

# Emerging Markets Bond Fund

Information as at: 31 August 2022

## KEY FACTS

Asset Class	Fixed Income
Category	Global Emerging Markets bond
Investment manager	MeritKapital
Total Fund Assets, USD	\$49,251,317
A USD class, USD	\$49,251,317
Fund Inception Date	01/09/2016
Strategy Inception Date	01/04/2017
Performance Benchmark	J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index
ISIN	CYF000000200
Fund Domicile	Cyprus
Fund Type	AIF-LNP
Bloomberg Ticker	MERFXPT CY
Base currency	USD
Management fee	0.75%
Performance fee	15%
Hurdle rate	3%
Liquidity	Monthly

## MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Share class	
A USD	\$50,000

## FUND CHARACTERISTIC

Credit Rating	BB-
Modified Duration	4.51 years
Yield to Worst	21.46%
Fixed Income	33.42%
Equity	72.12%
Cash	6.58%
Repo Instruments	-29.26%
Reverse Repo Instruments	17.13%

## COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

Sectors	% of Total
Energy	41.51
Government	19.76
Consumer, Cyclical	17.41
Financial	8.54
Communications	7.99
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.67
Basic Materials	3.49
Industrial	1.85
Funds	1.32
Utilities	0.00

Country	% of Total
United States	40.26
United Kingdom	15.53
Nigeria	9.03
Netherlands	7.73
Egypt	6.37
Russian Federation	6.24
Germany	5.33
Brazil	4.29
Cyprus	2.60
France	2.01
Other	6.15

Currency Break-Down	% of Total
USD	62.26
EUR	20.89
GBP	13.32
RUB	3.53

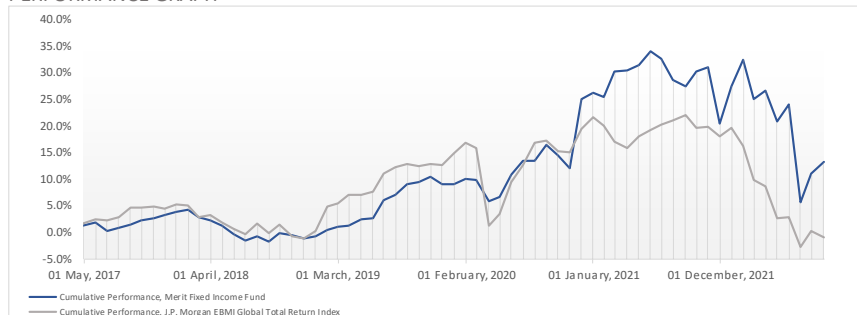
## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Portfolio Manager	MeritKapital Ltd
Investment Advisor	Persella Ioannides

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Merit Fund AIFLNP V.C.I.C Limited aims to achieve attractive returns through a combination of capital growth and income preservation. At any one time, 90% of net assets of the fund are invested plus any leveraged amount utilized within the scope of investment purposes in sovereign or corporate debt securities of predominantly emerging market countries.

## PERFORMANCE GRAPH\*



Share Class performance displayed in USD, Benchmark performance displayed in USD

PERFORMANCE*	MTD	YTD	SI
MeritKapital Fixed Income Fund - A Shares USD	1.98%	-11.21%	13.21%
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index	-1.17%	-17.21%	-0.86%

Share Class performance of 1.98% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

Total gross performance for August 2022 is 2.24%

\*The fund remained dormant between Sep 2016 and Mar 2017. The performance is presented from the date the investment strategy was implemented.

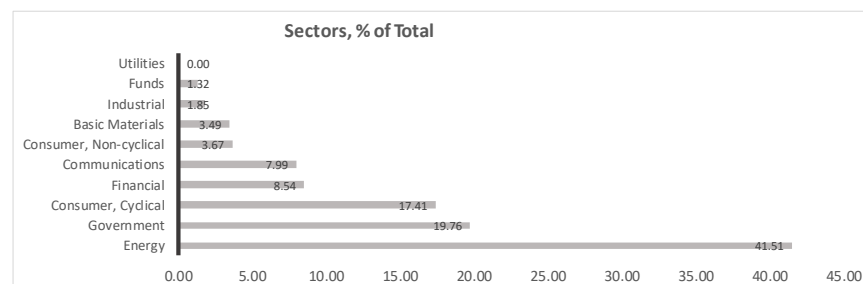
## FUND COMMENTS

The fund increased by 1.98% percent for the month of May taking the year to date returns to -11.21%. After the strong rebound in July, global equities resumed their decline in August with the MSCI World Index lower by 4.1%. Central banks expressed their commitment to bring inflation under control despite the risks this would have on the global economic outlook.

This reversed the earlier hopes of interest rate cuts in 2023. US Fed head Jerome Powell iterated that the Fed would not pivot even though the US may exhibit lower growth for a sustained period. Although the housing market continued to deteriorate the labor market remained strong which may indicate sticky wages.

Bonds were lower across the board with the US 10 Year yield higher by 50bps to close the month above the 3% threshold of 3.13%. Brent Crude fell further by 12.29% to \$96.5/bl in August.

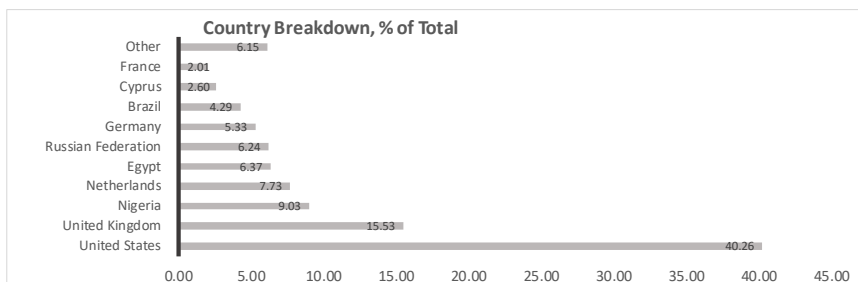
Although general capital markets were lower, holdings in the fund what have high weights such as oil majors led the fund higher. Additionally, EMbonds were also higher as were some high beta names such as airlines and cruise lines.



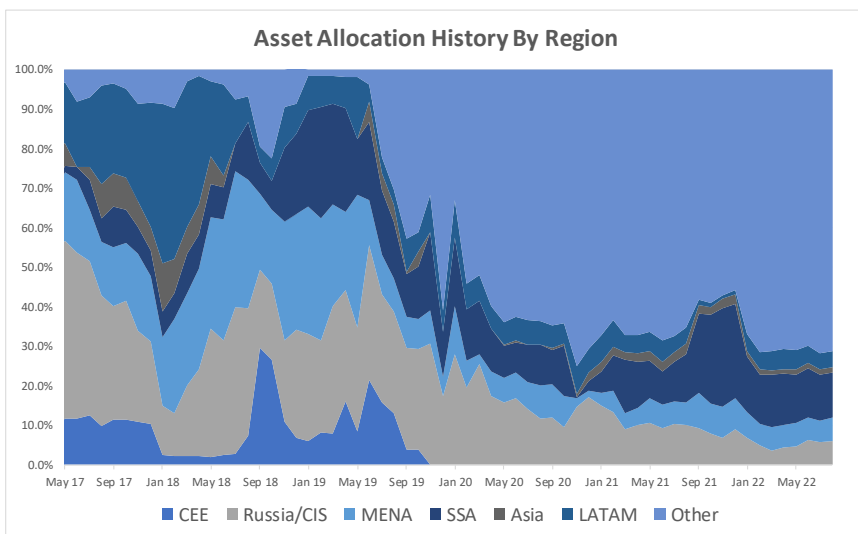
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Top 10 Holdings	% of Total
OXY US	15.03
SHELL NA	7.73
BP/ LN	7.00
CHRD US	6.35
NGERIA 7 3/8 09/28/33	4.27
EGYPT 5.8 09/30/27	4.11
ACUPET 7 1/2 01/13/32	3.50
BOCYCY 2 1/2 06/24/27	2.60
UAL US	2.33
EGYPT 3 7/8 02/16/26	2.26



Duration Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	6.58
Repo Instruments	-29.26
Reverse Repo Instruments	17.13
Equity	72.12
0 - 1 years	1.99
1 - 3 years	4.35
3 - 5 years	16.73
5 - 7 years	6.81
7 - 10 years	3.53
10+ years	0.00



Rating Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	6.58
Repo Instruments	-29.26
Reverse Repo Instruments	17.13
AAA	0.00
AA	2.11
A	21.05
BBB	10.09
BB	27.14
B	31.00
CCC	1.67
CC	0.00
C	0.07
D	0.00
NR	12.41

	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22
CEE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Russia/CIS	9.2%	8.0%	7.0%	8.9%	6.9%	5.0%	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%
MENA	8.9%	7.7%	7.8%	8.0%	6.5%	5.5%	6.0%	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%	5.4%	6.0%
SSA	20.1%	22.3%	24.9%	23.9%	14.2%	12.4%	13.2%	12.9%	12.2%	12.4%	11.7%	11.4%
Asia	2.3%	2.0%	2.4%	2.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%
LATAM	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	4.5%	4.4%	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%
Other	58.1%	58.9%	57.1%	55.8%	66.8%	71.4%	71.3%	70.7%	70.9%	69.8%	71.7%	71.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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