

Ariel International (DM/EM)

Summary

OBJECTIVE	Long-term Capital Appreciation
INVESTMENT STYLE	International All Cap Value
INDEX	MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index
INCEPTION DATE	December 31, 2011
TOTAL STRATEGY ASSETS	\$1.0 billion



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Firm Facts

- Founded in 1983 by John W. Rogers, Jr.
- Headquartered in **Chicago**, with offices in **New York**, **San Francisco** and **Sydney**
- **\$13.8 billion** in Assets Under Management*
- **94.9%** owned by employees and board members

Our Patient Investment Philosophy

Active Patience

We take the long-term view.

Independent Thinking

We invest to our convictions, not to benchmarks.

Focused Expertise

We specialize in bottom-up, fundamental research.

Bold Teamwork

We work collaboratively with a shared commitment to excellence.

Our Value Approach

- Prioritize research using fundamental, quantitative, and country analysis.
- Seeks to own mispriced companies with discernable investment catalysts, offering attractive long-term earnings power.
- Strives to deliver favorable upside and downside participation.
- Aims to build concentrated, high conviction portfolios.

Performance¹ (%)

	QTD	YTD	1-Year	Annualized			
				3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Gross of Fees	-4.94	5.98	5.98	3.31	4.71	5.13	6.45
Net of Fees	-5.07	5.43	5.43	2.73	4.11	4.51	5.76
MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index ²	-7.60	5.53	5.53	0.82	4.10	4.80	5.75
Additional Indexes							
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value Net Index ²	-7.31	6.04	6.04	4.37	4.50	4.07	5.08

Statistics³

	Standard Deviation	Beta	Tracking Error	Information Ratio	Upside Capture	Downside Capture
Ariel International (DM/EM)	12.54	0.79	5.77	0.12	86.88	79.23
MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index	14.51	-	-	-	-	-

Since Inception through December 31, 2024.

*Assets under management include \$1.48 billion for Ariel Alternatives, a subsidiary of Ariel Investments, which reflects aggregate commitments and excludes fund specific leverage. Total strategy assets include all accounts and investment funds employing the strategy. All other information presented is for the Ariel International (DM/EM) Composite and its representative account.

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Characteristics

	Ariel International (DM/EM)	MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index
Number of Holdings	48	2,058
Price to Book	1.47	1.88
Forward Price/Earnings	10.08	13.22
Return on Equity (%)	15.49	16.49
Dividend Yield	3.46	2.86
Active Share (%)	91.26	–

Sector Weightings¹ (%)

	Ending Weight	MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index
Financials	24.48	23.70
Consumer Discretionary	21.55	11.18
Information Technology	14.42	13.53
Health Care	9.99	8.76
Industrials	7.39	13.95
Utilities	6.60	3.03
Consumer Staples	6.51	6.97
Communication Services	5.39	5.87
Real Estate	2.78	1.77
Energy	0.60	4.95
Cash	0.27	0.00
Materials	0.00	6.29

Top Country Exposure² (%)

	Ending Weight	MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index
France	16.10	6.90
Germany	14.66	5.76
Japan	11.40	14.47
United Kingdom	9.07	9.27
Israel	5.69	0.60
Taiwan	5.02	5.84
Italy	4.77	1.74
Spain	4.43	1.71
China	4.32	8.24
South Korea	3.60	2.67
EM Exposure	20.33	29.66

Top 10 Positions³ (%)

	Ending Weight
1 Check Point Software Technologies, Ltd.	5.69
2 Tesco plc	4.53
3 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	4.46
4 Sanofi	4.17
5 Michelin (CGDE)	4.15
6 Fresenius Medical Care AG	3.86
7 AXA SA	3.63
8 Bandai Namco Holdings, Inc.	3.47
9 Siemens AG	3.42
10 JD.com, Inc.	3.36
Total	40.74

Contributors and Detractors³ (%)

Top Five Relative Contributors	GICS Sector	Average Weight	Total Return	Currency Effect	Total Effect
Emaar Properties PJSC	Real Estate	2.07	47.36	0.12	0.95
Fresenius Medical Care AG	Health Care	3.91	7.29	-0.04	0.54
Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA	Financials	1.57	23.34	-0.01	0.48
Bandai Namco Holdings, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.82	4.99	-0.11	0.47
BAWAG Group AG	Financials	2.45	8.26	-0.02	0.37
Bottom Five Relative Detractors					
Michelin (CGDE)	Consumer Discretionary	4.80	-19.08	-0.04	-0.68
JD.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.73	-18.51	0.23	-0.33
Sanofi	Health Care	4.36	-15.48	-0.04	-0.33
Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd.	Information Technology	2.30	-22.76	-0.06	-0.25
TIM SA	Communication Services	0.90	-30.77	-0.05	-0.24

Source: FactSet. ¹Holdings categorized according to the MSCI Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). Holdings not classified by GICS categorized according to FactSet. ²Holdings categorized according to MSCI Country and at the discretion of the Advisor. ³Holdings of the same issuer aggregated and if held as depositary receipts it is not so specified. The portfolio's Top 10 Positions ranked by issuer Ending Weight. Contributors and Detractors ranked by issuer Total Effect (%). Total Effect (%) represents the opportunity cost of the investment decisions in a portfolio relative to the overall benchmark. Holdings of the same issuer are aggregated and may include depositary receipts. The holdings shown do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for investors. **Quantitative Measures:** **Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the volatility of the portfolio's returns. **Beta** measures the portfolio's risk relative to the benchmark. **Tracking Error** is an active risk measure that represents the standard deviation of the excess returns between the portfolio and the index since inception. **Information Ratio** is the ratio of annualized residual return to residual risk. **Upside / Downside Capture** is the measure of the portfolio's performance in both up and down markets relative to the benchmark. **Ending Weight** is the value of the holding relative to the portfolio's total assets as of the report date. **Average Weight** is the average value of the holding relative to the portfolio's total assets over the period. **Price to Book** is a valuation measure that represents the price divided by the book value per share. Holdings are summarized using harmonic average. **Forward Price/Earnings Ratio** is a valuation measure that represents the price at quarter end divided by the mean earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the next twelve months as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted harmonic average and exclude negative earnings. **Return on Equity** is a profitability measure that represents return on average total equity for the period. Holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. **Dividend Yield** is the aggregate weighted average of the portfolio's equity holdings and their respective dividend yield. Dividend Yield shown does not represent any actual yield of the strategy, does not in any way represent the portfolio's total return, and does not reflect the deduction of strategy expenses. **Active Share** measures the degree the portfolio deviates from the benchmark. The sectors shown for the Global strategies are the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"). GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property and service mark of MSCI Inc. and Standard & Poor's (S&P), a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. GICS is licensed for use by Ariel Investments, LLC. Neither MSCI, S&P nor any third party involved in making or compiling GICS or any GICS classifications makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such standard or classification (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any such standard or classification. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, S&P, any of their affiliates or any third party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

Our Performance Attribution

Ariel International (DM/EM) — By Country

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024

Ariel International (DM/EM) (%)			MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index (%)			Attribution (%)				
Country	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return	Allocation Effect (Local)	Selection Effect (Local)	Total Currency Effect	Total Effect
Africa/Mideast	7.77	9.11	0.74	3.53	-1.11	-0.04	0.11	0.57	0.33	1.01
Congo, Democratic Republic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	-20.35	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	-8.99	-0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00	0.00
Israel	5.71	-3.17	-0.15	0.54	14.14	0.07	0.65	-0.82	0.31	0.14
Kuwait	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.17	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Qatar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	-0.15	-0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Saudi Arabia	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.17	-1.54	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-0.07
South Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92	-12.10	-0.12	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.04
United Arab Emirates	2.07	47.36	0.89	0.36	8.96	0.03	0.18	0.65	0.10	0.93
Zambia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	-5.61	-0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.00
Asia/Pacific Ex Japan	14.77	-10.99	-1.70	31.07	-8.16	-2.58	0.40	-0.42	-0.25	-0.27
Australia	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.78	-11.39	-0.55	-0.03	0.00	0.21	0.18
China	4.76	-18.81	-0.93	8.18	-7.67	-0.65	0.22	-0.58	-0.14	-0.50
Hong Kong	1.81	-4.23	-0.08	1.25	-9.80	-0.13	-0.04	0.09	0.03	0.09
India	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.70	-11.32	-0.66	0.45	0.00	-0.23	0.22
Indonesia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.47	-15.63	-0.08	0.04	0.00	-0.00	0.04
Malaysia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	-6.85	-0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.00
New Zealand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	-5.97	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.00
Philippines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	-13.88	-0.02	0.02	0.00	-0.00	0.01
Singapore	0.18	-11.98	-0.02	0.99	3.17	0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.01	-0.11
South Korea	4.25	-16.84	-0.76	2.90	-19.21	-0.60	-0.10	0.13	-0.07	-0.04

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Taiwan	3.77	2.92	0.09	5.65	3.34	0.15	-0.13	0.01	-0.05	-0.17
Thailand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	-10.07	-0.04	0.01	0.00	-0.00	0.01
Currency Forward	-0.05	-0.51	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-0.12
Currency Forward	-0.05	-0.51	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-0.12
Europe	58.56	-5.13	-2.92	41.13	-9.69	-4.03	-0.23	2.76	-0.18	2.35
Austria	2.45	8.26	0.21	0.12	1.07	0.00	0.23	0.15	-0.02	0.36
Belgium	3.73	-2.17	-0.12	0.63	-8.26	-0.05	0.00	0.18	-0.03	0.14
Czech Republic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00
Denmark	1.29	-4.05	-0.05	2.04	-21.52	-0.48	0.11	0.23	0.01	0.35
Finland	0.54	1.86	0.01	0.63	-13.11	-0.09	0.01	0.12	-0.00	0.12
France	17.06	-13.79	-2.54	6.92	-10.26	-0.73	-0.21	-0.63	-0.09	-0.94
Germany	14.88	0.35	0.07	5.70	-5.70	-0.32	0.25	0.86	-0.08	1.03
Greece	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	-6.15	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00
Hungary	0.87	-7.34	-0.07	0.07	-2.25	-0.00	0.08	-0.08	-0.00	-0.00
Ireland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	-12.64	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Italy	4.22	4.44	0.25	1.73	-6.66	-0.12	0.02	0.50	-0.02	0.49
Netherlands	0.99	-5.84	-0.06	2.87	-12.39	-0.37	0.10	0.06	0.00	0.16
Norway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	-5.43	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Poland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	-11.54	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Portugal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	-22.71	-0.03	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
Spain	4.97	-3.81	-0.17	1.73	-9.21	-0.16	-0.03	0.27	-0.03	0.21
Sweden	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	-14.03	-0.30	0.10	0.00	0.04	0.14

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Switzerland	1.13	-12.11	-0.15	6.08	-11.25	-0.70	0.15	-0.01	0.03	0.17
Turkey	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	-3.16	-0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
United Kingdom	6.42	-6.21	-0.30	9.25	-6.82	-0.62	-0.05	0.12	0.03	0.09
Funds	0.17	-1.44	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Funds	0.17	-1.44	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Japan	10.44	0.20	0.00	14.11	-3.60	-0.47	-0.24	0.35	0.09	0.21
Japan	10.44	0.20	0.00	14.11	-3.60	-0.47	-0.24	0.35	0.09	0.21
Latin America	5.20	-12.05	-0.60	2.18	-15.86	-0.36	-0.14	0.04	0.10	-0.01
Brazil	2.27	-26.03	-0.70	1.36	-19.37	-0.28	-0.04	-0.19	-0.06	-0.30
Chile	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	-8.60	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	-0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.00
Mexico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	-10.57	-0.06	0.02	0.00	-0.00	0.02
Peru	2.93	1.30	0.09	0.09	-9.14	-0.01	-0.17	0.28	0.16	0.28
North America	2.57	-10.19	-0.28	7.98	-1.65	-0.12	-0.29	-0.37	0.14	-0.52
Canada	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.98	-1.65	-0.12	-0.43	0.00	-0.01	-0.45
United States	2.57	-10.19	-0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.16	-0.07
Cash	0.57	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.05
Total	100.00	-4.90	-4.90	100.00	-7.60	-7.60	-0.39	2.93	0.16	2.70

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GICS Sector	Ariel International (DM/EM) (%)			MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index (%)			Attribution (%)			
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return	Allocation Effect (Local)	Selection Effect (Local)	Total Currency Effect	Total Effect
Real Estate	2.07	47.36	0.89	1.82	-11.55	-0.21	0.00	0.94	0.11	1.06
Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.69	-17.19	-1.22	0.63	0.00	0.04	0.67
Health Care	10.36	-7.12	-0.78	9.12	-13.87	-1.33	-0.07	0.70	-0.01	0.62
Consumer Staples	5.73	-2.60	-0.13	7.10	-12.38	-0.90	0.10	0.46	0.06	0.62
Utilities	7.20	-3.71	-0.25	3.10	-12.84	-0.41	-0.23	0.62	0.06	0.44
Financials	24.79	-1.59	-0.36	23.25	-2.83	-0.63	0.08	0.40	-0.13	0.34
Industrials	7.83	-2.74	-0.21	13.92	-7.09	-0.98	-0.08	0.34	0.06	0.32
Cash	0.57	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.05
Funds	0.17	-1.44	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Energy	0.61	-11.99	-0.08	5.06	-7.93	-0.40	0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Currency Forward	-0.05	-0.51	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-0.12
Consumer Discretionary	21.63	-8.94	-2.18	11.04	-8.13	-0.90	-0.18	-0.10	-0.06	-0.33
Information Technology	14.00	-4.99	-0.74	13.22	-1.75	-0.24	0.05	-0.69	0.27	-0.37
Communication Services	5.09	-17.72	-0.93	5.69	-6.79	-0.37	0.01	-0.45	-0.14	-0.58
Total	100.00	-4.90	-4.90	100.00	-7.60	-7.60	0.34	2.20	0.16	2.70

Source: FactSet. Total Return (%) does not represent the performance of the Composite for the period. The portfolio holdings are of a representative account and not reflective of the portfolio holdings of the Composite, of clients as a whole, or of the strategy. The representative account was selected because it has no client-imposed restrictions and minimal planned contributions and withdrawals. The portfolio holdings would differ from those of another client account if different client-imposed restrictions were applied, and also may vary from other differences such as cash flow. Holdings are categorized according to the MSCI Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). Holdings not classified by GICS are categorized according to FactSet. The portfolio return for each category reflects the percentage returns of the stocks in each category.

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