance	5.0	0.8
Tencent	4.8	4.4
Tata Consultancy Services	4.7	0.6
Marico	4.1	0.0
Antofagasta	4.0	0.0
Unilever	3.9	0.0
Alibaba	3.8	3.9
Fomento Economico Mexicano	3.8	0.2
Total	46.6	17.3

## Top / bottom 5 contributors (%)

Top 5 contributors	Contribution
Alibaba*	0.68
Tata Consultancy Services	0.65
Housing Development Finance	0.50
MercadoLibre	0.28
Mahindra & Mahindra	0.25

Bottom 5 contributors	Contribution
Alibaba	-0.75
Ping An Insurance	-0.44
SK Hynix	-0.43
NCSOFT	-0.41
Antofagasta	-0.25

## Market capitalisation distribution (%)



## Fund positions

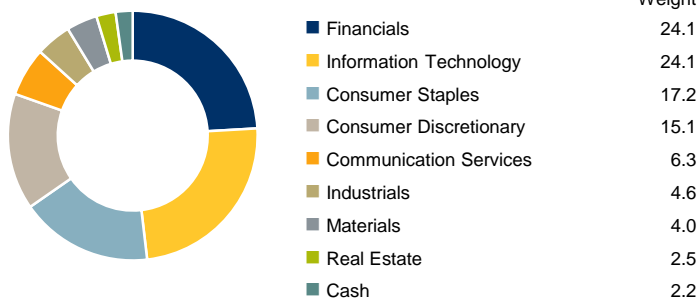
## Closed positions

There were no positions closed for the current time period.

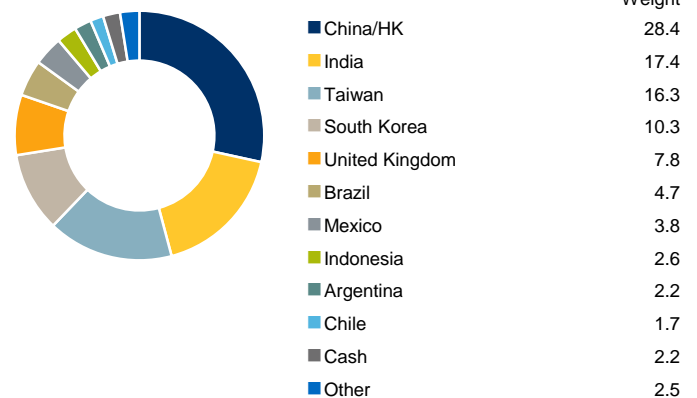
## Opened positions

LG Corp

## Sector allocation (%)



## Geographic allocation (%)



Source: RBC Global Asset Management, MSCI. Weights reflect actual positions, figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding. \* Indicates securities that are not held. The top 5 open and closed positions are displayed in order of position size, descending in order from largest to smallest. All transactions were completed as at 31.08.2021. If you require any further information, please visit our [website](#) for contact information.

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## Fund country attribution (%)

Top 5 Contributors	Active weight	Asset allocation	Security selection	Total effect
China/HK	-10.93	2.37	0.38	2.76
India	6.49	1.45	0.09	1.54
Chile	5.67	0.01	0.71	0.72
Argentina	1.80	0.54	-0.07	0.46
Malaysia	-1.44	0.24	0.00	0.24

Bottom 5 contributors	Active weight	Asset allocation	Security selection	Total effect
South Korea	-2.97	-0.45	-1.37	-1.81
Brazil	0.08	0.01	-1.39	-1.39
Taiwan	2.34	0.55	-1.84	-1.30
United Kingdom	4.02	-0.82	-0.14	-0.96
South Africa	2.56	0.46	-1.15	-0.70

## Fund sector attribution (%)

Sector	Active weight	Asset allocation	Security selection	Total effect
Consumer Discretionary	2.47	-0.57	2.10	1.52
Consumer Staples	10.65	-0.86	1.75	0.88
Health Care	-4.60	0.46	0.00	0.46
Industrials	-2.64	-0.06	0.46	0.40
Information Technology	2.84	0.61	-0.43	0.17
Communication Services	-5.08	0.89	-0.89	-0.01
Utilities	-1.98	-0.13	0.00	-0.13
Energy	-5.03	-0.17	0.00	-0.17
Real Estate	0.74	-0.22	-0.15	-0.38
Materials	-3.68	-0.69	-0.36	-1.05
Financials	6.32	0.36	-4.07	-3.72
TOTAL	-	-0.40	-1.71	-2.11

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, MSCI. Attribution results are calculated over a trailing 12 month period. Attribution is intended to demonstrate trends in performance due to security selection and sector/country allocation and is calculated from the underlying segregated asset positions and may not add up to the total portfolio return calculated using the NAV of the fund. Fund sector/country weights in the attribution table are based on beginning market values, adjusted for purchases and sales activities during the year.

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