

Revisiting Core Principles

The Russell RAFI™ Index series utilizes fundamental measures of company size (adjusted sales, retained cash flow, and dividends plus buybacks) as a rebalancing anchor to trade against the constantly shifting expectations of the market.

This approach results in overweights to out-of-favor securities, which are often undervalued, and underweights to popular securities, which are often overvalued.

Over the short term, these exposures can cause relative performance to vary, but this simple, disciplined approach has historically outperformed the cap-weighted benchmark over the long-term.

As a rebalancing strategy that trades against recent winners, the Fundamental Index™ methodology will often face performance headwinds during periods of trending prices, sustained momentum, or extreme value underperformance - and benefit from performance tailwinds during periods of security mean reversion or value outperformance.

The Russell RAFI™ Emerging Markets Large Company Index is comprised of the Emerging Market companies in the top 87.5% by fundamental weight at the time of reconstitution.

Performance

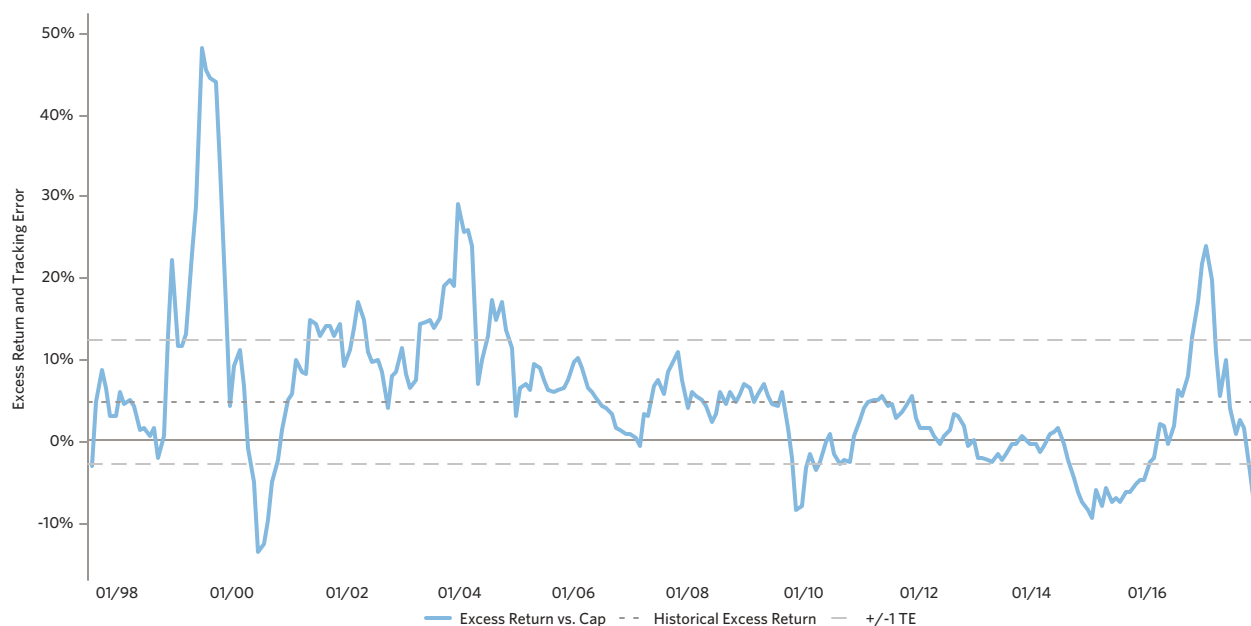
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Performance Table

Exhibit 2:
Rolling 1-Year Excess Returns

Exhibit 1: Performance Tableⁱ

	QTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	ITD*
Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index	6.7%	27.5%	11.8%	4.4%	3.4%	3.4%
Russell Emerging Markets Large Cap Index	7.4%	37.3%	10.0%	5.4%	2.3%	3.9%
Value Added	-0.7%	-9.8%	1.7%	-1.0%	1.1%	-0.6%
MSCI Emerging Markets Large Cap Index	7.5%	38.2%	9.9%	5.0%	2.1%	3.7%
Portfolio Standard Deviation		8.1%	19.6%	17.6%	23.6%	19.3%
Benchmark Standard Deviation		6.5%	15.8%	14.6%	23.1%	17.2%
Tracking Error		3.3%	7.2%	6.0%	5.1%	5.3%

Exhibit 2: Rolling 1-Year Excess Returnsⁱⁱ



i. Exhibit 1.
Performance derived from FactSet. All returns are total returns in USD. All returns greater than one year are annualized. Standard deviation and tracking error require a minimum of 1 year return history.
*Inception to Date (ITD) returns are calculated starting the first full month of returns following February 24, 2011.

ii. Exhibit 2.
Performance derived from FactSet. All returns are total returns in USD. Rolling 1-year excess returns and tracking error are calculated starting August 31, 1996. If applicable, strategy returns prior to inception are simulated. Inception date is February 24, 2011.

The Value Premium

The strategy invests broadly across the entire economy; however a byproduct of the strategy's rebalancing process is a value tilt.

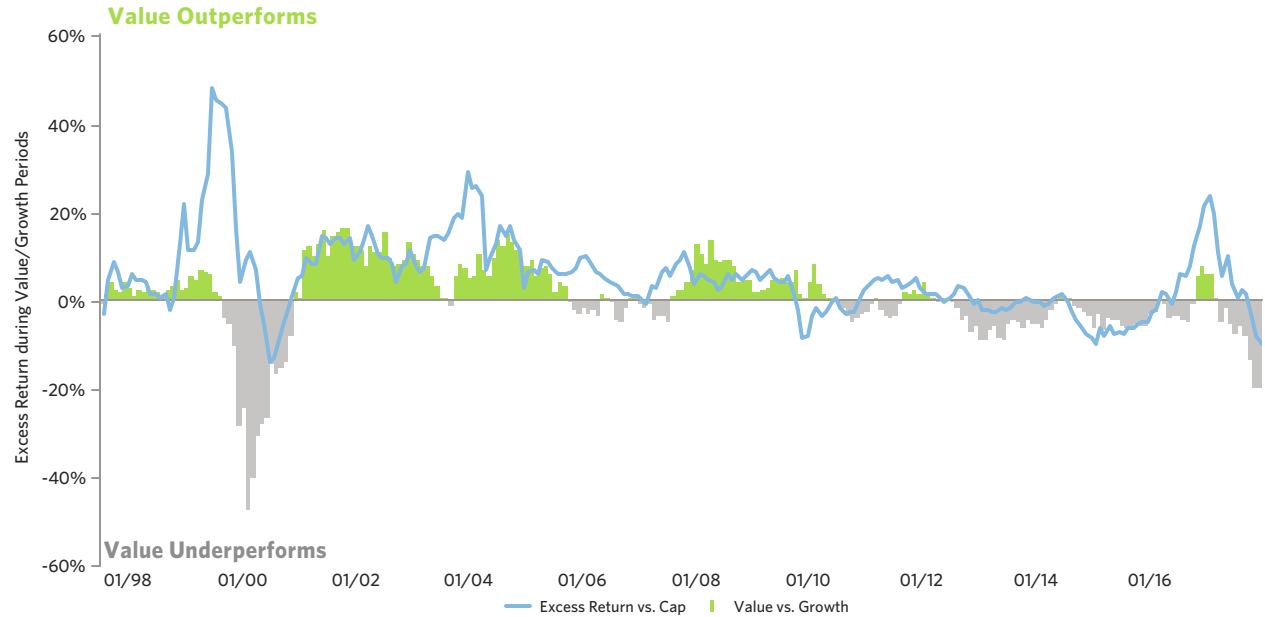
On a one-year rolling basis, the Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index outperformed 91% of the time when value won and 54% of the time when growth won.

Generally, excess returns were achieved by taking advantage of mean reversion in stock prices which can sometimes take several years to run its course.

The Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index delivered consistent outperformance over full market cycles, with positive excess returns in 75% of rolling 1-year periods, 83% of rolling 3-year periods, and 83% of rolling 5-year periods.

Exhibit 3: Rolling 1-Year Excess Returns

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Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index rolling 1-year excess returns are measured against Russell Emerging Markets Large Cap Index. Value / Growth periods measured by rolling 1-year excess returns of MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Large Cap Value vs. MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Large Cap Growth. Calculation starts on August 31, 1996. Strategy returns prior to inception are simulated. Strategy inception is February 24, 2011.

Portfolio Characteristics

The Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index is attractively positioned relative to the cap-weighted benchmark.

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Portfolio Characteristics

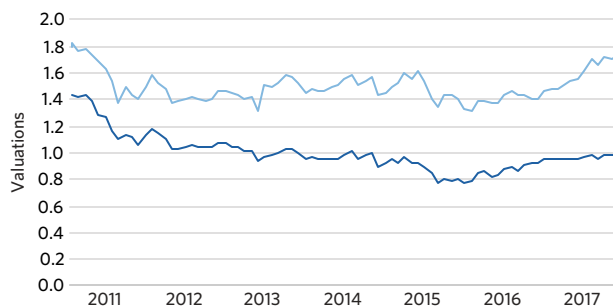
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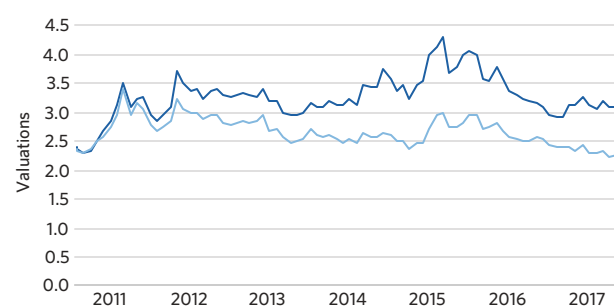
	Number of Holdings	Active Share	Price to Sales	Price to Cash Flow	Price to Book	Div. Yield	Market Cap. (Billions)	Sharpe Ratio*	Info. Ratio*	Tracking Error*
Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index	309	46.7	0.8	4.3	1.0	3.1%	72	0.16	-0.11	5.3%
Russell Global Large Cap Emerging Markets	929	--	1.4	6.6	1.7	2.2%	96	0.22	--	--

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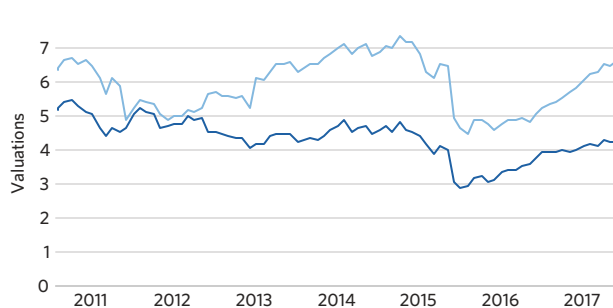
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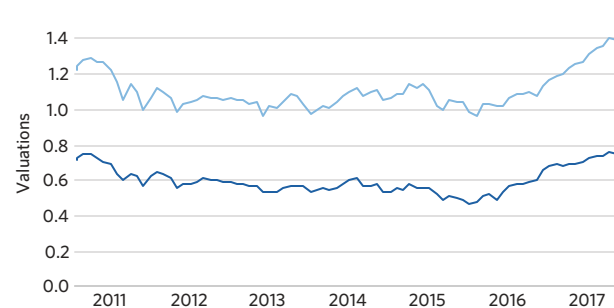
Dividend Yield (%)



Price to Cash Flow



Price to Sales



— Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index (Left) — Russell Global Large Cap Emerging Markets (Left)

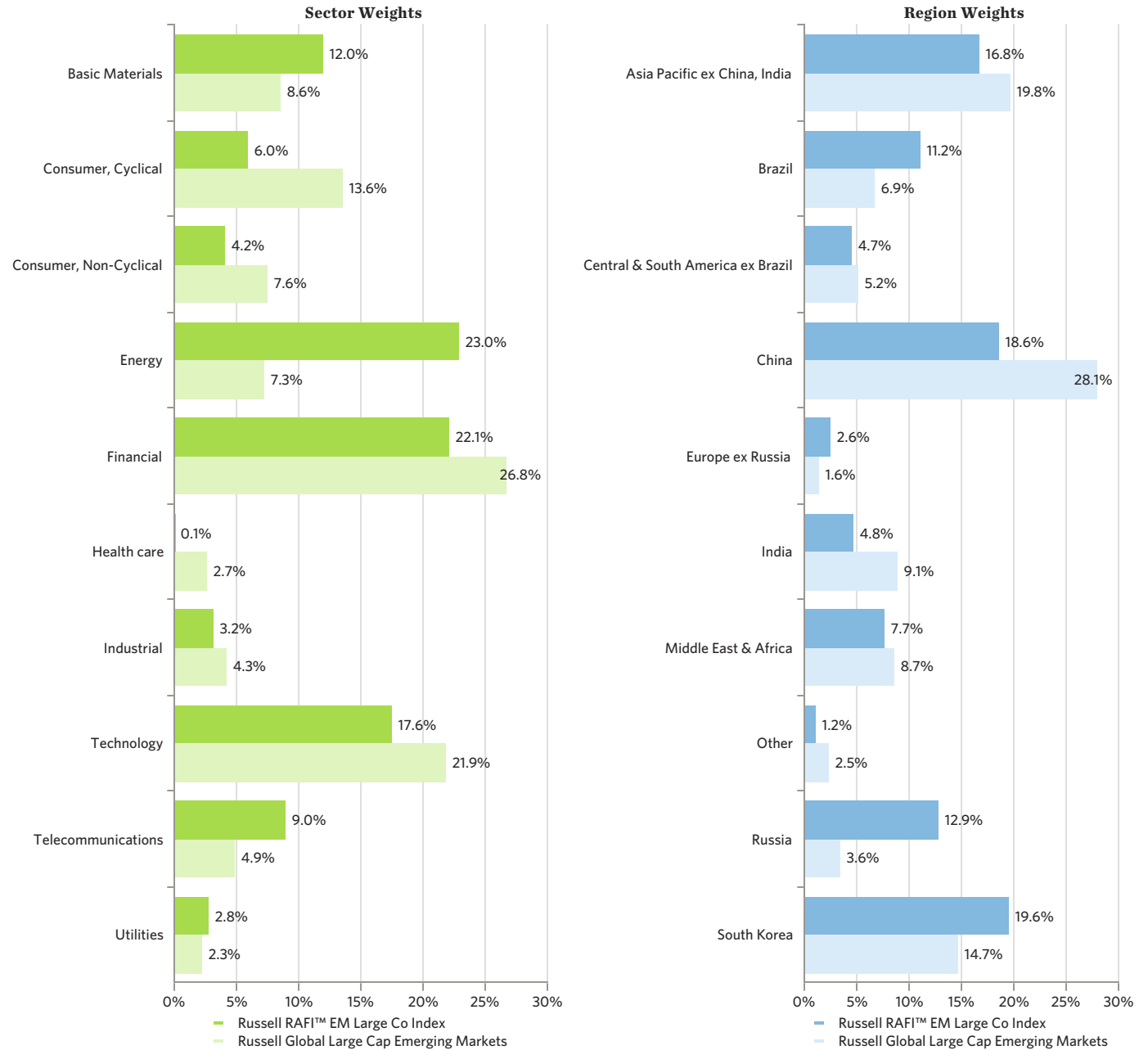
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*Sharpe Ratio, Information Ratio, and Tracking Error are calculated starting the first full month of returns following February 24, 2011. Minimum 1-year return history. The 3-mo US Treasury Bill return is used as a proxy for risk-free rate. If applicable, strategy returns prior to inception are simulated. Inception date is February 24, 2011.

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Current Position

Exhibit 6:
Sector and Region Weights

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Exhibit 7:
Top 10 Holdings

Exhibit 8:
Top Over/Underweights

Exhibit 7: Top 10 Holdingsⁱ

Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index vs. Russell Emerging Markets Large Cap Index					
Index	Weights	1-Yr Perf.	Benchmark	Weights	1-Yr Perf.
Samsung Electronics	6.2%	61.6%	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	5.2%	115.2%
PJSC Gazprom	4.0%	-3.9%	Samsung Electronics	4.8%	61.7%
China Construction Bank	2.8%	27.6%	Taiwan Semiconductor	3.5%	42.9%
Oil company LUKOIL PJSC	2.6%	9.6%	Alibaba	3.3%	97.5%
Petrobras	2.3%	2.1%	Naspers Limited Class N	2.2%	86.1%
Vale	2.2%	60.1%	China Construction Bank	1.5%	27.6%
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.0%	42.9%	Baidu	1.2%	40.7%
Hon Hai Precision Industry	1.9%	28.4%	Ind. & Comm. Bank of China	1.2%	43.5%
Ind. & Comm. Bank of China	1.8%	43.5%	China Mobile	1.0%	3.6%
China Mobile	1.8%	3.6%	Ping An Insurance	1.0%	112.9%

Exhibit 8: Top Over/Underweightsⁱ

Russell RAFI™ EM Large Co Index vs. Russell Emerging Markets Large Cap Index					
Top Overweights	Active Weights	1-Yr Total Effect	Top Underweights	Active Weights	1-Yr Total Effect
PJSC Gazprom	3.5%	-1.5%	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	-4.8%	-1.9%
Oil company LUKOIL PJSC	2.1%	-0.7%	Alibaba	-3.1%	-1.1%
Petrobras	1.7%	-1.0%	Naspers Limited Class N	-2.0%	-0.6%
Vale	1.5%	0.4%	Taiwan Semiconductor	-1.5%	-0.1%
Samsung Electronics	1.4%	0.3%	Baidu	-1.0%	0.0%
China Construction Bank	1.3%	-0.1%	JD.com, Inc. Sponsored ADR Class A	-0.6%	-0.2%
China Petroleum & Chemical	1.3%	-0.3%	Housing Dev Finance Corp	-0.6%	-0.1%
Surgutneftegaz	1.2%	-0.4%	Ping An Insurance	-0.5%	-0.2%
Transneft PJSC Pref.	1.1%	-0.4%	NetEase, Inc. Sponsored ADR	-0.5%	-0.1%
Hon Hai Precision Industry	1.0%	-0.1%	Ctrip.com International Ltd Sponsored ADR	-0.3%	0.1%

i. Exhibit 7, Exhibit 8.
Portfolio characteristics and securities data derived from FactSet. 1-Yr Total Effect is calculated using a holdings based attribution, and measures the impact that a security had on relative performance. It is a function of the active weight of a company as well as that company's performance versus the overall benchmark.



Attribution

Exhibit 9: Sector Attribution

Exhibit 10: Region Attribution

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1-Quarter Ending 12/31/2017

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Bench. Weight	Sector Excess Return	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction Effect	Total Effect
Basic Materials	11.99%	8.62%	5.20%	0.05%	0.42%	0.47%
Consumer, Cyclical	5.99%	13.62%	1.44%	0.07%	0.12%	0.19%
Consumer, Non-Cyclical	4.19%	7.62%	-5.15%	0.04%	-0.16%	-0.12%
Energy	23.00%	7.27%	-0.98%	0.02%	-0.25%	-0.23%
Financial	22.12%	26.79%	-0.34%	0.01%	-0.05%	-0.04%
Health care	0.12%	2.72%	-9.11%	-0.28%	-0.01%	-0.28%
Industrial	3.18%	4.32%	3.40%	0.01%	0.13%	0.14%
Technology	17.58%	21.91%	-2.83%	-0.03%	-0.64%	-0.67%
Telecommunications	9.01%	4.87%	-3.69%	-0.15%	0.03%	-0.12%
Utilities	2.81%	2.26%	-4.78%	-0.03%	0.02%	-0.01%
Excess Return						-0.66%

1-Year Ending 12/31/2017

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Bench. Weight	Sector Excess Return	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction Effect	Total Effect
Basic Materials	11.99%	8.62%	1.01%	-0.16%	0.53%	0.37%
Consumer, Cyclical	5.99%	13.62%	-11.22%	-1.06%	-1.48%	-2.54%
Consumer, Non-Cyclical	4.19%	7.62%	-20.45%	0.58%	-0.23%	0.35%
Energy	23.00%	7.27%	-25.51%	-3.19%	-1.09%	-4.28%
Financial	22.12%	26.79%	-2.65%	0.10%	-0.26%	-0.16%
Health care	0.12%	2.72%	-42.96%	0.10%	-0.06%	0.05%
Industrial	3.18%	4.32%	-8.30%	0.12%	0.09%	0.21%
Technology	17.58%	21.91%	7.89%	-0.67%	-2.18%	-2.85%
Telecommunications	9.01%	4.87%	-20.19%	-0.65%	-0.09%	-0.74%
Utilities	2.81%	2.26%	-22.19%	-0.10%	-0.11%	-0.21%
Excess Return						-9.80%

Exhibit 10: Region Attributionⁱ

1-Quarter Ending 12/31/2017

Region	Portfolio Weight	Bench. Weight	Country Excess Return	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction Effect	Total Effect
Asia Pacific ex China, India	16.80%	19.81%	-2.77%	0.05%	-0.19%	-0.14%
Brazil	11.19%	6.86%	-6.52%	-0.45%	0.37%	-0.07%
Central & South America ex Brazil	4.66%	5.20%	-7.59%	0.10%	0.12%	0.22%
China	18.61%	28.07%	-1.57%	-0.05%	-0.34%	-0.39%
Europe ex Russia	2.60%	1.55%	-5.21%	-0.02%	-0.11%	-0.13%
India	4.76%	9.06%	7.55%	-0.18%	0.15%	-0.03%
Middle East & Africa	7.73%	8.65%	13.63%	-0.12%	0.02%	-0.10%
Other	1.17%	2.49%	-13.14%	0.18%	-0.03%	0.15%
Russia	12.85%	3.58%	-1.94%	-0.32%	0.21%	-0.11%
South Korea	19.63%	14.73%	2.69%	0.22%	-0.28%	-0.06%
Excess Return						-0.66%

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Brazil	11.19%	6.86%	-15.45%	-0.96%	-0.32%	-1.28%
Central & South America ex Brazil	4.66%	5.20%	-11.56%	0.20%	0.15%	0.35%
China	18.61%	28.07%	-10.81%	-1.48%	-4.53%	-6.01%
Europe ex Russia	2.60%	1.55%	12.65%	0.18%	-0.02%	0.17%
India	4.76%	9.06%	-0.08%	-0.02%	-0.04%	-0.06%
Middle East & Africa	7.73%	8.65%	-4.57%	-0.02%	-0.54%	-0.56%
Other	1.17%	2.49%	-30.74%	0.26%	-0.23%	0.03%
Russia	12.85%	3.58%	-33.59%	-2.73%	-0.34%	-3.07%
South Korea	19.63%	14.73%	10.16%	0.50%	-0.06%	0.44%
Excess Return						-9.80%

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