

# Ashmore Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund

Share class: Class I

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# 1. Fund overview and performance analysis

## Fund facts

**Benchmark**  
JP Morgan GBI-EM GD

**Operating expenses**  
Class I  
Symbol  
ELBIX  
Total  
2.63  
Net  
0.77  
*Ashmore has contractually agreed to waive or reimburse certain fees and expenses until February 28, 2024. The expense limitation arrangement may only be terminated prior to that date by the Board of Trustees.*

**Performance inception**  
Dec 08, 2010

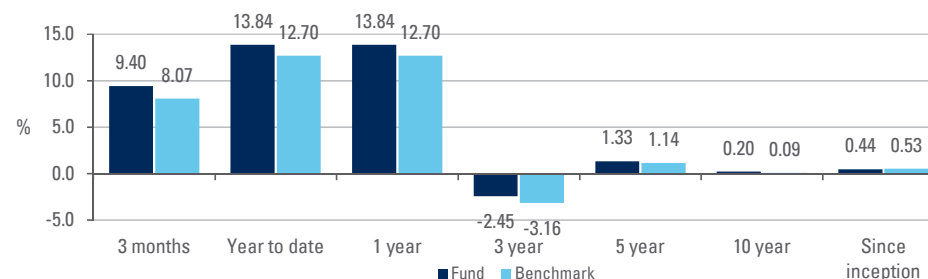
**Fund size**  
USD 11.3 million

**Dividend frequency**  
Monthly

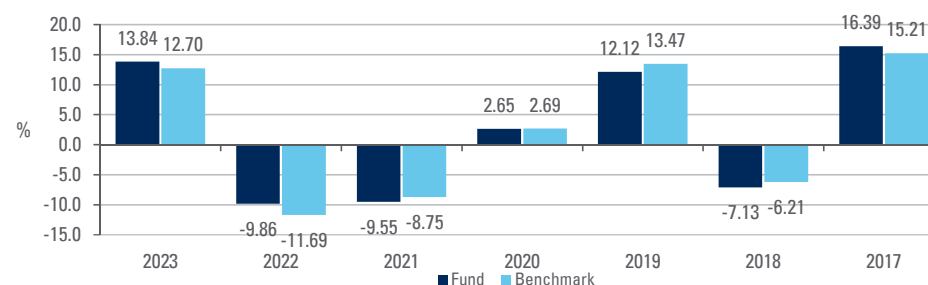
### Fund objective and strategy

This fund seeks to maximize total return. Investing primarily in local currency denominated fixed-income securities across more than 60 Emerging Market countries, focusing on those that are government issued or guaranteed. Because of this focus, the Fund can help investors diversify away from the U.S. dollar into Emerging Market currencies. The Fund normally targets an intermediate-term portfolio, maintaining an average portfolio duration of 2–7 years.

Period performance - Class I as of 12/31/2023



Calendar year performance - Class I as of 12/31/2023



*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 of the Fund. The information above does not reflect any sales loads applicable to Class A or Class C shares. The performance shown above would be lower if it reflected sales charges applicable to Class A and Class C shares.*

## 1. Fund overview and performance analysis

Performance statistics	Fund	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	11.05%	10.85%
Information Ratio	0.30	-
Beta	0.99	-
Alpha	0.06	-
R-Squared	0.95	-

Fund statistics	Fund	Benchmark
Yield to maturity	6.23%	6.56%
Average coupon	5.64%	5.26%
Modified duration	5.66	5.04
Average life	7.95	7.16
30 SEC Day Yield: Unsubsidized	4.54%	-
30 SEC Day Yield: Subsidized	6.29%	-

**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 portfolio expressed in years.

**Duration:** The average modified duration value provided is a measure 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.

**Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure used to examine performance. It is calculated using the portfolio's standard deviation and excess return.

**Information Ratio:** A ratio of portfolio 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 portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

**Alpha:** The 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.

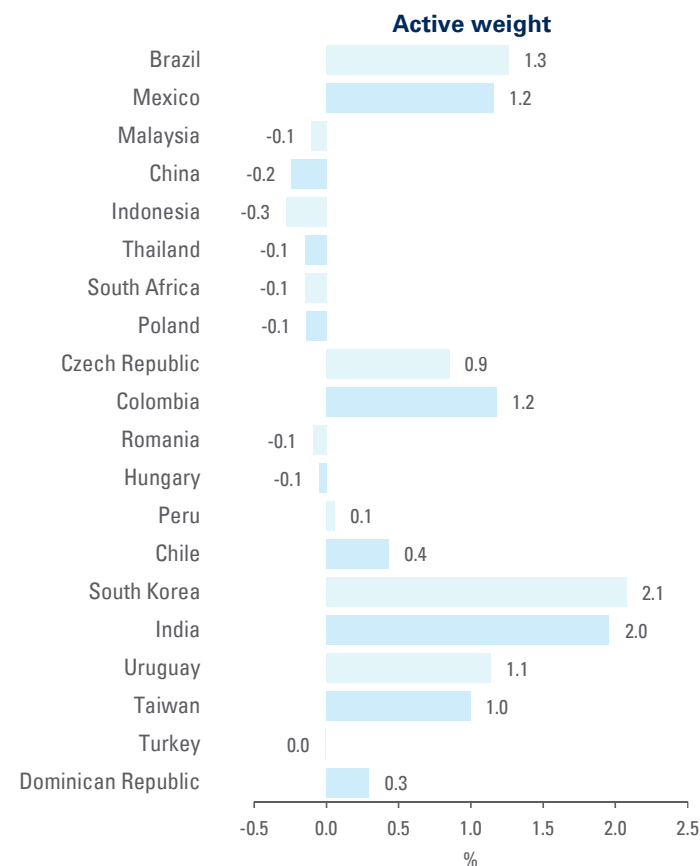
**Current Yield:** Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

**Hard Currencies:** include the U.S. dollar and the currencies of other nations in the G-7.

## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Largest country positions

Top 20 Countries %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
Brazil	11.3	10.0	1.3
Mexico	11.2	10.0	1.2
Malaysia	9.9	10.0	-0.1
China	9.8	10.0	-0.2
Indonesia	9.7	10.0	-0.3
Thailand	9.5	9.7	-0.1
South Africa	8.3	8.4	-0.1
Poland	7.5	7.6	-0.1
Czech Republic	7.1	6.3	0.9
Colombia	5.7	4.5	1.2
Romania	3.8	3.9	-0.1
Hungary	3.1	3.1	-0.1
Peru	2.4	2.3	0.1
Chile	2.3	1.9	0.4
South Korea	2.1	0.0	2.1
India	2.0	0.0	2.0
Uruguay	1.3	0.2	1.1
Taiwan	1.0	0.0	1.0
Turkey	0.9	0.9	0.0
Dominican Republic	0.5	0.2	0.3
Total number of countries	23	20	
Total number of countries (look-through)	23	20	



## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Largest country deviation from benchmark

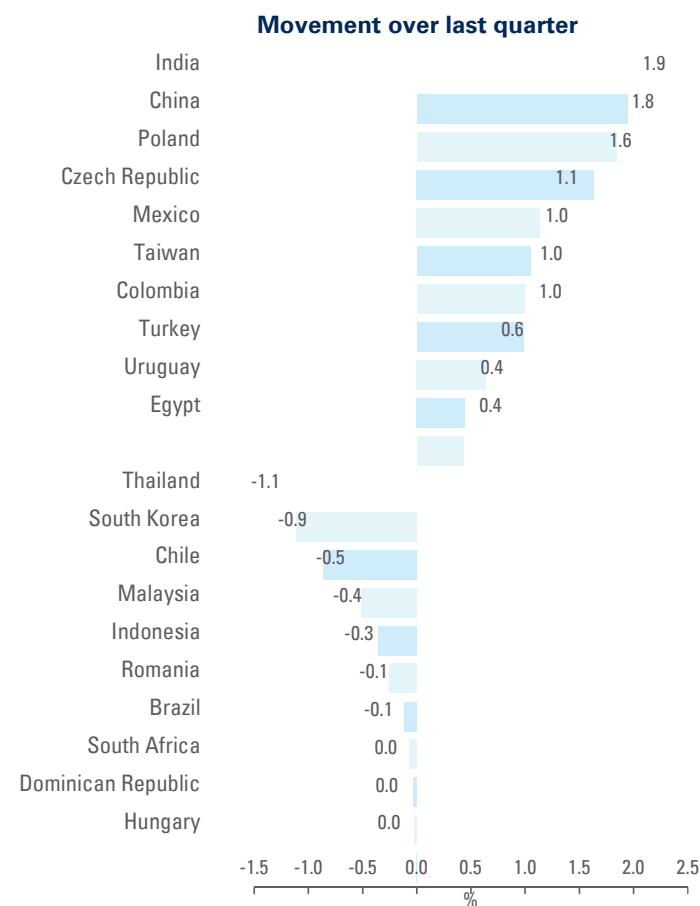
Country %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
<b>Top 10 overweight</b>			
South Korea	2.1	0.0	2.1
India	2.0	0.0	2.0
Brazil	11.3	10.0	1.3
Colombia	5.7	4.5	1.2
Mexico	11.2	10.0	1.2
Uruguay	1.3	0.2	1.1
Taiwan	1.0	0.0	1.0
Czech Republic	7.1	6.3	0.9
Chile	2.3	1.9	0.4
Dominican Republic	0.5	0.2	0.3

Country %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
<b>Top 10 underweight</b>			
Egypt	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Serbia	-	0.3	-0.3
Indonesia	9.7	10.0	-0.3
China	9.8	10.0	-0.2
South Africa	8.3	8.4	-0.1
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Malaysia	9.9	10.0	-0.1
Romania	3.8	3.9	-0.1
Hungary	3.1	3.1	-0.1

## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

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

Top 20 Changes in Active weight %	Active Weight				
	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23
<b>Top 10 changes in active weight</b>					
India	2.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.0
China	-3.6	-0.3	-0.6	-2.1	-0.2
Poland	-0.7	0.6	0.5	-1.8	-0.1
Czech Republic	0.0	1.5	1.4	-0.3	0.9
Mexico	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.2
Taiwan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Colombia	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.2	1.2
Turkey	-2.0	-1.8	-0.9	-0.6	0.0
Uruguay	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.7	1.1
Egypt	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-1.0	-0.6
<b>Bottom 10 changes in active weight</b>					
Thailand	5.1	1.9	1.7	1.0	-0.1
South Korea	0.0	2.0	3.9	2.9	2.1
Chile	-0.9	-1.0	0.1	0.9	0.4
Malaysia	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	-0.1
Indonesia	-0.1	0.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
Romania	0.0	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Brazil	3.5	1.3	2.7	1.3	1.3
South Africa	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Dominican Republic	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hungary	0.0	0.4	1.0	-0.1	-0.1



#### QoQ = Quarter over Quarter

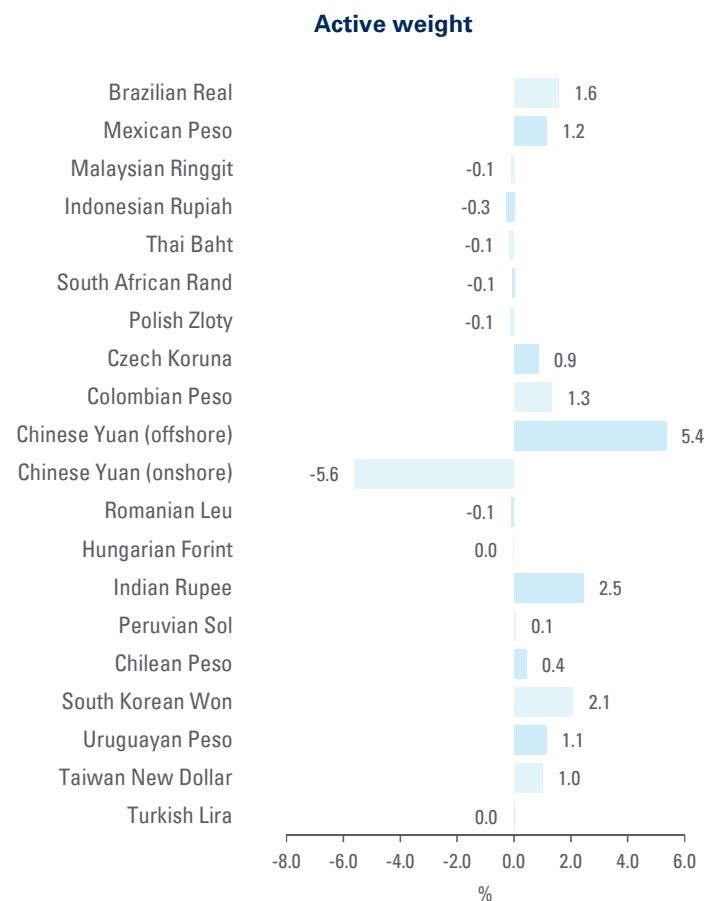
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Please refer to the Definitions page for additional information.

## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Largest local currency positions

Top 20 EM currency exposure %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
Brazilian Real	11.6	10.0	1.6
Mexican Peso	11.2	10.0	1.2
Malaysian Ringgit	9.9	10.0	-0.1
Indonesian Rupiah	9.7	10.0	-0.3
Thai Baht	9.5	9.7	-0.1
South African Rand	8.4	8.4	-0.1
Polish Zloty	7.5	7.6	-0.1
Czech Koruna	7.1	6.3	0.9
Colombian Peso	5.9	4.5	1.3
Chinese Yuan (offshore)	5.4	0.0	5.4
Chinese Yuan (onshore)	4.4	10.0	-5.6
Romanian Leu	3.8	3.9	-0.1
Hungarian Forint	3.1	3.1	0.0
Indian Rupee	2.5	0.0	2.5
Peruvian Sol	2.4	2.3	0.1
Chilean Peso	2.3	1.9	0.4
South Korean Won	2.1	0.0	2.1
Uruguayan Peso	1.3	0.2	1.1
Taiwan New Dollar	1.0	0.0	1.0
Turkish Lira	0.9	0.9	0.0
Total number of currencies	26	20	
Total number of currencies (look-through)	26	20	



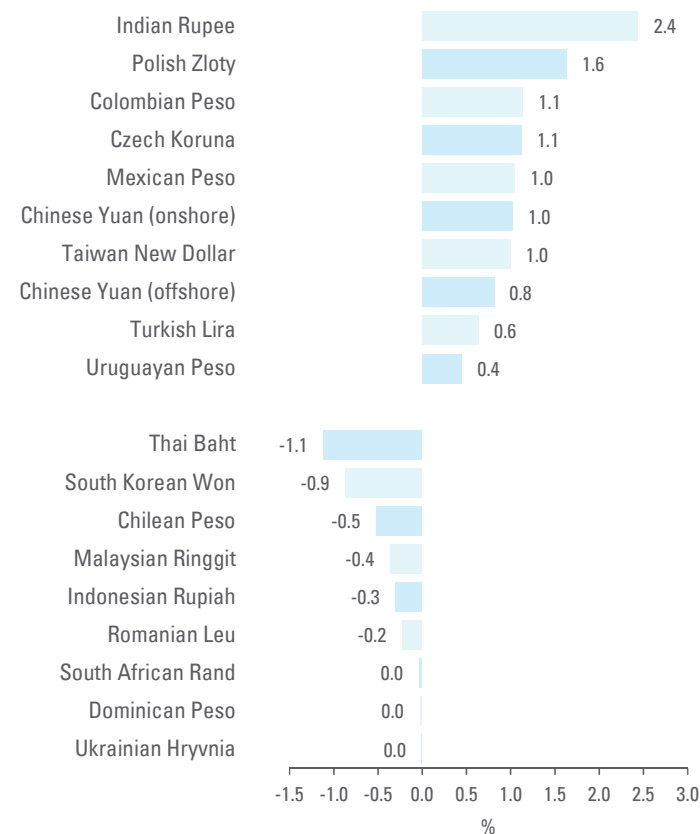


## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Historical local currency deviations from benchmark (list based on latest qoq changes)

Top Changes in Active weight %	Active weight				
	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23
<b>Top 10 changes in active weight</b>					
Indian Rupee	2.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5
Polish Zloty	-0.7	0.6	0.6	-1.8	-0.1
Colombian Peso	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.2	1.3
Czech Koruna	0.0	1.6	1.5	-0.3	0.9
Mexican Peso	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.2
Chinese Yuan (onshore)	-5.5	-5.7	-7.2	-6.6	-5.6
Taiwan New Dollar	-	-	-	-	1.0
Chinese Yuan (offshore)	2.0	5.4	6.6	4.6	5.4
Turkish Lira	-2.0	-1.8	-0.9	-0.6	0.0
Uruguayan Peso	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.7	1.1
<b>Bottom changes in active weight</b>					
Thai Baht	5.1	1.9	1.7	1.0	-0.1
South Korean Won	-	2.0	3.9	2.9	2.1
Chilean Peso	-0.9	-1.0	0.1	0.9	0.4
Malaysian Ringgit	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	-0.1
Indonesian Rupiah	0.1	0.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
Romanian Leu	0.0	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
South African Rand	-0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Dominican Peso	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Ukrainian Hryvnia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Movement since last quarter



#### QoQ = Quarter over Quarter

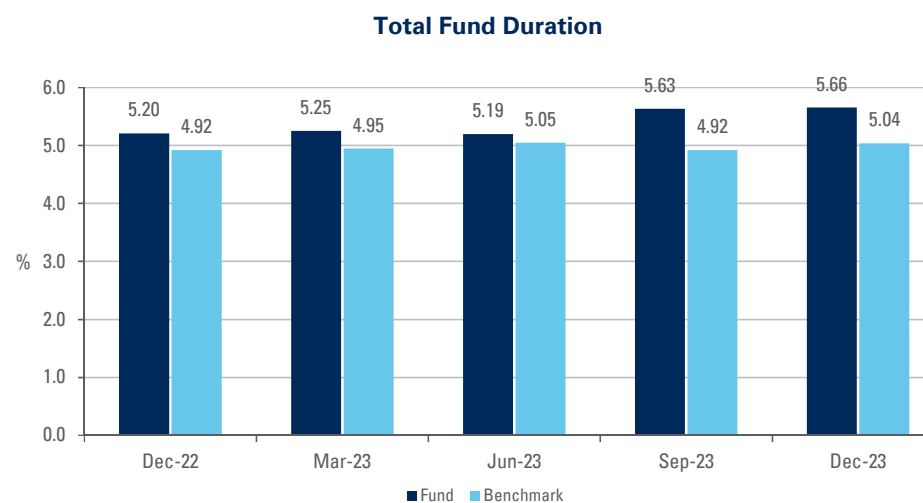
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## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Largest local currency duration positions

Country	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
<b>Top 10 overweight</b>			
Mexico	0.67	0.47	0.20
South Korea	0.19	-	0.19
Brazil	0.43	0.27	0.17
Indonesia	0.70	0.57	0.13
Peru	0.26	0.14	0.12
Poland	0.38	0.27	0.10
Colombia	0.33	0.23	0.10
Romania	0.26	0.17	0.10
Czech Republic	0.38	0.33	0.05
Uruguay	0.06	0.01	0.05
<b>Top 10 underweight</b>			
Thailand	0.46	0.61	-0.15
China	0.42	0.54	-0.12
Chile	-0.01	0.11	-0.12
South Africa	0.43	0.48	-0.06
Malaysia	0.58	0.64	-0.06
Hungary	0.09	0.14	-0.05
Serbia	-	0.01	-0.01
Turkey	0.01	0.02	-0.01
Egypt	0.00	0.01	-0.01
Philippines	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Local Currency	5.65	5.04	0.62
Total Hard Currency	0.00	-	0.00

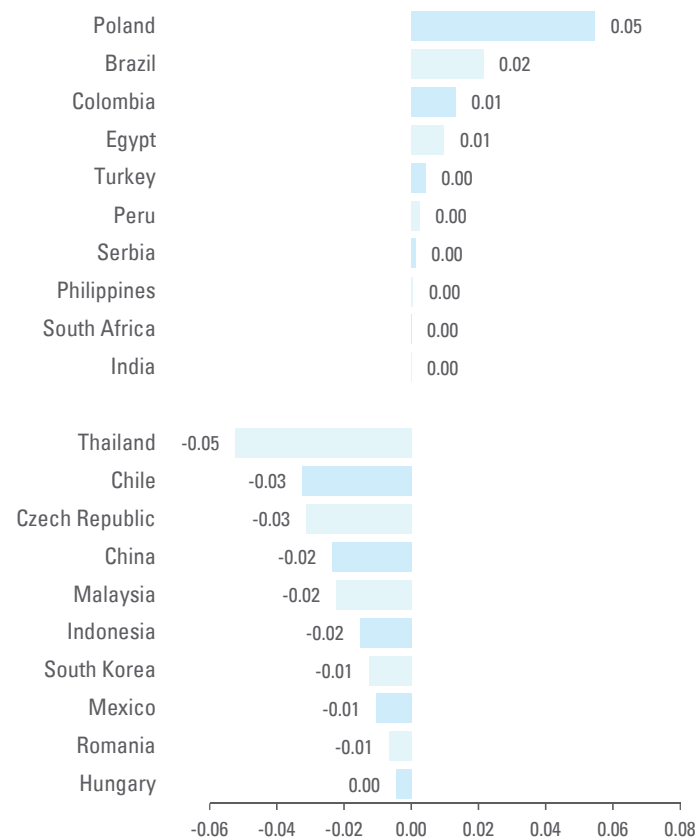


## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Historical local currency duration deviations from benchmark (list based on latest qoq changes)

Top 20 Changes in Active weight	Active weight			
	Dec-22	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23
<b>Top 10 changes in active weight</b>				
Poland	-0.06	-0.05	0.05	0.10
Brazil	0.33	0.35	0.14	0.17
Colombia	0.05	0.00	0.08	0.10
Egypt	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Turkey	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Peru	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.12
Serbia	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Philippines	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
South Africa	0.04	0.02	-0.06	-0.06
India	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Bottom 10 changes in active weight</b>				
Thailand	-0.10	-0.17	-0.10	-0.15
Chile	0.00	0.01	-0.08	-0.12
Czech Republic	-0.08	0.01	0.08	0.05
China	0.00	-0.17	-0.10	-0.12
Malaysia	-0.06	-0.04	-0.03	-0.06
Indonesia	-0.07	-0.02	0.15	0.13
South Korea	0.00	0.12	0.20	0.19
Mexico	0.16	-0.08	0.21	0.20
Romania	0.00	0.09	0.10	0.10
Hungary	-0.03	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05

Movement over last quarter



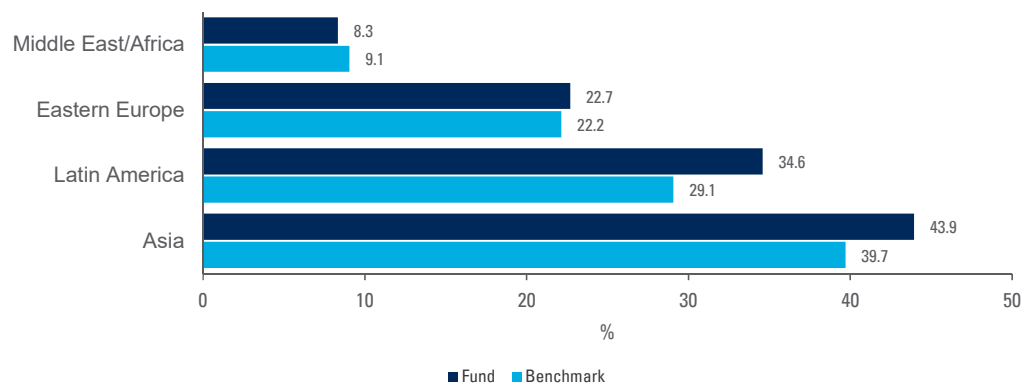
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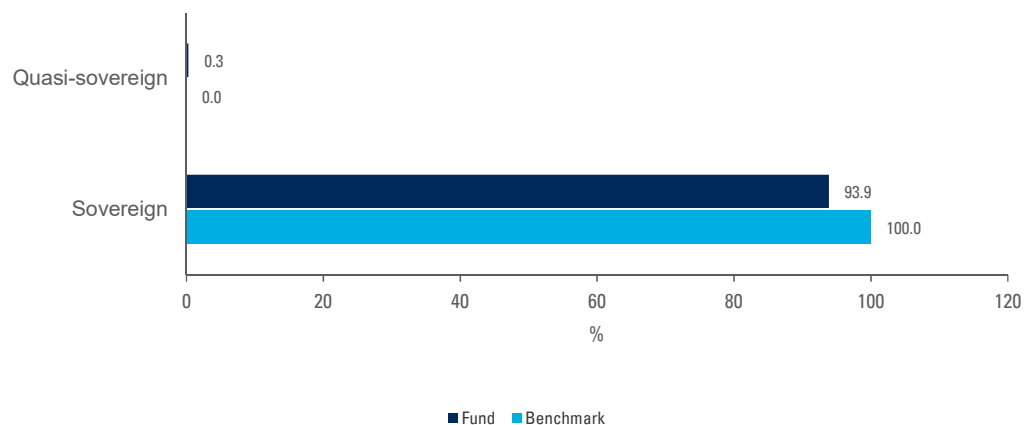
### Region



### Rating

Credit rating %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
AAA	0.5	0.0	0.5
AA	11.5	6.3	5.2
A	14.6	24.8	-10.2
BBB	46.3	48.4	-2.2
BB	26.1	18.9	7.1
B	0.6	1.5	-0.9
<B	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not rated	0.5	0.0	0.5

### Issuer type



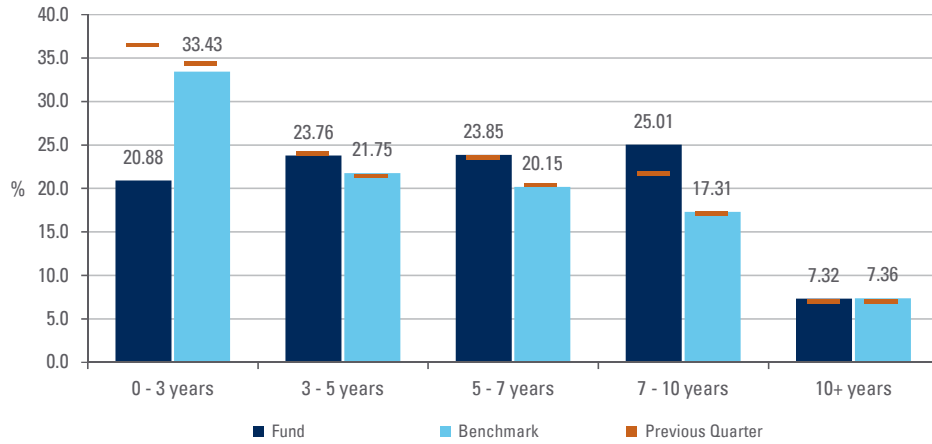
Credit rating %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
Investment grade	72.8	79.5	-6.7
High yield	26.7	20.5	6.2

**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.

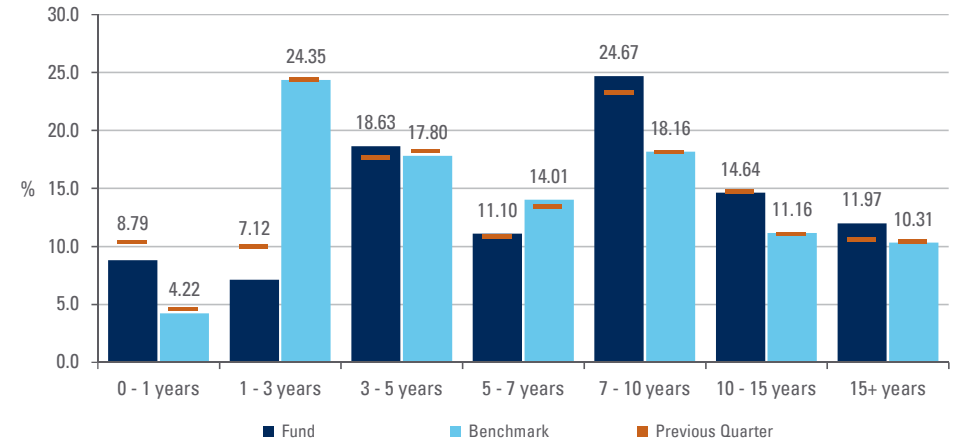
## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Duration positioning

Duration distribution



Maturity distribution



## 2. Fund positioning vs. benchmark

### Instrument exposure by NAV

Top 10 holdings exposure %	Fund	Benchmark	Active weight
Brazil Ntnf 10% 01/01/2027 - Lc	5.0	1.4	3.6
Brazil Bltn 0% 01/07/2027	4.2	0.7	3.6
Brazil Bltn 0% 01/07/2026	2.9	1.6	1.3
Korea Treasury Bond 3% 10/09/2024	2.8	-	2.8
Mexican Bonos 7.75% 29/05/2031	2.8	1.0	1.8
Us Treasury Bill 0% 16/01/2024	2.2	-	2.2
Republic Of Peru 6.15% 12/08/2032 (Lc-E/C)	1.9	0.3	1.6
Indonesia Govt 8.125 15/05/2024 Fr77	1.8	-	1.8
Rep Of South Africa 8.75% 31/01/2044 R2044	1.8	0.7	1.1
Brazil Bltn 0% 01/01/2026	1.7	1.4	0.3
Total number of issuers	24	25	
Total number of holdings	129	347	
Off benchmark holdings	11.5%	-	

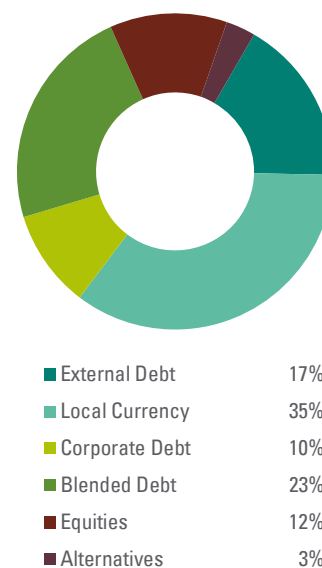
### 3. Ashmore Group overview

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
- 310 staff employed globally
- Team based investment process, unchanged since 1992
- 104 member global investment team
- 28 dedicated in-house legal and compliance professionals
- 39-strong business development and client servicing team
- USD 54.0 billion\* in assets under management as at 31 December 2023.

\*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.

## 4. Themes

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### Themes

**External Debt:** this theme/strategy invests in debt instruments issued by sovereigns (government) and quasi-sovereigns (government sponsored) across a universe of 60-80 Emerging Markets countries.

**Local Currency and Local Currency Debt:** this theme/strategy invests in local currency denominated instruments issued by sovereign, quasi-sovereign and corporate issuers as well as local currencies across a universe of 20-40 Emerging Markets countries.

**Corporate Debt:** this theme/strategy invests in debt instruments issued by public and private sector corporate issuers across a universe of 60-80 Emerging Markets countries.

**Blended Debt:** this theme/strategy invests in both hard currency and local currency denominated assets across sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns and corporates across a universe of 60-80 Emerging Markets countries.

**Equities:** the strategy invests in equity and equity-related instruments within the Emerging Markets including global, regional, small cap and frontier opportunities. These instruments may be denominated in any currency.



## 5. Definitions

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### Definitions

Benchmark comprised of 100% JP Morgan GBI-EM GD (consists of regularly traded, liquid fixed rate, domestic currency government bonds). You cannot invest directly into an index.

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## 6. Investment considerations

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### 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.

**Non-Diversified Risk:** The fund is non-diversified, so it may be more exposed to the risks associated with individual issuers than a diversified fund.

**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).

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