

Emerging Markets Government Bond

December 31, 2023

Inception Date

June 1, 2016

Total Strategy Assets¹

\$132 million

Portfolio Managers

Todd Howard, CFA
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Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

Benchmark²

JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified

Typical Targets³

USD Sovereign / Quasi-Sovereign (%)	60 – 100
Corporates (%)	0 – 30
Structured Product (%)	0 – 15
Plus/Non-Index Sectors (%)	0 - 10

OUR STRENGTHS

We believe our key competitive strengths are:

- **People** — Our platform is truly global. We have long-term experience in Emerging Markets, navigating through economic cycles and changing market conditions. Our global credit research team provides local coverage and knowledge of relevant emerging markets.
- **Philosophy** — We believe emerging markets securities are frequently mispriced based on their exposure to country, currency and credit risk.
- **Process** — The portfolio construction process blends a top-down country view with a focused bottom-up security selection. Fluid communication among team members facilitates continuous idea generation.
- **Size** — Our size helps there is sufficient diversification at the portfolio level, combined with our ability to source new issue allocations around the globe, and remain sufficiently nimble to reposition the portfolio as market opportunities arise.

PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

We believe emerging markets securities are frequently mispriced based on their exposure to country, currency, and credit risk.

We seek to exploit inefficiencies in the market and provide clients with excess returns to the benchmark by:

- Conducting proprietary, in-depth fundamental sovereign and corporate research
- Focusing on global relative value across the credit spectrum
- Constructing diversified portfolios with attractive risk / reward characteristics
- Utilizing both US dollar and non-dollar securities

ALPHA DRIVERS

- Focus on security selection, currency selection and country selection as the primary sources of alpha.
- Seeks excess returns to the benchmark by applying bottom-up security selection within a framework that provides a top-down macroeconomic overlay.
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio over to source new ideas at attractive levels and exit positions with rich valuations.
- Find opportunities that are attractive on a global basis.

1. Stated at estimated fair value (unaudited). Emerging Markets Debt Government is a strategy of public fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Emerging Markets Debt Government include all assets managed by MIM in the Emerging Markets Debt Government strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table toward the end of this document) for Emerging Markets Debt Government.

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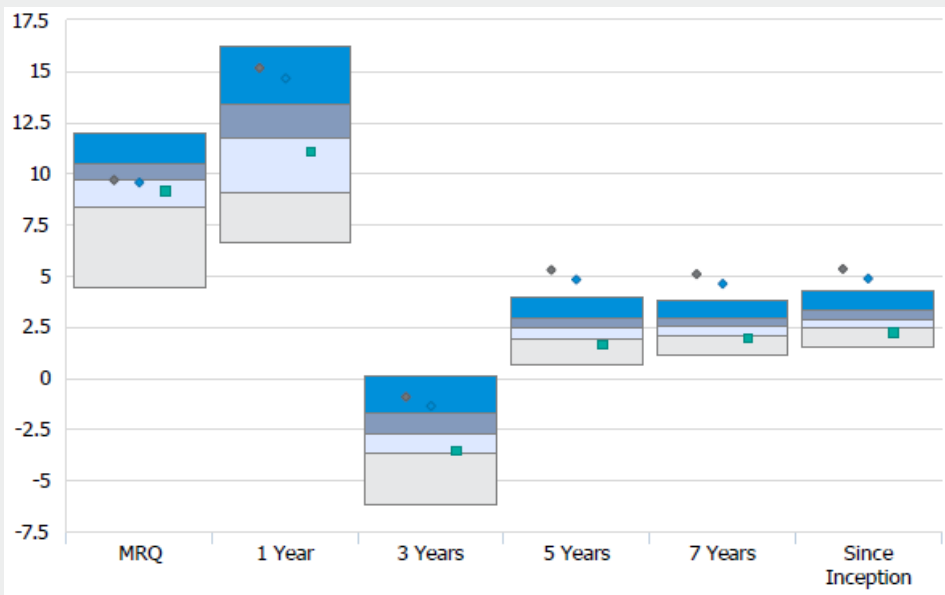
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COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)¹

	4Q2022 to 4Q2023	4Q2021 to 4Q2022	4Q2020 to 4Q2021	4Q2019 to 4Q2020	4Q2018 to 4Q2019
EMD Government (Gross of fees)	15.17	-15.41	-0.11	11.79	19.01
EMD Government (Net of fees)	14.66	-15.79	-0.56	11.29	18.48
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	11.09	-17.78	-1.80	5.26	15.04

	4Q23	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception
EMD Government (Gross of fees)	9.69	15.17	-0.90	5.30	5.10	5.35
EMD Government (Net of fees)	9.57	14.66	-1.35	4.83	4.63	4.88
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	9.16	11.09	-3.56	1.67	1.97	2.25

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (GROSS OF FEES)²



Universe Percentile Legend

- 5-25%
- 25-50%
- 50-75%
- 75-95%

- ◆ Emerging Markets Government Bond (Gross)
- ◆ Emerging Markets Government Bond (Net)
- JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index

Universe: eVestment Global Emerging Markets Fixed Income – Hard Currency

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QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- The portfolio outperformed during the fourth quarter as high yield positioning and rate sensitive security selection supported returns.
- Market firmness supported higher beta countries; as a result, high conviction exposures in Africa contributed as it was the top performing region in the sovereign index.
- Argentine assets performed well after Milei won the election by a larger than anticipated margin, therefore increasing the chances of a successful government and more pragmatic actions.
- As rates rallied aggressively during the second half of the quarter, security selection to longer duration sovereign BB exposures benefited returns.
- Further, quasi-sovereign positioning contributed during the rate move.
- Underweights to short duration assets in China and United Arab Emirates were a positive for the portfolio as longer duration assets outperformed. Alternatively, underweights to long bonds in other rate sensitive sovereigns offset some positive performance.
- Cash was a drag on returns as risk assets rallied.
- With corporates underperforming sovereigns due to less rate sensitivity and idiosyncratic stories, off-index corporate exposure weighed on relative returns during the quarter.
- Israeli corporates underperformed at the start of the conflict in the Middle East; they were able to see some rebound as repayment concerns lessened, but bonds still weighed on returns.
- Idiosyncratic corporate stories in Latin America that were negatively influenced by refinancing concerns detracted.

STRATEGY

We enter 2024 with a similar sentiment to one year ago- cautiously optimistic but with a greater desire to add risk into spread weakness. We continue looking for a combination of US inflation slowing and a consistent rebound in China's economy. We see EM opportunities for differentiation at both the sovereign and corporate levels which could lead to a better flow picture in 2024. Issuance continues to be subdued, principal and interest payments remain high, and non-dedicated investors have low exposure to the asset class, leaving room for future demand and positive price reaction. Importantly, with the belief that the hiking cycle is over, EM provides investors the ability to gain exposure to the combination of both yield and duration outside of Developed Markets in a world where rates are falling. This allows for interest rate exposure closer to the investment grade market while receiving income closer to the high yield opportunity set. We like stronger high yield credits including low-BB sovereigns in the 10-year part of the curve. Our preference is for countries who face low financing needs or have demonstrated ability to tap the market. In the corporate space, we like sectors that generate hard currency revenues or have effective FX liability management. As inflation levels show signs of coming down across the globe, we believe that EM countries' decisions to proactively raise rates in 2021 will continue to be supportive. EM countries should benefit from elevated premiums for local currencies that look attractive relative to DM.

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STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS¹

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
Emerging Markets Debt Government	8.39	6.91	Ba1 / BB+
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	6.81	6.84	Ba1 / BB+

SECTOR POSITIONING¹

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
NORTH AMERICA	9.5	9.5
EMERGING EUROPE	16.2	3.4
LATIN AMERICA	31.6	-1.8
ASIA	10.2	-7.6
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	32.5	-3.5

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
EMBI	73.1	-26.9
CEMBI	19.2	19.2
NON-DOLLAR	3.0	3.0
CASH	4.7	4.7

CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION¹

RATINGS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
AAA/Cash	5.3	5.3
AA	8.8	2.2
A	9.6	-6.3
BBB	21.1	-6.6
BB & Below	55.2	5.4

TOP 5 CORPORATE SECTORS¹

SECTORS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
OIL & GAS	14.8	8.2
UTILITIES	5.7	3.2
CONSUMER	1.6	1.4
INDUSTRIAL	3.0	2.3
TMT	1.3	1.3

1. The characteristics displayed are for a representative account for this investment strategy. Actual account characteristics may differ. The benchmark data is that of the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified. All data above is provided for illustrative purposes only. This data is supplemental to the information required in a GIPS® compliant document. Credit ratings reflect the index provider's credit quality methodology. Average quality excludes cash and securities that are not rated.

COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return ¹	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv ²	Composite 3-Year Stdv ³	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv ³	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB)
06/01/16 (Inception) to 12/31/16	4.82%	4.54%	3.22%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$52,148,583	\$526.8
2017	12.43%	11.93%	10.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$58,693,409	\$554.3
2018	-2.71%	-3.15%	-4.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$57,377,325	\$548.8
2019	19.01%	18.48%	15.04%	≤ 5	N/A	5.25%	4.85%	\$67,802,778	\$600.0
2020	11.79%	11.29%	5.26%	≤ 5	N/A	12.85%	10.73%	\$75,802,722	\$659.6
2021	-0.11%	-0.56%	-1.80%	≤ 5	N/A	12.86%	10.67%	\$75,662,963	\$669.0
2022	-15.41%	-15.79%	-17.78%	≤ 5	N/A	15.36%	13.36%	\$63,977,340	\$579.8
2023	15.17%	14.66%	11.09%	≤ 5	N/A	11.39%	10.70%	\$131,824,588	\$600.8

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2. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted gross-of-fee portfolio returns represented in the composite for the full year. "N/A" is an indication that the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios (five or fewer) in the composite for the entire year. Standard deviation is only presented for accounts managed for a full calendar year.

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The creation date of the Emerging Markets Government Bond Composite is June 1, 2016, and the inception date is June 1, 2016.

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