

JPM Global Emerging Markets Research Enhanced Index Equity (ESG) UCITS ETF*

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Topline

Monthly returns	
Fund	Benchmark
▲ 4.37%	▲ 4.76%
Benchmark : MSCI Emerging Market Index (Total Return Net)	
Markets Emerging market equities marginally outperformed developed market equities after four consecutive months of underperformance. The outperformance leadership was concentrated in North Asian markets, particularly China and South Korea.	
Helped Stock selection in Brazil and technology names across regions.	
Hurt Stock selection in India and consumer discretionary.	
Outlook China's economy is in a multi-year adjustment, with weakness in real estate and manufacturing weighing on aggregate activity. However, consumption looks to be stabilising, with signs of a tentative recovery, and overall valuations are supportive. While the US dollar fell in real terms from multi-decade highs even more rapidly than expected, its anticipated downward trajectory is likely to remain volatile. Elsewhere in emerging markets, there are clearer signs of economic resilience/recovery, of inflation having peaked and of a turn in the technology cycle after a prolonged period of weakness.	

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Fund Overview

Investment objective

The Sub-Fund aims to achieve a long-term return in excess of MSCI Emerging Market Index (Total Return Net) (the "Benchmark") by actively investing primarily in a portfolio of emerging market companies.

Trading information

Stock exchange	Exchange ticker	Trading currency	Bloomberg ticker	Reuters RIC	Sedol
London Stock Exchange	JREM	USD	JREM LN	JREM.L	BYXH6W9
London Stock Exchange	JMRE	GBX	JMRE LN	JMRE.L	BF2F621
Borsa Italiana	JREM	EUR	JREM IM	JREM.MI	BYXH782
Deutsche Borse	JREM	EUR	JREM GY	JREM.DE	BDR5M46
SIX SWISS	JREM	USD	JREM SW	JREM.S	BYXH7G0

Month in Review

- **In India**, being overweight premium private-sector banks such as Kotak Mahindra Bank was a leading detractor as the share price fell on deposit competition concerns. Elsewhere, an overweight to the consumer name Britannia Industries underperformed on weak results as the company is going through a transitional phase as it moves from an inflation to a deflation cycle.
- **A lack of exposure** to consumer discretionary names such as Li Auto and Kia weighed on relative returns. Li Auto rose after delivering better-than-expected earnings, while Kia contributed on expectations of potential improvements in corporate disclosure and ultimately shareholder returns following the announcement of the Korean government's "value-up" programme.
- **At the stock level**, our exposure to Samsung Electronics dragged on returns as the market deemed that it was behind SK Hynix on high bandwidth memory.
- **On the positive side**, an off-benchmark exposure to one of the fastest-growing digital banks in Brazil, Nu Holdings, was a key contributor. The company reported strong fourth-quarter 2023 results, with a +20% return on equity, stable asset quality and significant growth in its customer base.
- **Technology names** such as Zhongji Innolight (China), Realtek Semiconductor (Taiwan) and SK Hynix (Korea) all outperformed. Zhongji Innolight rose as onshore artificial intelligence (AI) supply-chain names made a strong comeback in February, buoyed by OpenAI's launch of video-generation tool Sora. The semiconductor names, on the other hand, continued to be strong as the prime beneficiaries of vast quantities of AI-related spending.
- **Other key contributors** included H World, which benefitted from strong travel demand during the Lunar New Year holidays, NetEase as it did well in anticipation of a stronger new games pipeline and Credicorp, which contributed on solid results and an improved outlook for 2024.

Looking Ahead

- **Many emerging market central banks have relatively high policy rates**, especially compared with domestic inflation. Consequently, emerging market central banks have ample capacity to cut rates, assuming inflation remains on its current downward trajectory: Brazil, the Czech Republic, Chile, Hungary and Poland have already started.
- **China's economic recovery looks to be two-speed**, with weakness in real estate and manufacturing weighing on growth, while consumption looks to be stabilising and valuations, at close to record-low levels, appear supportive.
- **After a year of weak earnings growth driven by falling margins**, higher rates and cyclical pressures, expectations are for double-digit growth in 2024-2025.

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All data is sourced by J.P. Morgan Asset Management and is correct as at the date of this commentary.

Performance and positioning

%	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since inception
Fund	4.37	3.31	-0.36	6.48	-7.35	1.92	3.33
Benchmark	4.76	3.80	-0.11	8.73	-6.29	1.89	3.28
Excess return (geometric)	-0.37	-0.47	-0.26	-2.07	-1.13	0.03	0.05

%	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	8.78	-21.56	-2.63	19.84	21.11
Benchmark	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.42
Excess return (geometric)	-0.95	-1.84	-0.09	1.29	2.27

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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Share class performance is shown based on the NAV (net asset value) of the share class with income (gross of shareholder tax) reinvested including actual ongoing charges excluding any entry and exit fees. Performance over one year is annualised. Performance is shown based on the NAV which may not be the same as the market price of the ETF. Individual shareholders may realize returns that are different to the NAV based returns. Share class inception date is 06.12.2018.

Holdings

TOP 10	Sector	% of assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	8.0
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	4.6
Tencent Holdings	Communication Services	3.6
Alibaba Group Holding	Consumer Discretionary	2.4
Reliance Industries	Energy	1.8
SK Hynix	Information Technology	1.2
Infosys	Information Technology	1.2
Petroleo Brasileiro	Energy	1.2
ICICI Bank	Financials	1.2
China Construction Bank	Financials	1.1

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The Sub-Fund seeks to provide a return above the Benchmark; however the Sub-Fund may underperform its Benchmark.

Summary Risk Indicator



Lower risk

Higher risk

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