

# EMERGING MARKETS CORE EQUITY PORTFOLIO (I)

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## OVERVIEW

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| Benchmark                    | MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net div.) |
| Inception Date               | Apr. 05, 2005                          |
| Ticker                       | DFCEX                                  |
| CUSIP                        | 233203421                              |
| Fund Assets Under Management | \$28.7 Billion                         |

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio is to achieve long-term capital appreciation.

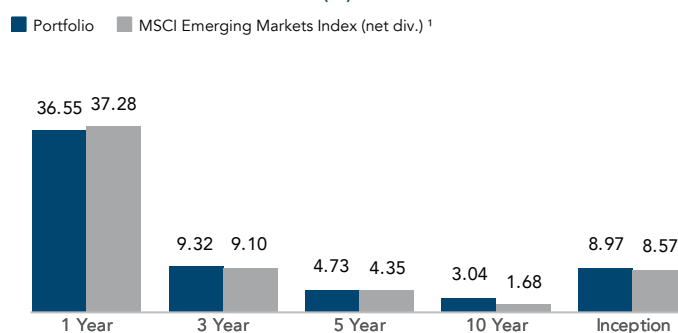
## PRINCIPAL RISKS

Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Value investing is subject to risk which may cause underperformance compared to other equity investment strategies. Small cap securities are subject to greater volatility than those in other asset categories. International investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks. Sector-specific investments can also increase investment risks. For more detail regarding the risks affecting this Portfolio, please see the Principal Risks section of the prospectus.

## CHARACTERISTICS

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Number of Holdings             | 4,853    |
| % in Top 10 Holdings           | 13.47    |
| Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (Millions) | \$50,065 |
| Price-to- Book                 | 1.67     |
| Annual Turnover (10/31/2016)   | 3%       |

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

|      | PORTFOLIO | BENCHMARK |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| 2017 | 36.55%    | 37.28%    |
| 2016 | 12.35%    | 11.19%    |
| 2015 | -14.86%   | -14.92%   |
| 2014 | -0.91%    | -2.19%    |
| 2013 | -2.64%    | -2.60%    |
| 2012 | 20.49%    | 18.22%    |
| 2011 | -20.65%   | -18.42%   |
| 2010 | 23.62%    | 18.88%    |
| 2009 | 83.58%    | 78.51%    |
| 2008 | -50.66%   | -53.33%   |

Performance for the portfolio is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance less than one year is not annualized. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com).

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**GICS SECTOR ALLOCATION**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Information Technology     | 22.15% |
| Financials                 | 22.06% |
| Consumer Discretionary     | 11.70% |
| Materials                  | 11.25% |
| Industrials                | 9.18%  |
| Consumer Staples           | 7.64%  |
| Energy                     | 5.29%  |
| Telecommunication Services | 3.98%  |
| Health Care                | 3.46%  |
| Utilities                  | 3.25%  |
| REITs                      | 0.00%  |

**TOP HOLDINGS**

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Samsung Electronics Co Ltd   | 3.98% |
| Taiwan Semiconductor         | 2.29% |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd         | 1.91% |
| Itau Unibanco Holding SA     | 0.86% |
| SK Hynix Inc                 | 0.79% |
| China Construction Bank Corp | 0.79% |
| Vale SA                      | 0.78% |
| China Mobile Ltd             | 0.73% |
| Banco Bradesco SA            | 0.68% |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd    | 0.65% |

**TOP COUNTRIES**

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| China  | 17.25% |
| Korea  | 17.17% |
| Taiwan | 15.26% |
| India  | 13.51% |
| Brazil | 8.10%  |

**FUND COSTS**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Management Fee                  | 0.47% |
| Total Operating Expense Ratio   | 0.53% |
| Net Expense Ratio (to investor) | 0.53% |

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