

# 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:**

April 14, 2021

#### 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> | Return p.a. (%) |           |           |             | YoY Return (%) |            |            |            |            |  |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Index (USD)         | <u>1M</u> | <u>3M</u> | <u>YTD</u>      | <u>1Y</u>       | <u>3Y</u> | <u>5Y</u> | <u>Base</u> | <u>'16</u>     | <u>'17</u> | <u>′18</u> | <u>'19</u> | <u>′20</u> |  |
| Index (I)           | 1.1       | 1.3       | 4.2             | 36.9            | -2.2      | 5.0       | 2.9         | 5.8            | 31.4       | 3.5        | -2.0       | -9.7       |  |
| Benchmark (B)       | 2.5       | 1.7       | 4.8             | 48.7            | 7.5       | 12.5      | 2.4         | 11.2           | 37.3       | -14.6      | 18.4       | 18.3       |  |
| Variation (I) - (B) | -1.4      | -0.5      | -0.6            | -11.8           | -9.7      | -7.5      | 0.5         | -5.4           | -5.9       | 18.1       | -20.5      | -28.0      |  |

|                     | Volatility p.a. (%) <sup>3</sup> |           |             | Sharpe Ratio <sup>4</sup> |           |      | 12 Month<br>Return |       | Worst<br>Drawdown |                  | Beta      |           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Index (USD)         | <u>1Y</u>                        | <u>5Y</u> | <u>Base</u> | <u>1Y</u>                 | <u>5Y</u> | Base | <u>Best</u>        | Worst | <u>(%)</u>        | DUW <sup>5</sup> | <u>1Y</u> | <u>5Y</u> |
| Index (I)           | 17.8                             | 18.4      | 17.2        | 2.18                      | 0.30      | 0.21 | 82.8               | -36.8 | -36.9             | 39               | 0.71      | 0.68      |
| Benchmark (B)       | 16.8                             | 16.2      | 20.4        | 3.05                      | 0.78      | 0.19 | 113.5              | -61.3 | -65.2             | 117              | 1.00      | 1.00      |
| Variation (I) - (B) | 1.0                              | 2.2       | -3.3        | -0.87                     | -0.48     | 0.03 | -30.6              | 24.6  | 28.4              | -77              | -         | -         |

- <sup>1</sup> Daily data from October 31, 2007 to April 30, 2021. 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

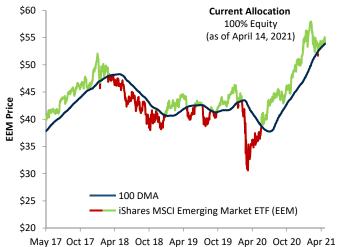


## Allocation History<sup>1</sup> (over last 12 months)

| Determination Date | Allocation Date    | MSCI Emerging Markets Futures | Cash | Index Performance * | Benchmark Performance * |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| April 12, 2021     | April 14, 2021     | 100%                          | 0%   | TBD**               | TBD**                   |
| March 15, 2021     | March 17, 2021     | 100%                          | 0%   | -1.2%               | -0.3%                   |
| February 12, 2021  | February 17, 2021  | 100%                          | 0%   | -6.2%               | -6.9%                   |
| January 11, 2021   | January 13, 2021   | 100%                          | 0%   | 6.0%                | 6.0%                    |
| December 14, 2020  | December 16, 2020  | 100%                          | 0%   | 7.8%                | 8.1%                    |
| 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%                    |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  Determination Date was two business days prior to Allocation Date

## Allocation Snapshot (as of April 30, 2021)



## **Characteristics Snapshot**

| As of Last Determination Date (April 12, 2021) |       |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator Closing Level Tactical Trigger       |       |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emerging Market (FEM)                          | 52 22 | 0.0% ABOVE 100 DMA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| As of Month | Fnd (Anril 30 | 2021) |
|-------------|---------------|-------|

| Indicator             | Closing Level | Distance from DMA |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Emerging Market (EEM) | 53.98         | 0.2%              |

| Date          | Last           | Next         |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Determination | April 12, 2021 | May 17, 2021 |
| Allocation    | April 14, 2021 | May 19, 2021 |

## Monthly Returns (%, as of April 30, 2021)

| Index | Jan   | Feb   | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | Year  |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2021  | 2.9%  | 0.9%  | -0.7%  | 1.1%  |       |       |       | J     |       |       | 1     |      | 4.2%  |
| 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% |

| Benchmark | Jan   | Feb   | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Year   |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2021      | 3.1%  | 0.8%  | -1.5%  | 2.5%  |       |       |       |       |       |       | •     |       | 4.8%   |
| 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% |

<sup>\*</sup> Performances between current and next Allocation Date; \*\* To be determined on the next Allocation Date (May 19, 2021)



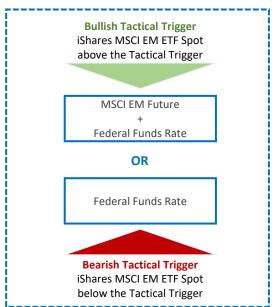
## **Summary of Index Methodology:**

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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