

JPM USD Emerging Markets Sovereign Bond UCITS ETF

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Topline

Monthly returns	
Fund	Benchmark
▲ 1.98%	▲ 2.05%
Benchmark : J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Risk-Aware Bond Index	
<p>Markets Economic data released in May, tempered concerns of overheating in the US economy and showed signs of a rebalancing in economic momentum. While these factors should be supportive of risk asset valuations, the hunt for positive growth momentum and attractive valuations is starting to shift investors' focus away from the US and towards more regionally diversified exposure, where the scope for catch-up appears greater.</p>	
<p>Helped Credit rebalancing of Mexico and Turkey, risk filter of Argentina, and Ecuador.</p>	
<p>Hurt Risk filter of Ghana, Egypt, Ukraine, Sri Lanka.</p>	
<p>Outlook The emerging market sovereigns sector remains our preferred emerging market debt sector, given the resilient growth backdrop, although country differentiation is still the key theme. We have recently seen attractive reform and turnaround stories in the single B-rated space and expect it to continue, with the IMF providing support. The technical picture remains strong, with a lot of crossover demand.</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 fund generated a negative absolute return in May.** The Emerging Market Risk Aware Index outperformed the traditional emerging market debt index over the month.
- **Our overall contribution from risk filters was positive in May.** The primary drivers of the positive contribution were the risk filters of Argentina and Ecuador.
- **The liquidity filter also made a positive contribution.** Our overweights in the Dominican Republic and Bahrain, and our underweight in Mexico were the key contributors. In contrast, our overweights in Turkey, Kenya and Romania were the key detractors

Looking Ahead

- **Our base case remains for resilient emerging market growth** and for a developed market soft landing, which should be supportive of emerging market debt assets. Emerging market/developed market growth alpha remains high, despite stronger US growth. Emerging market inflation is better anchored than developed market inflation, while emerging market central banks still have room to cut rates, although the pace of easing may be challenged by the timing of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Our soft-landing scenario implies lower US Treasury yields, a weaker US dollar and strong emerging market debt returns of 8% to 10% in 2024.
- **Emerging market fundamentals remain supported** by significant bottom-up improvements, especially in frontier markets. China is still the largest emerging market, but its influence may have peaked, which merits turning greater attention to emerging markets outside China. We expect emerging market growth to be around 4% in 2024, supported by stability in Asia and an expected recovery in Latin America in the second half of the year. We have revised our US growth forecasts upwards and expect sub-trend growth in Europe, with a gradual stabilisation. Despite the upward revision to US growth, we expect a healthy emerging market-developed market growth alpha of around 2.6%, which is above historical levels.

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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	1.98	0.80	-0.81	7.32	-2.93	0.61	1.30
Benchmark	2.05	0.99	-0.59	7.58	-2.49	1.10	1.78
Excess return (geometric)	-0.07	-0.20	-0.23	-0.25	-0.45	-0.49	-0.48

%	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	9.63	-15.66	-2.70	5.42	18.03
Benchmark	10.00	-15.19	-2.17	6.02	18.58
Excess return (geometric)	-0.34	-0.55	-0.54	-0.57	-0.46

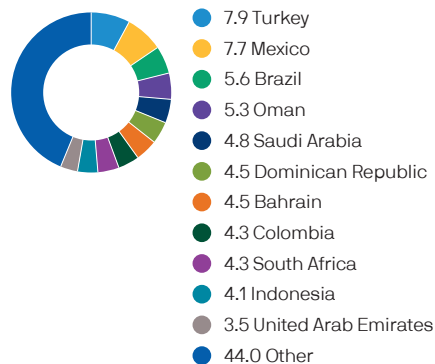
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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Share class performance is shown based on the NAV (net asset value) of the share class with income (gross of shareholder tax) reinvested including actual ongoing charges excluding any entry and exit fees. Performance over one year is annualised. Performance is shown based on the NAV which may not be the same as the market price of the ETF. Individual shareholders may realize returns that are different to the NAV based returns. Share class inception date is 15.02.2018.

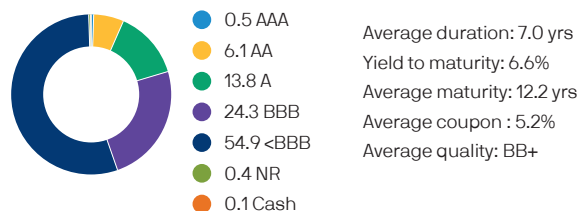
Holdings

TOP 10	Coupon rate	Maturity date	% of assets
Ministry of Finance Oman (Oman)	5.63	17/1/28	0.9
Government of Brazil (Brazil)	4.75	14/1/50	0.9
Government of South Africa (South Africa)	5.88	16/9/25	0.9
Ministry Of Finance Oman (Oman)	4.75	15/6/26	0.8
Government of Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)	5.88	30/1/60	0.7
Government of Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)	6.00	19/7/28	0.7
Government of Turkey (Turkey)	6.00	14/1/41	0.7
Government of Dominican Republic (Dominican Republic)	4.88	23/9/32	0.7
Government of Turkey (Turkey)	4.88	9/10/26	0.7
Government of Hungary (Hungary)	2.13	22/9/31	0.7

Country breakdown (%)



Bond quality breakdown (%)



Number of holdings

421

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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The Sub-Fund is not expected to track the performance of the Index at all times with perfect accuracy. The Sub-Fund is, however, expected to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index.

Summary Risk Indicator



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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