

# EMERGING COUNTRY DEBT UCITS

## **OVERVIEW**

The GMO Emerging Country Debt UCITS Fund's objective is total return in excess of that of its benchmark, the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Global Diversified Index (EMBIG-D). The Fund invests primarily in external debt of sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns.

GMO's Emerging Country Debt team focuses on bottom-up issue selection, seeking to find issues with similar default characteristics but better long-term total return potential than the issues in EMBIG-D. We believe that our approach provides long-term, value-oriented clients with the best chance for total return in this asset class and differentiates us from other emerging debt managers who focus on economic forecasting, market timing, and other macro/top-down approaches.

## **FACTS**

Class USD Class F ISIN IE00BLDGCL61 Class Inception 1-Apr-20 **Fund Inception** 1-Apr-20 **Total Assets** \$534mm USD Management Fee 0.20% p.a. **Pricing Frequency** Daily SFDR Article 6

Classification

Benchmark J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	
USD Class F	3.14	5.15	5.15	14.82	-16.13	-1.56	25.05	
Benchmark	2.09	2.04	2.04	11.09	-17.78	-1.80	22.92	

# ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	ITD
USD Class F	18.54	1.69	-	-	5.67
Benchmark	11.28	-1.39	_	-	2.99

## RISK PROFILE (SINCE INCEPTION 30-APR-20)

Alpha (Jensen's)	3.37
Beta	1.13
R Squared	0.97
Sharpe Ratio	0.26
Standard Deviation	11.95

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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## **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Spread Duration	6.9	6.7
Modified Duration	6.4	6.6
# of Countries	76	71
USD	103%	100%

# SECTORS (%)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Quasi-Sovereign	23.8	18.1
Sovereign	76.2	81.9

# TOP COUNTRIES (DURATION ADJUSTED) (%)

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark
Mexico	7.4	5.0
Turkey	6.6	4.4
Bahrain	5.5	3.0
Argentina	4.9	1.8
Egypt	4.8	2.6
Colombia	4.6	2.8
Dominican Republic	4.6	2.9
Saudi Arabia	4.1	4.9
Oman	4.0	3.1
Romania	3.7	2.6



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The J.P. Morgan EMBI (Emerging Markets Bond) Global Diversified Index is an independently maintained and widely published uniquely weighted U.S. dollar-denominated emerging markets sovereign index comprised of Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans, and market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. This and other important information can be found in the funds prospectus. To obtain a prospectus please visit www.gmo.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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Country Exposures: This portfolio continues to hold de minimis Russian exposure as a result of past positioning and ongoing illiquidity. GMO has suspended net new purchases of Russian securities firm-wide.

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**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Sharpe Ratio is the return over the risk free rate per unit of risk. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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