4Q 2023 | STRATEGY PROFILE

# Emerging Markets Debt Opportunities

## Brandywine GLOBAL A Franklin Templeton Company

## Objective

We aim to generate income and capital appreciation. Our goal is to outperform the benchmark by 1.5% (net of fees), on an average annual basis, over rolling five-year periods.

## Benchmark

Blended benchmark consists of 50% Local Currency Sovereign EM Debt, 25% Hard Currency Sovereign Debt, 25% EM Corp. Debt (50% JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified, 25% JPM EMBI Global Diversified, 25% JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified).

## Universe

The majority of the portfolio will be invested in sectors of the EM debt markets, including hard and local sovereign EM debt and hard and local currency corporate debt. The strategy has a limited ability to own exposures in select developed markets primarily for defensive or hedging purposes. The portfolio may contain limited amounts of G-3 duration (long and/or short).

## **Investment Process Summary**

We follow a value-driven process that seeks to identify undervalued assets globally by utilizing a top-down macroeconomic framework married with a fundamental assessment of sovereign and corporate issuance. We structure portfolios along macroeconomic themes involving business cycle analysis, inflation trends, monetary policies, and political, social, environmental risks. We actively manage currency exposures and focus on owning undervalued currencies while hedging currencies that we believe are overvalued.

## **Strategy Differentiation**

## **Dual Approach**

Marries valuation and macro research with fundamental analysis at the sovereign and corporate levels.

#### **Holistic Management**

The strategy is not managed in independent sleeves that are bolted together. The team evaluates valuation and macro research across the EM debt universe and functions as an asset allocator across the broad EM debt space.

#### **Flexible and Dynamic**

By combining sovereign, currency, sector, and security research with macroeconomic analysis, the team dynamically rotates positioning over the business cycle.

#### **Unconstrained Yet Measured**

Not biased to local currency or hard currency, emerging sovereign debt or emerging corporate debt, we simply seek value with a macro catalyst. The investment team implements its process within a tracking error framework, allowing for a flexible approach that keeps within the spirit of the overall mandate.

#### Our Competitive Advantage

The strategy combines quantitative valuation screening with qualitative macroeconomic analysis, fundamental analysis, and catalyst identification. The ability to find undervalued segments of the emerging markets and exercise the discipline to consistently invest in them while avoiding the excessively overvalued segments creates a significant edge in managing EM portfolios. Furthermore, we manage the strategy in a holistic manner, not within respective asset allocation sleeves.



#### At a Glance

- The investment objective for the strategy is to generate income and provide capital appreciation
- The aim of the portfolio is to effectively and opportunistically allocate capital across the broad EM debt universe, focusing on value anomalies
- Flexible, macro driven approach centered on the EM debt universe
- Blended benchmark consisting of 50% Local Currency Sovereign EM Debt, 25% Hard Currency Sovereign Debt, 25% EM Corporate Debt

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

	Strategy	Benchmark
Avg. Quality <sup>3</sup>	BBB-	-
Avg. Maturity (Yrs.)	13.25	8.47
Avg. Eff. Duration (Yrs.)	4.67	-
Avg. Coupon (%)	7.23	5.23
Current Yield (%)	7.88	-
Avg. Yield-to-Maturity (%)	8.75	6.89
Number of Issues	45	-

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



Credit - DM

Cash

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



Hard FX

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

Brandywine Global, Firmwide	59,468
Fixed Income Product Group	46,600
Emerging Markets Debt Opportunities	27

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

	Gross	Net	JP50HC50LC		
2023	16.02	15.34	11.43		
2022	-11.19	-11.73	-13.34		
2021	-5.83	-6.40	-4.65		
2020	9.65	9.00	4.49		
2019 2018	5.63	5.42	4.16		
	-	-	-		
2017	-	-	-		
2016 2015 2014	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		
2013	-	-	-		

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

Sharpe Ratio	0.02		
Sortino Ratio	0.03		
Information Ratio	0.54		

#### **Portfolio Managers**



Anujeet Sareen, CFA Portfolio Manager 29 Years of Experience



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





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



## David F. Hoffman, CFA

Managing Director & Portfolio Manager 48 Years of Experience



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

	Gross	Net	JP50HC50LC
QTD	9.30	9.14	7.71
YTD	16.02	15.34	11.43
1 Year	16.02	15.34	11.43
3 Year	-1.00	-1.59	-2.72
Since Inception	2.73	2.12	0.05

Inception Date: 9/1/2019

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

							Composite		
Year or			JP50HC5	# of	Market Value		Composite	Rolling 3Y	JP50HC50LC
YTD	Gross	Net	OLC	Accounts	(M)	Total Firm Assets (M)	Dispersion	SD	Rolling 3Y SD
2023	16.02	15.34	11.43	1	28	59,468	-	11.07	9.41
2022	-11.19	-11.73	-13.34	1	24	52,601	-	11.52	11.55
2021	-5.83	-6.40	-4.65	1	27	67,356	-	-	-
2020	9.65	9.00	4.49	1	29	63,872	-	-	-
2019	5.63	5.42	4.16	1	26	74,024	-	-	-

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Benchmark = JP50HC50LC

JP50HC50LC = J.P. Morgan 50% HC 50% LC (25EMBIGD 25CEMBIBD 50GBIEMGD)

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