

# Emerging Markets Government Bond

March 31, 2024

## Inception Date

June 1, 2016

## Total Strategy Assets<sup>1</sup>

\$223 million

## Portfolio Managers

Todd Howard, CFA  
Thomas Smith

## Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

## Benchmark<sup>2</sup>

JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified

## Typical Targets<sup>3</sup>

USD Sovereign / Quasi-Sovereign (%)	60 – 100
Corporates (%)	0 – 30
Non-U.S. Dollar EM (%)	0 – 15
Cash (%)	0 - 15

## 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

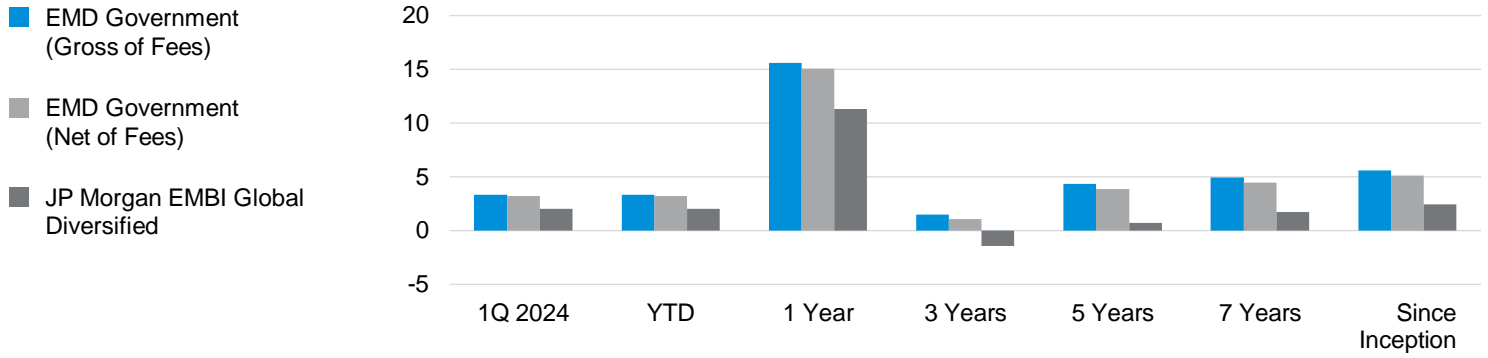
- Focus on security selection, currency selection and country selection as the primary sources of alpha.
- Seeks excess returns to the benchmark by applying bottom-up security selection within a framework that provides a top-down macroeconomic overlay.
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio over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

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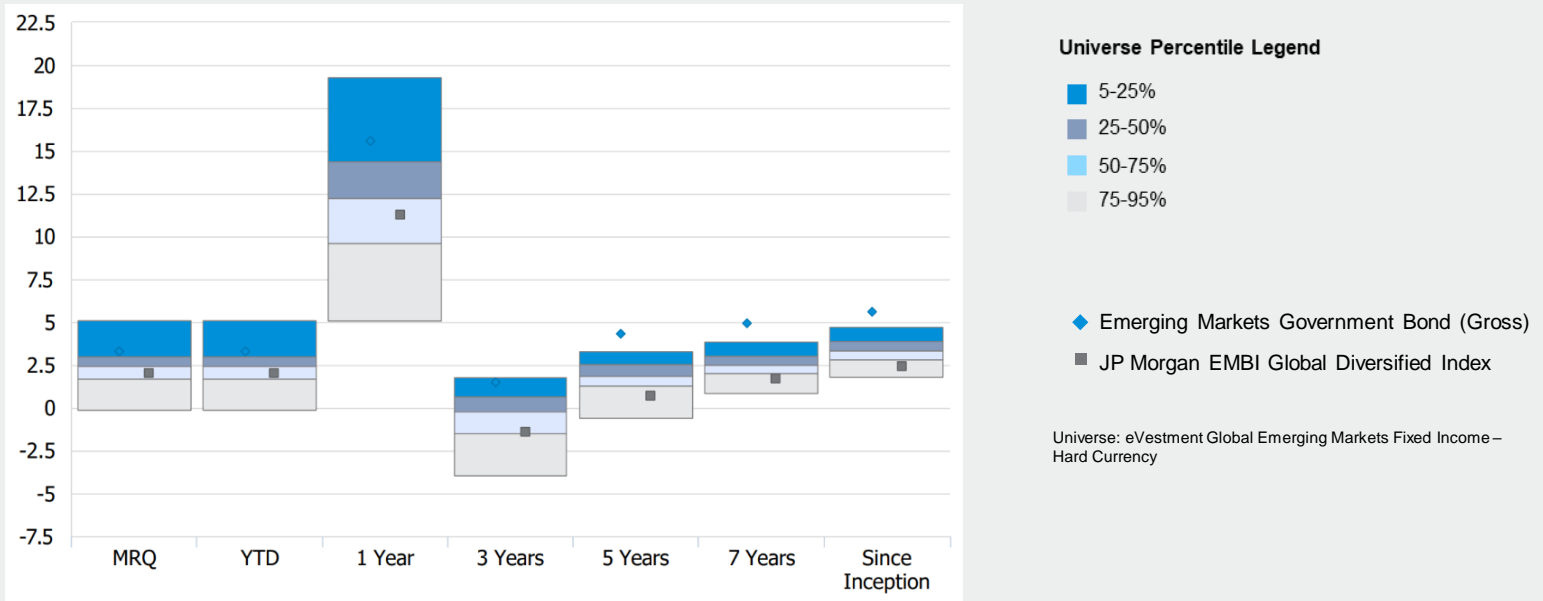
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## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	1Q24	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception
<b>EMD Government (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>15.58</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>4.94</b>	<b>5.61</b>
<b>EMD Government (Net of fees)</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>15.07</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>5.14</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	2.04	2.04	11.28	-1.40	0.71	1.71	2.44

## RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (GROSS OF FEES)<sup>2</sup>



- Past performance is not indicative of future results. Net of fee returns reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees and are calculated in the same manner as gross of fee returns. Net of fee returns are calculated using the highest fee rate disclosed in the Form ADV. Fees for separate accounts may be negotiable depending upon asset size and type of account.
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## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- The portfolio posted strong relative returns during the first quarter, supported by an overweight to high beta idiosyncratic credits and security selection within BBB assets in the IG space.
- Optimism over policy change as new governments take power, restructuring progress, support from neighboring countries, and progress on agreements with the IMF supported single-B and below sovereigns in Latin America and Africa.
- Rising rates during the quarter weighed down longer duration sovereigns. As a result, the portfolio's underweights to rate sensitive countries contributed, while slightly offset by high conviction long bonds.
- Risk appetite coupled with stronger than expected economic growth in Ukraine supported assets in the country.
- Margin sensitive oil exporters were supported by three consecutive months of energy strength.
- Owning shorter duration off-index BBB corporates in lieu of more rate sensitive sovereigns was additive to performance.
- The differing story to the strong environment was a telecom company in Chile, where the company's deteriorating liquidity profile put pressure on bond prices before ultimately filing for bankruptcy.
- Local currency assets underperformed YTD given resiliency of US data and a mildly stronger US dollar. As a result, off-index exposure to high conviction high beta countries detracted.

## STRATEGY

We are constructive on EM fundamentals and while yields at current levels are attractive, we recognize that EM spreads are tight relative to historical index levels. The macro picture is pointing towards a favorable backdrop with US inflation showing signs of slowing and some positive economic data out of China pointing in the right direction; however, EM remains vulnerable to backups from geopolitical headwinds. While China-US trade tensions remain in the spotlight, "friendshoring" has been supportive for other EM economies including India, Mexico, South Korea, and Taiwan, where US goods deficits have risen to a record high. Coupled with this, we see EM opportunities for differentiation at both the sovereign and corporate levels which could lead to a better flow picture for the asset class. Net issuance continues to be subdued, principal and interest payments remain high, and non-dedicated investors have begun putting money back into the asset class, supporting demand and subsequently positive price reactions. 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 (DM). This allows for interest rate exposure closer to the IG market while receiving income closer to the HY opportunity set.

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## STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
<b>Emerging Markets Debt Government</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>Ba2 / BB+</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	6.79	6.71	Ba1 / BB+

## SECTOR POSITIONING<sup>1</sup>

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
NORTH AMERICA	4.0	3.8
EMERGING EUROPE	17.0	2.6
LATIN AMERICA	34.9	2.0
ASIA	9.9	-6.9
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	34.3	-1.5

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
EMBI	76.7	-23.3
CEMBI	16.7	16.7
GBI	3.5	3.5
CASH	3.1	3.1

## CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>

RATINGS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
AAA/Cash	4.4	4.4
AA	4.2	-2.0
A	11.2	-5.2
BBB	21.8	-5.2
BB & Below	58.4	7.9

## TOP 5 CORPORATE SECTORS<sup>1</sup>

SECTORS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
OIL & GAS	11.7	5.5
UTILITIES	4.5	2.1
FINANCIALS	2.4	-1.6
METALS & MINING	2.2	0.7
CONSUMER	1.8	1.7

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## COMPOSITE STATISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv <sup>2</sup>	Composite 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB)
<b>06/01/16 (Inception) to 12/31/16</b>	4.82%	4.54%	3.22%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$52,148,583	\$526.8
<b>2017</b>	12.43%	11.93%	10.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$58,693,409	\$554.3
<b>2018</b>	-2.71%	-3.15%	-4.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$57,377,325	\$548.8
<b>2019</b>	19.01%	18.48%	15.04%	≤ 5	N/A	5.25%	4.85%	\$67,802,778	\$600.0
<b>2020</b>	11.79%	11.29%	5.26%	≤ 5	N/A	12.85%	10.73%	\$75,802,722	\$659.6
<b>2021</b>	-0.11%	-0.56%	-1.80%	≤ 5	N/A	12.86%	10.67%	\$75,662,963	\$669.0
<b>2022</b>	-15.41%	-15.79%	-17.78%	≤ 5	N/A	15.36%	13.36%	\$63,977,340	\$579.8
<b>2023</b>	15.17%	14.66%	11.09%	≤ 5	N/A	11.39%	10.70%	\$131,824,588	\$600.8
<b>Q1 2024</b>	3.30%	3.19%	2.04%	≤ 5	N/A	11.42%	10.69%	\$136,043,662	\$593.7

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3. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the gross-of-fee composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not presented for quarter-ends and periods when 36 monthly composite returns are unavailable.

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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.

The Emerging Markets Government Bond strategy seeks to generate current income and total return over changing market conditions by investing primarily in U.S. dollar-denominated government and quasi-sovereign bonds domiciled in emerging markets countries, while having limited exposure (up to 30%) to corporate bonds and focusing on country and security selection across the credit spectrum. Derivatives make up a part of the composite strategy and the Firm utilizes futures, forwards, and interest rate swaps. Effective July 1, 2023, the Emerging Markets Government Bond Composite has no minimum account size. From March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, the Emerging Markets Government Bond Composite contains fully discretionary fixed income accounts with assets exceeding \$50 million, managed in accordance with the applicable composite strategy except as otherwise excluded herein. Prior to March 1, 2021, there was no minimum account size for the Emerging Markets Government Bond Composite. The Firm maintains a list of composites and descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled funds and their descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds, all of which are available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® reports are available upon request. Effective August 30, 2023, the composite name was changed from Emerging Market Government Bond Composite to Emerging Markets Government Bond Composite.

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