

KEY FACTS

Pricing information

Nav price (31 Dec 25)	13.391
Pricing frequency:	Any Business Day
Yield:*	5.2%

Portfolio managers

Manager names:	Robert Holmes Matt Linsey Kamil Dimmich
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Fund facts

Fund size (USD m):	210.6
Investment manager:	Pacific Asset Management
Sub-investment manager:	North of South
Launch date of fund:	09 Jun 22
Launch date of class:	09 Jun 22
Fund structure:	Irish UCITS
Fund type:	Single Manager
Share class type:	Distributing
Base currency:	USD
Currencies available:	EUR, GBP, USD
Benchmark:	MSCI Emerging Market Total Return Index
Dealing frequency:	Any Business Day
Subscription cut off:	Noon the prior day
Auditors:	Deloitte
Depositary:	Citi Depositary Services Ireland
Share Balance	6,553,206.999
Administrators:	Citibank Europe Plc
ManCo:	Waystone Management Company (IE) Ltd

Identifiers

ISIN:	IE0007YEKJH0
Bloomberg:	PNIGIDQ ID
SEDOL:	BM8HK06

Charges

Initial Charge:	None
AMC:**	0.85%
Ongoing Charges Figure:	1.01%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is an estimate based on projected expenses and may vary from year to year. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged. For more information about charges please see the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and "Fees and Expenses" of the Funds Prospectus and Supplement. **Included in the OCF.

*The historic 12 month yield % is calculated by summing the trailing 12-months' income distributions and dividing the sum by the last quarter's ending NAV. This figure is updated on a quarterly basis and as such reflects the 12-month yield as at the most recent quarter end.

Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to produce a consistent level of income through investment in high yielding emerging market equities while also growing the net asset value.

Investment Policy

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective through investing primarily in equity and equity related securities (such as warrants and rights issues) of companies listed on or dealt in Recognised Markets in Emerging Markets or which are listed on or dealt in Recognised Markets outside of the Emerging Markets but which generate the bulk of their earnings in Emerging Markets. The Fund shall seek to invest in equity securities which offer higher yield through dividends than would be available through investment in fixed income instruments in their respective local bond markets. The term "Emerging Markets" is understood in the context of this Fund to refer to the markets of countries that are in the process of developing into modern industrialised states and thus display a high degree of potential but also entail a greater degree of risk. It shall include, but is not limited to countries included from time to time in the S&P / IFC Emerging Markets Investible Composite Index or in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, each of which is a free floating adjusted market index designed to measure the performance of the constituent securities in global emerging markets. The Fund is actively managed and does not intend to track any benchmark nor is it constrained by any index. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in China A Shares via/ Stock Connect. The investment team combines top-down analysis and bottom up company research in order to build a portfolio of liquid and diversified holdings. The Fund's investments will have no industrial or sectoral focus. The Fund may use derivatives for investment purposes and / or efficient portfolio management purposes. Further information in respect of the Fund's use of derivatives is set out in the Derivatives section of the Fund's Supplement. The Fund will only take long positions for investment purposes. The maximum anticipated long exposure of the Fund is 115% of its Net Asset Value (100% direct investment and 15% leveraged exposure). The Fund may take short exposures for hedging purposes only and the maximum anticipated exposure in this regard is 20% of its Net Asset Value. The Fund may enter into Repurchase Agreements and Reverse Repurchase Agreements, and Stocklending Agreements for the purpose of efficient portfolio management.

Fund manager commentary

In December the fund appreciated by 1.6% bringing the full year return to 28.1%. A fourth quarter dividend was declared of 0.137511p giving a full year net yield after withholding taxes of 5.2% which compares to December UK CPI of 3.4% year on year.

Our primary focus is on total shareholder returns, but over the year the fund has outperformed MSCI Emerging Markets by 3.8% and the MSCI Emerging Market High Dividend index by 12.1%. Since inception in June 2022 the fund has outperformed both every calendar year, and in total by 39% and 41% respectively. Over the same period the distributing shares have delivered a dividend yield spread over UK inflation of between 180 and 500 basis points.

Over the month we had strong performance from our South African holdings, as strong precious metal prices helped the macro outlook. There was also good performance from South Korea, where both auto and memory manufactures resumed positive performance. This was offset by weakness in Brazil after a decision by former president Bolsonaro to nominate his son Flavio as his preferred candidate against the incumbent President Lula for this year's October election.

This came as a surprise to both the market and even some family members, as the preferred candidate was assumed to be Tarcisio de Freitas, the well-respected governor of Sao Paulo. Given Bolsonaro's current incarceration, the move was interpreted as an attempt to maintain political relevance but also lowered the probability of a supportive election result. Given the strong performance of our Brazilian holdings we've taken some profits as political noise is likely to remain the dominant factor in price discovery, but we're keeping exposure to a few quality compounders and commodity related companies.

Looking further back, to describe 2025 as 'an eventful year' would be a clear understatement. We had the predictable ruptures in geo-politics, 'dynamic' tariff policies, monetary policy in a state of flux for some significant Central Banks, the meteoric rise of AI and last, but by no means least, the rally in gold. This was the clearest illustration of another key theme for the year, the de-dollarisation of financial holdings.

Despite all this, with the exception of the Liberation Day 'flash-crash', market volatility was benign. We exit 2025 with positive performance in most asset classes (other than the US dollar), US inflation at a lower run-rate than the beginning of the year and growth surprising to the upside. Despite the well-flagged re-financing risks of covid-era debt (both corporate and sovereign), bond volatility has trended lower as equity markets have trended higher. As Elon Musk has said "the most likely outcome, is the most ironic".

With the diversification away from US assets gathering momentum, resilient growth, improved corporate and policy credibility and in the absence of a clear negative macro trigger, the path of least resistance continues to favour EM assets.

Whether this favourable environment indicates a more durable EM renaissance remains an open question. In the near term it remains positive but we are increasingly drawn towards some of the more domestically oriented consumer companies and defensive bond proxies which have been out of favour recently, and now offer good value and some attractive yields.

If you would like to receive a more granular review of 2025 performance and outlook please refer to our quarterly report.

The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective as stated in the fund's supplement.

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For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to www.pacificam.co.uk.

Glossary Summary

Annualised performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest return: The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

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