

# **Emerging Conservative**

"Less pain, more gain"

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### **Emerging Markets: Opportunities and Risks**

#### **Emerging markets:**

- Very attractive long-term opportunities: demographic growth, rise of the middle class...
- Provide diversification benefits with developed markets
- Can still be riskier because of lower liquidity, governance standards or current accounts deficit

#### **Emerging Conservative:**

Full exposure to EM equities with 20% to 30% risk reduction



### Our investment philosophy: do not take unrewarded risks

Deliver consistent performance over the long term by managing risk

Use quantitative tools to build the portfolio in a disciplined manner

Bottom-up and top-down analysis define construction guidelines

Process in place since 2007 on European markets, since 2012 on emerging markets

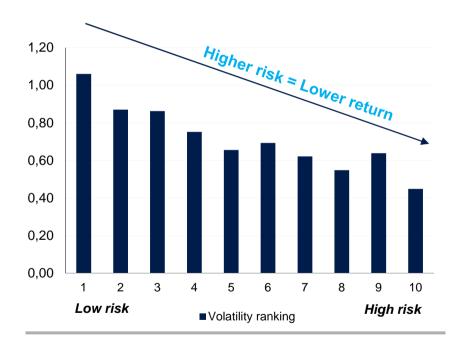






# Higher volatility does not lead to higher returns

# Risk-adjusted return of global equities portfolios grouped by volatility deciles

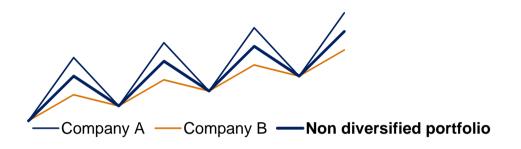


#### Possible explanations include:

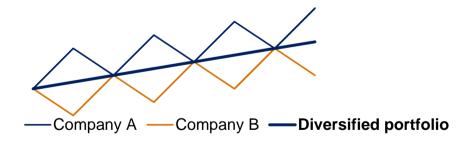
- Behavioral biases leading to "lottery effect"
- Structural incentives of asset management industry



# "Diversification is the only free lunch"

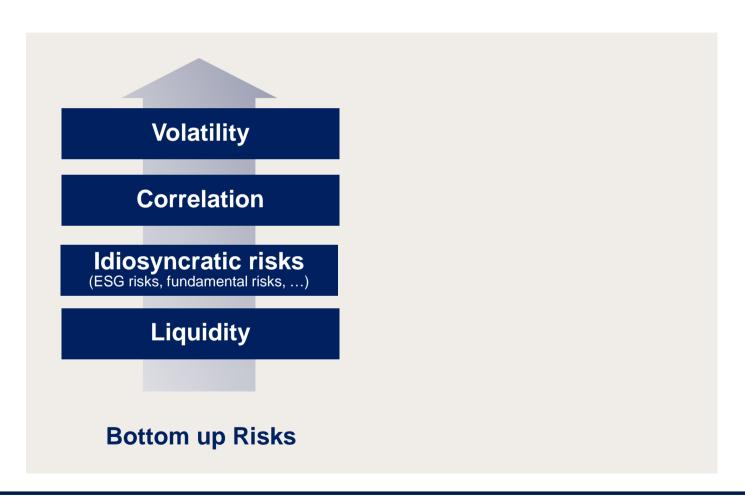


High correlation risk



Low correlation risk







#### Extra financial analysis can help reducing portfolio risk

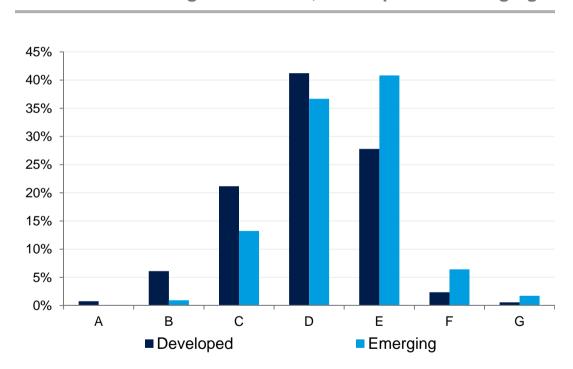


- Emerging Markets particularly prone to "ESG risk"
- Governance still underdeveloped
- Bias for extractive industries



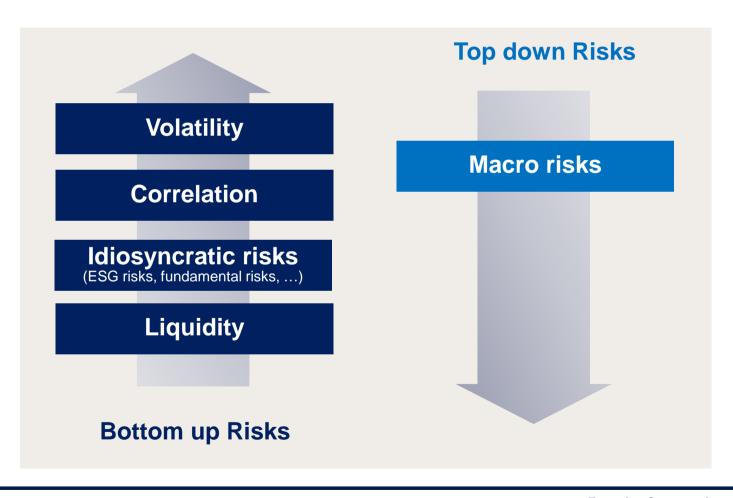
# Emerging Markets = higher "ESG risk"

#### Amundi ESG ratings breakdown, Developed vs. Emerging



Source: Amundi AM, October 2016 Emerging Conservative







### Macro analysis to guide portfolio construction

#### Top country overweight – MSCI EM Min Vol

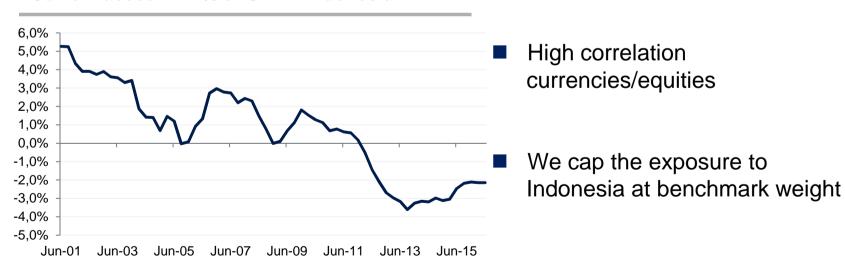
Country	MSCI EM Min Vol	MSCI EM	Difference
Taiwan	17.51	12.28	5.22
Malaysia	7.45	2.65	4.80
Thailand	6.28	2.15	4.14
Philippines	4.70	1.29	3.40
Chile	3.64	1.22	2.41
Indonesia	5.12	2.72	2.40

Indonesia: defensive market so overweighted in MSCI EM MinVol

High deficit means particularly sensitive to the Fed's timing

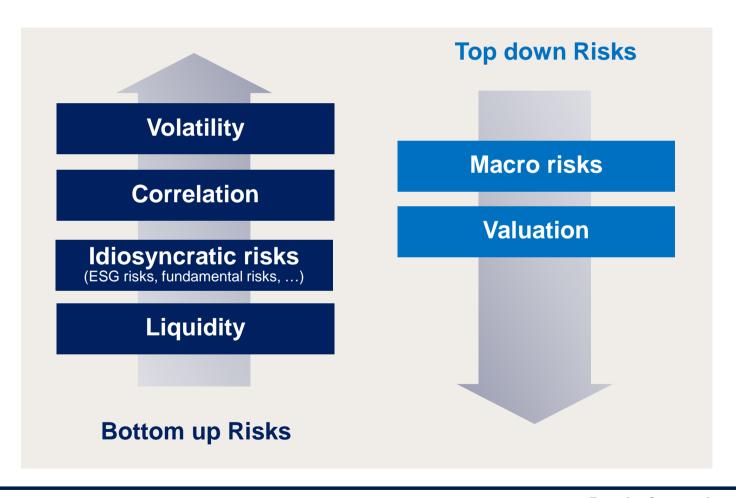
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#### Current account in % of GDP - Indonesia



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# Low risk stocks tend to be expensive

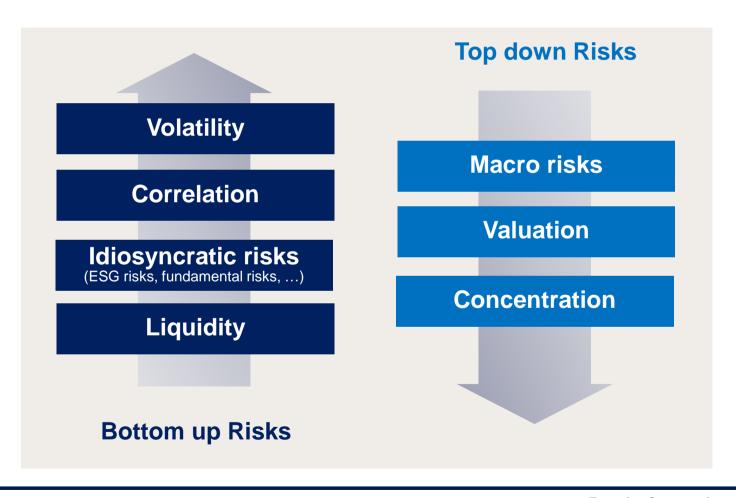
#### **Weights and Price to Earnings**

	MSCI EM Minimum Volatility		MSCI EM	
	Weight	PE LTM	Weight	PE LTM
Cons Disc	6.2%	21.8x	10.5%	16.2x
Cons Staples	13.1%	24.8x	7.7%	24.4x
Energy	3.2%	11.9x	7.7%	10.7x
Financials	23.2%	10.5x	23.9%	9.5x
Health Care	7.5%	28.0x	2.5%	25.7x
Industrials	6.9%	18.4x	6.0%	14.9x
П	17.9%	16.3x	23.7%	17.7x
Materials	1.5%	18.2x	6.6%	14.4x
Real Estate	1.1%	9.7x	2.6%	10.5x
Telecom	11.8%	17.3x	6.0%	16.8x
Utilities	7.6%	12.2x	2.9%	9.4x
Total	100.0%	15.4x	100.0%	13.5x

 Valuation needs to be monitored and kept in check

Higher valuation yes if higher quality

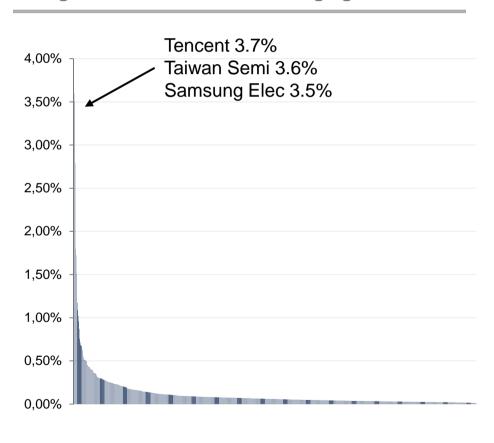






# High concentration leads to higher risk

#### Weight distribution – MSCI Emerging Markets



 Cap Weighted indexes present significant concentration risk

We monitor carefully the portfolio's maximum weights



# Higher risk-adjusted performance since inception



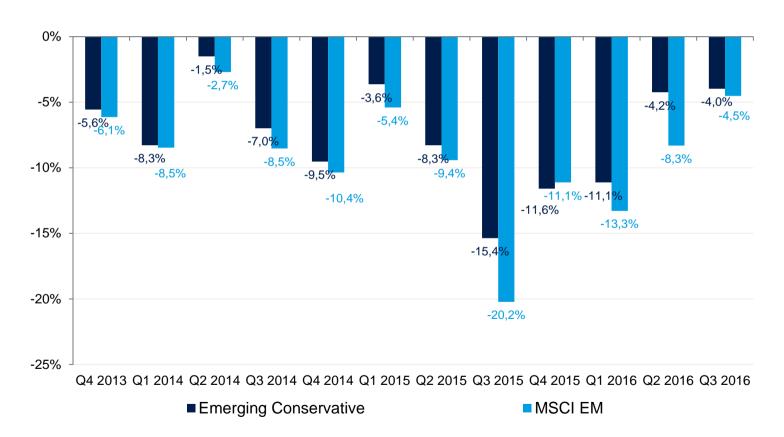
Gross performance in USD as of 30/09/2016	YTD	1 year	3 years	Annualized since inception (9/4/2013)
Portfolio	13.4%	10.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Benchmark	16.0%	16.8%	-1.7%	1.2%
Excess Return	-2.7%	-6.8%	3.6%	0.8%
Risk Indicators	YTD	1 year	3 years	Since inception
Portfolio Volatility	-	15.9%	13.2%	13.3%
Benchmark Volatility	-	20.6%	16.5%	16.6%
Ex-post Tracking Error	-	-	-	5.6%
Portfolio Max drawdown	-11.1%	-18.4%	-29.5%	-29.5%
Benchmark Max drawdown	-13.3%	-20.5%	-35.5%	-35.5%
Portfolio Return to Risk	-	0.6	0.0	0.2
Benchmark Return to Risk	-	0.8	0.0	0.1

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# Emerging Markets risk significantly reduced

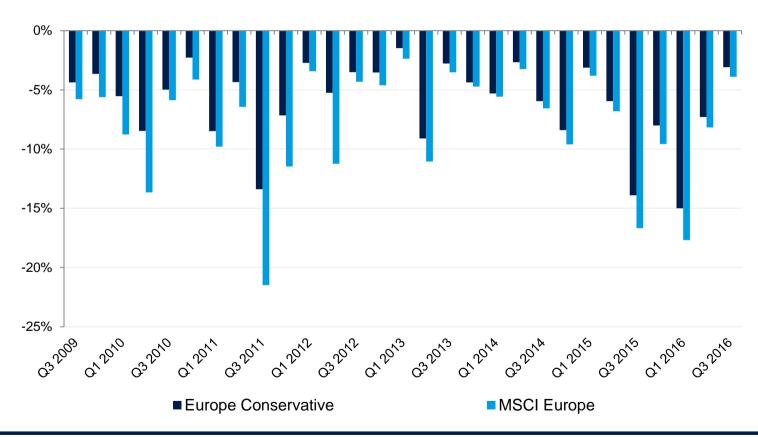
#### **Quarterly maximum drawdowns in USD**





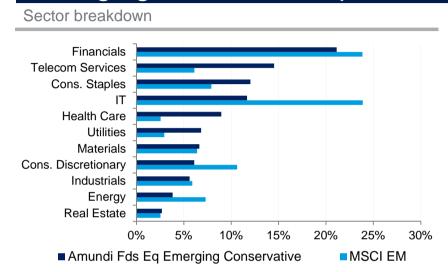
# Long term risk reduction: Europe Conservative

#### **Quarterly maximum drawdowns in EUR**



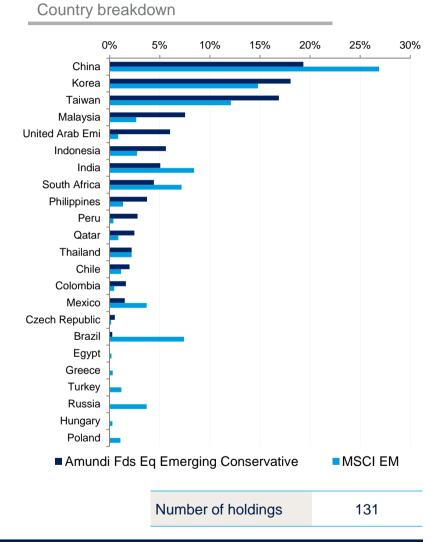


# **Emerging Conservative portfolio view**



#### Main holdings

As of 30/09/2016	Amundi Fds Eq Emerging Conservative
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	2.5%
CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO LTD	2.4%
CHINA MOBILE LTD	2.4%
CHINA TELECOM CORP LTD	2.4%
BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS CO LTD	2.4%
TENAGA NASIONAL BHD	2.2%
TAIWAN SEMICOND MANUF-TSMC	2.1%
SK TELECOM CO LTD	2.0%
NAVER CORP	1.9%
SIBANYE GOLD LTD	1.9%
TOTAL	22.3%



Source: Amundi AM, September 2016



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