

NEI Emerging Markets Fund

Structural shift in emerging markets has laid the foundation for long-term growth

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Sector shift

Consumer discretionary and technology sectors are the new growth engines.

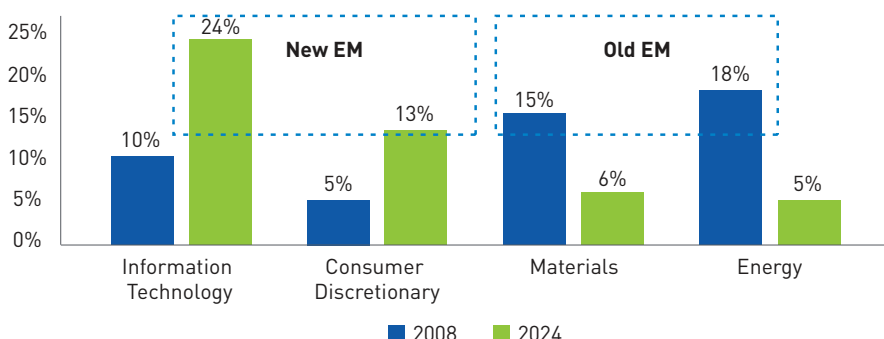
Innovation focus

China leads the way as innovation drives its economy.

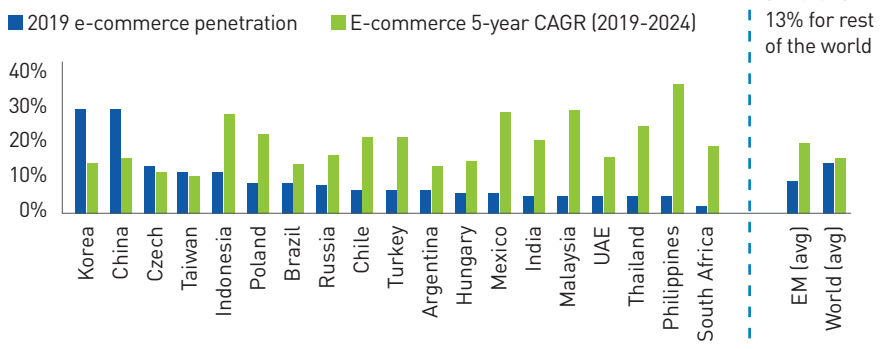
Domestic growth

Stronger domestic consumption has reshaped emerging markets into more than just export-driven economies.

Digital economy drives Emerging Markets (EM)¹



EM innovation to continue and outpace the rest of the world²



Invest in innovators from around the developing world

Managed by EM specialists **Columbia Threadneedle Investments**, who employ deep research capabilities to uncover opportunities within these fast changing markets.

- Focus on high quality companies that embrace innovative ideas and technology
- Disciplined portfolio construction that balances conviction with risk
- Application of ESG analysis to support research and enhance investment outcomes

Drivers of EM investing success

- Active management with expertise to identify potential winners and losers
- Direct exposure to EM companies rather than exposure through multinationals to fully capitalize on opportunities
- Expertise to tap into the paradigm shift towards the innovation economy and domestic consumer
- ESG analysis as part of the investment process to address transparency issues and inconsistent standards

¹MSCI Emerging Markets index as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2024. ²Euromonitor as of June 2020

Unless otherwise indicated, all fund and index data is as of December 31, 2024, in C\$, sourced from Morningstar. Values may be rounded.

NEI Emerging Markets Fund compositon – high conviction allocations to the innnovation economy

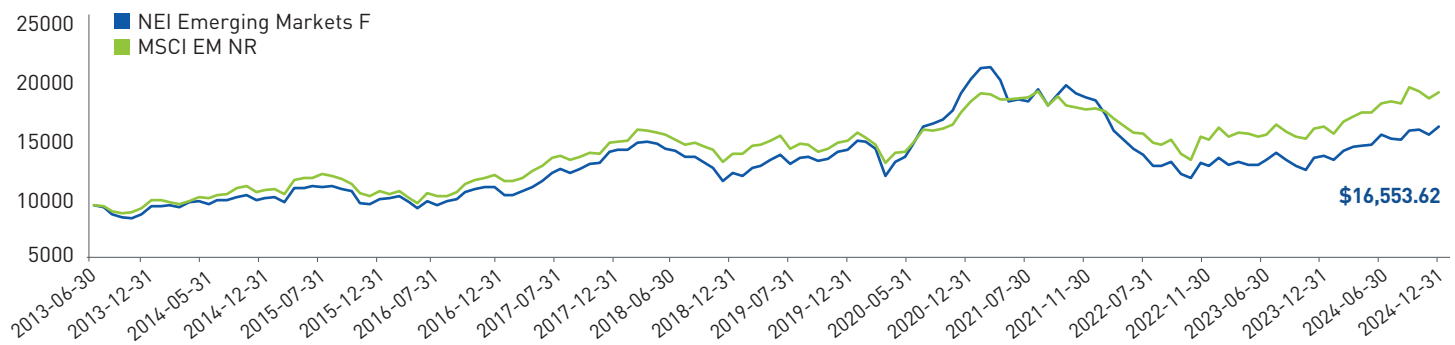
Sector	NEI EM Fund	MSCI EM Index
Information Technology	30.7	24.3
Financials	21.9	23.7
Consumer Discretionary	15.7	13.1
Industrials	10.6	6.6
Communication Services	7.6	9.4
Healthcare	4.5	3.4
Real Estate	3.8	1.7
Consumer Staples	3.1	4.8
Utilities	1.4	2.7
Materials	0.8	5.7
Energy	0.0	4.6

Top 10 Holdings*	% Assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	9.3
Tencent Holdings Ltd	5.2
ICICI Bank Ltd ADR	3.8
SK Hynix Inc	3.8
Meituan Class B	3.5
Trip.com Group Ltd ADR	3.5
Eurobank Ergasias Services And Holdings SA	3.1
MercadoLibre Inc	2.5
HD Hyundai Electric	2.3
Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics Co Ltd Class A	2.2

*Data as of November 30, 2024

High conviction portfolio (# of holdings)	
NEI Emerging Markets Fund	76
MSCI EM NR	1,252
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (EEM)	1,362
Category Average	646

NEI Emerging Markets Fund growth of \$10,000³



Performance

As of December 31, 2024

	Annualized returns %				SI	MER* %	Inception date
	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr			
Fund (series A)	15.6	-5.1	0.5	3.8	3.3	2.53	2000-10-06
Fund (series F)	16.8	-4.1	1.5	4.9	4.4	1.50	2003-02-26
Fund (series P)	15.9	-4.8	0.8	-	3.4	2.23	2018-12-03
Fund (series PF)	17.1	-3.8	1.9	-	4.6	1.19	2018-12-03

Fund series A	Up Capture Ratio 3 Yr	99.7	Down Capture Ratio 3 Yr	136.9
Fund series F	Up Capture Ratio 3 Yr	102.2	Down Capture Ratio 3 Yr	133.7

*As of September 30, 2024.

Fund codes

Prefix: NWT

Series	FE	NL
A	130	-
F	-	531
P	8130	-
PF	-	8531

³NEI Investments as at December 31, 2024. The rate of return is used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and are not intended to reflect future values of the mutual fund or returns on investment in the mutual fund.

On July 13, 2020, the Fund was transitioned to an ESG mandate. As part of this transition, the sub advisor optimized the Fund along Responsible Investing dimensions by applying a framework that entails both exclusionary screens and a proprietary scoring system that assesses securities on specified ESG metrics.

The performance of this Fund for the period prior to this date may have been different had the current transition been in place during that period.

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