

# **Our Thinking**

#### A new look

As you may have noticed, we recently introduced a fresh new look for the Orbis logo and our client materials. Everything else at Orbis—our investment approach, our business operations and our commitment to client service—remains the same. We hope that you will enjoy our new look as well as the video content and other improved features on our website at www.orbis.com

# Volatility returns

After an unusually upbeat January, the mood changed earlier this month with a significant uptick in volatility and a sharp sell-off in global equities. Yet an investor

in the MSCI World Index in US dollars who fell asleep on New Years' and just woke up would see that their investment is slightly up. As we noted in last month's commentary, doing nothing is often a very sensible strategy for clients to take when faced with overwhelming short-term noise.

At those times, it's our job as stockpickers to remain focused on the things we can control. This means continually assessing and evaluating both the merits of current portfolio holdings as well as new ideas. In doing so, we think like business owners and ask ourselves how much we would pay to buy the whole company based on its fundamentals. This "bottom up" lens helps us stay focused on the long term and

avoid emotional pitfalls. More importantly, we think it also produces greater potential to add value when compared to a simplistic top-down decision to be "in or out" of a particular stockmarket.

## Hay in the needlestack

The US provides a timely illustration. According to our proprietary quantitative valuation models, investors can expect a virtually flat overall return on US stocks over the next four to five years if the future fundamentals resemble the past. So how do we get comfortable with investing about half of the Orbis Global Equity Strategy in the US? The short answer is that the US is a big place and we only need a few good ideas. A longer answer is that future fundamentals don't always resemble the past, and we believe there is tremendous opportunity to add value with superior analysis of individual companies.

To put some numbers on it, there are about 2,750 stocks in our global investible universe with a market capitalisation of US\$5 billion or more. That's a lot to choose from, and even an expensive market environment is bound to have its share of bargains. So the key point for clients is that even in today's

environment we have no shortage of ideas and can afford to eliminate all but the most compelling ones. In the US, we have found about 25 holdings (out of the roughly 800 >\$5bn stocks) that we believe offer compelling return prospects on a risk-adjusted basis.

From a global perspective, we analysed a total of 496 companies in 2017. Our research process has three distinct phases and seeks to eliminate the weakest ideas at each step. A total of 80 companies passed through this three-stage filter and were vigorously debated by our investment team. Only 9 stocks—less than 2% of those entering the process—went on to become significant positions in the Orbis Global Equity Strategy.

# Filtering ideas 496 Companies researched Policy Group Meetings Research process Significant (>1%) new positions in Orbis Global Equity Security selection

Source: Orbis. Data is for calendar year ended 31 December 2017.

Importantly, we searched for ideas across all areas of the market including those that we generally consider unattractive. In past commentaries, we have often mentioned that traditional "defensive" sectors—Consumer Staples, Health Care and Utilities—appear expensive, and this is confirmed by our bottom-up research. We researched 101 such stocks in 2017 and only bought one new position: Bristol-Myers Squibb in the US. We also struggled to find new positions in the banking sector. We researched 36 banks and got serious about four of them, but ultimately didn't take meaningful positions in any because none compared favourably to our existing holdings.

What looked attractive? Newly established positions range from companies that make shoes (NIKE) to airplane parts (Arconic) and have little in common apart from trading at discounts to our estimate of their intrinsic value. Not all of them will contribute to performance, and there is no doubt that we have missed some stocks that will go on to become big winners, but overall we are confident that disciplined application of our investment process will continue to produce plenty of strong ideas regardless of short-term developments.



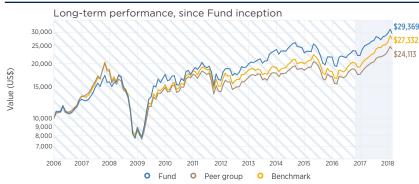
# Orbis SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund

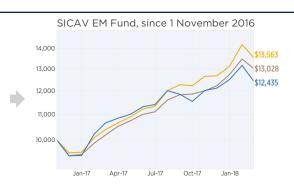
The Fund seeks higher returns than the average of the equity markets of the world's emerging market countries, without greater risk of loss. The benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, including income, net of withholding taxes ("MSCI Emerging Markets Index"). Currency exposure is managed relative to that of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

US\$27.73 **US** dollars Pricing currency **Domicile** Luxembourg Type SICAV Share class **Investor Share Class** Fund size US\$3.5 billion **Fund inception** 1 January 2006 US\$3.5 billion Strategy size Strategy inception 1 January 2016 BenchmarkMSCI Emerging<br/>Markets IndexPeer groupAverage Global Emerging<br/>Markets Equity Fund IndexMinimum investmentUS\$50,000DealingWeekly (Thursdays)Entry/exit feesNoneUCITS compliantYesISINLU0241795839

On 1 November 2016, the Fund broadened its investment strategy from Asia ex-Japan equities to Emerging Market equities. To reflect this, the Fund changed its name from the Orbis SICAV Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund to the Orbis SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund, its benchmark from the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan (Net) (US\$) Index to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and its peer group from the Average Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund Index to the Average Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund Index. Data for the period before 1 November 2016 relates to the Fund, and applicable benchmark and peer group, prior to the change in strategy. Please refer to the prospectus for further details.

# Growth of US\$10,000 investment, net of fees, dividends reinvested





The striped area in the graph above relates to the performance of the Fund, and applicable benchmark and peer group, prior to the broadening of the Fund's investment strategy from Asia ex-Japan equities to Emerging Market equities on 1 November 2016.

#### Returns<sup>1</sup> (%)

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Annualised		Net	Gross
Since Fund inception	9.3	7.5	8.6
10 years	6.4	3.8	4.8
5 years	7.6	6.7	7.8
3 years	7.7	8.0	9.3
Since SICAV EM (1 Nov 2016)	17.8	22.0	25.8
1 year	16.8	27.9	30.5
Not annualised			
3 months	2.7	6.6	7.0
Calendar year to date	(0.5)	2.3	3.3
1 month	(5.6)		(4.6)

	Year	%
Best performing calendar year since Fund inception	2009	96.4
Worst performing calendar year since Fund inception	2008	(44.0)

#### Risk Measures<sup>1</sup>, since Fund inception

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Largest drawdown (%)	55	62	62
Months to recovery	20	90	81
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	22.4	20.6	21.3
Beta vs benchmark	1.0	1.0	1.0
Tracking error vs benchmark (%)	7.7	3.0	0.0

# Fees & Expenses<sup>1</sup> (%), for last 12 months

Management fee <sup>2</sup>	1.48
For 3 year performance in line with benchmark	1.50
For 3 year outperformance/(underperformance) vs benchmark	(0.02)
Fund expenses	0.12
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.60

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## Geographical & Currency Allocation (%)

Region	Equity	Currency	Benchmark
China/Hong Kong	31	27	30
Korea	19	19	14
Africa	14	14	7
Europe & Middle East	10	10	8
Rest of Asia	10	10	8
Taiwan	7	8	11
India	3	3	8
Latin America	1	5	12
Other	4	5	0
Net Current Assets	2	0	0
Total	100	100	100

# Top 10 Holdings

	MSCI Sector	%
Naspers	Consumer Discretionary	9.9
NetEase	Information Technology	9.5
JD.com	Consumer Discretionary	6.7
Kiwoom Securities	Financials	5.2
Korea Electric Power	Utilities	5.0
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Industrials	4.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	Information Technology	4.3
Newcrest Mining	Materials	3.7
Dongfeng Motor Group	Consumer Discretionary	3.6
Olam International	Consumer Staples	3.4
Total		55.6

## Portfolio Concentration & Characteristics

% of NAV in top 25 holdings	91
Total number of holdings	35
12 month portfolio turnover (%)	49
12 month name turnover (%)	28
Active share (%)	88

<sup>1</sup> Orbis SICAV Asia ex-Japan Equity Fund and its corresponding benchmark and peer group data used for the period prior to 1 November 2016.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>1.5% per annum ± up to 1%, based on 3 year rolling outperformance/ (underperformance) vs benchmark.



# **Orbis SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

This Fact Sheet is a Minimum Disclosure Document and a monthly General Investor Report as required by the South African Financial Services Board.

Manager	Orbis Investment Management (Luxembourg) S.A.
Investment Manager	Orbis Investment Management Limited
Inception date	1 January 2006
Number of shares (Investor Share Class)	31,703,973
Income distributions during the last 12 months	None

#### Fund Objective and Benchmark

The Fund seeks higher returns than the average of the equity stock markets of the world's emerging market countries, without greater risk of loss. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index, including income net of withholding tax, is the Fund's benchmark (the "MSCI Emerging Markets Index"). This index also includes exposure to the currencies associated with its constituent stockmarkets. The mix of currencies in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index is the Fund's "currency benchmark". The currency benchmark represents the mix of currencies in which the Fund would invest if the Investment Manager were impartial between all currencies. In practice, the Fund's currency exposure is managed relative to the currency benchmark.

# How We Aim to Achieve the Fund's Objective/Adherence to Objective

The Fund is actively managed and is designed to remain continuously invested in, and exposed to all the risks and rewards of, selected Emerging Market equities. The Fund expects to be not less than 90% invested in Emerging Market equity and equitylinked investments. The Fund identifies Emerging Market equity and equity-linked investments as those investments that are issued by a corporate body or other entity domiciled or primarily located in a country represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or the MSCI Frontier Markets Index (together, "Emerging Markets"), traded or listed on an exchange in an Emerging Market or issued by a corporate body or other entity whose business is significantly linked to Emerging Markets. These equities are selected using extensive proprietary investment research undertaken by the Investment Manager and its investment advisors. Orbis devotes a substantial proportion of its business efforts to detailed "bottom up" investment research conducted with a long-term perspective, believing that such research makes superior long-term performance attainable.

The lower the price of a share as compared to its assessed intrinsic value, the more attractive Orbis considers the equity's fundamental value. The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, equity investing based on this approach offers superior returns and reduces the risk of loss.

Exchange rate fluctuations significantly influence global investment returns. For this reason, part of Orbis' research effort is devoted to forecasting currency trends. Taking into account these expected trends, the Investment Manager actively reviews the Fund's currency exposure and may therefore use forward currency contracts to provide protection against exchange risks in the context of the management of its assets and liabilities.

The Fund does not seek to mirror the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and may deviate meaningfully from it in pursuit of superior long-term capital appreciation.

Since inception and over the latest 10 year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark net of fees. The Fund will experience periods of underperformance in pursuit of its objective of creating long-term wealth for investors.

## Risk/Reward Profile

- The Fund is aimed at investors who are seeking a portfolio the objective of which is to be invested in, and exposed to, Emerging Market securities.
- Investments in the Fund may suffer capital loss.
- Investors should understand that the Investment Manager generally assesses an equity investment's attractiveness using a three-to-five year time horizon.

## Management Fee

As is described in more detail in the Fund's Prospectus, the Fund's various share classes bear different management fees. The fees are designed to align the Manager's and Investment Manager's interests with those of investors in the Fund. With respect to the Fund's Investor Share Class, the fee is structured as follows: a fee is charged based on the net asset value of the class. The fee rate is calculated weekly by comparing the class' performance over three years against the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan (Net) (US\$) Index prior to 1 November 2016 and against the MSCI Emerging Markets Index thereafter. For each percentage point of three year performance above or below that benchmark's performance, 0.04 percentage points are added to or deducted from 1.5%, subject to the following limits:

- Maximum fee: 2.5% per annum
- Minimum fee: 0.5% per annum

For a description of the management fee borne by the Fund's other share classes, please refer to the Fund's Prospectus.

#### Fees, Expenses and Total Expense Ratio (TER)

The relevant class within the Fund bears all expenses payable by such class, which shall include but not be limited to fees payable to its Manager, Investment Manager and additional service providers, fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining governmental registrations, taxes, duties and all other operating expenses, including the cost of buying and selling assets.

Where an investor subscribes or redeems an amount representing 5% or more of the net asset value of the Fund, the Manager may cause the Fund to levy a fee of 0.75% of the net asset value of the Fund shares being acquired or redeemed.

The annual management fees charged are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the class over a 12 month period, excluding trading costs. Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns. Expenses may vary, so the current TER is not a reliable indicator of future TERs.

# Changes in the Fund's Top 10 Holdings

30 November 2017	%	28 February 2018	%
NetEase	10.3	Naspers	9.9
Naspers	6.7	NetEase	9.5
Korea Electric Power	5.4	JD.com	6.7
JD.com	5.2	Kiwoom Securities	5.2
Kiwoom Securities	4.5	Korea Electric Power	5.0
Jardine Matheson Holdings	4.0	Jardine Matheson Holdings	4.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	3.9	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	4.3
MediaTek	3.8	Newcrest Mining	3.7
Baidu	3.8	Dongfeng Motor Group	3.6
Newcrest Mining	3.7	Olam International	3.4
Total	51.2	Total	55.6

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# **Orbis SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

#### Additional Information

South African residents should contact Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited at 0860 000 654 (toll free from within South Africa) or offshore\_direct@allangray.co.za to receive, free of charge, additional information about a proposed investment (including Prospectus, application forms, annual reports and a schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions). The Investment Manager can be contacted at +1 441 296 3000 or clientservice@orbis.com. The Fund's Depositary is Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch, 31 Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Luxembourg. All information provided herein is subject to the more detailed information provided in the Fund's Prospectus.

#### **Share Price and Transaction Cut Off Times**

Share prices are calculated on a net asset value basis by share class, normally as of 5:30 pm (Bermuda time) (i) in the case of the Investor Share class, each Thursday (or, if a Thursday is not a business day, the preceding business day), (ii) in the case of the Refundable Reserve Fee Share Classes, the first Thursday of each calendar month and any other Thursday on which an investor transacts in such class (or, if a Thursday is not business day, the preceding business day), (iii) on the last calendar day of each month (or, if that is not a weekday, the preceding weekday) and/or (iv) any other days in addition to (or substitution for) any of the days described in (i), (ii) or (iii), as determined by the Manager without notice.

Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the Fund's current Prospectus. To be processed on a given dealing day: subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; on that dealing day; subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; requests to switch from an Orbis SICAV Fund into a different Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; and requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm. All times given are Bermuda time, and all requests must be properly completed and accompanied by any required funds and/or information.

Share prices, updated weekly, are available

- from the Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited's website at www.allangray.co.za,
- from the Orbis website at www.orbis.com,
- · by e-mail, by registering with Orbis for this service at the Orbis website at www.orbis.com, and
- from Bloomberg.

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Returns are net of Investor Share Class fees, include income and assume reinvestment of dividends. Figures quoted are for the periods indicated for a \$10,000 investment (lump sum, for illustrative purposes only). Annualised returns show the average amount earned on an investment in the Fund/share class each year over the given time period. This Report does not constitute advice nor a recommendation to buy, sell or hold, nor an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy interests or shares in the Orbis Funds or other securities in the companies mentioned in it.

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#### **Fund Minimum**

Minimum investment amounts in the Fund are specified in the Fund's Prospectus, provided that a new investor in the Orbis Funds must open an investment account with Orbis, which may be subject to minimum investment restrictions, country restrictions and/or other terms and conditions. For more information on opening an Orbis investment account, please visit www.orbis.com.

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