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**Tucson Supplemental Retirement  
System Board of Trustees**

Non-US Equity Structure Discussion

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# Agenda

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A discussion to advance the new asset allocation policy

- Asset Allocation and Manager Structure: what's the diff?
- Considerations for Manager Structure
- TSRS's current non-US equity structure
- Evaluation Criteria
- Alternative non-US equity structures
- Next Steps

# Asset Allocation and Manager Structure

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Both are important but have different objectives

## ASSET ALLOCATION

### The Game Plan

- The goal is to identify a mix of broad asset classes, then to establish target allocations that produce an appropriate risk/return profile.
- Asset Allocation assumes passive investment in index funds except in asset classes where no passive alternative exists – such as private equity, real estate, and hedge funds
- Focuses on multiple asset classes.
- Relies heavily on quantitative analysis.
- Targets a risk/reward profile that meets or exceeds a Total Fund return assumption and a custom benchmark or multiple indices.
- Asset classes with high correlations do not combine well within an asset allocation model

## MANAGER STRUCTURE

### The Player Roster

- Goal is to allocate capital within a single asset class across active and passive styles relative to the asset class's benchmark/index.
- Manager Structure establishes the optimal combination of active and passive strategies by evaluating different investment styles within a single asset class
- Focuses on just a single asset class.
- Relies heavily on qualitative analysis.
- Targets a risk/reward profile that meets or exceeds the risk-adjusted return of an index representing a single asset class.
- Correlations between styles within a single asset class are high

# Considerations for Manager Structure

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## Implementation that matches investor beliefs

- The starting point is the asset class index used in the asset allocation study.
  - Is a passive investment the optimal allocation for the asset class, or do active managers offer a meaningful opportunity to produce better after-fee risk-adjusted returns over a reasonable period of time?
- How large is the allocation to the asset class?
  - Smaller allocations call for simpler solutions in order to minimize the effect of fees
  - Larger allocations provide an opportunity to create specialization within the asset class
- How many mandates / styles within the asset class make sense?
  - All styles within a single asset class tend to be highly correlated to one another, thereby potentially offsetting any diversification benefit.
  - Within an asset class, it is reasonable to avoid:
    - **Overlap**: managers whose investment strategies tend to duplicate one another
    - **Holes**: managers who in combination do not provide coverage or exposure to important elements of the asset class (e.g.– styles, capitalization ranges; credit quality; economic sectors).
  - The Board of Trustees and staff have an affirmative obligation to monitor all aspects of the investment program.
- Does the investment structure provide a reasonable chance of producing net of fee returns that exceed that of the asset class benchmark?

# Transition time: asset class weightings will change

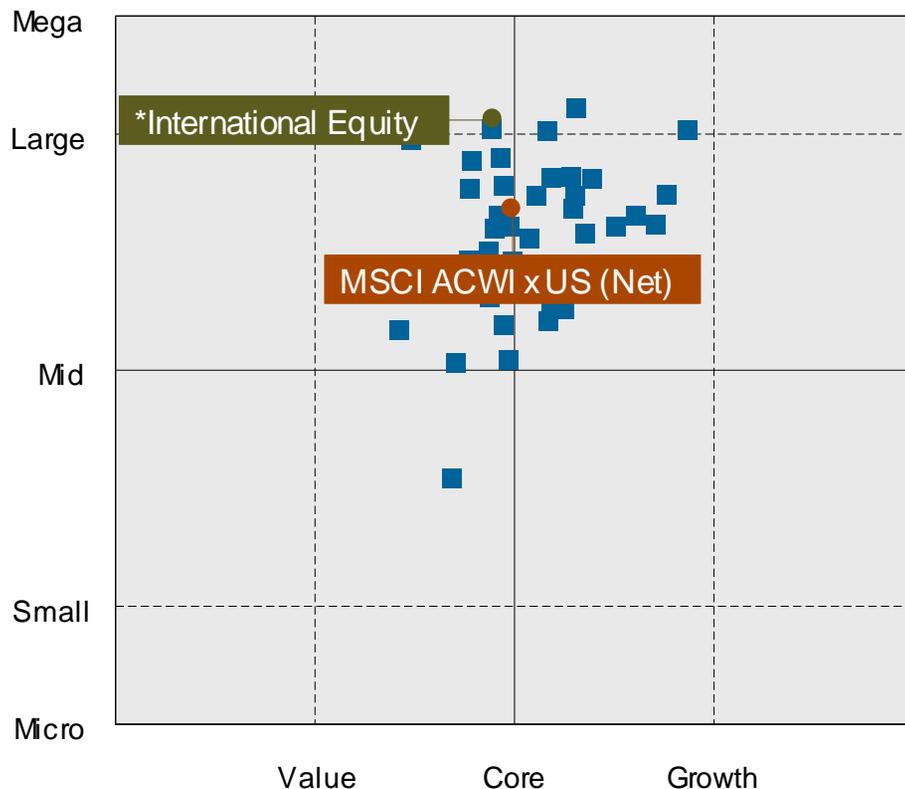
Tucson Supplemental Retirement System as of June 30, 2014

Asset Class	Current		New Target		Difference	
	%	\$mm	%	\$mm	%	\$mm
Domestic Equity	49.5%	365,531	34.0%	250,940	-15.5%	(114,591)
International Equity	14.6%	107,977	25.0%	184,515	10.4%	76,538
Fixed Income	22.3%	164,321	27.0%	199,276	4.7%	34,955
Real Estate	7.4%	54,642	9.0%	66,425	1.6%	11,783
Infrastructure	5.9%	43,404	5.0%	36,903	-0.9%	(6,501)
Cash	0.3%	2,185	0.0%	0	-0.3%	(2,185)
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 738,060				

- The new asset allocation policy reduces domestic equity by about 1/3, or \$114.6 million based on June 30, 2014 market values.
- The target allocation to international equity increases by 10%, or \$76.5 million based on June 30, 2014 market values.
- The largest impact of the new asset allocation will be on the domestic and international equity structures.
  - Domestic equity is likely to retain all incumbent managers with a proportional reduction in assets managed.
  - International equity opens up the opportunity to diversify the investment structure through either revising the mandates of existing managers, and/or adding a diversifying strategy to the asset class.
- Estimate: sales and purchases of \$123 million each way to reach the new target.

# TSRS International Equity: Decidedly Large Cap

Style Map vs Pub Pln- Intl Equity Holdings as of June 30, 2014



- TSRS presently employs two international equity managers:
  - Aberdeen's EAFE Plus (large cap developed markets with tactical allocations to emerging markets);
  - Causeway Capital's International Value Equity (large cap developed markets with very small, tactical allocations to emerging markets).
- The style map at left illustrates the very large capitalization bias that flows through the two managers' portfolios. In aggregate, the TSRS international portfolio has approximately 80% of its holdings in large cap names.
  - TSRS has very little exposure to small-mid cap stocks.
  - When small cap international does better than large cap, TSRS will lag its benchmark due to the large cap bias of your two incumbents.

# TSRS International Equity: Regions and Style

Ten Years Ended June 30, 2014

	Value	Core	Growth	Total	
Europe	19.8% (19)	21.3% (18)	24.3% (21)	65.3% (58)	1
	15.8% (158)	15.7% (157)	17.0% (213)	48.5% (528)	
	11.6% (9)	19.3% (15)	19.0% (16)	57.8% (41)	
N. America	0.1%	1.6% (2)	1.4% (2)	3.1% (4)	
	2.1% (36)	2.7% (31)	2.2% (34)	7.1% (100)	
	0.5%	1.1% (1)	0.9% (1)	3.3% (3)	
Pacific	3.8% (5)	8.6% (10)	7.0% (7)	19.3% (22)	2
	7.8% (158)	9.6% (184)	7.9% (162)	25.4% (504)	
	5.4% (4)	10.3% (8)	8.1% (7)	25.8% (20)	
Emerging	4.5% (5)	5.0% (5)	2.2% (1)	11.6% (12)	3
	5.8% (300)	6.8% (255)	6.5% (250)	19.0% (805)	
	0.9% (1)	3.9% (4)	1.2% (1)	7.4% (7)	
Total	28.1% (29)	36.7% (36)	35.3% (31)	100.0% (97)	
	31.5% (652)	34.8% (627)	33.7% (659)	100.0% (1938)	
	23.3% (17)	36.1% (31)	34.9% (28)	100.0% (76)	

## Legend

Top: TSRS

Mid: ACWI ex-US

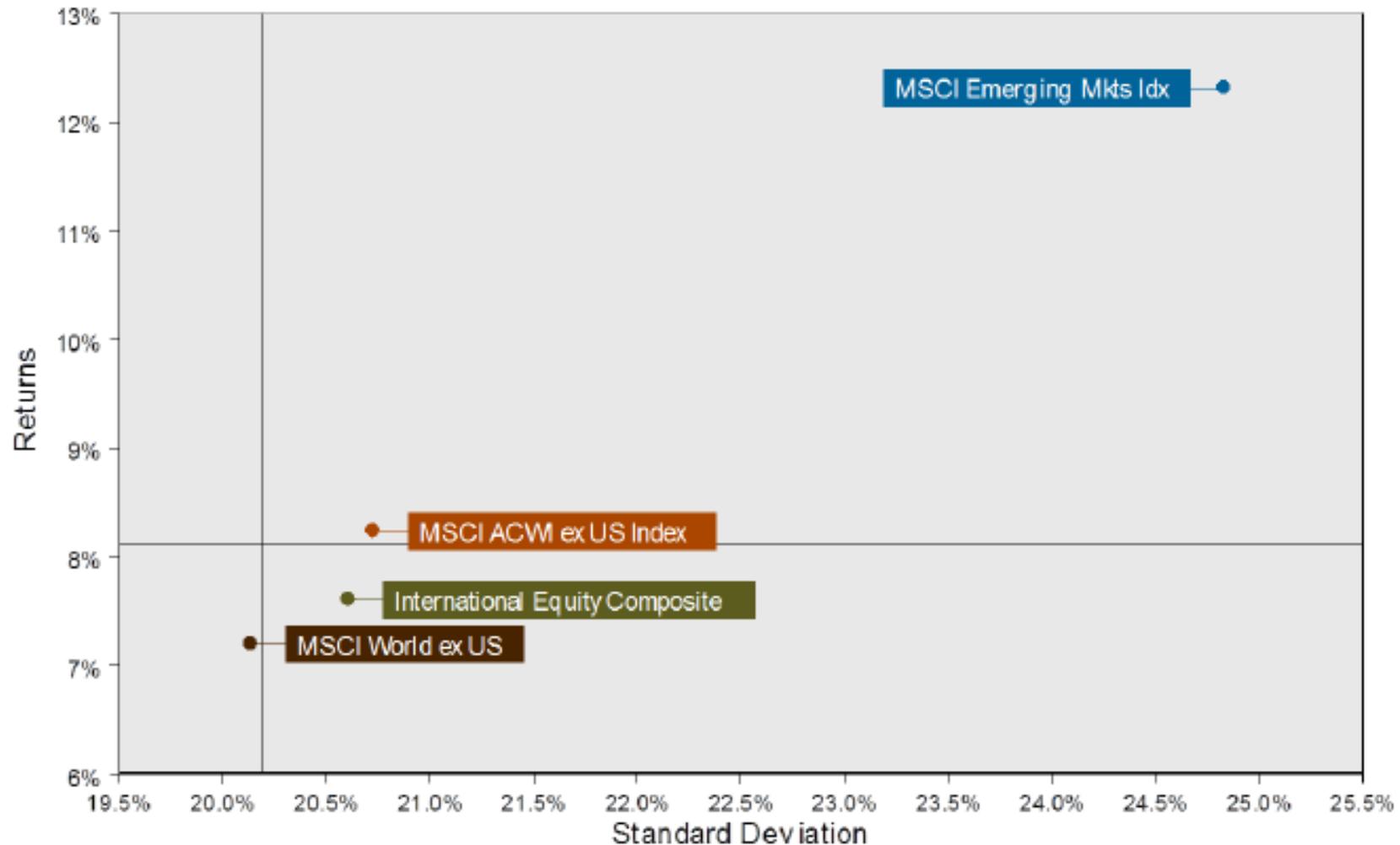
Bottom: Non-US Style

- Over the decade ended June 30, 2014, the TSRS international equity program has revealed three notable biases compared to the ACWI ex-US Index and the “typical” international manager:

1. TSRS has been meaningfully overweight Europe;
2. TSRS has been underweight the Pacific Basin; and
3. TSRS has been underweight Emerging Markets.

# Is there room for improvement?

Ten Years Ended June 30, 2014



- **MSCI World ex-US Index** (dark brown) is a passive allocation to 22 developed countries.
- **MSCI ACWI ex-US Index** (tan) is a passive allocation to 22 developed plus 23 emerging countries.
- **TSRS Int'l Equity composite** (green) has been systematically underweight to emerging markets.

# Consideration in selecting a structure

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Investor preferences will shape the ideal manager structure

- Broad mandates?
  - Single managers with latitude to invest across the capitalization spectrum, as well as in both developed and emerging markets
  - Requires fewer managers within the investment structure
  - Fewer managers typically means larger accounts with lower fees
- Narrow mandates?
  - Each manager has a specific charge: developed markets only, or emerging markets only, or small caps across developed and emerging markets
  - Requires more managers within the investment structure
  - More managers typically means smaller accounts with higher fees
- Does passive management have a place?
  - An index fund serves as an anchor within the structure
  - An index fund does not add value beyond (or below) the index return
  - Passive funds provides a ready means of liquidity for rebalancing and meeting

# Four scenarios

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Each has its own pros and cons

## 1. Three managers: one search

Realign incumbents' mandates, adds one ACWI small cap manager so that the EM exposure is increased:

- Two (2) ACWI ex-US (current or switch products within Aberdeen/Causeway)
- One (1) ACWI ex-US Small Capitalization manager (a new assignment)

## 2. Four managers: two searches

Leave the current managers and mandates in place and add two new managers/mandates with a little extra EM exposure built in:

- Two (2) EAFE Plus (retains current managers)
- One (1) Emerging Markets manager (a new assignment)
- One (1) ACWI ex-US Small Capitalization manager (a new assignment)

## 3. Three managers: two searches

Replace the two incumbent EAFE plus active managers and replace with an EAFE index and diversify with active EM and ACWI ex-US small cap:

- One (1) EAFE Passive (choose from among the incumbents or hire a new manager for this mandate)
- One (1) Emerging Markets manager (a new assignment)
- One (1) ACWI ex-US Small Capitalization manager (a new assignment)

## 4. Four managers: two searches

Maintain incumbents' mandates and adds dedicated EM plus an EAFE-oriented small cap manager (a little more EM exposure than at present):

- Retain two (2) current managers
- One (1) new EM (a new assignment)
- One (1) new EAFE plus Small Capitalization manager (a new assignment)

# Next Steps

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## A plan to implement the revised non-US equity allocation

- TSRS Board of Trustees select the target international equity structure
  - Description of mandates: broad or narrow?
    - *Benchmarks for individual managers should roll up to the overall asset class benchmark*
  - Number of managers
- Callan drafts manager search criteria for each mandate approval by TSRS
- Callan will initiate manager search(es)
- TSRS will interview manager candidates for each mandate
  - Callan will assist TSRS in the interviews, as requested by TSRS
- TSRS selects managers
- TSRS staff and legal counsel review documentation to hire managers
  - Upon approval by legal counsel, TSRS can execute agreements required to fund managers
- Custodian bank is notified of incoming managers and sets up new accounts
- Determination and possible selection of a transition manager to minimize costs
- Assets are transferred according to new asset allocation policy to fund new managers



**Appendix**

Historical Active Management  
Premiums by Asset Class and Style

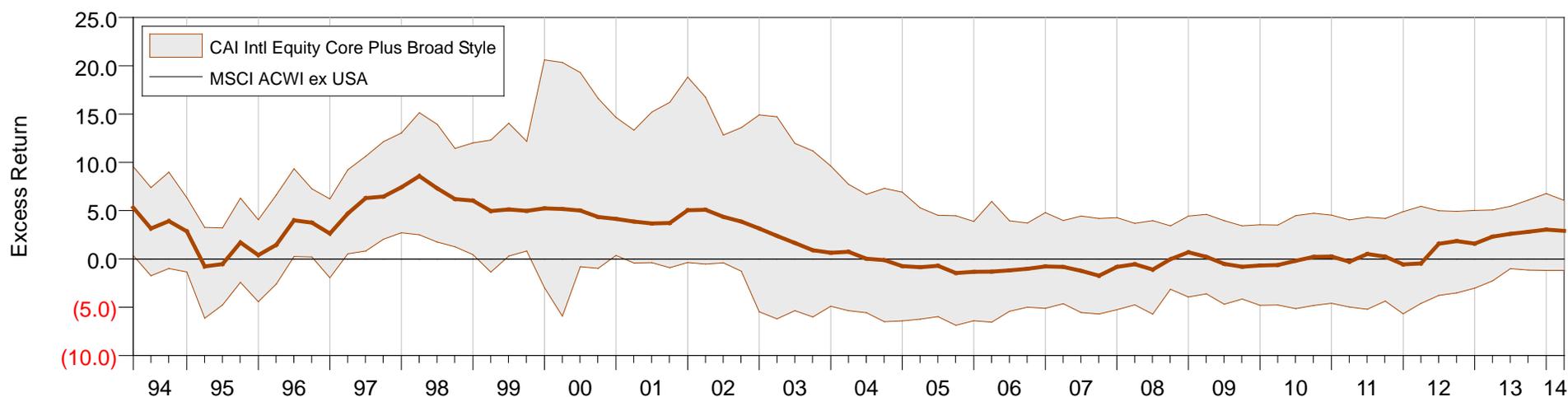
# International Equity Core Plus Broad Style vs MSCI ACWI ex USA

## Percent of Three-Year periods where Manager Beat Benchmark by more than Hurdle – by Percentile

Hurdle	0.45%	0.50%	0.55%	0.60%	0.65%	0.70%	0.75%	0.80%	0.85%	0.90%
Median	59%	59%	58%	58%	56%	55%	55%	54%	54%	54%
45th Percentile	65%	65%	65%	65%	60%	58%	58%	58%	58%	58%
40th Percentile	73%	71%	71%	71%	71%	69%	69%	68%	65%	64%
35th Percentile	85%	83%	81%	80%	79%	76%	76%	75%	75%	74%
30th Percentile	95%	95%	95%	94%	94%	94%	94%	91%	86%	83%
25th Percentile	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%	98%	98%

Average Annualized Excess Return – Median Manager: **1.94%**

## Rolling 12 Quarter Excess Return relative to MSCI ACWI ex USA for 20 Years ended March 31, 2014



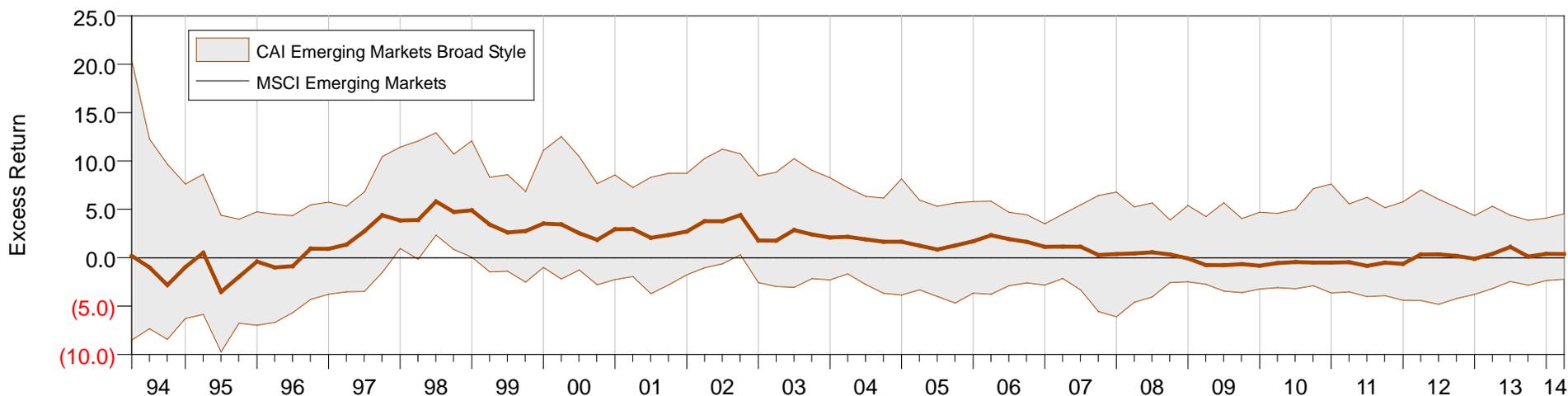
# Emerging Markets Broad Equity Style vs MSCI Emerging Markets

## Percent of Three-Year periods where Manager Beat Benchmark by more than Hurdle – by Percentile

Hurdle	0.70%	0.75%	0.80%	0.85%	0.90%	0.95%	1.00%	1.05%	1.10%	1.15%
Median	56%	56%	56%	56%	55%	53%	53%	53%	53%	49%
45th Percentile	66%	64%	64%	63%	60%	60%	60%	59%	59%	58%
40th Percentile	74%	74%	74%	73%	73%	70%	70%	68%	66%	66%
35th Percentile	84%	84%	83%	81%	80%	78%	76%	76%	76%	75%
30th Percentile	95%	95%	94%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%	91%	89%
25th Percentile	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Average Annualized Excess Return – Median Manager: 1.22%

## Rolling 12 Quarter Excess Return relative to MSCI Emerging Markets for 20 Years ended March 31, 2014



# International Equity Small Cap Style vs MSCI EAFE Small Cap

## Percent of Three-Year periods where Manager Beat Benchmark by more than Hurdle – by Percentile

Hurdle	0.75%	0.80%	0.85%	0.90%	0.95%	1.00%	1.05%	1.10%	1.15%	1.20%
Median	61%	61%	61%	61%	59%	59%	57%	57%	57%	55%
45th Percentile	69%	69%	67%	65%	65%	65%	65%	63%	63%	63%
40th Percentile	78%	76%	76%	73%	73%	71%	71%	71%	71%	69%
35th Percentile	86%	86%	82%	82%	82%	82%	78%	78%	78%	78%
30th Percentile	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	96%
25th Percentile	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Average Annualized Excess Return – Median Manager: **1.49%**

## Rolling 12 Quarter Excess Return relative to MSCI EAFE Small Cap for 12 1/4 Years ended March 31, 2014

