



## STRATEGY REPORT

As of 30 September 2024

# Emerging Markets Bond Strategy

**Total Emerging Markets Bond Strategy Assets:** \$9.0 billion

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Focus primarily on hard currency sovereign debt, with smaller strategic allocation to corporate debt, and tactical allocation to local currency debt.
- Integrate proprietary credit research and relative value analysis.
- Establish independent credit rating at the market and corporate issuer level.
- Seeks to add value through active market allocation and individual security selection decisions.
- Employs a long-term investment horizon and seeks to limit risk through diversification.

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Diversified portfolio structure: typically 100-150 issuers
- Duration bands: managed within +/- 1 year of the benchmark
- Average credit quality: BB
- Market exposure will range between 0% and a max of 10% over the benchmark
- Expected tracking error should range between 200-400 bps
- Up to 35% in EM corporate bonds

### BENCHMARK

- J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### **Samy Muaddi, CFA®**

- 18 years of investment experience; 18 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.A., University of Maryland

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**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	<b>Representative Portfolio<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified</b>
Weighted Average Coupon	5.66%	5.42%
Weighted Average Maturity	10.23 years	11.34 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	7.07 years	6.80 years
Yield to Maturity	6.52%	7.49%
Average Credit Quality	BB	BBB-
Number of Holdings	377	978

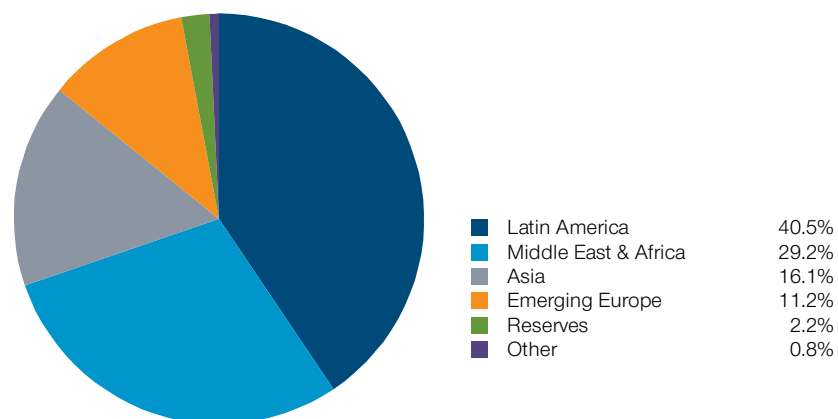
**CREDIT QUALITY**

<b>Credit Allocation</b>	<b>% of Representative Portfolio<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>% of Index</b>
AAA	0.3%	0.0%
AA	2.4	7.1
A	7.3	15.8
BBB	33.5	34.5
BB	30.8	22.6
B	14.4	12.5
CCC	3.5	4.8
CC	2.6	1.7
C	0.0	0.1
D	1.6	0.6
Not Rated	1.4	0.4
Reserves	2.2	0.0

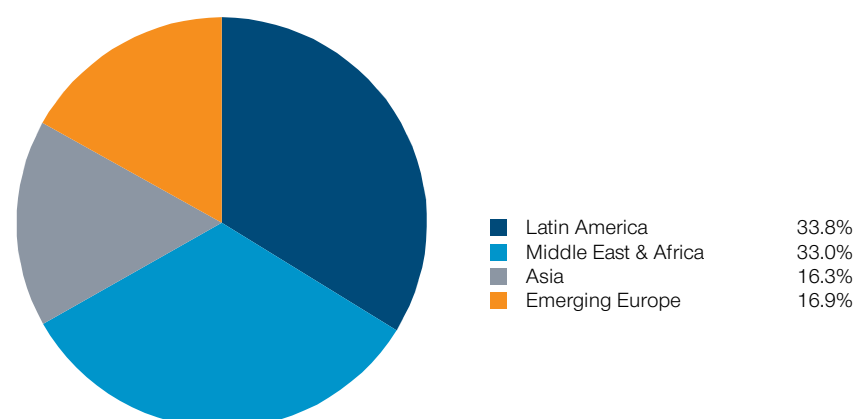
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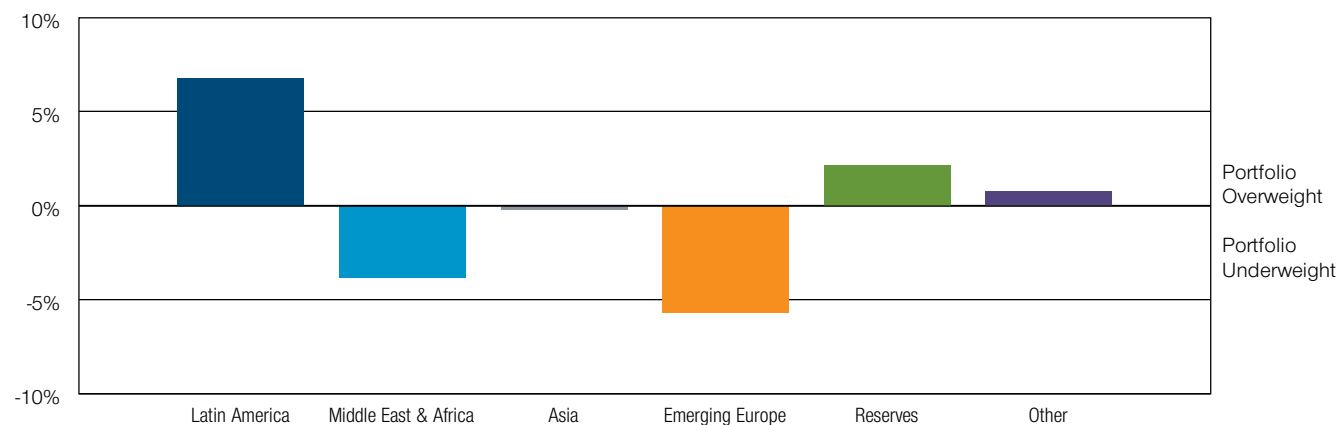
## REGIONAL ALLOCATION

Representative Portfolio<sup>2</sup>

J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified



## REGIONAL ALLOCATION

Representative Portfolio<sup>2</sup> vs. Index: Regional Weighting Difference<sup>2</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

**PERFORMANCE**

	Three Months	Year-to- Date	One Year	Annualized			
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Emerging Markets Bond Composite (Gross)	6.09%	8.89%	20.95%	0.51%	2.05%	3.62%	5.08%
Emerging Markets Bond Composite (Net)	5.99	8.58	20.49	0.13	1.66	3.22	4.68
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	6.15	8.64	18.60	-0.40	1.04	3.05	4.66
Value Added (Gross)	-0.06	0.25	2.35	0.91	1.01	0.57	0.42
Value Added (Net)	-0.16	-0.06	1.89	0.53	0.62	0.17	0.02

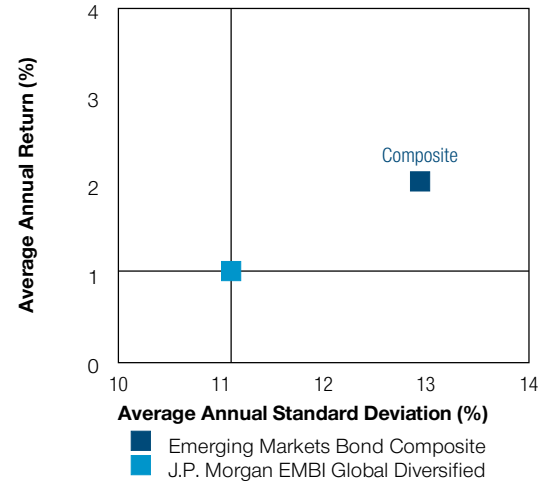
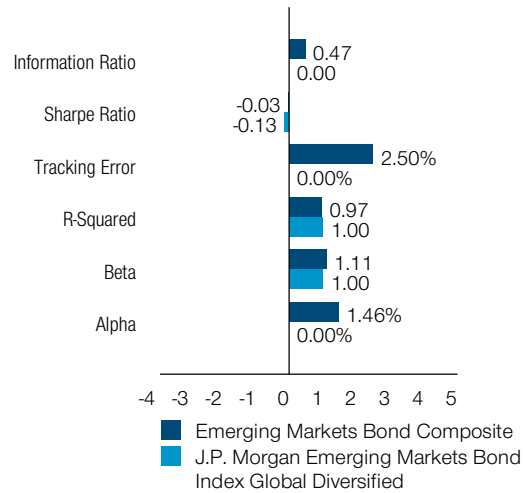
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See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.

RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

Five Years ended 30 September 2024



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Statistics based on monthly gross returns. Returns would have been lower as the result of the deduction of applicable fees.

## GIPS® Composite Report

## Emerging Markets Bond Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2023

Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gross Annual Returns (%)	4.10	1.50	15.73	10.09	-6.36	12.40	5.63	-1.53	-16.50	13.58
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	2.86	0.29	14.37	8.79	-7.48	11.08	4.37	-2.71	-17.52	12.24
Benchmark (%) <sup>2</sup>	5.53	1.23	10.19	9.32	-4.61	14.42	5.88	-1.80	-17.78	11.09
J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (%) <sup>2</sup>	7.43	1.18	10.15	10.26	-4.26	15.04	5.26	-1.80	-17.78	11.09
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	8.02	7.32	7.04	6.02	6.59	6.39	12.97	12.71	15.39	11.68
Benchmark 3-Yr St. Dev.	7.60	6.98	6.33	5.39	5.63	4.78	9.96	9.91	12.80	10.70
J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified 3-Yr St. Dev.	7.03	6.51	5.78	5.04	5.46	4.85	10.73	10.67	13.36	10.70
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Comp. Assets (Millions)	4,694.8	5,119.5	7,421.9	8,005.0	8,148.2	8,296.7	7,688.8	8,167.6	6,888.2	7,465.3
# of Accts. in Comp.	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	5	5	5
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2	1,482.5	1,653.6	1,237.4	1,403.8 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.20%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

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"Other" includes any categories not explicitly mentioned.

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## Risks

The following risks are materially relevant to the portfolio.

**Contingent convertible bond** - Contingent Convertible Bonds may be subject to additional risks linked to: capital structure inversion, trigger levels, coupon cancellations, call extensions, yield/valuation, conversions, write downs, industry concentration and liquidity, among others. **Market (Russia and Ukraine)** - Russian and Ukrainian investments may be subject to higher risks associated with custody and counterparties, liquidity, market disruptions, as well as strong or sudden political risks. **Credit** - Credit risk arises when an issuer's financial health deteriorates and/or it fails to fulfill its financial obligations to the portfolio. **Default** - Default risk may occur if the issuers of certain bonds become unable or unwilling to make payments on their bonds. **Derivative** - Derivatives may be used to create leverage which could expose the portfolio to higher volatility and/or losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. **Distressed or defaulted debt securities** - Distressed or defaulted debt securities may bear substantially higher degree of risks linked to recovery, liquidity and valuation. **Emerging markets** - Emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks. **Frontier markets** - Frontier markets are less mature than emerging markets and typically have higher risks, including limited investability and liquidity. **High yield bond** - High yield debt securities are generally subject to greater risk of issuer debt restructuring or default, higher liquidity risk and greater sensitivity to market conditions. **Interest rate** - Interest rate risk is the potential for losses in fixed-income investments as a result of unexpected changes in interest rates. **Liquidity** - Liquidity risk may result in securities becoming hard to value or trade within a desired timeframe at a fair price. **Sector concentration** - Sector concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any business, industry, economic, financial or market conditions affecting a particular sector in which the portfolio's assets are concentrated.

## General Portfolio Risks

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