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# FORT WASHINGTON EMERGING MARKETS DEBT - 102024

# **GENERAL** INFORMATION

Inception Date: 07/01/2013 Total AUM: \$277m (strategy); \$2.6b (asset class)

Style: EM Sovereign Debt, Hard

Currency

Benchmark: JPM EMBI Global

Diversified

## **STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

- Consistent process focused on country selection based on fundamental research with an emphasis on policy direction
- ► Benchmark-aware risk management approach focused on risk adjusted returns
- Hard currency focused investment strategy
- Size advantage of strategy allows investing in ideas without the constraint of larger funds' liquidity needs
- ► Top quartile performance and top quartile risk adjusted returns since inception<sup>1</sup>

### **PHILOSOPHY**

Government policy is one of the most influential drivers for emerging markets fixed income assets due to its long-term effects on politics, economics, and markets

## **ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON**

- ▶ Founded in 1990; \$81.0 billion in current total assets under management<sup>2</sup>
- Breadth of experience managing capital across an array of asset classes with a diverse client base
- Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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- Collaborative team structure
- Supported by the Global Credit and Leveraged Credit Teams

Portfolio Characteristics							
Portfolio	Benchmark						
5.89%	5.42%						
Ba2 / Ba3	Baa3 / Ba1						
6.93 years	6.51 years						
32%	49%						
63	70						
111	161						
241	947						
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Source: Fort Washington. Data as of 03/31/2024. This supplemental information complements the Emerging Markets Debt GIPS Report.

Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change without notice. See Emerging Markets Debt GIPS Report on the next page for complete disclosure. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Rankings versus the eVestment Alliance Global Emerging Markets Fixed Income Hard Currency Universe. <sup>2</sup>Assets as of 03/31/2024. Includes assets under management by Fort Washington of \$75.8 billion and \$5.2 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners. Group (FW Capital), a division. Composite inception and creation date: 07/01/13.

Annualized Total Returns									
Period	Emerging Markets Debt (Gross)	Emerging Markets Debt (Net)	JPM EMBI Global Diversified						
1Q2024	4.27%	4.12%	2.04%						
YTD	4.27%	4.12%	2.04%						
1 Year	15.54%	14.86%	11.28%						
3 Years	0.83%	0.24%	-1.40%						
5 Years	2.61%	2.01%	0.71%						
10 Years	4.43%	3.75%	3.05%						
Since Inception (7/1/2013)	4.96%	4.27%	3.44%						

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#### COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES

	1Q2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Emerging Market Debt (Gross)	4.27%	14.04%	-17.13%	-0.24%	7.48%	15.33%	-4.18%	11.65%	12.33%	1.55%	8.87%
Emerging Market Debt (Net)	4.12%	13.37%	-17.61%	-0.83%	6.84%	14.65%	-4.82%	10.83%	11.50%	0.80%	8.07%
JPM EMBI Global Diversified	2.04%	11.09%	-17.78%	-1.80%	5.26%	15.04%	-4.26%	10.26%	10.15%	1.18%	7.43%
Emerging Market Debt 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>		12.74%	16.55%	13.20%	13.17%	5.05%	5.59%	5.43%	6.32%		
JPM EMBI 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>		10.70%	13.36%	10.67%	10.73%	4.85%	5.46%	5.04%	5.78%		
Dispersion <sup>2</sup>											
Number of Accounts	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	\$277.0	\$264.6	\$231.8	\$280.2	\$282.0	\$262.8	\$227.9	\$237.8	\$213.0	\$110.2	\$108.4
Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	\$75,762	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959	\$45,002

Composite inception and creation date: 07/01/13. ¹The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. ²Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. The benchmark for this composite is the JPM EMBI Global Diversified. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Fort Washington's Emerging Markets Fixed Income strategy seeks to outperform the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (JPM EMBI Global Diversified) on a total return basis. The strategy recognizes emerging markets fixed income as a continually evolving asset class as witnessed by the migration and dispersion of credit quality of the benchmark as well as by consistent addition of countries over the years. Therefore, the strategy first employs a forward looking top-down approach drawing on the four analytical pillars of policy, economics, politics, and markets to identify relative value among a truly global opportunity set. Once these opportunities are identified, the fund employs its bottom-up analytical framework to identify the most appropriate securities. All fee-paying, fully discretionary portfolios with at least \$25 million managed in the Emerging Markets style are included in this composite. The fee is 0.45% for the first \$50 million, and 0.40% on the next \$50 million and 0.35% on additional amounts over \$100 million for separate accounts, and 0.50% for the commingled vehicle. The benchmark for this composite is the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified. Portfolios in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, interests and dividends. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The U.S. dollar is the base currency. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee performance was calculated using the actual management fees charged. Individual portfolio returns are calculated on a daily valuation basis. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Fort Was

#### RISK DISCLOSURES

The Fort Washington Emerging Markets Debt strategy invests in fixed-income securities of both domestic and foreign issuers which can experience reduced liquidity during certain market events, lose their value as interest rates rise and are subject to credit risk which is the risk of deterioration in the financial condition of an issuer and/or general economic conditions that can cause the issuer to not make timely payments of principal and interest also causing the securities to decline in value and an investor can lose principal. Investing in foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations, and economic and political risks, which may be enhanced in emerging markets. Investing in the bond market is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk.

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