

# Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Blend Fund

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to achieve a target average return of 1-3% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) from a blend of hard currency denominated (defined as USD, EUR, GBP, JPY, CHF) debt issued in emerging (less developed) market countries, local currencies of emerging market countries and debt issued by corporate issuers in emerging market countries. There can be no guarantee that the fund will ultimately achieve its investment objective and capital invested is at risk.

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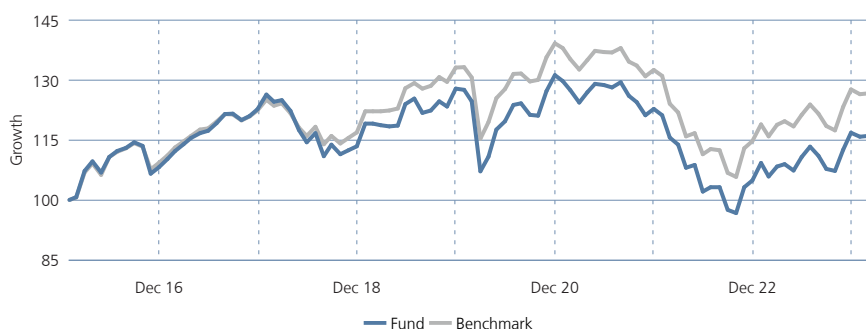
Portfolio Manager

## FUND FACTS

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| Inception Date (Fund)                  | 23 April 2014  |
| Inception Date (Share Class)           | 04 February 2016   |
| Base Currency (Fund)                   | USD  |
| Currency (Share Class)                 | USD  |
| Fund AUM (USD million)                 | 525.20   |
| NAV                                    | 11.71  |
| Domicile                               | Ireland  |
| Vehicle                                | UCITS  |
| Valuation                              | Daily  |
| Settlement (Subscription)              | T+3  |
| Trading Deadline                       | 15:00 (Dublin Time)  |
| Regulator                              | Central Bank of Ireland  |
| Management Fee                         | 1.40%  |
| Ongoing Charge (incl. management fee)* | 1.60%  |
| Bloomberg                              | NBDBUAA ID   |
| ISIN                                   | IE00BK4YYX88   |
| Morningstar Category™                  | Global Emerging Markets Bond   |
| Benchmark                              | A blended benchmark comprising of 50% weighting to JP Morgan GBI Emerging Markets Global Diversified (Total Return, Unhedged, USD), 25% weighting to JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (Total Return, USD), and 25% weighting to JP Morgan CEMBI Diversified (Total Return, USD) |

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

| PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup> | 1m <sup>2</sup> | 3m <sup>2</sup> | YTD <sup>2</sup> | 1y <sup>2</sup> | 3y <sup>3</sup> | 5y <sup>3</sup> | 10y <sup>3</sup> | SI <sup>3,4</sup> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Fund                         | 0.86            | 0.17            | 0.17             | 8.03            | -2.02           | -0.29           | -                | 1.95              |
| Benchmark                    | 0.74            | -0.01           | -0.01            | 7.47            | -1.27           | 0.88            | -                | 3.05              |

| 12 MONTH PERIODS (%) | Mar14<br>Mar15 | Mar15<br>Mar16 | Mar16<br>Mar17 | Mar17<br>Mar18 | Mar18<br>Mar19 | Mar19<br>Mar20 | Mar20<br>Mar21 | Mar21<br>Mar22 | Mar22<br>Mar23 | Mar23<br>Mar24 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fund                 | -              | -              | 6.24           | 9.74           | -5.04          | -9.76          | 16.14          | -8.51          | -4.83          | 8.03           |
| Benchmark            | -              | -              | 7.33           | 8.36           | -1.61          | -5.66          | 15.08          | -8.07          | -2.60          | 7.47           |

| CALENDAR (%) | 2015 | 2016 <sup>5</sup> | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  | 2024 <sup>6</sup> |
|--------------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| Fund         | -    | 8.20              | 13.49 | -7.57 | 12.78 | 2.66 | -6.47 | -14.65 | 11.44 | 0.17              |
| Benchmark    | -    | 9.26              | 12.13 | -4.52 | 13.96 | 4.54 | -4.75 | -13.51 | 11.29 | -0.01             |

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes. The fund's investment policy restricts the extent to which the fund's holdings may deviate from the benchmark, but the fund is not exclusively limited to the securities of the benchmark.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. m - month, YTD - Year to Date, y - year, SI - Since Inception.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 04 February 2016 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD A Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

## TOP 10 CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                       | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| United States Dollar  | 46.04 | 50.00 |
| Brazilian Real        | 6.30  | 4.97  |
| Mexican Nuevo Peso    | 6.22  | 5.00  |
| Polish Zloty          | 5.34  | 3.94  |
| Malaysian Ringgit     | 5.17  | 5.00  |
| Indonesian Rupiah     | 5.15  | 5.00  |
| South African Rand    | 4.19  | 4.11  |
| Thai Baht             | 3.17  | 4.89  |
| Czech Republic Koruna | 2.81  | 3.24  |
| Colombian Peso        | 2.71  | 2.40  |

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## TOP 10 COUNTRIES BY DURATION CONTRIBUTION (YEARS)

|                | Fund | Bmrk |
|----------------|------|------|
| Mexico         | 0.59 | 0.42 |
| Indonesia      | 0.48 | 0.41 |
| Malaysia       | 0.44 | 0.42 |
| China          | 0.43 | 0.37 |
| South Africa   | 0.39 | 0.32 |
| Brazil         | 0.37 | 0.25 |
| Thailand       | 0.32 | 0.37 |
| Colombia       | 0.32 | 0.23 |
| Czech Republic | 0.27 | 0.17 |
| Poland         | 0.20 | 0.21 |

## TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|              | Fund | Bmrk |
|--------------|------|------|
| Brazil       | 9.19 | 7.11 |
| Mexico       | 8.95 | 7.43 |
| Indonesia    | 6.17 | 6.79 |
| Poland       | 5.81 | 4.75 |
| Malaysia     | 5.47 | 6.19 |
| South Africa | 5.15 | 5.67 |
| Colombia     | 4.58 | 4.02 |
| China        | 4.26 | 7.89 |
| Thailand     | 3.98 | 5.60 |
| India        | 3.60 | 1.32 |

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                | Fund  |
|----------------|-------|
| Local Currency | 51.36 |
| Hard Currency  | 25.33 |
| Corporate      | 23.21 |
| Overlay        | 0.10  |

## SECURITY CREDIT QUALITY % (MV)

|                    | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| AAA                | 1.48  | 0.05  |
| AA                 | 4.02  | 5.75  |
| A                  | 19.81 | 23.88 |
| BBB                | 33.37 | 37.08 |
| BB                 | 19.90 | 20.88 |
| B                  | 8.38  | 7.95  |
| CCC                | 2.73  | 1.63  |
| CC                 | 1.99  | 0.69  |
| C                  | 0.46  | 0.05  |
| D                  | 1.77  | 0.61  |
| Not rated          | 1.27  | 1.42  |
| Cash & Equivalents | 4.83  | 0.00  |

Source: Bloomberg Barclays PLC. Bloomberg Barclays credit quality rating is based on the conservative average of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the rating is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, then the rating reflects that agency's rating. If none of the agencies provide ratings, the security is considered not rated and may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment adviser.

## DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)

|                  | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Less than 1 year | 8.53  | 4.45  |
| 1 - 3 years      | 14.34 | 27.58 |
| 3 - 5 years      | 23.74 | 22.66 |
| 5 - 7 years      | 21.00 | 19.14 |
| 7 - 10 years     | 16.55 | 13.01 |
| 10 - 15 years    | 11.58 | 10.44 |
| 15 - 20 years    | 2.18  | 2.06  |
| 20+ years        | 0.00  | 0.01  |
| None             | 2.07  | 0.64  |

## CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Fund  | Bmrk |
|--|-------|------|
| Coupon (%)                             | 6.05  | 5.29 |
| Time to Maturity (Years)               | 10.98 | 9.12 |
| Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) | 7.89  | 6.73 |
| Weighted Average Current Yield (%)     | 6.91  | 5.60 |
| Duration (years)                       | 6.18  | 5.29 |
| OAS (bps)                              | 168   | 121  |
| Spread Duration (years)                | 3.19  | 2.79 |
| Average Credit Quality                 | BBB-  | BBB  |

## RISK MEASURES

|                    | 3 years |
|--------------------|---------|
| Alpha              | -0.50   |
| Tracking Error (%) | 1.44    |
| Beta               | 1.06    |
| Sharpe Ratio       | -0.42   |
| Information Ratio  | -0.52   |
| R-Squared (%)      | 98.18   |
| Standard Deviation | 10.13   |

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## A SHARE CLASS DATA

| Share Class                                     | Currency | Inception Date<br>(Share Class) | ISIN         | Bloomberg  | Fund Price | Last Distribution | Annual Yield |
|---|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| EUR A Accumulating Class <sup>#</sup>           | EUR      | 04-12-2015                      | IE00BK4YZ020 | NBDBEAA ID | 10.58      | -                 | -            |
| SEK A Accumulating Class <sup>#</sup>           | SEK      | 05-11-2015                      | IE00BMN92P65 | NBEDSAA ID | 115.86     | -                 | -            |
| SGD A (Monthly) Distributing Class <sup>#</sup> | SGD      | 15-09-2017                      | IE00BMN93084 | NBBSAMD ID | 12.59      | 0.074654          | 7.00%        |
| USD A (Monthly) Distributing Class              | USD      | 15-09-2017                      | IE00BRJTF125 | NBEUAMI ID | 6.45       | 0.038226          | 7.00%        |
| USD A Accumulating Class                        | USD      | 04-02-2016                      | IE00BK4YYX88 | NBDUAA ID  | 11.71      | -                 | -            |

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

Investors who subscribe in a currency different from their local currency should note that the costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

Before subscribing please refer to the Prospectus.

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<sup>#</sup> Hedged Share Class. Hedged share classes which are designated in a currency other than the base currency of the fund, are hedged into the base currency. For details please refer to the prospectus.

Fund price is as of the date of the factsheet. Please note that the last distribution quoted is the dividend payout per share on the relevant share class's last distribution date which varies (monthly, weekly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) and may be different from the date of the factsheet.

The annual yield figure quoted is the distribution yield, calculated by multiplying the dividend by pay periods, dividing by the net asset value (NAV) of the last distribution date and then multiplying by 100%. It is for reference only and is not indicative of the return of the Fund's future dividend to be received by investors.

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. **The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.**

**Credit Risk:** The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

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Source: Neuberger Berman, Blackrock Aladdin and Morningstar.

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