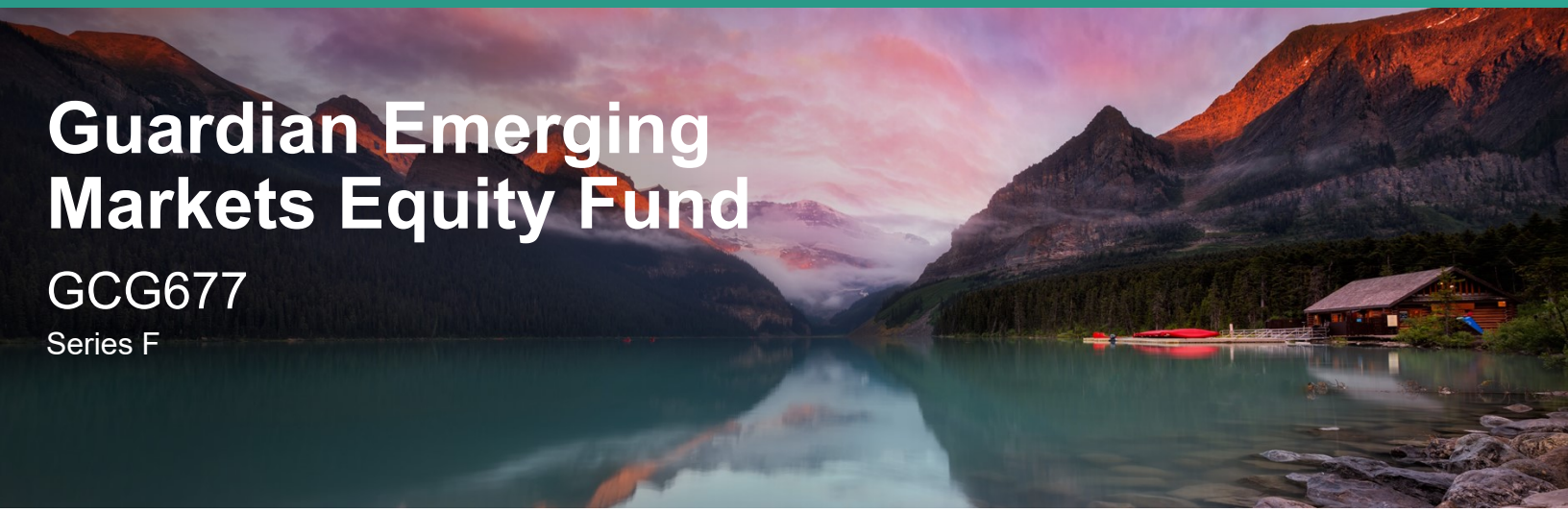

Guardian Emerging Markets Equity Fund

GCG677

Series F

March 31, 2024

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GuardCap Asset Management Ltd. is a UK affiliate of the Manager, Guardian Capital LP, and has entered into a sub-advisory agreement with the Manager to provide investment advice concerning the Fund's investment portfolio.

Fund Objective

The primary objective of the Fund is to provide longterm capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity or equity-related securities with exposure to emerging market economies. The sub-adviser uses a disciplined, fundamental bottom-up approach to security selection. The Fund is diversified by issuer, sector and geographic region, without being subject to minimum or maximum allocation constraints by country. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in securities of other mutual funds. The Fund will only use derivatives as permitted by Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

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Fund Information

Guardian Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Series F
Fund Code: GCG677
Asset Class: Emerging Markets Equity
Management Fee[3]: 0.85%
MER[4]: 1.17%

Currency: CAD
Risk Rating[1]: Medium to High
Inception Date[2]: 07/02/2021
Distribution Frequency: Annually

NAV per Unit: $7.64
Total Fund AUM: $27,582,804.00
Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net C$)

RISK CHARACTERISTICS[5]

	Fund
Standard Deviation	12.19
Sharpe Ratio	-0.74
Sortino Ratio	-0.99
Information Ratio	-4.36
Distribution Yield (TTM)	0.60
Upside Capture	70.67
Downside Capture	180.45
Beta	1.03

Trailing 1-year as of March 31, 2024.

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS[8]

Morningstar® Sustainability Rating™

Category	Global Emerging Markets Equity
No. of Funds in Category	1838

Source: Morningstar® Essentials™ based on long positions only as at February 29, 2024. The Sustainability Rating is based on the Portfolio Corporate and Sovereign Sustainability Scores. Please read the Definitions of the Morningstar Ratings, Scores and their methodologies below, which includes information about when a rating may not be received. The proportional relative contribution to the overall Morningstar Sustainability Rating from the Fund's Corporate and Sovereign positions is (100.00%) and (0.00%), respectively. These scores are based on the percent of Eligible Portfolio Covered, which is (100.00%) of Corporate positions and is (—%) of Sovereign positions.

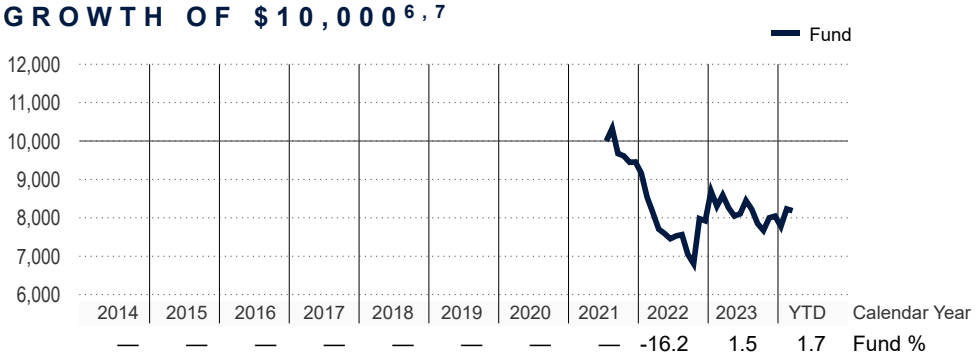
TOP 5 HOLDINGS

MercadoLibre Inc	12.7%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	11.4%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd DR	8.0%
HDFC Bank Ltd ADR	5.8%
Trip.com Group Ltd ADR	4.9%

FUND PERFORMANCE%[6]

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	SI
Fund	-0.6	1.7	4.3	1.7	-4.7	—	—	—	-8.4

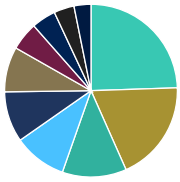
GROWTH OF $10,000[6,7]



SECTOR ALLOCATION[9]

- Energy: —
- Materials: —
- Industrials: 5.3%
- Consumer Discretionary: 29.1%
- Consumer Staples: 6.5%
- Health Care: —
- Financials: 15.0%
- Information Technology: 32.2%
- Communication Services: 8.8%
- Utilities: —
- Real Estate: 3.1%

GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION



- China: 23.2%
- Brazil: 17.9%
- Taiwan: 11.4%
- India: 9.4%
- South Korea: 9.0%
- Singapore: 8.0%
- Hong Kong: 5.0%
- United States: 4.3%
- Mexico: 3.6%
- Philippines: 3.0%

Source: Morningstar® Essentials™ as at March 31, 2024.

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1. The Risk Classification of a fund has been determined in accordance with a standardized risk classification methodology in National Instrument 81-102, that is based on the fund's historical volatility as measured by the 10-year standard deviation of the fund's returns. Where a fund has offered securities to the public for less than 10 years, the standardized methodology requires that the standard deviation of a reference mutual fund or index that reasonably approximates the fund's standard deviation be used to determine the fund's risk rating. Please note that historical performance may not be indicative of future returns and a fund's historical volatility may not be indicative of future volatility.
2. The Inception Date is the start date of investment performance and may not coincide with the date the fund or series was first offered for sale under a prospectus or its legal date of creation.
3. The Management Fee is the fee paid to the Fund's Manager for managing the investment portfolio and for the day-to-day operations of the Fund.
4. The Management Expense Ratio ("MER") represents the trailing 12-month management expense ratio, which reflects the cost of running the Fund, inclusive of applicable taxes including HST, GST and QST (excluding certain portfolio transaction costs) as a percentage of daily average net asset value the period, including the Fund's proportionate share of any underlying fund(s) expenses, if applicable. The MER reported herein is from the Fund's most recent Management Report of Fund Performance ("MRFP"), as updated semi-annually, and which can be found on our website at: https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/documents/
5. For more information on the financial terms used in this section, please refer to the Glossary of Terms on our website at: https://www.guardiancapital.com/glossary-of-terms/ .
6. The indicated rates of return in the charts above are used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and are not intended to reflect the future value of the fund or returns on investment in the fund.
7. The Growth of $10,000 chart shows the final value of a hypothetical $10,000 investment in securities of this series of the fund as at the end of the investment period indicated and is not intended to reflect future values or returns on investment in such securities.

8. To review the historical 12-month history of the Fund's ratings, rankings and scores, based on the Morningstar Sustainability Rating for Funds Methodology and Morningstar Low Carbon Designation Methodology, please visit https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/esg-historical-data/

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Morningstar Sustainability Ratings and scores are portfolio-based, not performance-based. They do not reflect a Fund's performance on either an absolute or risk-adjusted basis, nor are they a qualitative Morningstar evaluation of a Fund's merits and should not be the sole basis for an investment decision.

The Fund's Morningstar Sustainability and Carbon ratings, rankings and scores evaluate the ESG aspects of the Fund's portfolio holdings and do not evaluate the efficacy of the Fund's ESG investment strategies and are not indicative of how well ESG considerations are integrated by the Fund. The full rating methodology employed by Morningstar can be found on their website on the following links: https://www.morningstar.com/content/dam/marketing/shared/research/methodology/744156_Morningstar_Sustainability_Rating_for_Funds_Methodology.pdf or https://www.morningstar.com/research/signature. A copy of the Morningstar Sustainability Rating Methodology or Morningstar Low Carbon Designation Methodology documents may also be obtained, free of charge, by contacting us at 1 (866) 383-6546 or insights@guardiancapital.com. Other providers may also prepare ESG ratings and rankings of mutual funds and ETFs based on their own methodologies, which may differ from the methodology employed by Morningstar.

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The Morningstar® Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score™ is an asset-weighted average of Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Ratings* for corporate issuers in a fund's portfolio, based on 12-month historical holdings, updated monthly. The Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Rating measures the degree to which a company's economic value may be at risk driven by ESG factors. To receive a Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score, at least 67% of a fund's corporate issuer holdings (long positions only) must have an ESG Risk Rating. The Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a fund has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG risk. A fund with a lower score indicates lower ESG risk.

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*The rating methodology employed by Sustainalytics can be found on their website or please visit https://connect.sustainalytics.com/hubfs/INV/Methodology/Sustainalytics_ESG%20Ratings_Methodology%20Abstract.pdf or https://connect.sustainalytics.com/hubfs/INV%20-%20Reports%20and%20Brochure/Product%20Brochures/Country%20Risk%20Rating.pdf or https://connect.sustainalytics.com/hubfs/INV/Climate%20Solutions/Carbon%20Ratings%20and%20Research/Carbon%20Ratings%20and%20Research%20(Climate%20Solutions)%20Brochure.pdf

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