

# Emerging Market Government Bond

September 30, 2022

## Inception Date

June 1, 2016

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

\$58.5 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
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 market 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

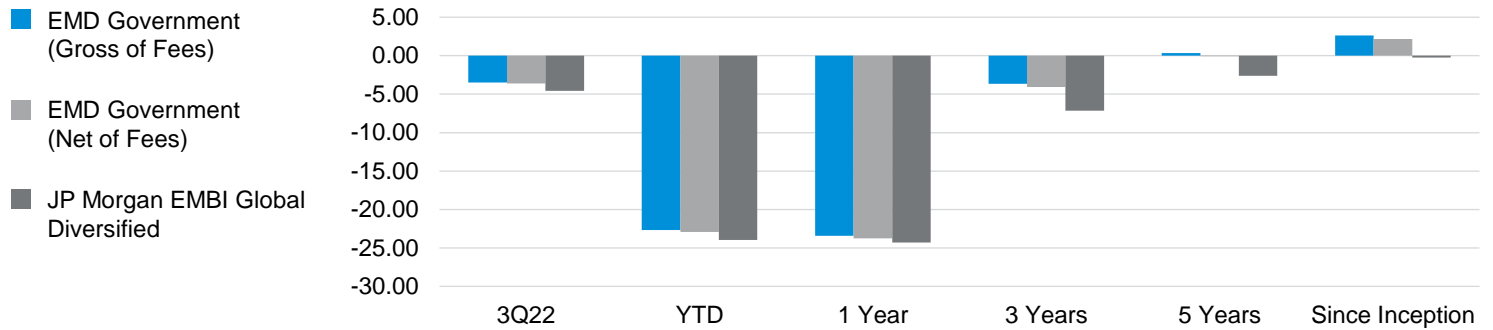
- Focus on security selection, currency selection and country selection as the primary sources of alpha.
- Seeks excess returns to the benchmark by applying bottom-up security selection within a framework that provides a top-down macroeconomic overlay.
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio over 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 Market Debt Government is a strategy of public fixed income assets. Total Strategy Assets for Emerging Market Debt Government include all assets managed by MIM in the Emerging Market Debt Government strategy and may include certain assets that are not included in Composite Assets (as presented in GIPS® Composite Statistics and Performance table on the following page) for Emerging Market Debt Government.

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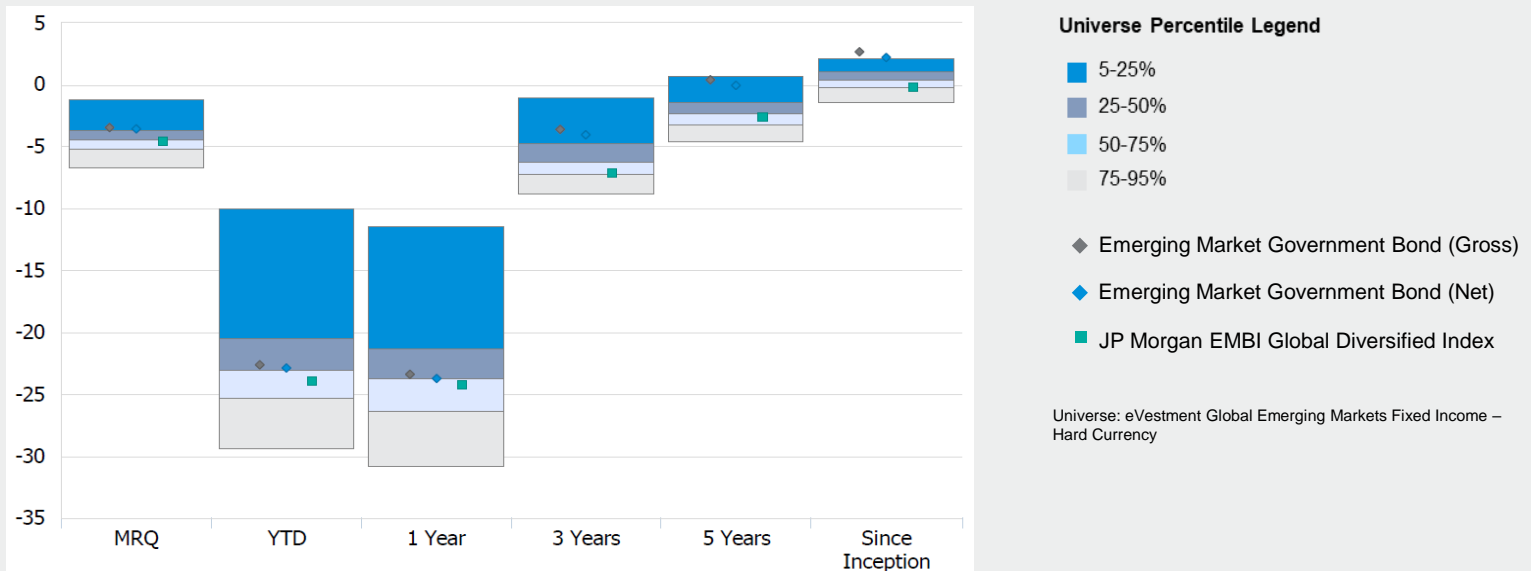
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## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	3Q22	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
<b>EMD Government (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>-3.49</b>	<b>-22.65</b>	<b>-23.41</b>	<b>-3.64</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>2.63</b>
<b>EMD Government (Net of fees)</b>	<b>-3.60</b>	<b>-22.91</b>	<b>-23.76</b>	<b>-4.07</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>2.17</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	-4.57	-23.95	-24.28	-7.15	-2.62	-0.23

## 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 strategy outperformed the benchmark during the third quarter, driven by security selection across regions, high yield positioning, and off-index corporate exposure.
- The portfolio's cash level continued to benefit the portfolio as treasuries sold-off.
- Overweights to high yield sovereigns that are seeking support from the IMF such as El Salvador and Kenya positively contributed.
- An overweight to Angola benefited returns, as well as an underweight to Pakistan.
- In Mexico, an electric company was a top performer following a positive earnings report, in addition to exiting the position prior to weakness in September as caution grew around upcoming challenges for the company.
- Russia sovereign exposure positively contributed as the bonds were repriced higher during the quarter amid small trade activity.
- Oil and Gas BB corporate exposure performed well as energy remains at comfortable levels for EM exporters.
- A Chilean wireless company announced a tender following a sale of tower assets, positively supporting bond prices.
- Long duration BBB securities were weighed down by the sharp rise in US treasury yields during the quarter.
- As a result, exposure to long sovereign and quasi-sovereign bonds in Panama, Kazakhstan, and Saudi Arabia partially offset some positive performance.
- Hungary and Romania local currency exposure weighed on returns as Europe continues facing a looming energy crisis and recession fears.

## STRATEGY

Investing in EM in the current environment remains challenging, aggravated by limited liquidity and a hawkish Fed. Macro factors led by the Russia/Ukraine War, global inflation, and China growth are driving recent risk-off appetite, steering asset valuations, and overshadowing EM fundamentals. These macro headwinds are significant for assets; however, the buffers across many EM corporates and sovereigns are substantial and underrealized. Corporates have priced in downside risk but remain hostage to elevated sovereign spread levels that are weighed down by global factors. As we begin to see clarity on the macro side, we expect stability in spreads and a repricing to better reflect fundamentals, supporting the overall EM asset class and risk appetite.

Security selection has proven to be more important than ever in identifying issuers with strong fundamentals despite a sell-off due to market technicals. We believe this current environment presents opportunities for EM securities, where yields on the indices are at levels not seen since 2009. With double digit negative performance YTD, this weakness could drive performance over the next year horizon.

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

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
<b>Emerging Market Debt Government</b>	<b>9.21</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>Baa3 / BBB-</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	8.22	6.75	Ba1 / BB+

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

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
NORTH AMERICA	<b>8.91</b>	8.91
EMERGING EUROPE	<b>6.17</b>	-3.58
LATIN AMERICA	<b>35.31</b>	2.70
ASIA	<b>14.61</b>	-4.60
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	<b>35.01</b>	-3.43

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
EMBI	<b>67.8</b>	-32.2
CEMBI	<b>24.5</b>	24.5
NON-DOLLAR	<b>1.7</b>	1.7
CASH	<b>6.0</b>	6.0

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

RATINGS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
AAA/Cash	<b>5.96</b>	5.96
AA	<b>8.08</b>	0.66
A	<b>11.13</b>	-5.20
BBB	<b>24.39</b>	-3.64
BB & Below	<b>50.44</b>	2.22

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

SECTORS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
OIL & GAS	<b>11.5</b>	4.3
UTILITIES	<b>6.3</b>	3.6
INDUSTRIAL	<b>3.6</b>	2.8
TMT	<b>2.9</b>	2.9
METALS & MINING	<b>2.9</b>	1.6

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 <sup>1</sup>	Number Of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv <sup>2</sup>	Composite 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB)
<b>6/1/2016 (Inception) to 12/31/2016</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	5.33%	4.92%	\$67,802,778	\$600.0
<b>2020</b>	11.79%	11.29%	5.26%	≤ 5	N/A	13.03%	10.88%	\$75,802,722	\$659.6
<b>2021</b>	-0.11%	-0.56%	-1.80%	≤ 5	N/A	13.04%	10.83%	\$75,662,963	\$669.0
<b>YTD to 9/30/22</b>	-22.65%	-22.76%	-23.95%	≤ 5	N/A	14.91%	12.78%	\$58,537,425	N/A

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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.

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 were not available.

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The Emerging Market Government Bond strategy seeks to generate current income and total return over changing market conditions by investing primarily in US 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 March 1, 2021 the Emerging Market Government Bond composite contains fully discretionary, fee-paying 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 Market Government Bond composite. The composite includes all portfolios managed on a discretionary basis according to the applicable composite strategy except as otherwise excluded herein. 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.

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