

Our Thinking

The US is expensive, and emerging markets (EMs) are cheap. We've observed that before. But price alone isn't what matters. What matters is the relationship between what you're paying and what you're getting, and the US and EMs represent different baskets of businesses. The caricature is that the US is dominated by high-growth, high-return tech firms, while EMs are dominated by lumbering, low-return state enterprises. If one market is full of great companies and the other is full of junk, the former should command a richer price.

So what if we focus on just the tech firms? Or just the quality companies? Looking at trailing price-earnings multiples for MSCI Information Technology and Quality indices, the pattern is the same. The US is more expensive than EMs, and that valuation gap has been widening. As recently as 2016, tech and quality shares traded at similar valuations in both markets. Three years on, it's a different story. Today, EM quality shares trade at a 30% discount to their US peers, and for tech shares, the discount is 50%!

Given this valuation gap, it's no surprise that our bottom-up research has uncovered a higher number of attractive shares in emerging markets. And as that valuation gap has widened, we have added to the Orbis Funds' positions in our favoured EM shares.

In May, that positioning was painful for performance, due primarily to trade tensions between the US and China. If that sounds familiar, it's because we discussed similar risks last August. Then, we pointed out that the major EM holdings in the Funds, like NetEase, had limited fundamental exposure to a trade war. That view hasn't changed, but the headlines have.

In August, the US had tariffs on \$50bn of Chinese imports, and China had retaliated, with both countries threatening further levies. In September, the US imposed 10% tariffs on an additional \$200bn of Chinese imports, and China retaliated once more. In December, however, things seemed to thaw. The countries made progress on trade talks, and by April they seemed on the cusp of a deal.

Then, in early May, the US said it would raise tariffs from 10% to 25% on \$200bn of Chinese imports. Talks collapsed, and the countries spent the month exchanging barbs. Raising the stakes further, the US put Huawei, a Chinese network equipment and smartphone maker, on a blacklist that restricts the company's purchases of supplies or technology from the US. Following the announcement, Google announced it would stop updating Android for Huawei's phones, and other organisations similarly retreated from working with the company.

The market has responded to these headlines by punishing Chinese shares. In dollar terms, Chinese

shares accessible to international investors fell 14% in May, against a 6% drop for world markets. But as we wrote in August, not all Chinese businesses are equally vulnerable to a trade war.

Consider NetEase and Tencent. (Tencent is also relevant for Naspers, which has a large stake in the Chinese firm.) In May, NetEase shares fell 13%, and those of Tencent fell 16%.

From a business owner's perspective, that price reaction seems odd, because NetEase and Tencent are internet companies focused squarely on domestic customers. China makes up 97% of revenue for Tencent, and the overwhelming majority for NetEase. With their domestic focus, neither company should have direct exposure to tariffs.

We also think they are unlikely to be targeted by the US as Huawei was. Unlike Huawei, Tencent and NetEase don't export goods, they don't have complex international supply chains for manufacturing, and they don't really compete in the US.

The major trade-related exposure NetEase and Tencent do have is to the Chinese currency. Should it weaken, their Chinese profits would become less valuable to international investors like the Orbis Funds. To reduce this risk, we have hedged most of the Chinese currency exposure in Orbis Global, and all of it in Orbis Global Balanced.

While we believe the trade war should have little impact on the fundamentals of NetEase and Tencent, it could have a more direct effect on Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSMC), which also lagged in May. TSMC makes computer chips for Huawei, and these account for about 10% of TSMC's sales. Having considered the US rules, TSMC has decided that it can continue to supply Huawei, but continued pressure could still hurt, so we need to consider the potential effects.

Here, we can take some comfort from TSMC's dominant industry position. It supplies Huawei, but it also supplies almost all of Huawei's competitors. Should Huawei lose market share, those other TSMC customers would likely gain, making up some of the lost orders. In an extreme (and, we think, unlikely) case where chip orders for Huawei smartphones go to zero, we estimate the net impact on TSMC would be a mid-single-digit percentage of revenue—negative, but manageable.

In NetEase, Tencent, and TSMC, we see highly profitable businesses with above-average growth prospects, yet in our view their valuations do not reflect their fundamental strength. We don't know when the market will focus on these companies' fundamentals again, but in the meantime, we will take advantage and wait.

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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.

Price	US\$23.27	Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
Pricing currency	US dollars	Peer group	Average Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund Index
Domicile	Luxembourg	Minimum investment	US\$50,000
Type	SICAV	Dealing	Weekly (<i>Thursdays</i>)
Share class	Investor Share Class	Entry/exit fees	None
Fund size	US\$2.9 billion	UCITS compliant	Yes
Fund inception	1 January 2006	ISIN	LU0241795839
Strategy size	US\$3.0 billion		
Strategy inception	1 January 2016		

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. The performance achieved during this period was in circumstances that no longer apply. Please refer to the prospectus for further details.

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



Returns¹ (%)

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Annualised			
	Net		Gross
Since Fund inception	7.0	6.0	6.6
10 years	6.8	6.5	6.8
5 years	0.2	3.6	3.4
3 years	4.0	9.2	9.1
1 year	(9.2)	(3.0)	(8.7)
Not annualised			
Calendar year to date	4.0	6.4	4.1
3 months	(2.4)	(1.9)	(4.5)
1 month	(8.2)		(7.3)
		Year	%
Best performing calendar year since Fund inception		2009	96.4
Worst performing calendar year since Fund inception		2008	(44.0)

Risk Measures¹, since Fund inception

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Largest drawdown (%)	55	62	62
Months to recovery	20	90	81
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	22.1	20.0	20.9
Beta vs benchmark	1.0	1.0	1.0
Tracking error vs benchmark (%)	7.6	3.1	0.0

Fees & Expenses¹ (%), for last 12 months

Management fee ²	1.18
For 3 year performance in line with benchmark	1.50
For 3 year outperformance/(underperformance) vs benchmark	(0.32)
Fund expenses	0.11
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.29

Geographical & Currency Allocation (%)

Region	Equity	Currency	Benchmark
China/Hong Kong	29	29	31
Europe & Middle East	15	15	10
Korea	14	14	12
Africa	13	13	6
Rest of Asia	11	11	8
Taiwan	8	8	11
Latin America	2	2	12
India	2	2	10
Other	4	5	0
Net Current Assets	1	0	0
Total	100	100	100

Top 10 Holdings

	MSCI Sector	%
Naspers	Consumer Discretionary	10.1
NetEase	Communication Services	10.0
British American Tobacco	Consumer Staples	6.9
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	Information Technology	6.6
Tencent Holdings	Communication Services	6.2
Jardine Matheson Holdings	Industrials	4.9
Sberbank of Russia	Financials	4.8
Kiwoom Securities	Financials	4.5
Korea Electric Power	Utilities	4.2
Newcrest Mining	Materials	4.2
Total		62.2

Portfolio Concentration & Characteristics

% of NAV in top 25 holdings	94
Total number of holdings	32
12 month portfolio turnover (%)	43
12 month name turnover (%)	26
Active share (%)	87

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Orbis Fund share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the Funds, an investor's capital is at risk. See Notices for important information about this Fact Sheet.

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

² 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)	34,158,703
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 taxes, is the Fund's benchmark (the "MSCI Emerging Markets Index").

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 equity-linked 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. 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, focusing, in particular, on managing the Fund's exposure to those currencies considered less likely to hold their long-term value.

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, 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 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

28 February 2019	%	31 May 2019	%
NetEase	10.1	Naspers	10.1
Naspers	9.8	NetEase	10.0
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	6.1	British American Tobacco	6.9
Tencent Holdings	6.1	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	6.6
British American Tobacco	6.0	Tencent Holdings	6.2
Korea Electric Power	5.0	Jardine Matheson Holdings	4.9
Sberbank of Russia	5.0	Sberbank of Russia	4.8
Jardine Matheson Holdings	4.8	Kiwoom Securities	4.5
Kiwoom Securities	4.7	Korea Electric Power	4.2
Genting Berhad	3.5	Newcrest Mining	4.2
Total	61.1	Total	62.2

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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 Depository 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 a 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.

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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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