

# Ashmore Emerging Markets Short Duration Fund

## FIXED INCOME

### Fund information

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Inception</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Dividend frequency</b>
USD 36.9 million	24 June 2014	JP Morgan CEMBI BD (1-3 yr) <sup>1</sup>	Monthly

### Fund information

Share Class	Symbols	CUSIP	Annual fund operating expenses	
			Total	Net
Class I	ESFIX	044820694	1.05%	0.67%
Class C	ESFCX	044820710	2.04%	1.67%
Class A	ESFAX	044820728	1.30%	0.92%

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 Trustees.

### 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 Markets 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. The Fund has no restrictions on individual security duration.

### Period returns as of February 29, 2024

Net returns %	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Class I	-1.33	1.16	0.94	8.98	-8.76	-7.10	-	-0.01
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	0.72	3.34	1.77	8.53	0.74	2.67	-	2.97
Excess	-2.05	-2.17	-0.83	0.45	-9.50	-9.76	-	-2.98

### Period returns as of December 31, 2023

Net returns %	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Class I	0.22	10.16	13.40	13.40	-9.03	-6.70	-	-0.11
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	1.54	3.21	8.00	8.00	0.47	2.71	-	2.83
Excess	-1.32	6.95	5.39	5.39	-9.49	-9.41	-	-2.94

**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.

The portfolio holdings are subject to change.

<sup>1</sup>The JP Morgan CEMBI (Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index) Broad Diversified consists of an investable universe of corporate bonds and tracks total returns of U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by corporate entities in Emerging Markets countries. The JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified 1-3 Year Index is a sub index which contains instruments that have a maturity greater than 1 year and less than 3. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Top 10 country exposure %	Fund	Benchmark
Venezuela	25.8	-
Mexico	11.4	1.7
Brazil	10.1	2.6
India	6.9	4.9
Saudi Arabia	6.0	2.3
China	5.3	12.0
Ghana	4.4	1.5
South Africa	2.7	1.8
Jordan	2.4	0.3
Colombia	2.2	2.1
Total number of countries	25	46

Top currency exposure %	Fund	Benchmark
United States Dollar	99.8	100.0
Hong Kong Dollar	0.2	-
British Pound	0.0	-
Single European Currency	0.0	-
Total number of currencies	4	4

Credit rating of debt instruments %	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	0.0	0.2
AA	4.2	7.7
A	1.7	25.2
BBB	12.0	25.5
BB	19.3	19.5
B	19.4	13.6
<B	9.7	6.4
Not rated	33.7	2.0

Top exposure by industry %	Fund	Benchmark
Energy	43.2	14.4
Financial	22.8	40.4
Industrial	9.1	4.8
Basic materials	7.8	7.0
Government	5.7	1.1
Other sectors	11.4	32.3
Total	9	11

Fund statistics	Fund
30 SEC Day Yield: Unsubsidized	4.27%
30 SEC Day Yield: Subsidized	4.65%
Average life	1.28
Modified duration	1.03
Yield to maturity	6.30%

**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.

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**Average life:** Average time to maturity for the portfolio's securities (expressed in years).

**Duration:** Weighted average of the portfolio's sensitivity (in years) to a 1% change in interest rates.

**Yield to maturity:** Average anticipated rate of return for the portfolio's positions if held to maturity.

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The portfolio 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.

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