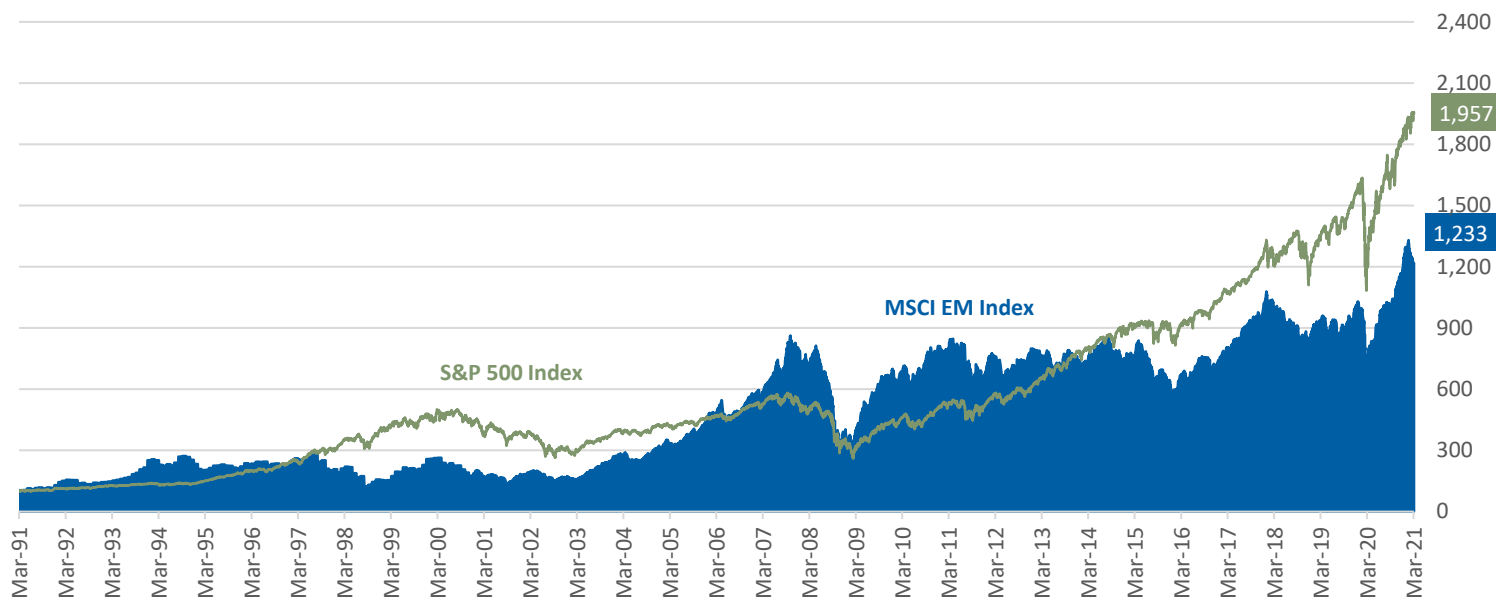


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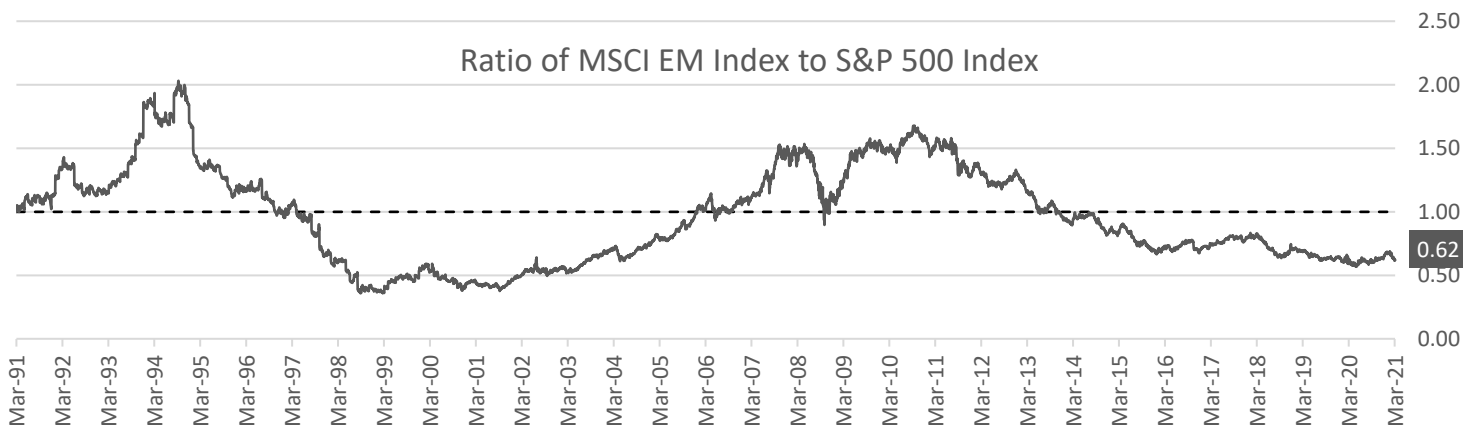
EM Equities Have Lagged U.S. Equities in Recent Years



We believe now may be an ideal time to invest in emerging markets equities

- Relative performance of EM equities vs. U.S. equities has historically been cyclical
- EM equities have lagged U.S. equities over the last few years
- The performance cycle may be due for a reversal in favor of EM equities

Ratio of MSCI EM Index to S&P 500 Index



Source: FactSet, Baron Capital

Note: Index performance includes dividends. The performance of the MSCI EM Index is gross, in USD

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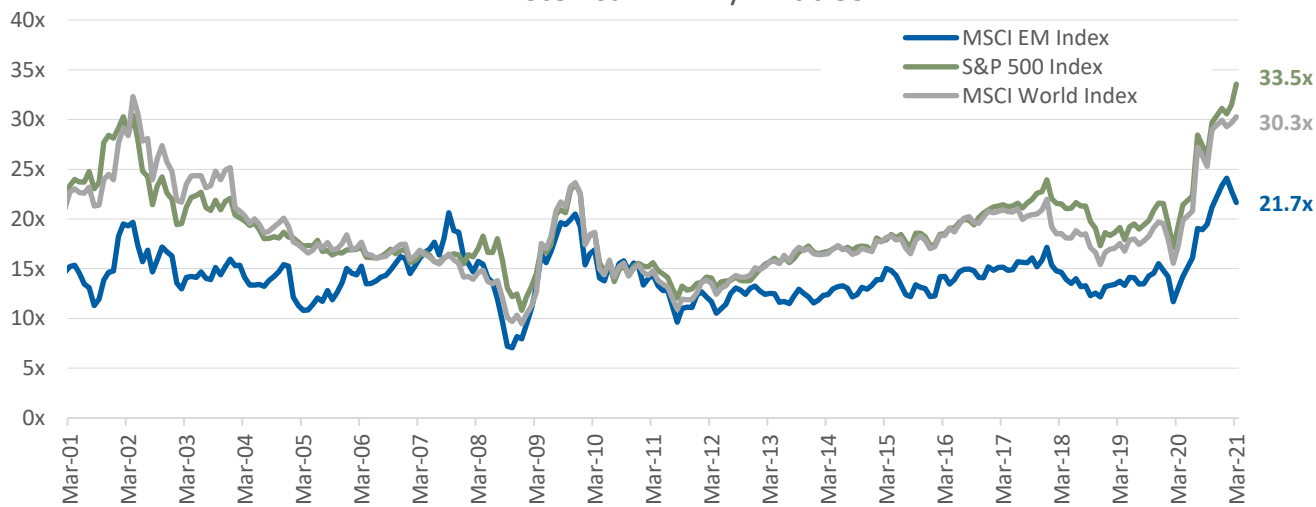


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Historical LTM P/E Ratios

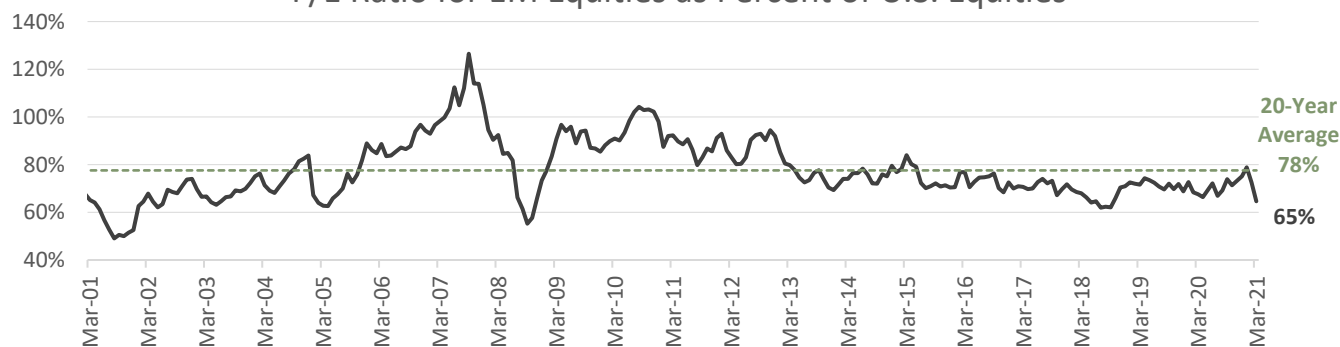


Sources: FactSet Market Aggregates, Baron Capital
*Last 12 months

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- **Current P/E ratio for EM equities is 21.7x vs. 30.3x for developed market equities and 33.5x for U.S. equities**
- **Current P/E ratio for EM equities is 65% of U.S. equities vs. historical average of 78%**

P/E Ratio for EM Equities as Percent of U.S. Equities*



Source: FactSet, Baron Capital
* Last 12 months P/E of MSCI EM Index as % of last 12 months P/E of S&P 500 Index

Price/Earnings Ratio (trailing 12-months): is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its actual earnings per share over the last twelve months. If a company's actual EPS is negative, it is excluded from the portfolio-level calculation.

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