

31.10.2020 Update

## William Blair SICAV Emerging Markets Debt Hard Currency Fund

### OBJECTIVE

Risk-adjusted returns

### CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to provide risk-adjusted returns through investments in hard-currency-denominated debt issued in emerging markets.

### WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- The historical yield advantage of emerging markets debt over developed markets debt provides the potential for attractive risk-adjusted returns.
- A combination of bottom-up and top-down expertise deepens our understanding of performance drivers, improving the decision making process.
- The breadth of the team allows for specialization and regional focus, enhancing our ability to identify opportunities and to avoid unattractive risks.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (Period ending 31.10.2020)

### FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

Total Net Assets (\$MM)	\$54
Number of Holdings	172
Cash & Equivalents	8.9%
Inception Date	15.04.2020
Minimum Purchase Amount	\$1,000,000
ISIN Number	LU2093691769
Valoren Number	52538552
Bloomberg Ticker	WBESJH LX
Management Fee	0.65%
Average Maturity (Years)	16.3
Average Quality	Ba1
Current Yield	4.8%
Duration (Years)	8.1
OAS (BPS)	459
Average Life	9.6

	1 MTH	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Life of Fund (15.04.2020)
Class J <sup>HEUR</sup> Shares	-0.71	–	–	–	–	–	16.68
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	0.64	–	–	–	–	–	5.27

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The Articles of Incorporation, the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents (KIID), the Annual and Half-yearly Reports of the Fund and the Subscription Form are available free of charge in English and German from the website [sicav.williamblair.com](http://sicav.williamblair.com) or at the registered office of the Management Company (33, rue de Gasperich, L-5826 Hesperange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), at the registered office of the Fund (William Blair SICAV, 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) or from the Swiss representative, First Independent Fund Services Limited, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich, and in German language at Marcard, Stein & Co., Ballindamm 36, 20095 Hamburg, Germany, and at Bank of Austria Creditanstalt AG, Am Hof 2, 1010 Vienna, Austria. Paying agent in Switzerland is NPB New Private Bank Ltd, Limmatquai 1, CH-8024 Zurich

### TOP 10 COUNTRIES BY ACTIVE SPREAD DURATION CONTRIBUTION<sup>2</sup>

	Fund
ROMANIA	0.2
UKRAINE	0.2
SERBIA	0.1
MEXICO	0.1
BRAZIL	0.1
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.1
GHANA	0.1
ECUADOR	0.1
EGYPT	0.1
BAHRAIN	0.1

### CREDIT QUALITY (%)<sup>3</sup>

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
AA	5.2	7.3
A	4.7	14.4
BBB	26.9	33.9
BB	18.1	16.3
B	30.1	24.1
CCC	3.7	0.0
CC	0.0	0.0
C	0.0	3.4
D	2.4	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	8.9	0.6

### TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS (%)

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
MEXICO	4.5	4.6
BRAZIL	3.5	3.1
QATAR	3.3	3.7
INDONESIA	3.2	4.7
EGYPT	3.1	2.6
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3.1	3.9
UKRAINE	3.0	2.4
MALAYSIA	2.8	2.7
ARGENTINA	2.7	1.2
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2.6	3.5

### DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)<sup>4</sup>

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
Less than 1 year	9.6	0.3
1 - 3 years	8.1	15.8
3 - 5 years	15.2	18.3
5 - 7 years	15.5	18.4
7 - 10 years	16.7	16.9
10 - 15 years	18.3	14.7
15+ years	16.6	15.6

### SECTOR ALLOCATIONS (%)

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
Sovereign	60.5	79.9
Quasi-Sovereign	15.4	20.1
Corporate	12.4	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	8.9	0.0
Sub Sovereign	2.8	0.0

### TOP 10 ISSUERS (%)

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
DAWLAT QATAR	3.3	3.6
JUMHURIYAT MISRAL-ARABIYAH	3.1	2.6
UKRAINE (GOVERNMENT)	3.0	2.2
PETROLEOS MEXICANOS	2.6	1.9
ROMANIA, REPUBLIC OF (GOVERNMENT)	2.5	1.6
TURKIYE CUMHURIYETI	2.4	2.9
REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR	2.3	1.3
REPUBLIKA SRBIJA	2.1	0.0
MAMLAKAT AL BAHRAYN	2.1	1.5
GHANA, REPUBLIC OF (GOVERNMENT)	2.1	1.4

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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<sup>1</sup> The JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified tracks the total return of U.S.-dollar denominated debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities. It is not possible to directly invest in an unmanaged index. Information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but JP Morgan does not warrant its completeness or accuracy. The index is used with permission. The index may not be copied, used, or distributed without JP Morgan's prior written approval. Copyright JPMorgan Chase & Co. All rights reserved.

<sup>2</sup> Active spread duration is the difference between the effective spread duration contribution from a particular security or market segment to a portfolio, and the contribution to the portfolio's benchmark. Effective spread duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price with respect to sovereign spread movement. It approximately measures the percentage change in a bond's price if spreads change by 100 bps.

<sup>3</sup> Credit quality ratings are assigned to underlying securities in accordance with the methodology applied by the Fund's benchmark. If all three of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch provide a rating for a security, the middle rating is assigned; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates an instrument, that rating is used. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC/CC/C and D are below-investment grade ratings. The Fund itself has not been rated. Credit ratings are subject to change.

<sup>4</sup> Duration distribution is the portfolio's allocation to different groups of bonds, where those groups are determined by the bonds' effective interest rate duration. Effective interest rate duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a bond's price with respect to a shift in U.S. interest rates. It approximately measures the percentage change in a bond's price if U.S. interest rates change by 100 bps.

Option-adjusted spread (OAS) is a measure of the spread of a fixed income investment's yield relative to a benchmark, adjusted to take into account an embedded option.

Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in any one particular sector.

Holdings are subject to change at any time. Top holdings are shown as a % of total net assets.