

Brazil shines as emerging markets lag behind developed peers

- NU Holdings drives Brazil's strong performance amid regional weakness
- Robeco QI EM Active well positioned across its five main factors
- Stable information ratio of >0.8 since inception

In August 2025, the fund achieved a performance of -0.2%, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index declined by 1.0%. This resulted in a positive excess return of 0.8%, demonstrating the fund's resilience in a challenging market environment.

Table 1 – Performance of Robeco QI Emerging Markets Active Equities D-share ("Fund") (inception February 2008 - gross of fees)

Performance (EUR)	Last month	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since inception
Fund	-0.2%	6.4%	14.3%	12.2%	12.3%	8.0%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-1.0%	5.3%	10.5%	5.3%	5.7%	4.7%
Excess return	0.8%	1.1%	3.8%	6.8%	6.7%	3.3%
Information ratio	-	-	1.34	2.22	1.98	1.03

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. All figures are gross of fees. Inception is February 2008. In reality, costs such as management fees and other costs are charged. These have a negative effect on the returns shown. These figures are preliminary based on the most recent month's performance results. These numbers may deviate from the final performance figures. The value of your investment may fluctuate. Results obtained in the past are no guarantee of future performance.

1. Market developments

Emerging markets trailed developed markets in August, as major players like Korea—after an impressive first-half rally—and India lost momentum. In contrast, Brazil stood out, boosted by a 21% surge in its largest constituent, digital bank NU Holdings, which delivered a strong earnings beat during the month. On a one-year view, performance dispersion across countries remains wide, with Korea, China, and Latin America clearly outpacing India and Southeast Asia. AI infrastructure play Delta Electronics, a key supplier of power and cooling systems for AI data centers, extended its strong rally in August, bringing its three-month return to an impressive +84%. Meituan, China's dominant food delivery platform with a commanding 70% market share, fell 16% as it is locked in an intense price war with Alibaba and JD.com. The battle has taken a heavy toll on its bottom line, with Q2 net income plunging 97%. Factor return dispersion was low, although quality and growth stocks outperformed low-risk and value stocks.

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Table 2 – Market dashboard

Market dashboard	1M	12M	USD return	1M	12M	USD sector returns	1M	12M	Factors (USD)	1M	12M
MSCI Europe USD	3.4%	13.3%	Brazil	10.3%	6.1%	Materials	7.1%	14.6%	Equal-weighted	4.9%	22.5%
MSCI World Equal USD	3.4%	14.3%	South Africa	6.7%	30.2%	Communication Services	5.6%	39.7%	Small caps	2.6%	10.1%
MSCI World USD	2.6%	15.7%	China	4.9%	47.6%	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%	20.8%	Quality	2.3%	4.7%
MSCI World local	2.1%	14.8%	Malaysia	4.7%	-0.3%	Utilities	1.9%	-3.1%	Growth	2.3%	21.5%
S&P 500 USD	2.0%	15.9%	Mexico	3.2%	22.1%	Consumer Staples	1.8%	0.6%	Momentum	2.1%	16.3%
MSCI EM Local	1.4%	17.1%	Indonesia	0.1%	-18.9%	Information Technology	0.4%	19.8%	Market	1.3%	16.8%
MSCI EM USD	1.3%	16.8%	Thailand	-0.3%	-0.9%	Industrials	0.0%	16.2%	Value	0.9%	19.8%
MSCI Europe EUR	1.1%	7.1%	Taiwan	-0.8%	20.8%	Real Estate	-0.4%	15.3%	MinVol	0.7%	7.3%
MSCI World EUR	0.3%	9.4%	Saudi Arabia	-0.9%	-6.1%	Financials	-0.7%	17.1%	High Dividend	0.6%	16.3%
S&P 500 EUR	-0.3%	9.2%	South Korea	-1.9%	11.3%	Health Care	-1.5%	11.5%			
MSCI EM EUR	-1.0%	10.5%	India	-3.1%	-11.8%	Energy	-1.8%	-10.8%			

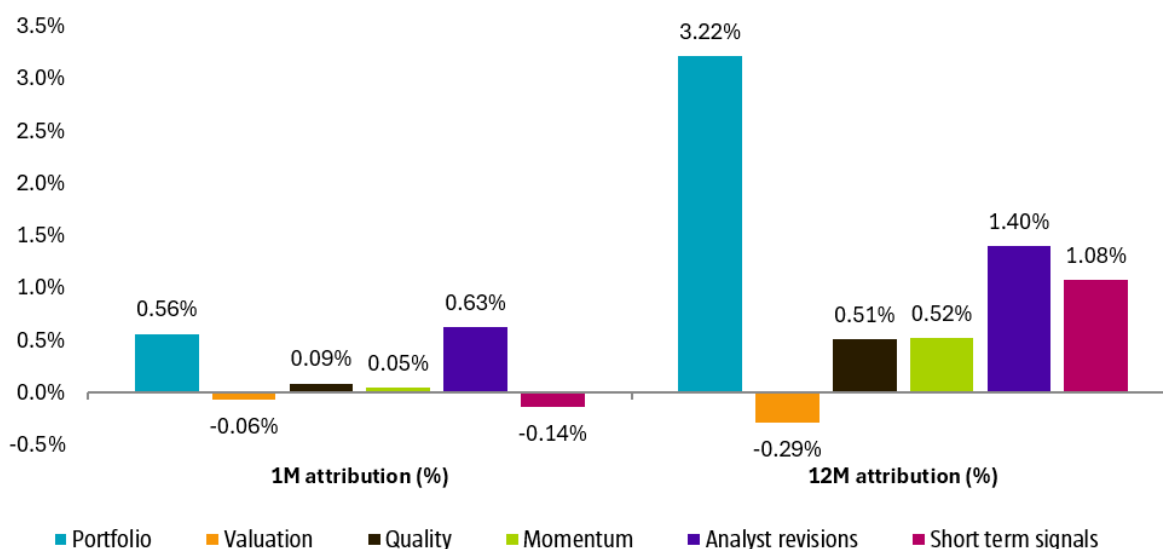
Source: Robeco, MSCI, Bloomberg.

2. Performance attribution

The strategy outperformed the market last month, lifted by Chinese names such as gaming firm XD, insurer PICC, and toy maker Pop Mart. An underweight in Meituan also helped, as the food-delivery giant saw net income collapse 97% amid an intense price war with Alibaba and JD.com. On the flip side, underweights in strong performers like Brazil's digital bank Nu Holdings, Taiwanese electronics giant Hon Hai Precision (Foxconn), and travel platform Trip.com weighed on returns.

In August, our portfolio delivered a strong relative return, outperforming the benchmark. The key contributors to this month's performance were analyst revisions, momentum and quality, with analyst revisions leading the way, while valuation and short-term signals slightly detracted.

Over the past 12 months, the strategy has also shown solid outperformance. Analyst revisions again stood out as the top contributor, followed by short-term signals, momentum, and quality, all of which positively impacted the fund's relative performance. Valuation slightly detracted from relative returns during this period. This consistent performance across multiple factors underscores the strength of our strategy in navigating the market.

Figure 1 – Factor attribution


Source: Robeco Performance Measurement. The figures show relative portfolio returns versus the index. The relative portfolio return is gross of fees, and after transaction costs. It is the sum of the allocation effect and stock selection contribution, excluding cash & others. The relative portfolio return is fully attributed to underlying Robeco factors. In January 2018, the short term signals factor was added to the stock selection model. All stocks in the portfolio and index are ranked on Robeco factors and grouped into five market value-weighted quintiles. The portfolio factor exposures are averages over the previous month. The returns are over the whole period.

Table 3 – Top contributors – Top detractors

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
XD	0.14%	China	Communication Services	0.34%	51.83%	51.83%
HDFC Bank	0.12%	India	Financials	-0.69%	-17.60%	-17.60%
Meituan	0.11%	China	Consumer Discretionary	-0.66%	-16.84%	-16.84%
People's Insurance Co (Group) of China	0.07%	China	Financials	0.50%	13.79%	13.79%
Pop Mart International	0.07%	China	Consumer Discretionary	0.26%	29.04%	29.04%

Name	Effect	Country	Sector	Active Weight	Return	Index Return
Realtek Semiconductor	-0.05%	Taiwan	Information Technology	0.43%	-11.33%	-11.33%
Anglogold Ashanti PLC	-0.06%	South Africa	Materials	-0.30%	0.00%	21.12%
Tripcom	-0.07%	China	Consumer Discretionary	-0.43%	0.00%	15.67%
Hon Hai Precision Industry	-0.08%	Taiwan	Information Technology	-0.80%	9.15%	9.15%
Nu	-0.09%	Brazil	Financials	-0.46%	0.00%	18.43%

Source: Robeco Performance Measurement and MSCI.

3. Positioning

Stock selection is the main driver of the Active Quant model. All position deviations from the benchmark are based in the relative attractiveness of these stocks from a multi-factor perspective as compared to their regional/sector peers. The resulting portfolio is well-diversified with small deviations on sector and country levels, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 2 – Sector and country positioning matrix

Positioning	Thailand	China	Turkey	Brazil	Korea	Greece	Saudi Arabia	Mexico	Taiwan	South Africa	India	Total
Communication Services	0.4	1.8		0.5	0.7		0.5				-0.7	2.7
Industrials		1.3	1.0		-0.7		0.5		1.1		-0.6	1.9
Health Care		0.3			-0.3						2.0	1.9
Information Technology				0.4	-0.8						0.8	0.4
Real Estate											-0.3	
Financials	1.6	1.6		-0.4	1.5	0.8		0.8	-1.5	-0.8	-1.9	-0.3
Utilities					0.3							-0.4
Consumer Discretionary		-1.7		1.2	0.4				0.4		-1.2	-0.6
Consumer Staples	0.3	-0.5									-0.6	-1.6
Energy		-0.3					-0.4				-0.5	-1.9
Materials		-0.4		-0.3			-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	1.0	-2.0
Total	1.7	1.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.3	-0.5	-1.9	-1.9	

Source: Robeco. Figures show relative portfolio positioning versus the index. Only the largest countries are shown. Sector totals include all countries. Only deviations bigger/smaller than 0.3%/-0.3% are shown. The portfolio is rebalanced periodically to its maximum over/under weights.

The fund remains well-positioned towards the model factors. A comparison of various characteristics of the portfolio versus those of its benchmark – the MSCI Emerging Markets Index – shows a consistent picture: the portfolio offers a lower valuation and better quality, momentum and revisions.

To illustrate, the current P/E of the fund is 11.1 versus 14.5 for the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (a discount of more than 20%). Also, from a momentum perspective, the current portfolio scores significantly better than its benchmark. For example, the aggregate 12-minus-1 month momentum of the holdings in the portfolio is 30.4%, whereas the MSCI Emerging Markets Index shows a momentum ratio of 19.4%. In addition, the portfolio shows an earnings revisions ratio of 42.2%, versus 35.7% for the benchmark.

Given these characteristics, we firmly believe the strategy is well-positioned to continue harvesting the model factor premiums in Emerging Markets.

Table 4 – Portfolio characteristics

30 June 2025	Portfolio	MSCI EM		Portfolio	MSCI EM
Valuation			Market capitalization		
Price/Earnings	11.1	14.5	Market cap >5 bln USD	78.5%	96.2%
Quality			Market cap 2-5 bln USD	9.0%	3.7%
Net buyback yield	0.2%	0.0%	Market cap <2 bln USD	12.4%	0.1%
Momentum			Positioning		
Price Momentum (12-1m)	30.4%	19.4%	Active share	55.9%	
Analyst Revisions			Number of securities	452	1203
Earnings revisions (3M, % net positive)	42.2%	35.7%	ESG Risk rating	22.3	22.7

Source: Robeco, Factset. *(3M, % net positive), **Source: Sustainalytics. The fund aims for a better sustainability profile compared to the benchmark by promoting certain sustainability characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and integrating sustainability in the investment process. More specifically, the binding elements as per the prospectus and sustainability disclosure (SFDR disclosure) pertain to applying the Robeco Level 1 exclusion list, targeting a Sustainalytics ESG risk rating that is better than the benchmark, and pursuing better carbon, waste and water footprints than the benchmark.

Table 5 below shows the current main over- and underweights as a result of our bottom-up stock-selection process.

The portfolio's highest active weight positions were Turk Hava Yollari AO at 0.52% and People's Insurance Co (Group) of China at 0.50%. Conversely, the largest underweight positions were in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing at -0.93% and Hon Hai Precision Industry at -0.80%.

Table 5 – Main active over and underweights of the fund

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Turk Hava Yollari AO	Industrials	Turkey	0.52%
People's Insurance Co (Group) of China	Financials	China	0.50%
Geely Automobile	Consumer Discretionary	China	0.50%
Aselsan Elektronik Sanayi ve Ticaret AS	Industrials	Turkey	0.49%
JM Financial	Financials	India	0.48%
Hansoh Pharmaceutical Group Company	Health Care	China	0.47%
Dr Reddy's Laboratories	Health Care	India	0.47%
Advanced Info Service Public	Communication Services	Thailand	0.47%
Falabella	Consumer Discretionary	Chile	0.47%
New China Life Insurance	Financials	China	0.47%

Name	Sector	Country	Active Weight
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Information Technology	Taiwan	-0.93%
Hon Hai Precision Industry	Information Technology	Taiwan	-0.80%
PDD	Consumer Discretionary	China	-0.75%
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	Korea	-0.74%
HDFC Bank	Financials	India	-0.69%
ICICI Bank	Financials	India	-0.69%
Reliance Industries	Energy	India	-0.68%
Meituan	Consumer Discretionary	China	-0.66%
Bharti Airtel	Communication Services	India	-0.59%
Al Rajhi Bank	Financials	Saudi Arabia	-0.54%

Source: Robeco.

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