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# **Vontobel Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Strategy**

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### Investment objective

This bond strategy aims to generate the best possible investment returns over a full economic cycle, while respecting risk diversification.

### **Key features**

The strategy invests across emerging markets mainly in corporate bonds of diverse qualities with different maturities in various hard currencies. In addition, the strategy may have limited exposure to emerging market government bonds in local currencies. The strategy uses derivative financial instruments, primarily for hedging purposes.

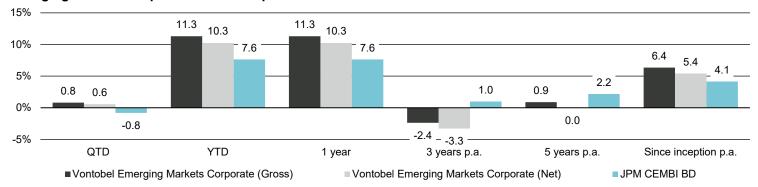
### **Approach**

The compact and agile investment team of experienced emerging market specialists focuses on spread optimization and event-driven investment opportunities for a given level of risk. Based on in-depth research and using a proprietary valuation model, the portfolio managers continuously compare the levels of remuneration potential available across issuer qualities, countries, interest rates, currencies, and maturities within the investment universe to help identify the most rewarding opportunities, which may be contrarian to mainstream views. To seize them, the team aims to flexibly adapt the portfolio while keeping credit, interest rate and currency risks in check.

	Representative account <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Yield to maturity	8.34%	6.60%
YTM after hedging	8.72%	6.54%
Yield to worst (YTW)	8.28%	6.38%
Duration weighted YTW	8.38%	6.30%
Current yield	7.15%	5.45%
Option-adjusted spread, OAS (bps)	422.15	193.34
Modified duration (years)	4.70	4.12
Number of positions	274	1805
Average rating	BB+	BBB
Average coupon	6.10%	5.18%
Active share (country, issuer, ISIN)	48%, 84%, 90%	
Risk Statistics (5 Year) C	omposite account <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Volatility (p.a.) in %	16.60	8.47
Sharpe ratio (p.a.)	-0.10	-0.05
Tracking error (p.a.) in %	9.33	
Beta	1.81	
Information ratio (p.a.)	-0.14	

<sup>1</sup>Based on a representative portfolio and shown as supplemental information to the Composite's GIPS presentation provided as part of this communication. The basis upon which the representative portfolio was selected is that the portfolio is the oldest and most representative account. Active Share is calculated by taking the sum of the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each holding in the manager's portfolio versus the weight of each holding in the benchmark index and dividing by two. <sup>2</sup>Based on gross performance of the Composite. <sup>3</sup>J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified Total Return

### Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Composite Returns in USD as of 12/31/2024



### Past performance not an indication of future results.

Benchmark: J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified Total Return

The composite's gross rates of return are presented before the deduction of investment management fees, other investment-related fees, and after the deduction of foreign withholding taxes, brokerage commissions and transaction costs. An investor's actual return will be reduced by investment advisory fees. The composite's net rates of return are presented after the deduction of investment management fees, brokerage commissions, transaction costs, other investment-related fees and foreign withholding taxes. Results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The comparison to an index is provided for informational purposes only and should not be used as the basis for making an investment. There may be significant differences between the composite and the index, including but not limited to the risk profile, liquidity, volatility and asset composition. The J.P. Morgan Corporate EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified index is the flagship index tracking the performance of US dollar-denominated bonds issued by emerging market corporate entities. The CEMBI Broad Diversified aims to achieve a broader issuer coverage as well as a sectoral and regional balance by including bonds with an outstanding face amount of USD 300 mm or more and capping the country weights to a maximum of 10%. The index is rebased monthly on the last trading day of the month. Returns more than one year are annualized. For additional information, please refer to the Composite Disclaimer and other Important Information. \*Inception date: 12.1.2015.

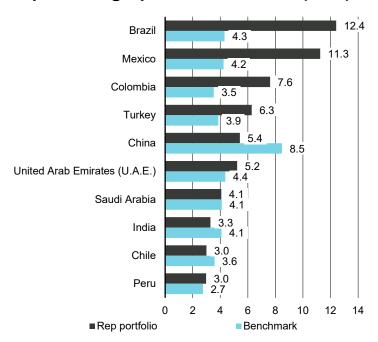
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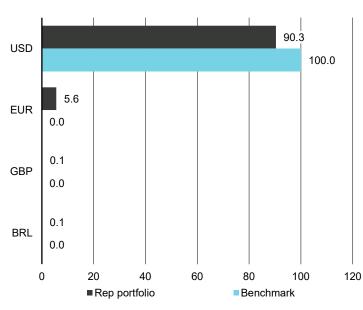
Top 10 holdings by weight (%)

6% Avenir 25.10.2027 Senior	1.7
6.625% Poinsettia Fin 17.06.2031 Reg-S Senior	1.7
12.5% MR FFEM 15.10.2031 Reg-S Senior	1.6
11% Zorlu Enerji 23.04.2030 Reg-S Senior	1.4
7.69% PEMEX 23.01.2050 Senior	1.4
5.625% Brazil 21.02.2047 Senior	1.3
7.536% ICA Ictas Alty 31.10.2027 Senior	1.3
8.25% Fidei Pacifico 15.01.2035 Reg-S Senior	1.2
5% Colombia 15.06.2045 Senior	1.1
5.875% Ecopetrol 28.05.2045 Senior	1.1
Total	13.7

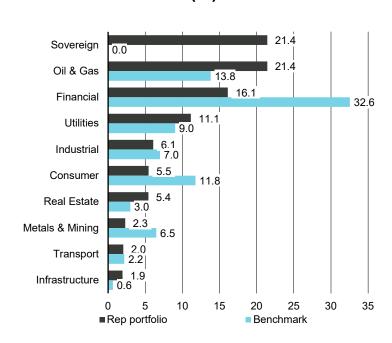
Top 10 Geographical breakdown (in %)



Top 10 Currency breakdown, before hedging (in %)



### Sector breakdown (%)



Source: Vontobel, as of 12.31.2024.

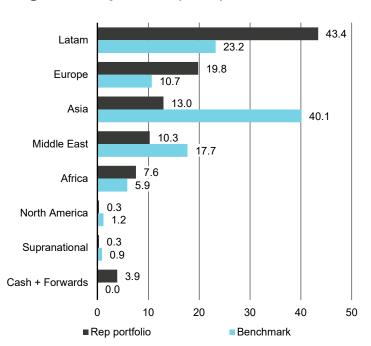
Benchmark Index Name: J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified Total Return
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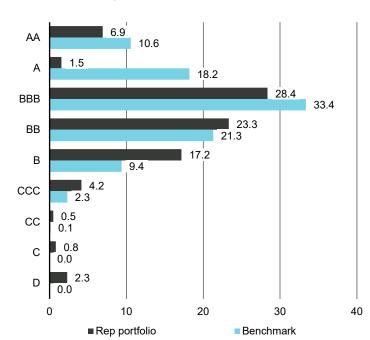
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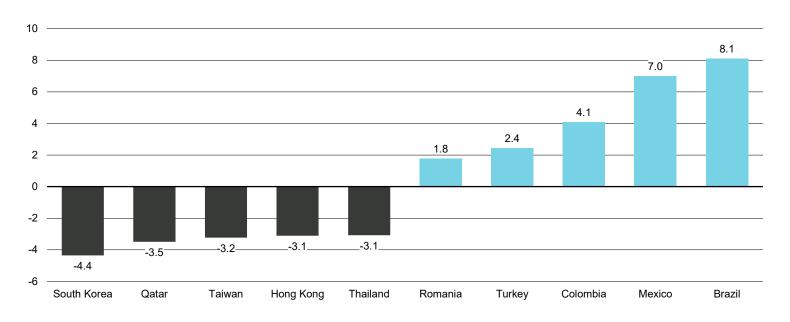
## Regional exposure (in %)

## Credit ratings breakdown (in %)





## Major country overweights/underweights (in %)





# Composite Disclaimer Vontobel Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Strategy

### Composite description

The composite includes all share classes of pooled funds and all segregated accounts with the investment strategy Emerging Markets Corporate Bond with USD as base currency. This investment strategy invests in the fixed-income asset class by purchasing bonds, notes and similar fixed-interest and floating-rate securities, including convertibles and warrant bonds, denominated mainly in hard currencies with possible marginal diversification to local currency. Issuers can be corporate, sovereign or quasi sovereign of any rating, domiciled in, having their business activity in or exposed to emerging markets. Derivatives – forwards, futures and currency swaps – are used for hedging purposes and efficient portfolio management. Non-USD hard-currency risk is hedged back into USD, while the maximum net exposure to emerging local currency debt is 10%. The strategy aims to outperform the J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Total Return Index by at least 1.75% per annum, gross of fees over a three year rolling period.

### Benchmark description

J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified Total Return (since inception)

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