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Henderson launches Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund for Australian investors

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Henderson Global Investors has launched a global emerging markets equity fund, continuing the expansion of its range of innovative investment solutions for Australian investors.

The Henderson Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund ('Fund') provides investors with exposure to emerging markets through a high conviction portfolio of 40 – 80 quality companies operating in a diverse range of countries and sectors. The companies are assessed on their track record of success, management and financials.

Emerging markets have become increasingly attractive as an investment opportunity as regions such as India, Asia and Africa expand their economies. Companies in these regions are expected to benefit from faster rates of organic growth in the coming five to ten years compared to those based in the developed world.

However, the emerging nature of the companies can also bring higher levels of volatility, which we believe through a disciplined and strategic investment approach enables the Fund to capitalise on this theme.

Led by Glen Finegan, who joined Henderson Global Investors in 2014 from First State Investments, Henderson's Edinburgh-based emerging markets equities team of four ('Team') manages approximately \$1 billion¹ for retail and institutional investors globally.

The Team was also recently awarded a \$1.5 billion investment from a UK institutional client.

Rather than focusing solely on companies listed in emerging market countries the Team also researches and invests in companies with significant emerging market economies exposure regardless of listing domicile.

Glen Finegan, Henderson Head of Emerging Markets Equities said: "The organic growth rate of emerging markets compared to developed markets make them an attractive investment opportunity. We believe emerging markets are an important building block in global equity asset allocation.

"We take a long-term investment approach, asking ourselves if we have sufficient confidence in a company, and if we would be content to leave our money invested in it for the next five years," Mr Finegan said.

Rob Adams, Henderson Executive Chairman Pan Asia said: "Henderson is committed to offering high-quality investment opportunities to the sophisticated Australian market. It is great to be bringing someone of Glen's calibre to the Australian market with over 14 years' experience investing in global and emerging markets.

"Early seeding by two institutional clients, superannuation fund BUSSQ and Victorian education body Deakin University, is a strong sign of the Australian investor appetite for a quality global emerging markets fund managed by a proven investment team," Mr Adams said.

¹ As at 30 June 2016

A minimum investment of \$25,000 is required as an initial investment with a five-year time horizon, and is available to retail and institutional investors.

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