

# QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW

## Emerging Country Debt UCITS Fund

### Performance returns (USD)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (QUARTER-END)	Quarter-End	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
Emerging Country Debt UCITS Fund (net)	6.45	15.36	16.48	18.67	6.09	-	8.41
Emerging Country Debt UCITS Fund (gross)	6.52	15.58	16.77	18.97	6.39	-	8.71
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified	4.75	10.66	8.52	12.29	2.27	-	4.89
Value Add	+1.70	+4.70	+7.96	+6.38	+3.82	-	+3.52

Data Source: GMO

### MAJOR PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

The J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (EMBIG-D) benchmark returned 4.8% for the period, with a year-to-date return of 10.7%. The index's spread over Treasuries tightened by 39 bps, ending the period at 284 bps, contributing to a spread return of 3.2%. The 10-year Treasury yield fell by 8 bps, finishing at 4.15%, resulting in an interest rate return of 1.5%.

The portfolio experienced positive alpha from both country selection and security selection for the period. Within country selection, an overweight position in Venezuela (+21.5%) significantly contributed to positive alpha, along with overweights in Colombia (+9.5%) and Lebanon (+17.2%). Additionally, an underweight position in Indonesia (+3.0%) added to the gains. Conversely, an overweight position in Argentina (-17.7%) detracted from country selection alpha.

During the period, in-index security selection alpha was primarily driven by strong contributions from Argentina, Peru, and Mexico, while Brazil, Ukraine, and Turkey were the largest detractors. In the out-of-index category, the Republic of Congo and Tunisia contributed positively, whereas Belarus and Thailand detracted. Within the quasi-sovereign category, Peru and Mexico were key contributors, while Brazil was the major detractor.

As of the end of the period, the portfolio's top three overweights are Venezuela, Turkey, and Argentina, while the top three underweights are Indonesia, China, and Malaysia. Notable changes in the portfolio include a shift in Qatar, which went from an underweight position to neutral as the country exited the index, while Turkey and Israel saw increased overweight positions. Conversely, Oman transitioned from an overweight to an underweight, while overweight positions decreased in size in both Egypt and Poland.

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Inception Date: 1-Apr-20

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## PRODUCT 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.

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**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.

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<https://www.gmo.com/europe/product-index-page/fixed-income/emerging-country-debt-strategy/emerging-country-debt-ucits-fund/>

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