

# **Emerging Markets Bond Fund**

Information as at: 30 November 2018

#### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class Fixed Income Global Emerging Markets Category bond MeritKapital Investment manager Total Fund Assets, USD \$36,857,348 A USD class USD \$36,857,348 01/09/2016 Fund Incention Date Strategy Inception Date 01/04/2017 J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Performance Benchmark Total Return Index CYF000000200 ISIN Fund Domicile Cyprus Fund Type AIF-LNP Bloomberg Ticker MERFXPT CY USD Base currency Management fee 0.75% Performance fee 15%

## MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Share class A USD

Hurdle rate

Liquidity

### **FUND CHARACTERISTIC**

 Credit Rating
 BB 

 Modified Duration
 2.20 years

 Yield to Worst
 5.30%

 Cash
 25.46%

 Repo Instruments
 -12.96%

 Reverse Repo Instruments
 0.00%

## **COMPOSITION OF THE FUND**

Sectors	% of Total	
Government	40.4	2
Financial	26.4	4
Energy	7.2	2
Consumer, Non-cyclical	4.8	35
Basic Materials	3.4	13
Communications	3.4	1
Industrial	1.7	2
Utilities	0.0	00
Consumer, Cyclical	0.0	00

Country	% of Total
Russian Federation	19.49
Turkey	12.53
Nigeria	11.38
Cyprus	9.65
Argentina	6.91
Oman	5.26
Bahrain	5.09
Kenya	3.45
Netherlands	3.41
United States	3.35
Other	6.97

Currency Break-Down	% of Total	
USD		

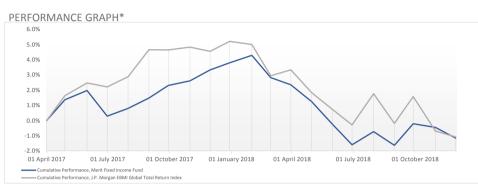
USD 73.32 EUR 26.68 GBP 0.00

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Portfolio Manager MeritKapital Ltd Investment Advisor Persella loannides

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Merit Fixed Income Fund aims to achieve attractive returns through a combination of capital growth and income preservation. At any one time, 90% of net assets of the fund are invested plus any leveraged amount utilized within the scope of investment purposes in sovereign or corporate debt securities of predominantly emerging market countries.



\*The fund remained dormant between Sep 2016 and Mar 2017. The performance is presented from the date the investment strategy was implemented

Share Class performance displayed in USD, Benchmark performance displayed in USD

PERFORMANCE*	MTD	YTD	SI	
MeritKapital Fixed Income Fund - A Shares USD	-0.71%	-4.78%	-1.16%	
J.P. Morgan EBMI Global Total Return Index	-0.39%	-5.98%	-1.08%	

Share Class performance of -0.71% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

Total gross performance for November 2018 is -0.63%

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## **FUND COMMENTS**

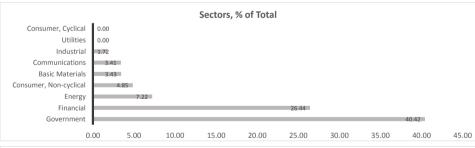
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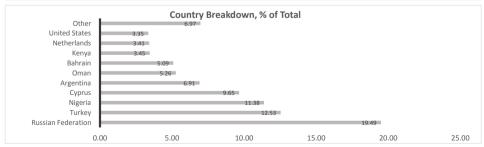
Monthly

\$50,000

November was a very volatile month for credit and equity markets alike. Some factors leading to the volatility were the rise in the 10- year treasury yields above the 3% hurdle and the continuing fall of WTI to reach a low of 50 handle. Discussions on OPEC production cuts had yet to take effect in prices predominantly because such supply cuts would take time to have a fundamental impact. US-China trade war negotiations were anticipating the G-20 meeting in Argentina on December 1st whereby a mere non-escalation of disputes between Mr Xi and Mr Trump would be welcome by the markets. As this note went to print, Mr Xi had agreed to an increase of Chinese purchases of US agricultural products while Mr Trump agreed to postpone tariff increases on Chinese imports for after January. Lastly, another important factor to note was the US Fed's statement toward the end of the month that the central bank's benchmark interest rate is near a neutral level which was quite the change from two months prior where he deemed the level far. The change of rhetoric has since impacted the emerging fixed income markets positively by bringing stability and some spread tightening, as valuations were deemed oversold.

The fund was down -0.73% for the month of November. Major movers were few high duration, commodity linked paper such as OMAN 47 and GHANA 26 that have since moved higher. We took profit on positions in Ukraine and increased short term duration positions in HALKBK 19, ARGENT 19, ZENITH 19, BHRAIN 20 which are solid credits and on average yield above 6%





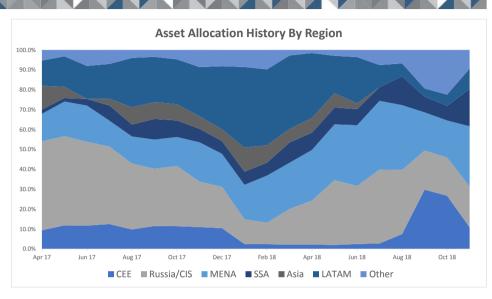


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OMAN 6 1/2 03/08/47	5.26
BHRAIN 5 1/2 03/31/20	5.09
BOCYCY 9 1/4 01/19/27	4.62
ACCESS 9 1/4 06/24/21	3.52
YPFDAR 8 7/8 12/19/18	3.50
KENINT 5 7/8 06/24/19	3.45
GAZPRU 9 1/4 04/23/19	3.45
SBERRU 5.18 06/28/19	3.45
RUSSIA 5 04/29/20	3.42
VIP 5.2 02/13/19	3.41
Duration Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	25.46
Repo Instruments	-12.96
Reverse Repo Instruments	0.00
0 - 1 years	45.25
1 - 3 years	21.71
3 - 5 years	12.61
5 - 7 years	2.04
7 - 10 years	0.00
10+ years	5.89
Rating Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	25.46
Repo Instruments	-12.96
Reverse Repo Instruments	0.00
AAA	3.35
AA	0.00
A	1.62
BBB	8.95
BB	36.14
В	27.29
CCC	9.86
СС	0.00
С	0.00



	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18
CEE	10.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%	2.2%	2.0%	2.5%	2.7%	7.5%	29.8%	26.7%	10.9%
Russia/CIS	20.8%	12.5%	10.8%	17.9%	22.1%	32.6%	29.2%	37.2%	32.2%	19.7%	19.2%	20.6%
MENA	16.6%	17.4%	23.6%	23.3%	25.4%	28.1%	30.5%	34.5%	32.6%	19.2%	18.6%	30.2%
SSA	6.4%	6.6%	6.5%	10.2%	8.7%	8.4%	8.1%	6.9%	14.5%	7.9%	7.3%	18.7%
Asia	5.9%	12.1%	8.8%	6.8%	7.4%	7.2%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
LATAM	31.7%	40.5%	38.1%	37.0%	32.6%	18.8%	23.2%	11.1%	6.5%	4.1%	5.7%	10.2%
Other	8.2%	8.5%	9.7%	2.8%	1.5%	2.9%	3.6%	7.6%	6.7%	19.3%	22.4%	9.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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