

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

Emerging Country Local Debt Strategy

Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Emerging Country Local Debt Strategy (net)	9.34	6.08	19.98	4.77	3.16	1.85	2.21
Emerging Country Local Debt Strategy (gross)	9.55	6.68	20.88	5.56	3.94	2.61	3.13
J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified+	8.99	4.95	13.42	0.60	0.59	0.57	2.15
Value Add	+0.35	+1.13	+6.56	+4.17	+2.57	+1.28	+0.06

MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index + (GBI-EMGD) returned 9.0% during the third quarter of 2024. Local bond performance was positive (4.1%, with returns of 3.8% when hedged into U.S. dollars), while spot currency performance was positive (4.7%). The comparable figures for foreign developed market bonds were also positive in Q3, with 2.9% for local bonds (3.6% hedged), and spot FX performance was also positive with 6.9%. The dollar weakened against other major currencies in Q3, and emerging market exchange rates strengthened against the dollar.

The portfolio slightly outperformed the benchmark in the third quarter, with the portfolio deriving positive alpha from interest rate market selection and currency selection. In interest rate market selection, the portfolio's overweight positions in South Africa (11.6% total local return and best performer during Q3), Brazil (1.9%), Indonesia (4.7%), and Peru (7.1%) drove alpha during the quarter. While unable to fully offset gains, underweight positions in Chile (8.2%) and Thailand (2.4%) detracted.

Currency selection performance was marginally positive in Q3. The most notable contributors to positive alpha were our overweight positions in the Turkish lira, the South African rand, and the Brazilian real, and our off-benchmark long position in the Japanese yen. The portfolio's underweight positions in the Korean won and the Chilean peso, and our overweight positions in the Mexican peso and the Uruguayan peso were notable detractors to currency alpha and offset some of the currency gains.

Instrument selection and other portfolio attributes detracted from alpha over the quarter, partly driven by negative currency residuals arising from index (London) versus portfolio (New York) during the quarter. Instrument selections was flat over the quarter. Mexico and South Africa were the most notable on-benchmark country contributors in this category. The choice of off-benchmark holdings in the U.A.E also contributed positively during the quarter. Gains were offset by losses given the choice of holdings in Brazil, Poland and China, and our off-benchmark holdings in Venezuela.

Entering the fourth quarter of 2024, the portfolio's largest currency active weights are Mexican peso, Turkish lira, Japanese yen, and the South African rand on the positive side, and Hong Kong dollar, Colombian peso, and Chinese yuan on the negative side. The largest positive interest rate active weights are in Brazil, Malaysia, South Africa, and Romania, while the largest negative ones are in Chile, Korea, China, and Thailand.

Composite Inception Date: 29-Feb-08

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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The GMO Emerging Country Local Debt Strategy's objective is total return in excess of its benchmark, the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index - Emerging Markets Global Diversified (GBI-EMGD). The Strategy invests in local currency emerging debt.

GMO's Emerging Country Debt team focuses on bottom-up issue selection within sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers with an emphasis on finding fundamental value, also employing advanced quantitative techniques to assess value across global emerging and frontier interest rate and currency markets. We believe that our approach provides our clients with the best chance for long-term success in this asset class and differentiates us from other emerging debt managers who focus on top-down timing elements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Benchmark(s): The J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified + Index is comprised of the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Diversified Index through 8/31/2012 and the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index thereafter.

The above information is based on a representative account in the Strategy selected because it has the fewest restrictions and best represents the implementation of the Strategy.

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