



## Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Strategy

**Total Emerging Markets Bond Assets:** \$15.4 billion | **Total Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$442.3 million

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Focus primarily on sovereign debt denominated in the currencies of the respective emerging countries.
- Integrate proprietary credit research and relative value analysis.
- Establish independent credit rating by country.
- Add value through active country, 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
- Country exposure maximum 30% per country
- Target tracking error: 200-400 bps

### BENCHMARK

- Linked Performance Benchmark\*

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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- 27 years of investment experience; 18 years with T. Rowe Price.
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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>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund, a sub-fund of a Luxembourg domiciled SICAV, and a subadvised portfolio.

\*Please see Performance section for further information.

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Representative Portfolio <sup>°</sup>	J.P. Morgan GBI - EM Global Diversified
Weighted Average Coupon	5.99%	5.33%
Weighted Average Maturity	8.29 years	7.21 years
Weighted Average Effective Duration	5.32 years	5.05 years
Yield to Maturity	7.07%	6.27%
Average Credit Quality	BBB	BBB+
Number of Holdings	115	335

**CREDIT QUALITY**

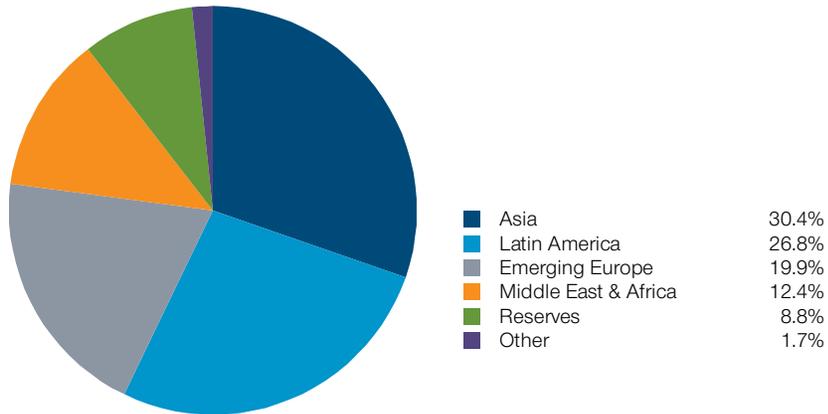
Credit Allocation	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>°</sup>	% of Index
AAA	1.5%	0.5%
AA	4.8	6.5
A	19.7	34.8
BBB	40.5	38.6
BB	19.4	18.8
B	3.8	0.9
CCC	0.5	0.0
C	0.5	0.0
D	0.0	0.0
Not Rated	0.6	0.0
Reserves	8.8	0.0

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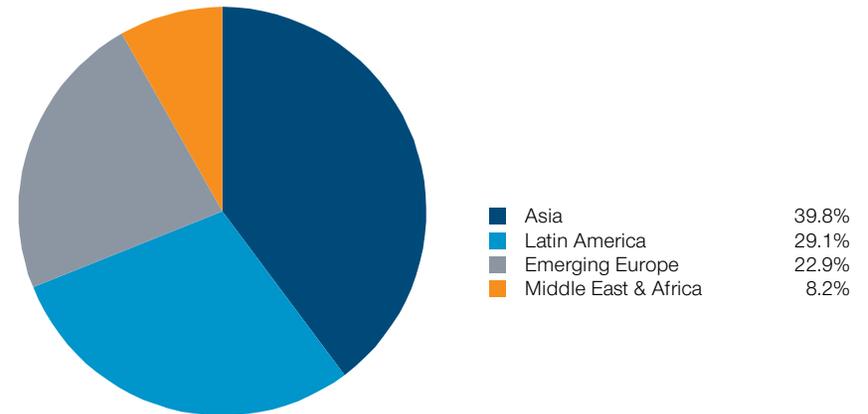
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**REGIONAL ALLOCATION**

**Representative Portfolio<sup>2</sup>**

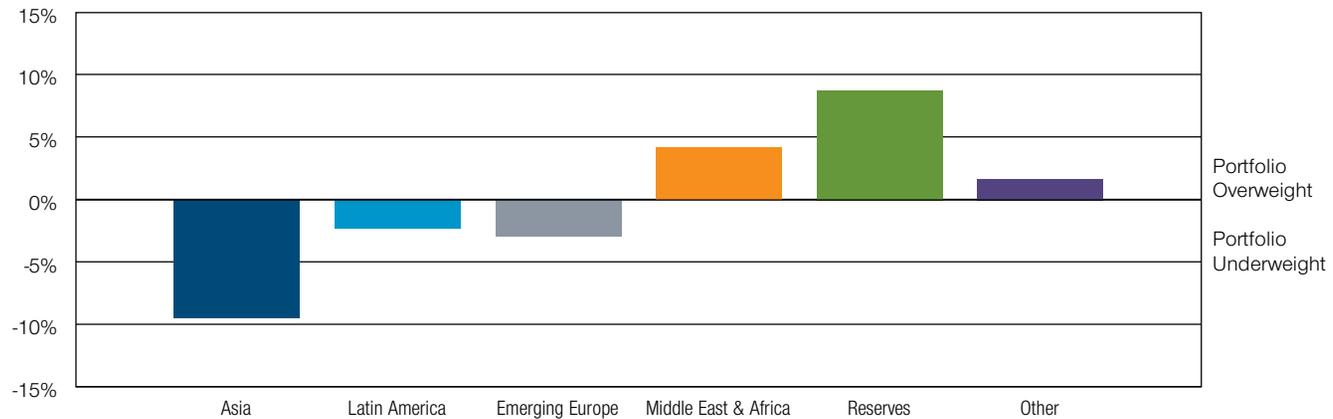


**J.P. Morgan GBI - EM Global Diversified**



**REGIONAL ALLOCATION**

**Representative Portfolio<sup>2</sup> vs. Index: Regional Weighting Difference**



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**PERFORMANCE**

	Three Months	One Year	Annualized			
			Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite (Gross)	-2.19%	7.41%	0.04%	1.66%	0.85%	3.52%
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite (Net)	-2.28	7.01	-0.33	1.28	0.47	3.14
Linked Performance Benchmark*	-2.12	4.91	-1.60	0.13	-0.32	2.50
Value Added (Gross)	-0.07	2.50	1.64	1.53	1.17	1.02
Value Added (Net)	-0.16	2.10	1.27	1.15	0.79	0.64

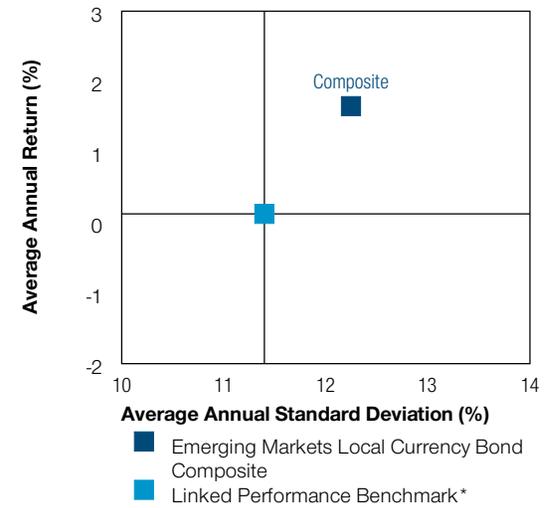
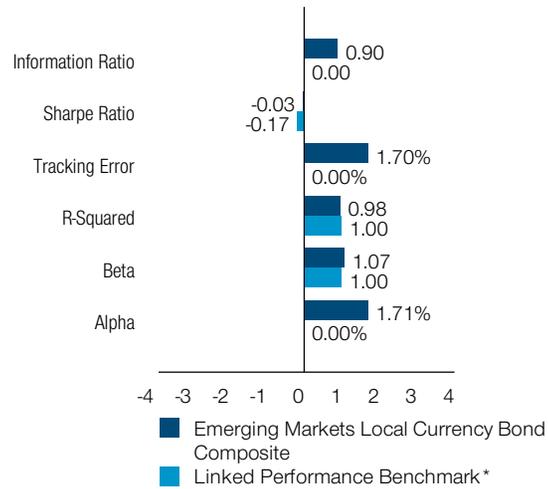
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\*Effective 1 January 2011, the benchmark for the composite was changed to J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index – Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified. Prior to 1 January 2011, the benchmark was the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index – Emerging 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 March 2024



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**FEE SCHEDULE****Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite**

The Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Composite seeks to maximize total return by investing primarily in a widely diversified, global portfolio of bonds and other fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-national and corporate issuers established, or conducting the predominant part of their business activity, in the economically emerging countries of Latin America, Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The composite's emphasis will be on investing in securities denominated in the currencies of the respective emerging countries. (Created September 2007, incepted September 30, 2007.)

First \$50 million	37.5 basis points
Next \$50 million	35 basis points
Above \$100 million	35 basis points on all assets *
Above \$250 million	28 basis points on all assets *
Minimum separate account size	\$50 million

\* A transitional credit is applied to the fee schedule as assets approach or fall below the break point.

## GIPS® Composite Report

## Emerging Markets Local Currency 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 (%)	-4.99	-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									
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>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.**

<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.

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The strategy utilizes on a regular basis a variety of derivative instruments such as (but not limited to) currency forwards, fixed income futures, interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, synthetic indices, and options on all mentioned instruments, primarily to hedge certain market risks associated with the strategy's objective, to express directional opportunities on specific markets and to facilitate liquidity management.

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