

Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Emerging Markets

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Schroder ISF¹ QEP Global Emerging Markets

follows an index-unconstrained strategy investing in stocks on the basis of valuations and business quality. It aims to deliver above-market returns over the long run.

Why invest?

- Benefits from strategic diversification between Value and Quality drivers, offering investors the potential for outperformance across a broad range of environments
- All cap exposure; exploits a wide opportunity set, tapping into all sectors and regions
- Innovative approach to portfolio construction combining high conviction with broad diversification
- Highly experienced and well-resourced team managing over €27 billion of global and emerging equity strategies

Source: Schroders, as at 30 June 2019.

Our approach

Complementary fundamental drivers

This is a blend approach – we invest on the basis of both valuations and business quality. In the case of the former we are using fundamentals such as dividends and earnings to identify companies which we believe are undervalued by their current market price; in the case of the latter we look for quality companies by assessing measures of profitability, stability, financial strength and governance. The advantage of combining Value and Quality opportunities in a single portfolio is that while both strategies tend to outperform through time they tend to deliver their returns at different stages of the economic cycle, offering investors the potential for outperformance across a broad range of market environments.

Exploiting genuine breadth of opportunity

We maximise the opportunity set by looking beyond the index² to an investment universe of more than 4,000 stocks globally. The fund is highly diversified, typically investing in over 300 stocks, which enables us to gain exposure to many more potential return opportunities in a risk-controlled way. More stocks does not mean compromising on conviction and the fund's active share³ is typically higher than 70% – the fund looks very different to the index.

Intelligent portfolio construction

Our process is focused on delivering returns through stock selection, with minimal top-down constraints, enabling us to invest wherever we find the best opportunities. Moreover, by weighting stocks based on their fundamentals and not their size, our portfolios express genuine conviction and are not forced to hold higher weightings in more expensive stocks or index heavyweights. Our portfolio construction tools allow us to manage the risk-return trade-off efficiently and we also focus on cost-effective implementation. In addition, an understanding of the risks involved in investing in different countries is critical, particularly in emerging markets.

We monitor and manage our portfolios' exposures using a proprietary Country Risk Model which looks at factors such as currency strength, risk of default, economic growth and political and ESG risks.

Asset class

- Bonds
- Alternatives
- Equities
- Property

Investment team

The QEP Investment Team was established in 1996 and has managed assets since 2000. The team, led by Justin Abercrombie, consists of 31 members based in London, Sydney and New York. It manages over €27 billion in a comprehensive range of global and emerging market equity strategies on behalf of clients all over the world.

Source: Schroders, team as at 31 July 2019, AUM as at 30 June 2019.

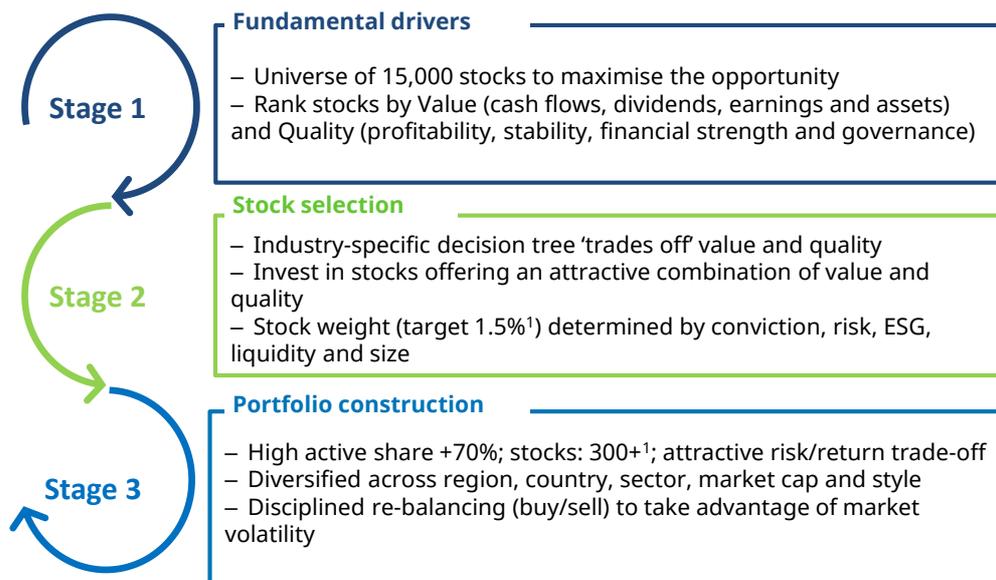
¹Schroder International Selection Fund is referred to as Schroder ISF throughout this document.

²The MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR). The fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark but its performance may be measured against one or more. The MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR).

³Active share is a measure of the proportion of a portfolio's holdings that are different to the benchmark; an indexed portfolio identical to the benchmark would have a 0% active share, and a portfolio with no overlap at all with the benchmark would have an active share of 100%.

Investment process

The investment process for the fund can be summarised in three stages



Source: Schroders. ¹Internal guidelines only and are subject to change.

Risk considerations

- The capital is not guaranteed
- Investments denominated in a currency other than that of the share-class may not be hedged. The market movements between those currencies will impact the share-class
- Investments in small companies can be difficult to sell quickly which may affect the value of the fund and, in extreme market conditions, its ability to meet redemption requests upon demand
- The fund will not hedge its market risk in a down cycle. The value of the fund will move similarly to the markets
- Emerging equity markets may be more volatile than equity markets of well established economies. Investments into foreign currencies entail exchange risks
- Changes in China's political, legal, economic or tax policies could cause losses or higher costs for the fund

Key information

ISIN code LU0747139474	Date of inception 29 March 2012	Ongoing charge (latest available)² 1.08%	Entry charge Up to 1.00% of gross investment amount
Bloomberg code SGEMCUA:IX	Fund currency USD	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets (NDR) ¹	

Information in the table above is for the C Accumulation share class, for further share class information please see the Prospectus.

¹This index is used for performance comparison purposes only as the strategy is index-unconstrained.

²The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses for the year ending December 2018 and may vary from year to year.

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Schroders' awards



Source: Investment Week Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2019.

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Source: Schroders, as at 31 December 2018.



Source: Fitch Ratings, as at 6 August 2019.

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