

# RBC Emerging Market Tactical Equity Total Return Index

## Performance Factsheet

### Index Objectives:

The RBC Emerging Market Tactical Equity Total Return Index is designed to meet or exceed risk-adjusted returns relative to the benchmark by optimizing asset allocation between Emerging Markets equities and cash. This dynamic asset allocation is implemented by observing bullish or bearish trends in Emerging Markets equities, on a monthly basis, to determine the exposure until the next monthly observation.

### Index Ticker Symbols:

Bloomberg: RBCEETUT Index  
Thomson Reuters: .RBCEETUT

### Index Launch Date:

February 18, 2019

### Index Base Date:

October 31, 2007

### Asset Class:

Equity  
Fixed Income (Cash)

### Allocations:

MSCI Emerging Markets Futures contract  
Federal Funds Rate

### Last Allocation Date:

March 18, 2020

### Benchmark:

MSCI EM Net Total Return USD Index  
Bloomberg: M1EF Index  
Thomson Reuters: .MIEF00000NUS

### Liquidity:

The Index tracks equity futures and cash. The tracked futures contract averages significantly in excess of \$1bn in daily trading volume.

### Availability:

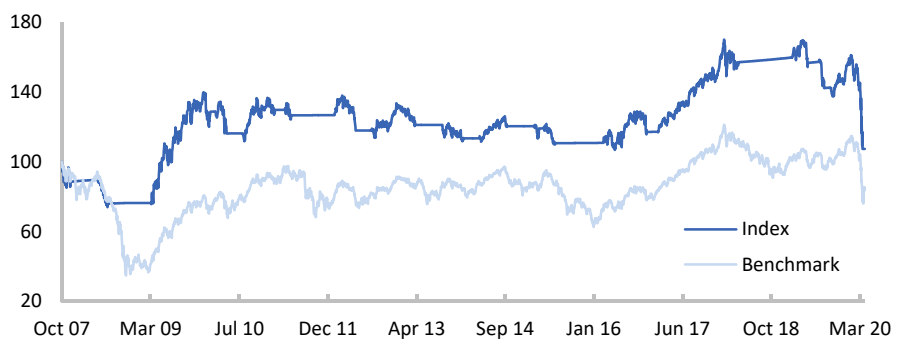
Investors cannot invest directly in the Index. The Index can be used as an underlying for various investment vehicles to provide exposure to investors.

### Index Description

The Index provides exposure to either Emerging Markets equities or cash (the Federal Funds rate). This allocation determination is based on monthly observations of a pre-defined Tactical Trigger: the 100 daily moving average (100 DMA) of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (Bloomberg: EEM US Equity; the ETF). The Index obtains exposure to Emerging Markets equities by tracking the performance of the futures contract.

On the specified monthly determination date, if the ETF is at or above its 100 DMA (a bullish trend), the Index will allocate to equity via the MSCI Emerging Markets futures contract plus the Federal Funds rate (to replicate the total return) or only to the Federal Funds rate if the ETF is below its relevant 100 DMA (a bearish trend).

### Performance<sup>1,2</sup> – Total Return (USD)



	Return (%) <sup>2</sup>			Return p.a. (%)				YoY Return (%)					
	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Base	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	
<b>Index (USD)</b>													
<b>Index (I)</b>	-23.8	-31.2	-31.2	-34.2	-5.3	-2.1	0.6	-8.0	5.8	31.4	3.5	-2.0	
<b>Benchmark (B)</b>	-15.4	-23.6	-23.6	-17.7	-1.6	-0.4	-1.3	-14.9	11.2	37.3	-14.6	18.4	
<b>Variation (I) - (B)</b>	-8.4	-7.6	-7.6	-16.6	-3.7	-1.7	1.9	6.9	-5.4	-5.9	18.1	-20.5	

	Volatility p.a. (%) <sup>3</sup>			Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>			12 Month Return		Worst Drawdown		Beta	
	1Y	5Y	Base	1Y	5Y	Base	Best	Worst	(%)	DUW <sup>5</sup>	1Y	5Y
<b>Index (USD)</b>												
<b>Index (I)</b>	27.9	17.0	17.2	-1.15	-0.11	0.07	82.8	-35.4	-36.9	26	0.87	0.54
<b>Benchmark (B)</b>	21.1	16.4	20.7	-0.77	-0.01	0.00	113.5	-61.3	-65.2	117	1.00	1.00
<b>Variation (I) - (B)</b>	6.8	0.6	-3.5	-0.38	-0.10	0.07	-30.6	25.9	28.4	-90	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Daily data from October 31, 2007 to March 31, 2020. Index re-based to 100 on October 31, 2007. Please see the final page for important information about the presentation of the performance information set forth in this document

<sup>2</sup> Source: Solactive AG, Bloomberg, RBC Capital Markets

<sup>3</sup> Based on daily returns, annualized with a 252-day factor

<sup>4</sup> Based on the average of daily excess returns against Fed Funds, annualized with a 252-day factor

<sup>5</sup> Duration Under Water: number of months taken by the Index and the Benchmark to increase back to their respective previous highest level after a market decline

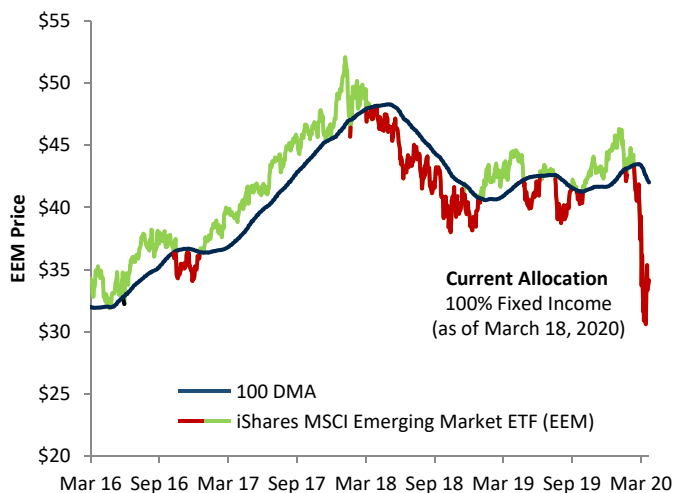
Allocation History<sup>1</sup> (over last 12 months)

Determination Date	Allocation Date	MSCI Emerging Markets Futures	Cash	Index Performance *	Benchmark Performance *
March 16, 2020	March 18, 2020	0%	100%	TBD**	TBD**
February 14, 2020	February 19, 2020	100%	0%	-30.2%	-28.5%
January 13, 2020	January 15, 2020	100%	0%	-3.1%	-3.0%
December 16, 2019	December 18, 2019	100%	0%	2.5%	2.9%
November 11, 2019	November 13, 2019	100%	0%	6.2%	6.3%
October 14, 2019	October 16, 2019	100%	0%	1.7%	2.0%
September 16, 2019	September 18, 2019	100%	0%	0.6%	0.4%
August 12, 2019	August 14, 2019	0%	100%	0.2%	6.2%
July 15, 2019	July 17, 2019	100%	0%	-9.6%	-8.4%
June 17, 2019	June 19, 2019	0%	100%	0.2%	2.2%
May 13, 2019	May 15, 2019	0%	100%	0.2%	2.7%
April 15, 2019	April 17, 2019	100%	0%	-7.7%	-7.2%

<sup>1</sup> Determination Date was two business days prior to Allocation Date

\* Performances between current and next Allocation Date; \*\* To be determined on the next Allocation Date (April 15, 2020)

Allocation Snapshot (as of March 31, 2020)



Characteristics Snapshot

As of Last Determination Date (March 16, 2020)		
Indicator	Closing Level	Tactical Trigger
Emerging Market (EEM)	31.63	26.6% BELOW 100 DMA

As of Month End (March 31, 2020)		
Indicator	Closing Level	Distance from DMA
Emerging Market (EEM)	34.13	-18.7%

Date	Last	Next
Determination	March 16, 2020	April 13, 2020
Allocation	March 18, 2020	April 15, 2020

Monthly Returns (% as of March 31, 2020)

Index	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2020	-6.1%	-3.8%	-23.8%										-31.2%
2019	0.2%	1.0%	1.2%	2.4%	-6.1%	0.2%	-2.2%	-7.4%	-2.0%	4.1%	-0.2%	7.7%	-2.0%
2018	8.2%	-5.8%	0.4%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	3.5%
2017	2.4%	1.8%	3.4%	1.9%	2.6%	1.0%	5.7%	2.1%	0.1%	3.3%	-0.3%	3.7%	31.4%
2016	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.6%	-3.9%	4.4%	5.6%	0.8%	2.9%	-1.0%	-6.7%	0.0%	5.8%
2015	0.0%	0.3%	-1.4%	-0.7%	-4.0%	-2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-8.0%
2014	-3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%	3.0%	2.3%	1.3%	3.0%	-2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%

Benchmark	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2020	-4.7%	-5.3%	-15.4%										-23.6%
2019	8.8%	0.2%	0.8%	2.1%	-7.3%	6.2%	-1.2%	-4.9%	1.9%	4.2%	-0.1%	7.5%	18.4%
2018	8.3%	-4.6%	-2.0%	-0.3%	-3.5%	-4.2%	2.2%	-2.7%	-0.5%	-8.7%	4.1%	-2.6%	-14.6%
2017	5.5%	3.1%	2.5%	2.2%	3.0%	1.0%	6.0%	2.2%	-0.4%	3.5%	0.2%	3.6%	37.3%
2016	-6.5%	-0.2%	13.2%	0.5%	-3.7%	4.0%	5.0%	2.5%	1.3%	0.2%	-4.6%	0.2%	11.2%
2015	0.6%	3.1%	-1.4%	7.7%	-4.0%	-2.6%	-6.9%	-9.0%	-3.0%	7.1%	-3.9%	-2.2%	-14.9%
2014	-6.5%	3.3%	3.1%	0.3%	3.5%	2.7%	1.9%	2.3%	-7.4%	1.2%	-1.1%	-4.6%	-2.2%



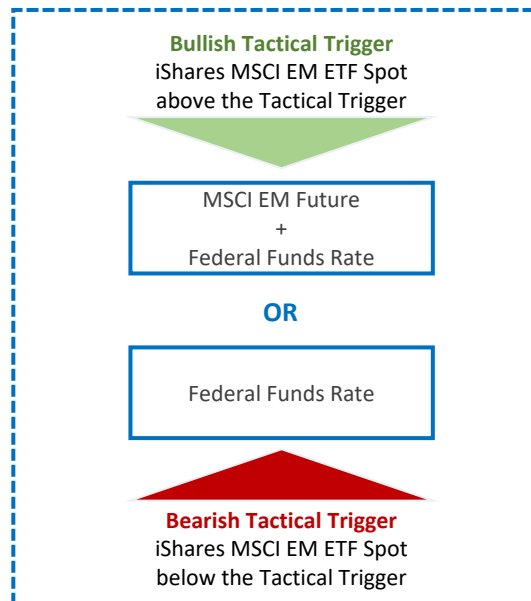
Summary of Index Methodology:

RBC Emerging Market  
Tactical Equity Total Return Index

Tactical Trigger – Determined 2 Trading Days Before Allocation

100-day Moving Average  
iShares MSCI EM ETF  
(EEM)

Monthly Allocation – Is Tactical Trigger Bullish or Bearish?





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