# **DISCOVERING** EM Corporate Debt

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# Agenda

**1.** Emerging markets corporate debt introduction

2. Investing in EM corporates in 2023: the key driving factors

- **3.** Investment process
- **4.** From theory to practice: investment case study
- 5. Q&A





# Emerging Markets Corporate Debt



### EMD USD has offered attractive long-term risk-adjusted returns

Despite EM FX depreciation, Fed rate hikes, commodities crash and geopolitical risk

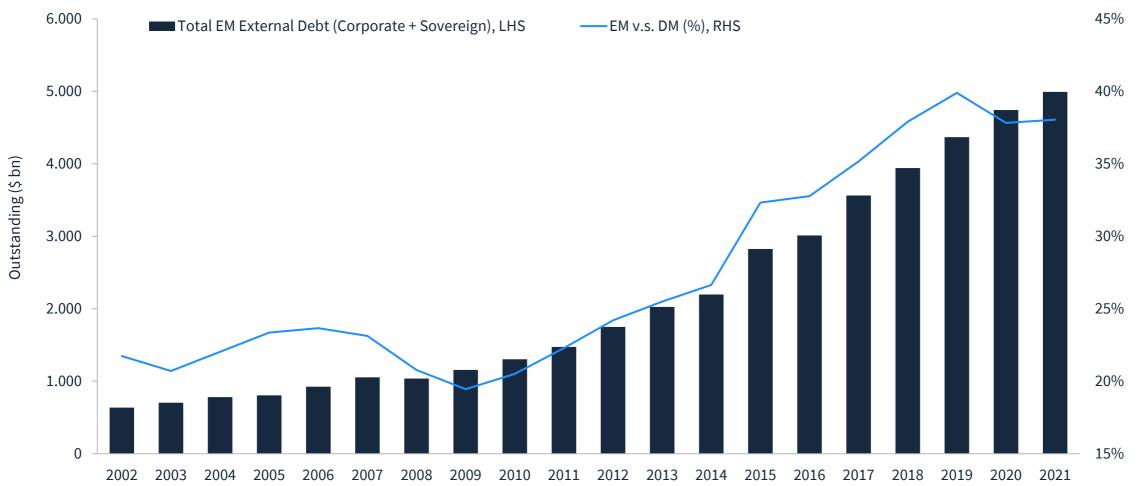


Source: Bloomberg 1993 – 28.02.23, EM USD aggregate total return index, US Treasury is Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Index, EM FX is J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified FX Return, Fed Rate is FED Funds Target Rate (upper bound).

### Emerging markets hard currency debt vs. DM credit

Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt vs. US and EUR Corporate debt (IG + HY)

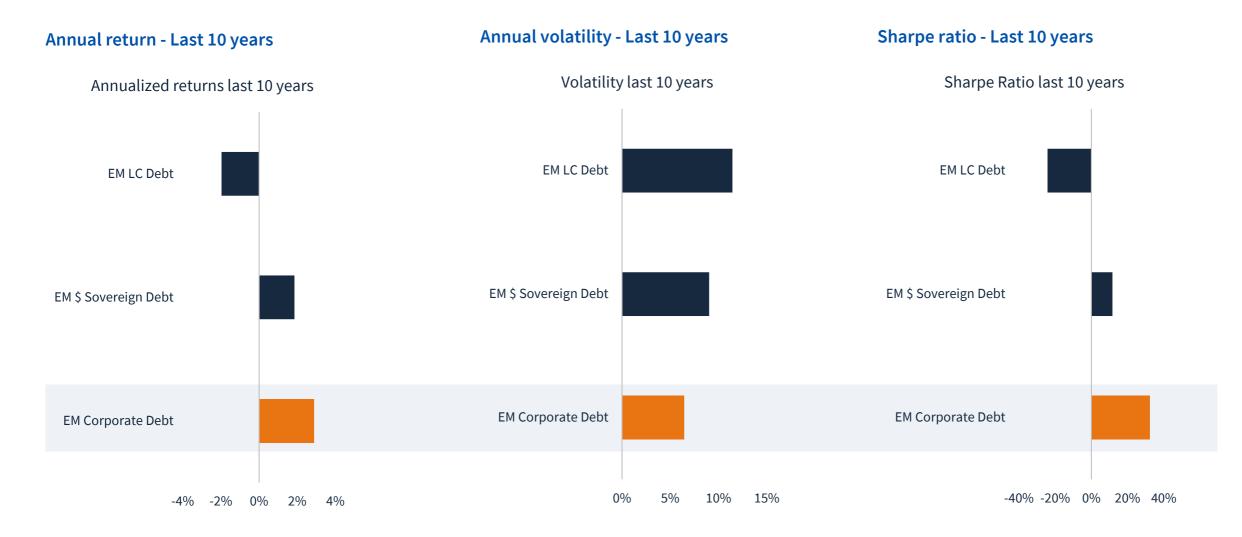
EM HC debt has become a much more relevant asset class in the past decade



Source: Bloomberg, as at 31.01.23.

### EM USD Corporates offers the best risk-adjusted returns

The other sub-asset classes are attractive at various points of the economy cycle



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# Investing in EM Corporates in 2023

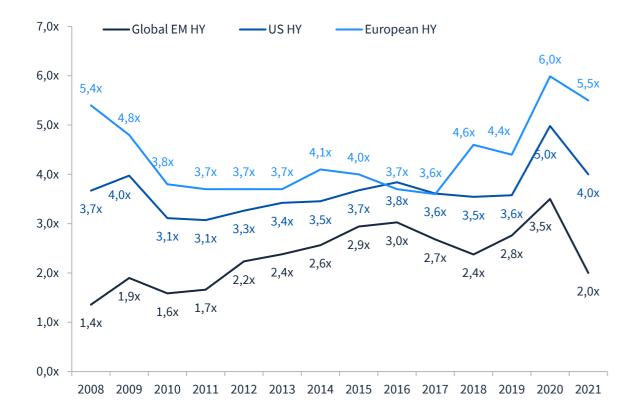
The key driving factors



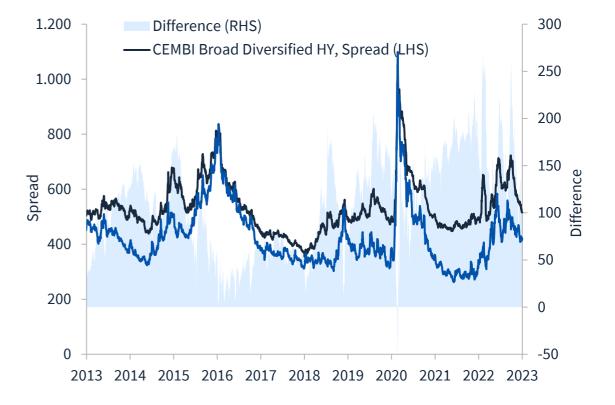
## **EM VS. DM CORPORATES FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATIONS**

Historically lower leverage and higher spreads vs. developed markets

#### Net leverage: EM HY vs. US and European HY



#### EM HY still screens cheap vs. US HY

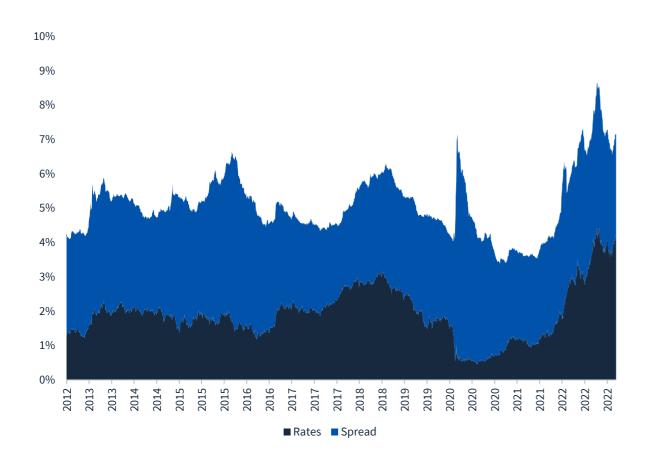


Source: JP Morgan, Bloomberg. Left chart as at 31.12.21. Right chart as at 31.01.23.

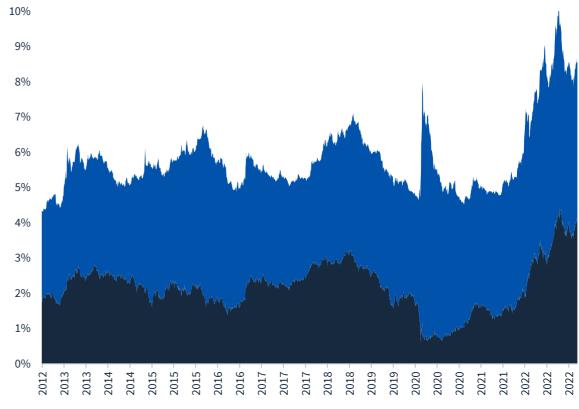
# Higher rates and wider spreads drove yields upwards

All-in yield to worst looks today quite attractive on an historical basis

#### **EM Corporates: Yield to Worst decomposition**



#### EM HC Sovereign: Yield to Worst decomposition

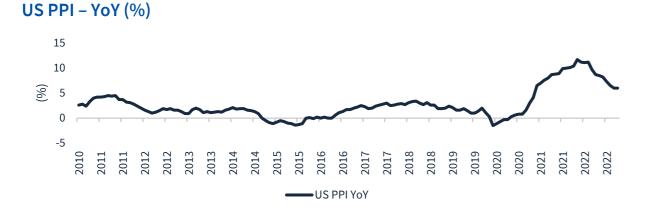


■ Rates ■ Spread

Source: Bloomberg, as of 28.02.23. EM Corporate Debt: JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified. EM Hard Currency Sovereign Debt: JPM EMBIG Diversified.

### A peak in inflation might lead to stability in US rates

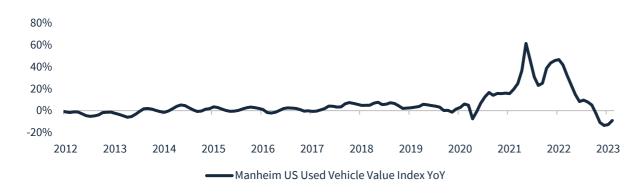
Areas of improvement



NY Fed – Global Supply Chain Pressures Index



Used cars – YoY (%)



US House Prices (YoY) and Shelter CPI (YoY)

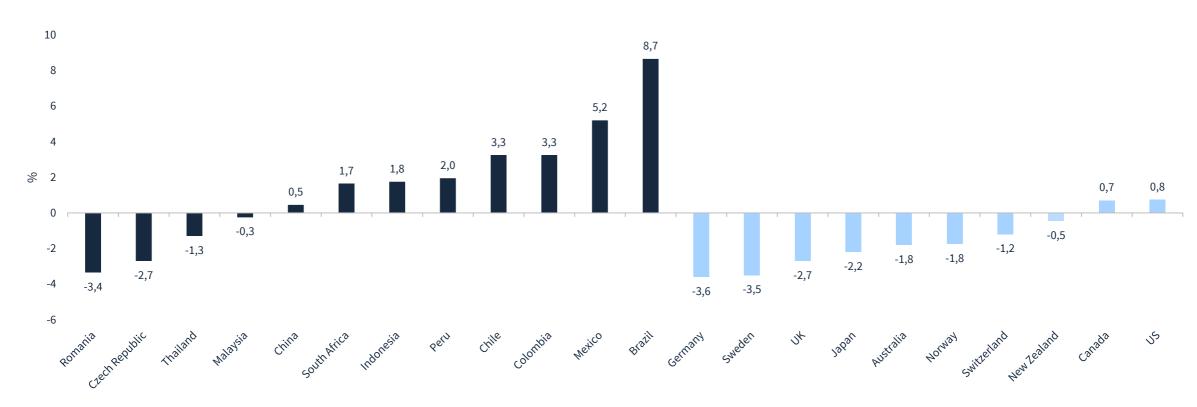


S&P Core Logic US National House Price Index YoY, LHS \_\_\_\_US Shelter CPI YoY, 1 year later, RHS

Source: Bloomberg. as of 28.02.23.

# **Emerging Central banks have shown credibility**

Faster reaction has already brought Real Yields to positive territory in some countries

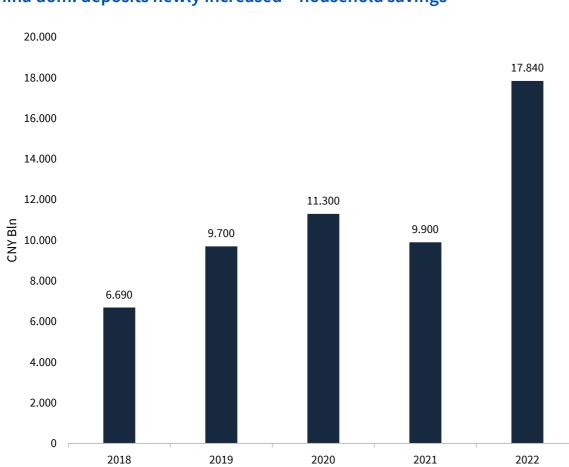


#### Central bank rates over 2023 CPI forecast

Source: Jupiter, as of 28.02.23.

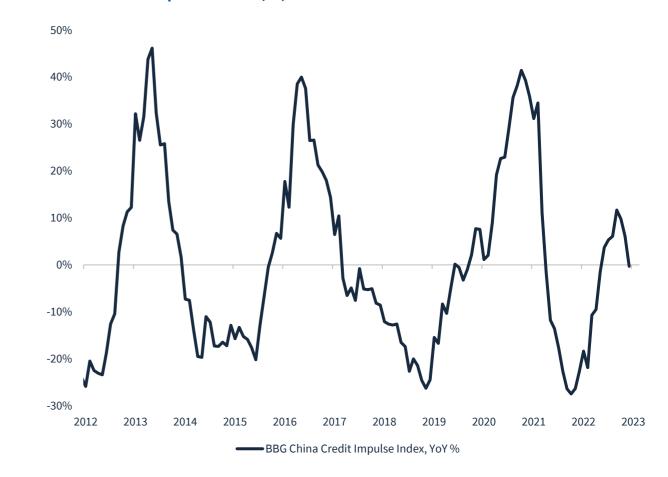
# China: reasons to be optimistic

Excess savings to support consumption and new credit impulse



#### China dom. deposits newly increased – household savings

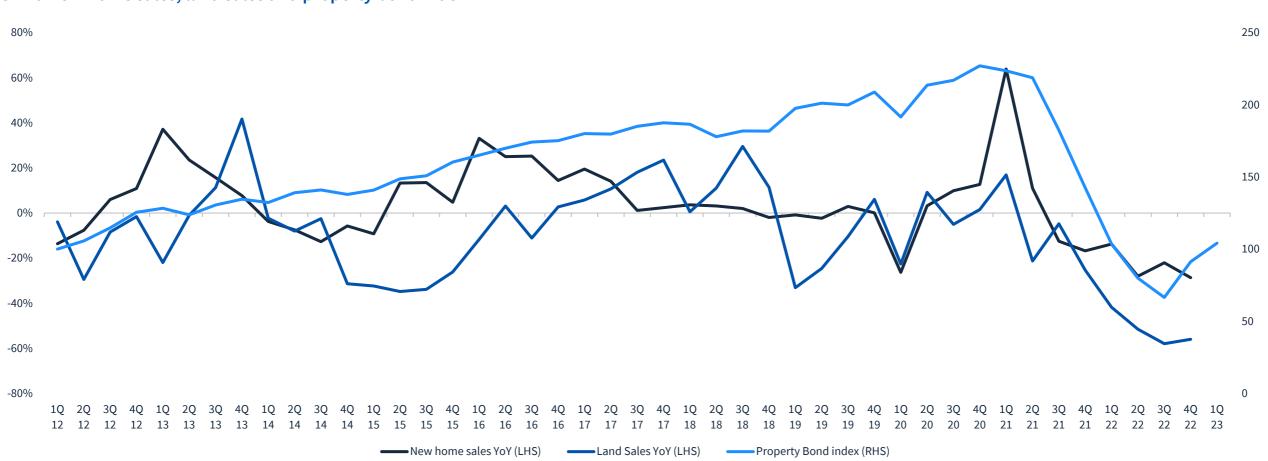
China Credit Impulse - YoY (%)



Source: Bloomberg, as of 28.02.23.

### China: reasons to be optimistic

"Property Sector is a Pillar of Chinese economy" - PBoC



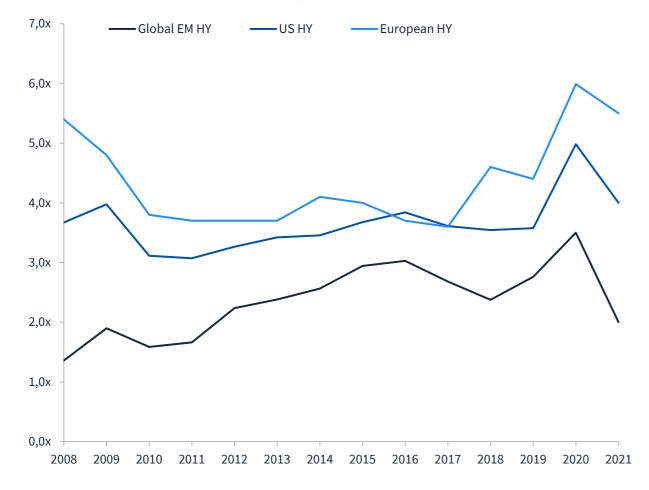
China new home sales, land sales and property bond index

Source: Bloomberg, as of 28.02.23. China property bond index: Markit iBoxx USD Asia ex-Japan China Real Estate TRI

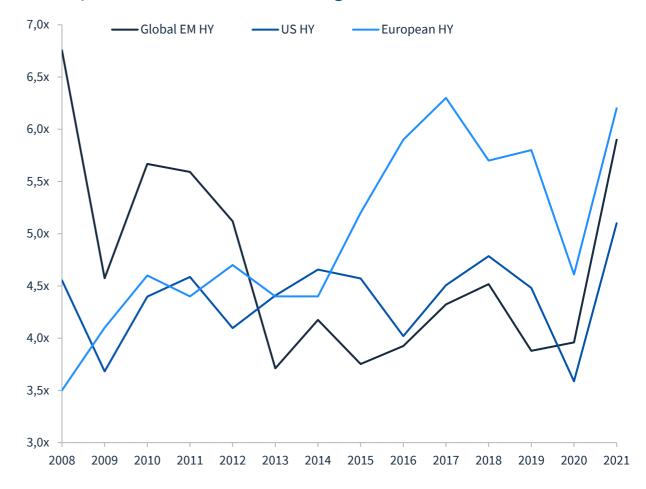
### **EM Corporates HY**

### Fundamentals remain strong

#### EM Corps HY vs. DM HY: net leverage



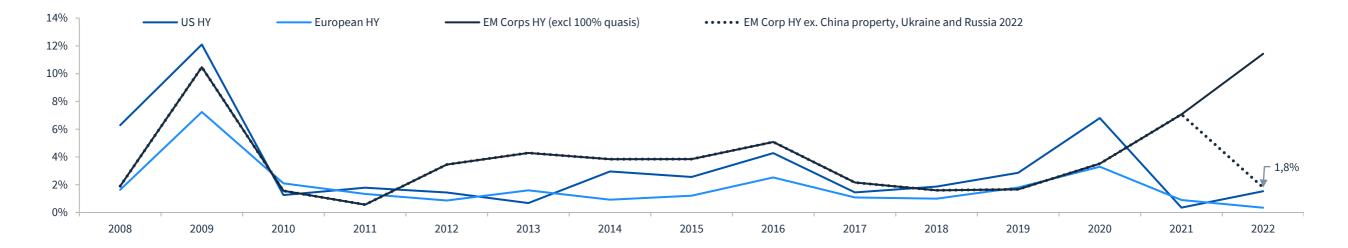
#### EM Corps HY vs. DM HY: interest coverage ratio



Source: JP Morgan, as at 31.12.21.

## **Historical default rates**

EM Corporates vs. EM HC sovereign



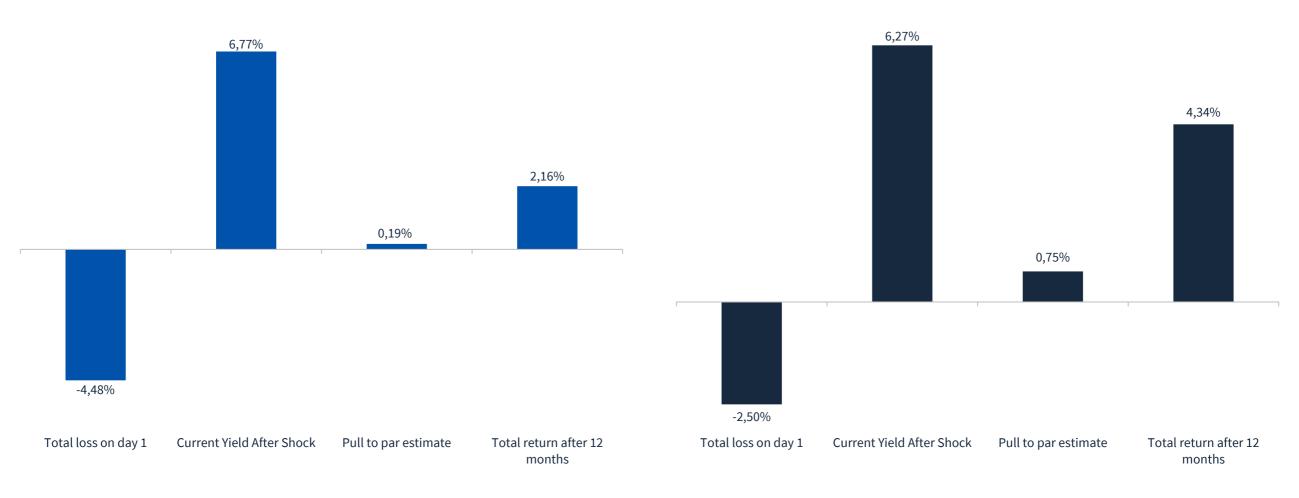
EMD full universe	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
EM Corp (ex. 100% quasi-sovereigns)	0.7%	3.5%	0.5%	0.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	1.4%	2.9%	4.6%
EM Sovereign	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%	5.5%	2.3%-		0.2%	0.1% -		10.2%	0.1%	5.1%

EMD HY vs. DM HY	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
EM Corp HY (ex. 100% quasis)	1.9%	10.5%	1.6%	0.6%	3.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	5.1%	2.2%	1.6%	1.7%	3.5%	7.1%	11.4%
EM Corp HY ex. China	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.6%	3.3%	4.7%	4.3%	3.6%	6.0%	2.6%	1.5%	1.6%	3.1%	1.2%	6.3%
EM Sovereign HY	2.0%	1.9%	1.4%	0.9%	0.2%	1.0%	11.3%	4.8% -		0.4%	0.1% -		21.2%	0.3%	10.8%
US HY	6.3%	12.1%	1.3%	1.8%	1.4%	0.7%	3.0%	2.6%	4.3%	1.5%	1.9%	2.9%	6.8%	0.4%	1.5%
European HY	1.6%	7.2%	2.1%	1.3%	0.9%	1.6%	0.9%	1.2%	2.5%	1.1%	1.0%	1.8%	3.3%	0.9%	0.4%

Source: JP Morgan, as at 31.12.22.

# Current yields give cushion in case of additional widening

Jupiter EMD funds: estimated performance\* after 12m of an additional 100bps widening



#### **Jupiter Global EM Corporate Fund**

Estimated scenario tested performance, for illustration purposes only. Source: Jupiter, as of 31.12.22.

**Jupiter Global EM Short Duration Fund** 

\*Total loss on day 1 is loss estimated by our internal risk system (Aladdin) if EMBIG Diversified spread were to instantaneously widen of 100bps. Current yield after shock is estimated as the ration between weighted average portfolio coupon and weighted average portfolio price after shock. Pull to par is estimated as the appreciation of a bond with analogous maturity to the weighted average maturity of the portfolio after 12 months from the shock assuming no additional movements in rates and spreads occur.

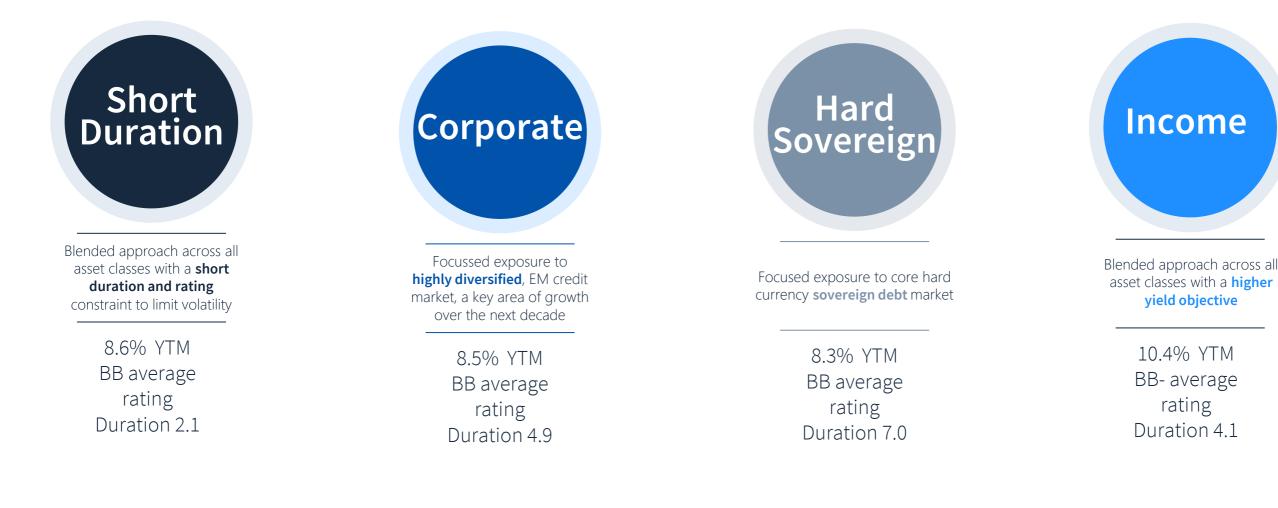


# Investment process



# **Jupiter EMD platform**

Expertise across markets



Quoted yields are not a guide or guarantee for the expected level of distributions to be received. The yield may fluctuate significantly during times of extreme market and economic volatility. Source: Aladdin, as of 29.02.23.

# Jupiter emerging markets debt team

An experienced team supported by the broader Jupiter platform



Investment Manager

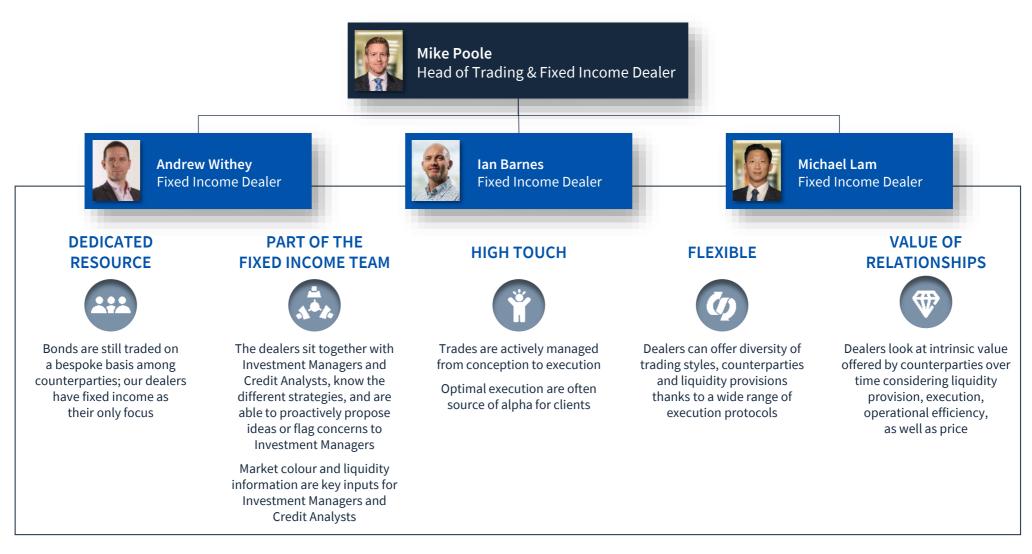
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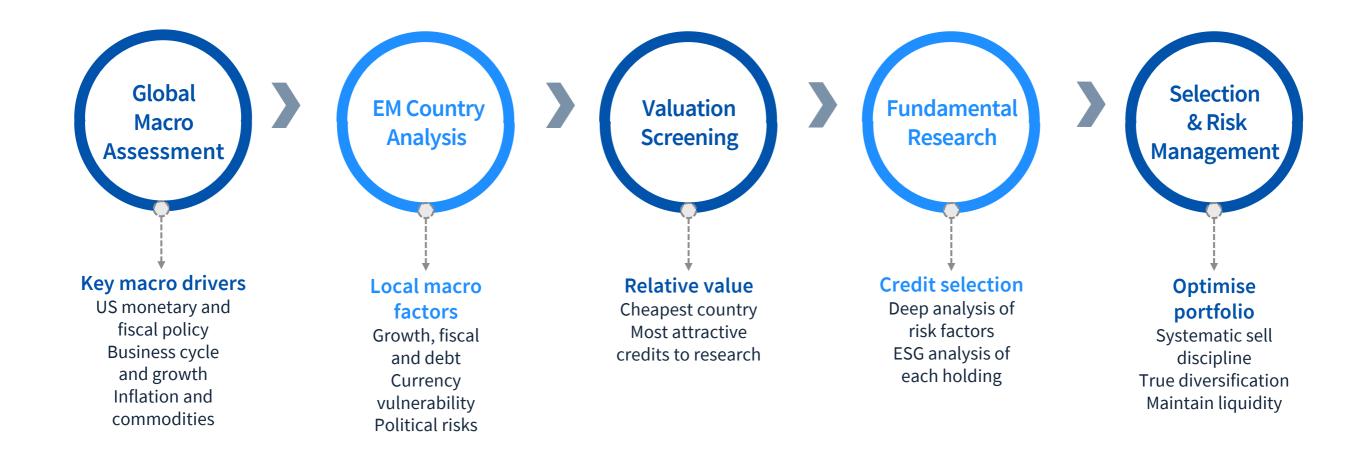
# Jupiter Fixed Income dealing team

Trading expertise is key in the fixed income market



Source: Jupiter, as at 31.12.22.

### **Investment process**



## **Global Macro Assessment**

Analyse the implication of global macro risk on emerging market debt

### **Global Macro Assessment**

- US and Developed Market (DM) actions have broad implications for EM Credit
- Understand the DM macro picture, analysing monetary policy, yield curve, risk appetite and other critical drivers
- Determines the risk premium demanded to invest in emerging markets

### Implications for positioning

- Determine outlook on UST, commodities and overall risk sentiment
- Identify regional, country, sector, rating, yield curve preferences
- Assess EMD valuation relative to other asset classes and to its own history

### - Key Global Macro Data

- Monetary Policy (especially US)
- Economic Growth
- Inflation
- Interest rates
- Commodity & energy demand
- Global trade
- US dollar strength



## **Emerging market country analysis: Macro Scorecard**

Systematic analysis of top-down macro at country level

Our own forward-looking systematic scorecard based on economic data and team's expectation on economics and politics

### **Fundamentals**

- Economic trends, monetary & fiscal policy, inflation outlook
- Growth, inflation, debt/GDP, current account, external debt, fiscal deficit, reserves

### **Politics**

- Stability, market friendliness, human rights
- Election cycle
- Reform agenda

### Overall

- A score to get the relative ranking of each EM economy based on our forward-looking expectation
- This output is used to assess valuation in the following step

	Fundamentals		Poli	itics	Overall		
	Level	Trend	Level	Trend	Level	Trend	
Brazil	5.1	-0.2	4.0	-0.5	4.5	-0.4	
Chile	4.9	-0.2	4.6	-0.3	4.7	-0.3	
China	7.8	-1.0	6.0	0.5	6.9	-0.3	
Colombia	4.8	0.0	3.5	-0.8	4.1	-0.4	
Indonesia	6.7	0.5	5.8	0.5	6.3	0.5	
India	6.2	-0.3	6.0	0.0	6.1	-0.1	
Philippines	6.0	-0.2	5.5	-0.2	5.7	-0.2	
Kazakhstan	4.2	0.4	4.5	-0.5	4.4	-0.1	
Malaysia	5.4	0.8	5.3	0.0	5.3	0.4	
Mexico	5.2	0.1	5.0	0.8	5.1	0.4	
Peru	6.9	-1.0	3.0	-0.8	5.0	-0.9	
Saudi Arabia	6.9	1.7	4.5	-0.3	5.7	0.7	
South Africa	4.9	-0.9	4.0	-0.5	4.4	-0.7	
United Arab Emirates	6.5	0.6	6.5	0.0	6.5	0.3	

### **Relative ranking to compare valuations**

Source: Jupiter, Bloomberg, Oxford Economics, January 2023.

# Valuation Screening at country level

Comparison of relative ranking to find cheapest countries

#### CDS vs overall score



- We compare the score for each country against its credit (CDS) spread
- Countries above the orange line look relatively cheap

Source: Bloomberg, January 2023. For illustrative purposes only. Holdings or valuation scores should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell.

## Valuation screening for cheapest credits

Priority list for fundamental research

### Brazil has the most attractive score to valuation ratio

Brazil sovereign and corporate bonds

Name	Level score	Change score	Technical score	Z+ peer	Valuation score
BANBRA 5.875 23s	99%	64%	95%	4750	81%
GOLLBZ 7 25 CAL	98%	50%	24%	1696	74%
BTOWBZ 4.75 30 CAL	98%	100%	100%	92	99%
BTOWBZ 4.375 30 CAL	98%	100%	100%	-92	99%
ATENTO 8 26 CAL	97%	77%	54%	971	87%
INCMBZ 5.75 24 CAL	96%	18%	8%	1650	57%
ITAU 2.9 23	96%	70%	48%	1619	83%
ITAU 6.5 PERP PER	96%	57%	26%	571	77%
AZULBZ 7.25 26 CAL	96%	88%	99%	219	92%
GOLLBZ 8 26 CAL	96%	48%	32%	1303	72%
BRADES 2.85 23	95%	67%	45%	1298	81%
AZULBZ 5.875 24 CAL	95%	90%	99%	-1191	93%
BTGPBZ 5.5 23	94%	96%	96%	823	95%
CORURI 10 27 CAL	94%	95%	96%	449	95%
ITAU 4.625 PERP PER	94%	70%	29%	696	82%
BANBRA 6.25 PERP PER	93%	70%	75%	34	81%
ITAU 7.721 PERP PER	93%	69%	68%	-498	81%
LIGTBZ 4.375 26 CAL	91%	100%	100%	464	95%
MOVIBZ 5.25 31 CAL	88%	97%	98%	273	92%
SIMHBZ 5.2 31 CAL	88%	95%	97%	263	91%
MCBRAC 7.25 31 SIN	88%	52%	28%	303	70%
STNE 3.95 28 CAL	87%	97%	100%	275	92%
HIDRVS 4.95 31 CAL	86%	79%	97%	77	82%
ACUPET 7.5 32 CAL	86%	45%	6%	144	65%
NATURA 6 29 CAL	85%	91%	94%	102	88%
FSBIOE 10 25 CAL	85%	74%	64%	138	79%
PRUPAR 7.5 31 CAL	84%	42%	19%	98	63%
NATURA 4.125 28 CAL	84%	90%	88%	92	87%



- Systematic valuation analysis is just one input into bond selection. A useful starting point for analysis
- Bottom-up, **fundamental credit analysis** is the most important input for issuer selection

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 In this example, we invested in two Brazilian companies: the low-cost airline Gol Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes and Lochpe-Maxion, an automobile components manufacturer

Holding examples are to illustrate the valuation analysis process only and are not a recommendation to buy or sell. Source: Jupiter and Bloomberg, as of January 2023.

# Fundamental research : Credit Analysis

Full-picture business and financial analysis integrates ESG

# Research Focus: Gain a complete picture of company advantages and risks

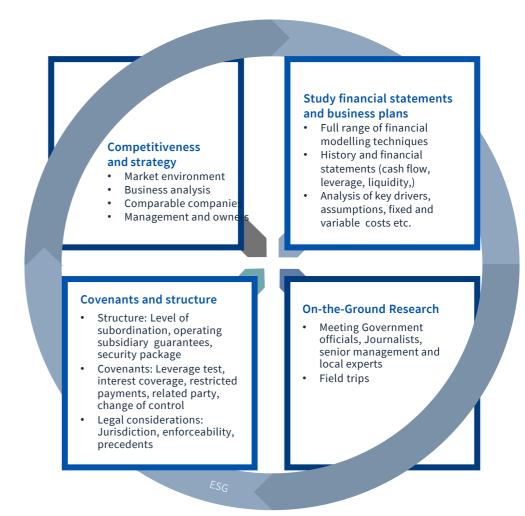
- Competitiveness and Business Strategy
- Financial Statements and Business Plans
- Covenants and Debt Structures
- On-the-ground research including country visits

### **Integrated ESG Analysis: Identify Risks and Opportunities**

- Identify top-down thematic risks
- Engage with companies
- Make investment decisions
- Disclose and report ESG metrics

### Jupiter-wide collaboration on specific credit issues

- Data Science Team
- Governance & Stewardship Team
- Jupiter ESG Investment Professionals
- External Advisors



# ESG integration into our investment process



Exclude some sectors and those companies without credible ESG policy

Engage heavily with the poor ESG companies to make them greener

Use these companies as role models to raise the standards of their peers

# Art. 8 Jupiter EM Debt Funds: ESG approach in brief

Objective is to demonstrate improvement over time rather than exclude

Invest a	Invest and engage				
Green ESG	Yellow ESG	Red ESG			
<ul> <li>High level of ESG standards demonstrated and verified by</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Poor access to investor relations</li> </ul>	UNGC violators			
<ul><li>several third-party reviewers</li><li>High level of commitment to</li></ul>	<ul> <li>No clear plan for an ESG strategy</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Human rights violations</li><li>Weapons, tobacco and alcohol</li></ul>			
improve ESG standards	<ul> <li>Poor third-party ESG scores</li> </ul>	• Sanctioned instruments			
<ul> <li>High level of willingness to disclose and engage</li> </ul>	• High polluters, thermal coal	• No access to investor relations			
<ul> <li>Clearly identifiable and trackable targets</li> </ul>					

Article 8 funds: Jupiter Global Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund and Jupiter Global Emerging Markets Short Duration Bond Fund



# **Portfolio construction: overview**

Selection, construction and risk management combines macro and fundamental research

BUY DISCIPLINE	SELL DISCIPLINE	CONSTRUCTION	RISK MANAGEMENT
<ul> <li>Buy when</li> <li>company's fundamental outlook is solid and/or improving</li> <li>a credit is attractively valued</li> <li>the position offers attractive carry without negative catalyst</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sell when</li> <li>relative target spreads are reached</li> <li>we detect a fundamental change to a business</li> <li>the macro environment changes, warranting a risk reassessment</li> <li>we uncover more attractive valuation opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Duration:</li> <li>+/- 2years from benchmark</li> <li>Country allocation:</li> <li>Opportunity-driven; typically, +/- 1-5% from strategic benchmark</li> <li>Position Sizing:</li> <li>Min/Max: 0.50%-1.5%</li> <li>Cash:</li> <li>Typically 3-8%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Built into the entire process, not an afterthought</li> <li>Credit-specific risk is primary source of portfolio risk; macro positioning is secondary</li> <li>Liquidity is a primary consideration</li> <li>Hedging is used sparingly. Credit default swaps (CDS) may be used in extreme market environments to mitigate volatility in short term</li> </ul>



# From theory to practice: investment case study



# Investment ideas: Vast Infrastructure

Brazilian Oil Transshipment Terminal

### — Global Macro

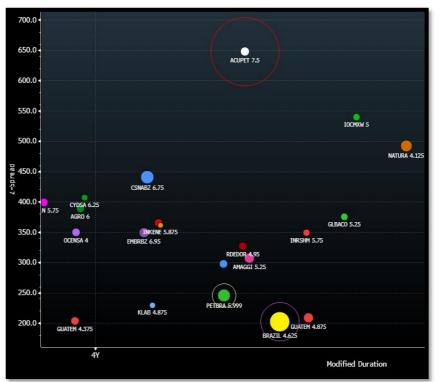
- Uncertainty around inflation in US to continue creating volatility in USTs
- We remain constructive on commodities, driven by the current uncertainty between Ukraine and Russia

#### Emerging Markets Macro

- Moderate growth expected in Brazil, given higher interest rates, but corporates enjoy healthy balance sheet metrics
- Lula's administration creates some uncertainty regarding fiscal consolidation, but do not expect radical changes
- Brazilian exporters should benefit from weaker BRL
  - Corporate fundamentals
- Strategic asset as one of the main oil export terminals in Brazil
- Most of sales contracted through USD denominated take-or-pay contracts
- Bonds enjoy covenant protections including a reserve account and a semi-annual amortization schedule
- Ramp-up in volumes support improving fundamentals

#### Valuation

- Attractive yield at 9.8% versus the average for BB peer group at 7.1%
- Short duration of four years driven by amortization profile
- Offers a spread over sovereign of 440bps, and 400bps over Petrobras curve



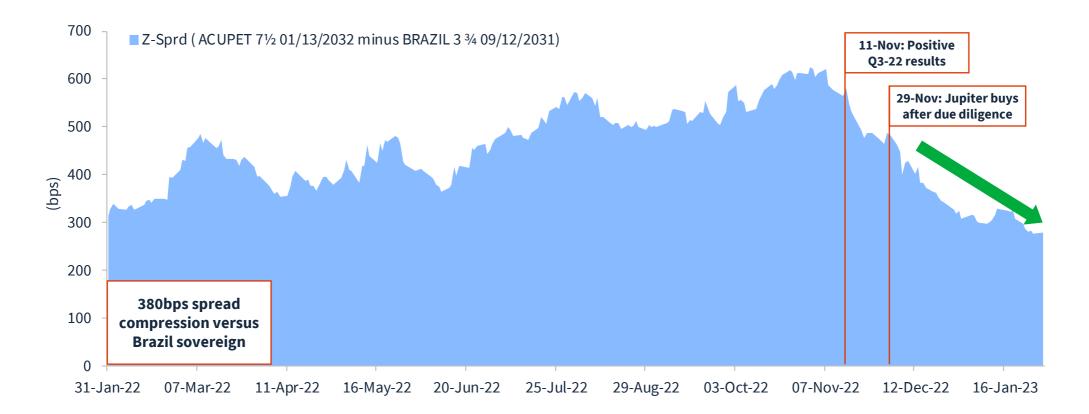
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# Investment idea: Vast Infrastructure



Positive fundamentals allow for outperformance versus Brazil sovereign debt



+10.89% positive total return since purchase versus +1.56% return during the same period for Brazil sovereign debt of similar duration

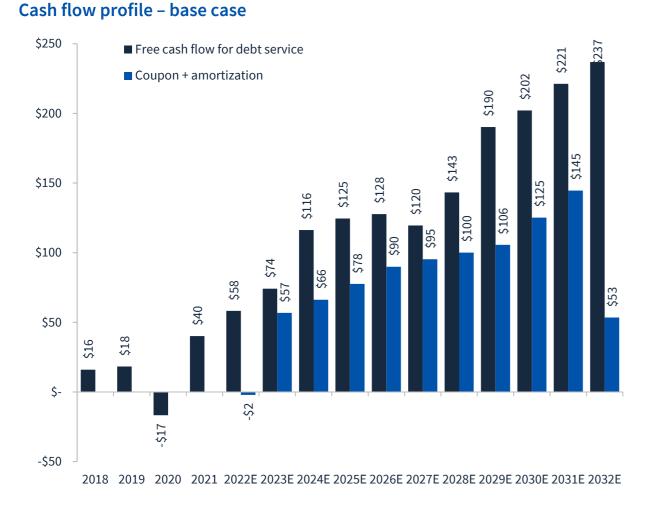
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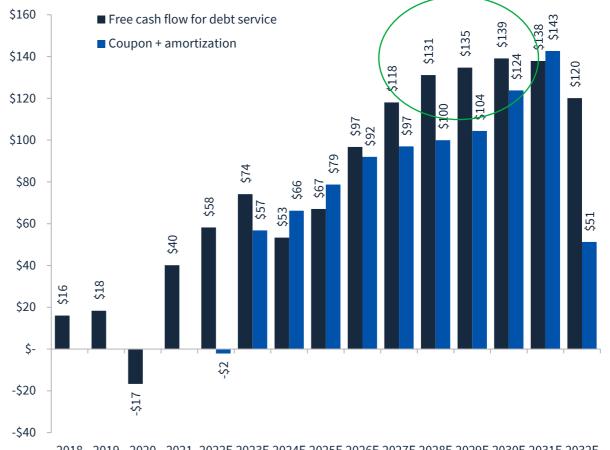


Cash trapped in structure in downside scenario

Strong cash flow generation + bond structure protects in downside scenario



### Cash flow profile - downside case



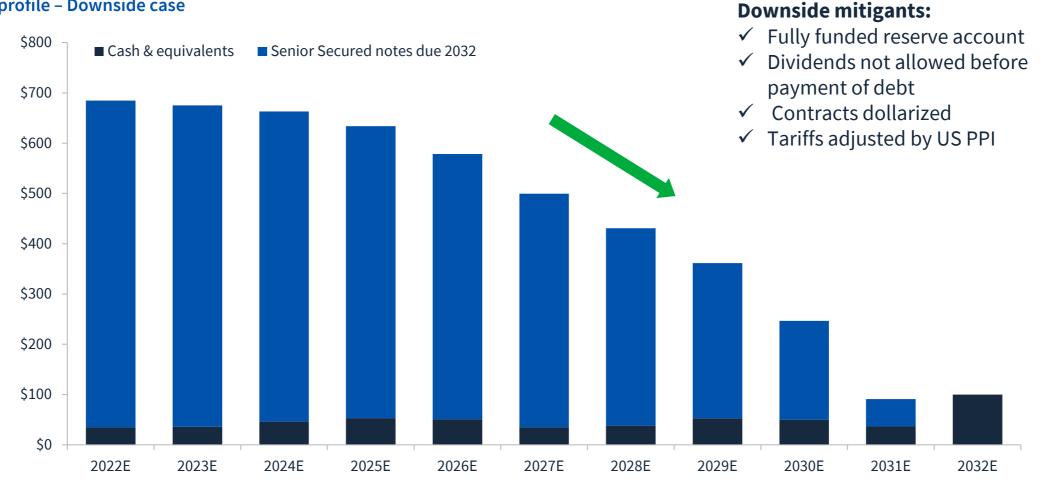
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# Investment idea: Vast Infrastructure



Structure of contracts + security package of the notes allow for payment of debt

### Amortization profile – Downside case



Source: Bloomberg, Jupiter, Vast Infrastructure financial statements, as at 31.01.23.

### **Investment views**

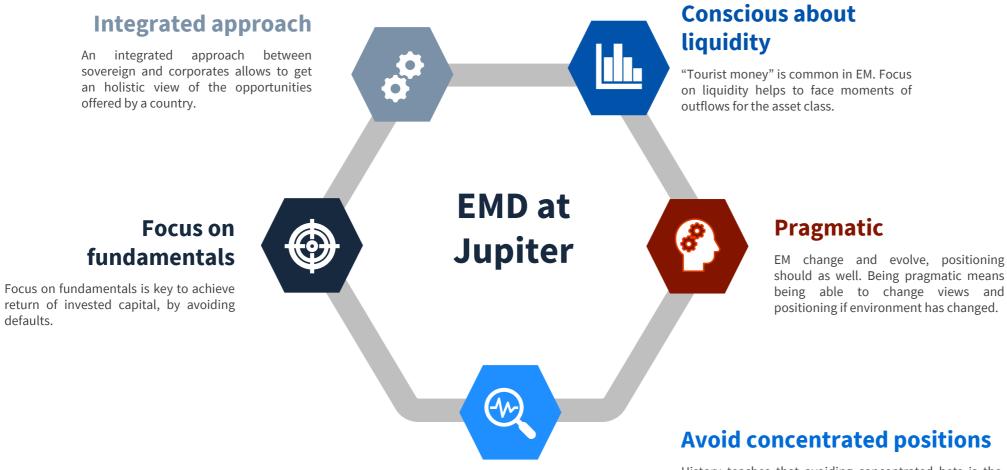
### March 2023

LATAM	<ul> <li>OW to Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Guatemala, Brazil and Dominican Republic.</li> <li>Industrials, petrochemicals and defensive sectors such as utilities and telco are the most represented</li> <li>We keep an UW to Colombia, Chile and Argentina, but find idiosyncratic opportunities also there</li> </ul>
AFRICA	<ul> <li>Diversified exposure with modestly sized OWs in Tanzania (TMT) and Egypt (energy) and in Senegal and Cote D'Ivoire (hard curren sovereign).</li> </ul>
MIDDLE EAST	<ul> <li>OW to the Saudi Arabia in real estate, financials and utilities.</li> <li>OW HY oil exporters (Iraq, Jordan and Oman)</li> <li>Qatar is biggest UW given tight valuations, UAE is a modest UW but find value in education, logistics and RE</li> </ul>
EUROPE	<ul> <li>After Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, we have little exposure in Europe</li> <li>We hold OW in Czech Republic, Uzbekistan, Moldova and Bulgaria via defensive corporates</li> <li>Turkey is now close to neutral</li> </ul>
ASIA	<ul> <li>UW in China (especially financials), with a slight OW in real estate, mostly in commercial.</li> <li>Only OW in the region are Indonesia, with a preference for real estate, utilities and financials, owning both corporates and quasis a India with focus on TMT and renewables.</li> <li>Increasing allocation to selected SEA countries benefiting from China Reopening</li> </ul>
SPREAD	<ul> <li>Reducing OW to HY</li> <li>Spreads back to 2022 levels, creating attractive entry points</li> </ul>

Source: Jupiter, as at 28 February 2023.

# **Key differentiators**

Exploiting opportunities offered by emerging markets debt in a responsible way



History teaches that avoiding concentrated bets is the safest way to extract the premium offered by the asset class.

### **Jupiter Emerging Market Debt Fund overview**

### **Portfolio features**

Name	Jupiter Emerging Market Debt Fund
Fund objective	The objective of the Jupiter Emerging Market Debt Fund is to seek to achieve asset growth through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed and variable rate debt securities issued in Emerging Markets.
Benchmark	JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index
Structure	ICVC
Investable universe	Bond Emerging Markets Global

### **Fund-specific risks**

- Investment risk there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objective. A capital loss of some or all of the amount invested may occur.
- **Emerging markets risk** less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries.
- **Credit risk** the issuer of a bond or a similar investment within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due. Bonds which are rated below investment grade are considered to have a higher risk exposure with respect to meeting their payment obligations.

### Fund-specific risks (cont.)

- **Bond Connect risk** the rules of the Bond Connect scheme may not always permit the Fund to sell its assets and may cause the Fund to suffer losses on an investment.
- Interest rate risk investments in bonds are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may affect the value of the Fund.
- Liquidity risk some investments may become hard to value or sell at a desired time and price. In extreme circumstances this may affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.
- **Currency risk** the Fund can be exposed to different currencies. The value of your shares may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate movements.
- **Derivative risk** the Fund uses derivatives to generate returns and/or to reduce costs and the overall risk of the Fund. Using derivatives can involve a higher level of risk. A small movement in the price of an underlying investment may result in a disproportionately large movement in the price of the derivative investment. Derivatives also involve counterparty risk where the institutions acting as counterparty to derivatives may not meet their contractual obligations.
- **Capital erosion risk** the Fund takes its charges from the capital of the Fund. Investors should be aware that there is potential for capital erosion if insufficient capital growth is achieved by the Fund to cover the charges. Capital erosion may have the effect of reducing the level of income generated.
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