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# Ashmore Emerging Markets Low Duration Fund

Share class: Class I

**Reporting period** 

# 042024

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<sup>\*</sup> The Definitions page details certain risks and terms that may or may not be stated in each Quarterly Investment Review. Please refer to the Definitions page for additional information.

#### 1. Performance summary

# Ashmore

#### Period performance - Class I as of 12/31/2024

| Net returns % | 3M    | YTD  | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | SI   |
|---------------|-------|------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| Fund          | 0.38  | 5.77 | 5.77   | 0.91    | -       | -        | 1.33 |
| Benchmark     | 0.41  | 5.76 | 5.76   | 0.57    | -       | -        | 1.21 |
| Excess        | -0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.33    | -       | -        | 0.12 |

#### **Performance inception**

JP Morgan CEMBI BD IG

Jun 15, 2020

**Fund facts** 

Benchmark

(1-3 yr)

Fund size USD 10.2 million

#### **Dividend frequency**

**Operating expenses** 

Class I

Trustees.

Monthly

Symbol

ESDIX

Ashmore has contractually agreed to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses until February 28, 2025. The expense limitation

arrangement may only be terminated prior to that date by the Board of

Total

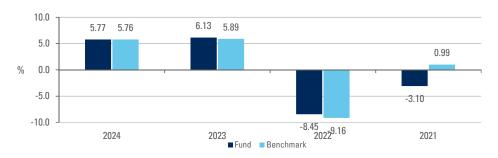
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#### Fund objective and strategy

The Fund seeks to maximize total return. Investing principally in short-term debt instruments of, and derivative instruments related to, Sovereign, Quasi-Sovereign and Corporate issuers of Emerging Market Countries denominated exclusively in Hard Currencies (i.e., the U.S. dollar or any currency of a nation in the G-7). The Fund normally seeks to maintain a weighted average portfolio duration of between 1 and 3 years and an Investment Grade weighted average credit rating.

#### Calendar year performance - Class I as of 12/31/2024



<sup>1</sup>JP Morgan CEMBI BD consists of an investable universe of corporate bonds and tracks total returns of U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by corporate entities in EM countries. The JPM CEMBI BD IG 1-3 Year Index is a sub index which contains instruments that have a maturity greater than 1 year and less than 3, and carry an investment grade rating. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Net

0.67

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and net asset value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance current to the most recent month-end, please call 1-866-876-8294. Periods greater than one year are annualized. Returns are calculated as the movement in net price over the specified performance period, assuming full dividend reinvestment. Changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. The information above shows only the performance of the Fund's Institutional Class Shares. Although Class A and Class C shares would have similar annual returns (because all the Fund's shares represent interests in the same portfolio of securities), Class A and Class C performance would be lower than Institutional Class performance because of the lower expenses paid by Institutional Class Shares. The performance shown above would be lower if it reflected sales charges applicable to Class A and Class C shares.

#### 1. Performance summary

| Performance statistics | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Standard Deviation     | 4.21% | 4.19%     |
| Tracking Error         | 2.76% | -         |
| Information Ratio      | 0.12  | -         |
| Beta                   | 0.79  | -         |
| Alpha                  | -0.01 | -         |
| R-Squared              | 0.61  | -         |

| Fund statistics                | Fund  | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Yield to maturity              | 5.96% | 5.05%     |
| Average coupon                 | 4.72% | 3.34%     |
| Current yield                  | 4.79% | 3.41%     |
| Option adjusted spread         | 94    | 76        |
| Modified duration              | 1.60  | 1.64      |
| Average life                   | 1.85  | 1.84      |
| 30 SEC Day Yield: Unsubsidized | 3.99% | -         |
| 30 SEC Day Yield: Subsidized   | 5.05% | -         |

SEC 30 Day Yield: computed under a SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It is a 'subsidized' yield, which means it includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements.

Unsubsidized SEC 30 Day Yield: computed under a SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It excludes contractual expense reimbursements, resulting in a lower yield.

Average Life: The average time to maturity across all relevant securities in the fund expressed in years.

Modified Duration: The average modified duration value provided is a measure expressed in years of the fund's sensitivity that would result from a 1% change in interest rates.

Yield to Maturity: The rate of return anticipated on a bond if held until the end of its life.

Standard Deviation: A measure of the investment's volatility. A higher standard deviation implies greater risk.

Information Ratio: A ratio of fund returns above the returns of a benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

Beta: A measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a fund in comparison to the market as a whole.

Alpha: The risk-adjusted excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark.

R-Squared: A statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark.

Average Coupon: The average interest rate stated on the held bonds at issuance.

Current Yield: Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

Option Adjusted Spread: The difference in yield between the fund versus the yield on US Treasuries (representing the risk-free rate of return). Expressed in basis points.

Tracking Error: The active risk of the fund. It determines the annualized standard deviation of the excess returns between the portfolio and the benchmark.

# 2. Performance analysis



# Country contribution and attribution

|                      | Fund a         | nd Benchmark w      | veights       | Total re             | turn contribution         | analysis               |                     | Relative return attribution analysis |                    |       |  |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|--|
| 3M Country %         | Fund<br>weight | Benchmark<br>weight | Active weight | Fund<br>contribution | Benchmark<br>contribution | Excess<br>contribution | Asset<br>allocation | Security selection                   | Currency<br>effect | Total |  |
| Top 10 contributors  |                |                     |               |                      |                           |                        |                     |                                      |                    |       |  |
| India                | 11.54          | 4.84                | 6.70          | 0.08                 | -0.02                     | 0.10                   | -0.08               | 0.14                                 | -                  | 0.06  |  |
| United Arab Emirates | 4.92           | 4.61                | 0.31          | 0.05                 | 0.01                      | 0.04                   | 0.00                | 0.04                                 | -                  | 0.04  |  |
| Indonesia            | 9.73           | 3.96                | 5.77          | 0.07                 | 0.01                      | 0.06                   | 0.00                | 0.03                                 | -                  | 0.03  |  |
| Kuwait               | 1.98           | 2.90                | -0.92         | 0.03                 | 0.00                      | 0.03                   | 0.00                | 0.03                                 | -                  | 0.03  |  |
| Colombia             | 0.97           | 0.24                | 0.73          | 0.02                 | 0.00                      | 0.03                   | 0.00                | 0.03                                 | -                  | 0.02  |  |
| Chile                | 2.65           | 2.96                | -0.31         | 0.03                 | 0.01                      | 0.02                   | 0.00                | 0.02                                 | -                  | 0.02  |  |
| Peru                 | 7.88           | 2.22                | 5.66          | 0.05                 | 0.01                      | 0.04                   | -0.01               | 0.02                                 | -                  | 0.02  |  |
| Morocco              | 1.96           | -                   | 1.96          | 0.03                 | -                         | 0.03                   | 0.02                | -                                    | -                  | 0.02  |  |
| South Korea          | 1.99           | 13.87               | -11.88        | 0.01                 | 0.05                      | -0.04                  | 0.01                | 0.00                                 | -                  | 0.01  |  |
| Jordan               | 1.97           | -                   | 1.97          | 0.02                 | 0.01                      | 0.02                   | 0.01                | 0.00                                 | -                  | 0.01  |  |
| Top 10 detractors    |                |                     |               |                      |                           |                        |                     |                                      |                    |       |  |
| China                | 1.96           | 17.20               | -15.24        | 0.00                 | 0.15                      | -0.15                  | -0.07               | -0.02                                | -                  | -0.09 |  |
| Czech Republic       | 1.03           | -                   | 1.03          | -0.06                | -                         | -0.06                  | 0.01                | -                                    | -0.08              | -0.07 |  |
| Romania              | 1.00           | -                   | 1.00          | -0.06                | -                         | -0.06                  | 0.02                | -                                    | -0.08              | -0.06 |  |
| Mexico               | 7.59           | 1.27                | 6.31          | -0.03                | 0.01                      | -0.03                  | 0.02                | -0.08                                | -                  | -0.06 |  |
| Thailand             | 4.03           | 1.32                | 2.70          | -0.01                | 0.00                      | -0.01                  | 0.00                | -0.02                                | -                  | -0.02 |  |
| Brazil               | 10.78          | 0.95                | 9.83          | 0.02                 | 0.00                      | 0.03                   | -0.05               | 0.03                                 | -                  | -0.02 |  |
| South Africa         | 5.78           | 2.27                | 3.51          | 0.00                 | -0.01                     | 0.01                   | -0.02               | 0.01                                 | -                  | -0.01 |  |
| Kazakhstan           | 3.89           | -                   | 3.89          | 0.01                 | -                         | 0.01                   | -0.01               | -                                    | -                  | -0.01 |  |
| Macau                | -              | 3.44                | -3.44         | -                    | 0.02                      | -0.02                  | -0.01               | -                                    | -                  | -0.01 |  |
| Philippines          | -              | 1.49                | -1.49         | -                    | 0.01                      | -0.01                  | -0.01               | -                                    | -                  | -0.01 |  |
|                      |                |                     | Fund USD      | 0.54                 | 0.41                      | 0.13                   | -0.14               | 0.28                                 | -0.01              | 0.13  |  |

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# 2. Performance analysis



## Issuer contribution and attribution

|  | Fund a         | and Benchmark v     | veights       | Total re          | turn contribution         | analysis               | Relative return attribution analysis |                    |                    |       |
|--|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 3M Issuer %                                      | Fund<br>weight | Benchmark<br>weight | Active weight | Fund contribution | Benchmark<br>contribution | Excess<br>contribution | Asset<br>allocation                  | Security selection | Currency<br>effect | Total |
| Top 10 contributors                              |                |                     |               |                   |                           |                        |                                      |                    |                    |       |
| Greenko Solar Mauritius Ltd                      | 2.04           | -                   | 2.04          | 0.08              | -                         | 0.08                   | 0.07                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.07  |
| Alpha Star Holding VIII Ltd                      | 2.07           | -                   | 2.07          | 0.05              | -                         | 0.05                   | 0.04                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.04  |
| Indonesia Asahan Aluminium PT / Mineral Industri | -              | -                   | -             | 0.04              | -                         | 0.04                   | 0.03                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.03  |
| Ecopetrol SA                                     | 0.97           | -                   | 0.97          | 0.02              | -                         | 0.02                   | 0.02                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.02  |
| Trust Fibra Uno                                  | -              | 0.29                | -0.29         | 0.02              | 0.00                      | 0.01                   | 0.02                                 | 0.00               | -                  | 0.02  |
| MTN Mauritius Investments Ltd                    | 2.01           | -                   | 2.01          | 0.03              | -                         | 0.03                   | 0.02                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.02  |
| Banco Santander Chile                            | 1.49           | -                   | 1.49          | 0.02              | -                         | 0.02                   | 0.02                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.02  |
| Banco do Brasil SA/Cayman                        | 2.00           | -                   | 2.00          | 0.03              | -                         | 0.03                   | 0.02                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.02  |
| OCP SA   | 1.96           | -                   | 1.96          | 0.02              | -                         | 0.02                   | 0.02                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.02  |
| MEGlobal Canada ULC                              | 1.98           | -                   | 1.98          | 0.03              | 0.00                      | 0.03                   | 0.02                                 | 0.00               | -                  | 0.01  |
| Top 10 detractors                                |                |                     |               |                   |                           |                        |                                      |                    |                    |       |
| CETIN Group NV                                   | 1.03           | -                   | 1.03          | -0.06             | -                         | -0.06                  | 0.01                                 | -                  | -0.08              | -0.07 |
| NE Property BV                                   | 1.00           | -                   | 1.00          | -0.06             | -                         | -0.06                  | 0.02                                 | -                  | -0.08              | -0.06 |
| Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd          | -              | 0.48                | -0.48         | -0.07             | -0.03                     | -0.05                  | -0.06                                | 0.00               | -                  | -0.05 |
| Bimbo Bakeries USA Inc                           | 2.06           | -                   | 2.06          | -0.04             | -                         | -0.04                  | -0.05                                | -                  | -                  | -0.05 |
| CSN Inova Ventures                               | 1.89           | -                   | 1.89          | -0.03             | -                         | -0.03                  | -0.04                                | -                  | -                  | -0.04 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos                              | 3.54           | -                   | 3.54          | -0.02             | -                         | -0.02                  | -0.04                                | -                  | -                  | -0.04 |
| Kasikornbank PCL/Hong Kong                       | 2.01           | -                   | 2.01          | -0.02             | -                         | -0.02                  | -0.03                                | -                  | -                  | -0.03 |
| AngloGold Ashanti Holdings PLC                   | 1.82           | -                   | 1.82          | -0.02             | -                         | -0.02                  | -0.02                                | -                  | -                  | -0.02 |
| Kallpa Generacion SA                             | 1.92           | 1.07                | 0.85          | -0.01             | 0.00                      | -0.01                  | 0.00                                 | -0.01              | -                  | -0.01 |
| BOC Aviation Ltd                                 | 1.92           | 1.86                | 0.06          | 0.00              | 0.01                      | -0.01                  | 0.00                                 | -0.01              | -                  | -0.01 |
|  |                |                     | Fund USD      | 0.54              | 0.41                      | 0.13                   | 0.13                                 | 0.01               | -0.01              | 0.13  |

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# Country contribution and attribution

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|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1Y Country %         | Fund<br>weight | Benchmark<br>weight | Active weight | Fund<br>contribution | Benchmark<br>contribution | Excess contribution | Asset<br>allocation                  | Security selection | Currency<br>effect | Total |
| Top 10 contributors  |                |                     |               |                      |                           |                     |                                      |                    |                    |       |
| Mexico               | 7.59           | 1.27                | 6.31          | 0.68                 | 0.12                      | 0.56                | 0.04                                 | 0.20               | -                  | 0.23  |
| India                | 11.54          | 4.84                | 6.70          | 0.82                 | 0.19                      | 0.63                | -0.05                                | 0.16               | -                  | 0.11  |
| Colombia             | 0.97           | 0.24                | 0.73          | 0.20                 | 0.01                      | 0.19                | 0.09                                 | 0.01               | -                  | 0.10  |
| United Arab Emirates | 4.92           | 4.61                | 0.31          | 0.35                 | 0.25                      | 0.10                | 0.01                                 | 0.07               | -                  | 0.08  |
| Taiwan               | -              | 6.80                | -6.80         | -                    | 0.32                      | -0.32               | 0.04                                 | -                  | -                  | 0.04  |
| Singapore            | 1.92           | 4.90                | -2.98         | 0.11                 | 0.35                      | -0.24               | 0.03                                 | 0.01               | -                  | 0.04  |
| Brazil               | 10.78          | 0.95                | 9.83          | 0.52                 | 0.05                      | 0.47                | 0.00                                 | 0.03               | -                  | 0.04  |
| Kazakhstan           | 3.89           | -                   | 3.89          | 0.28                 | 0.06                      | 0.22                | 0.04                                 | -0.01              | -                  | 0.03  |
| Qatar                | 3.99           | 8.80                | -4.81         | 0.01                 | 0.59                      | -0.58               | 0.01                                 | 0.02               | -                  | 0.03  |
| Saudi Arabia         | -              | 2.00                | -2.00         | 0.21                 | 0.10                      | 0.11                | -0.02                                | 0.04               | -                  | 0.03  |
| Top 10 detractors    |                |                     |               |                      |                           |                     |                                      |                    |                    |       |
| Czech Republic       | 1.03           | -                   | 1.03          | 0.00                 | -                         | 0.00                | 0.01                                 | -                  | -0.07              | -0.06 |
| China                | 1.96           | 17.20               | -15.24        | 0.14                 | 1.07                      | -0.93               | -0.04                                | 0.00               | -                  | -0.05 |
| Thailand             | 4.03           | 1.32                | 2.70          | 0.10                 | 0.05                      | 0.05                | -0.02                                | -0.02              | -                  | -0.04 |
| Romania              | 1.00           | -                   | 1.00          | 0.03                 | -                         | 0.03                | 0.04                                 | -                  | -0.07              | -0.03 |
| Macau                | -              | 3.44                | -3.44         | -                    | 0.20                      | -0.20               | -0.02                                | -                  | -                  | -0.02 |
| Israel               | -              | 0.67                | -0.67         | -                    | 0.03                      | -0.03               | -0.01                                | -                  | -                  | -0.01 |
| Hong Kong            | 4.05           | 5.79                | -1.74         | 0.22                 | 0.32                      | -0.10               | 0.00                                 | -0.01              | -                  | -0.01 |
| Malaysia             | 1.93           | 5.01                | -3.08         | 0.10                 | 0.27                      | -0.17               | 0.00                                 | -0.01              | -                  | -0.01 |
| Nigeria              | -              | 0.70                | -0.70         | -                    | 0.09                      | -0.09               | -0.01                                | -                  | -                  | -0.01 |
| Philippines          | -              | 1.49                | -1.49         | -                    | 0.10                      | -0.10               | -0.01                                | -                  | -                  | -0.01 |
|                      |                |                     | Fund USD      | 6.45                 | 5.76                      | 0.69                | 0.21                                 | 0.49               | 0.00               | 0.69  |

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# 2. Performance analysis



#### Issuer contribution and attribution

|   | Fund and Benchmark weights |                     |               | Contribution analysis |                           |                        | Attribution analysis |                    |                    |       |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1Y Issuer %                                 | Fund<br>weight             | Benchmark<br>weight | Active weight | Fund<br>contribution  | Benchmark<br>contribution | Excess<br>contribution | Asset<br>allocation  | Security selection | Currency<br>effect | Total |
| Top 10 contributors                         |                            |                     |               |                       |                           |                        |                      |                    |                    |       |
| Petroleos Mexicanos                         | 3.54                       | -                   | 3.54          | 0.42                  | -                         | 0.42                   | 0.20                 | -                  | -                  | 0.20  |
| Greenko Solar Mauritius Ltd                 | 2.04                       | -                   | 2.04          | 0.25                  | -                         | 0.25                   | 0.09                 | -                  | -                  | 0.09  |
| Ecopetrol SA                                | 0.97                       | -                   | 0.97          | 0.12                  | -                         | 0.12                   | 0.06                 | -                  | -                  | 0.06  |
| BRF GmbH                                    | 1.94                       | -                   | 1.94          | 0.17                  | -                         | 0.17                   | 0.05                 | -                  | -                  | 0.05  |
| Alpha Star Holding VIII Ltd                 | 2.07                       | -                   | 2.07          | 0.11                  | -                         | 0.11                   | 0.04                 | -                  | -                  | 0.04  |
| Bancolombia SA                              | -                          | -                   | -             | 0.08                  | -                         | 0.08                   | 0.04                 | -                  | -                  | 0.04  |
| Tengizchevroil Finance Co International Ltd | 1.94                       | -                   | 1.94          | 0.16                  | -                         | 0.16                   | 0.04                 | -                  | -                  | 0.04  |
| Celulosa Arauco y Constitucion SA           | -                          | 0.28                | -0.28         | 0.14                  | 0.00                      | 0.14                   | 0.04                 | 0.00               | -                  | 0.04  |
| Trust Fibra Uno                             | -                          | 0.29                | -0.29         | 0.15                  | 0.03                      | 0.12                   | 0.03                 | 0.00               | -                  | 0.03  |
| Arabian Centres Sukuk Ltd                   | -                          | -                   | -             | 0.04                  | -                         | 0.04                   | 0.03                 | -                  | -                  | 0.03  |
| Top 10 detractors                           |                            |                     |               |                       |                           |                        |                      |                    |                    |       |
| CETIN Group NV                              | 1.03                       | -                   | 1.03          | 0.00                  | -                         | 0.00                   | 0.01                 | -                  | -0.07              | -0.06 |
| Kasikornbank PCL/Hong Kong                  | 2.01                       | -                   | 2.01          | 0.09                  | -                         | 0.09                   | -0.03                | -                  | -                  | -0.03 |
| NE Property BV                              | 1.00                       | -                   | 1.00          | 0.03                  | -                         | 0.03                   | 0.03                 | -                  | -0.07              | -0.03 |
| AngloGold Ashanti Holdings PLC              | 1.82                       | -                   | 1.82          | -0.02                 | -                         | -0.02                  | -0.02                | -                  | -                  | -0.02 |
| Bimbo Bakeries USA Inc                      | 2.06                       | -                   | 2.06          | 0.04                  | -                         | 0.04                   | -0.02                | -                  | -                  | -0.02 |
| Inversiones CMPC SA                         | -                          | 0.31                | -0.31         | 0.09                  | 0.02                      | 0.07                   | 0.03                 | -0.05              | -                  | -0.02 |
| SNB Funding Ltd                             | -                          | 0.18                | -0.18         | 0.16                  | 0.02                      | 0.15                   | 0.02                 | -0.04              | -                  | -0.02 |
| Sands China Ltd                             | -                          | 2.76                | -2.76         | -                     | 0.17                      | -0.17                  | -0.02                | -                  | -                  | -0.02 |
| CFAMC II Co Ltd                             | -                          | 0.46                | -0.46         | -                     | 0.04                      | -0.04                  | -0.01                | -                  | -                  | -0.01 |
| MISC Capital Two Labuan Ltd                 | 1.93                       | 0.64                | 1.29          | 0.10                  | 0.05                      | 0.05                   | 0.00                 | -0.01              | -                  | -0.01 |
|   |                            |                     |               |                       |                           | Fund USD               | 0.76                 | -0.07              | -0.01              | 0.69  |

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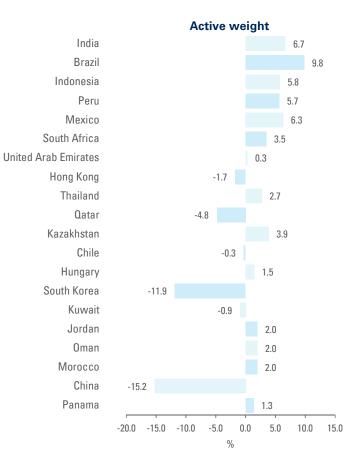
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## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark

# Largest country positions

| Top 20 Countries %        | Fund | Benchmark | Active weight |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| India                     | 11.5 | 4.8       | 6.7           |
| Brazil                    | 10.8 | 1.0       | 9.8           |
| Indonesia                 | 9.7  | 4.0       | 5.8           |
| Peru                      | 7.9  | 2.2       | 5.7           |
| Mexico                    | 7.6  | 1.3       | 6.3           |
| South Africa              | 5.8  | 2.3       | 3.5           |
| United Arab Emirates      | 4.9  | 4.6       | 0.3           |
| Hong Kong                 | 4.1  | 5.8       | -1.7          |
| Thailand                  | 4.0  | 1.3       | 2.7           |
| Qatar                     | 4.0  | 8.8       | -4.8          |
| Kazakhstan                | 3.9  | -         | 3.9           |
| Chile                     | 2.7  | 3.0       | -0.3          |
| Hungary                   | 2.0  | 0.6       | 1.5           |
| South Korea               | 2.0  | 13.9      | -11.9         |
| Kuwait                    | 2.0  | 2.9       | -0.9          |
| Jordan                    | 2.0  | -         | 2.0           |
| Oman                      | 2.0  | -         | 2.0           |
| Morocco                   | 2.0  | -         | 2.0           |
| China                     | 2.0  | 17.2      | -15.2         |
| Panama                    | 1.9  | 0.6       | 1.3           |
| Total number of countries | 25   | 26        |               |





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## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark



# **Corporate Debt - country deviations from benchmark and active duration**

|                   |                | Active weight       |                  |              |       |          |        |      |      |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|-------|----------|--------|------|------|
| Country %         | Fund<br>Weight | Benchmark<br>Weight | Active<br>Weight |              | А     | ctive du | ration |      |      |
| Top 10 Overweight |                |                     |                  |              |       |          |        |      |      |
| Brazil            | 10.8           | 1.0                 | 9.8              | Brazil       |       |          |        |      | 0.14 |
| lia               | 11.5           | 4.8                 | 6.7              | India        |       |          |        |      | 0.07 |
| u                 | 7.9            | 2.2                 | 5.7              | Peru         |       |          |        |      | 0.06 |
| akhstan           | 3.9            | -                   | 3.9              | Kazakhstan   |       |          |        |      | 0.07 |
| th Africa         | 5.8            | 2.3                 | 3.5              | South Africa |       |          |        |      | 0.09 |
| kico              | 4.0            | 1.3                 | 2.8              | Mexico       |       |          |        |      | 0.06 |
| land              | 4.0            | 1.3                 | 2.7              | Thailand     |       |          |        |      | 0.09 |
| an                | 2.0            | -                   | 2.0              | Jordan       |       |          |        | 0.01 |      |
| 1                 | 2.0            | -                   | 2.0              | Oman         |       |          |        | 0.02 | 2    |
| cco               | 2.0            | -                   | 2.0              | Morocco      |       |          |        | 0.02 |      |
| ) Underweight     |                |                     |                  |              |       |          |        |      |      |
|                   | 2.0            | 17.2                | -15.2            | China        | -0.23 |          |        |      |      |
| Korea             | 2.0            | 13.9                | -11.9            | South Korea  | -0.20 |          |        |      |      |
| n                 | -              | 6.8                 | -6.8             | Taiwan       |       | -0.11    |        |      |      |
|                   | 4.0            | 8.8                 | -4.8             | Qatar        |       | -0.09    |        |      |      |
| u                 | -              | 3.4                 | -3.4             | Macau        |       |          | -0.04  |      |      |
| ysia              | 1.9            | 5.0                 | -3.1             | Malaysia     |       |          | -0.05  |      |      |
| pore              | 1.9            | 4.9                 | -3.0             | Singapore    |       |          | -0.03  |      |      |
| Arabia            | -              | 2.0                 | -2.0             | Saudi Arabia |       |          | -0.03  |      |      |
| Kong              | 4.1            | 5.8                 | -1.7             | Hong Kong    |       |          |        | 0.01 |      |
| ppines            | -              | 1.5                 | -1.5             | Philippines  |       |          | -0.01  |      |      |

The active duration is the difference between the weighted fund modified duration and the weighted benchmark modified duration for each country (expressed in years).

# 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark



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# Historical country deviations from benchmark (list based on latest quarter on quarter changes)

| Top 20 Changes in Active weight %  | Dec-23 | Mar-24 | Jun-24 | Sep-24 | Dec-24 |                      |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Top 10 changes in active weight    |        |        |        |        |        |                      |
| Qatar                              | -11.4  | -11.5  | -10.9  | -10.1  | -4.8   | Qatar                |
| Thailand                           | 2.1    | 2.1    | 0.8    | 0.8    | 2.7    | Thailand             |
| South Africa                       | 6.1    | 5.4    | 2.7    | 1.8    | 3.5    | South Africa         |
| Kuwait                             | -1.6   | -1.5   | -1.5   | -1.8   | -0.9   | Kuwait               |
| South Korea                        | -11.1  | -11.8  | -12.1  | -12.6  | -11.9  | South Korea          |
| Nigeria                            | -1.4   | -1.4   | -1.4   | -1.4   | -0.7   | Nigeria              |
| Jordan                             | 1.5    | 1.5    | 1.5    | 1.4    | 2.0    | Jordan               |
| Singapore                          | -5.5   | -5.5   | -5.1   | -3.5   | -3.0   | Singapore            |
| Peru                               | 5.4    | 5.4    | 5.9    | 5.3    | 5.7    | Peru                 |
| China                              | -14.0  | -14.5  | -15.6  | -15.4  | -15.2  | China                |
| Bottom 10 changes in active weight |        |        |        |        |        |                      |
| Saudi Arabia                       | 3.8    | 1.3    | 1.4    | 1.6    | -2.0   | Saudi Arabia         |
| India                              | 4.6    | 8.2    | 10.6   | 9.5    | 6.7    | India                |
| Chile                              | 1.9    | 2.7    | 3.6    | 1.3    | -0.3   | Chile                |
| Indonesia                          | 4.2    | 6.2    | 7.3    | 6.9    | 5.8    | Indonesia            |
| United Arab Emirates               | 3.5    | 0.1    | 0.5    | 1.1    | 0.3    | United Arab Emirates |
| Malaysia                           | -2.2   | -2.0   | -2.7   | -2.8   | -3.1   | Malaysia             |
| Macau                              | -2.6   | -3.1   | -3.2   | -3.1   | -3.4   | Macau                |
| Israel                             | -1.0   | -1.0   | 0.0    | -0.4   | -0.7   | Israel               |
| Mexico                             | 4.8    | 5.6    | 6.0    | 6.5    | 6.3    | Mexico               |
| Taiwan                             | -5.6   | -5.4   | -6.4   | -6.6   | -6.8   | Taiwan               |

#### Movement over last quarter

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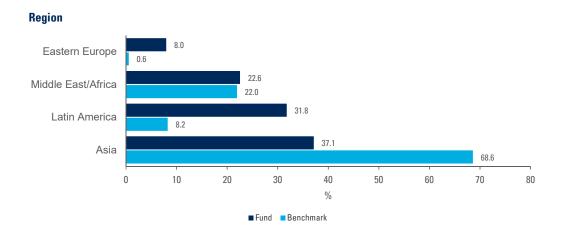


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#### 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark





#### Rating

| Credit rating %                                     | Fund | Benchmark | Active weight |
|---|------|-----------|---------------|
| AAA   | 0.0  | 1.1       | -1.1          |
| AA  | 2.9  | 13.7      | -10.8         |
| A   | 11.5 | 41.4      | -29.9         |
| BBB   | 53.6 | 43.7      | 9.9           |
| BB  | 28.4 | 0.0       | 28.4          |
| В   | 3.6  | 0.0       | 3.6           |
| <b< td=""><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td></b<> | 0.0  | 0.0       | 0.0           |
| Not rated   | 0.0  | 0.0       | 0.0           |

| lssuer type     |            |     |          |           |    |              |     |
|-----------------|------------|-----|----------|-----------|----|--------------|-----|
| Sovereign       | 0.0<br>1.3 |     |          |           |    |              |     |
| Quasi-sovereign | 0.1        | 7.5 |          |           |    |              |     |
| Corporate Debt  |            |     |          |           |    | 92.0<br>98.6 |     |
|                 |            | 1   | 1        | 1         | 1  | 00.0         |     |
|                 | 0          | 20  | 40       | 60        | 80 | 100          | 120 |
|                 |            |     |          | %         |    |              |     |
|                 |            |     |          |           |    |              |     |
|                 |            |     | 🗖 Fund 📃 | Benchmark |    |              |     |

| Credit rating %  | Fund | Benchmark | Active weight |
|------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| Investment grade | 68.0 | 100.0     | -32.0         |
| High yield       | 32.0 | 0.0       | 32.0          |

About Credit Quality: Credit quality ratings are sourced from Standard & Poor's (the "S&P"), Moody's and Fitch's and based on issuers with ratings. Ratings values are based on the middle of three rating agencies S&P, Moody's and Fitch. If only two of the ratings are available then the lower rating of the two will be used. If none of the rating agencies have assigned a rating the Fund will assign a rating of NR (non-rated security). The ratings represent the agencies (S&P, Moody's, Fitch's) opinions as to the quality of the securities they rate. The ratings range from AAA (S&P, Fitch's) or Aaa (Moody's) (extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitment) to D (S&P, Fitch's) or C (Moody's) (in default). Ratings are relative and subjective and are not absolute standards of quality. The ratings provided relate to the underlying securities within the fund and not the fund itself.

## 3. Fund positioning versus benchmark



## Instrument and sector exposure by NAV

| Top 10 holdings exposure %                         | Fund  | Benchmark | Active weight |
|--|-------|-----------|---------------|
| Indonesia Asahan Aluminium 4.75% 15/05/2025 (Regs) | 3.9   | -         | 3.9           |
| Petroleos Mexicanos 5.35% 12/02/2028               | 3.5   | -         | 3.5           |
| Standard Chartered Plc 7.767% 16/11/2028 (Regs)    | 2.1   | -         | 2.1           |
| Alpha Star Holding Viii 8.375% 12/04/2027 (Regs)   | 2.1   | -         | 2.1           |
| Bimbo Bakeries Usa Inc 6.05% 15/01/2029 (Regs)     | 2.1   | -         | 2.1           |
| Greenko Solar Mauritius 5.95% 29/07/2026 (Regs)    | 2.0   | -         | 2.0           |
| Otp Bank Nyrt 7.5% 25/05/2027 (Regs)               | 2.0   | 0.6       | 1.5           |
| Suzano Austria Gmbh 5.75% 14/07/2026 (Regs)        | 2.0   | 0.1       | 1.9           |
| Hdfc Bank Ltd/Gift City 5.686% 02/03/2026 (Regs)   | 2.0   | 0.3       | 1.7           |
| Kasikornbank Pcl Hk 5.458% 07/03/2028 (Regs)       | 2.0   | -         | 2.0           |
| Total number of issuers                            | 53    | 267       |               |
| Total number of holdings                           | 53    | 415       |               |
| Off benchmark holdings                             | 66.5% | -         |               |

| Top sectors %          | Fund | Benchmark | Active weight |
|------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| Financial              | 37.8 | 47.4      | -9.6          |
| Basic materials        | 16.6 | 6.1       | 10.5          |
| Energy                 | 14.0 | 5.9       | 8.1           |
| Communications         | 8.9  | 6.5       | 2.4           |
| Consumer, non-cyclical | 7.0  | 1.7       | 5.3           |
| Other sectors          | 15.7 | 32.5      | -16.8         |
| Total                  | 11   | 11        |               |

Total number of holdings: The total number of instruments held by the fund.

Off benchmark holdings: The total percentage of net asset value in the fund from instruments that are not included in the benchmark.

Total number of issuers: Total number of issuers for the instruments held by the fund.

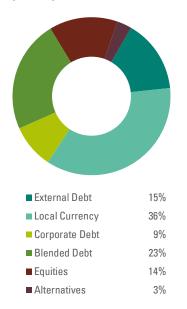
#### 4. Ashmore Group overview



Ashmore is a dedicated Emerging Markets (EM) investment manager. We focus on a number of investment themes including external debt, local currencies and local currency debt, corporate debt, blended debt, equities, alternatives (incorporating distressed debt, private equity, infrastructure and real estate), multi-asset and overlay/liquidity. We manage pooled funds, segregated accounts and white label products for a range of global institutional clients including central banks and sovereign wealth funds, government and corporate pension plans, banks, insurance companies and non-profit organisations as well as distributors and high net worth individuals.

- Ashmore Group plc, parent company, listed on the London Stock Exchange
- 282 staff employed globally
- Team based investment process, unchanged since 1992
- 102 member global investment team
- 29 dedicated in-house legal and compliance professionals
- 34-strong business development and client servicing team
- USD 48.8 billion\* in assets under management as at 31 December 2024.
- \*Estimated figure only

#### AUM theme split - by primary fund theme



There can be no guarantee that any strategy (risk management or otherwise) will be successful. All investing involves risk, including potential loss of principal.

# 5. Definitions



#### Definitions

Fund Weight: The percentage of fund net assets represented by the position.
Benchmark: A financial index against which the performance of a fund or investment strategy can be measured.
Benchmark Weight: The percentage of the benchmark represented by the position.
Active Weight: The difference between the fund weight and the benchmark weight in the position.
Hard Currencies: Emerging market instruments that are denominated in USD and other G7 currencies.
Local Currency: Emerging market Instruments that are denominated in the currency of an emerging market country.
Foreign exchange (FX): A forex or currency contract is an agreement between two parties to deliver a set amount of currency at a set date, called the expiry, in the future.

#### Performance contribution

**Fund Contribution:** The amount of the aggregated fund total return that has come from the position or breakdown (for example country). **Benchmark contribution:** The amount of the aggregated benchmark total return that has come from the position or breakdown (for example country). **Excess Contribution:** The difference between the fund contribution and benchmark contribution.

Attribution analysis: Compares the performance of the fund to the benchmark, with respect to the differences in weights or holdings. This analysis quantifies both the positive and the negative impacts to selecting or heavily weighting different stocks or sectors.

Asset Allocation: Quantifies the performance impact from the difference in the fund weight compared to the benchmark weight, and how much of the excess return was derived from weight differences.

Security Selection: Quantifies the performance impact from the selection of different securities in the fund compared to the benchmark, and how much of the excess return was derived from the selection of securities.

Currency Effect: Quantifies the performance impact of the differences between the returns of the fund and benchmark from having different foreign currency positions.

#### 6. Investment considerations



#### **Investment Considerations**

The Fund holdings will change and the information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that securities sold have not been repurchased. There can be no guarantee that any strategy will be successful. All investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal. Certain risks related to an investment in the Funds are summarized below:

**Foreign Investment and Emerging Markets Risk:** Foreign investments can be riskier than U.S. investments. Potential risks include adverse political and legal developments affecting issuers located and/or doing business in foreign countries, currency risk that may result from unfavourable exchange rates, liquidity risk if decreased demand for a security makes it difficult to sell at the desired price, and risks that stem from substantially lower trading volume on foreign markets. These risks are generally greater for investments in emerging markets, which are also subject to greater price volatility, and custodial and regulatory risks.

**Foreign Markets:** Investments in foreign markets entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in emerging-market countries are greater than the risks generally associated with foreign investments. Frontier market countries generally have smaller economies and even less developed capital markets or legal and political systems than traditional emerging market countries. As a result, the risks of investing in emerging market countries are magnified in frontier market countries.

**Bond Funds** will tend to experience smaller fluctuations in value than stock funds. However, investors in any bond fund should anticipate fluctuations in price, especially for longer-term issues and in environments of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk is the risk that the values of the debt securities and other instruments in a fund's portfolio will decline because of increases in interest rates, which can adversely affect the fund's performance.

Derivatives Risk: Investments in derivatives can be volatile. Potential risks include currency risk, leverage risk (the risk that small market movements may result in large changes in the value of an investment), liquidity risk, index risk, pricing risk, and counterparty risk (the risk that the counterparty may be unwilling or unable to honor its obligations).

Ashmore Investment Management (US) Corp., a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Funds' shares.

This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. An investor should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses before investing or sending money. This and other important information about the Ashmore Funds can be found in the fund's prospectus. To obtain more information, please call 1-866-876-8294 or visit www.ashmoregroup.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.