

Emerging Markets Bond Fund

information as at: 31-August-2017

KEY FACTS

Asset Class	Fixed Income
Category	Global Emerging Markets bond
Investment manager	MeritKapital
Total Fund Assets, USD	38,009,984
A USD class, USD	38,009,984
Strategy Inception Date	01/04/2017
Benchmark	J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index CYF000000200
ISIN	Cyprus
Fund Domicile	AIF
Fund Type	MERFXPT CY
Bloomberg Ticker	USD
Base currency	0.75%
Management fee	15%
Performance fee	3%
Hurdle rate	Monthly
Liquidity	

MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Share class	
A USD	50,000

FUND CHARACTERISTIC

Credit Rating	BB+
Modified Duration	2.6
Yield to Worst	3.3

COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

Sectors	% of Total
Cash	7.7
Financial	22.1
Government	19.8
Basic Materials	19.5
Consumer, Non-cyclical	11.7
Energy	11.6
Utilities	4.6
Industrial	1.9
Communications	1.1

Country

Country	% of Total
Cash	7.7
Russia	23.7
Turkey	9.3
Cyprus	9.0
Brazil	8.6
Mexico	6.7
Ukraine	5.1
Nigeria	4.2
SNAT	3.8
India	3.7
Other	18.1

Currency Break-down

Currency	% of Total
USD	90.8
EUR	5.4
RUB	3.9
GBP	0.0

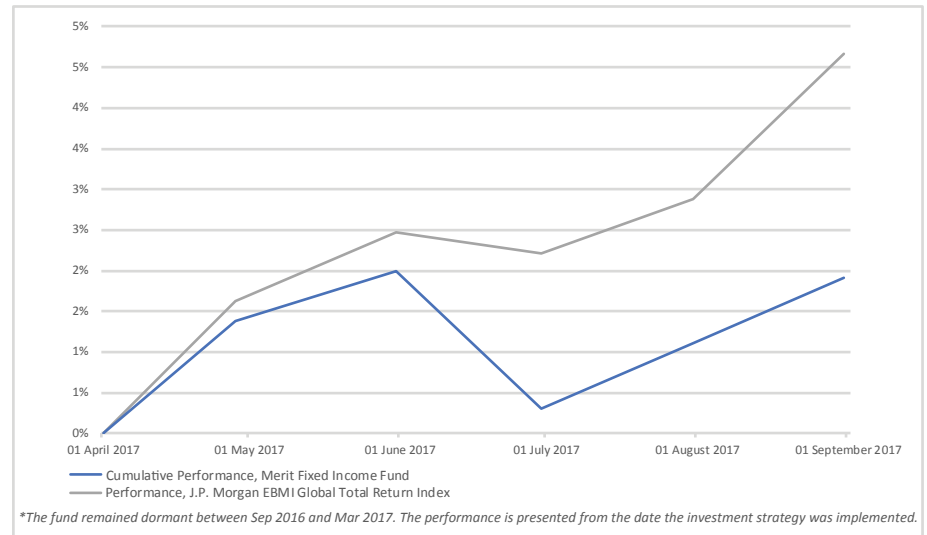
MANAGEMENT TEAM

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Merit Fixed Income Fund aims to achieve attractive return through a combination of capital growth and income. The fund invests generally 90% of net assets, plus any leveraged amount utilized within the scope of investment purposes in sovereign or corporate debt securities of emerging market countries.

PERFORMANCE GRAPH*



Share Class performance displayed in USD. Benchmark performance displayed in USD.

PERFORMANCE*

	MTD	YTD	SI
Merit Fixed Income Fund - A Shares USD	0.80%	1.92%	1.92%

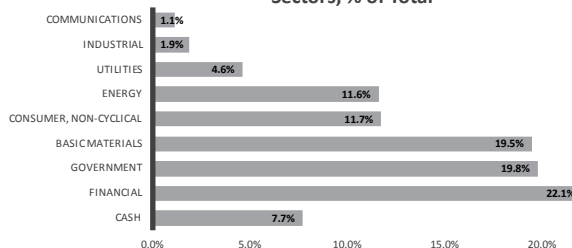
Share Class performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

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

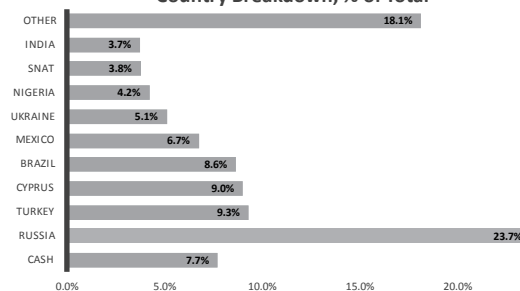
FUND COMMENTS

The fund significantly decreased its cash allocation from 28.3% to 7.7% and increased duration to 2.6 from 2.2 on the portfolio level, but kept its defensive profile in terms of duration in August. Weighted average rating of the portfolio is BB+, considering the cash position. The fund has a large allocation to Russia and Turkey but market risk is quite low for these countries as duration of Russia holdings is 2.4 and Turkey holdings have even shorter duration profile of 1.8. Fundamentals of invested short duration bonds in these countries are solid. The fund trailed the benchmark in terms of performance for the month because of the more defensive duration profile as long-term US Treasuries with maturity of 30Y rallied in August and sparked rally in long duration EM bonds. Underweight exposure in lower graded, single B, countries such as Argentina, Iraq, Egypt, Ecuador etc. also dragged from relative performance.

Sectors, % of Total



Country Breakdown, % of Total



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Top 10 holdings	% of Total	Duration Breakdown	% of Total	Rating Breakdown	% of Total
CYPRUS 3 ¼ 07/26/23	5.42	0 - 1 yrs	32.26	Cash	7.71
MHPSA 8 ¼ 04/02/20	2.91	1 - 3 yrs	25.23	AA	2.61
EVRAZ 5 ¼ 03/20/23	2.76	3 - 5 yrs	24.83	A	7.34
CCOLAT 4 ¼ 10/01/18	2.74	5 - 7 yrs	17.68	BBB	16.16
CHMFRU 6.7 10/25/17	2.71	7 - 10 yrs	0.00	BB	44.25
EUICHEM 5 ¼ 12/12/17	2.68			B	17.62
GMKNRM 4.1 04/11/23	2.68			CCC+	2.47
RSHB 5.298 12/27/17	2.67			Unrated	1.85
ISCTR 3 ¼ 11/07/17	2.57				
CRBKMO 8 ¼ PERP	2.47				

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