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# SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

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## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2023

Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund



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SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental investment objectives of the Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund (the "Fund") are to seek capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies with a connection to emerging markets.

The Fund's sub-advisor is Schroder Investment Management North America Inc. (the "Sub-Advisor"). The Fund's investment strategy is to invest using a combination of quantitative and fundamental models, seeking to add value from country decisions and stock selection. The Fund generally invests in equity securities of companies with a connection to countries other than those classified as "Developed" by MSCI. The Fund may also invest in companies that are not domiciled in emerging markets but derive a significant portion of their revenues or profits from, or hold a significant portion of their assets in, an emerging market country.

### Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objectives or strategies during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

As at December 31, 2023, the majority of the Fund's investments are considered readily realizable and highly liquid; therefore, the Fund's liquidity risk is considered minimal.

### Results of Operations

During the period, the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$917.6 million to \$1.1 billion due to positive net sales, as well as positive performance.

During the period, the Fund returned 4.1% for Series A securities, this result lagged the Fund's benchmark, MSCI Emerging Markets Index C\$, which returned 6.9%. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

After a volatile 2022 which saw equity markets worldwide suffer meaningful declines, global equity markets rebounded strongly over the period. Investor sentiment turned positive with many equity investors shrugging off interest rate hikes and fears of bank runs/failures, seemingly envisioning a scenario where central banks successfully tame inflation with only modest slowing in economic growth, corporate earnings, and employment.

Geopolitical tensions continued to make headlines over the period. As the Russia-Ukraine military conflict continues, the longer-term geopolitical consequences and risks remain poorly understood beyond near-term vulnerabilities in energy and food security. In October 2023, the Israel-Palestine conflict reignited and its impact on global markets appears to be muted thus far.

Emerging markets (EM) posted positive returns during the reporting period but lagged the MSCI World Index. The began positively with the re-opening of China's economy. However, China ended the year in the negative territory due to investor concerns over weaker economic growth. There were fears that stimulus measures by the Chinese government may not be sufficient to spur growth in the world's second-largest economy. The ongoing real estate crisis and uncertainty over China's regulatory regime also weakened sentiment towards Chinese stocks.

Hungary, Poland, and Greece were the top-performing index markets despite rising recessionary fears in Europe. Central European markets began to anticipate rate cuts as inflation eased, and Hungary cut rates in June. Meanwhile, Greece's outperformance came as the ruling New Democracy party won a second term in office in May, signalling a continuation of market friendly policies. Poland ended the year on high as markets welcomed Donald Tusk's election as prime minister. Brazil, Taiwan, and Czech Republic were other notable outperformers during the year.

Along with China, Thailand, Kuwait, Turkey, and Malaysia also ended the year in the negative territory. Thailand and Malaysia experienced sharp falls as investors took profits following a strong performance earlier in the year. Turkey performed poorly as inflation remains over 60%.

Technology and Energy stocks outperformed during this reporting period, while Health Care, Real Estate and Consumer Discretionary underperformed.

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An underweight position in the Energy sector detracted from performance. Security selection within Consumer Discretionary detracted from performance. An underweight position in PDD holdings, a Chinese e-commerce operator, hurt performance. During the reporting period PDD Holdings share price saw a steep rise as the launch of TEMU, its online retail platform, in the international market was successful. PDD Holdings also increased its market share within China during the reporting period. An overweight position in JD.com detracted from performance. Increasing competition in the Chinese e-commerce space and weak consumption in China impacted the performance of JD.com during the reporting period. Stock selection in Industrials was a detractor from performance. An overweight position in Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Ltd. (CATL), a leading manufacturer of electric vehicle batteries, hurt the performance of the fund. CATL shares plunged on speculation that the new American rules on EV subsidies undermined CATL's relationship with its top client Tesla Inc. In 2022, the US congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act which will bar future EV tax credits if any battery components are manufactured or assembled by a "foreign entity of concern". However, it is still ambiguous as to what constitutes a "foreign entity of concern", and so far, no foreign battery supplier has been labeled as such.

An overweight position in Information Technology contributed to performance. Technology names such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing and Samsung Electronics benefited from the growing popularity of artificial intelligence (AI), seeing a sharp rise in their stock prices. Stock selection in Financials contributed to performance. An overweight position in Itau Unibanco Holding SA, Brazil's largest private bank, saw consistent growth in its profitability during the reporting period. The bank benefited from a strong network franchise and buyouts. Growth in commissions and fees, resulting from insurance operations and efforts to have a healthy credit portfolio, were other positives that resulted in higher profits. Stock selection in Materials added to performance. An overweight position in Gold Fields Ltd. contributed to performance. The mining company performed well on the back of strong gold prices during the reporting period and clearance of a its new mine in Chile.

## Recent Developments

The composition of the Fund's independent review committee ("IRC") changed during the period. André Fok Kam completed his term and Ann David was appointed effective July 1, 2023.

Global tensions and conflicts within some geographic regions, such as the ongoing military conflict in Ukraine, have continued to impact global markets and economies. In addition, there continues to be tensions between larger nations over a number of issues, including trade, technology, human rights, and sovereignty. These issues have, in some cases, resulted in government sanctions and trade restrictions. These global tensions and regional conflicts, documented in the media, create a more challenging operating environment. The longer-term impact to geopolitical norms, supply chains and investment valuations is uncertain. The Manager continues to watch for developments and assess the impact to investment strategies.

## Related Party Transactions

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained Schroder Investment Management North America Inc. to act as a sub-advisor for the Fund.

The Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of the Fund.

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control, under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

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## Fund Administrative Expenses

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including any regulatory fees and expenses payable by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements.

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; contingent fees for foreign tax reclaim filings; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the IRC are allocated to the fund and series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the previous five years or for the period(s) since inception to December 31, 2023.

### The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series A

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.63	11.82	13.68	11.52	10.10
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.22	0.36
Total expenses	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.41)	(0.35)	(0.73)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.29)	(0.59)	1.28	0.44	0.07
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.72	(1.84)	(2.17)	2.36	1.71
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>(2.45)</b>	<b>(0.98)</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>1.41</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	-	(0.17)	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.71)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.88)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>13.68</b>	<b>11.52</b>

#### Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series F

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.26	12.64	14.57	12.17	10.66
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.31	0.36	0.35	0.23	0.37
Total expenses	(0.21)	(0.23)	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.45)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.32)	(0.65)	1.30	0.39	0.07
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.79	(1.60)	(2.44)	2.06	1.67
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>(2.12)</b>	<b>(1.07)</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>1.66</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.08)	(0.14)	(0.25)	(0.05)	(0.11)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.79)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	<b>(1.04)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>(0.11)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>10.72</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>12.64</b>	<b>14.57</b>	<b>12.17</b>

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## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series I

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	10.76	13.26	15.03	12.54	10.97
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.32	0.35	0.36	0.26	0.38
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.36)	(0.67)	1.42	0.38	0.09
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.95	(1.63)	(2.54)	2.59	1.55
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>(2.04)</b>	<b>(0.85)</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>1.99</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.26)	(0.31)	(0.29)	(0.23)	(0.29)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.75)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(1.04)</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>11.22</b>	<b>10.76</b>	<b>13.26</b>	<b>15.03</b>	<b>12.54</b>

## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series IS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.94	10.99	12.57	10.50	9.08
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.21	0.34
Total expenses	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.17)	(0.30)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.29)	(0.55)	1.29	0.31	0.13
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.75	(1.72)	(1.89)	1.74	1.45
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>(2.15)</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>1.62</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.22)	(0.08)	-
From capital gains	-	-	(0.62)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.11)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.84)</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>9.41</b>	<b>8.94</b>	<b>10.99</b>	<b>12.57</b>	<b>10.50</b>

## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series O

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	12.86	15.84	17.91	14.95	13.08
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.38	0.42	0.43	0.29	0.47
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.08)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.38)	(0.80)	1.65	0.40	0.09
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.02	(2.16)	(3.23)	2.22	1.66
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>(2.66)</b>	<b>(1.27)</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>2.14</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.28)	(0.35)	(0.34)	(0.26)	(0.33)
From capital gains	-	-	(0.86)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.28)</b>	<b>(0.35)</b>	<b>(1.20)</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>13.41</b>	<b>12.86</b>	<b>15.84</b>	<b>17.91</b>	<b>14.95</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

### Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series A

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	24,506	28,059	53,482	62,417	40,530
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,446	2,914	4,525	4,562	3,518
Management expense ratio (%)	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.54	2.56
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.54	2.56
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.18
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	58.69	33.19	60.34	69.81	60.15
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.02	9.63	11.82	13.68	11.52

### Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series F

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	15,854	18,251	15,981	14,116	12,222
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,479	1,778	1,265	969	1,004
Management expense ratio (%)	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.45	1.47
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.45	1.47
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.18
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	58.69	33.19	60.34	69.81	60.15
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	10.72	10.26	12.64	14.57	12.17

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## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series I

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,077,563	870,216	909,060	920,068	719,591
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	96,066	80,860	68,556	61,229	57,398
Management expense ratio (%)	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.18
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	58.69	33.19	60.34	69.81	60.15
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	11.22	10.76	13.26	15.03	12.54

## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series IS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	213	202	313	641	588
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	23	23	28	51	56
Management expense ratio (%)	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.13
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.13
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.18
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	58.69	33.19	60.34	69.81	60.15
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	9.41	8.94	10.99	12.57	10.50

## Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund - Series O

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	636	834	1,180	1,057	1,091
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	47	65	74	59	73
Management expense ratio (%)	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.18	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.18
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	58.69	33.19	60.34	69.81	60.15
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	13.41	12.86	15.84	17.91	14.95

- <sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.
- <sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## Management Fees

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

The percentages and major services paid for out of the management fees are set out below:

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Securities	2.10	42	58
Series F Securities	1.10	-	100
Series I Securities <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	100
Series IS Securities	0.85	-	100
Series O Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	1.10	-	100

- <sup>(1)</sup> Includes sales and trailing commissions.
- <sup>(1)</sup> Series O management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series O investors pay management fees directly to the Manager.
- <sup>(4)</sup> Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

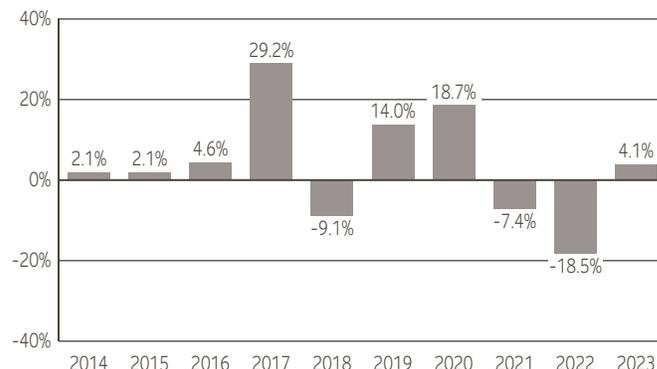
## Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income tax payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

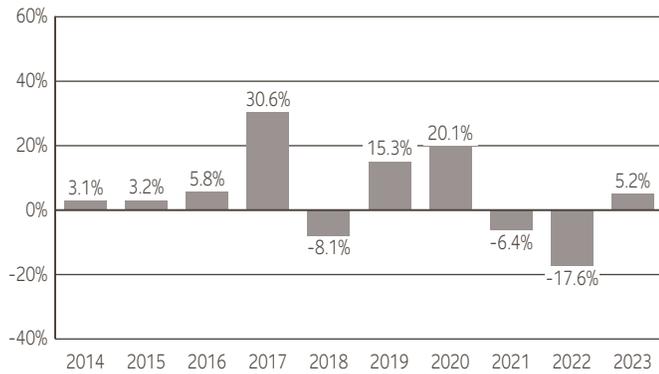
The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Series A Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023

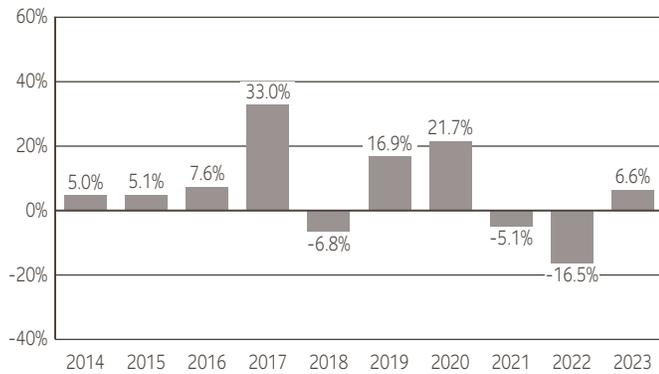


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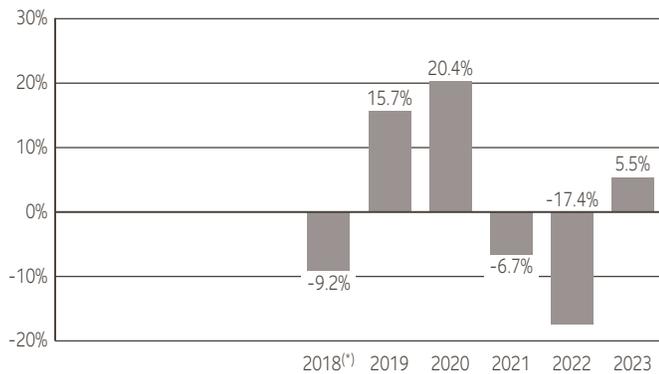
## Series F Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



## Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023

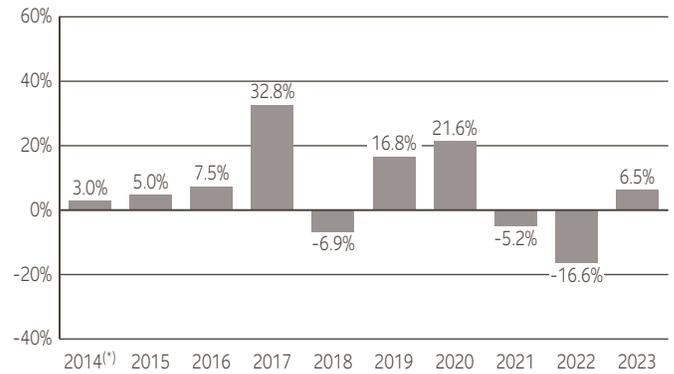


## Series IS Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



<sup>(1)</sup> for the period of June 15, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

## Series O Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2023



<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

## Annual Compound Returns

The table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series A, F, I, IS and O securities of the Fund with the following benchmark and broad-based index, if applicable:

The benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of: MSCI Emerging Markets Index C\$

The Series A securities underperformed the benchmark over the past ten years, over the past five years, over the past three years, and over the past year.

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark and broad-based index or indices, if applicable, can be found in the Results of Operations section.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date <sup>(1)</sup> / <sup>(2)</sup>
Series A	4.1%	(7.7)%	1.2%	3.1%	-
Benchmark	6.9%	(4.0)%	3.0%	4.9%	-
Series F	5.2%	(6.7)%	2.3%	4.3%	-
Series I	6.6%	(5.5)%	3.8%	5.9%	-
Benchmark	6.9%	(4.0)%	3.0%	4.9%	-
Series IS	5.5%	(6.7)%	2.5%	-	0.5%
Benchmark	6.9%	(4.0)%	3.0%	-	1.0%
Series O	6.5%	(5.6)%	3.6%	-	5.7%
Benchmark	6.9%	(4.0)%	3.0%	-	4.7%

<sup>(\*)</sup> The performance since inceptions are not provided for series that have been in existence for more than 10 years.

<sup>(1)</sup> The performance start date for Series IS securities was June 15, 2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> The performance start date for Series O securities was April 1, 2014.

## INDEX DESCRIPTION(S)

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index C\$ is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to capture large and mid cap representation across 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

# Sun Life Schroder Emerging Markets Fund

## Summary of Investment Portfolio \*

as at December 31, 2023

### Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	8.9
2 Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	6.6
3 Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.5
4 Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.0
5 Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	2.9
6 SK Hynix Inc.	2.4
7 HDFC Bank Ltd.	2.2
8 Axis Bank Ltd.	2.1
9 MediaTek Inc.	2.1
10 Itau Unibanco Holding SA, ADR	1.8
11 Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.	1.7
12 ICICI Bank Ltd.	1.7
13 Reliance Industries Ltd.	1.6
14 Vale SA, ADR	1.3
15 FirstRand Ltd.	1.3
16 Petroleo Brasileiro SA	1.2
17 Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	1.2
18 AIA Group Ltd.	1.2
19 Midea Group Co., Ltd.	1.2
20 Bharti Airtel Ltd.	1.1
21 Naspers Ltd.	1.1
22 ASE Industrial Holding Co., Ltd.	1.1
23 Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV	1.1
24 Shenzhou International Group Holdings Ltd.	1.0
25 The Saudi National Bank	1.0
	<b>55.3</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)</b>	<b>\$ 1,118,773</b>

### Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Information Technology	27.7
Financials	25.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.7
Communication Services	7.8
Consumer Staples	5.3
Industrials	4.7
Materials	4.5
Energy	4.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.0
Health Care	2.1
Utilities	1.2
Real Estate	0.9
Other Assets less Liabilities	(0.6)
	<b>100.0</b>

## Geographic Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Taiwan	17.0
Other	15.4
Cayman Islands	14.4
Korea	12.7
India	12.2
Brazil	10.0
China	9.9
South Africa	6.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.0
Other Assets less Liabilities	(0.6)
	<b>100.0</b>

(\*) All information is as at December 31, 2023. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Unless otherwise noted positions are long. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at [www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](http://www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com) or by sending an email to us at [info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](mailto:info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com).

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