

# **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 riskadjusted 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:** Fauity Fixed Income (Cash)

#### **Allocations:**

**MSCI Emerging Markets Futures contract** Federal Funds Rate

**Last Allocation Date:** May 13, 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 predefined 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)



|                     | Re        | turn (१   | 6) <sup>2</sup> |           | Retur     | n p.a. (୨ | 6)   | YoY Return (%) |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Index (USD)         | <u>1M</u> | <u>3M</u> | <u>YTD</u>      | <u>1Y</u> | <u>3Y</u> | <u>5Y</u> | Base | <u>'15</u>     | <u>'16</u> | <u>'17</u> | <u>'18</u> | <u>'19</u> |
| Index (I)           | 0.0       | -23.8     | -31.2           | -31.6     | -6.7      | -1.1      | 0.6  | -8.0           | 5.8        | 31.4       | 3.5        | -2.0       |
| Benchmark (B)       | 0.8       | -6.9      | -16.0           | -4.4      | -0.2      | 0.9       | -0.5 | -14.9          | 11.2       | 37.3       | -14.6      | 18.4       |
| Variation (I) - (B) | -0.8      | -16.9     | -15.3           | -27.2     | -6.5      | -2.0      | 1.1  | 6.9            | -5.4       | -5.9       | 18.1       | -20.5      |

|                     | Vola      | atility p | o.a. (%) <sup>3</sup> | Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup> |           |      |             | /lonth<br>turn | Worst<br>Drawdown |             | Beta      |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Index (USD)         | <u>1Y</u> | <u>5Y</u> | Base                  | <u>1Y</u>                 | <u>5Y</u> | Base | <u>Best</u> | <u>Worst</u>   | <u>(%)</u>        | <u>DUW⁵</u> | <u>1Y</u> | <u>5Y</u> |
| Index (I)           | 27.4      | 16.9      | 17.1                  | -1.10                     | -0.06     | 0.07 | 82.8        | -36.8          | -36.9             | 28          | 0.73      | 0.51      |
| Benchmark (B)       | 22.6      | 16.8      | 20.7                  | -0.14                     | 0.06      | 0.04 | 113.5       | -61.3          | -65.2             | 117         | 1.00      | 1.00      |
| Variation (I) - (B) | 4.8       | 0.1       | -3.6                  | -0.96                     | -0.12     | 0.03 | -30.6       | 24.6           | 28.4              | -88         | -         | -         |

<sup>1</sup> Daily data from October 31, 2007 to May 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 * |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| May 11, 2020       | May 13, 2020       | 0%                            | 100% | TBD**               | TBD**                   |
| April 13, 2020     | April 15, 2020     | 0%                            | 100% | 0.0%                | 2.5%                    |
| March 16, 2020     | March 18, 2020     | 0%                            | 100% | 0.0%                | 13.0%                   |
| 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%                    |

<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 (June 17, 2020)

# Allocation Snapshot (as of May 31, 2020)



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## **Characteristics Snapshot**

| As of Last D          | As of Last Determination Date (May 11, 2020) |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator             | Closing Level                                | Tactical Trigger   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emerging Market (EEM) | 36.60  | 8.2% BELOW 100 DMA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| As of Month End (May 31, 2020) |               |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator                      | Closing Level | Distance from DMA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emerging Market (EEM)          | 37.73         | -2.9%             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date                           | Last          | Next              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Determination                  | May 11, 2020  | June 15, 2020     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocation                     | May 13, 2020  | June 17, 2020     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Monthly Returns (%, as of May 31, 2020)

| Index | Jan   | Feb   | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Year   |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| 2020  | -6.1% | -3.8% | -23.8% | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |       |       |       |       |       |       |      | -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%   |

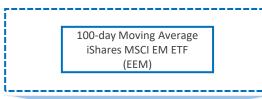
| Benchmark | Jan   | Feb   | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Year   |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2020      | -4.7% | -5.3% | -15.4% | 9.2%  | 0.8%  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | -16.0% |
| 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%  |



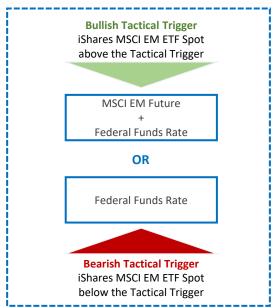
# Summary of Index Methodology:



### Tactical Trigger – Determined 2 Trading Days Before Allocation









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