



QUARTERLY REVIEW

# Emerging Markets Bond Fund

As of June 30, 2020

## PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

The portfolio outperformed the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global for the three-month period ended June 30, 2020.

Relative performance drivers:

- A structural bias towards high yield issuers over investment-grade rated issuers contributed as the market recovered from March's sell-off.
- Our underweight in China added to relative returns.
- Overweight allocations to high-conviction frontier sovereigns supported relative performance.
- Holdings in distressed issuer Venezuela held back relative results.

Additional highlights:

- We remain constructive on emerging markets debt and maintain conviction in several frontier countries that have been oversold (Ukraine and Ghana), yet we have reduced exposure to more structurally vulnerable countries (Turkey and South Africa) and are mindful of liquidity in the portfolio.
- While the global slowdown and health care crisis have weighed on fundamentals in emerging markets and some of the more fragile countries are likely to remain impaired, most countries should weather the storm and continue to gradually recover.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PREMX
CUSIP	77956H872
Inception Date of Fund	December 30, 1994
Benchmark	J.P. Morgan EMBI Global
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.90%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	-
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$5,010,815,211
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	3.2%

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized				30-Day SEC Yield
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Emerging Markets Bond Fund	11.88%	-5.97%	-5.66%	-0.16%	3.74%	4.57%	5.76%	4.83%
J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global	11.21	-1.87	1.52	3.31	5.12	5.82	6.59	-

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	Inception Date	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Emerging Markets Bond Fund	Dec 30 1994	13.29%	3.47%	19.62%	-7.19%	3.21%	0.62%	14.63%	8.98%	-7.23%	11.30%
J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global		12.04	8.46	18.54	-6.58	5.53	1.23	10.19	9.32	-4.61	14.42

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## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

### Emerging Markets Advance on Increased Risk Appetite

Emerging markets (EM) debt generated strong returns in the second quarter, climbing amid increased demand for yield, unprecedented global economic stimulus, and optimism about a robust global economic recovery as nations slowly reopen for business. Gains were tempered somewhat by increases in coronavirus infections in select countries. All regions produced positive returns, led by notable advances in Africa and the Middle East. High yield credits outperformed investment grade, but both added to gains. There was increased new supply, largely from investment-grade issuers, which was met with healthy demand. The International Monetary Fund reduced its global growth estimate for 2020 to -4.9% from its April 2020 forecast of -3.0%. The anticipated recovery of 5.4% forecast for 2021 was also adjusted lower. The U.S. reported that first-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) had contracted 4.8% with further contraction likely amid significant lockdowns in most of the country. China reported its economy shrank by 6.8% in the first quarter, the country's first year-over-year decline in GDP since records began in 1992. Later in the quarter, the U.S. reported stronger-than-expected economic data with unexpected job growth and the largest increase on record in retail sales. The U.S. Federal Reserve maintained its policy rate at 0.00%-0.25%, and the updated summary of economic projections indicated low rates would almost certainly extend through 2022. Central banks around the world cut rates, seeking to address sudden, unexpected economic slowdowns, with some EM central banks cutting to historically low policy rates. Some EM central banks joined their developed market counterparts in launching government bond purchase programs. Oil prices collapsed as storage for oil reached its limits early in the quarter. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other oil-producing nations came to an agreement to significantly cut oil production, and prices recovered. As countries were pressured by reduced growth and increased spending due to the coronavirus, rating agencies made some changes. Moody's and Fitch reduced India's outlook to negative. Fitch lowered Mexico's credit rating to BBB-. S&P downgraded South Africa further below investment grade to BB-. Argentina and Ecuador each defaulted on some debt payments.

### Relative Performance

#### Effective Positioning in China

Positioning in China contributed to relative performance. Our underweight allocation supported results. The lower-yielding sovereign held in relatively well during the first-quarter sell-off but subsequently lagged as the market began to recover amid increased investor risk sentiment. Political tensions in the region as well as ongoing tension with the U.S. also dampened enthusiasm for Chinese assets. Additionally, our selection of higher-yielding, off-benchmark corporates was positive amid heightened demand for yield.

#### Argentina's Recovery Beneficial

Our overweight allocation to Argentina added to relative returns. The country officially entered default in May, but our positions partially recovered their first-quarter losses during the second quarter. Bonds recovered from oversold levels as the government and creditors moved closer to a mutually agreeable restructuring.

#### Higher-Yielding Frontiers Outperformed

Overweight allocations to high-conviction frontier sovereigns Ukraine, Sri Lanka, and Ghana supported relative results. These higher-yielding countries rebounded from oversold levels amid increased investor risk appetite and demand for yield.

An underweight allocation to lower-quality oil exporter Angola held back relative results. The sovereign partially recovered from very low levels amid increased investor risk sentiment and a recovery in oil prices.

#### Sanctioned Venezuela Lagged Market Rebound

Exposure to Venezuela detracted from performance. The sanctioned bonds largely do not trade, yet mark-to-market pricing is ongoing. We see long-term upside potential in an eventual restructuring, as there are significant assets backing these low dollar-priced bonds. Ongoing volatility is anticipated until this time.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING AND ACTIVITY

### We are overweight countries pursuing reform agendas that target long-term growth.

#### Brazil

While we remain overweight Brazil, political challenges caused us to reduce holdings. We trimmed our sovereign positions and notably reduced holdings in quasi-sovereign oil company Petrobras. We also pared positions in some corporate holdings, such as banks, while maintaining our holdings of high-conviction consumer issues.

#### Ukraine

Ukraine is a meaningful overweight in the portfolio, though we trimmed our position to lock in gains following a period of strong performance. Ukraine's new IMF program was designed to support the progress that has been made in economic reforms.

#### Argentina

We have added to our position in Argentina. The distressed issuer offers attractive relative value with good restructuring prospects. The assets were oversold as it defaulted on some payments in May. The government has been negotiating with creditor groups, and we are optimistic about a mutually beneficial agreement.

### We remain underweight countries that offer limited risk-adjusted return potential.

#### China

China remains a significant underweight. China's external debt consists largely of low-yielding, quasi-sovereign issuers with limited transparency and generally uninspiring relative value.

#### Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar are recent additions to the benchmark, and we have deliberately not kept up with their growing weight in the index. In the last quarter, however, we slightly increased our exposure to this defensive area of the market as they are a good source of duration and liquidity. We added to Saudi Arabian sovereign debt and quasi-sovereign Aramco. Our underweight to these higher-quality, low-yielding sovereigns is consistent with our structural underweight to such countries.

#### The Philippines

We are significantly underweight the Philippines as the high-quality sovereign is relatively low yielding, and we see better relative value elsewhere.

## MANAGER'S OUTLOOK

The March global sell-off in risk assets brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, an oil supply shock, and market illiquidity led to historically cheap valuations in emerging markets debt. While the global economic shock and health care crises have certainly weighed on fundamentals in emerging markets, and some more fragile countries are likely to remain impaired, most countries should weather the storm and continue to gradually recover.

The second quarter recovery in risk sentiment was consistent with our early optimism surrounding stimulative economic policy that both developed and emerging markets enacted in response to the crisis. We remain encouraged by the fiscal and monetary steps taken to support a sustained recovery as economic activity continues to normalize. Furthermore, the high carry provided by EM debt should continue to attract investors in an environment of record-low global yields and elevated equity valuations. However, valuations are now more normalized on the back of a sizable recovery and the technical backdrop has moderated as the bond supply and demand picture is now more balanced.

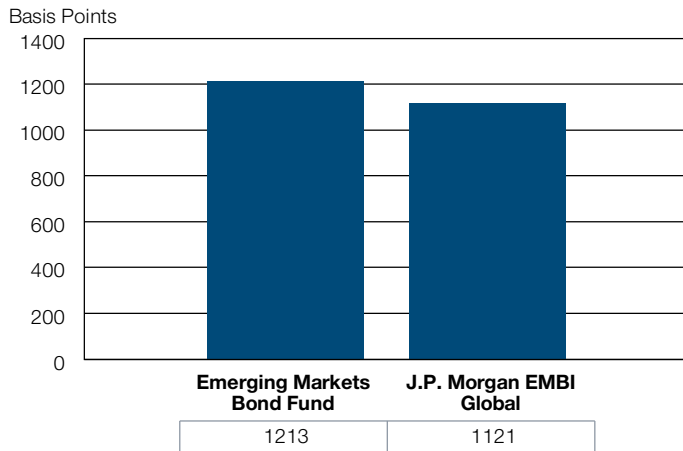
In our portfolio, we maintain conviction in several frontier names that have been excessively punished, such as Ukraine and Ghana, and are finding value in fundamentally attractive quasi-sovereigns and select corporates in mainstream markets that offer yield premiums over their respective sovereign. Our modest positions in select restructuring cases also have the potential to provide asymmetric, uncorrelated alpha.

On the other hand, we have reduced exposure to more structurally vulnerable markets such as Turkey and South Africa. We have also steadily trimmed our overweight to Brazil in response to increasing political tension and a notably poor response to the coronavirus. We have maintained our structural underweight to low-beta countries, such as Russia, China, and the Gulf States. However, we have added some long duration Saudi Arabia to partially hedge our duration underweight, and we are being mindful of liquidity.

## QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION

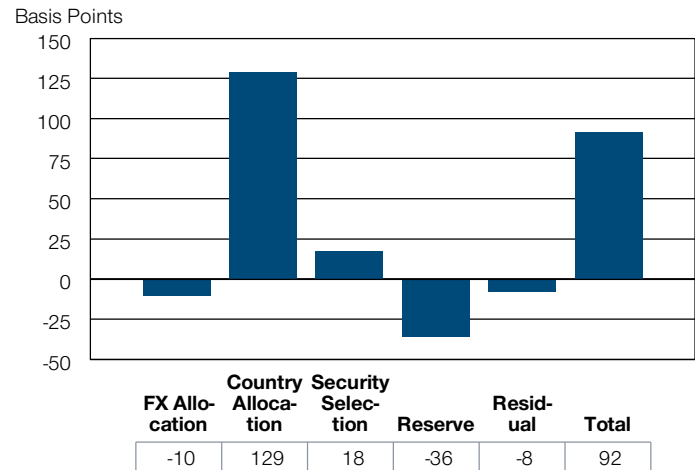
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(3 months ended June 30, 2020)



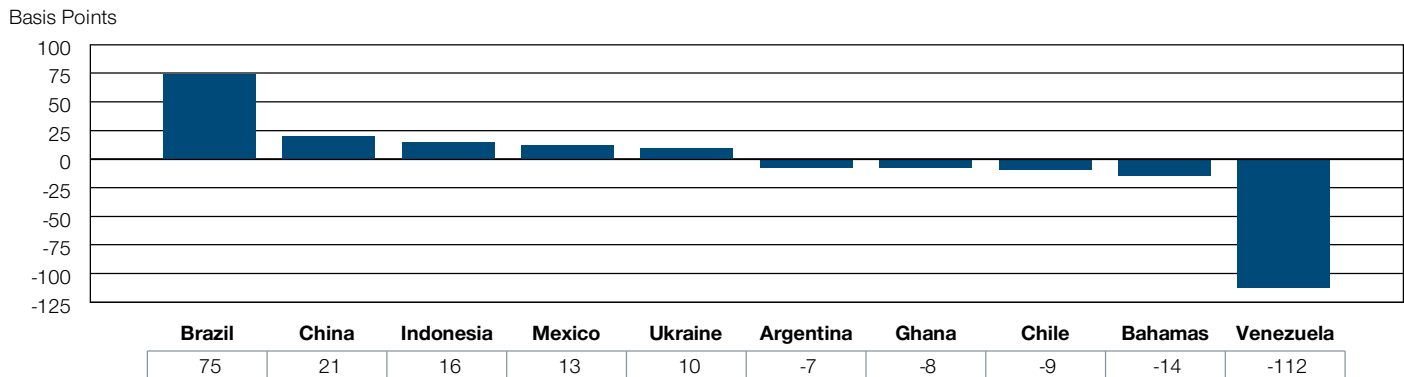
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### USD SECURITY SELECTION DETAILS - TOP 5/BOTTOM 5: FUND VS. J.P. MORGAN EMBI GLOBAL

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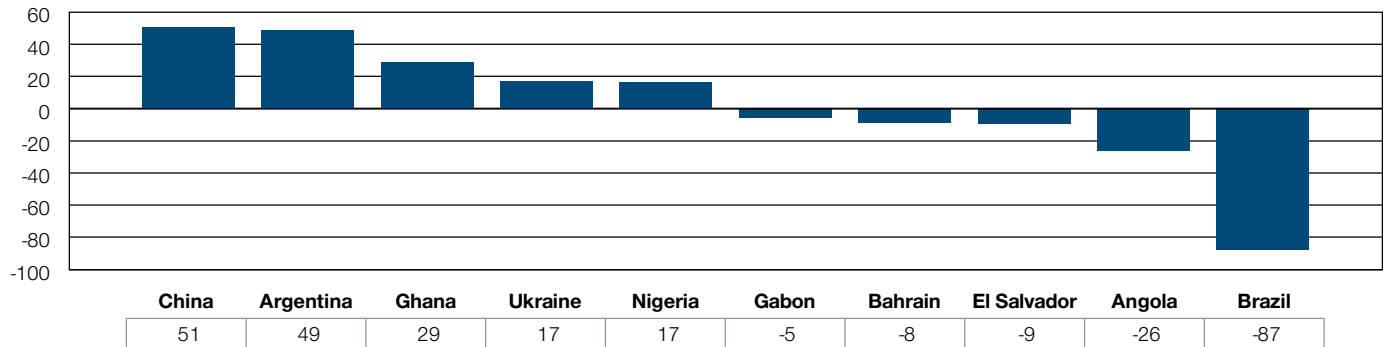
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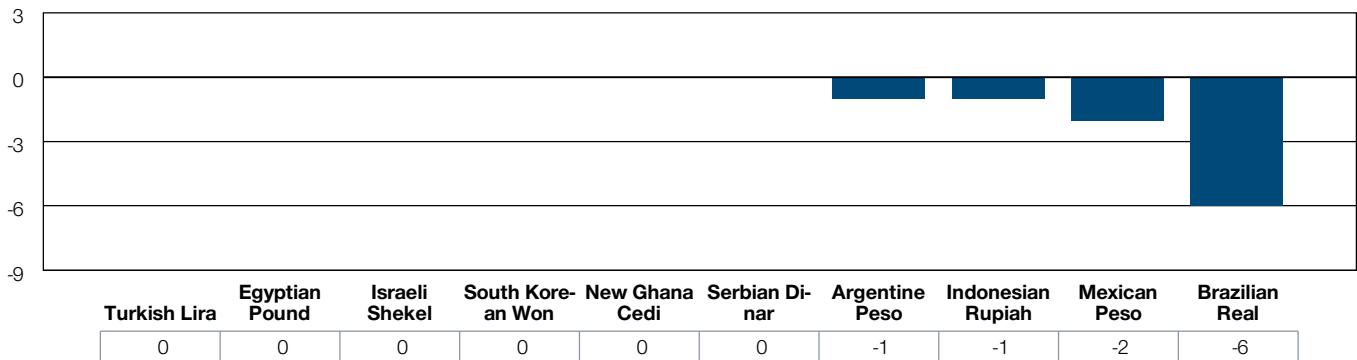
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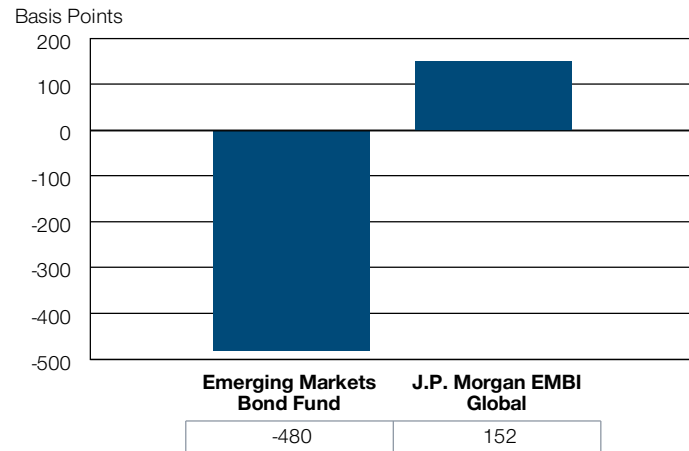


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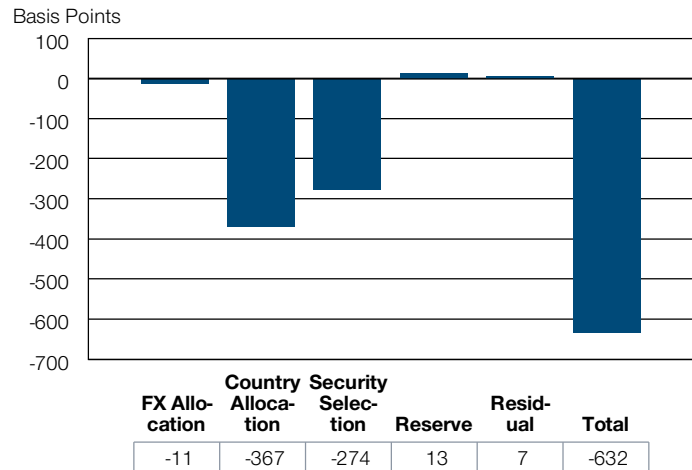
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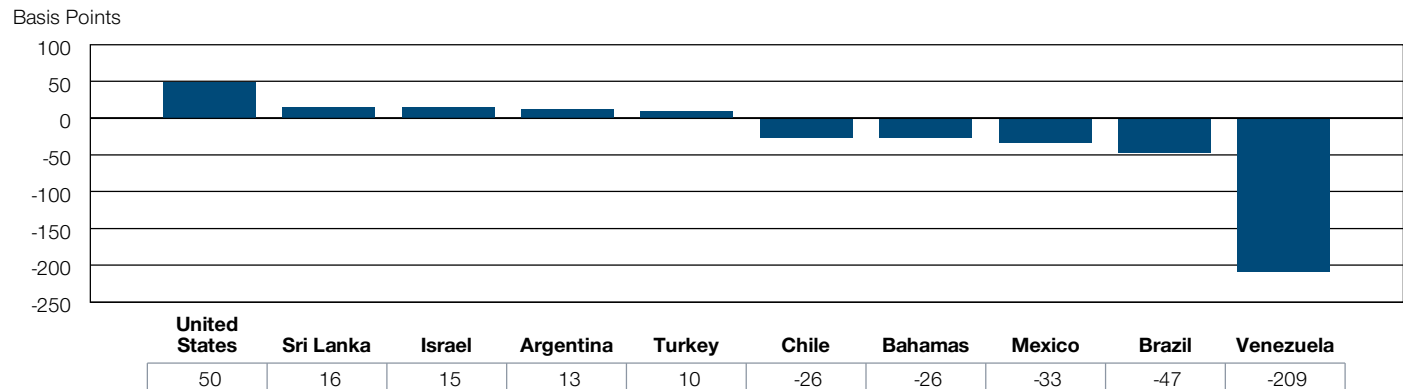
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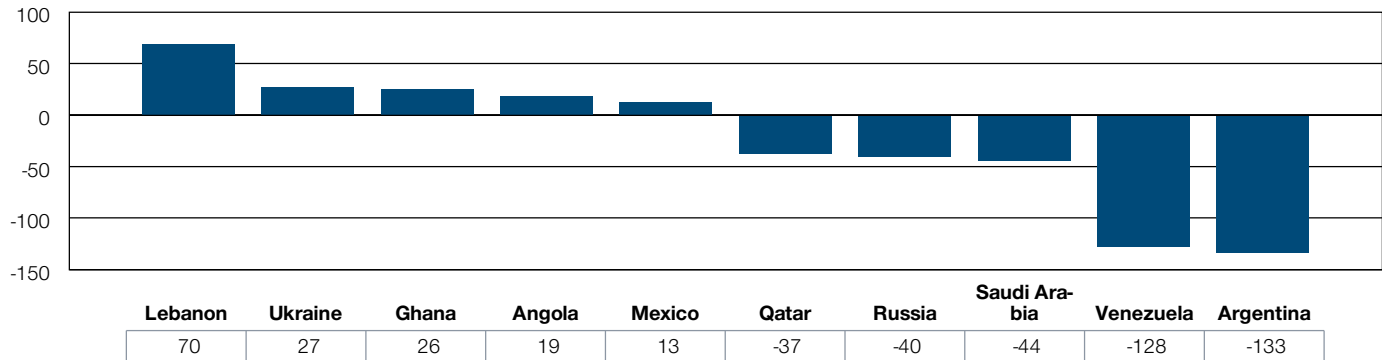
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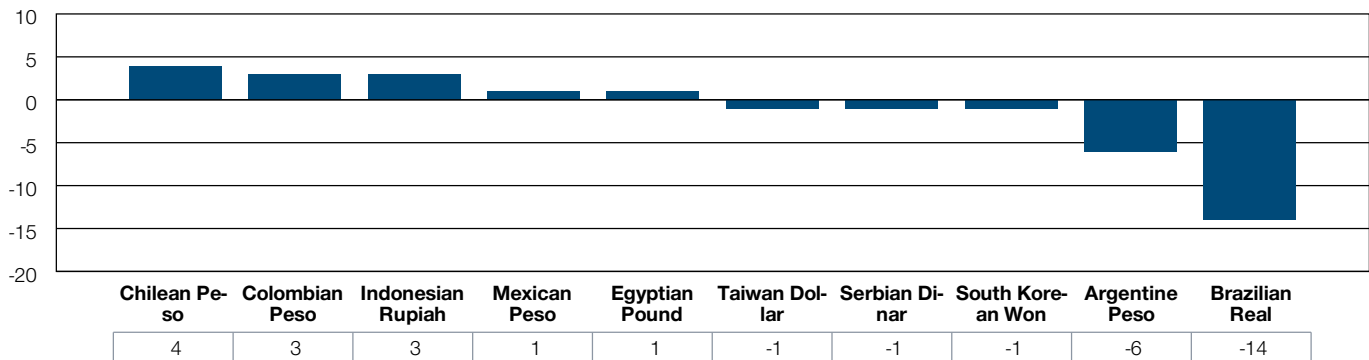
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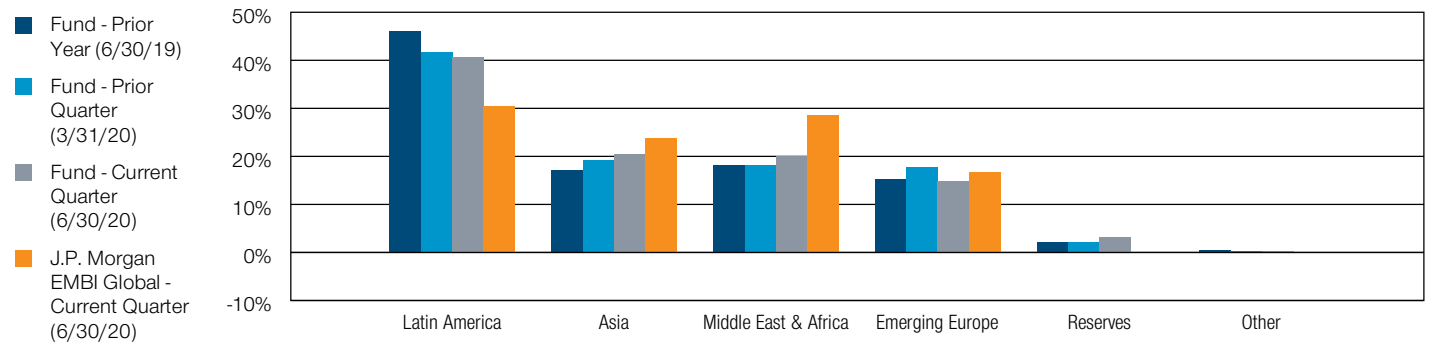
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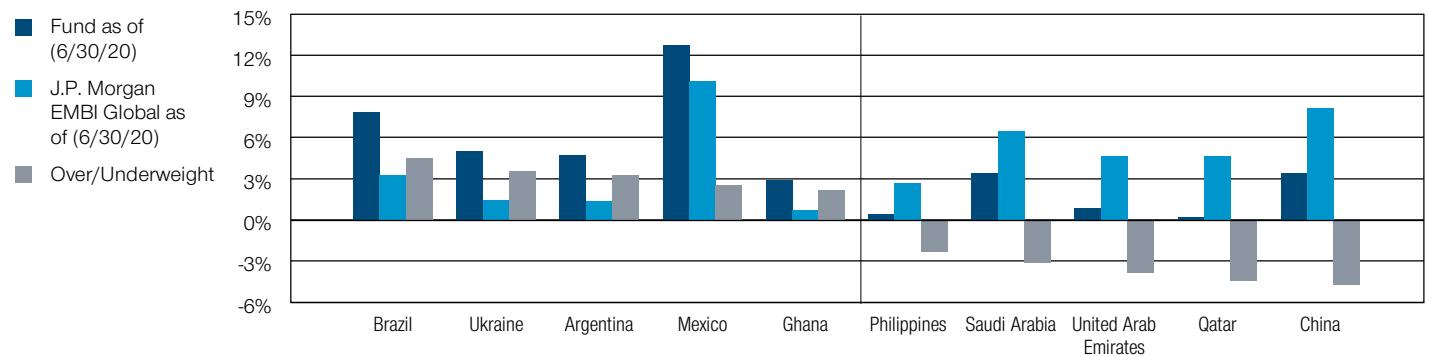
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## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

### GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION - CHANGES OVER TIME



### COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION: SIGNIFICANT OVER/UNDERWEIGHT COUNTRIES FUND VS. J.P. Morgan EMBI Global



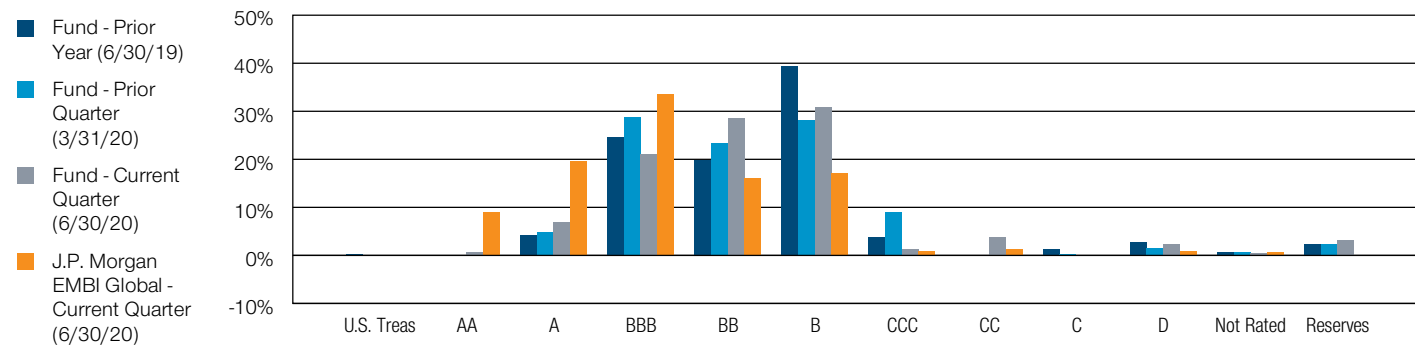
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## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING, CONTINUED.

### CREDIT QUALITY DIVERSIFICATION – CHANGES OVER TIME



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## HOLDINGS

### TOP 10 ISSUERS

Issuer	% of Fund
Petroleos Mexicanos	7.5%
Republic of Indonesia	5.4
Ukraine	4.7
Republic of Turkey	4.5
Argentine Republic	3.8
Petrobras Global Finance BV	3.3
Arab Republic of Egypt	3.0
Republic of Ghana	2.9
Mexico City Airport Trust	2.7
Pertamina Persero PT	2.6

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Portfolio Manager:	Managed Fund Since:	Joined Firm:
Mike Conelius	1994	1988
Samy Muaddi	2020	2006

Effective 30 June 2020, Samy Muaddi assumed co-portfolio management responsibility for the Fund.

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