ARIEL INTERNATIONAL (DM/EM) COMPOSITE

GIPS Composite Report

For the period from 01/01/12 (inception) - 12/31/20

	Gross Annual	Net Annual	MSCI ACWI		nnualized Deviation	Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$ millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)
Year end	Return	Return	Ex-US Index	Composite	Benchmark				
2012	6.80%	5.74%	16.83%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0.3	4,860.5
2013	28.73%	27.46%	15.29%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0.3	8,992.0
2014	- 0.58%	- 1.37%	- 3.87%	12.27%	12.81%	n/a	3	157.2	10,041.9
2015	1.24%	0.43%	- 5.66%	11.05%	12.13%	0.44	3	173.7	10,133.2
2016	3.03%	2.21%	4.50%	11.41%	12.51%	0.12	4	340.9	10,967.5
2017	20.37%	19.41%	27.19%	10.58%	11.87%	0.32	6	587.2	13,132.2
2018	-9.05%	-9.78%	-14.20%	10.33%	11.38%	0.35	9	1,099.7	11,565.9
2019	14.73%	13.82%	21.51%	9.63%	11.34%	1.57	9	1,460.1	13,217.1
2020	8.53%	7.67%	10.65%	13.46%	17.94%	0.64	10	1,895.8	14,582.7

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- 3. The Ariel International (DM/EM) Composite, includes all discretionary, fee-paying, commission-paying, non-wrap portfolios that are invested in the international (DM/EM) strategy. This strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation as a primary objective. The strategy's secondary objective is to seek long-term capital preservation, to generate attractive absolute and risk-adjusted returns, and to attain higher relative returns compared to its benchmark over a full market cycle. The strategy invests primarily in equity securities of foreign (non-U.S.) companies in developed or emerging markets. The strategy will invest in foreign companies directly by purchasing equity securities or indirectly through instruments that provide exposure to foreign companies. The strategy may invest in companies without regard to market capitalization, but typically will not invest in companies with market capitalizations below \$1 billion. The strategy also invests a portion of its assets in companies based in the U.S. The strategy uses various techniques to hedge currency exposure or to invest significant cash inflows in the market (i.e., reducing "cash drag"), including derivatives, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), and other hedges. The strategy will buy and sell currency on a spot basis and enter into foreign currency forward contracts. Ariel uses these techniques primarily in an attempt to reduce unintended tracking error versus its respective benchmarks, decrease the strategy's exposure to changing security prices or foreign currency risk, or address other factors that affect security values. The strategy will at times include the holding of cash or cash equivalents for defensive purposes. Effective January 1, 2020, the Ariel International (DM) Composite was redefined to no longer exclude pooled funds in accordance with GIPS 2020. A list of composite and limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds, and policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Rep
- 4. The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite's gross returns and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented for periods prior to 2011 or when 36 monthly composite returns are not available.
- 5. Performance results are net of transaction costs and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Net returns reflect the deduction of the maximum advisory fee in effect for the respective period, which is currently 0.80%. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. Results are reported in U.S. dollars.
- 6. The standard fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.80% on the first \$25 million; 0.75% on the next \$25 million; 0.65% on the next \$50 million; 0.55% on the next \$100 million; 0.50% over \$200 million.
- 7. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of asset-weighted gross portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. For those periods with one or fewer portfolios included for the entire year, dispersion is not presented.
- 8. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex US Index is an unmanaged, market-weighted index of global developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. The MSCI ACWI ex-US Index net returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, including the dividends net of the maximum withholding tax applicable to non-resident institutional investors that do not benefit from double taxation treaties. MSCI uses the maximum tax rate applicable to institutional investors, as determined by the companies' country of incorporation. In August 2015, the benchmark was changed from the MSCI ACWI ex US (Gross) Index to the MSCI ACWI ex US (Net) Index. The benchmark returns were changed to better reflect how account returns are calculated. Source: MSCI. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used to create indices or financial products. This report is not approved or produced by MSCI. The Ariel International (DM/EM) Composite differs from its benchmark because: (i) the composite has fewer holdings than the benchmark and (ii) the composite will at times invest a portion of its assets in the U.S. Index returns are provided to represent the investment environment during the time period shown and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.