

Seafarer Overseas Growth and Income Fund

Portfolio Briefing

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### False Narratives



1 When the U.S. Federal Reserve increases rates, central banks in the developing world must follow suit.

2 When the Federal Reserve increases rates, emerging markets currencies are certain to weaken against the dollar.

3 Earnings growth for companies from the emerging markets is highly dependent on demand from the richer, developed world – so trade policies and practices in the developed world matter a great deal.

# A Practical Definition of Decoupling



#### Reasonable Expectations

#### Highly Unlikely to Ever Occur

- Divergent economic cycles, as measured over medium- to long-term (e.g., 5 to 10 years)
- Outright resistance to global economic depression or recession

 Rising economic independence; greater emphasis on domestic aspects of economy

- Little or no reliance on external trade; outright economic independence
- Low (or declining) correlation in returns from equities when measured over medium-term horizons; lower beta; divergent asset prices; differentiated market conditions
- Negative correlation when measured over short-term horizons (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly performance)

- Differentiated total returns and liquidity, when measured over an economic cycle (e.g., 5 to 10 years)
- Exceptional resilience in financial markets during a major liquidity crisis

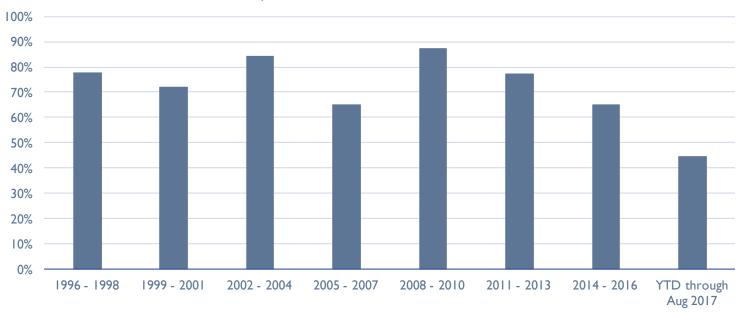
## **Changing Correlations**



### Correlation of MSCI Emerging Markets Index vs. S&P 500 Index

1/1/96 to 8/31/17

Monthly returns, measured in 36-month intervals



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