



PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets Fund



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Executive summary

Portfolio Performance

During the fourth quarter of 2023, PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets Fund (Institutional share class) outperformed the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index.

CONTRIBUTORS

- Consumer Discretionary
- Materials
- Real Estate

DETRACTORS

- Information Technology
- Energy
- Health Care

Performance periods ended 31 Dec '23	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Fund before fees	8.99	11.40	23.61	9.21	8.69	5.88	7.09
Fund after fees	8.79	10.98	22.69	8.40	7.87	5.09	6.29
Benchmark*	8.05	7.21	14.21	-0.01	3.38	1.94	4.00
Secondary Benchmark**	7.86	4.71	9.83	-5.08	3.68	2.66	4.24
After fees alpha vs. value index (bps)	0.74	3.77	8.48	8.40	4.49	3.15	2.29
After fees alpha vs. core index (bps)	0.92	6.27	12.86	13.47	4.19	2.43	2.05

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A privately offered fund managed by the fund's Sub-Adviser was reorganized into the fund as of 5 June 2015. For periods prior to the commencement of fund operations, the fund's performance is that of the private fund. The performance of the private fund has not been restated to reflect the fees, estimated expenses and fee waivers and/or expense limitations applicable to each share class of the fund. If the performance of the private fund had been restated to reflect the applicable fees and expenses of each share class of the fund, the performance may have been higher or lower. The private fund began operations on 05/31/2006 and, on 5 June 2015, was reorganized into the fund. Prior to the reorganization, the private fund had an investment objective and investment strategies that were the were substantially similar to the fund, and was managed in a manner that complied, in all material respects, with the guidelines and restrictions of the fund. However, the private fund was not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and was not subject to its requirements or requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which, if applicable, may have adversely affected its performance. The performance of each class of shares of the fund will differ as a result of the different levels of fees and expenses applicable to each class of shares.

Portfolio strategy

- RAE Emerging Markets remains underweight to industries that trade at less attractive valuations with its largest underweights being the banking and broadline retail industries.
- Similar themes persist across each of the six portfolios (Global, Global ex-US, US, US Small, International and Emerging Markets).
- The RAE Emerging Markets portfolio's dynamic value orientation continues to demonstrate attractive valuations. We believe this represents the potential for strong performance as valuations mean revert.

*MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index; **MSCI Emerging Markets Index

Class:	INST
Inception date:	31 May '06
Inception date:	05 Jun '15
Fund assets (in millions):	\$1,608.83
Gross expense ratio:	0.77%
Net expense ratio:	0.76%

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reduction, which is in place through 31 October 2024 and renews automatically for a full year unless terminated by PIMCO in accordance with the terms of the agreement. See the Fund's prospectus for more information.

Adjusted expense ratio: **0.75%**

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

Summary information	RAE	Index*
Number of stocks	344	843
Weighted average market cap (\$MM)	12,864.79	36,206.56
Trailing P/E ratio	7.27	9.58
Price/Sales	0.48	0.87
Price/Book	0.81	1.09

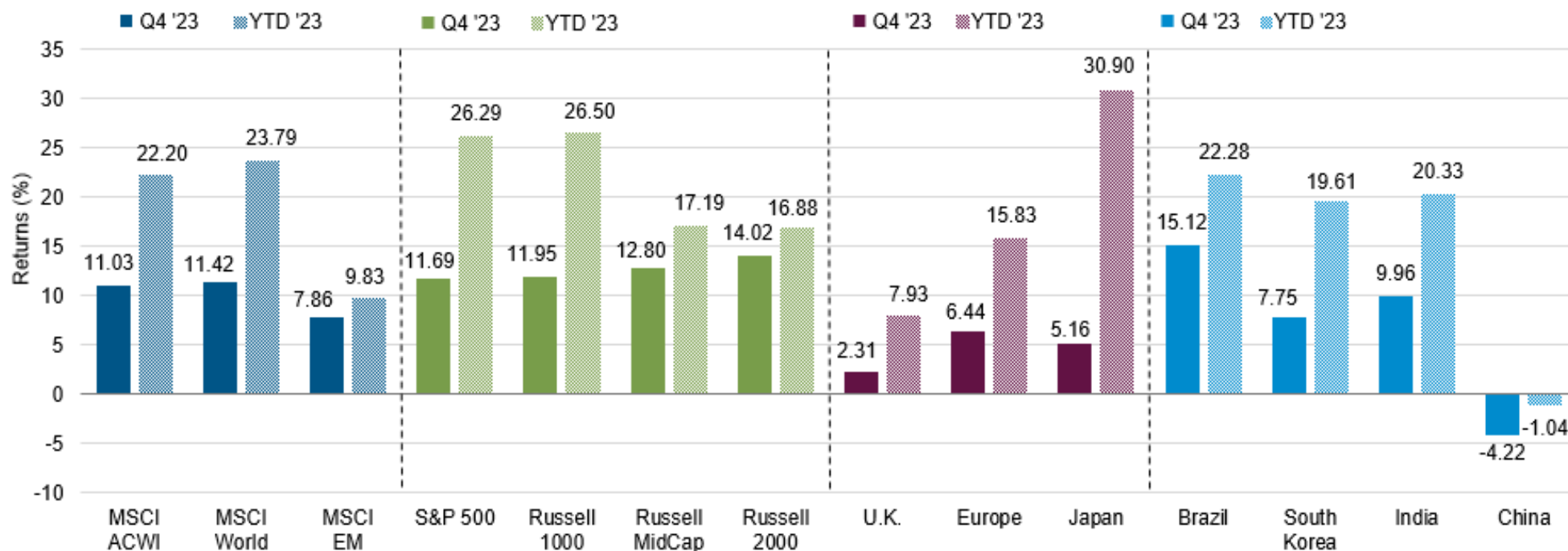
Top GICS sectors (MV%)	RAE	Index*
Financials	28.56	30.73
Energy	15.17	9.01
Information Technology	14.15	15.81
Materials	10.63	8.58
Consumer Discretionary	8.36	12.24
Industrials	6.88	5.87
Utilities	5.00	3.95
Communication Services	4.65	4.58
Consumer Staples	3.43	3.79
Health Care	1.71	2.25
Real Estate	0.40	2.54

Top 5 countries (MV%)	RAE	Index*
China	28.22	25.81
India	18.21	17.53
South Korea	13.47	13.12
Taiwan	12.80	14.77
Brazil	6.52	5.77

Quarter in Review

Softening monetary policy expectations drove equity markets higher in Q4

Developed market equities rose 11.4% in the fourth quarter, driven by expectations of monetary easing, cooling inflation, and resilient economic growth. US equities finished 11.7% higher as the strong YTD rally broadened outside of mega-caps and tech. European equities rose 6.4% despite ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza. Japanese equities capped off their best year in a decade with a 5.2% quarterly gain, ending the year 20.9% higher. Emerging market equities rallied 7.9% on the back of strong performance in Latin America and Asia ex-China.



SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO

Global and US Equity indexes represent returns in USD. Non-US Developed and EM indexes represent returns in local currency.

U.K.: FTSE 100 Index, Europe: MSCI Europe Index, Japan: Nikkei 225 Index, Brazil: Ibovespa Brazil Sao Paulo Stock Exchange Index, South Korea: KOSPI Composite Index, India: S&P BSE Sensex Index, China: Shanghai Composite Index

Market Summary

Value underperformed growth in most markets and geographies in Q4

Value trailed growth across nearly all markets and geographies but outperformed in Emerging Markets and US Small-cap.

Underweight to and selection in consumer discretionary, specifically the broadband retail industry, contributed to performance.

Selection in materials, specifically the construction materials industry, contributed to performance.

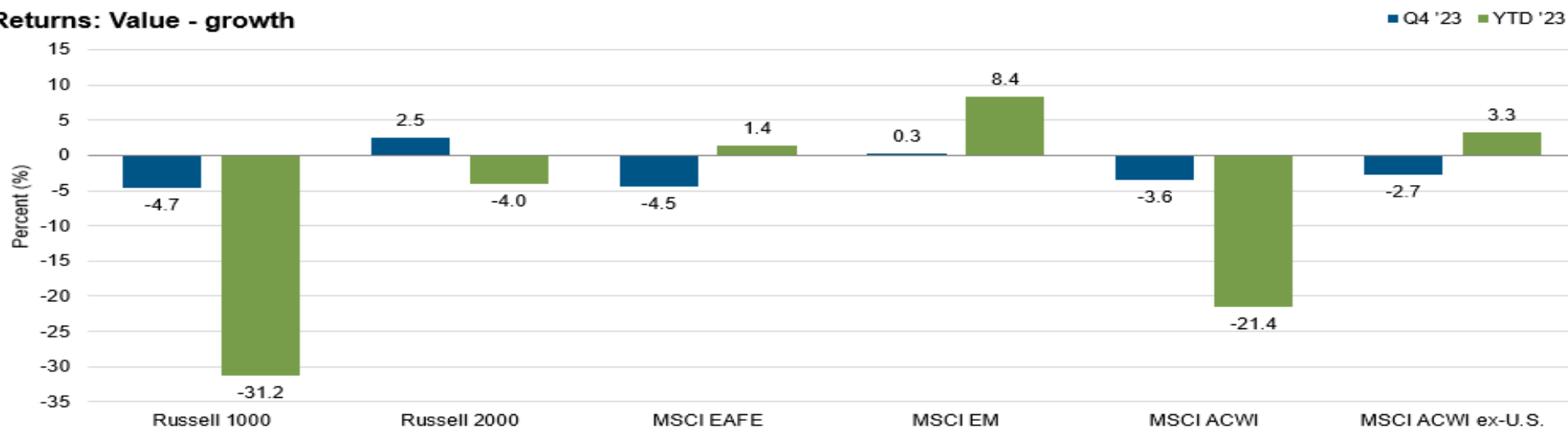
Underweight to real estate, specifically the real estate management & development industry, contributed to performance.

Underweight to and selection in information technology, specifically the semiconductors & semiconductor equipment industry, detracted from performance.

Selection in energy, specifically the oil gas & consumable fuels industry, detracted from performance.

Selection in health care, specifically the health care providers & services industry, detracted from performance.

Returns: Value - growth



SOURCE: Bloomberg

Navigating the Descent: Four economic themes



Peak inflation and rising unemployment consistent with rate cuts



Soft landings are possible, but risks remain



Markets already price a substantial cutting cycle



Global divergence in monetary policy

Portfolio Outlook

Equity Market Outlook

With equity markets pricing in a soft-landing and strong earnings growth in an environment that still presents significant risk, we believe RAE's disciplined approach is well suited to navigate short-term irrationality and capture long-term tailwinds. Valuations appear attractive, with value trading in the bottom decile of historical valuations versus growth. Given that RAE trades at a deeper discount than value itself, the strategy stands to benefit should valuations mean-revert. Additionally, RAE continues to be positioned to benefit from structurally higher inflation and interest rates, which have historically favored value over growth. Finally, RAE's disciplined investment process utilizes the quality signal as a "guardrail" to avoid investing in companies with serious quality concerns. Given potential margin weakness in highly leveraged companies, we expect this signal to be a key differentiator in the year ahead.

Key strategies

A systematic approach to buying low and selling high

RAE seeks to select undervalued stocks using valuation metrics designed by Research Affiliates, while also incorporating quality and momentum signals to improve performance. Selected stocks are weighted based on fundamental measures of company size such as sales, cash flows, dividends and book value. This weighting methodology allows the fund to capitalize on market inefficiencies by systematically buying low and selling high and benefit from long-term mean reversion in stock prices.

Prospective performance may be attractive given current valuation discounts

RAE's systematic strategy to buying low and selling high results in a value approach that is consistently applied across market cycles and regions. Following multiple years of strong markets, long-horizon mean reversion remains a persistent opportunity to earn excess return.

Position

Top sector overweights	RAE Emerging Markets (%)	MSCI EM Value (%)	Variation (bps)
Energy	15.17	9.01	616
Materials	10.63	8.58	206
Utilities	5.00	3.95	105
Top sector underweights			
Consumer Discretionary	8.36	12.24	-388
Financials	28.56	30.73	-217
Real Estate	0.40	2.54	-214

	RAE Emerging Markets	MSCI EM Value
Price/Book	0.81	1.09
Price/Cash flow	3.89	5.05
Price/Earnings	7.27	9.58
Price/Sales	0.48	0.87

SOURCE: PIMCO

Additional share class performance

PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets Fund (net of fees performance)

Performance periods ended: 31 Dec '23	Gross expense ratio	Net expense ratio	Adjusted expense ratio	NAV currency	Class Inception date	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	3 yrs.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	SI
Class A (at NAV)	1.12	1.11	1.10	USD	05 Jun '15	8.75	10.75	22.26	7.99	7.48	4.79	6.12
Class A (at MOP)	1.12	1.11	1.10	USD	05 Jun '15	4.64	6.60	17.63	6.60	6.66	4.39	5.89
Class I-2	0.87	0.86	0.85	USD	05 Jun '15	8.72	10.93	22.44	8.25	7.74	4.98	6.22
Class INST	0.77	0.76	0.75	USD	05 Jun '15	8.79	10.98	22.69	8.40	7.87	5.09	6.29
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For the periods prior to the inception date of a share class, performance information is based on the performance of the Fund's oldest class shares, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses paid by that class of shares.

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The performance figures presented reflect the performance for the institutional class unless otherwise noted.

A note about Sector exposure: Other indicates swaps and securities issued in euros.

A note about Emerging markets exposure by country of risk: country of risk reflects the country of incorporation of the ultimate parent company.

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Price-to-book is a ratio 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. Price-to-earnings (P/E) is a ratio of security price to earnings per share. Typically, an undervalued security is characterized by a low P/E ratio, while an overvalued security is characterized by a high P/E ratio. Price-to-sales is a valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. The price-to-sales ratio is an indicator of the value placed on each dollar of a company's sales or revenues. Price-to-cash-flow is the ratio of a stock's price to its cash flow per share; it is an indicator of a stock's valuation. The ratio takes into consideration a stock's operating cash flow, which adds non-cash earnings such as depreciation and amortization to net income.

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Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis calculated by comparing the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio vs. its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index; the excess return relative to the benchmark is alpha.

Average coupon is the average of the coupon payments of the underlying bonds within the portfolio.

Average effective maturity is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each bond's effective maturity by the market value of the security.

"Bend-but-not-break" refers to credits that PIMCO would not expect to default in a credit-stressed environment.

Beta is a measure of price sensitivity to market movements. Market beta is 1.

Breakeven inflation rate (or expectation) is a market-based measure of expected inflation or the difference between the yield of a nominal and an inflation-linked bond of the same maturity.

Carry is the rate of interest earned by holding the respective securities.

The terms **"cheap" and "rich"** as used herein generally refer to a security or asset class that is deemed to be substantially under- or overpriced compared to both its historical average as well as to the investment manager's future expectations. There is no guarantee of future results or that a security's valuation will ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

CPI is the Consumer Price Index.

The **credit quality** of a particular security or group of securities does not ensure the stability or safety of an overall portfolio. The quality ratings of individual issues/issuers are provided to indicate the credit-worthiness of such issues/issuer and generally range from AAA, Aaa, or AAA (highest) to D, C, or D (lowest) for S&P, Moody's, and Fitch respectively.

Dividend yield is represented by the weighted average coupon divided by the weighted average price.

Duration is the measure of a bond's price sensitivity to interest rates and is expressed in years.

Effective duration is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

Forward curve is a function graph that defines the prices at which a contract for future delivery or payment can be concluded today.

Fallen angel is a bond that was initially given an investment grade rating but has since been reduced to below investment grade status.

GFC is the Global Financial Crisis.

Information ratio is a ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

Like-duration Securities are calculated by the index provider by comparing the index return to a hypothetical matched position in the security.

LNG is Liquefied Natural Gas.

The **Option Adjusted Spread (OAS)** measures the spread over a variety of possible interest rate paths. A security's OAS is the average return an investor will earn over Treasury returns, taking all possible future interest rate scenarios into account. The OAS is the net spread over the swap curve that will on average be earned if the security is held to maturity.

Rising star is the term given to a bond that was rated high yield but has since been upgraded to investment grade.

"Risk assets" are any financial security or instrument that are likely to fluctuate in price.

Risk premia is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield.

Roll yield is the yield that a futures investor captures as their long position in a futures contract converges to the spot price.

"Safe haven" is an investment that is expected to retain or increase in value during times of market turbulence.

"Safe Spread" is defined as sectors that we believe are most likely to withstand the vicissitudes of a wide range of possible economic scenarios. All investments contain risk and may lose value.

The **SEC yield** is an annualized yield based on the most recent 30 day period. The subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The

Unsubsidized 30 day SEC Yield excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

Tracking error measures the dispersion or volatility of excess returns relative to a benchmark.

To relate the price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal yields, yield beta is applied to nominal changes to arrive at a price sensitivity of ILBs to changes in nominal rates. A **yield beta** of 0.90 implies that if nominal yields move 100 basis points, real yields will move 90 basis points. ILBs with long maturity may respond differently to changes in nominal rates than shorter maturity ILBs.

The distribution yield for monthly paying Funds is calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the monthly period ended on the date shown and dividing by the net asset value on the last business day for the same period. The distribution yield for quarterly paying Funds is calculated by taking the average of the prior four quarterly distribution yields. The quarterly distribution yields are calculated by annualizing actual dividends distributed for the quarterly period ended on the most recent quarterly distribution date and dividing by the net asset value for the same date. The yield does not include long- or short-term capital gains distributions.

Asset-Backed Security (ABS); Bank of England (BOE); Bank of Japan (BOJ); Breakeven Inflation (BEI); Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO); Collateralized Loan Obligation (CLO); Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security (CMBS); Developed Markets (DM); Emerging Markets (EM); Federal Reserve Board (The Fed); Europe Central Bank (ECB); Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC); Foreign Exchange (FX); Gross Domestic Product (GDP); Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); High Yield (HY); Inflation-Linked Bond (ILS); Investment Grade (IG); Leveraged-buyout (LBO); Loan-to-Value (LTV); Master Limited Partnership (MLP); Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS); Market Weighted Spread (MWS); Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT); Residential Mortgage-Backed Security (RMBS); Treasury Inflation-Protected Security (TIPS); Year-over-Year (YoY)