Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index
Reporting Date: 31 December 2023
Composite Inception Date: 01 November 2011
Reporting Currency: U.S. Dollar

Composite Description

The composite returns represent the total returns of all fully discretionary portfolios with a Lazard Asia ex-Japan Equity Advantage investment mandate. Prior to October 2021, the composite minimum was $2 million. Lazard Asia ex-Japan Equity Advantage seeks to outperform the MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index over a market cycle using a proprietary, quantitatively driven bottom-up stock selection process. Each stock is evaluated daily according to four independent measures: growth, value, sentiment, and quality. The strategy typically invests in securities of companies all of which are domiciled in the developed and emerging Asian countries contained in the benchmark. The portfolio is constructed to closely resemble the characteristics of the MSCI benchmark including sectors, geography, and market capitalization.

Calculation of Performance Returns

Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. The composite and benchmark returns are reported net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. The composite returns presented represent past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary. A complete list and description of all Lazard composites and pooled funds is available upon request.

Fee Schedule

Lazard's standard fee schedule for Lazard Asia ex-Japan Equity Advantage accounts is 0.75% on the first $50 million, 0.70% on the next $50 million and 0.65% on the balance. (This fee schedule may be presented in non-U.S. local currency equivalents based on prevailing exchange rates.) Composite net-of-fees returns are calculated by reducing monthly composite returns by the 12th root of the stated strategy fee's highest tier.

Benchmark Information

The MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of Asia, excluding Japan. The Index consists of the following 10 developed and emerging market country indices: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. The Index is compiled by MSCI Inc.

GIPS Compliance and Verification Status

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	Calendar									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Gross of Fees)	9.26	-18.78	3.35	23.78	18.62	-13.98	48.55	6.33	-7.86	8.01
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Net of Fees)	8.44	-19.39	2.58	22.85	17.73	-14.62	47.44	5.54	-8.55	7.20
Benchmark (%; Rate of Return)	5.98	-19.67	-4.72	25.02	18.17	-14.37	41.72	5.44	-9.17	4.79
Composite Standard Deviation Gross (3-yr. Ann.)	18.16	20.03	16.81	18.35	14.66	14.69	14.55	14.40	12.81	13.30
Benchmark Standard Deviation (3-yr. Ann.)	18.72	20.70	17.22	18.66	14.61	14.60	14.83	14.86	13.10	13.26
# of Portfolios	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Composite Dispersion Gross (Asset Wtd. Std. Dev.)	0.14	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.00	N/A	0.02	0.04	N/A	N/A
Composite Assets (USD Millions)	110.8	43.6	83.0	115.7	140.9	90.3	141.9	97.6	179.1	115.2
Total Firm Assets (USD Billions)	190.7	169.0	222.1	213.0	205.5	177.2	206.6	168.0	160.1	171.4