



# **Martin Currie Emerging Markets Fund**

Class I: MCEIX Class A: MACEX Class C: MCECX Class FI: MEFIX Class IS: MCEMX

Growth | Factsheet as of June 30, 2025

#### Investment Overview

Long-term capital appreciation through investments in equity and related securities of emerging market and developing countries such as 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	11.97	6.79	3.61	4.78	4.51	11.97	6.79	3.61	4.78	4.51	5/29/2015
Class A	11.60	6.43	3.27	_	2.48	5.43	4.34	2.05	-	1.60	7/16/2018
Class C	10.81	5.73	2.57	_	1.76	9.81	5.73	2.57	-	1.76	7/16/2018
Class FI	11.75	6.52	3.32	4.47	4.20	11.75	6.52	3.32	4.47	4.20	5/29/2015
Class IS	12.03	6.89	3.70	4.92	4.64	12.03	6.89	3.70	4.92	4.64	5/29/2015
Benchmark	15.29	9.70	6.81	4.81	_	15.29	9.70	6.81	4.81	_	_

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

	3-Mo	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class I	10.29	13.90	2.80	6.11	-26.85	-5.12	27.67	29.15	-18.86	46.81	10.64	_
Class A	10.16	13.71	2.43	5.71	-27.05	-5.35	27.26	28.94	_	_	_	_
Class C	10.01	13.27	1.85	5.08	-27.63	-6.10	26.46	27.87	_	_	_	_
Class FI	10.25	13.69	2.64	5.75	-27.02	-5.44	27.28	28.60	-19.09	46.35	10.28	_
Class IS	10.33	13.93	2.89	6.28	-26.81	-5.01	27.81	29.27	-18.82	47.10	11.05	_
Benchmark	11.99	15.27	7.50	9.83	-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 franklintempleton.com.

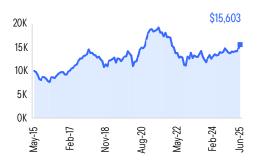
Effective August 2, 2021, except as noted below, Class C [including Class C, Class C-1 & Class C-2] shares will automatically convert to Class A shares after the shares have been held for 8 years from their original purchase date. The initial conversion took place on August 16, 2021. Refer to the fund's 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	_	1.36	1.30
Class C	52471E274	MCECX	0.00	1.00	1.93	1.93
Class FI	52471E597	MEFIX	0.00	_	1.18	1.18
Class IS	52471E613	MCEMX	0.00	_	0.83	0.83

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 12/31/2026 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 June 30, 2025 Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



#### **Fund Overview**

Dividend Frequency, if any	Annually
Morningstar Category	Diversified Emerging Markets
Lipper Classification	<b>Emerging Markets Funds</b>
Turnover (fiscal yr)	19%

#### Benchmark(s)

MSCI Emerging Markets Index-NR

<b>Fund Characteristics</b>	Fund	Benchmark
Total Net Assets	\$320.53 Million	
Number of Holdings	55	1,203
Average Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$283,529	\$188,719
Price to Book	4.53x	3.58x
Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing)	) 17.55x	14.29x

# Risk Statistics (3-Year-Class I)

	Fund	Benchmark
Beta	1.09	_
R-Squared	0.95	_
Sharpe Ratio	0.19	0.35
Standard Deviation (%)	19.15	17.14
Alpha (%)	-2.88	_
Information Ratio	-0.66	_
Tracking Error (%)	4.38	_

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

	Fund
Tencent Holdings Ltd	8.09
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	7.52
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HDFC Bank Ltd	4.84
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.63
ICICI Bank Ltd	3.72
SK Hynix Inc	3.55
Reliance Industries Ltd	2.90
China Merchants Bank Co Ltd	2.79
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2.49

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

	Fund	Benchmark
China	25.21	28.41
India	22.61	18.10
Taiwan	18.14	18.91
South Korea	10.08	10.72
Saudi Arabia	4.26	3.50
Brazil	4.08	4.43
South Africa	3.05	3.22
Mexico	2.24	1.96
Indonesia	1.87	1.17
Other	6.90	9.57

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

	Fund	Benchmark
Information Technology	28.34	24.04
Financials	27.93	24.53
Consumer Discretionary	15.01	12.77
Communication Services	8.95	9.84
Industrials	5.04	6.86
Health Care	4.24	3.24
Consumer Staples	3.36	4.50
Energy	2.90	4.27
Materials	2.65	5.78
Other	0.00	4.16

#### **Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience		Years with Firm	Years of Experience
Paul Desoisa, CFA	11	12	Alastair Reynolds, CFA	14	35
Colin Dishington, CFA	6	15	Paul Sloane	6	32
Andrew Mathewson, CFA	20	23	Aimee Truesdale	3	13
Divya Mathur, CFA	14	30			

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# What should I know before investing?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. 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. The portfolio is non-diversified and may invest in a relatively small number of issuers, which may negatively impact the performance and result in greater fluctuation in value. The managers' environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies may limit the types and number of investments available and, as a result, may forgo favorable market opportunities or underperform strategies that are not subject to such criteria. There is no guarantee that the strategy's ESG directives will be successful or will result in better performance. Derivative instruments can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on performance. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

#### **Glossary**

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. Weighted Average Market Capitalization: A determination of a company's value, calculated by multiplying the total number of company stock shares outstanding by the price per share. For a portfolio, the value represents a weighted average based on the stocks held. 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.

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