

**HSBC Global Investment Funds** 

# GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS BOND

Monthly report 31 October 2023 | Share class ACHCHF



# Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of emerging market bonds.



## Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed. In normal market conditions, the Fund will mostly invest its assets in investment grade and non-investment grade bonds issued by governments, government-related entities, supranational entities and companies based in emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in securities issued by a single government issuer with a non-investment grade credit rating. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in onshore Chinese bonds which are issued within the People's Republic of China and traded on the China Interbank Bond Market. The Fund may invest up to 10% in convertible bonds. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible securities. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in total return swaps and up to 10% in other funds. The Fund's primary currency exposure is to US dollars. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives.



## Main risks

- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

Share Class Deta	alis
Key metrics	
NAV per Share	CHF 7.39
Performance 1 month	n -1.81%
Yield to maturity	10.68%
Fund facts	
UCITS V compliant	Yes
Subscription mode	Casl
Dividend treatment	Accumulating
Dealing frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	17:00 Luxembourg
Share Class Base Cur	rency CHI
Domicile	Luxembourg
Inception date	24 Septembe 2012
Fund Size	USD 1,077,612,56
Managers	Scott Davis
Jav	ymeson Paul Kumn
Fees and expenses	
Minimum initial investment (SG) <sup>1</sup>	USD 5,000
Maximum initial charge (SG)	3.100%
Management fee	1.250%
Codes	
ISIN	LU0792945197
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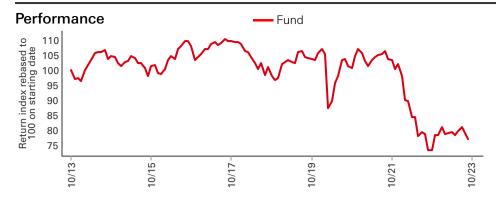
Share Class Details

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Reference Performance Benchmark: JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified since 8 Dec 2020. Previously JP Morgan EMBI Global from 1 Jan 2000 to 7 Dec 2020. Prior to that, the benchmark was JP Morgan EMBI. Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 October 2023



Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann
ACHCHF	-3.62	-1.81	-6.62	-4.78	3.05	-9.14	-5.09
Calendar year performa	ance (%)		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ACHCHF			-10.85	8.49	1.15	-4.72	-23.20

3-Year Risk Measures	ACHCHF	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	ACHCHF	Reference benchmark
Volatility	10.76%		Volatility	12.65%	
Sharpe ratio	-0.86		Sharpe ratio	-0.38	

Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	281	937	
Average coupon rate	5.79	5.32	0.47
Yield to worst	10.37%	9.36%	1.01%
OAD	6.50	6.18	0.32
Modified Duration to Worst	6.72	6.36	0.36
Option Adjusted Spread Duration	5.42	6.26	-0.84
Average maturity	10.69	10.93	-0.24
Rating average	BBB-/BB+	BBB-/BB+	

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
AAA	14.58		14.58
AA	3.59	6.60	-3.01
A	12.24	17.03	-4.79
BBB	21.67	26.40	-4.73
ВВ	22.55	21.87	0.68
В	19.86	19.51	0.34
CCC	4.70	5.30	-0.60
CC	0.45	0.76	-0.31
С	0.26	0.04	0.22
D	2.71	2.37	0.34
NR	-3.47	0.13	-3.60
Cash	5.24		5.24
Cash Offset	-4.37		-4.37

Maturity Breakdown (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
0-2 years	11.71	10.87	0.84
2-5 years	27.72	26.06	1.65
5-10 years	28.46	29.62	-1.16
10+ years	32.11	33.44	-1.33

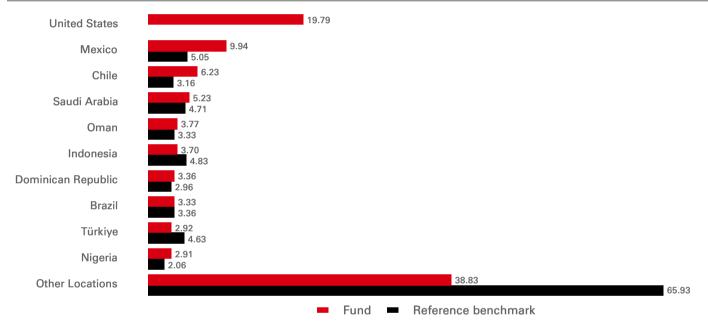
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Currency Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
USD	98.36	100.00	-1.64
BRL	1.02		1.02
EUR	0.37		0.37
MXN	0.27		0.27
SGD	0.02		0.02
CHF	0.01		0.01
AUD	0.01		0.01
ZAR	0.00		0.00
PLN	0.00		0.00
JPY	0.00		0.00
Other Currencies	-0.04		-0.04

## Geographical Allocation (%)



		Reference	
Sector Allocation (%)	Fund	benchmark	Relative
Government	71.68	82.57	-10.90
Energy	15.21	8.05	7.15
Basic Materials	4.46	1.84	2.62
Financial	4.37	3.36	1.00
Utilities	3.48	2.50	0.98
Consumer Non cyclical	1.52	0.60	0.92
Industrial	1.42	0.93	0.49
Communications	0.48		0.48
Consumer Cyclical		0.14	-0.14
credit default swap index	-3.48		-3.48
Other Sectors	-4.37		-4.37
Cash	5.24		5.24

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Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
DOMINICAN REPUBL 5.500 22/02/29	1.86
SAUDI INT BOND 5.500 25/10/32	1.37
PETROLEOS MEXICA 6.500 13/03/27	1.30
COLOMBIA REP OF 8.000 20/04/33	1.23
IVORY COAST-PDI 6.125 15/06/33	1.20
CODELCO INC 5.125 02/02/33	1.18
TURKEY REP OF 9.875 15/01/28	1.18
PETROLEOS MEXICA 7.690 23/01/50	1.15
BRAZIL NTN-F 10.000 01/01/33	1.13
SAUDI INT BOND 5.000 17/04/49	1.10

Top 10 holdings exclude holdings in cash and cash equivalents and money market funds.

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# Monthly performance commentary

#### Market review

Rate volatility continued in October driven by strong US data, the continued narrative of higher-for-longer, in addition to the surprise geopolitical conflict between Israel-Gaza. The negative returns in hard and local currency bonds were driven by higher UST rates, while a stable USD saw EMFX slightly increase. October saw yet another bout of rate volatility as strong US economic signals sent US Treasury yields higher and EM returns lower. While investor have been accustomed to higher core rates, the escalation of the Israel-Gaza conflict brought a new layer of uncertainty to the market. Following some dovish Fedspeak in the middle of the month, the market was given some reprieve as UST yields and the dollar softened, only to reverse given the strong GDP print. Within China, there have been signs of stabilizing growth and confirmation of a fiscal injection which should provide a buffer for sentiment. From an EM central bank perspective, countries in Latin America, such as Brazil continue to reduce interest rates as inflation nears the top-line of their target. Meanwhile, we saw a surprise rate hike by Bank Indonesia. In addition to this, there are ongoing political developments, such as the presidential elections that took place in Poland and Ecuador, the upcoming elections in Argentina, and the recent developments between US and Venezuela. On a technical standpoint, net new issuance in October was negative for sovereign and corporate bonds. October is typically a month where you see decent net new issuance. Finally, flows into EMD continue to remain negative; with both hard and local currency funds seeing declines, but continue to see less outflows than equities.

#### Performance

EM hard currency assets posted negative returns in the context of rapidly rising interest rates in the US and overall negative sentiment towards risk assets as geopolitical events increased risk premiums. The fund marginally outperformed the benchmark during the month. The main drivers of outperformance came from the underweight to spread duration and from asset allocation. The underweight to spread duration added to relative returns as spreads widen during the month. The spread widening was led by Middle East segment following the conflict between Israel-Gaza. In terms of asset allocation, the overweight to Nigeria and Ivory Coast added to relative returns as spreads in both countries tightened over the month. In addition, the underweight to Jordan added to relative returns as the country boarders Israel which saw some contagion risk. The underweight to Panama also added to relative returns as the country received a downgrade by Moody's. Lastly, off-benchmark exposure to select local debt and EMFX added to relative returns. In terms of detractors, security selection in select Latin American countries, such as Brazil, Chile. Colombia and Mexico hurt relative returns over the period. Within Peru, security selection in the national oil company hurt returns as the company received a downgrade from S&P over the month. Lastly, the overweight to Iraq hurt relative returns as spreads widened given the regional conflict between Israel-Gaza.

#### Positioning

We tactically added credit risk to the portfolio through unwinding hedges and adding high quality IG issuers as spreads widened. Also, we took advantage of new issue concessions via the primary market. We ended the month with an underweight to spread duration of -0.84 years relative to the benchmark. The fund maintained a moderate overweight to duration of 0.32 years relative to the benchmark. We took profits on the US rates steepener position. The fund continues to utilize off-benchmark alpha sources by increasing allocations to local rates, EMFX and off-benchmark corporates.

#### Outlook

Emerging markets are showing signs of an important inflection point after many years of difficulty. Fiscal accounts, in part due to forced austerity and in part due to deliberate policies backed by IMF structural adjustment, have improved in recent years and the debt / GDP profile of the overall asset class is on the mend. For the first time in over a decade, the average ratings momentum of EMD has turned positive. At the same time, the scarcity of issuance in the market has helped anchor spreads and valuations for EM sovereigns and corporates. This comes amid an improving macroeconomic backdrop for the asset class. US economic data are beginning to reflect the impact of tighter financial conditions after 18 months of Federal Reserve tightening. Labor markets are rebalancing, and the Fed appears to be on permahold while taking assessment. Data in Europe and China already reflect a weaker environment and should weigh decisively on global demand. Disinflation is well entrenched and as a result, we are highly convicted in the view that global interest rates are peaking as we head into year-end. We believe that the US dollar will begin to weaken as economic indicators become clearer on a slowdown. We especially like currencies whose central banks reluctant to reduce policy rates, as it shows prudence and maintains positive real yields. We also like countries that stand poised for upgrade to IG in our investment horizon.

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Supplemental in Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann
AC USD	-0.71	-1.57	-5.76	-2.99	6.95	-7.04	-2.66
ACHCHF CHF	-3.62	-1.81	-6.62	-4.78	3.05	-9.14	-5.09
ACHEUR EUR	-2.60	-1.71	-6.22	-4.00	4.23	-8.90	-4.84
AD EUR	0.26	-1.41	-1.70	1.33	0.01	-3.98	-1.29
AD SGD	1.43	-1.20	-2.76	-0.37	3.55	-6.93	-2.86
AD USD	-0.71	-1.57	-5.76	-2.98	6.95	-7.04	-2.65
AM2 SGD	1.42	-1.20	-2.76	-0.38	3.54	-6.94	-2.87
AM2 USD	-0.71	-1.57	-5.76	-2.99	6.95	-7.05	-2.66
AM3HAUD AUD	-2.09	-1.72	-6.19	-3.81	5.06	-8.11	-3.82
AM3HEUR EUR	-2.62	-1.71	-6.25	-4.03	4.20	-8.89	-4.83
AM3HSGD SGD	-2.01	-1.71	-6.25	-3.85	5.43	-7.70	-3.40
IC USD	0.00	-1.50	-5.56	-2.57	7.86	-6.25	-1.83
ID USD							
PD EUR	0.46	-1.39	-1.64	1.45	0.25	-3.74	-1.05
PD SGD	1.63	-1.18	-2.71	-0.25	3.80	-6.70	-2.62
PD USD	-0.51	-1.55	-5.71	-2.87	7.21	-6.80	-2.41
ZD USD	0.53	-1.44	-5.41	-2.25	8.55	-5.63	-1.18

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Calendar year performance (%)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AC USD	-7.82	12.27	3.19	-3.57	-21.34
ACHCHF CHF	-10.85	8.49	1.15	-4.72	-23.20
ACHEUR EUR	-10.58	8.87	1.31	-4.57	-23.55
AD EUR	-3.17	14.34	-5.33	3.75	-16.17
AD SGD	-5.98	10.76	1.43	-1.64	-21.74
AD USD	-7.81	12.27	3.19	-3.57	-21.33
AM2 SGD	-5.99	10.75	1.45	-1.63	-21.76
AM2 USD	-7.83	12.26	3.21	-3.56	-21.36
AM3HAUD AUD	-8.36	11.01	1.69	-4.01	-22.45
AM3HEUR EUR	-10.58	8.86	1.34	-4.54	-23.52
AM3HSGD SGD	-8.71	11.35	2.38	-3.72	-21.80
IC USD	-7.03	13.23	4.07	-2.75	-20.67
ID USD					
PD EUR	-2.92	14.62	-5.09	4.01	-15.96
PD SGD	-5.74	11.03	1.68	-1.39	-21.54
PD USD	-7.58	12.55	3.45	-3.33	-21.13
ZD USD	-6.48	13.97	4.75	-2.12	-20.14

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	Share Class Base	Distribution			Annualised Yield based on ex-
Share class	Currency	Frequency	Dividend ex-date	Last Paid Dividend	dividend date
AC	USD				
ACHCHF	CHF				
ACHEUR	EUR				
AD	USD	Annually	31 May 2023	0.860113	4.30%
AM2	USD	Monthly	31 October 2023	0.092140	8.65%
AM3HAUD	AUD	Monthly	31 October 2023	0.026956	7.17%
AM3HEUR	EUR	Monthly	31 October 2023	0.025306	6.88%
AM3HSGD	SGD	Monthly	31 October 2023	0.025314	6.70%
IC	USD				
ID	USD	Annually	6 July 2022	0.671261	4.68%
PD	USD	Annually	31 May 2023	0.595802	4.57%
ZD	USD	Annually	31 May 2023	0.860615	5.93%

The above table cites the last dividend paid within the last 12 months only.

Dividend is not guaranteed and may be paid out of capital, which will result in capital erosion and reduction in net asset value. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Past distribution yields and payments do not represent future distribution yields and payments. Historical payments may comprise of distributed income, capital, or both

The calculation method of annualised yield prior to August 2019 is the simple yield calculation: (dividend amount / NAV per share or units as of ex-dividend date) x n; The calculation method of annualised yield from August 2019 is the compound yield calculation: ((1 + (dividend amount / ex-dividend NAV))^n)-1, n depends on the distributing frequency. Annually distribution is 1; semi-annually distribution is 2; quarterly distribution is 4; monthly distribution is 12. The annualised dividend yield is calculated based on the dividend distribution on the relevant date with dividend reinvested, and may be higher or lower than the actual annual dividend yield.

Investors and potential investors should refer to the details on dividend distributions of the Fund, which are available on HSBC Asset Management (Singapore) Limited website.

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			<b>Share Class</b>				
Chaus alass		ICINI	Base	Minimum Initial	•	Management	Distribution
Share class	Inception date	ISIN	Currency	Investment	Share	fee	type
AC	6 January 2011	LU0566116140	USD	USD 5,000	30.54	1.250%	Accumulating
ACHCHF	24 September 2012	LU0792945197	CHF	USD 5,000	7.39	1.250%	Accumulating
ACHEUR	13 December 2012	LU0811140721	EUR	USD 5,000	7.30	1.250%	Accumulating
AD	11 January 2011	LU0566116223	USD	USD 5,000	19.54	1.250%	Distributing
AM2	5 January 2011	LU0571531218	USD	USD 5,000	13.28	1.250%	Distributing
AM3HAUD	4 September 2012	LU0798789524	AUD	USD 5,000	4.66	1.250%	Distributing
AM3HEUR	12 September 2012	LU0798789797	EUR	USD 5,000	4.55	1.250%	Distributing
AM3HSGD	18 September 2012	LU0818609710	SGD	USD 5,000	4.67	1.250%	Distributing
IC	8 March 2006	LU0164944026	USD	USD 1,000,000	35.06	0.500%	Accumulating
ID	18 May 2009	LU0149732736	USD	USD 1,000,000	15.13	0.500%	Distributing
PD	9 July 1999	LU0099919721	USD	USD 50,000	12.75	1.000%	Distributing
ZD	9 August 2012	LU0151269650	USD	USD 1,000,000	14.28	0.000%	Distributing

Different classes may have different performances, dividend yields and expense ratios. For hedged classes, the effects of hedging will be reflected in the net asset values of such classes. Expenses arising from hedging transactions may be significant and will be borne by the relevant hedged classes. Hedged class performs the required hedging on a best efforts basis.

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