

# JPM USD Emerging Markets Sovereign Bond UCITS ETF

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## Topline

Monthly returns	
Fund	Benchmark
▼ -3.50%	▼ -3.71%
<b>Benchmark :</b> J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Risk-Aware Bond Index	
<p><b>Markets</b> Markets were highly volatile in the first quarter, driven by geopolitical tensions especially the Middle East conflict, which disrupted oil and gas supplies. Bond markets came under pressure as higher energy prices intensified inflation concerns. Although emerging market debt started the year strongly, it faced significant headwinds in March from a stronger US dollar and elevated geopolitical risks.</p>	
<p><b>Helped</b> Risk filter in Ukraine, Lebanon and overweights in Colombia and Brazil.</p>	
<p><b>Hurt</b> Liquidity filter in Venezuela, overweight in the Dominican Republic and underweight in China.</p>	
<p><b>Outlook</b> EM sovereigns are transitioning from a broadly supportive backdrop to a more questioned one. Geopolitics represent a potential inflection point for EM credit risk. As in prior quarters, performance should rely less on beta and more on differentiation, selecting winners and avoiding laggards. Returns are expected to be largely carry-driven, with scope for selective spread compression in distressed names and improving stories.</p>	

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## Fund Overview

### Investment objective

The Sub-Fund aims to provide an exposure to the performance of bonds issued by the governments or quasi-government entities of emerging markets countries globally which are denominated in US Dollars.

Fund launch date	15 February 2018
Currency	USD

### Trading information

Stock exchange	Exchange ticker	Trading currency	Bloomberg ticker	Reuters RIC	Sedol
London Stock Exchange	JPMB	USD	JPMB LN	JPMB.L	BF8Q770
London Stock Exchange	JPBM	GBP	JPBM LN	JPBM.L	BF8Q394
Borsa Italiana	JPMB	EUR	JPMB IM	JPMB.MI	BF8Q7B4
Deutsche Borse	JPBM	EUR	JPBM GY	JPBM.DE	BF8Q781
SIX SWISS	JPMB	USD	JPMB SW	JPMB.S	BF8Q792

## Month in Review

- **The Emerging Market Risk Aware Index (EM Risk Aware) underperformed** in comparison to the traditional emerging market debt index over the month.
- **Overall, the contribution from risk filters was positive**, as higher- risk assets underperformed during the month. Risk filters in Ukraine, Lebanon, and Egypt contributed.
- **The contribution from liquidity filters and credit stabilisation was negative.** In particular, overweights in the Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, and Turkey, as well as the liquidity filter in Venezuela, detracted.

## Looking Ahead

- **Emerging Market Debt (EMD) remains underpinned** by a constructive central scenario: resilient growth, residual Federal Reserve cuts, and continued structural diversification away from the USD. Tail risks have risen—spanning oil and geopolitics, AI-driven dynamics in equities and private credit, and structural fiscal/inflation concerns—with Iran-related scenarios tilted toward de-escalation, though uncertainty persists.
- **EM growth for 2026 is projected at 4.1%**, and EM-DM alpha is revised to 2.2% amid a more constructive DM outlook, still broadly aligned with the 2015-2019 average.
- **Oil dynamics present growth and inflation challenges** and are likely to drive greater cross-country differentiation; an extended oil shock could shave roughly 0.6 percentage points from EM growth and force central banks to re-evaluate policy, with uneven effects across markets.
- **Against this backdrop, EM fundamentals are stronger** than in 2022—higher reserves, lower debt service, better fiscal/debt profiles and higher real yields—even as valuations are tighter with compressed spreads. Defaults are still expected to be limited, with a gradual upward trajectory in sovereign ratings.

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All data is sourced by J.P. Morgan Asset Management and is correct as at the date of this commentary.

## Performance and positioning

%	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since inception
Fund	-3.50	-2.15	-2.15	8.18	6.71	1.44	2.64
Benchmark	-3.71	-2.28	-2.28	8.38	7.15	1.91	3.14
Excess return (geometric)	0.22	0.14	0.14	-0.19	-0.40	-0.46	-0.48

%	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	13.21	2.05	9.63	-15.66	-2.70	5.42	18.03
Benchmark	13.68	2.60	10.32	-15.19	-2.17	6.03	18.58
Excess return (geometric)	-0.41	-0.53	-0.63	-0.55	-0.54	-0.57	-0.46

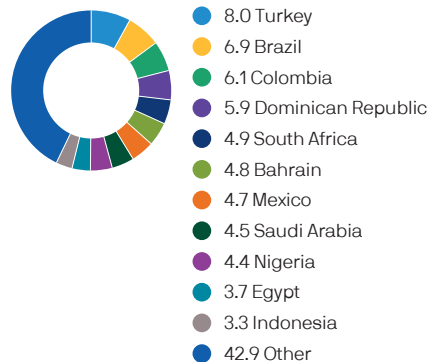
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### Holdings

TOP 10	Coupon rate	Maturity date	% of assets
Government of Egypt (Egypt)	5.88	16/2/31	1.8
Government of Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)	5.88	30/1/60	1.5
Government of Brazil (Brazil)	5.63	21/2/47	1.4
Government of Brazil (Brazil)	4.63	13/1/28	1.2
Government of Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)	4.88	23/9/32	1.2
Government of Angola (Angola)	8.00	26/11/29	1.2
Government of South Africa (South Africa)	4.30	12/10/28	1.1
Government of South Africa (South Africa)	5.75	30/9/49	1.1
Kingdom of Bahrain (Bahrain)	6.75	20/9/29	1.1
Government of Turkey (Turkey)	9.38	14/3/29	1.0

### Country breakdown (%)



### Bond quality breakdown (%)

A	12.0
BBB	24.5
<BBB	63.0
Cash	0.5

Average duration: 6.7 yrs  
 Yield to maturity: 6.5%  
 Average maturity: 11.4 yrs  
 Average coupon : 5.8%  
 Average quality: BB+

### Number of holdings

336

## RISK PROFILE

To the extent that the Sub-Fund uses financial derivative instruments, the risk profile and the volatility of the Sub-Fund may increase. That notwithstanding, the risk profile of the Sub-Fund is not expected to significantly deviate from that of the Index as a result of its use of financial derivative instruments.

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### Summary Risk Indicator

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Lower risk

Higher risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The risk of the product may be significantly higher if held for less than the recommended holding period. In the UK, please refer to the synthetic risk and reward indicator in the latest available key investor information document.

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