

Emerging Markets – Composite

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Oldfield Partners

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Monthly composite review

Composite particulars

Launch date	01 January 2001
Comp. assets	US\$140.9m
Structure	Composite
Base currency	USD
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets

“A concentrated portfolio concentrates the mind...”

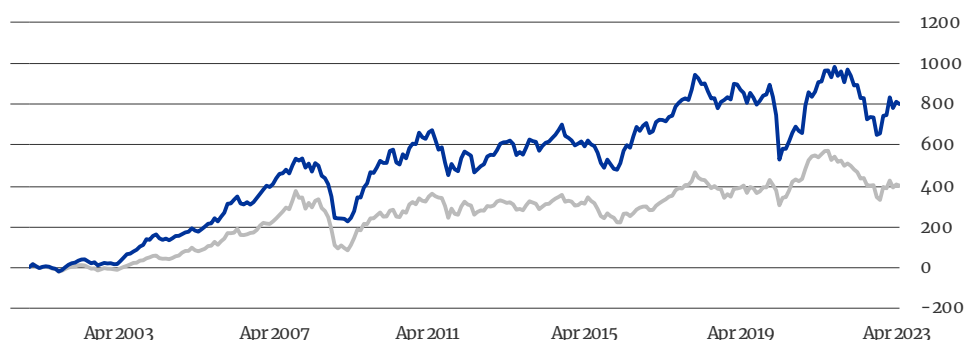
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Oldfield Partners began operations in March, 2005 and is majority owned by the executive partners.

We are value investors with a distinctive approach: a limited number of holdings, long-only, no leverage, diversified, index-agnostic and suspicious of short-termism.

Composite performance (%)



	1 month	YTD	1 year	Annualised	
				3 years	5 years
■ Fund	-1.2	+6.4	-3.2	+9.8	-2.1
■ MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.1	+2.8	-6.5	+4.3	-1.0

Preceding five calendar years performance

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	-20.9	+11.6	-3.7	+7.8	-5.0
MSCI Emerging Markets	-20.1	-2.5	+18.3	+18.4	-14.6

Performance is calculated net of all fees and expenses and on a total return basis, inclusive of all distributions to unit holders.

Source: Rawlinson & Hunter, Alta Advisers Ltd, Oldfield Partners.

The value of all investments and the income from them can go down as well as up; this may be due, in part, to exchange rate fluctuations. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Fund manager commentary

Emerging market equities moved slightly downwards in the month. The Chinese economy is growing following the re-opening post-Covid, but US-China tensions remain elevated and that has hit investor sentiment. US monetary policy remains a key focus. Emerging market equity valuations continue to be attractive. The upside potential for the portfolio is over 75% as measured by the weighted average of the company price targets in the portfolio.

The bottom performers by contribution in the month were Alibaba and Buenaventura. **Alibaba** (Chinese e-commerce provider) announced that it will split itself into six divisions that will have greater control over their own destiny. This includes the possibility of an IPO for some divisions. The hope being that this will shed light on the parts of the group that have been overlooked and undervalued by investors. To date the great China re-opening after Covid has been a bit of a flop – that said consumer spending is increasing steadily. We believe the Chinese consumer will return in time. The valuation of Alibaba is highly attractive on a price to earnings ratio of 8 (excluding net cash). **Buenaventura** (Peruvian miner) has been recovering from the protests that brought the country to a near standstill. Peruvian politics are certainly not dull. The gold price is at a high and the copper price looks well supported. The stake in the Cerro Verde mine alone accounts for the market capitalisation of the company, and the directly owned mines are in recovery. It trades on 0.5 times book value.

The top performers by contribution in the month were Petrobras, Ternium, and Indofood. **Petrobras** (Brazilian oil producer) is getting to grips with the new Brazilian government and its agenda. The dividend for this year is likely to be very attractive again, but payment may be staggered and delayed by the government (its largest shareholder and beneficiary). Capital expenditure is likely to increase, and areas such as environmentally friendly energy should benefit. Petrobras has world-class deepwater oil assets in production. We feel the valuation already discounts a lot of potential bad news trading on a price to earnings ratio of 3. **Ternium** (Latin American steel producer) is benefiting from the high US steel price and the continuing ‘near shoring’ of industries to Mexico from China. Ternium is an efficient producer of steel and able to increase market share in Mexico. It trades on a price to earnings ratio of 6. **Indofood** (Indonesian snack foods manufacturer) saw increased noodle profit margin as its market leading position benefited from the recent inflationary period. Noodles are a cheap, fast, and convenient food for busy consumers and Indofood has been adept at maintaining consumer interest with new flavours. Indofood has an attractive valuation at 8 times earnings.

Russian holdings

Please note that on 3rd March 2022 the Fund’s investment in Lukoil ADR listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) was suspended from trading. Our Valuation Committee considered it was in the Fund’s best interests

Commentary - continued

that the holding of Lukoil ADR be fair value priced (FVP) at zero. In June 2022, we elected for the holding to be converted into local shares (Lukoil PJSC). Given the current international sanctions on Russian securities and cash balances, we believe that if lifted and the Fund was able to access the local market, the holding in Lukoil PJSC (with a current FVP of zero) would represent 8% of the Fund. We continue to monitor the situation closely.










Composite analysis

Top 10 holdings (%)

	Weighting	1 month total return (%)*	
		Local terms	USD
Samsung Electronics	7.8	+2.7	+0.1
Embraer ADR	7.7	-5.8	-5.8
Ternium ADR	7.3	+5.0	+5.0
Thai Beverage	6.9	+1.6	+1.3
Alibaba	5.9	-18.2	-18.2
Indofood	5.5	+4.0	+6.2
SK Square	5.5	+6.6	+3.9
Petrobras ADR	5.3	+12.8	+12.8
SK Telecom	4.9	+0.1	-2.5
Telkom Indonesia ADR	4.9	+5.6	+5.6

*Inclusive of portfolio activity.
All data as at 30 April 2023.
Source: Oldfield Partners.

Sector breakdown (%)

Information Technology	25.1	
Consumer Staples	16.5	
Materials	16.5	
Communication Services	11.9	
Consumer Discretionary	10.1	
Industrials	7.7	
Energy	5.3	
Financials	3.9	
Cash	3.0	

Country breakdown (%)

South Korea	24.8	
China/Hong Kong	17.1	
Brazil	13.0	
Indonesia	10.4	
Mexico	7.3	
Thailand	6.9	
India	4.7	
Taiwan	4.6	
Peru	4.3	
Turkey	2.1	
South Africa	1.7	
Cash	3.0	

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