1Q 2024 | STRATEGY PROFILE

# **Emerging Markets Debt**



## Objective

We strive to capture income and generate principal growth through capital appreciation when market conditions permit. Our goal is to outperform the benchmark by 1.5% (net of fees), on an average annual basis, over rolling five-year periods.

# Universe

Sovereign debt and currencies of countries in the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index as well as allowable non-index countries subject to client guidelines. We also may invest in corporate debt issued in these countries

# **Investment Philosophy**

We believe in mean reversion with respect to the valuation of bonds and currencies. At extremes, interest rates and exchange rates affect economic activity, thus creating a feedback cycle that supports mean reversion. This tendency has existed for decades, and we believe that it will continue to work due to the importance of the business cycle on asset prices and economic trends.

## **Investment Process Summary**

Our approach is to seek undervalued assets globally by utilizing a top-down macroeconomic framework and a value-driven process. Real yield is our primary measure of value in the global bond market. We also actively manage our currency exposures and focus on owning undervalued currencies with the potential for appreciation. We hedge currencies that we believe are overvalued or pose downside risk. We structure portfolios along macroeconomic themes involving business cycle analysis, inflation trends, monetary policies, and political risk.

# **Country Rotation**

We concentrate investments in the 10 to 15 countries or markets with the most attractive combination of total return potential and durable fundamentals. Macroeconomic analysis is combined with quantitative screening to identify value and opportunity. Fundamental factors drive the country-weighting process and once an investment becomes fully valued, we look to take profits and reallocate into a more undervalued segment of the universe.

## **Currency Management**

Currency exposures are actively managed. We seek to invest in bonds denominated in undervalued currencies that possess supportive fundamentals. We hedge overvalued currencies or those with weak fundamentals.

## **Duration Management**

We concentrate duration risk where real yields are the most attractive. Larger interest rate exposure is assumed in countries with greater value and positions are established along the yield curve where we find the best risk vs. reward profile. Portfolio duration generally ranges from 1 to 10 years.

## **Issue Selection**

Within a specific bond market security selection is based on yield curve analysis, desired duration, and liquidity considerations.

#### Our Competitive Advantage

The strategy employs a topdown, value-based, and benchmark-agnostic approach for managing global fixed income assets. Backed by a rigorous macroeconomic research process designed to anticipate risk and uncover value, the strategy targets sovereigns with an attractive combination of high real yields and durable fundamentals.



#### At a Glance

- Primary Benchmark: JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index or other emerging markets bond benchmark, as specified by client direction
- Returns are driven by the pursuit of value through high realyielding bonds and active currency management. Inflation, monetary trends, political risk, the business cycle, demographics, and liquidity measures are also considered
- Duration management is determined on a country-by-country basis, establishing positions along the yield curve where we have determined the best risk/reward profile exists
- Investments will typically be concentrated in the 10 to 15 countries that we believe offer the best total return potential

### Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

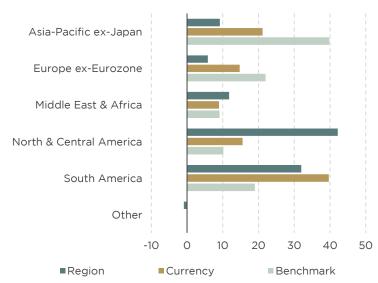
	Strategy	Benchmark
Avg. Quality <sup>3</sup>	BBB	-
Avg. Maturity (Yrs.)	10.78	7.21
Avg. Eff. Duration (Yrs.)	4.61	-
Avg. Coupon (%)	7.47	5.33
Current Yield (%)	7.81	-
Avg. Yield-to-Maturity (%)	9.20	6.27
Number of Issues	17	-

Duration Allocation<sup>1,2</sup> (%)

#### Quality Ratings<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



## Region & Currency Allocations<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



#### Assets Under Management (M) (Shown in USD)

Brandywine Global, Firmwide	61,025
Fixed Income Product Group	46,738
Emerging Markets Debt	51

#### Calendar Year Returns<sup>2</sup> (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	JPGEMG	JPGEMB
2024	-1.52	-1.66	-2.12	-1.52
2023	22.00	21.32	12.70	12.20
2022	-10.95	-11.49	-11.69	-10.13
2021	-11.50	-12.03	-8.75	-7.12
2020	5.46	4.83	2.69	4.46
2019	9.96	9.30	13.47	12.21
2018	-3.93	-4.57	-6.21	-4.67
2017	15.33	14.54	15.21	13.91
2016	9.96	9.20	9.94	8.71
2015	-14.06	-14.66	-14.92	-12.01
2014	4.64	3.91	-5.72	-2.28

#### Risk Characteristics<sup>2</sup> (Composite Net of Fees) (Since Inception)

Sharpe Ratio	0.05
Sortino Ratio	0.07
Information Ratio	0.36

## **Portfolio Managers**



David F. Hoffman, CFA Managing Director & Portfolio Manager 48 Years of Experience



Jack P. McIntyre, CFA Portfolio Manager 36 Years of Experience

Anujeet Sareen, CFA Portfolio Manager 29 Years of Experience







**Carol Lye** Portfolio Manager & Sr. Research Analyst 17 Years of Experience



## Annualized Returns (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	JPGEMG	JPGEMB
QTD	-1.52	-1.66	-2.12	-1.52
YTD	-1.52	-1.66	-2.12	-1.52
1 Year	13.24	12.61	4.91	5.27
3 Year	1.15	0.56	-1.60	-0.61
5 Year	1.17	0.57	O.13	0.96
7 Year	1.58	0.96	0.71	1.47
10 Year	1.36	0.71	-0.32	0.71
Since Inception	2.42	1.75	0.39	1.27

Inception Date: 1/1/2012

## GIPS Information (%, unless otherwise noted) (Results shown in USD)

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Year or YTD	Gross	Net	JPGEMG	JPGEMB	# of Accounts	Market Value (M)	Total Firm Assets (M)	Composite Dispersion	Composite Rolling 3Y SD	JPGEMG Rolling 3Y SD	JPGEMB Rolling 3Y SD
2024	-1.52	-1.66	-2.12	-1.52	1	51	60,106	-	13.19	10.49	9.49
2023	22.00	21.32	12.70	12.20	1	52	59,468	-	13.48	10.71	9.70
2022	-10.95	-11.49	-11.69	-10.13	1	42	52,601	-	13.55	12.21	10.86
2021	-11.50	-12.03	-8.75	-7.12	1	48	67,356	-	13.46	11.37	10.00
2020	5.46	4.83	2.69	4.46	2	169	63,872	-	14.18	12.33	10.82
2019	9.96	9.30	13.47	12.21	2	271	74,024	-	10.44	9.20	8.15
2018	-3.93	-4.57	-6.21	-4.67	1	117	70,070	-	11.70	11.09	9.69
2017	15.33	14.54	15.21	13.91	1	123	74,382	-	11.39	10.87	9.27
2016	9.96	9.20	9.94	8.71	2	203	65,498	-	12.33	11.97	10.11
2015	-14.06	-14.66	-14.92	-12.01	2	190	68,819	-	10.53	10.35	9.10
2014	4.64	3.91	-5.72	-2.28	1	102	63,375	-	12.19	11.77	10.43

Data as of March 31, 2024 JPGEMG = JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified JPGEMB = JP Morgan GBI-EM Broad Div Organization: Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC Claims compliance with the Global investment Management, LLC bas been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993 through June 30, 2022. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards. We nososite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Emerging Markets Debt Composite has had a performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Disclosed total firm assets represent the total market value of all discretionary and nondiscretionary, fee-paying and non-fee-paying assets under the Firm's management. GIPSA@ is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or granization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Composite basics of the Standards. Stenders on the subject to cleint guidelines. The Extregy may also may invest in corporate debt issued in these countries in the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified - A comprehensive global local emerging market index, consisting of clobal Diversified - A comprehensive global local emerging market index, consisting of all diversified - A comprehensive global local emerging market index, consisting of all diversified - A comprehensive global clocal emerging market index, consisting of all diversified and urrencises of countries inthe JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified - A comprehensive glo

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Benchmark = JPGEMG

JPGEMG = J.P. Morgan GBI Emerging Market Global Diversified Index JPGEMB = JP Morgan GBI-EM Broad Div Index

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