

William Blair SICAV - Emerging Markets Debt Hard Currency Fund

Class J (USD)

William Blair

Portfolio Review

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4Q2022 Top/Bottom 15	Weights			Attribution Effects						
	Fund	Benchmark	Active	Currency	Price/ Transaction	Yield Curve	Allocation	Selection	Total Effect	Allocation + Selection
Total	100.00	100.00	--	0.04	0.03	-0.13	0.89	1.58	2.42	2.48
Saudi Arabia	1.51	4.33	-2.82	-0.00	-0.00	-0.04	0.13	0.11	0.20	0.24
United Arab Emirates	2.97	4.62	-1.66	--	0.02	-0.02	0.06	0.17	0.23	0.23
Egypt	3.34	2.55	0.79	0.05	0.00	-0.01	0.10	0.13	0.27	0.23
Mexico	5.69	5.21	0.48	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	0.23	0.17	0.22
China	2.68	5.04	-2.36	--	-0.02	0.01	0.17	0.04	0.20	0.22
Ecuador	2.00	1.24	0.76	--	-0.01	0.01	0.21	-0.02	0.20	0.20
Cote d'Ivoire	0.96	0.40	0.57	0.10	0.00	-0.04	0.03	0.09	0.18	0.13
Angola	1.95	1.36	0.59	--	-0.00	0.01	0.10	0.03	0.13	0.13
Colombia	3.01	2.70	0.30	--	-0.01	0.03	0.01	0.12	0.14	0.13
Oman	1.93	3.34	-1.41	--	-0.01	0.03	-0.00	0.12	0.14	0.12
Romania	1.33	1.76	-0.43	0.13	-0.00	-0.09	-0.01	0.12	0.15	0.11
South Africa	2.13	2.96	-0.83	--	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.12	0.11	0.10
Philippines	2.03	3.39	-1.36	--	-0.00	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.10
Bahrain	1.37	3.21	-1.84	--	-0.00	-0.00	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.10
Turkey	2.61	4.28	-1.67	--	-0.01	0.02	-0.03	0.13	0.11	0.10
Uzbekistan	0.69	0.42	0.27	--	0.04	0.00	0.01	-0.02	0.03	-0.01
Ethiopia	--	0.10	-0.10	--	--	0.00	-0.02	--	-0.02	-0.02
Nigeria	2.09	2.01	0.08	--	-0.01	-0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02
Jordan	--	0.87	-0.87	--	--	-0.00	-0.02	--	-0.02	-0.02
Vietnam	0.42	0.17	0.25	--	0.00	-0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	-0.02
Lebanon	0.44	0.16	0.28	--	-0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
Costa Rica	1.26	0.78	0.48	--	-0.02	-0.00	0.02	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03
Trinidad and Tobago	0.94	0.54	0.39	--	-0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.04
Chile	3.10	3.21	-0.11	-0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-0.03	-0.04
Peru	3.39	2.93	0.46	-0.00	-0.01	-0.00	-0.01	-0.03	-0.06	-0.05
Iraq	1.22	0.29	0.93	--	-0.00	-0.00	0.06	-0.12	-0.07	-0.06
Zambia	0.99	0.23	0.77	--	0.00	-0.00	-0.13	0.01	-0.11	-0.11
Ghana	1.90	0.87	1.03	--	0.02	0.00	-0.11	-0.01	-0.09	-0.12
[Cash]	2.51	--	2.51	--	-0.00	--	-0.23	--	-0.23	-0.23
United States	3.79	--	3.79	--	0.16	-0.03	-0.48	--	-0.36	-0.48

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Performance Analysis (2022 Top/Bottom 15 by Country)

December 2022

2022 Top/Bottom 15	Weights			Attribution Effects						
	Fund	Benchmark	Active	Currency	Price/ Transaction	Yield Curve	Allocation	Selection	Total Effect	Allocation + Selection
Total	100.00	100.00	--	-0.00	-0.07	0.30	0.60	0.47	1.30	1.06
Russian Federation	0.15	0.56	-0.41	0.00	0.04	0.04	1.82	-0.25	1.66	1.57
[Cash]	6.88	--	6.88	--	-0.00	--	0.60	--	0.60	0.60
Argentina	2.22	1.13	1.10	-0.00	-0.09	-0.10	0.03	0.25	0.09	0.28
Angola	2.14	1.25	0.89	--	-0.00	-0.13	0.17	0.02	0.06	0.19
Belarus	0.02	0.07	-0.05	--	0.00	0.01	0.17	0.01	0.19	0.18
Dominican Republic	3.55	2.78	0.77	--	-0.00	-0.07	0.12	0.02	0.06	0.13
Kazakhstan	1.47	2.40	-0.93	--	-0.06	0.12	0.05	0.06	0.17	0.12
Indonesia	6.05	4.96	1.09	0.01	-0.03	-0.13	0.03	0.08	-0.04	0.11
Kenya	0.55	0.96	-0.40	--	-0.01	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.16	0.10
Iraq	1.34	0.38	0.96	--	-0.02	-0.03	0.14	-0.06	0.04	0.09
Colombia	3.00	2.72	0.28	-0.00	-0.01	-0.12	0.04	0.04	-0.04	0.08
Senegal	0.31	0.27	0.04	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.08
Euro Area	0.54	--	0.54	0.15	0.01	0.80	0.08	--	1.04	0.08
United Arab Emirates	2.89	4.50	-1.61	--	-0.02	0.16	-0.12	0.20	0.22	0.08
Mongolia	1.03	0.45	0.57	--	-0.01	-0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.07
Ecuador	2.21	1.41	0.81	--	-0.00	-0.12	-0.06	-0.00	-0.18	-0.06
Saudi Arabia	1.56	4.25	-2.68	0.00	-0.01	0.13	-0.18	0.10	0.05	-0.08
South Africa	1.81	2.84	-1.03	-0.00	-0.01	0.05	-0.12	0.02	-0.06	-0.09
Uruguay	0.93	2.40	-1.47	--	-0.00	0.18	-0.11	0.01	0.08	-0.10
Chile	3.20	3.16	0.03	-0.00	-0.01	0.16	0.02	-0.14	0.03	-0.12
Turkey	2.53	3.94	-1.40	0.00	-0.02	0.08	-0.20	0.06	-0.08	-0.14
United States	1.12	--	1.12	--	0.15	-0.50	-0.15	--	-0.51	-0.15
Lebanon	0.58	0.20	0.38	--	-0.01	0.00	-0.17	-0.01	-0.19	-0.18
Sri Lanka	1.23	0.64	0.59	--	-0.01	-0.03	-0.24	0.04	-0.25	-0.21
Mexico	4.74	5.14	-0.40	-0.01	-0.03	-0.08	-0.06	-0.16	-0.33	-0.22
Ghana	2.21	1.16	1.05	--	0.03	-0.10	-0.37	0.13	-0.31	-0.24
Brazil	2.53	3.30	-0.77	0.00	0.00	0.04	-0.07	-0.18	-0.20	-0.24
Zambia	0.87	0.28	0.59	--	-0.01	-0.04	-0.27	0.02	-0.30	-0.25
China	2.62	4.92	-2.30	--	-0.03	0.14	-0.09	-0.24	-0.23	-0.34
Ukraine	1.61	1.02	0.59	--	-0.03	-0.16	-0.55	0.02	-0.72	-0.53

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

Select Overweights & Underweights By Beta Bucket

	Overweight	Underweight
High Beta	Egypt Argentina Angola	Turkey Honduras Papua New Guinea
Medium Beta	Cote D'Ivoire Mexico Romania	Oman Jamaica Jordan
Low Beta	Bermuda Indonesia India	Malaysia Uruguay Chile

Source: William Blair.
As of Date: 31/12/2022

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Top 10 (Positive) Active Cash Positions & Spread Duration Contribution³

	Weight (%)					Contribution to Spread Duration			
	Beta Bucket	Hard Currency	Benchmark	Active		Beta Bucket	Hard Currency	Benchmark	Active
Indonesia	Low	6.59	4.99	1.61	Bermuda	Low	0.12	0.00	0.12
Argentina	High	2.54	1.23	1.31	Indonesia	Low	0.52	0.40	0.12
Bermuda	Low	1.24	—	1.24	Ivory Coast	Medium	0.11	0.02	0.09
Ghana	High	2.01	0.86	1.14	Mexico	Medium	0.49	0.40	0.09
Iraq	High	1.18	0.29	0.89	Egypt	High	0.22	0.13	0.09
India	Low	1.52	0.68	0.84	Argentina	High	0.13	0.06	0.07
Mexico	Medium	5.97	5.15	0.82	Angola	High	0.14	0.08	0.07
Ecuador	High	2.13	1.37	0.76	Romania	Medium	0.19	0.12	0.06
Mongolia	Medium	1.16	0.40	0.76	Paraguay	Medium	0.14	0.08	0.06
Angola	High	2.06	1.33	0.73	Kenya	High	0.09	0.04	0.05

Top 10 Holdings Weights

Securities	Hard Currency (%)
Malaysia Fixed Coupon 4.4 Maturity 20230309	2.09%
Qatar Fixed Coupon 4.4 Maturity 20500416	2.02%
Indonesia Fixed Coupon 5.125 Maturity 20450115	1.84%
Peru Fixed Coupon 2.783 Maturity 20310123	1.75%
Mexico Fixed Coupon 6.75 Maturity 20470921	1.26%
Egypt Fixed Coupon 8.875 Maturity 20500529	1.25%
Kazakhstan Fixed Coupon 3.5 Maturity 20330414	1.23%
South Africa Fixed Coupon 5.75 Maturity 20490930	1.17%
Panama Fixed Coupon 4.5 Maturity 20630119	1.12%
Turkey Fixed Coupon 4.875 Maturity 20430416	1.11%
	14.84%

Data as of December 31, 2022.

³Active 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. Beta buckets are based on the team's quantitative and qualitative analysis. Beta buckets are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended as investment advice or as projections of future returns.

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Portfolio Characteristics

December 2022

Characteristics	Quality (%) ¹	
	Hard Currency	Benchmark
Average Life (yrs)	14.15	12.01
Spread Duration (yrs)	6.94	6.81
Effective Duration (yrs)	6.50	6.76
Average Quality	BB	BBB-
Average Price	\$78.62	\$87.16
Average Coupon (%)	4.60	5.10
Current Yield (%)	5.84	5.85
Yield to Maturity (%)	10.81	8.56
Convexity	1.03	0.94
Number of Securities	227	929
OAS (bps)	732	487

		Quality (%) ¹	
		Hard Currency	Benchmark
Investment Grade	AA	3.72	6.49
	A	4.72	14.26
	BBB	20.75	27.00
High Yield	BB	19.16	19.08
	B	20.54	19.00
	CCC	5.78	3.32
	CC	1.74	0.74
	C	—	—
	D	2.43	1.12
No Rating		14.21	8.98
Cash		6.94	—

	Sector (%)	
	Hard Currency	Benchmark
Sub-Sovereign	1.11	—
Sovereign	62.98	80.71
Quasi-Sovereign	16.10	19.29
Supranational	—	—
Corporate	12.87	—
Investment Grade	0.74	—
High Yield	12.14	—
Cash	6.94	—

Years	Maturity (%)	
	Hard Currency	Benchmark
0-1	4.35	1.98
1-3	9.62	14.23
3-5	10.25	15.42
5-7	10.06	12.58
7-10	15.02	17.15
10-20	14.00	12.96
20+	36.70	12.68

Years	Duration (%) ²	
	Hard Currency	Benchmark
0-1	11.81	4.05
1-3	13.77	17.54
3-5	18.35	21.49
5-7	13.03	17.28
7-10	15.88	14.57
10-15	19.31	19.99
15+	7.85	5.09

Data as of December 31, 2022.

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