

# William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund

Class J (USD)

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Portfolio Review

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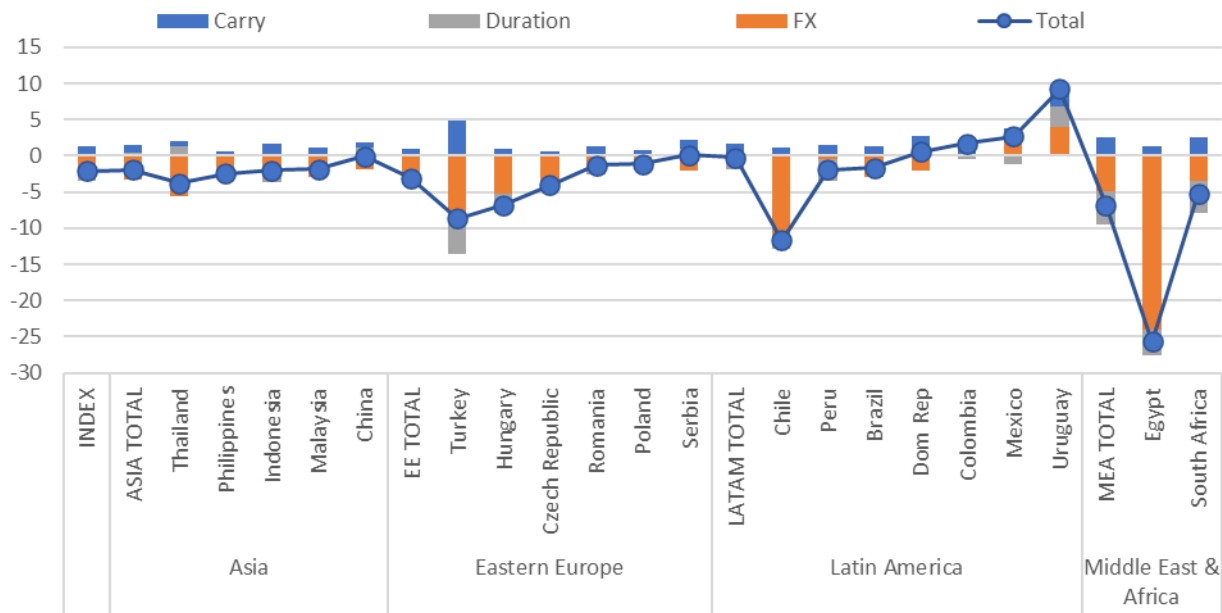
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### Market Overview

Emerging markets (EM) debt continued to perform very strongly throughout the first quarter of 2024 amid improving prospects for global economic growth. While higher-than-anticipated inflation numbers in the United States tempered expectations for monetary policy easing in the near term, further evidence of resilient economic conditions contributed to the positive sentiment, supporting the performance of asset prices during the period. However, tighter monetary conditions in the United States also proved supportive for the dollar, which rallied against EM currencies, partially reversing strong fourth-quarter gains.

In this environment, the J.P. Morgan Global Bond Index – Emerging Markets Global Diversified (GBI-EMGD) fell 2.12%, with a 0.7% gain in bonds offset by a 2.8% average currency depreciation. While each of the regions in the index posted negative returns overall, Latin America outperformed, with only a small net decline of 24 basis points (bps) on a total-return basis. Higher interest rates in the region provided additional support to investors and local markets.

### Currency Depreciation Overshadowed Gains in Bonds in Q1 2024



Sources: J.P. Morgan and Bloomberg, as of March 31, 2024.

**Strategy Performance**

Against this backdrop, the William Blair Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency SICAV outperformed its benchmark (the J.P. Morgan GBI-EMGD) over the period.

Positive contributions came from the frontier markets beta bucket, while the high-beta and low-beta buckets underperformed. Currency and security-selection effects were the main drivers of outperformance, while curve, allocation, and transaction effects were close to flat.

	<b>Top Performers</b>		<b>Bottom Performers</b>	
	<i>FX</i>	<i>Bonds</i>	<i>FX</i>	<i>Bonds</i>
High Beta	Mexico	Colombia	Brazil	Indonesia
	Indonesia		Colombia	Mexico
	South Africa		Turkey	South Africa
Low Beta	Chile	Chile	China	China
	India		Czech Republic	India
	Singapore			Thailand
Frontier	Egypt	Egypt	Ghana	Kenya
	Kenya	Nigeria	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
	Zambia		Uzbekistan	Zambia

Source: William Blair, as March 31, 2024.

**High-Beta Bucket**

Currency positioning in Indonesia outperformed while bonds detracted. Local assets performed broadly in line with the broader benchmark, but higher carry helped soften lower prices relative to lower-yielding countries in the region. We have reduced exposure, albeit more so because of the expectation of further weakness coming more from a high correlation to U.S. dollar trends than to country-specific factors.

Our overweight exposure to the Mexican peso contributed to performance, but this was offset by underperformance in local rates. The Mexican central bank started its easing cycle with a very modest 25 bps cut accompanied by a hawkish statement that reiterated the policymakers' cautious stance against the backdrop of continued U.S. economic strength.

In Turkey, we underperformed marginally as the carry on our investments struggled to keep pace with the currency depreciation ahead of local elections in late March. Although getting inflation under control is now a key priority of both the central bank and the government, negative real yields remain very high for now.

In South Africa, our positioning in the long end of the curve negatively impacted performance as yields increased on the back of increasing domestic concerns about the election outcome in May.

### **Low-Beta Bucket**

Chilean local assets and the peso continue to face significant pressure from investor outflows owing to very low local rates, which has prompted investors to treat the country as an effective, low-cost macro hedge. Our maximum underweight to local bonds and small underweight in foreign exchange (FX) contributed to performance.

Chinese local assets and the renminbi modestly outperformed the wider benchmark, leading our large underweight position to underperform. We partially closed this position toward the end of the quarter on the expectation of additional central bank support for the currency.

We were underweight the Singapore dollar for much of the quarter on the expectation that the central bank would be actively fixing the currency lower following weakness among the country's regional peers. Performance was in the middle of the pack compared to other Asian FX, which saw depreciation. As a result, the position contributed to performance.

### **Frontier Markets Bucket**

In our frontier markets bucket, Ukraine outperformed, predominantly because of increased optimism about a potential restructuring. This led investors to believe they might receive a more generous deal than previously expected. International efforts supporting Ukraine were strong, both unilaterally and multilaterally.

In Nigeria, we benefited from high carry and currency appreciation after entering the local market through Treasury bills at the start of March. While the Nigerian naira was initially devalued at the end of January 2024, it was not until there were clear

signs of commitment to monetary tightening and the clearance of the backlog in the foreign-exchange market that we felt comfortable to engage.

In Kenya, our position in government bonds delivered strong performance, mainly driven by the appreciation of the Kenyan shilling that started at the beginning of February 2024.

In Egypt, we gained traction on the back of the high carry that followed the devaluation of the Egyptian pound (more than 60% at the onset of March 2024) and a sharp tightening of monetary conditions. The Egyptian pound marginally appreciated in March.

## **Outlook**

We continue to anticipate a strong 2024 for the asset class on the back of a constructive global macro environment characterized by resilient economic growth, lower global rates, and improving global liquidity conditions.

While global growth should remain close to its long-term potential, we believe central banks in advanced economies have likely reached the end of their hiking cycles, with easing of monetary policy a predominant theme in 2024. In EMs, many central banks have already started cutting policy rates, and we expect this process to continue throughout the year.

In our opinion, easier global monetary conditions will be one of the factors supporting economic growth in EMs in 2024. In this context, we believe macro and credit fundamentals should remain well supported in most EM countries.

Market technical conditions should also continue to improve, in our opinion. We anticipate inflows to dedicated EM debt portfolios in 2024 as investors look for opportunities to increase interest-rate duration exposure to potentially benefit from attractive real and nominal yields. And, while we expect a pickup in activity in the primary bond market, we believe net debt issuance should remain in negative territory (in both the sovereign and corporate credit spaces) as issuers seek alternative sources of funding. High investor cash levels, defensive positioning, and multiyear low foreign ownership of EM local bond markets should also add to a more constructive technical picture.

With the U.S. dollar still near cyclical highs, currency valuations remain attractive, in our view. However, bond valuations across our benchmark countries are mixed. Low yielders in Asia and Eastern Europe look expensive relative to their developed market peers in terms of real interest rates, while term premium still offers some value. We find bonds in higher-yielding EMs and frontier markets more attractive, however, as inflation is falling faster than monetary policy rates as central banks wait for the start of the U.S. Federal Reserve's (Fed's) highly anticipated easing cycle.

Overall, we anticipate a positive market environment for EM debt portfolios in the next quarter, supported by a benign global macro backdrop, solid EM credit fundamentals, improving technical conditions, and still-decent valuations.

### **Strategy and Positioning**

We continue to believe that there are attractive opportunities for investors to increase exposure to long-duration securities to lock in attractive real and nominal yields. In this context, we continue to look for opportunities to increase allocation to longer-duration securities in the portfolios.

Despite the very strong performance this year, we continue to see selective value in high-beta, high-yield frontier markets. We are still positioned for currency to perform well on a total return basis despite U.S. dollar strength.

We continue to see scope for fundamental differentiation and prefer countries with easier access to multilateral and bilateral funding. Multilateral and bilateral support to EMs remains strong, and we believe it will make a meaningful contribution to external funding in 2024. In this context, we still see opportunities in select EM frontier and distressed markets.

## Positioning

## Select Overweight and Underweight Positions by Beta Bucket

Top Exposures	FX	
	Overweight	Underweight
<b>Low</b>	CNH	RON
	INR	CNY
	CZK	THB
<b>High</b>	MXN	IDR
	BRL	
	TRY	
<b>Frontier</b>	EGP	
	KES	
	UZS	

Top Exposures	Rates	
	Overweight	Underweight
<b>Low</b>	TWD	PLN
	HUF	CNY
	MYR	CLP
<b>High</b>	MXN	COP
	ZAR	
	BRL	
<b>Frontier</b>	UGX	
	KES	
	ZMW	

Source: William Blair, as March 31, 2024.

## High-Beta Bucket

In Brazil we remain overweight both rates and FX. The Brazilian real has traded lower along with the majority of benchmark currencies but is more attractive on a total return basis when including carry of more than 10%. Bond valuations appear similarly attractive on a carry-plus-term-premium basis.

We have trimmed exposure in Mexico but remain overweight duration. The central bank has started its easing cycle on schedule, with a modest 25 bps cut accompanied by a hawkish statement demonstrating policymakers' caution regarding

pressure from U.S. rates. The upcoming Mexican presidential election may increase volatility in local assets in the near term as well.

In Indonesia, risk of fiscal slippage from a new government, a slowdown in the windfall from commodity exports, and a persistently strong U.S. dollar backdrop are reasons for an underweight positioning in the currency.

We remain overweight the Turkish lira because we expect the very high carry to offset the pace of currency depreciation over the next year. We believe efforts to tackle very high inflation are likely to eventually result in a change in both domestic and international sentiment toward the Turkish lira.

We continue to like duration in South Africa as the curve has steepened further, we believe excessive pessimism is priced into the curve ahead of May elections, and real rates remain relatively attractive.

### **Low-Beta Bucket**

In China, we have reduced our overweight but look for opportunities to re-enter. The People's Bank of China is showing greater determination to support the renminbi, with bias of strong daily onshore fixing, and the market is becoming more hopeful that the Chinese economy will bottom in 2024. Our cash bonds and duration underweight in Chinese rates is mostly driven by unattractive valuations, although we have added to the ultra-long end, expressing a curve view that Chinese long end rates will move (and stay) lower for longer.

We are overweight the Czech koruna on the basis of valuations and fundamentals. The currency appears cheap relative to some of its Eastern European peers; however, the disinflation story is one of the strongest in the region, while the central bank remains relatively hawkish and is easing monetary policy more gradually than many of its peers.

We remain underweight the Romanian leu on the back of weak valuations and the perception that the large current account deficit may prompt the central bank to allow a faster pace of depreciation to help Romania regain some competitiveness relative to its trading partners.

In Hungary, we are overweight duration based on an improving inflation outlook, a more gradual pace of interest-rate cuts, and the potential for Hungary to unlock European Union funding.

In contrast, we are underweight Polish rates on the back of political noise surrounding central-bank independence, a relatively less benign fiscal dynamic. and the potential for Poland to hold interest rates at current levels for the remainder of the year.



**Frontier Markets Bucket**

In our frontier markets bucket, we added an exposure to the Uzbekistan soum during the quarter based on a continuation of strong remittances into the country, high carry, and a pickup in domestic reform efforts.

We maintain overweight the Egyptian pound. Before the pound's devaluation, we took a view on the anticipated magnitude and timing of the move through FX forward. High carry, along with further potential appreciation of the Egyptian pound (which we believe will occur), should support investor sentiment and further inflows.

In Kenya, the successful liability-management exercise on external bonds in the middle of February 2024 and additional financing significantly reduced the external refinancing risks and bolstered domestic confidence in the local currency. Foreign portfolio inflows, which followed the move higher in domestic rates, further fueled currency appreciation. We remain constructive on the outlook given positive real rates and overall supportive view on the external sector.

We continue to be overweight bonds and FX in Nigeria. Efforts to tighten local currency liquidity conditions in the onshore market, including sizeable open-market operations, allowed rates to reach attractive levels, with instruments offering yields of just shy of 30% at their peak. Demand from offshore investors contributed to a decline in yields and the appreciation of the naira against the dollar.

In Uganda, we remain constructive on rates; however, we moved to hedge the currency following an acceleration in depreciation pressure.

Periods ended 31/03/2024	Quarter	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception*
William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund (Class J USD)	-1.46%	6.59%	0.96%	1.85%
JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (net)	-2.12%	4.91%	-1.60%	-0.78%

\*Inception 24/06/2020

**Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.** Returns for periods of one year or more are annualized. All charges and fees, except any entry, exit and switching charge, have been taken into account in calculating the Fund's performance. Returns for other share classes will differ from those shown above. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that shares, on any given day or when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Levels and bases for taxation may change. For the most current month-end performance information, please visit our web site at [sicav.williamblair.com](http://sicav.williamblair.com).

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The table below shows the calculated QTD & 2023 attribution of the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund versus its benchmark, the JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified.

## Major Contributors/Detractors By Beta Bucket

Top & Bottom 3 Contributors/Detractors	Total Active Contribution (bps) 2023			Top & Bottom 3 Contributors/Detractors	Total Active Contribution (bps) YTD 3/31/2024		
	Total	FX	Rates		Total	FX	Rates
<b>High Beta</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>High Beta</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-37</b>
Turkey	86	15	71	Mexico	0	13	-13
Brazil	62	6	56	Colombia	-2	-3	1
Colombia	20	5	15	Indonesia	-3	7	-10
Mexico	18	20	-2	South Africa	-3	5	-8
Indonesia	-8	-3	-4	Turkey	-7	-6	-1
South Africa	-17	-14	-3	Brazil	-9	-3	-6
<b>Low Beta</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Low Beta</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-2</b>
Hungary	44	10	34	Chile	9	5	4
Czech Republic	41	19	22	Singapore	7	7	0
Thailand	29	17	12	India	3	8	-5
Singapore	-6	-6	0	Thailand	-3	2	-5
Israel	-20	-20	0	Czech Republic	-9	-8	-1
Peru	-21	-11	-10	China	-17	-12	-5
<b>Frontier Markets</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>Frontier Markets</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>18</b>
Egypt	75	60	14	Egypt	34	28	6
Kazakhstan	25	-2	27	Kenya	20	28	-7
Sri Lanka	18	14	5	Nigeria	10	-2	12
Dominican Republic	-7	-4	-3	Ghana	-3	-1	-1
Zambia	-8	-33	25	Zambia	-4	3	-8
Kenya	-12	-10	-2	Uzbekistan	-4	-1	-3
<b>Developed Markets</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>Developed Markets</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>0</b>
None	-20	0	-20	None	82	0	82
Cash & Equivalents	-7	16	-23	Cash & Equivalents	-33	-27	-6
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>55</b>

As of March 31, 2024. Please refer to the performance summary section for complete performance information, including net-of-fee performance. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. The data shown above is based on the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund. Attribution by segment is based on estimated gross returns of securities held within the segments listed. Calculations are for attribution analysis only and are not intended to represent simulated performance history. The actual returns may be higher or lower. Holdings are subject to change without notice. Beta segments are based on the team's quantitative and qualitative analysis. Beta segments are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended as investment advice or as projections of future returns. Strategy returns are based on portfolio valuations using WM Reuters New York close currency exchange rates. The J.P. Morgan Government Bond - Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Global Diversified Index is valued using WM Reuters London close currency exchange rates. Performance attribution is calculated using the WM Reuters London close currency exchange rates for the portfolio and benchmark.

	EMD Beta Bucket - LC	Weights			Attribution Effects					
		Port. Average Weight	Bench. Average Weight	Variation in Average Weight	Currency	Price/Trans action	Yield Curve	Allocation	Selection	Total Effect
<b>Total</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Armenia	Frontier	0.10	--	0.10	-0.00	-0.01	--	0.01	--	-0.00
Brazil	High	10.41	10.01	0.40	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	-0.09
Chile	Low	-0.01	1.78	-1.79	0.05	--	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.09
China	Low	6.67	10.03	-3.35	-0.12	-0.07	-0.00	0.03	-0.01	-0.17
Colombia	High	4.98	4.67	0.31	-0.03	-0.07	0.02	-0.00	0.06	-0.02
Czech Republic	Low	2.36	6.31	-3.95	-0.08	-0.03	-0.00	0.02	0.01	-0.09
Dominican Republic	Frontier	0.98	0.17	0.81	0.01	-0.01	--	0.01	-0.00	0.01
Egypt	Frontier	0.35	0.21	0.13	0.28	-0.01	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.34
Georgia	Frontier	0.24	--	0.24	-0.01	-0.00	--	-0.00	--	-0.02
Ghana	Frontier	0.80	--	0.80	-0.01	-0.07	0.01	0.05	--	-0.03
Hungary	Low	2.54	3.15	-0.61	-0.06	-0.02	0.07	0.00	0.01	-0.01
India	Low	3.05	--	3.05	0.08	-0.05	0.01	-0.01	--	0.03
Indonesia	High	10.60	10.05	0.55	0.07	-0.03	-0.07	0.01	-0.01	-0.03
Jamaica	Frontier	0.51	--	0.51	0.02	-0.00	--	0.04	--	0.06
Japan	Developed	-0.02	--	-0.02	-0.08	--	--	0.00	--	-0.08
Kazakhstan	Frontier	-0.30	--	-0.30	0.02	-0.00	0.01	0.01	--	0.03
Kenya	Frontier	1.05	--	1.05	0.28	-0.19	0.00	0.11	--	0.20
Malaysia	Low	10.59	10.00	0.59	0.00	-0.00	0.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.00
Mexico	High	10.64	10.08	0.56	0.13	-0.07	-0.03	0.01	-0.04	0.00
Nigeria	Frontier	0.42	--	0.42	-0.02	0.11	-0.03	0.05	--	0.10
None	None	-0.01	--	-0.01	-0.00	0.80	--	0.02	--	0.82
Pakistan	Frontier	0.15	--	0.15	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	--	0.08
Peru	Low	2.23	2.28	-0.05	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Philippines	Low	0.64	0.02	0.62	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.00
Poland	Low	3.54	7.86	-4.32	-0.04	-0.02	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.02
Romania	Low	3.08	4.02	-0.94	0.06	-0.01	-0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.02
Saudi Arabia	Low	-1.19	--	-1.19	0.00	-0.00	--	0.01	--	0.01
Serbia	Low	--	0.32	-0.32	-0.00	--	-0.01	0.00	--	-0.00
Singapore	Low	-0.00	--	-0.00	0.07	--	--	0.00	--	0.07
South Africa	High	7.33	8.29	-0.96	0.05	-0.02	-0.05	-0.01	-0.00	-0.03
South Korea	Low	-1.76	--	-1.76	-0.03	-0.00	--	0.03	--	-0.00
Sri Lanka	Frontier	0.92	--	0.92	0.09	-0.00	0.01	0.01	--	0.10
Taiwan	Low	0.01	--	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.03	--	-0.02
Thailand	Low	9.73	9.64	0.09	0.02	-0.08	0.01	-0.00	0.03	-0.03
Turkey	High	0.54	0.89	-0.35	-0.06	-0.00	-0.02	-0.02	0.04	-0.07
Uganda	Frontier	1.04	--	1.04	-0.00	0.00	--	-0.01	--	-0.01
Ukraine	Frontier	0.28	--	0.28	-0.00	0.05	-0.00	0.05	--	0.09
Uruguay	Frontier	0.47	0.21	0.26	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Uzbekistan	Frontier	0.80	--	0.80	-0.01	-0.06	--	0.02	--	-0.04
Zambia	Frontier	0.57	--	0.57	0.03	-0.06	--	-0.02	--	-0.04
[Cash]	[Cash]	5.68	--	5.68	-0.27	--	--	-0.06	--	-0.33

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The chart below shows the select over/underweights by beta bucket of the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund vs. its benchmark.

	FX		Local Rates	
	Overweight	Underweight	Overweight	Underweight
<b>High Beta</b>	MXN BRL TRY	IDR	MXN ZAR BRL	COP
<b>Low Beta</b>	CNH INR CZK	RON CNY THB	TWD HUF MYR	PLN CNY CLP
<b>Frontier</b>	EGP KES UZS		UGX KES ZMW	

Source: William Blair.

Data as of March 31, 2024.

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Top 10 Country Positions By Active Currency Exposure

	Weight (%)		
	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
India	2.95	0.00	2.95
Czech Republic	9.31	6.48	2.84
Korea	1.95	0.00	1.95
Egypt	1.77	0.00	1.77
Malaysia	11.59	10.02	1.58
Kenya	1.56	0.00	1.56
Mexico	11.40	10.01	1.40
Hungary	4.36	2.98	1.39
China	11.30	10.02	1.28
Brazil	11.11	9.97	1.14

Top 10 By Active Contribution To Modified Duration

	Contribution to Modified Duration (Years)		
	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
Taiwan	0.15	0.00	0.15
Hungary	0.27	0.13	0.14
Mexico	0.62	0.48	0.14
Malaysia	0.80	0.67	0.13
South Africa	0.59	0.46	0.13
Brazil	0.35	0.25	0.10
Philippines	0.08	0.00	0.08
Uganda	0.05	0.00	0.05
Kenya	0.04	0.00	0.04
Indonesia	0.59	0.56	0.03

Top 10 Holdings Weights

Securities	Weight %
South Africa Fixed Coupon 8.75 Maturity 20480228	5.78%
Brazil Fixed Coupon 10 Maturity 20290101	4.37%
Thailand Fixed Coupon 3.775 Maturity 20320625	3.57%
Brazil Fixed Coupon 10 Maturity 20330101	3.27%
Colombia Fixed Coupon 6.77 Maturity 20280524	3.07%
Malaysia Fixed Coupon 3.828 Maturity 20340705	3.05%
Czech Republic Fixed Coupon 2 Maturity 20331013	2.98%
Mexico Fixed Coupon 10 Maturity 20241205	2.58%
Brazil Fixed Coupon 10 Maturity 20250101	2.48%
Mexico Fixed Coupon 7.75 Maturity 20421113	2.46%
	<b>33.60%</b>

Beta Bucket Allocation

	Market Value %			Contribution to Modified Duration (Years)		
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active
High Beta	45.24%	43.85%	1.39%	2.35	2.00	0.35
Frontier	11.14%	0.39%	10.75%	0.27	0.02	0.23
Low Beta	42.24%	55.77%	-13.53%	3.05	3.03	-0.16

Data as of March 31, 2024.

Active contribution to modified duration is the difference between the modified duration contribution from a particular security or market segment to a portfolio, and the contribution to the portfolio's benchmark. Modified duration measures the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates. The data shown above is taken from the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund.

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Characteristics	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark	Quality (%) <sup>1</sup>			
			Investment Grade	High Yield	No Rating	Cash
Average Life (Yrs)	9.00	7.21	AAA	7.41	—	—
Effective Duration (Yrs)	5.67	5.05	AA	7.34	6.48	—
Average Quality	BBB	BBB+	A	21.66	31.22	—
Average Coupon (%)	6.55	5.33	BBB	32.96	41.88	—
Current Yield (%)	7.16	6.27	<b>BB</b>	<b>21.08</b>	<b>18.75</b>	—
<b>Yield to Maturity (%)</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>6.61</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>0.87</b>	—
Convexity	0.61	0.48	CCC	—	—	—
Number of Securities	128	335	<b>D</b>	<b>2.51</b>	—	—
			No Rating	—	<b>0.80</b>	—
			Cash	1.41	—	—

Characteristics	Sector (%)		Maturity (%)			Duration (%) <sup>2</sup>		
	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark	Years	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark	Years	Fund/Portfolio	Benchmark
Supranational	10.48	—	0-1	10.21	4.06	0-1	12.10	4.27
Sovereign	82.15	100.00	1-3	9.53	24.55	1-3	9.48	28.03
<b>Quasi-Sovereign</b>	<b>5.10</b>	—	3-5	18.64	18.31	3-5	30.06	21.52
Corporate	0.86	—	5-7	12.32	14.00	5-7	8.06	21.32
Cash	1.41	—	7-10	16.40	17.44	7-10	33.33	17.68
			10-20	21.39	17.18	10-15	3.49	5.50
			20+	11.51	4.45	15+	3.49	1.68

Data as of March 31, 2024. The data shown above is taken from the William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund.

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Benchmark: JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified. Portfolio characteristics are subject to change at any time.

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