

# Emerging Market Government Bond

September 30, 2020

## Inception Date

June 1, 2016

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

\$69.5 million

## Lead Portfolio Manager

Thomas Smith  
Todd Howard, CFA

## Strategy Vehicles

- Separately Managed Account

## Benchmark<sup>2</sup>

JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified

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

Alpha (bps)	150
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Tracking Error (bps)	150 – 200
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USD Sovereign / Quasi-Sovereign (%)	60 – 100
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Corporates (%)	0 – 30
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Structured Product (%)	0 – 15
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Plus/Non-Index Sectors (%)	0 - 10
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## 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

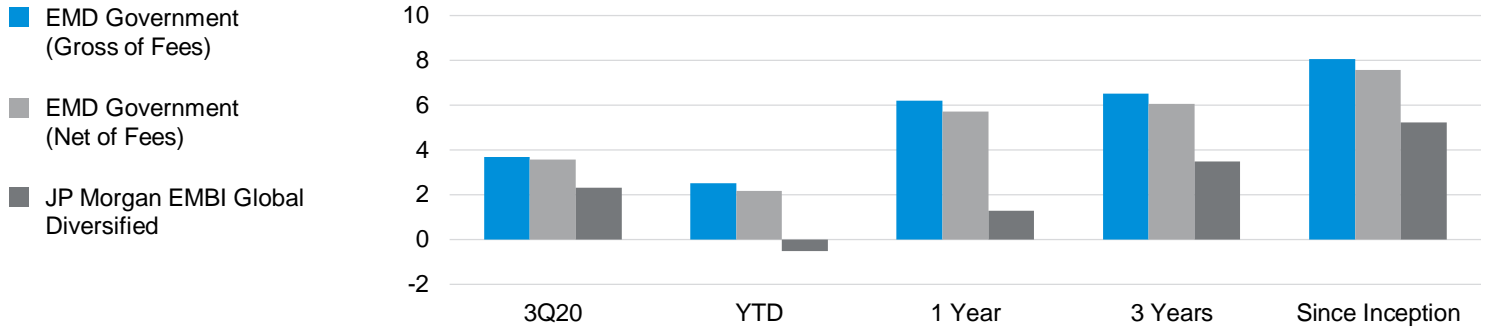
- Focus on security selection, currency selection and country selection as the primary sources of alpha.
- Seeks excess returns to the benchmark by applying bottom-up security selection within a framework that provides a top-down macroeconomic overlay.
- Believe in the ability to turn the portfolio over 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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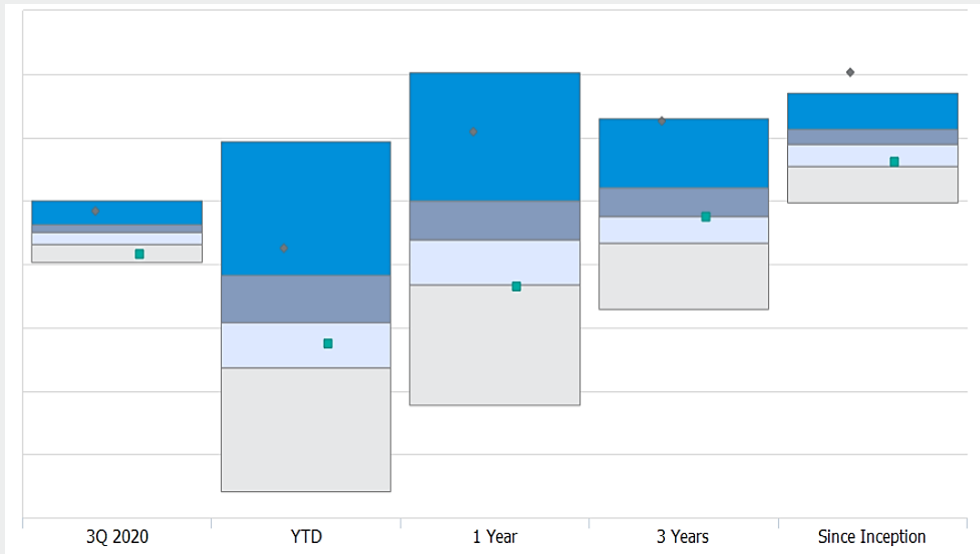
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## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)<sup>1</sup>



	3Q20	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception
<b>EMD Government (Gross of fees)</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>6.18</b>	<b>6.52</b>	<b>8.05</b>
<b>EMD Government (Net of fees)</b>	<b>3.56</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>5.70</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>7.57</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	2.32	-0.51	1.29	3.49	5.23

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



### Universe Percentile Legend

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

◆ Emerging Market Government Bond (Gross)

■ JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index

Universe: eVestment Global Emerging Markets Fixed Income – Hard Currency

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## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

- The strategy outperformed the index during the third quarter.
- Selective positioning in sovereigns has proven critical during this time of excess strain on countries' balance sheets, with some countries proving themselves more resilient than others during the COVID-19 pandemic. Overweight exposure in the Caribbean region contributed to performance, while underweights in Frontier Asia detracted.
- Adding exposure to new issuance names that came to the market at attractive levels, with further room for spreads to tighten, helped generate alpha for the portfolio.
- Our strategic positioning to corporates contributed to performance in the third quarter, as corporates were able to outperform similarly rated sovereigns, especially in the month of September when volatility increased. Strong, non-cyclical corporates in Latin America performed well.
- Euro denominated off-index positions in the portfolio positively contributed to performance, while local exposure in Eastern Europe dragged down returns as political tensions in the region weighed on currencies.

## STRATEGY

As we focus on the remainder of the year, we continue to prefer positions in corporate credit, looking to participate in new issuance and add names we believe have strong balance sheets and can withstand the pandemic induced headwinds. In the corporate space, we also look to add to existing positions with a bias to buy high conviction names on weakness as we anticipate volatility ahead. The outlook for sovereign credit remains more tenuous as the pandemic has caused countries to use a wide variety of monetary & fiscal measures to boost their economies, and in return has led to weaker credit fundamentals. As such, we continue to focus on resiliency of sovereigns and are currently incorporating fresh budget figures into our 2021 assessment.

The spread differential between Emerging Markets (EM) and US investment grade compressed this quarter as EM outperformed. That said, EM spreads

remain wide to historical averages. We see even more value in EM high yield spreads, especially single-Bs after the recent widening. However, security selection is critical in the high beta universe, especially as we expect market volatility to remain elevated.

While the accommodative central bank stance around the globe has helped support the local rate markets, EM currencies have been battered and the volatility ahead can present further downside pressure. Beyond global growth, the U.S. election cycle may have a bearing on the direction of emerging market currencies, and as such we continue to be positioned in local markets where we see value on a relative basis. We also continue to look to improving stories as countries that are taking constructive steps, whether in the political or policy domains, should be better positioned, in our view, to deal with the effects of the crisis.

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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>6.11</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>Ba2 / BB</b>
JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	4.52	7.99	Ba1 / BB+

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

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
NORTH AMERICA	<b>1.88</b>	1.88
EMERGING EUROPE	<b>15.23</b>	0.20
LATIN AMERICA	<b>35.25</b>	2.82
ASIA	<b>14.26</b>	-3.86
MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA	<b>33.39</b>	-1.04

REGIONS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
EMBI	<b>71.47</b>	-28.53
CEMBI	<b>16.87</b>	16.87
GBI	<b>10.69</b>	10.69
CASH	<b>0.96</b>	0.96

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

RATINGS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
AAA	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
AA	<b>5.42</b>	-1.89
A	<b>3.53</b>	-10.95
BBB	<b>31.85</b>	-2.17
BB & Below	<b>58.24</b>	14.05

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

SECTORS	Market Value (%)	
	EMD Government	Active Weight vs. JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified
FINANCIALS	<b>5.22</b>	4.43
UTILITIES	<b>4.22</b>	4.22
INDUSTRIAL	<b>2.80</b>	2.80
OIL & GAS	<b>1.33</b>	1.33
INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>1.01</b>	0.61

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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 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark 3 Yr Stdv <sup>3</sup>	Composite Assets	% Total Firm Assets
6/1/2016 (Inception) to 12/31/2016	4.82%	4.54%	3.22%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$52,148,583	<1%
2017	12.43%	11.93%	10.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$58,693,409	<1%
2018	-2.71%	-3.15%	-4.26%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$57,377,325	<1%
2019	19.01%	18.48%	15.04%	≤ 5	N/A	5.33%	4.92%	\$67,802,778	<1%
YTD to 9/30/2020	2.50%	2.16%	-0.51%	≤ 5	N/A	12.46%	10.51%	\$69,504,557	<1%

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1. The performance benchmark for the Emerging Market Government Bond composite is the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (“EMBI”) Global Diversified Index, which includes US dollar-denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, and traded loans issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities. The Emerging Market Government Bond strategy does not invest in all regions or sectors within the benchmark. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. All index returns presented are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown and will not be covered by the future report of independent verifiers. For comparison purposes, the index is fully invested and includes the reinvestment of income. The returns for the index do not include any transaction costs, management fees or other costs.
2. 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.
3. 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 Government Bond Composite is June 1, 2016 and the inception date is June 1, 2016.

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. 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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