

### **FUND FACTS**

	Investor	Institutional
	Class	Class
Ticker	MSMLX	MISMX
CUSIP	577125206	577125867
Inception	09/15/08	04/30/13
NAV	\$25.49	\$25.47
Initial Investment	\$2,500	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio	1.34%	1.34%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>1</sup>	1.23%	1.15%

#### **Portfolio Statistics**

Net Assets \$682.1 million Portfolio Turnover 26.9%<sup>2</sup>

### Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index<sup>3</sup>

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT\***

## Vivek Tanneeru Lead Manager

Jeremy Sutch, CFA Alex Zarechnak
Co-Manager Co-Manager

Hardy Zhu Co-Manager

\*Effective April 29, 2024

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

Matthews Asia believes in the long-term growth of Asia, one of the world's fastest-growing regions. Since 1991, we have focused our efforts and expertise in these countries, investing through a variety of market environments. Matthews Asia is the largest dedicated Asia-only investment specialist in the United States. With \$8.4 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2024 Matthews Asia employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance.

Portfolio characteristics for the Fund may vary from time to time from what is shown. It should not be assumed that any investment in the securities listed was or will be profitable.

You should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Matthews Asia Funds before making an investment decision. A prospectus or summary prospectus with this and other information about the Funds may be obtained by visiting matthewsasia.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Before April 30, 2021 the Fund was managed with a materially different investment strategy and may have achieved materially different performance results under its current

# Matthews Emerging Markets Small Companies Fund

March 31, 2024

# **Investment Objective**

Long-term capital appreciation.

## Strategy

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its net assets, which include borrowings for investment purposes, in the common and preferred stocks of Small Companies located in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries generally include every country in the world except the United States, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore and and most of the countries in Western Europe. The Fund defines Small Companies as companies with market capitalization no higher than the greater of \$5 billion or the market capitalization of the largest company included in the Fund's primary benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.

## Risks

All Investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Investing in international and emerging markets may involve additional risks, such as social and political instability, market illiquidity, exchange rate fluctuations, a high level of volatility and limited regulation. Additionally, investing in emerging and frontier securities involves greater risks, as these countries are substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than securities markets in more developed markets. Investing in small- and mid-size companies is more risky and volatile than investing in large companies as they may be more volatile and less liquid than larger companies. These and other risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the prospectus.

PERFORMANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2024								
			_	Average Annual Total Returns				
	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Since Inception
Investor Class	-0.12%	-0.12%	13.50%	6.62%	13.38%	7.66%	10.97%	09/15/08
Institutional Class	-0.08%	-0.08%	13.71%	6.83%	13.61%	7.89%	7.63%	04/30/13
MSCI Emerging Markets								
Small Cap Index	1.11%	1.11%	21.10%	4.75%	9.01%	5.48%	7.19%4	n.a.

### GROWTH OF A HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000 INVESTMENT SINCE INCEPTION — INVESTOR



The performance data and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on dividends, capital gain distributions or redemption of fund shares. Values are in US\$. Source: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc.

- 1 Matthews has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses until April 30, 2025. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional details.
- 2 The lesser of fiscal year 2023 long-term purchase costs or sales proceeds divided by the average monthly market value of long-term securities.
- The MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted small cap index of the stock markets of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungry, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Index is for comparative purposes only and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 4 Calculated from 9/15/08.

Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and/or distributions before taxes. All performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the return figures quoted. Returns would have been lower if certain of the Fund's fees and expenses had not been waived. For the Fund's most recent month-end performance visit matthewsasia.com.

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TOP TEN HOLDINGS⁵		
	Country	% of Net Assets
Shriram Finance, Ltd.	India	6.2%
Bandhan Bank, Ltd.	India	4.9%
Full Truck Alliance Co., Ltd.	China/Hong Kong	3.4%
Hugel, Inc.	South Korea	3.3%
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Co.	Saudi Arabia	3.0%
Phoenix Mills, Ltd.	India	2.9%
Airtac International Group	China/Hong Kong	2.6%
Vamos Locacao de Caminhoes Maquinas e Equipamentos SA	Brazil	2.5%
Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd.	China/Hong Kong	2.5%
M31 Technology Corp.	Taiwan	2.5%
% OF ASSETS IN TOP TEN		33.8%

COUNTRY ALLOCATION (%) <sup>6</sup>						
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference			
China/Hong Kong	25.9	8.2	17.7			
India	22.4	25.1	-2.7			
Taiwan	12.7	22.8	-10.1			
Brazil	9.9	4.8	5.1			
South Korea	8.3	13.6	-5.3			
Vietnam	5.0	0.0	5.0			
Chile	4.1	0.8	3.3			
Saudi Arabia	3.9	4.1	-0.2			
Philippines	2.6	0.8	1.8			
Poland	1.6	1.3	0.3			
Indonesia	1.2	1.7	-0.5			
Turkey	1.1	2.4	-1.3			
South Africa	0.9	3.1	-2.2			
Thailand	0.9	3.0	-2.1			
Bangladesh	0.4	0.0	0.4			
Mexico	0.1	2.1	-2.0			
Malaysia	0.0	2.4	-2.4			
Kuwait	0.0	1.1	-1.1			
United Arab Emirates	0.0	1.0	-1.0			
Qatar	0.0	0.7	-0.7			
Greece	0.0	0.6	-0.6			
Other*	0.0	0.5	-0.5			
Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets	-1.2	0.0	-1.2			

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%) <sup>6</sup>					
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference		
Industrials	21.7	17.8	3.9		
Information Technology	20.4	18.1	2.3		
Financials	19.0	10.6	8.4		
Consumer Discretionary	18.7	11.5	7.2		
Health Care	9.8	9.2	0.6		
Real Estate	5.4	6.0	-0.6		
Materials	2.7	11.6	-8.9		
Communication Services	1.6	3.8	-2.2		
Consumer Staples	1.5	6.2	-4.7		
Utilities	0.5	3.1	-2.6		
Energy	0.0	2.0	-2.0		
Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets	-1.2	0.0	-1.2		
Sector data based on MSCI's revised Global Industry Classification Standards. For more details, visit www.msci.com.  Source: FactSet Research Systems					

MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (%)6,7				
	Fund	Benchmark	Difference	
Mega Cap (over \$25B)	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Large Cap (\$10B-\$25B)	11.9	0.1	11.8	
Mid Cap (\$3B-\$10B)	38.8	18.3	20.5	
Small Cap (under \$3B)	50.5	81.6	-31.1	
Liabilities in Excess of Cash and Other Assets Source: FactSet Research Systo	-1.2 ems	0.0	-1.2	

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS		
	Fund	Benchmark
Number of Positions	79	2,053
Weighted Avg. Market Cap		
(in billions)	\$4.3	\$2.0
Active Share <sup>8</sup>	98.1	n.a.
P/E Using FY1 Estimates <sup>9</sup>	15.6x	13.6x
P/E Using FY2 Estimates <sup>9</sup>	13.0x	11.7x
Price/Cash Flow <sup>10</sup>	9.3	8.1
Price/Book <sup>11</sup>	2.1	1.6
Return on Equity <sup>12</sup>	11.5	12.8
EPS Growth (3 Years) <sup>13</sup>	24.3%	21.4%
Source: FactSet Research Systems		

\*Other includes the following allocation for the Benchmark: Egypt, 0.3%; Hungary, 0.1%; Peru, 0.1%. Not all countries are included in the benchmark index. Source: FactSet Research Systems



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Investing in emerging and frontier securities involves greater risks than investing in securities of developed markets, as issuers in these countries generally disclose less financial and other information publicly or restrict access to certain information from review by non-domestic authorities. Emerging and frontier markets tend to have less stringent and less uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, limited regulatory or governmental oversight, and limited investor protection or rights to take action against issuers, resulting in potential material risks to investors. Investing in small- and mid-size companies is more risky than investing in larger companies as they may be more volatile and less liquid than large companies. In addition, single-country funds may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than diversified funds because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographic location. Pandemics and other public health emergencies can result in market volatility and disruption.

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- 5 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts.
- 6 Percentage values in data are rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent; the values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Percentage values may be derived from different data sources and may not be consistent with other Fund literature.
- 7 Equity market cap of issuer. The Portfolio's market cap exposure breakdown presented is used for comparison purposes and the definition of the capitalization breakdown is from MSCI. The Fund defines Small Companies as companies with market capitalization no higher than the greater of US\$5 billion or the market capitalization of the largest company included in the Fund's primary benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index.
- 8 Active Share is calculated by taking the absolute value of the difference between portfolio holdings and benchmark weights, summing all of these differences, and dividing by two. The calculation will result in an active share number between 0%, which indicates the portfolio perfectly replicates the benchmark, and 100%, which indicates there is no overlap whatsoever between the portfolio and the index. Active Share was calculated including cash held in the Fund.
- 9 The P/E Ratio is the share price of a stock as of the report date, divided by the forecasted earnings per share for a 12-month period (FY1) or a 24-month period (FY2). For the Fund, this is the weighted harmonic average estimated P/E ratio of all the underlying stocks in the Fund, excluding negative earners. There is no guarantee that the composition of the Fund will remain unchanged, or that forecasted earnings of a stock will be realized. Information provided is for illustrative purposes only.
- 10 A measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. Because this measure deals with cash flow, the effects of depreciation and other non-cash factors are removed. Similar to price/earnings ratio, this measure provides an indication of relative value.
- 11 Price-to-Book Ratio (P/B Ratio) is used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. A lower P/B ratio could mean that the stock is undervalued.
- 12 Return on Equity (ROE) is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested, and is calculated as net income divided by shareholder's equity.
- 13 Earnings Per Share (EPS) is the amount of annual profit (after tax and all other expenses) attributable to each share in a company. EPS is calculated by dividing profit by the average number of shares in a company. Earnings growth is not a measure of a fund's future performance.