

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

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BNY Mellon Emerging Markets Debt Opportunistic Fund

INVESTMENT MANAGER



Insight are leaders in absolute return investing, multi-asset, specialist equity solutions, fixed income and liability driven investment.

The Fund transitioned investment manager on the 1st September 2021. Prior to this date it was managed by Mellon Investments Corporation, LLC.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK

The Fund will measure its performance against 50% JP Morgan Government Bond Index – Emerging Markets Global Diversified TR Index, 25% JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global TR Index, 25% JP Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Diversified TR Index (the "Benchmark").

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has absolute discretion to invest outside the Benchmark subject to the investment objective and policies disclosed in the Prospectus. While the majority of the Fund's holdings are expected to be constituents of, and have similar weightings to, the Benchmark, the investment strategy does not restrict the extent to which the Investment Manager may deviate from the Benchmark.

FUND RATINGS



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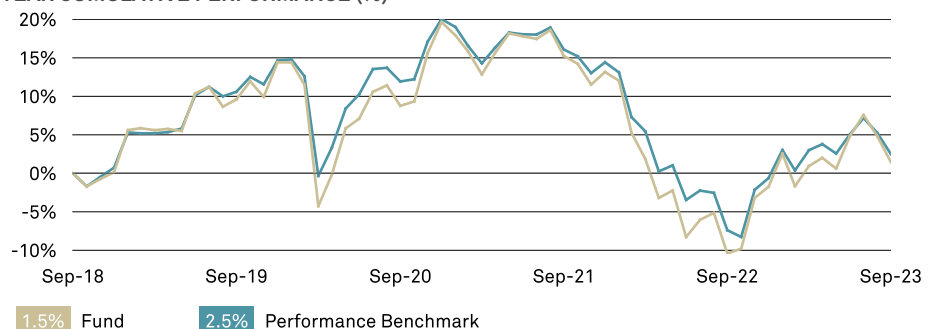
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QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Performance: The Fund generated a negative return, net of fees, during the quarter. It lagged its benchmark.
- Activity: We reduced our overweight exposure to BB-rated names.
- Outlook & Strategy: Emerging market issuers face an increasingly tough macroeconomic environment offset by more positive bottom-up conditions.

5 YEAR CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)



PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (%)

Annualised										
	1M	3M	YTD	1YR		2YR	3YR	5YR		
USD W (Acc.)	-3.19	-3.14	3.27	13.25		-6.18	-2.29	0.29		
Performance Benchmark	-2.60	-2.39	3.14	10.68		-6.03	-2.89	0.49		
Sector	-3.33	-3.52	3.32	12.36		-5.61	-2.74	-0.54		
No. of funds in sector	144	144	140	136		125	119	96		
Quartile	-	-	-	2		3	2	2		
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-7.69	14.25	4.57	-5.42	-13.18
Performance Benchmark	-6.56	-0.16	-7.14	10.25	11.90	-4.61	13.80	4.71	-4.68	-13.15

Source: Lipper as at 30 September 2023. Fund performance USD W (Acc.) calculated as total return, based on net asset value, including charges, but excluding initial charge, income reinvested gross of tax, expressed in share class currency. The impact of the initial charge, which may be up to 5%, can be material on the performance of your investment. Performance figures including the initial charge are available upon request. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

Emerging market debt fared better than most other asset classes during September's sell-off.

DURATION WAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY OVERWEIGHT EXPOSURE TO RUSSIA, MEXICO AND COLOMBIA

Government bond yields across most major developed markets rose significantly in the latter part of the quarter, impacting emerging markets. This was despite positive news on inflation and few indicators of an impending reacceleration in economic growth. However, 'higher-for-longer' interest rate expectations gained traction, particularly in September, as various central banks voiced the need to maintain rates at higher levels to control certain stubborn inflationary pressures.

US Treasury 5-year to 30-year yields rose 45-85 basis points over the quarter, with the US 10-year Treasury yield rising above 4.5%, its highest level since before the 2008 global financial crisis. A similar story, though less pronounced, was seen in Europe, with German government bond yields rising 20-65 basis points in the 5-year to 30-year part of the curve.

Emerging market debt was generally lower over the quarter, driven primarily by weaker US Treasuries. The hard currency JP Morgan EMBI Global Index had negative returns of 2.63% over the quarter, with losses mostly in September (2.81%). Investment grade markets were weaker than high yield.

In corporate markets, the JP Morgan CEMBI Diversified Index was relatively resilient, declining by just 0.26% over the quarter. High yield outperformed investment grade, with the Emerging Market Corporate High Yield Index (+1.2%) managing to stay in positive territory by quarter-end. By contrast, emerging market investment grade corporate debt dropped (-1.2%) although by much less than other bond markets (US dollar investment grade and US Treasuries both fell by 3.1%). Credit returns were driven by rate sensitivity and further spread compression.

The Fund lagged its benchmark mainly because of local duration positioning (which measures sensitivity to interest rates), including being overweight to Russia, Mexico and Colombia. Having repriced higher previously on positive news regarding the tradability of Russian bonds, they retreated in August. Meanwhile, Mexican bonds, being highly correlated to US Treasuries, sold off.

Currency had a slight negative effect. Being long the Russian rouble, Romanian leu, Thai baht and Hungarian forint dragged on performance. Conversely, we benefited from a short in the Polish zloty.

Positive contribution from the spread component came from our overweight exposure to Brazil, Ecuador and Ukraine, whereas an overweight position in Argentina detracted.

ACTIVITY REVIEW

Throughout the third quarter, we participated in the primary market, taking advantage of valuation opportunities and political events.

THE FUND'S OVERWEIGHT EXPOSURE TO BB-RATED NAMES WAS REDUCED

On the rates side, we added duration in Korea, increasing our overweight, while reducing an underweight in Poland. At the quarter's start, we took profits on our overweight in Brazil

duration and subsequently switched from 2025s into longer duration bonds given the recent yield curve steepening.

Also, we swapped South African rates exposure into Mexico ahead of the medium-term budget in South Africa, which tends to result in declines, and to take advantage of weakness in Mexico, which sold off in line with higher US Treasury yields.

We added a new issue from the Dominican Republic, which was attractively priced relative to its secondary market bonds. Another addition was a Thailand sovereign issue as it widened alongside global core rates.

In foreign exchange, we added long positions in the Thai baht and Hungarian forint, funded by shorts in the euro and Polish zloty. We subsequently took profit on our short Polish zloty versus long Hungarian forint trade as the National Bank of Poland's easing adversely impacted the currency. We closed out shorts in the Colombian peso and Turkish lira and took full profits on a long Indian rupee versus Taiwanese dollar position. We also added a small long position in the Indian rupee as Asian currencies have lagged due to regional weakness. Elsewhere, we implemented a short Hong Kong dollar position and closed part of our short euro position against our long Asia currency basket, given the euro's underperformance.

We added attractively priced new issues in the primary market using the proceeds generated from reducing tightly trading investment grade names. These included Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi, Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile, Hungary, Panama, Slovenia and Romania.

Meanwhile, we reduced our overweight exposure to BB-rated names, trimming positions in Paraguay and South Africa.

In Guatemala, we shifted exposure to shorter maturities ahead of the general election, added risk in Nigeria on the government's positive reforms and allocated a small overweight to Angola. We closed our underweight in Gabon on the back of the surprise coup and associated sharp drop in bond prices.

We reduced our overweight position in Turkey into a very strong spread rally. We reduced risk in Colombia, MedcoEnergi, and trimmed an overweight in Ecuador following strong performance and ahead of the second round of the general election.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

Despite tighter financial conditions and higher energy costs, falling inflation and fiscal restraint suggest a more benign outlook for emerging markets.

WE EXPECT TO SEE A SIGNIFICANT SLOWDOWN IN CHINA

We expect the macroeconomic environment for emerging markets to be tough. However, more positive bottom-up conditions for issuers of debt should bode well. The negatives are tighter financial conditions and higher oil prices. And while some emerging market nations benefit from higher oil prices, many do not. The positive signals are that inflation is trending lower and fiscal restraint is making the case for lower interest rates.

Meanwhile, China's economic challenges are likely to persist. We, along with the consensus, see a more pronounced slowdown in 2024, with GDP growth of just 3.5%. Having briefly flirted with deflation, we see CPI returning towards 2% this year and 2.5% in 2024. Interest rates and bond yields are likely to remain close to or slightly below current levels.

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (%)

	Fund
0-1 yr	5.2
1-3 yrs	8.3
3-5 yrs	11.2
5-7 yrs	20.4
7-10 yrs	25.9
10-15 yrs	9.6
15-25 yrs	10.3
25+yrs	9.2

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

	Fund
Mexico (govt Of) 7.75% 29may2031	3.5
South Africa (govt Of) 8% 31jan2030	3.0
South Africa (govt Of) 7% 28feb2031	3.0
Brazil (govt Of) Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 01jan2027	2.9
Brazil (govt Of) Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 01jan2025	2.8
Colombia (govt Of) 9.25% 28may2042 B	2.5
Mexico (govt Of) 7.75% 13nov2042	2.1
Korea Treasury Bond 3.375% 10jun2032 #3206	1.9
Indonesia (govt Of) 7% 15may2027 Fr59	1.6
Romania (govt Of) 8% 29apr2030	1.6

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited

CREDIT QUALITY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund
AA	3.5
A	8.8
BBB	34.9
BB	28.4
B	10.7
Below B	4.9
NR	0.8
Cash	8.0

ISSUER SECTOR (%)

	Fund
Government	45.5
Supranationals	31.3
Corporate	15.0
Cash	8.2
Others	0.0

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Yield (%)	8.7
Spread to Government (bp)	270.1
Spread to Libor (bp)	342.715450 7750857
Duration (years)	5.9
Spread duration (years)	2.2
Maturity (years)	9.5
Average Coupon (%)	6.3
Average rating (optimistic)	BBB-
Average rating (pessimistic)	BB+
Holdings	102.0
Issuer	67.0
Ticker	67.0
YTM	8.6
YTW	8.6
WAL	8.4
Current yield (%)	7.0

CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund
USD	46.6
MYR	7.1
THB	5.7
BRL	5.1
IDR	5.0
ZAR	3.9
MXN	3.8
PLN	3.7
CNH	3.4
CZK	3.1
RON	2.9
CLP	2.0
COP	1.8
CNY	1.7
HUF	1.5
PEN	1.2
Others	1.5

KEY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FUND

- There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives.
- This Fund invests in international markets which means it is exposed to changes in currency rates which could affect the value of the Fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset from which their value is derived. A small movement in the value of the underlying asset can cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. This can increase the sizes of losses and gains, causing the value of your investment to fluctuate. When using derivatives, the Fund can lose significantly more than the amount it has invested in derivatives.
- Investments in bonds/ money market securities are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- Bonds with a low credit rating or unrated bonds have a greater risk of default. These investments may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- The issuer of a security held by the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Emerging Markets have additional risks due to less-developed market practices.
- The Fund takes its charges from the capital of the Fund. Investors should be aware that this has the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment and limiting the potential for future capital growth. On redemption, you may not receive back the full amount you initially invested.
- If this share class is denominated in a different currency from the base currency of the Fund. Changes in the exchange rate between the share class currency and the base currency may affect the value of your investment.
- For hedged share classes the hedging strategy is used to reduce the impact of exchange rate movements between the share class currency and the base currency. It may not completely achieve this due to factors such as interest rate differentials.
- The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as custody of assets or acting as a counterparty to derivatives or other contractual arrangements, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- A complete description of risk factors is set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To maximise the total return from income and capital growth from a fixed income portfolio of bonds and other debt instruments including derivatives thereon issued by governments, agencies and corporations in emerging market economies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Total net assets (million)	\$ 23.53
Performance Benchmark	50% JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified/ 25% JP Morgan EMBI Global/25% JP Morgan CEMBI Diversified TR Index
Lipper sector	Lipper Global Bond Emerging Markets Global LC
Fund type	ICVC
Fund domicile	Ireland
Fund manager	Team approach
Base currency	USD
Currencies available	USD, EUR
Fund launch	26 Sep 2013

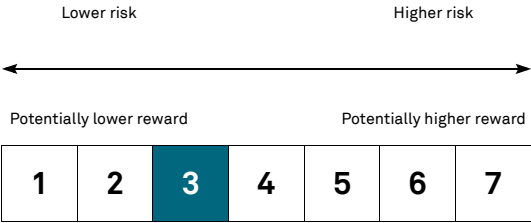
USD W (ACC.) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Inception date	01 Nov 2017
Min. initial investment	\$ 15,000,000
Max. initial charge	5.00%
Annual mgmt charge	0.65%
ISIN	IE00BD6L0V85
Registered for sale in:	AT, BE, CH, CL, CO, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GG, IE, IT, JE, LU, NL, NO, PE, PT, SE, SG, UY

DEALING

09:00 to 17:00 each business day
Valuation point: 22:00 Dublin time
Costs incurred when purchasing, holding, converting or selling any investment, will impact returns. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.
For more details please read the KID document.

RISK AND REWARD PROFILE - USD W (ACC.)



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.
We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity of BNY Mellon Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A. to pay you.

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited
Any views and opinions are those of the investment manager, unless otherwise noted.

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