## **NEI Emerging Markets Fund**

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



#### Sector shift

Consumer discretionary and technology sectors are the new growth engines.

### Innovation focus

China leads the way as innovation drives its economy.

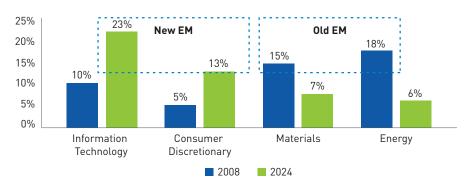
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EM growth

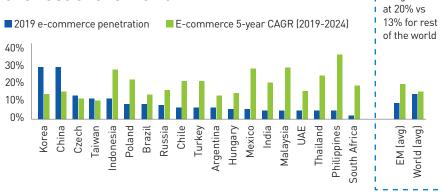
### **Domestic growth**

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

### Digital economy drives EM<sup>1</sup>



# EM innovation to continue and outpace the rest of the world<sup>2</sup>



## 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 outcomesis

<sup>1</sup>MSCI Emerging Markets index as of December 31, 2008 and February 29, 2024. <sup>2</sup>Euromonitor as of June 2020

## Drivers of EM investing success

- Active management with expertise to identify regional 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

Unless otherwise indicated, all fund and index data is as of February 29, 2024, in C\$, sourced from Morningstar. Values may be rounded.

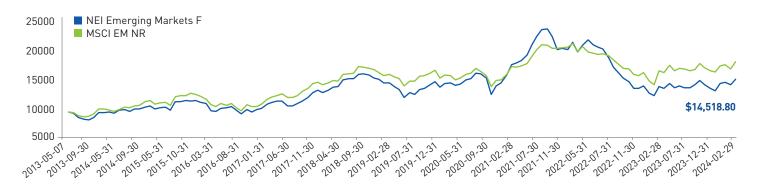
## NEI Emerging Markets Fund compositon – high conviction allocations to the innnovation economy

Sector	NEI EM Fund	MSCI EM Index
Information Technology	31.8	22.5
Consumer Discretionary	10.1	12.7
Financials	31.7	22.9
Communication Services	5.7	8.5
Healthcare	5.5	3.6
Industrials	7.7	7.1
Energy	0.8	5.5
Consumer Staples	3.5	5.8
Materials	1.2	7.1
Utilities	0.3	2.9
Real Estate	1.7	1.6

	Top 10 Holdings*	% Assets
i	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd ADR	9.1
ł	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.2
į	PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) Tbk Registered Shs Series -B-	4.0
i	Max Healthcare Institute Ltd Ordinary Shares	3.7
Į	Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.3
Ī	ICICI Bank Ltd ADR	3.3
	HDFC Bank Ltd ADR	3.2
	PT Bank Central Asia Tbk	3.0
	Baidu Inc	2.9
	Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV Class O	2.5
	*Data as of January 21 202/	

High conviction portfolio (# of holdings)		
NEI Emerging Markets Fund	76	
MSCI EM NR	1,440	
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (EEM)	1,324	
Category Average	667	

### NEI Emerging Markets Fund growth of \$10,0003



#### **Performance**

As of February 29, 2024

#### Annualized returns %

	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	SI	MER* %	Inception date
Fund (series A)	7.5	-13.2	0.8	2.4	2.4	2.53	2000-10-06
Fund (series F)	8.6	-12.3	1.8	3.5	3.5	1.51	2003-02-26
Fund (series P)	7.8	-12.9	1.1	-	1.6	2.23	2018-12-03
Fund (series PF)	9.0	-12.0	2.2	-	2.7	1.19	2018-12-03

Fund series A	Up Capture Ratio 3 Yr	103.5	Down Capture Ratio 3 Yr	148.5
Fund series F	Up Capture Ratio 3 Yr	106.0	Down Capture Ratio 3 Yr	145.7

### **Fund codes**

Prefix: NWT

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

<sup>3</sup>NEI Investments as at February 29, 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.

\*Audited as of September 30, 2023.

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