# PACIFIC NORTH OF SOUTH EM ALL CAP EQUITY

I DIST SHARE CLASS | USD

# P>CIFIC ASSET MANAGEMENT

# FACTSHEET | 31 Mar 2025 **KEY FACTS**

**Pricing information** 

Nav price (31 Mar 25) 12.023

Pricing frequency: Any Business Day

Yield: 3.52%

**Portfolio managers** 

Manager names: Matthew Linsey, Kamil Dimmich

**Fund facts** 

Fund size (USD m): 2331.9 Strategy size (USD m): 3,407.1

Investment manager: Pacific Asset Management

Sub-investment manager:

Fund structure:

Launch date of fund:

22 Nov 17

Irish UCITS

North of South

Launch date of class: 18 May 23

Fund type: Single Manager

Share class type: Distributing

Base currency: USD

Currencies available: CAD, EUR GBP, USD

MSCI Emerging
Benchmark: Market Total
Return Index

Dealing frequency: Any Business Day

Subscription cut off (GMT): Noon the prior

Auditors: Deloitte

Depositary: Citi Depositary
Services Ireland

Administrators: Citibank Europe Plo

ManCo: Waystone

Management Company (IE) Ltd

**Identifiers** 

ISIN: IE0006VQ9SP0
Bloomberg: PNSUIDQ ID
SEDOL: BMXHKN4

Charges

Initial Charge: None
AMC:\* 0.75%
Ongoing Charges Figure: 0.83%

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is an estimate based on projected expenses and may vary from year to year. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged. For more information about charges please see the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and "Fees and Expenses" of the Funds Prospectus and Supplement. \*Included in the OCF.

#### Investment objective

Long-term capital appreciation through investing in a diversified portfolio of emerging market equities. Combines top-down macroeconomic themes and bottom-up company analysis to identify undervalued stocks across the full market capitalisation spectrum. Aims to outperform MSCI EM Total Return index by 3-5% annually.

#### **Fund manager commentary**

During the first quarter of 2025 the Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity Strategy outperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets index by +2.2%. In what marked a fairly dramatic reversal from years of underperformance, EM equities had a strong start to the year with positive returns against a falling US market.

Key contributions to relative outperformance in the portfolio came from a recovery in Brazilian holdings, a weak Indian market where we are still underweight, as well as European and Middle Eastern positions, especially in Financials. There was some drag from other Latin American and some South African holdings. During the quarter we continued taking profits on Taiwanese and UAE holdings that had performed well over the past years, as well as exiting Thailand and reducing Indonesia. We continued adding to Chinese domestic exposure and re-entered the Saudi market following a de-rating over recent years. In total, however, we have been avoiding making big calls on prospective US policy. We remain slightly overweight on China, with an emphasis on domestic consumption and fairly light on Southeast Asian exposure, while cautiously overweight on Latin America. Our Taiwanese exposure has been reduced but remains marginally overweight given the market's strong balance sheets and structural competitive advantages combined with modest valuations. Our continuing significant underweight on India remains balanced with Middle Eastern and selective Emerging European exposure, where valuations and fundamentals remain relatively good.

Although we focus on the bottom-up, there are occasions when the big picture has to be addressed. The truth is that even after "Liberation Day", nothing is certain. We doubt that we are anywhere close to the final word on tariff levels, with the launch representing more of an invitation to countries for presenting their best "offers". Many countries will be unable or unwilling to deliver "phenomenal" in the first instance, but the definition of that is sure to change over time, especially as the costs of the policy start to become apparent to the US electorate. Still, global policymakers largely remain bystanders to the moods in the White House.

It is extremely unlikely that the status quo results in any visible economic benefits to the US prior to the next mid-term or even Presidential elections. Inflation and weaker growth are almost mathematically certain while a putative manufacturing boom cannot happen immediately. Reconstructing wrecked supply chains domestically is going to take years, while ongoing uncertainty will limit corporates' ability to fully commit to the necessary investments. Paradoxically, the more successful tariffs are at making imports unaffordable, the more likely we are to see a crumbling of support for them and eventual likelihood of reversals at the ballot box. This risks making such domestic capacity investments redundant. Already, we are seeing buyers' remorse from certain noisy hedge fund MAGA supporters and even Elon Musk is mumbling about zero tariffs. The broader electorate will not feel the effects immediately as companies will only reluctantly raise prices while they have un-tariffed inventories. The next few months are therefore likely to see more tariff bravado than deals being struck.

Taking a longer view, much like we did during the early days of the Covid pandemic, we are looking for countries and businesses that can weather a potentially difficult few months and years but thrive as things eventually settle. That is not to say we expect everything to revert - it is highly unlikely that global trade recovers fully and international relationships will be redefined permanently. A new world order is already upon us, but the pressure to remove the most damaging policy elements will eventually prevail.

As always, we have an eye on valuations and the cost of capital. While share prices are clearly lower across the board, EM bond yields have largely been stable or declining. Outside the US we are less likely to see inflationary pressures - in fact there is potential for deflation as surplus capacity looks for new homes. This ought to allow for lower rates, which could eventually become supportive for equities, although clearly concerns about earnings will dominate in the near-term.

#### I Dist share class | USD From 18 May 2023 (inception) to 31 Mar 2025 (%)

May 2023

39% 32.5% 26% 19.5% 13% 6.5% 0% -6.5%

Jun 2024

Nov 2024

MSCI Emerging Market Total Return Index

Mar 2025

■ Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity

I Dist share class | USD Period returns

Sep 2023

From 18 May 2023 (inception) to 31 Mar 2025 (%).

Feb 2024

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023					-1.03	5.45	6.06	-5.40	-1.85	-3.83	7.43	4.99	11.47
2024	-4.10	6.44	2.60	-1.33	1.73	0.37	-1.27	0.45	6.15	-2.41	-1.00	1.97	9.43
2025	4.60	0.47	-0.02										5.07



# **PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN**

#### **Fund characteristics**

Total no. securities held	85
Top ten position concentration	31.8%

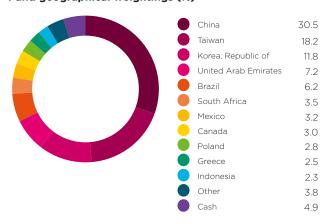
#### Market cap breakdown (% of nav)

\$5bn plus	66.4
\$500m to \$5bn	27.1
Up to \$500m	1.6

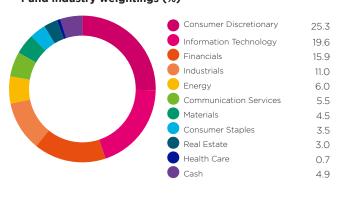
#### Top 15 holdings (%)

Name	Geographic	Industry	% of fund
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	6.0
Alibaba Group	China	Consumer Discretionary	5.5
Mediatek Inc	Taiwan	Information Technology	3.4
Jd.com	China	Consumer Discretionary	3.0
Samsung Electronics	Korea, Republic of	Information Technology	2.8
Emaar Properties	United Arab Emirates	Real Estate	2.5
Midea Group Co Ltd-a	China	Consumer Discretionary	2.5
Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpiecze	Poland	Financials	2.0
K92 Mining	Canada	Materials	1.9
Eurobank Ergasias Services	Greece	Financials	1.7
Bank Mandiri Persero Tbk Pt	Indonesia	Financials	1.7
Full Truck Alliance -spn Adr	China	Industrials	1.6
Autohome Inc-adr	China	Communication Services	1.5
Samsung Fire & Marine Ins	Korea, Republic of	Financials	1.5
Naspers Ltd-n Shs	South Africa	Consumer Discretionary	1.5

#### Fund geographical weightings (%)



### Fund industry weightings (%)



Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding

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