

# RMBAM SICAV Africa Equity Fund

Month ended 31 January 2011



## Fund profile

The RMBAM SICAV Africa Equity Fund (SICAV) aims to exploit opportunities in the inefficient, under-invested markets on the African continent. The Fund invests in listed equity securities on recognised stock exchanges across the continent, excluding South Africa.

## Performance objectives

The objective of the Fund is to generate competitive, risk-adjusted returns on a consistent basis through a full market cycle by investing in the most liquid African markets while being cognisant of levels of risk within each country. The medium to long-term objective is to outperform the designated benchmark.

## Investment approach

The Fund reflects our best stock ideas we believe will maximise expected returns in Africa. Our proven investment process ensures that we integrate macro economic and political factors during stock analysis. Liquidity and market capitalisation filters ensure that our investable universe is of the right size to facilitate entry and exit without prejudicing investors within the Fund. Our valuation driven bottom up approach takes into consideration ratios like free cash flows, growth potential, dividend payout and gearing levels. In order to clearly assess future company risk, we also look at non-financial factors like corporate governance, levels of transparency, labour policies and environmental awareness. The Africa Team frequently travels to meet companies that we invest in and regulators across the continent.

## Fund commentary

North Africa was the news maker during January as Tunisia and Egypt staged uprisings against their respective country Presidents. The riots saw the Tunisia Stock Exchange suspend trading for about 2 weeks in January while Egypt Stock Exchange last traded on 26 January. By month end, Morocco was the only North African country that we invest in to close positively, up by 1.1%, while Tunisia and Egypt were respectively down by -11.8% and -21.6%.

Nigeria was up 8.1% buoyed by stellar performance from the banking sector, mainly the 'rescued' banks. Due to our cautious view to these troubled banks, we did not participate in the run but benefited from our overall banking exposure. Kenya was flat during the month, with East African Breweries and Safaricom dragging the market down.

Mauritius was the best performing market in Africa, up by 8.7% in January.

Note: performance sourced from Bloomberg and is quoted in US Dollars (USD)

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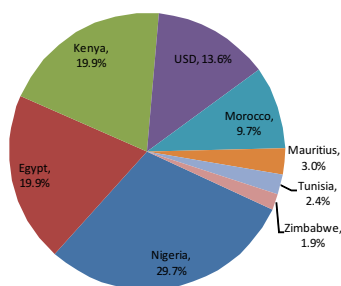
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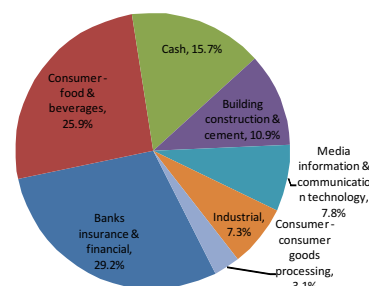
## Fund details

Launch Date	September 2007
Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Currency	US Dollars
Size of Fund	US \$9,100,000 million
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa excluding South Africa Index
Benchmark description	A market capitalisation weighted equity index with a focus on African markets
Bloomberg	RMBAESU LX Equity
ISIN	LU0319824214
Pricing	Daily

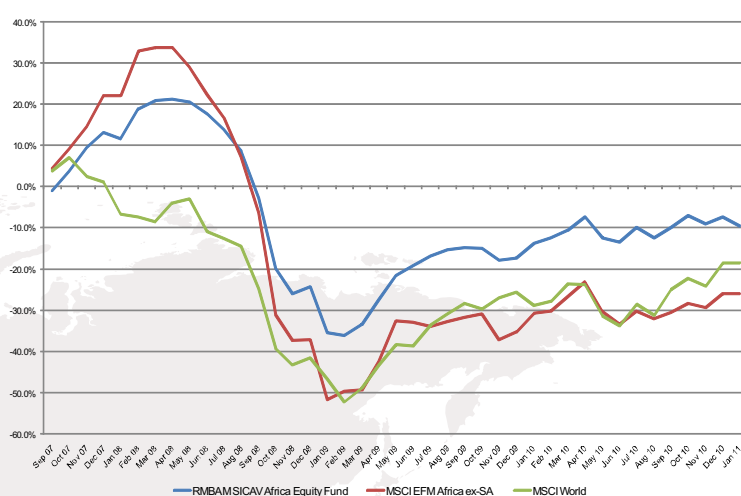
## Country exposure



## Sector exposure



## Fund performance



Month	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark	Fund	B'mark
January			-1.3%	0.0%	-14.7%	-23.1%	4.4%	6.8%	-2.4%	-6.8%
February			6.5%	8.9%	-1.2%	4.1%	1.5%	0.9%		
March			1.7%	0.6%	4.4%	0.7%	2.1%	5.1%		
April			0.3%	0.1%	9.0%	13.6%	3.6%	4.8%		
May			-0.5%	-3.5%	7.9%	17.3%	-5.5%	-9.5%		
June			-2.4%	-5.2%	3.0%	-0.7%	-1.2%	-4.3%		
July			-3.3%	-4.6%	3.0%	-1.3%	4.1%	4.8%		
August			-4.7%	-8.2%	2.0%	1.8%	-2.8%	-2.5%		
September	-1.1%	4.4%	-10.4%	-12.6%	0.5%	1.3%	3.0%	2.2%		
October	4.8%	4.4%	-17.7%	-26.5%	-0.2%	1.3%	3.1%	3.1%		
November	5.4%	5.0%	-7.4%	-9.0%	-3.3%	-9.1%	-2.2%	-1.5%		
December	3.4%	6.7%	2.2%	0.2%	0.4%	3.1%	1.9%	4.9%		

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Frontier Market Africa excluding South Africa index

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