

# 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: Equity Fixed Income (Cash)

### **Allocations:**

MSCI Emerging Markets Futures contract Federal Funds Rate

Last Allocation Date: December 16, 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) <u>or</u> 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 (୨	6) <sup>2</sup>		Retur	n p.a. (%	6)	YoY Return (%)				
Index (USD)	<u>1M</u>	<u>3M</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>1Y</u>	<u>3Y</u>	<u>5Y</u>	<b>Base</b>	<u>'15</u>	<u>'16</u>	<u>'17</u>	<u>'18</u>	<u>'19</u>
Index (I)	7.3	18.5	-9.7	-9.7	-2.9	4.9	2.6	-8.0	5.8	31.4	3.5	-2.0
Benchmark (B)	7.4	19.7	18.3	18.3	6.2	12.8	2.1	-14.9	11.2	37.3	-14.6	18.4
Variation (I) - (B)	-0.1	-1.2	-28.0	-28.0	-9.1	-7.9	0.5	6.9	-5.4	-5.9	18.1	-20.5

	Vola	atility p	o.a. (%) <sup>3</sup>	Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup>			12 Month Return		Worst 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)	29.2	17.9	17.1	-0.20	0.30	0.20	82.8	-36.8	-36.9	35	0.77	0.61
Benchmark (B)	24.2	16.5	20.5	0.86	0.79	0.17	113.5	-61.3	-65.2	117	1.00	1.00
Variation (I) - (B)	5.0	1.4	-3.4	-1.06	-0.49	0.03	-30.6	24.6	28.4	-81	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Daily data from October 31, 2007 to December 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



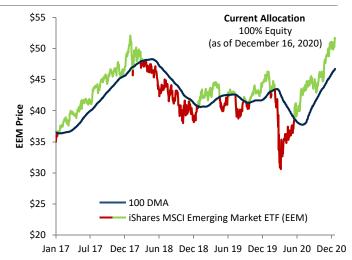
# Allocation History<sup>1</sup> (over last 12 months)

Determination Date	Allocation Date	MSCI Emerging Markets Futures	Cash	Index Performance *	Benchmark Performance *
December 14, 2020	December 16, 2020	100%	0%	TBD**	TBD**
November 16, 2020	November 18, 2020	100%	0%	5.2%	4.7%
October 12, 2020	October 14, 2020	100%	0%	6.5%	6.4%
September 14, 2020	September 16, 2020	100%	0%	1.6%	1.8%
August 17, 2020	August 19, 2020	100%	0%	2.0%	1.7%
July 13, 2020	July 15, 2020	100%	0%	2.6%	3.3%
June 15, 2020	June 17, 2020	100%	0%	8.1%	7.8%
May 11, 2020	May 13, 2020	0%	100%	0.0%	9.7%
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%

<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 (January 13, 2021)

# Allocation Snapshot (as of December 31, 2020)



# **Characteristics Snapshot**

As of Last Determination Date (December 14, 2020)									
Indicator	Closing Level	Tactical Trigger							
Emerging Market (EEM)	49.94	8.8% ABOVE 100 DMA							

As of Month End (December 31, 2020)											
Indicator	Closing Level	Distance from DMA									
Emerging Market (EEM)	51.67	10.6%									
Date	Last	Next									
Determination	December 14. 2020	January 11. 2021									

December 16, 2020

## Monthly Returns (%, as of December 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%	0.1%	8.5%	2.9%	-0.8%	1.2%	9.1%	7.3%	-9.7%
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%

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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%	7.4%	8.9%	2.2%	-1.6%	2.1%	9.2%	7.4%	18.3%
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%

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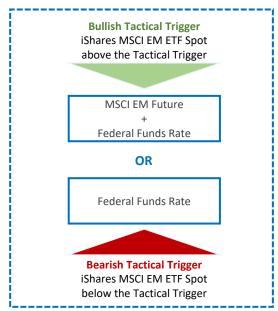
# Summary of Index Methodology:



## Tactical Trigger – Determined 2 Trading Days Before Allocation



# Monthly Allocation – Is Tactical Trigger Bullish or Bearish?





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