

As of June 30, 2025

## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

### Objective<sup>1</sup>

To maximize excess returns versus a Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index over the long term.

### Target Sources of Excess Return

• Country / Issue Selection	35%
• Currency	25%
• Duration / Interest Rate	20%
• Market	10%
• Sector	10%

### Inception Date

December 01, 2007

### Strategy Assets

\$14.88 billion as of June 30, 2025

### Benchmark

Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

PGIM Fixed Income's Emerging Markets Debt investment philosophy is grounded in four beliefs:

- 1) The ever-changing risk appetite of investors is a primary contributor to both market opportunity and market volatility.
    - We therefore begin our investment process with a comprehensive assessment of the global appetite for risk.
  - 2) Country allocation is a primary determinant of emerging markets portfolio returns.
    - We therefore focus a significant part of our investment process on determining our country views. Our country decision process incorporates our global risk view along with an analysis of a country's foreign exchange, local bonds, and hard currency bonds from a fundamental, relative value, and technical perspective. We heavily emphasize qualitative factors in our fundamental analysis, as they are often the best predictors of performance.
  - 3) Security selection is also a primary source of alpha generating opportunities
    - Our philosophy is to seek the widest possible universe of security selection opportunities, guidelines permitting. We analyze sovereign issuers as well as "quasi-sovereign" issuers within the same country. We evaluate opportunities in both hard currency and local currency bond curves based on potential changes in policy rates and inflation outlook. We evaluate corporate issuers, guidelines permitting.
  - 4) Dynamic risk budgeting provides a disciplined framework for investment decision-making and provides important risk management as well.
    - We heavily rely on risk budgeting and management to provide a consistent and disciplined framework for all investment decisions. We develop a broad strategic risk budget for each client portfolio that reflects the client's long-term objectives and risk parameters, as well as a tactical risk budget that permits us to incorporate our day-to-day views of market risk tolerances and opportunities within the broader strategic risk budget.
- PGIM Fixed Income's investment approach seeks to add value primarily through research-based country allocation, security selection, FX, and, to a lesser extent, yield curve management. The Emerging Markets Team's duration management decisions are made on a country by country basis based on the outlook for central bank policy, inflation, and output gaps.
  - It is also a function of our assessment of the global appetite for risk, which is Step 1 of our investment process.
  - Yield curve decisions are made with similar considerations.
  - When we interpret the global appetite for risk as a positive factor (i.e. global investors appear willing to assume more risk), we will tend to express this through slightly more aggressive yield curve positioning.
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### Global Backdrop & Portfolio Strategy

Senior Portfolio Manager

- Assess global risk appetite to determine portfolio risk profile and refine portfolio positioning, leveraging firm's resources

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### Country Analysis

Regional Economists

- Develop comprehensive economic outlook by country
- Evaluate each country from quantitative and qualitative perspective & assign internal rating

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### Asset & Security Selection

Regional Portfolio Managers/  
Economists/Analysts

- Seek to determine best risk/reward opportunities across hard currency, local rates, and FX
- Use proprietary tools to highlight relative value opportunities within markets

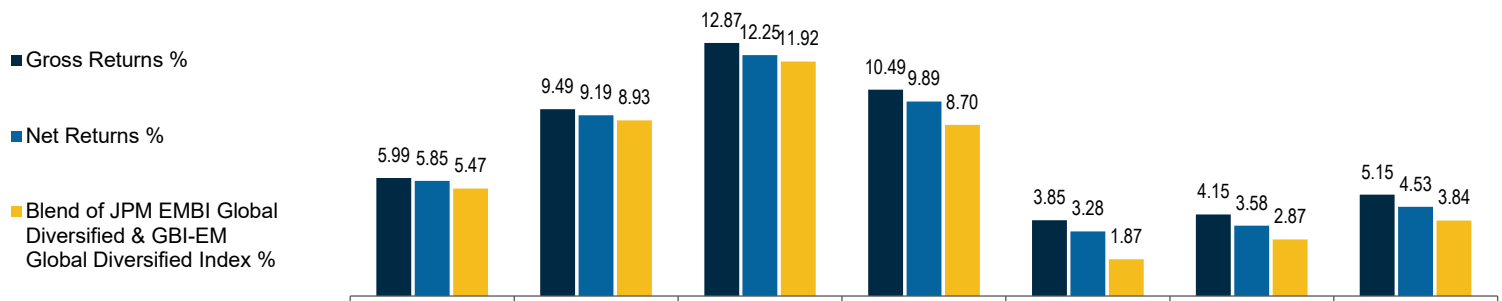
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### Risk Monitoring

Senior Portfolio Manager/Risk Manager

- Employ a rigorous process to tightly monitor risk at all levels
- Use proprietary tools to verify performance achieved is appropriate for risk taken

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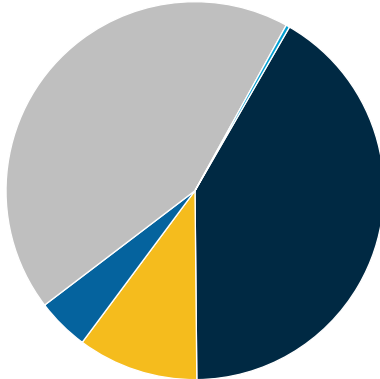
PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> | PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (01 Dec 2007)
<b>Excess Returns - Gross (bps)</b>	+53	+57	+95	+180	+199	+128	+131
<b>Excess Returns - Net (bps)</b>	+38	+27	+33	+119	+142	+70	+69
<b>Tracking Error (%)</b>	NM	NM	NM	1.21	1.67	2.37	2.38
<b>Information Ratio (Gross)</b>	NM	NM	NM	1.35	1.18	0.59	0.60
<b>Information Ratio (Net)</b>	NM	NM	NM	0.89	0.85	0.36	0.35

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PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS<sup>2</sup>

## Sector Allocation (%)



- Hard Currency Sovereign
- Hard Currency Quasi-Sovereign
- Hard Currency Corporates
- Local Currency Sovereign
- Local Currency Quasi-Sovereign

## Sector Allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index
<b>Hard Currency</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Sovereign	41.2	40.2
Quasi-Sovereign	10.2	9.8
Corporates	4.4	0.0
<b>Local Currency</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Sovereign	43.0	50.0
Quasi-Sovereign	0.3	0.0

## Representative Characteristics (%)

	Portfolio	Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index
<b>Effective Duration (yrs)</b>	6.96	5.86
<b>Effective Yield (%)</b>	9.03	6.52
<b>Spread (bps)</b>	173	122
<b>Average Coupon (%)</b>	5.32	5.32
<b>Average Quality (Moody's)</b>	Ba1	Baa3
<b>Number of Issuers</b>	154	117

## Top 10 Country Allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index
<b>South Africa</b>	9.1	5.0
<b>Mexico</b>	8.3	7.5
<b>Indonesia</b>	7.7	7.2
<b>Colombia</b>	7.6	3.2
<b>Brazil</b>	4.3	4.8
<b>Thailand</b>	4.1	4.3
<b>Malaysia</b>	3.6	6.3
<b>Hungary</b>	3.6	2.5
<b>Romania</b>	3.3	2.9
<b>Poland</b>	3.3	5.3

Rating Distribution<sup>3,4</sup>(%)

	Portfolio	Blend of JPM EMBI Global Diversified & GBI-EM Global Diversified Index
<b>AAA</b>	0.3	0.0
<b>AA</b>	3.9	5.1
<b>A</b>	11.7	22.7
<b>BBB</b>	32.5	36.6
<b>BB</b>	35.0	23.4
<b>B</b>	7.5	7.2
<b>CCC &amp; Below</b>	7.9	4.8
<b>Not Rated</b>	0.0	0.2

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## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

### Markets

EM debt performance was strong in Q2, underpinned by a combination of yield, diversification, and resilient fundamentals. With U.S. policy uncertainty rising and capital flows shifting, EM hard currency spreads ended the quarter at the tight end of their YTD range. Meanwhile, EM local bonds outperformed U.S. Treasuries as U.S. dollar weakness provided a tailwind for EM currencies and brightened the outlook for monetary easing.

From a valuation perspective, in a world of compressed credit spreads, EM hard currency yields stand out, particularly give the stable-to-improving credit trajectory in many emerging markets. Given the high all-in carry of the Index, we believe investors are being fairly compensated for the current uncertainty and expect total returns to continue to skew positive. Within local rates, we prefer alpha opportunities in select bottom-up stories, which should benefit from a stable to depreciating U.S. dollar.

Within EMFX, we remain relative-value focused and expect a weakening (but mixed) U.S. dollar due to several factors: tariffs may weigh on U.S. growth, prompting additional rate cuts; EU fiscal measures could offset growth downside, leading to higher growth vis-a-vis the U.S.; and more stimulus coming out of China could result in a stable or improved backdrop, which could keep volatility low and support higher-beta, cyclical currencies.

### Portfolio

The average market risk of the portfolio was greater than that of the benchmark in Q2, which contributed to performance. Sector positioning also contributed, with an overweight to the EM high yield sector contributing most. Country selection detracted, driven by overweights to Ghana and Ukraine. This was partially offset by an overweight to Ecuador.

Hard currency security selection had a minimal positive impact on performance, with an overweight to the Republic of Ghana contributing the most. Selection in local rates contributed to performance, with an overweight to South Africa the top contributor. Meanwhile, an overweight to Czech Republic had a negative impact on performance. Selection in FX detracted, with an underweight to Taiwan dollar detracting the most. Meanwhile, an overweight to Turkish lira had a positive impact on performance.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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