

Robeco Emerging Markets Bonds I USD

Robeco Emerging Market Bonds is an actively managed fund investing in assets such as government bonds, asset backed securities and other fixed income securities of emerging countries mainly denominated in Hard currency (where Hard currency refers to globally traded major currency, such as but not limited to USD, EUR, GBP, JPY and CHF). The selection of these assets is based on fundamental analysis. The fund's objective is to achieve a better return than the index and provide long-term capital growth.



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Fund manager since 24-09-2024

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J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (Total Return, USD)

General facts

Type of fund	Bonds
Currency	USD
Total size of fund	USD 11,785,916
Size of share class	USD 11,039,516
Outstanding shares	105,197
1st quotation date	24-09-2024
Close financial year	31-12
Ongoing charges	0.73%
Daily tradable	Yes
Dividend paid	No
Ex-ante tracking error limit	5.00%
Management company	Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V.

Market development

Emerging markets have continued to deliver strong returns for investors over the summer. The EM Hard Currency Index returned 1.63% in August, bringing year-to-date returns to 8.72%. High yield bonds outperformed with +1.93% versus +1.34% for investment grade. The index spread was nearly unchanged at the end of the month, closing at 298 bps. With a strong market for EM hard currency, it is usually implied that the riskiest issuers will have performed the best. So too in August. Venezuela, Lebanon, and Ukraine formed the top three, closely followed by Bolivia and Colombia. The bottom was formed by Zambia, Argentina, and Ethiopia.

Expectation of fund manager

With an asset class yield of 7.3% at the end of August, expected EM bond returns are still attractive. Spreads continue to look somewhat expensive in absolute terms, but look attractive compared to other credit asset classes. Not only is there still a positive differential between EM and US bonds of equivalent credit rating, it is also historically elevated within the high yield part of the market. Expectations around US monetary policy should support EM markets in the coming period, as the Fed is likely to cut interest rates in its September meeting, and might continue on the same trajectory into 2026. This lowers EM funding cost and improves debt dynamics. EM fundamentals have continued to improve this year. Reserves coverage is generally strong, as terms of trade have improved which has also boosted growth. This provides a backdrop in which EM can continue to offer attractive returns.

Sustainability profile

- Exclusions+
- ESG Integration
- ESG Target

For more information on exclusions see <https://www.robeco.com/exclusions/>

Fund price

31-08-25	USD	104.94
High Ytd (14-08-25)	USD	104.96
Low Ytd (11-04-25)	USD	94.45

Fees

Management fee	0.60%
Performance fee	None
Service fee	0.12%

Characteristics

	Fund
Rating	BA2/BA3
Option Adjusted Duration (years)	6.09
Maturity (years)	9.4
Yield to Worst (%)	7.6
Green Bonds (%)	2.0

Legal status

Investment company with variable capital incorporated under Luxembourg law (SICAV)

Issue structure	Open-end
UCITS V	No
Share class	I USD

This fund is a subfund of Robeco Capital Growth Funds, SICAV.

Registered in

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland

Currency policy

Currency risk will not be hedged. Exchange-rate fluctuations will therefore directly affect the fund's share price.

Risk management

Risk management is fully embedded in the investment process to ensure that positions always meet predefined guidelines.

Dividend policy

The fund does not distribute a dividend. The income earned by the fund is reflected in its share price. This means that the fund's total performance is reflected in its share price performance.

Fund codes

ISIN	LU2862983975
Bloomberg	ROBEMIU LX
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Sector allocation

The fund is mostly allocated to sovereign debt with an underweight in state-owned enterprises (SOEs) versus the benchmark. Relative valuations and the opportunity set offered by sovereigns vs SOEs at this juncture make sovereigns our preferred sector. We have positions in PIF, Pemex, Codelco, and Bank Gospodarstwa in Poland.

Sector allocation		Deviation index
Sovereign	77.3%	-3.7%
Agencies	10.7%	-8.3%
Treasuries	4.8%	4.8%
Financials	3.8%	3.8%
Cash and other instruments	3.4%	3.4%

Currency denomination allocation

The fund remains predominantly invested in USD bonds, which make up 100% of the benchmark. The share of EUR-denominated bonds has fallen from nearly a quarter to 16.4% at the end of the month, after relative spread differences no longer compensate for the reduced liquidity that EUR bonds typically have. EUR currency risk is hedged back to USD, and EUR duration is partially hedged.

Currency denomination allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	80.2%	-19.8%
Euro	16.4%	16.4%

Duration allocation

The fund has a small duration underweight position relative to the benchmark. USD duration exposure is 5.9 years and euro 0.2 years, versus 6.5 years in USD for the benchmark.

Duration allocation		Deviation index
U.S. Dollar	5.9	-0.6
Euro	0.2	0.2

Rating allocation

We continue to maintain underweights in the AA, A, and BBB rating buckets, reflecting our cautious stance on higher-rated issuers such as Saudi Arabia, China, and Malaysia, where spreads are tight and offer limited upside. In the BBB space, we are underweight in countries such as the Philippines and Indonesia. Meanwhile, overweight positions have been maintained in Bulgaria and Chile, where we see better relative value. In the high yield space, we continue to see opportunities, particularly among select B and CCC-rated issuers, where spreads remain attractive and fundamentals are stabilizing. Notable overweights are held in Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia, and Tunisia.

Rating allocation		Deviation index
AA	4.8%	1.6%
A	5.0%	-10.9%
BAA	17.2%	-11.8%
BA	27.1%	-1.4%
B	20.9%	8.0%
CAA	20.7%	11.9%
CA		-0.2%
C	0.8%	0.3%
D		-0.6%
NR		-0.4%
Cash and other instruments	3.4%	3.4%

Country allocation

Bulgaria remained the largest overweight in cash terms at the end of the month, followed by Kyrgyzstan, and Namibia. We see the investment cases for these largest country positions continuing to be positive. A notable overweight position is the Mexican state-owned oil company Pemex. Pemex has started to receive significant support from the Mexican government which could be a game changer for its prospects. The largest underweights are in Saudi Arabia, China, and Indonesia, where valuations are very tight.

Country allocation		Deviation index
Mexico	7.0%	1.8%
Turkey	6.0%	1.7%
Bulgaria	5.9%	5.7%
United States	4.8%	4.8%
Romania	4.5%	1.7%
Kyrgyzstan	4.3%	4.2%
South Africa	4.3%	1.6%
Namibia	3.9%	3.9%
Brazil	3.5%	0.3%
Poland	3.5%	0.5%
Ecuador	3.3%	1.9%
Other	45.7%	-31.4%
Cash and other instruments	3.4%	3.4%

ESG Important information

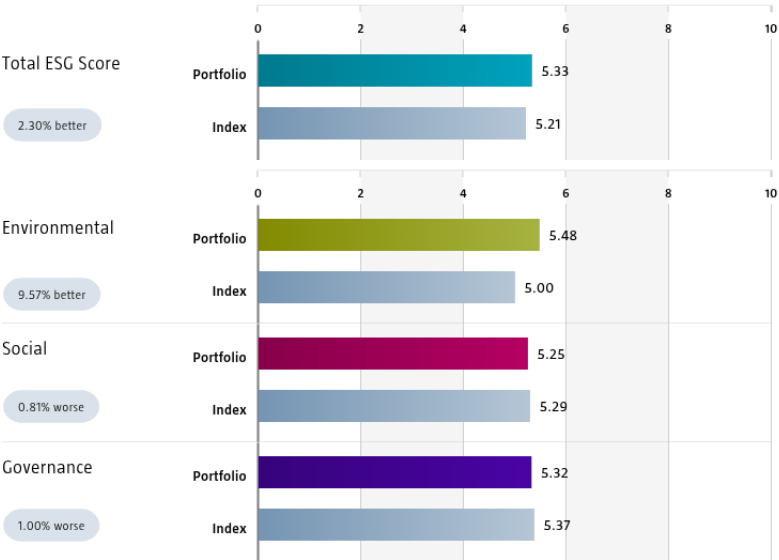
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Sustainability

The fund incorporates sustainability in the investment process via exclusions, negative screening, ESG integration and a minimum average country sustainability ranking score as well as a minimum allocation to ESG-labeled bonds. The fund complies with Robeco's exclusion policy for countries and does not invest in countries where serious violations of human rights or a collapse of the governance structure take place, or if countries are subject to UN, EU or US sanctions. In addition, the fund excludes the 15% worst ranked countries following the World Governance Indicator 'Control of Corruption'. ESG factors of countries are integrated in the bottom-up country analysis. In the portfolio construction the fund ensures a minimum weighted average score that is better than that of the index, following Robeco's proprietary Country Sustainability Ranking. The Country Sustainability Ranking scores countries on a scale from 1 (worst) to 10 (best) based on 40 environmental, social, and governance indicators. Lastly, the fund invests in a minimum of 5% in green, social, sustainable and/or sustainability-linked bonds. For more information please visit the sustainability-related disclosures. The index used for all sustainability visuals is based on J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified.

Country Sustainability Ranking

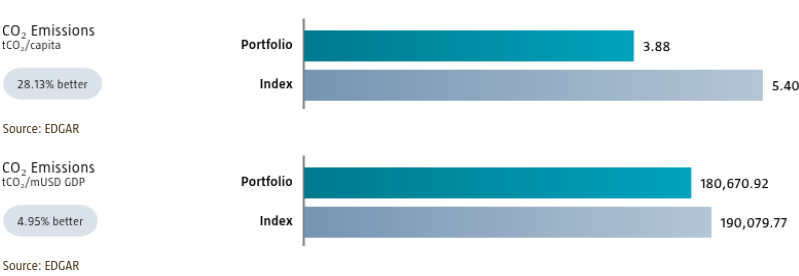
The charts displays the portfolio's Total, Environmental, Social and Governance scores following Robeco's Country Sustainability Ranking methodology. These are calculated using the portfolio components' weights and respective country's scores. The scores includes considerations of more than 50 separate indicators, each capturing a unique sustainability feature across environmental, social and governance dimensions at the country level. Index scores are provided alongside the portfolio scores, highlighting the portfolio's relative ESG performance. Only holdings mapped as sovereign bonds are included in the figures.



Source: Robeco. Certain underlying data is sourced from third parties (such as e.g. IMF, OECD and World Bank including Worldwide Governance Indicators Control of Corruption, as well as content from ISS and SanctIO).

Environmental Intensity

Environmental intensity expresses a portfolio's aggregate environmental efficiency. The portfolio's aggregate carbon intensity is based on the related country emissions. We divide each country's carbon emissions, measured in tCO2, by the population size or gross domestic product to obtain the country's carbon intensity. The portfolio's aggregate intensity figures are calculated as a weighted average by multiplying each assessed portfolio component's intensity figure with its respective position weight. Index intensities are provided alongside the portfolio intensities, highlighting the portfolio's relative carbon intensity. Only holdings mapped as sovereign bonds are included in the figures.

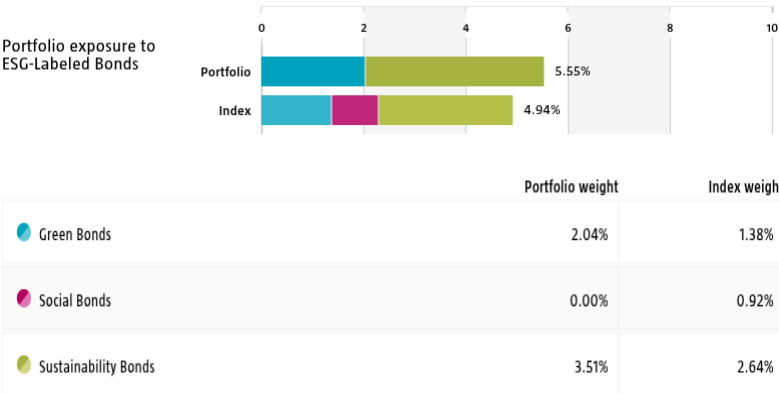


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ESG Labeled Bonds

The ESG-labeled bond chart displays the portfolio's exposure to ESG-labeled bonds. Specifically, green bonds, social bonds, sustainability bonds, and sustainability-linked bonds. This is calculated as a sum of weights for those bonds in the portfolio that have one of above mentioned labels. Index exposure figures are provided alongside the portfolio exposure figures, highlighting the difference with the index.



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The fund promotes E&S (i.e. Environmental and Social) characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of the European Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation integrates sustainability risks in the investment process and applies Robeco's Good Governance policy. The fund applies sustainability indicators, including but not limited to, normative, activity-based and region-based exclusions.

Fund manager's CV

Diliana Deltcheva is Head of Emerging Market Debt and member of the Global Macro team. She joined Robeco in 2024. Previously, she was Head of Emerging Market Debt at Candriam. She has also worked at ING Investment Management in various roles, including portfolio manager Emerging Market Debt. She joined the industry in 2002 at ING Investment Management and worked in various roles, including portfolio manager Emerging Market Debt. She holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration/ Political Science & International Relations at the American University in Bulgaria and a Master's in International Finance from the University of Amsterdam. She is a CFA® Charterholder. Nicholas Sauer is Portfolio Manager Emerging Market Debt and member of the Global Macro team. He joined Robeco in 2024. Previously, he was portfolio manager Emerging Market Debt at Candriam. Prior to joining Candriam in 2019, he worked in various roles at BMO Global Asset Management, including as portfolio manager EMD and analyst EMD. Nicholas Sauer joined the industry in 2011. He holds a Master's in Finance and Investments from the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam and is a CFA® Charterholder. Richard Briggs is a Portfolio Manager covering Emerging Market Debt and a member of the Global Macro team. He joined Robeco in 2024. Previously, he was a portfolio manager focused on Emerging Market Debt at Candriam. Prior to joining Candriam in 2022, he worked at GAM Investments as a portfolio manager covering EMD and prior to that he led emerging market credit strategy at CreditSights. He joined the industry in 2011. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Economics from the University of Strathclyde and a Master's in Financial Economics from the University of Glasgow. He is a CFA® Charterholder and holds the CFA ESG certificate.

Fiscal product treatment

The fund is established in Luxembourg and is subject to the Luxembourg tax laws and regulations. The fund is not liable to pay any corporation, income, dividend or capital gains tax in Luxembourg. The fund is subject to an annual subscription tax ('tax d'abonnement') in Luxembourg, which amounts to 0.01% of the net asset value of the fund. This tax is included in the net asset value of the fund. The fund can in principle use the Luxembourg treaty network to partially recover any withholding tax on its income.

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