



T. ROWE PRICE FUNDS SICAV

Emerging Markets Bond Fund – ESG Report

Providing transparency on Environment, Social and Governance aspects of the fund

As at 31 March 2023

ESG INTEGRATION APPROACH

- The Emerging Markets Bond Fund uses environmental, social, and governance (ESG) integration as part of its investment process. By incorporating ESG considerations into our investment process, we seek to understand the range of ESG risks, together with many other investment criteria, to better position ourselves to deliver consistent, strong long-term returns for our clients.
- The process of ESG integration takes place on two levels: first, with our research analysts as they incorporate ESG factors into company valuations and ratings, and second, with the portfolio manager as he balances these ESG factor exposures at the portfolio level. Both the analysts and the portfolio manager are able to leverage dedicated, in-house resources to assist in analyzing ESG criteria.
- Our ESG specialist teams provide investment research on ESG issues at the company level and on thematic topics. Additionally, they have built tools to help proactively and systematically analyze the environmental, social, and governance factors that could impact our investments. The foundation of the analysis is a proprietary flagging tool called the Responsible Investing Indicator Model (RIIM). It covers around 15,000 companies and pulls from data sets that are not in the wheelhouse of traditional financial analysis. These data sets include:
 - ESG performance data (e.g., number of accidents, carbon emissions, strength of whistle-blower programs, etc.);
 - ESG targets (e.g., plans to reduce carbon emissions, increase diversity, etc.)
 - ESG incidents and controversies (e.g., environmental fines paid, local community controversies/protests against a company, etc.)
- Our security selection process emphasizes identifying the best issues across the capital structure of a country or company. Our research and trading teams work seamlessly together to evaluate the fundamentals, ESG profile, valuation and technicals across an issuer or country's outstanding debt set to access the best risk-adjusted positions for inclusion in the portfolio. The ESG analysis helps the portfolio manager to identify where there may be elevated ESG risks across the portfolio and help him to determine how material an impact those risks may have in order to inform his decision-making.
- The fund is classified as Article 8 according to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics is achieved through the fund's commitment to maintain at least 50% of the value of its portfolio invested in issuers and/or securities that are rated as 'Green' by the T. Rowe Price proprietary Responsible Investor Indicator Model (RIIM).

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE: To maximise the value of its shares through both growth in the value of, and income from, its investments.

INVESTMENT PROCESS: The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of bonds of all types from emerging market issuers. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics is achieved through the fund's commitment to maintain at least 50% of the value of its portfolio invested in issuers and/or securities that are rated as 'Green' by the T. Rowe Price proprietary Responsible Investor Indicator Model (RIIM). In addition to the E/S characteristics promoted, the fund also applies the investment manager's proprietary responsible screen (the T. Rowe Price Responsible Exclusion List). The fund may use derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. The fund may also use derivatives to create synthetic short positions in currencies and debt securities. For full investment objective and policy details refer to the prospectus. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

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RECENT COMPANY ENGAGEMENTS

We maintain a regular dialogue with the management teams of companies represented across the portfolio. Our investment-driven engagement program frequently identifies targets through our proprietary RIIM analysis, governance screening and analysts' fundamental research. While we engage with companies in a variety of different contexts, ESG engagement focuses on learning about, influencing or exchanging perspectives on the environmental practices, corporate governance or social issues affecting their business. While most of the meetings we hold with company managements will include some discussion of ESG topics, we differentiate meetings held with a heavy focus on ESG, meaning ESG issues were the sole items on the agenda or made up a meaningful part of the meeting. Agenda items are classified as "meaningful" when they take up a significant portion of the meeting or are a significant factor in the investment case. The following are selected examples of recent engagements with companies held in or considered for the portfolio. The examples are not meant to be representative of every engagement held, but to illustrate the types of ESG engagements we are having with the managements of our investment companies.

Lenovo (1st Quarter 2023 Engagement)

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| Focus | Environment |
| Company Description | Lenovo is an electronics manufacturer based in China. |
| Engagement Objective | We engaged with the company to focus on product sustainability. |
| Participants | <p>From Lenovo: Executive Director, Global ESG and Regulatory Compliance; Sustainability Director, Global Supply Chain; Chief Diversity Officer and President, Lenovo Foundation; WW Security Manager, Global Supply Chain; Chief Information Security Officer; Executive Director, Chief Security Office</p> <p>From T. Rowe Price: Responsible Investing Analyst; Fixed Income Analyst; Fixed Income Portfolio Manager; Fixed Income ESG Associate Portfolio Manager; Fixed Income Impact Analyst</p> |
| Engagement Outcome | <p>The purpose of our engagement with Lenovo was to impart our view on materiality within the technology hardware space. We also sought to encourage more clarity on product sustainability key performance indicators (KPIs), get an update on emission reduction goals, and perform due diligence on supply chain ESG risk management and the company's green bond framework.</p> <p>Regarding product sustainability KPIs, Lenovo tracks the percentage of stock-keeping units with an eco-label but not at the revenue level. The company has set a goal to reduce emissions by 35% by 2030 for comparable products. This will have the biggest impact on notebooks, desktops, and servers, which consume significant energy. Lenovo plans to leverage energy efficiency measures (e.g., energy star) and study the carbon impact of design decisions to achieve its product goals. T. Rowe Price imparted the view that revenue alignment to sustainable product/green revenue is a valuable indicator to track.</p> <p>Circular themes/end-of-life waste is a key theme for Lenovo. The company is targeting 100% of its personal computers will contain post-consumer waste by 2025. Lenovo has a single set of requirements for collection and recycling services and has been using post-consumer waste for 17 years. The company aims to use high volumes of recycled content and sees more opportunity in monitors, less in notebooks and phones.</p> <p>Supply chain monitoring appears to be robust. Lenovo works with the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) and industry groups to minimize risks related to conflict minerals. It uses EcoVadis (a provider of business sustainability ratings) to get a risk rating on all suppliers. Lenovo does a lot of auditing in the RBA program, including annual self-assessments and a third-party audit of all suppliers every other year. A supply chain risk council examines risks and concerns, e.g., ensuring compliance with laws such as the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act. The company uses Everstream (a supply chain risk analytics company) that allows it to screen for regional exposure in the supply chain.</p> <p>On the subject of green bonds, we imparted our view that investors prefer new financing over refinancing, and the preference for green bonds funding credible impact investments over sustainability-linked bonds.</p> <p>The engagement allowed us to impart our views on materiality within the technology sector and to encourage Lenovo to share more comprehensive KPIs on product sustainability. We will follow up on our key asks (i.e., the percentage of revenue from eco-labeled products and the percentage of recycled content at the firm level) in the near term.</p> |

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General fund risks - to be read in conjunction with the fund specific risks above. **Counterparty** - Counterparty risk may materialise if an entity with which the fund does business becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund. **ESG and sustainability** - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund. **Hedging** - Hedging measures involve costs and may work imperfectly, may not be feasible at times, or may fail completely. **Investment fund** - Investing in funds 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 fund 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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