

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
The investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in companies domiciled or listed in or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, less developed countries. These countries are any country which is neither part of the MSCI World Index of developed markets, nor one of the eight largest countries by Market Cap in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.	

Inception Date	17 December 2010
Fund Factsheet Link	http://tools.morningstar.co.uk/uk/cefreport/default.aspx?SecurityToken=F00000LN8Y%5D2%5D0%5DFCGBR%24%24ALL

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Sam Vecht	17 December 2010
Emily Fletcher	17 May 2013

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	% of Equity
Giant	0.00%
Large	8.53%
Medium	35.29%
Small	48.72%
Micro	7.48%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings	86	
Assets in Top 10 Holdings	56.41%	
Name	Sector	% of Assets
BlackRock ICS USD Liquidity Agency Inc	-	28.31%
Short Cfd Positions	-	7.70%
MHP SE GDR	Consumer Defensive	3.51%
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC GDR	Financial Services	3.29%
Otc Richter Gedeon Nyr Hu	-	3.22%
YPF SA ADR	Energy	3.14%
Otc Astra Internati Idr50	-	3.13%
Emaar Properties PJSC	Real Estate	3.11%
Otc Indorama Ventures Pc	-	3.06%
HSBC Bank plc 2021-01-19	-	3.02%

Volatility Measurements

3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	15.10%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	12.17%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1 January 2013 to 30 April 2019:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust	45.86%	-1.87%	-3.38%	31.36%	28.82%	-12.52%	4.74%
iShares MSCI EM ETF	-5.82%	2.62%	-11.15%	33.56%	24.43%	-9.25%	8.33%
iShares MSCI Frontier 100 ETF	21.39%	9.66%	-12.41%	21.69%	24.40%	-12.85%	5.88%

Performance over 12 months, 3 years, 5 years and since launch.

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust	-11.66%	41.13%	41.96%	71.64%
iShares MSCI EM ETF	-0.25%	52.02%	53.42%	32.51%
iShares MSCI Frontier 100 ETF	-6.64%	37.40%	24.12%	-

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

UPDATE....

The primary aim of the fund is to provide investors with exposure to markets which are often missed by emerging market investors. For example, the three main country weightings in this fund are Indonesia, Vietnam and Egypt.

The team explained that the story behind Frontiers remains; they offer attractive valuations, growth opportunities, under researched and missed opportunities and a strong domestic focus. The fund can invest in what is called the forgotten forty.

What they like about this universe is that it is in growing markets and no-one else is offering the same opportunities for investors. This fund purely focuses on the domestic economy for example, banks. Other examples include auto, cement and real estate in Indonesia, healthcare and construction in Egypt and healthcare in Saudi Arabia.

The performance has fallen behind emerging markets but they believe the shift to the forgotten 40 will give them the opportunity to outperform areas like China and Korea.

In terms of companies these tend to be small to mid-cap.

In terms of geographic weightings, they have reduced down their weighting to Latin America and increased exposure to Asia. One additional point they made is that a single company can be larger

than some of the countries they invest in in terms of Nominal GDP. For example, Netflix is larger than Greece and Turkey combined, SABIC is bigger than Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Baltic, Balkans and Ukraine and Square is bigger than Nigeria.

In summary, as an alternative to emerging markets this does provide investors a different investment set. There is more risk due to the countries they invest in but there is the potential for greater opportunities as these are countries often missed and those that have the potential for greatest growth in the future.

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