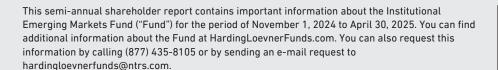
# **Institutional Emerging Markets**

# Semi-Annual Shareholder Report

Institutional Class HLMEX | April 30, 2025



# What were the Fund costs for the period?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund (Class)	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment <sup>1</sup>
Institutional Emerging Markets (Institutional Class)	\$52	1.06%
<sup>1</sup> Expense ratio is expressed on an annualized basis.		

# **Management's Discussion of Fund Performance**

The Institutional Emerging Markets Institutional Class (HLMEX) fell 1.51% (net of fees and expenses) in the six-month period ended April 30, 2025. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, rose 0.40% in the same period (net of source taxes).

### **Key Performance Factors**

Emerging markets (EMs) rose much of the period, supported by falling interest rates and the Chinese government's launch of a large stimulus package to reignite its economy. EMs tumbled in early April after the US government announced high tariffs on all trading partners but recovered somewhat when it became clear US policymakers were open to negotiation. Communication Services was the best sector, boosted by Chinese technology leaders in the sector. The Information Technology (IT) sector fell sharply on concerns about a slowdown in AI spending. The Fund had weak relative returns in IT while good stocks in Consumer Staples were helpful.

### Sector Analysis

Shares of IT-services company Globant fell due to concerns about slowing growth in the US, its key market. In Consumer Staples, bottler Coca-Cola HBC's earnings topped market expectations.

## Regional Analysis

Shares of Taiwanese semiconductor maker Aspeed were pressured by growth concerns for its Alserver end market. In India, HDFC Bank reported accelerating loan growth and has benefited from central bank efforts to improve liquidity in India's financial system.

### **Performance**

↑ Top Contributors	▼ Top Detractors
Emaar Properties	Globant
TSMC	Aspeed
Coca-Cola HBC	Eclat Textile
Sanhua Intelligent Controls	Techtronic Industries
HDFC Bank	Hon Hai Precision

The securities shown do not represent all holdings, and it should not be assumed that investment in these securities has been or will be profitable. The following is available upon request: (1) information describing the methodology of the contribution data and (2) a list showing the weight and relative contribution of all holdings during the period. Contribution is the contribution to overall performance over the period.

### Fund Performance

The following graph and chart compare the beginning and ending account values for the most recently completed 10 fiscal years of the Fund. It compares a \$500,000 initial investment in the Fund with an investment in an appropriate, broad-based securities market index.

### Growth of \$500,000 (USD)



Fund and Benchmark with Ending Value

Fund — \$568 421

•••• MSCI Emerging Markets Index — \$703,392

### Average Annual Total Return (%)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fund	8.34	2.50	1.29
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	9.02	6.35	3.07

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

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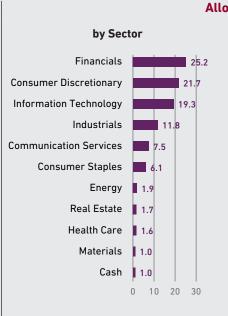
\$390.1M

Fund net assets

# **Graphical Representation of Holdings**

The table and charts below show the investment makeup of the Fund; percentages indicated and graphical representations are based on the Fund's net asset value.







## Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants

Effective January 31, 2025, KPMG LLP ("KPMG") was dismissed as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Fund. There were no disagreements with KPMG on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures during the two most recent fiscal years and the subsequent interim period through January 31, 2025. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has been appointed as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2025.

## Availability of Additional Information

You can find additional information about the Fund such as the prospectus, financial information, fund holdings and proxy voting information at HardingLoevnerFunds.com. You can also request this information by contacting us at (877) 435-8105.

# Householding

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