

## Hedged Equity Emerging Markets

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### Firm Overview

#### Parvin Asset Management

Parvin Asset Management offers traditional and alternative investment management to address the specific needs and preferences of the individuals, families and institutions we serve. Our objective is to preserve capital and to provide higher risk-adjusted returns than the market. To accomplish this goal for equities, we concentrate on the fundamental importance of profitability and value. Equity portfolios are constructed with focused positions since we view too much diversification as lowering the opportunity for higher returns without reducing risk. As a result, we build portfolios with stocks that are typically spread among 20 equal-weighted positions. In general, we look for stock holdings that are usually characterized by high returns on capital; steady earnings growth; reasonable valuation; substantial income, as appropriate; and diversification across six, or more, economic sectors.

### Strategy Overview

Parvin Hedged Equity Emerging Markets is a strategy designed for investors attempting to limit risk while realizing the diversification benefits and growth potential of international stocks in emerging markets. Equity investments in these portfolios remain hedged in an attempt to prevent significant losses during volatile periods. We work to generate additional gains and to avoid potential losses by continually hedging each portfolio. Additional gains may be realized from premiums received selling cash-backed put options and covered call options on individual stocks. Potential losses can be limited by counteracting market sell-offs with iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (EEM) put options. The result should be more stable returns than those of a long-only emerging markets equity portfolio. The most significant risks for this strategy are trailing higher-returning markets because of declining option values or losing option value at the same time stock selections are underperforming. Margin, or leverage in the form of borrowed funds, is never used.

### Portfolio Highlights

Downside protection, current income, and upside participation are primary objectives of this strategy

Selections driven by economically profitable businesses, based in emerging markets, trading at prices below intrinsic value

Focused portfolio diversified internationally with up to 20 equally-sized stock positions and index put options

Offsetting returns of stocks and index put options are inherently tax-efficient; foreign dividends will be subject to withholding taxes but often represent qualified income in the U.S.

Managing risk is a critical aspect of any investment process. The preservation of capital is an important goal at Parvin, but there is no guarantee against loss since risk is inherent in every capital allocation decision.

All portfolios are held by independent custodians.

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## Portfolio Manager

J. Steven Smith, CFA<sup>®</sup>

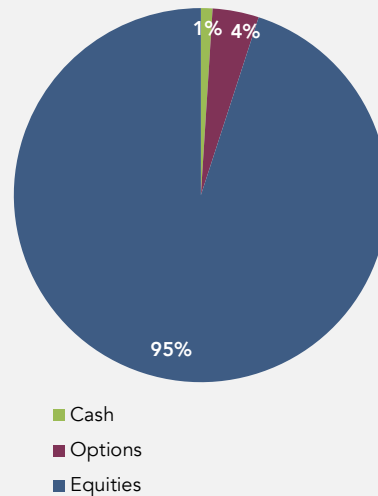
- Managing Director, Parvin Asset Management
- Investment Committee Member and Portfolio Manager, Nuveen (Radnor, PA)
- Treasurer, Harman International
- Vice President, Lehman Brothers
- Analyst, Morgan Stanley
- Williams College (BA)
- Tuck School at Dartmouth (MBA)

## Representative Account Profile <sup>2</sup>

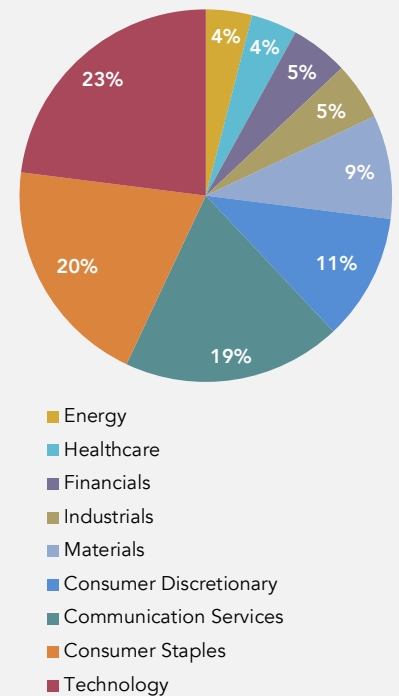
Significant Holdings <sup>3</sup>	%
dLocal Ltd.	6.0
MercadoLibre	6.0
Telefonica Brasil SA ADR	5.7
Coca-Cola Femsa SAB ADR	5.6
BB Seguridade Participacoes	4.9
EEM 12/20/2024 35 Puts	5.0
Financial Overview <sup>4</sup>	Data*
Return on Equity	19.3%
Return on Assets	9.6%
Indicated Yield	3.5%
Forward P/E	14.5x
Price/Cash Flow	10.6x
Price/Book	5.6x

\*Source: Morningstar

### Asset Allocation



### Sector Allocation



<sup>1</sup> Information presented is supplemental to and not required for GIPS Reports.

<sup>2</sup> Based on an average of all fully-discretionary client accounts currently managed according to Parvin's Hedged Equity Emerging Markets strategy.

<sup>3</sup> The Significant Holdings are intended only as a sample of the types of securities that Parvin may purchase and hold and may differ from other accounts and change any time without notice. The securities listed are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold.

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