

# Emerging Market Corporate Bond

September 30, 2021

## Inception Date

June 1, 2016

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

\$503.7 million

## Portfolio Managers

Dominic Guillosoy, CFA  
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## Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

## Benchmark<sup>2</sup>

JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified

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

Alpha (bps) 125

Tracking Error (bps) 100 – 150

USD Sovereign / Quasi-Sovereign (%) 0 – 30

Corporates (%) 75 – 100

NON-U.S. Dollar EM (%) 0 – 10

Cash (%) 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 ensure 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

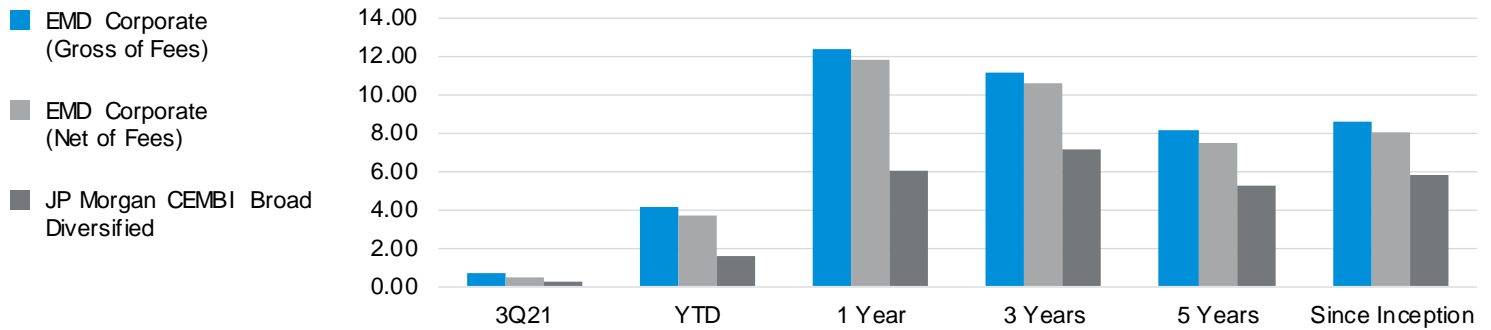
- Focus on security selection, currency selection and country selection as the primary sources of alpha.
- Seek to achieve excess returns to the benchmark by applying bottom-up security selection within a framework that provides a top-down macroeconomic overlay.
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio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

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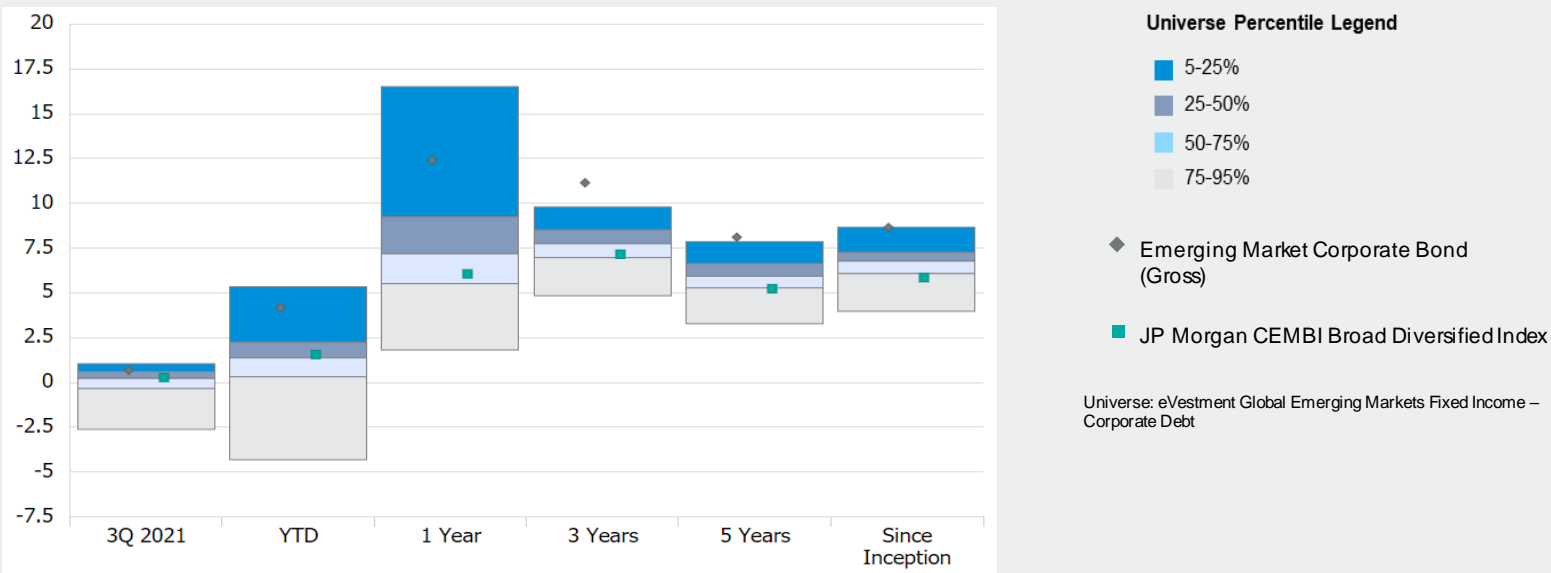
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## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	3Q21	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
<b>EMD Corporate (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>4.16</b>	<b>12.38</b>	<b>11.12</b>	<b>8.08</b>	<b>8.62</b>
<b>EMD Corporate (Net of fees)</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>10.53</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>8.04</b>
JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified	0.25	1.53	6.03	7.13	5.21	5.82

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



1. 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 EM Corporate strategy outperformed the benchmark during the benchmark during the third quarter.

Overweights to utilities names, notably in the Latin America region, were large contributors to performance during the period. Additionally, commodity related names performed well given the supportive environment. In the Infrastructure space, new deals came at attractive levels and performed well. Being underweight the casino sector in Macau contributed as bonds sold off after the country unveiled potential revisions to its gaming laws. Off-index exposure to Panama's quasi-sovereign contributed, with new bonds performing well as airline travel continues to regain momentum following the peak of the pandemic.

Brazilian corporates underperformed, weighed down from negative investor sentiment around the sovereign. Holdings in some of the Chinese property names detracted from returns, but were partially offset by no exposure to other elevated risks around issuers in the space. Off-index positioning in high yield sovereigns including El Salvador, Egypt, Turkey, and Ukraine detracted as bonds fell with the overall high yield sell-off in September.

## STRATEGY

In this low yield environment, we believe there is attractive value in Emerging Markets relative to Developed Markets. We believe these opportunities are captured through focused security selection within our portfolios. While sovereign balance sheets are undergoing recovery, corporate balance sheets have recovered, and in some cases stronger than they were prior to COVID-19. In addition, in an environment of higher rates, we feel shorter duration profiles are more favorable. Therefore, corporates continue to remain the sweet spot in the EM space given the current market environment. However, over the coming months we do anticipate more clarity on both US tapering policy and China's growth, at which point we could foresee outperformance within the sovereign space. For instance, we see potential opportunities in energy-based high yield sovereigns including Oman and Angola, as well more stable investment grade names such as Indonesia and Mexico. Mexico continues to be attractive based on relative fundamentals versus the rest of Latin America. On the more tactical side, the recent move in Chinese asset prices could be an opportunity, as we expect policy responses to the more subdued domestic growth outlook in the fourth quarter.

With the macro picture pointing towards the potential for rising inflation and decelerating growth, the environment presents challenges for local currencies. The US dollar likely benefits from monetary policy uncertainty and an increasing willingness to begin removal of excess liquidity. Non-dollar exposure continues to be a cautious and tactical portion of portfolio allocations as we transition from massive global stimulus to rate hikes in many parts of the world. We believe continued elevated inflation risks, policy decisions, and liquidity needs will weigh on relative prices.

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

	Yield To Maturity (%)	Effective Duration (years)	Average Credit Quality
<b>EMD Corporate</b>	<b>5.59</b>	<b>5.24</b>	<b>Ba2 / BB</b>
JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified	3.73	4.67	Baa3 / BBB-

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

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Corporate	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index
NORTH AMERICA	7.1	5.5
EMERGING EUROPE	12.1	0.9
LATIN AMERICA	35.5	10.8
ASIA	23.0	-16.5
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	22.3	-2.5
OTHER	0.0	0.0

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Corporate	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index
EMBI	7.6	7.5
CEMBI	86.7	-12.0
NON-DOLLAR	0.9	0.9
CASH	4.8	4.8

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

RATINGS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Corporate	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index
AAA/Cash	4.8	4.7
AA	0.9	-2.7
A	1.3	-18.4
BBB	26.6	-5.5
BB & Below	66.4	21.8

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

SECTORS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Corporate	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index
UTILITIES	14.4	2.9
FINANCIALS	14.3	-16.4
OIL & GAS	14.0	0.9
CONSUMER	9.1	-1.1
TMT	8.3	-1.2

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 CEMBI Broad Diversified Index. 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
<b>6/1/2016 (Inception) to 12/31/2016</b>	4.04%	3.71%	3.54%	≤ 5	NA	NA	NA	\$103,453,691	<1%
<b>2017</b>	10.29%	9.69%	7.96%	≤ 5	NA	N/A	N/A	\$114,071,200	<1%
<b>2018</b>	-1.03%	-1.58%	-1.65%	≤ 5	NA	N/A	N/A	\$112,847,701	<1%
<b>2019</b>	17.96%	17.35%	13.09%	≤ 5	NA	3.88%	2.86%	\$132,957,513	<1%
<b>2020</b>	11.42%	10.86%	7.13%	≤ 5	NA	12.22%	8.42%	\$148,165,444	<1%
<b>YTD to 9/30/2021</b>	4.16%	3.76%	1.53%	≤ 5	NA	12.03%	8.28%	\$153,843,742	<1%

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- The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation among asset-weighted 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.
- The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the 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 creation date of the Emerging Market Corporate Bond Composite is June 1, 2016 and the inception date is June 1, 2016.

The Emerging Market Corporate Bond strategy seeks to generate current income and total return over changing market conditions by investing primarily in US Dollar denominated emerging markets domiciled corporate bonds, while having limited exposure (up to 30%) to emerging market government issues and wholly owned government entities 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 Corporate 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 21, 2021 there was no minimum account size for the Emerging Market Corporate 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 complete list and description of composites, which are available upon request. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

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