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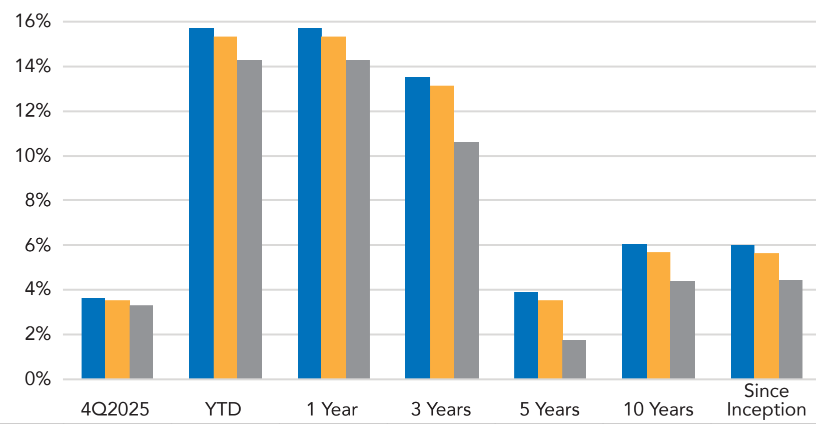
FORT WASHINGTON EMERGING MARKETS DEBT – 4Q2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- Global risk assets finished 2025 on firm footing, with global equities—as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index—advancing another 3.0% in the fourth quarter and bringing the full-year return to 20.6%. Global growth remained resilient as trade policy moderated following Liberation Day. AI-related investment and consumer spending supported U.S. growth, while a strong fiscal impulse helped stabilize growth in Europe. This environment proved particularly supportive for emerging economies, which benefited from a weaker U.S. dollar and accommodative central bank policies.
- EM hard-currency sovereign debt, as represented by the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (EMBIGD), returned 3.3% during the fourth quarter, bringing the full-year total return to 14.3%. This marks the best annual performance since 2019. Roughly half of the full-year return is attributable to tighter spreads, with the other half driven by lower U.S. Treasury yields. EMBIGD spreads finished December at 253 bps after compressing 30 bps over the quarter and 72 bps over the course of the year. This represents the tightest index spread level in more than a decade—since June 9, 2014—underscoring the favorable sentiment toward EM debt.
- Our Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income (EMD) strategy recorded another strong year, outperforming the index by 143 bps gross (103 bps net). Performance benefited from a modest risk-on stance, solid across-the-board country allocation, and strong security selection within a handful of countries, including Mexico and India. During the fourth quarter, the strategy added 35 bps gross (26 bps net) to performance. Top contributors by country during the quarter included overweights to Argentina and Ukraine, both of which benefited from positive bottom-up drivers, as well as an underweight to low-beta Philippines. Top detractors included security selection in Peru and Ghana, along with an overweight position in Uzbekistan.
- We remain constructive on emerging markets debt heading into 2026, supported by a favorable macro backdrop and robust bottom-up country fundamentals. However, stretched spread valuations temper our optimism and lead us to target a modest spread risk budget of 30% to 40%. We continue to see opportunities for alpha generation and attractive yields, and we take comfort in improving fundamentals across a broad set of countries. Key risks to our outlook include a reversal in the disinflation trend and geopolitical escalation with the potential to disrupt global markets.

Trailing Total Returns (as of December 31, 2025)



	4Q2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Emerging Markets Debt (Gross)	3.63	15.73	15.73	13.54	3.89	6.07	6.00
Emerging Markets Debt (Net)	3.54	15.33	15.33	13.14	3.52	5.70	5.63
JPM EMBI Global Diversified	3.29	14.30	14.30	10.60	1.78	4.40	4.42

Inception date: 07/01/2013. Source: Fort Washington. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This supplemental information complements the Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income GIPS Report.

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PEER GROUP PERFORMANCE

	Percentile Rank[1] (Net)
4Q2025	36
1 Year	18
3 Years	12
5 Years	13
10 Years	10
Since Inception	2

Source: Nasdaq eVestment.
[1]Peer ranks are versus the eVestment Global Emerging Markets Fixed Income - Hard Currency Universe based on net performance relative to peer group. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

MARKET OVERVIEW

Market consensus calls for moderate global growth in 2026, supported by fiscal stimulus across the U.S., Europe, and China, as well as additional scope for monetary accommodation as inflation normalizes. The U.S. dollar has weakened following a multiyear period of strength, metals have surged, and oil prices remain neither too high nor too low. This combination presents a supportive macro backdrop for emerging market (EM) countries, particularly when combined with firm bottom-up momentum. Prudent policy implementation has bolstered EM fundamentals, translating into positive credit rating actions—more upgrades than downgrades—which we expect to persist into the coming year.

The EMBIGD is largely pricing in an optimistic outlook, with index spreads at 253 bps trading near cycle tights. Returns in 2026 are less likely to be driven by further spread compression and more likely to depend on carry. We are comfortable earning carry given a benign macro environment, improving bottom-up fundamentals, and a 6.8% yield on the EMBIGD that is approximately 50% investment-grade rated; however, we intend to do so more judiciously in light of stretched valuations.

We favor a modest risk budget, targeting 30% to 40% of our maximum spread beta allowance. We continue to see pockets of value that can drive alpha, including idiosyncratic stories such as Argentina and Pakistan; select corporates with robust financials and defensible business models; and countries with improving fundamentals, including Paraguay and Uzbekistan. At the same time, we are shying away from more beta-driven exposures, such as sub-Saharan oil exporters and Bahrain. Our caution toward oil is driven by a downward trend in crude prices, along with events in Ukraine and Venezuela that have the potential to further weigh on the commodity.

Key market risks heading into 2026 include a reversal in the disinflation trend, which could force more hawkish central bank policy, and geopolitical escalation that could lead to broader market disruption. The geopolitical realignment underway toward a multipolar order may create opportunities for active investors; however, the potential for escalation and unintended consequences could also introduce shocks, and downside risks to markets must be carefully considered.

Top 10 Countries by Market Value

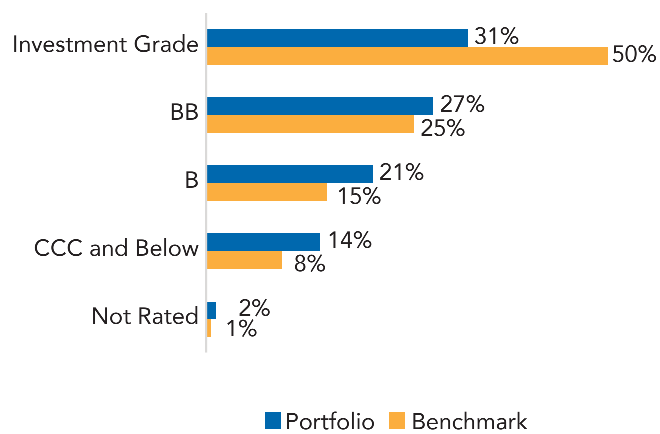
Country	% of Portfolio
Mexico	6.88%
Argentina	4.64%
Romania	4.53%
Saudi Arabia	4.07%
Turkey	3.76%
South Africa	3.65%
Colombia	3.39%
Egypt	3.23%
Paraguay	3.06%
Brazil	2.95%

Portfolio Characteristics

	Emerging Markets Debt	JPM EMBI Global Diversified
Yield to Worst	6.67%	6.20%
Average Quality	Ba2/Ba3	Baa3/Ba1
OA Duration (Years)	6.60	6.58
Option Adjusted Spread	261	209
Average Maturity (Years)	10.29	10.76
Total # of Countries	62	68
Number of Issuers*	106	159
Number of Issues*	233	1,005

Source: Fort Washington and Bloomberg. This supplemental information complements the Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are subject to change at any time. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. *An Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income Representative Account is being used to illustrate Number of Issuers/Issues.

Credit Quality



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PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

We finished 2025 with spread risk within our target range of 30% to 40% of the maximum budget, a spread and yield advantage of roughly 50 bps over the benchmark, and duration closely matched to the index. We are positioned to maintain a modest risk stance going forward, balancing a favorable macro environment and the availability of bottom-up opportunities against stretched spread valuations and rising geopolitical volatility.

Portfolio activity during the final quarter of the year focused on relative value opportunities and rotating out of more beta-driven credits into names with stronger bottom-up catalysts. Portfolio exposure was increased in areas such as Benin, Pakistan, and Suriname, while reductions were made in Ecuador, Gabon, and long-end Nigeria.

EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FIXED INCOME COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2025	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income (Gross)	3.63%	15.73%	10.89%	14.04%	-17.13%	-0.24%	7.48%	15.33%	-4.18%	11.65%	12.33%
Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income (Net)	3.54%	15.33%	10.50%	13.64%	-17.42%	-0.59%	7.10%	14.92%	-4.51%	11.26%	11.94%
JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index	3.29%	14.30%	6.54%	11.09%	-17.78%	-1.80%	5.26%	15.04%	-4.26%	10.26%	10.15%
Emerging Markets Debt Fixed Income 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation[1]	–	7.00%	12.75%	12.74%	16.55%	13.20%	13.17%	5.05%	5.59%	5.43%	6.32%
JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation[1]	–	6.37%	10.84%	10.70%	13.36%	10.67%	10.73%	4.85%	5.46%	5.04%	5.78%
Dispersion[2]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Number of Accounts	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets ($ Millions)	$338	$338	$293	$265	$232	$280	$282	$263	$228	$238	$213
Total Firm Assets ($ Millions)	$94,974	$94,974	$81,286	$74,613	$66,365	$73,804	$65,086	$59,174	$49,225	$52,774	$45,656

Composite inception and creation date: 07/01/2013. [1]The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. [2]Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark for this composite is the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (JPM EMBI Global Diversified). You cannot invest directly in an index. The JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index measures the performance of fixed and floating-rate debt instruments issued by emerging market governments and quasi-sovereign entities. The index tracks U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments that are liquid. The index accounts for interest payments by incorporating them into the total return calculation. Fort Washington's Emerging Markets Fixed Income strategy seeks to outperform the JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified on a total return basis. The strategy recognizes emerging markets fixed income as a continually evolving asset class as witnessed by the migration and dispersion of credit quality of the benchmark as well as by consistent addition of countries over the years. Therefore, the strategy first employs a forward looking top-down approach drawing on the four analytical pillars of policy, economics, politics, and markets to identify relative value among a truly global opportunity set. Once these opportunities are identified, the fund employs its bottom-up analytical framework to identify the most appropriate securities. All fee-paying, fully discretionary portfolios managed in the Emerging Markets style, with a minimum of $25 million under our management, are included in this composite. The strategy's fee schedule is 0.35% on the first $100 million and 0.30% on additional amounts over $100 million for separate accounts, and 0.40% for the commingled vehicle. Portfolios in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, interests and dividends. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The U.S. dollar is the base currency. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net returns reflect the portfolio's gross returns with the deduction of expenses and other costs associated with the management of the investments in the portfolio as well as the deduction of the highest advertised fee rate for the applicable strategy shown. Individual portfolio returns are calculated on a daily valuation basis. Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, is a registered investment advisor and provides discretionary money management to a broad range of investors, including both institutional and individual investors. Assets under management include all portfolios managed by Fort Washington and exclude assets under management by and marketed as its Private Equity business unit. Fort Washington claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS Standards. Fort Washington has been independently verified for the periods 07/01/1994–12/31/2024. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. To receive a complete list and description of composites, contact Fort Washington by phone at 888.244.8167, in writing at 303 Broadway, Suite 1200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or online at fortwashington.com.

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