

STRATEGY REPORT As of 31 December 2024

# **Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Strategy**

Total Emerging Markets Bond Assets: \$16.2 billion | Total Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Strategy Assets: \$398.7 million Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

# **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

- Focus primarily on sovereign debt denominated in the currencies of the respective emerging markets.
- Integrate proprietary credit research and relative value analysis.
- Establish independent credit rating by market.
- Add value through active market, currency and individual security selection decisions.
- Limit risk through diversification.
- Employ long-term investment horizon combined with low portfolio turnover.

#### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Higher concentration portfolio structure: typically 100-150 securities
- Duration bands: managed within +/- 2 years of the benchmark
- Average Credit Quality: BBB
- Market exposure maximum 30% per market
- Target tracking error: 200-400 bps

## **BENCHMARK**

Linked Performance Benchmark\*

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Andrew Keirle, IIMR

- 28 years of investment experience; 19 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.Sc., University of Swansea at the University of Wales

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

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<sup>\*</sup>Please see Performance section for further information.

# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Representative Portfolio <sup>o</sup>	J.P. Morgan GBI - EM Global Diversified		
Weighted Average Coupon	6.67%	5.58%		
Weighted Average Maturity	8.98 years	7.74 years		
Weighted Average Effective Duration	5.40 years	5.28 years		
Yield to Maturity	7.29%	6.39%		
Average Credit Quality	BBB+	BBB+		
Number of Holdings	121	391		

## **CREDIT QUALITY**

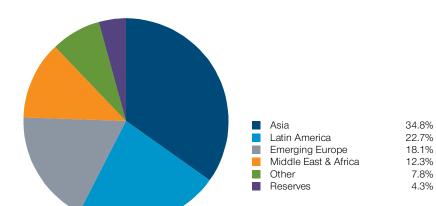
Credit Allocation	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	% of Index		
AAA	1.8%	0.5%		
AA	4.2	5.5		
A	20.7	34.1		
BBB	40.6	43.0		
BB	16.8	16.4		
В	4.5	0.5		
CCC	0.5	0.0		
D	0.0	0.0		
Not Rated	0.8	0.0		
Reserves	10.0	0.0		

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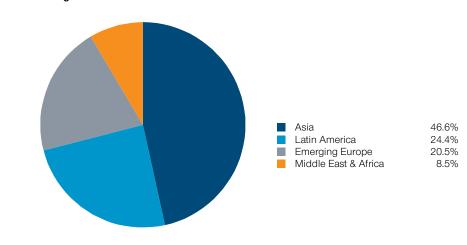
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# **REGIONAL ALLOCATION**



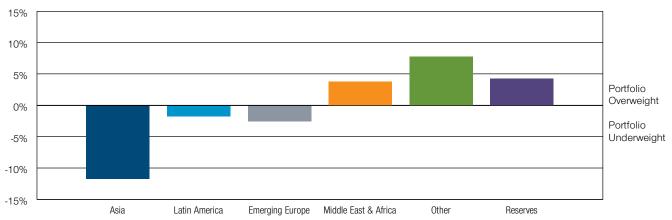


J.P. Morgan GBI - EM Global Diversified



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# Representative Portfolioºvs. Index: Regional Weighting Difference



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# **PERFORMANCE**

			Annualized				
	Three	One	Three	Five	Ten	Fifteen	
	Months	Year	Years	Years	Years	Years	
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite (Gross)	-7.67%	-3.46%	0.31%	-0.64%	1.45%	1.86%	
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite (Net)	-7.76	-3.81	-0.05	-0.99	1.08	1.50	
Linked Performance Benchmark*	-6.98	-2.38	-0.96	-1.86	0.43	1.07	
Value Added (Gross)	-0.69	-1.08	1.27	1.22	1.02	0.79	
Value Added (Net)	-0.78	-1.43	0.91	0.87	0.65	0.43	

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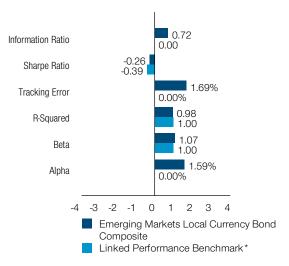
Gross performance returns are presented before management and all other fees, where applicable, but after trading expenses. Net of fees performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable management fee that would be charged based on the fee schedule, without the benefit of breakpoints. Gross and net performance returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and are net of all non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains.

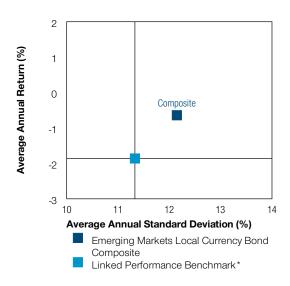
<sup>\*</sup>Effective 1 January 2011, the benchmark for the composite was changed to J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index — Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified. Prior to 1 January 2011, the benchmark was the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index — Emerging Markets Broad Diversified Index. Historical benchmark representations have not been restated.

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

# **RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

Five Years ended 31 December 2024





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# GIPS<sup>®</sup> Composite Report

## **Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite**

Period Ended December 31, 2023 Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gross Annual Returns (%)	-4.99	-14.47	11.91	16.61	-6.88	14.67	5.02	-8.61	-10.15	16.34
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	-6.13	-15.50	10.59	15.23	-8.00	13.31	3.77	-9.71	-11.23	14.97
Benchmark (%) <sup>2</sup>	-5.72	-14.92	9.94	15.21	-6.21	13.47	2.69	-8.75	-11.69	12.70
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	11.94	10.70	12.26	11.17	11.47	9.84	13.45	12.44	13.07	11.25
Benchmark 3-Yr St. Dev.	11.77	10.35	11.97	10.87	11.09	9.20	12.33	11.37	12.21	10.71
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)	171.9	180.9	260.9	640.8	664.6	588.1	652.4	587.9	363.0	445.1
# of Accts. in Comp.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
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>&</sup>lt;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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Effective January 1, 2011, the benchmark for the composite was changed to J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index - Emerging Markets Global Diversified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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## **Risks**

The following risks are materially relevant to the portfolio.

China Interbank Bond Market - The China Interbank Bond Market may subject the portfolio to additional liquidity, regulatory, settlement procedure and counterparty risks. The portfolio may incur significant trading and realisation costs. Market (China) - Chinese investments may be subject to higher levels of risks such as liquidity, currency, regulatory and legal risks due to the structure of the local market. 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 risk arises when an issuer's financial health deteriorates and/or it fails to fulfill its financial obligations to the portfolio. Currency - Currency exchange rate movements could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses. 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. Emerging markets - Emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks. Frontier markets are less mature than emerging markets and typically have higher risks including limited investability and liquidity. High yield bond - High yield pond - High yield bond - High yield pond - High yield pond - High yield bond - High yield pond - H

## **General Portfolio Risks**

Counterparty - Counterparty risk may materialise if an entity with which the portfolio does business becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the portfolio. **ESG and sustainability** - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the portfolio. **Geographic concentration** - Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental or market conditions affecting those markets or regions in which the portfolio's assets are concentrated. **Hedging** - Hedging measures involve costs and may work imperfectly, may not be feasible at times, or may fail completely. **Investment portfolio** - Investing in portfolios involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. **Management** - Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager. **Market** - Market risk may subject the portfolio to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors. **Operational** - Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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