

# Thornburg Developing World Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary

31 March 2022



## Market Review

- Global equities sold off sharply in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February. In addition to sparking a large scale humanitarian crisis, the situation carries a wide range of geopolitical and economic implications as well. While rising global inflation was already a growing concern for markets, surging commodity prices spurred by Russia's actions are stoking fears that inflation may persist for longer than anticipated.
- While emerging markets declined in aggregate during the quarter, more than two-thirds of the index's country-level constituents saw positive returns despite the rising geopolitical tensions. Russia, which was officially cut from the MSCI EM Index during March, was the largest performance headwind, but China was also an outsized detractor. Beijing's perceived ties to Russia, coupled with new lockdowns in Shanghai and renewed fears around ADR delisting in the U.S., continued to drive risk-off sentiment towards EM's largest economy.
- It wasn't all bad news for EM though. Latin American markets, which were net beneficiaries of booming commodities prices, return more than 25% for the quarter.

In this environment, we are focused on identifying a range of possible macro outcomes and are building a portfolio we think can be durable across a variety of those scenarios.

## First-Quarter Performance Highlights

- The Thornburg Developing World Fund declined 9.8% (I shares), underperforming its benchmark, the MSCI EM Index, which was down 7.0%.
- The financials and energy sectors both detracted from the fund's relative performance. In both sectors, stock selection was the primary driver of underperformance. Stock selection within materials and consumer discretionary contributed positively to the fund's relative performance.

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## Average Annual Returns (% , as of 31 Mar 2022)

(In U.S.\$ terms. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Not annualized for periods of less than one year)

	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	ITD
<b>Net of Fees</b>						
Class I ACC Shares (Incep: 2 Jul 2013)	-9.81	-9.81	-14.21	6.07	7.19	3.67
<b>MSCI Emerging Markets NTR</b>	-6.97	-6.97	-11.37	4.94	5.98	4.73

ITD = Inception to Date

Source: Confluence

## Average Annual Returns (% , as of 31 Mar 2022)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Class I ACC Shares</b>	-2.80	-19.78	3.36	35.05	-16.83	27.92	22.06	-3.00
<b>MSCI Emerging Markets NTR</b>	-2.19	-14.92	11.19	37.28	-14.58	18.42	18.31	-2.54

Share classes are accumulating and denominated in USD. See prospectus for additional share class listings.

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- On a geographic basis, an underweight allocation to commodities-led economies like the UAE, South Africa and Saudi Arabia detracted from relative performance. Stock selection within Russia was detractive, but the fund's underweight allocation contributed positively to relative performance. Additionally, security selection in China was detractive, while an overweight allocation to Latin America contributed positively to relative performance.

### Current Positioning and Outlook

Prior to the Russia-Ukraine crisis, our base case was the continuation of a broad-based global recovery across EM. We were cautious to the potential impact of inflation across markets, but generally viewed it as an outcome of demand recovering faster than idled supply restarts versus certain segments truly getting overheated. While a global shift from policy easing to tightening remains a risk to equities markets, we believed the backdrop for EM remained attractive due to strong corporate earnings, a healthy consumer base, and low valuations both on a historical basis and relative to developed markets.

In light of recent events, there is an elevated level of uncertainty at play and no one can predict with any reasonable amount of certainty exactly how the geopolitical situation will unfold. In this environment, we are focused on identifying a range of possible macro outcomes and are building a portfolio we think can be durable across a variety of those scenarios. As bottom-up investors, we're anchoring to fundamentals and asking ourselves which companies most control their own outcomes—regardless of what happens geopolitically. In areas of the market where things may be less clear, we are working to identify where we are being properly compensated to take external risk in areas.

While our shorter-term outlook has shifted, we believe current market forces remain favorable for our active approach and orientation toward identifying strong businesses durable enough to not to survive periods of EM volatility.

### Top Performers (1Q22)

Name	Contrib. (%)	Avg. Weight (%)
Fst Quantum Min	1.18	3.21
Sociedad Quimica Adr	1.02	1.94
B3 Brasil Bolsa Balcao	0.93	2.02
Grupo Aeroportuario Del Pacifico	0.40	2.20
Telefonica Brasil	0.33	1.15

### Top Detractors (1Q22)

Name	Contrib. (%)	Avg. Weight (%)
Pjsc Lukoil Spon Adr	-1.21	1.43
Tencent	-1.15	5.46
Pao Novatek	-1.07	0.95
Twn Semicont Man	-0.69	9.00
Hygeia Health	-0.62	0.93

### Ten Largest Holdings

(as of 28 Feb 2022)

Holding	Weight (%)
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	8.8%
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	5.7%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	4.0%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	3.6%
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	3.4%
AIA Group Ltd.	3.0%
Micron Technology, Inc.	3.0%
HDFC Bank Ltd.	2.9%
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	2.3%
Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico S.A.B. de C.V.	2.3%

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