

## Emerging Markets Small Cap Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2024

### Market Review

Emerging market small cap equities declined in the fourth quarter. We believe the election of Donald Trump brought uncertainties around tariffs, global trade, and immigration, among other things, leading emerging markets to decline during the period. Brazil was among the worst performing markets as the currency depreciated materially amid rising concerns over the country's fiscal outlook. South Korea was another underperformer on the back of political instability. China also produced a negative return, but less so than other countries, and was therefore one of the stronger performers in the quarter. However, the lack of policy details and concerns related to the implications of proposed trade tariffs had a negative impact on China.

### Portfolio Review

The Emerging Markets Small Cap portfolio slightly underperformed the benchmark in the fourth quarter. Poor stock selection and an overweight in Indonesia, poor stock selection in Poland, and poor stock selection and an overweight in Thailand detracted from performance. Good stock selection in South Korea and India contributed positively to performance. Strong stock selection in Brazil was offset by the portfolio's large overweight to the country, which was the worst performing market in the quarter.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Kfin Technologies and Computer Age Management Services.

- Kfin Technologies is the second-largest registrar and transfer agent for mutual funds in India. It operates in a duopoly. The shares appreciated as strong capital markets activity led to robust earnings growth.
- Computer Age Management Services is India's largest registrar and transfer agent for mutual funds. It provides administrative services for asset managers in India. Shares appreciated as rising client assets under management fueled strong earnings growth and margin expansion.
- Other top contributors included Hundsun Technologies, Qualitas Controladora, and DOUZONE BIZON.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were Allegro.eu and Sarana Menara Nusantara.

- Allegro.eu is the leading e-commerce marketplace in Poland. Shares derated on concerns that margins will decline in 2025 partly due to higher marketing intensity in Poland and continued upfront investments in the emerging international business.
- Sarana Menara is one of the leading telecommunication tower and fiber operators in Indonesia. Weak share price performance has largely come from multiple deratings, which, in our view, reflects an uptick in interest rate expectations and two large customer consolidation events overlapping in a short period.
- Other bottom contributors included Humanica Public, Haitian International, and TOTVS.

### Purchases and Sales

New Purchases	Complete Sales
Kanzhun	Koh Young Technology
	Vasta Platform
	Younglimwon Soft Lab

### Portfolio Highlights

**Style:** Small Cap  
**Index:** MSCI® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index  
**Portfolio Turnover:** 25%-35%  
**Number of Holdings:** 30-60

### Investment Philosophy

We believe that purchasing high-quality businesses with competitive protections at attractive valuations will achieve excess returns over a complete market cycle.

### Investment Objectives

- To achieve a return meaningfully above that of the MSCI® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index
- To achieve this return objective with a portfolio that exhibits lower overall risk characteristics

### Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
<b>Hyung Kim</b> Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2009
<b>Craig Thrasher, CFA</b> Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2003
<b>David Forward</b> Research Analyst	2015
<b>Luke Longinotti, CFA</b> ESG Research Analyst	2020
<b>Sean Pompa, CFA</b> Research Analyst	2016
<b>Mitch Vogt, CFA</b> Research Analyst	2017
<b>Clarissa Ali</b> Associate Research Analyst	2023

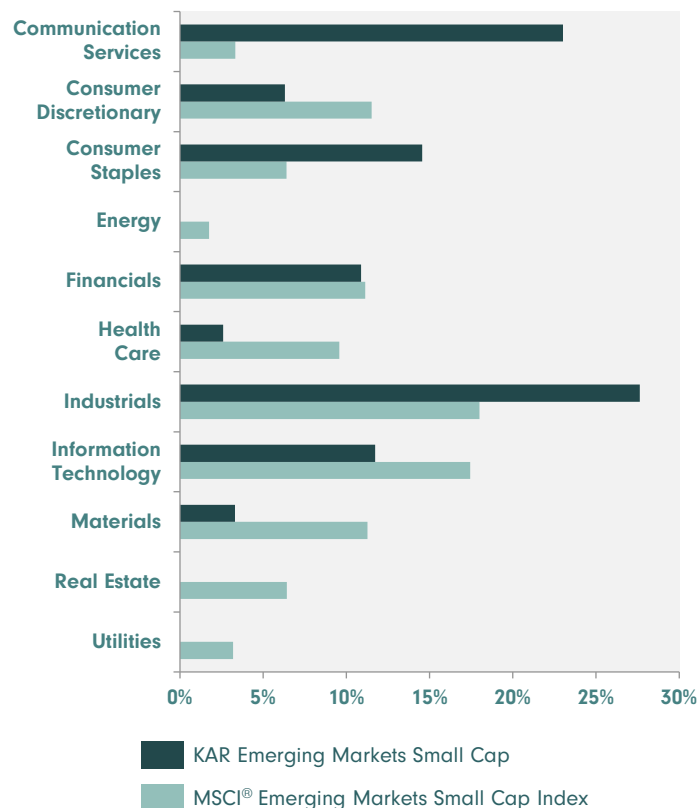
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## Investment Process: Discovering Quality

Development of KAR High-Quality Universe	Proprietary Fundamental Research	Portfolio Construction	Sell Discipline
<b>Quantitative Screens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High return on capital over a full economic cycle</li> <li>Long and resilient earnings history</li> <li>High return on net operating assets</li> <li>Minimal debt</li> </ul> <b>Other Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research on existing portfolio holdings</li> <li>Meetings with companies</li> <li>Industry reviews</li> <li>Investment conferences</li> <li>Third-party research</li> </ul>	<b>Qualitative Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market</li> </ul> <b>Financial Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately</li> </ul> <b>Valuation Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine the current and potential value of the business</li> </ul>	<b>Position Weights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)</li> <li>Maximum position size is 10% (at market)</li> </ul> <b>Sector and Geographic Tolerances</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints</li> </ul> <b>Holding Period</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically 3-to-5 years</li> <li>Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35%</li> </ul> <b>Cash Levels</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%</li> </ul>	<b>Extended Valuation</b> <b>Portfolio Upgrade</b> <b>Acquisition Activity</b> <b>Negative Company or Industry Changes</b>
<p>Seeking Higher Quality   Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth   Seeking Better Value</p>			

## Sector Diversification

As of December 31, 2024



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## Portfolio Characteristics

As of December 31, 2024

	KAR Emerging Markets Small Cap	MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index
<b>Quality</b>		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	19.2%	13.1%
Debt/EBITDA*	0.5 x	1.7 x
<b>Growth</b>		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	12.7%	15.5%
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	14.9%	9.7%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	17.1%	14.3%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	13.8%	9.0%
<b>Value</b>		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	17.4 x	21.0 x
Dividend Yield†	3.0%	2.3%
<b>Market Characteristics</b>		
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$3.4 B	\$2.0 B

\*KAR utilizes the interquartile method when calculating Debt/EBITDA. The interquartile method excludes outliers from an aggregate statistic such as weighted average. The interquartile method does not assume that data from the top or bottom of the distribution are outliers—only the extreme ends are excluded—and that it can be applied consistently as a quantitative method for most fundamental characteristics. Debt/EBITDA utilizes net debt for the calculation.

†Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much companies have paid out in dividends in the most recent year relative to their stock price at the end of such year. Dividend yield is being shown here as a characteristic of the stocks held in the portfolio and not to infer how the stocks have or will perform, as dividends are not the only component of the portfolio's performance. Dividends are subject to change from year-to-year, and the portfolio's dividend yield could be lower or higher in future years.

Data is obtained from BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

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## Top 10 Holdings

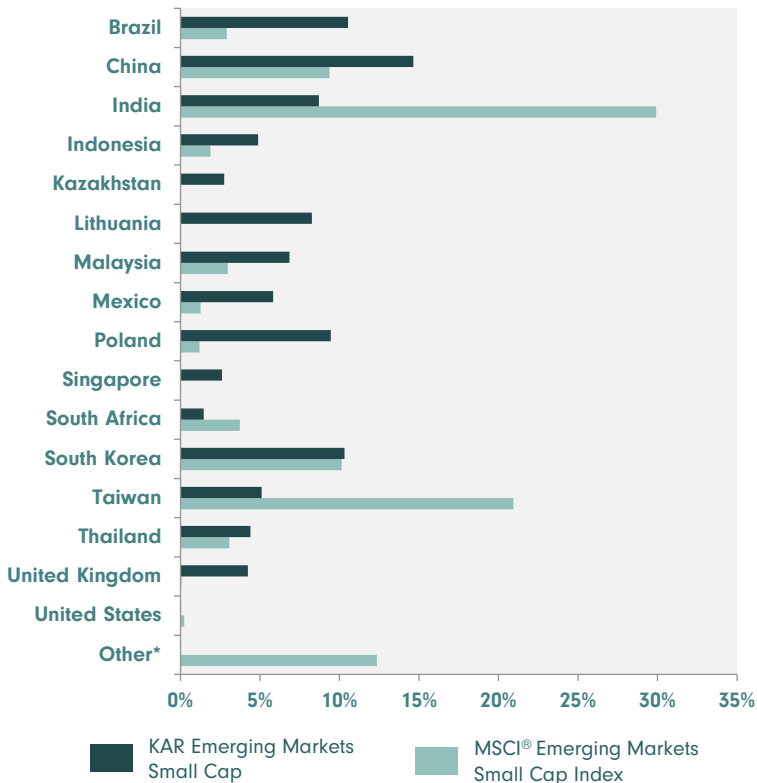
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Company	Country	Percent of equity (%)
Baltic Classifieds	Lithuania	8.3
Grupa Pracuj	Poland	5.7
Rightmove	United Kingdom	4.2
Caixa Seguridade Participacoes	Brazil	4.2
Heineken Malaysia	Malaysia	3.9
Haitian International	China	3.8
Computer Age Management Services	India	3.7
Anhui Gujing Distillery	China	3.7
Tegma Gestao Logistica	Brazil	3.4
Leeno Industrial	South Korea	3.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>44.2</b>

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## Country Exposure

As of December 31, 2024



## Historical Returns

	KAR Emerging Markets Small Cap (gross)	KAR Emerging Markets Small Cap (net) <sup>§</sup>	MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index
<b>Annualized Returns (%)<sup>†</sup></b>			
As of December 31, 2024			
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	(7.20)	(7.43)	(7.19)
One Year	5.51	4.52	4.79
Three Years	0.50	(0.45)	2.11
Five Years	7.69	6.67	8.56
Seven Years	7.63	6.62	4.59
Ten Years	8.29	7.27	5.73
Inception <sup>†</sup>	7.72	6.70	5.29
<b>Annual Returns (%)</b>			
2024	5.51	4.52	4.79
2023	23.41	22.27	23.92
2022	(22.04)	(22.79)	(18.02)
2021	0.94	(0.01)	18.75
2020	41.31	40.01	19.29
2019	20.18	19.06	11.50
2018	(3.85)	(4.77)	(18.59)
2017	33.20	31.97	33.84
2016	18.45	17.34	2.28
2015	(16.02)	(16.83)	(6.85)
2014	2.20	1.23	1.01

\*"Other" is comprised of securities held in countries within the benchmark which are not held in our representative portfolio. The countries include Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Kuwait, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

<sup>†</sup>January 1, 2014

<sup>‡</sup>All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

<sup>§</sup>Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.95% annual fee. Fees presented on the Disclosure page could vary from the assumed fee in the net-of-fee calculation, as actual fees paid by a particular client account differ depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, business unit and size of mandate. The fee used on the Disclosure page utilizes an assumed maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

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# Emerging Markets Small Cap Composite

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Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	MSCI® Emerging Markets Small Cap Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2014	2.20	0.98	1.01	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	5	7,989
2015	(16.02)	(17.04)	(6.85)	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	4	8,095
2016	18.45	17.05	2.28	15.00	14.54	< 5	N/A	5	9,989
2017	33.20	31.64	33.84	14.07	14.57	< 5	N/A	14	14,609
2018	(3.85)	(5.00)	(18.59)	12.06	14.21	< 5	N/A	70	17,840
2019	20.18	18.76	11.50	10.76	13.16	< 5	N/A	129	25,685
2020	41.31	39.67	19.29	18.84	23.78	< 5	N/A	591	39,582
2021	0.94	(0.26)	18.75	18.49	22.20	< 5	N/A	686	47,269
2022	(22.04)	(22.99)	(18.02)	20.52	24.30	< 5	N/A	595	33,531
2023	23.41	21.97	23.92	14.97	15.84	< 5	N/A	729	41,186

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Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for accounts in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than five accounts were included for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation, which measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period, is not presented for periods prior to 2016 because 36 monthly composite returns are not available.

## GLOSSARY

Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R2: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

## INDEX DEFINITION

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