

# Goldman Sachs BRICs Equity Portfolio

A sub-fund of Goldman Sachs Funds, SICAV

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## Investor Profile<sup>(1)</sup>

### Investor objective

Capital appreciation with no need for income.

### Position in your overall investment portfolio\*

The fund can complement your portfolio.

### The fund is designed for:

The fund is designed for investors seeking exposure to the shares of BRIC companies. Potentially higher returns may be generated but also increased levels of risk than a diversified emerging markets equity portfolio.

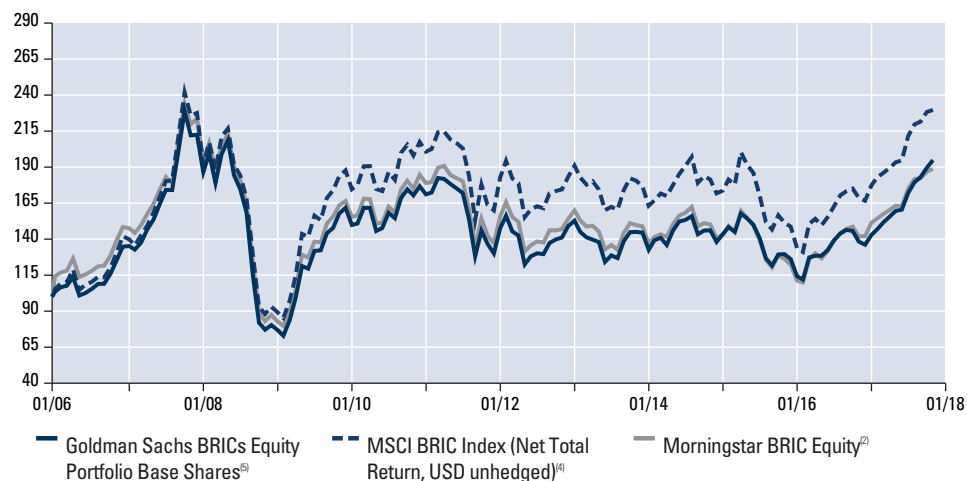
## Performance (%)

	30-Nov-12- 30-Nov-13	30-Nov-13- 30-Nov-14	30-Nov-14- 30-Nov-15	30-Nov-15- 30-Nov-16	30-Nov-16- 30-Nov-17
Fund (USD)	2.8	0.8	-11.3	6.7	40.9
Index	3.5	0.4	-16.5	11.4	36.1
Morningstar Sector av. <sup>(2)</sup>	2.0	0.3	-16.0	12.6	31.0
Morningstar Quartile <sup>(2)</sup>	2	2	1	4	1

## Fund Data

No. of holdings	51
% in top 10	44
Historical Volatility Portfolio - 3 yr	16.67
Turnover Ratio (%)	59
Historical Tracking Error - 3 yr	5.18
Excess Returns - 3 yr	1.87
R <sup>2</sup> - 3 yr	0.93
Beta - 3 yr	0.86
Transaction Costs (%)	0.23
Commissions (%)	0.17
Other Costs (%)	0.06
Swing Pricing (%)	
Subscription (%)	0.22
Redemption (%)	0.22
Initial Sales Charge: up to (%)	5.50
Performance Fee Rate (%)	N/A
Ongoing Charges (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	2.12
Management Fee (%)	1.75
Distribution Fee (%)	0.00
Other Expenses (%)	0.37

## Performance (Indexed)



This is an actively managed fund that is not designed to track its reference benchmark. Therefore the performance of the fund and the performance of its reference benchmark may diverge. In addition stated reference benchmark returns do not reflect any management or other charges to the fund, whereas stated returns of the fund do. **Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary. The value of investments and the income derived from investments will fluctuate and can go down as well as up. A loss of capital may occur.**

## Performance Summary (%)

	Cumulative				Annualised			
	Since Launch	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Base Shares <sup>(5)</sup>	94.85	2.79	8.56	43.12	40.92	10.05	6.66	(0.84)
MSCI BRIC Index (Net Total Return, USD unhedged) <sup>(4)</sup>	129.67	0.60	4.56	37.79	36.14	8.18	5.64	0.17
Morningstar BRIC Equity <sup>(2)</sup>		1.00	3.88	30.57	31.01	6.55	4.36	(1.41)
Quartile Position in Sector <sup>(2)</sup>		1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD) <sup>(5)</sup>	50.00	2.60	7.99	40.71	38.25	8.94	5.90	(2.35)
Base Shares (Acc.) <sup>(3)</sup>	94.50	2.75	8.48	43.01	40.84	10.02	6.64	(0.85)

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Base Shares	14.6	-3.0	-4.4	-8.6	7.9
MSCI BRIC Index (Net Total Return, USD unhedged)	14.5	-3.5	-2.9	-13.5	12.1

### Please see Additional Notes. All performance and holdings data as at 30-Nov-17.

\* We identify two broad categories of funds to help investors think about how to construct their overall investment portfolio. We describe the following as "Core": (A) Equity funds with a global investment remit or those mainly focused on US and European markets, given the size and transparency of these markets. (B) Fixed income funds with a global investment remit or those mainly focused on US, European and UK markets and invest predominantly in investment grade debt, including government. (C) Multi asset funds with a multi asset benchmark. All other funds we describe as "Complements". Both Core and Complement funds can vary in risk level and those terms are not meant to indicate the risk level of the funds.

For regionally focussed investment portfolios we understand that the categorisation may be different from the perspective of different investors. **Consult your financial adviser before investing to help determine if an investment in this fund and the amount of the investment would be suitable.**

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## Financial Information

Net Asset Value (NAV) - Base Shares	USD	19.15
Net Asset Value (NAV) - Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD)	EUR	15.00
Net Asset Value (NAV) - Base Shares (Acc.)	USD	19.45
Total Net Assets (m)	USD	205

## Fund Characteristics

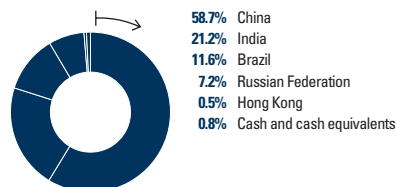
Currency - Base Shares	USD
Currency - Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD)	EUR
Currency - Base Shares (Acc.)	USD
Inception Date - Base Shares	17-Jan-06
Inception Date - Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD)	17-Mar-06
Inception Date - Base Shares (Acc.)	17-Jan-06
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## Fund Facts

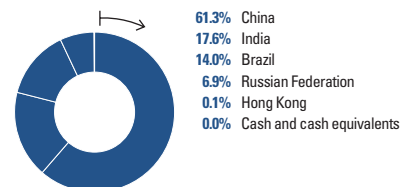
ISIN - Base Shares	LU0234577095
ISIN - Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD)	LU0248245358
ISIN - Base Shares (Acc.)	LU0234580636
Bloomberg Ticker - Base Shares	GSBRIBALX
Bloomberg Ticker - Base Shares (Acc.) (Long BRICs Ccy vs.USD)	GSBRACDLX
Bloomberg Ticker - Base Shares (Acc.)	GSBRBAA LX
Dividend Distribution Frequency	Annually
Dealing and valuation	Daily
Reporting year end	30 November
Reference Benchmark	MSCI BRIC Index (Net Total Return, USD unhedged)
Settlement	T + 3

## Country Allocation (%)

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MSCI BRIC (Net Total Return, Unhedged, USD)



## Top 10 Holdings<sup>(6)</sup>

Security	%	Country	Activity
Tencent Holdings Ltd	8.6	China	Software & Services
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	7.7	China	Software & Services
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	4.7	China	Insurance
Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd	3.9	China	Food, Beverage & Tobacco
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd	3.4	China	Banks
Banco Bradesco SA	3.4	Brazil	Banks
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd	3.2	China	Diversified Financials
B3 SA - Brasil Bolsa Balcao	3.0	Brazil	Diversified Financials
China Construction Bank Corp	2.9	China	Banks
BB Seguridade Participacoes SA	2.8	Brazil	Insurance

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<sup>(1)</sup> Effective May 31, 2016, the portfolio name changed from Goldman Sachs BRICs Portfolio to Goldman Sachs BRICs Equity Portfolio. <sup>(2)</sup> The Morningstar sector average figures are calculated using all open funds available in the universe at the indicated time period. The number of funds in a Morningstar sector varies over time as new funds are launched and funds close. Source: Morningstar ©2017 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. <sup>(3)</sup> The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses during the previous year. See details in the Key Investor Information Document. <sup>(4)</sup> The MSCI BRIC Index is quoted at month-end with income reinvested and, in contrast to the Portfolio, shown without the deduction of any expenses. <sup>(5)</sup> Fund returns are shown net of applicable ongoing fees within the portfolio, with dividends re-invested using the ex-dividend NAV. These returns are for comparison of performance against specified index. As the investor may be liable to other fees, charges and taxes, they are not meant to provide a measure of actual return to investors. The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares.

<sup>(6)</sup> Portfolio holdings may not represent current, future investments or all of the portfolio's holdings. Future portfolio holdings may not be profitable.

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## Important Risk Considerations

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- **Counterparty risk** a party that the Portfolio transacts with may fail to meet its obligations which could cause losses.
- **Custodian risk** insolvency, breaches of duty of care or misconduct of a custodian or subcustodian responsible for the safekeeping of the Portfolio's assets can result in loss to the Portfolio.
- **Derivatives risk** derivative instruments are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset that they are based on. Certain derivatives may result in losses greater than the amount originally invested.
- **Emerging markets risk** emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to lower liquidity and possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions.
- **Exchange rate risk** changes in exchange rates may reduce or increase the returns an investor might expect to receive independent of the performance of such assets. If applicable, investment techniques used to attempt to reduce the risk of currency movements (hedging), may not be effective. Hedging also involves additional risks associated with derivatives.
- **Liquidity risk** the Portfolio may not always find another party willing to purchase an asset that the Portfolio wants to sell which could impact the Portfolio's ability to meet redemption requests on demand.
- **Market risk** the value of assets in the Portfolio is typically dictated by a number of factors, including the confidence levels of the market in which they are traded.
- **Operational risk** material losses to the Portfolio may arise as a result of human error, system and/or process failures, inadequate procedures or controls.

## Glossary

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- **Beta** – Measures the sensitivity of the fund's returns to the comparative benchmark index return (annualised). The nearer to 1.00, the closer the historical fluctuations in the value of the fund are to the benchmark. If above 1.00, then fund fluctuations have been greater than the benchmark.
- **Commissions** – Total amount paid to executing brokers in relation to dealing in buying and selling of investments in the Fund during year ending 30 November 2016.
- **Excess returns** – The return of the fund in excess of the benchmark/index return (annualised).
- **Historical tracking error** – Measure of the actual deviation of the fund's returns from the comparative benchmark index returns (annualised). A higher number means that the fund is taking greater risk against the benchmark.
- **Historical Volatility of Portfolio** – Illustrates the dispersion of the fund's realized monthly returns around the average monthly return, indicating how volatile the fund's return is over time. The higher the number the more volatile the fund's returns.
- **Net Asset Value** – Represents the net assets of the fund (ex-dividend) divided by the total number of shares issued by the fund.
- **Ongoing Charges** – The ongoing charges figure is based on the fund's expenses during the previous 12 months, on a rolling basis. It excludes transaction costs and performance fees incurred by the fund.
- **Other Expenses** – Fees deducted from the Fund's assets incurred as part of the Fund's operations, including, where applicable, costs incurred by the Fund when investing in other funds.
- **Other Costs** – Total amount of costs incurred by the Fund outside Commissions during year ending 30 November 2016. These may include, but not limited to, market fees and local taxes.
- **R<sup>2</sup>** – Measure that represents the percentage of a portfolio movement linked to movements in the benchmark index return (annualised). The nearer to [1.00], the more a fund is tracking the risk of the benchmark, and the less risk that the fund is taking against the benchmark.
- **Swing pricing** – This describes the total trading spreads and any other duties and charges (e.g. Broker Commissions, Stamp Duty and Taxes) that may be paid on entry and exit to the Fund and which seek to protect long-term investors already in the Fund. The price shown is measured at last quarter end, and is only indicative of the swing that may apply to a new subscription/redemption.
- **Transactions costs** – Total trading costs of transactions incurred by the fund, including Commissions during year ending 30 November 2016. Does not include trading spreads incurred on transactions.
- **Turnover ratio** – Measure of how frequently over the period assets are bought or sold in the fund (Lower of Purchases or sales by the Fund/Average net assets of the Fund).

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