

31.10.2021 Update

William Blair SICAV Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund

OBJECTIVE

Risk-adjusted returns

CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to provide risk-adjusted returns through investments in local currencies and local interest rates of 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.
- The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark

FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Total Net Assets (\$MM) | \$10 |
| Number of Holdings | 105 |
| Inception Date | 24.06.2020 |
| Minimum Purchase Amount | \$1,000 |
| ISIN Number | LU2093702475 |
| Valoren Number | 52516739 |
| Bloomberg Ticker | WIEMDRH LX |
| Management Fee | 0.65% |
| Total Expense Ratio | 0.80% |
| Average Quality | BBB+ |
| Current Yield | 6.0% |
| Duration (Years) | 5 |
| OAS (BPS) | 0 |
| Yield to Maturity | 7.3% |
| Average Coupon | 5.8% |
| Average Life | 7.6 |

RISKS

- The value of shares can increase or decrease and an investor may not get back the amount originally invested
- Where investments are made in currencies other than an investor's base currency, the value of those investments will be affected (favourably or unfavourably) by movements in exchange rates
- Investing in the bond market is subject to certain risks including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, and inflation risk. These risks may be enhanced in below investment grade securities
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and investments in these countries are subject to greater risks

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (Period ending 31.10.2021)

| | 1 MTH | YTD | 1Y | 3Y | 5Y | 10Y | Life of Fund (24.06.2020) |
|--|-------|-------|------|----|----|-----|------------------------------|
| Class R ^{HGBP} Shares | -1.23 | -6.59 | 2.56 | | | | 2.52 |
| JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Global Diversified | -1.33 | -7.62 | 0.84 | | | | 0.66 |

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

| | 2020† |
|--|-------|
| Class R ^{HGBP} Shares | 10.73 |
| JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Global Diversified | -0.54 |

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BREAKDOWN BY MODIFIED DURATION ²

| | Fund | Index ¹ |
|------------------|------|--------------------|
| Less than 1 year | 9.4 | 3.3 |
| 1 - 3 years | 20.1 | 25.4 |
| 3 - 5 years | 25.9 | 25.2 |
| 5 - 7 years | 15.2 | 19.9 |
| 7 - 10 years | 21.3 | 19.5 |
| 10 - 15 years | 6.4 | 5.1 |
| 15+ years | 1.7 | 1.6 |

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

| Sector Type | Fund | Index ¹ |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|
| EM Mkt Sovereign | 73.5 | 100.0 |
| Em Mkt Supranational | 9.9 | 0.0 |
| EM Mkt Quasi-Sovereign | 7.6 | 0.0 |
| Cash & Equivalents | 6.2 | 0.0 |
| EM Mkt Sub Sovereign | 1.5 | 0.0 |
| EM Mkt Corporate | 1.3 | 0.0 |

TOP 10 ACTIVE CURRENCY EXPOSURE % ³

| | Fund | Index ¹ |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------|
| INDONESIAN RUPIAH | 11.9 | 9.4 |
| KAZAKHSTAN TENGE | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| CHINESE YUAN RENMINBI | 11.5 | 9.7 |
| POLISH ZLOTY | 9.1 | 7.5 |
| INDIAN RUPEE | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| EGYPTIAN POUND | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| KOREAN WON | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| UKRAINE HRYVNIA | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| CZECH KORUNA | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| GHANIAN CEDI | 1.0 | 0.0 |

TOP 10 ACTIVE DURATION EXPOSURE PER COUNTRY ⁴

| | Fund | Index ¹ |
|--------------|------|--------------------|
| HUNGARY | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| ROMANIA | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| CHINA | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| BRAZIL | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| INDONESIA | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| MEXICO | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| INDIA | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| EGYPT | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| KENYA | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 0.5 | 0.5 |

MATURITY BREAKDOWN

| | Fund | Index ¹ |
|---------------|------|--------------------|
| 1 - 3 years | 19.9 | 23.2 |
| 3 - 5 years | 21.3 | 18.7 |
| 5 - 7 years | 7.7 | 14.6 |
| 7 - 10 years | 21.5 | 18.9 |
| 10 - 20 years | 20.2 | 16.4 |
| 20+ years | 6.1 | 4.9 |

TOP 10 ISSUERS (%)

| | Fund | Index ¹ |
|--|------|--------------------|
| SOUTH AFRICA, REPUBLIC OF (GOVERNMENT) | 9.2 | 8.1 |
| REPUBLICA FEDERATIVA DO BRASIL | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| MALAYSIA (GOVERNMENT) | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS | 6.9 | 9.5 |
| REPUBLIK INDONESIA | 6.3 | 9.1 |
| ZHONGHUA RENMIN GONGHEGUO | 6.1 | 10.0 |
| REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA | 4.8 | 4.4 |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION (GOVERNMENT) | 4.6 | 7.7 |
| BANQUE INTERAMERICAINE DE DEVELOPEMENT | 3.7 | 0.0 |
| RATCHA ANACHAK THAI | 3.4 | 8.9 |

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Marcelo Assalin, CFA
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1 The JP Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Global Diversified measures local currency denominated, fixed rate, government debt issued in emerging markets. 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.

2 Modified duration measures the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates.

3 Active currency exposure is the difference between the portfolio and its benchmark's currency exposure.

4 Active duration exposure is the difference between the portfolio and its benchmark's duration exposure to a particular security or market segment. 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.

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