

# **Emerging Markets Bond Fund**

Information as at: 30 September 2019

## **KEY FACTS**

## Asset Class Category

Investment manager Total Fund Assets, USD A USD class, USD Fund Inception Date Strategy Inception Date

## Performance Benchmark

ISIN Fund Domicile Fund Type Bloomberg Ticker Base currency Management fee Performance fee Hurdle rate Liquidity

## MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Share class

A USD

## **FUND CHARACTERISTIC**

Credit Rating Modified Duration 8.84 years Yield to Worst Repo Instruments -15.57% Reverse Repo Instruments

Fixed Income Global Emerging Markets MeritKapital \$40,663,786 \$40,663,786 01/09/2016 01/04/2017

J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index CYF000000200 Cyprus AIF-LNP MERFXPT CY USD 0.75% 15% 3%

Monthly

\$50,000

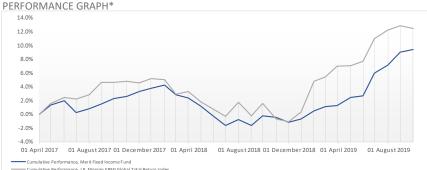
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8.09%

0.00%

INVESTMENT ORIECTIVE



Merit Fixed Income Fund 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

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

Share  ${\sf Class}$  performance displayed in USD, Benchmark performance displayed in USD

sovereign or corporate debt securities of predominantly emerging market countries.

PERFORMANCE*	MTD	YTD	SI	
MeritKapital Fixed Income Fund - A Shares USD	0.41%	10.19%	9.46%	
J.P. Morgan EBMI Global Total Return Index	-0.36%	12.08%	12.49%	

Share Class performance of 0.41% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

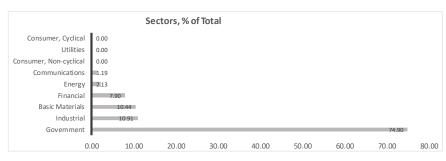
Total gross performance for September 2019 is 0.49%

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## **FUND COMMENTS**

The month of September had commenced with considerable volatility as global DM sovereign yields spiked, reversing the one directional trend that consumed the summer months. We saw 30-year US treasury yields rising to 2.313% by mid-September, i.e. 40bps from the beginning of the month, to close back down to 2.108% by month end. As such, emerging market credit spreads widened in tandem. The volatility came as a result of several variables that comprised of meetings of global central banks (the ECB and the US Fed meetings on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively) to a disparate ECB policy maker board on the anticipated monetary easing program to whipsawing US economic data. However, towards the end of the month, developments of a possible impeachment of US President Trump along with negative headlines news on the upcoming US-China trade negotiations roiled the market which reversed the correction

The fund returned 0.41% for the month of September, It outperformed the benchmark index by 0.77% to mark the second. consecutive monthly out-performance. Top gainers for the month are dominated by positions in Greece (sovereign and corporate) as well as positions in Sub Sahara Africa. BTPS (Italy sovereigns) continue to perform well. If the political situation in Italy remains stable then yields are expected to compress further given the planned QE purchases of the ECB; Italy and other European peripheral countries would be the main beneficiaries of the announced EUR 20bn monthly purchases commencing November 1st. The underperformers of the month have been positions in Cyprus sovereign bonds along with treasury positions which gave up some gains post the strong summer rally.



## **COMPOSITION OF THE FUND**

Sectors	% of Total
Government	74.90
Industrial	10.91
Basic Materials	10.44
Financial	7.90
Energy	2.13
Communications	1.19
Consumer, Non-cyclical	0.00
Utilities	0.00
Consumer, Cyclical	0.00

Country	% of Total
Russian Federation	27.28
Italy	11.75
United States	10.29
Cyprus	9.00
Greece	7.51
Indonesia	4.10
Romania	4.06
Spain	3.78
Brazil	3.67
South Africa	3.62
Other	22.42

### Currency Break-Down % of Total 90 18 LISD EUR 9.82 GBP 0.00

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Portfolio Manager MeritKapital Ltd Investment Advisor Persella Ioannides

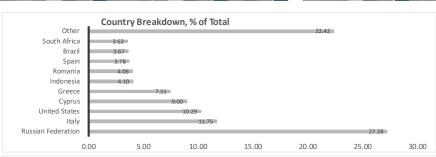
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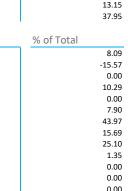
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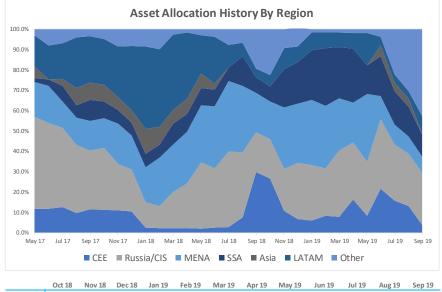
Top 10 Holdings	% of Total	
T 2 7/8 05/15/49		5.75
CYPRUS 2 3/4 02/26/34		5.49
GGB 1 7/8 07/23/26		5.39
RUSSIA 5 04/29/20		4.96
T 2 3/8 05/15/29		4.53
INDON 1.45 09/18/26		4.10
ROMANI 4 5/8 04/03/49		4.06
SPGB 2.7 10/31/48		3.78
RUSSIA 5.1 03/28/35		3.77
BTPS 3.85 09/01/49		3.67



Duration Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	8.09
Repo Instruments	-15.57
Reverse Repo Instruments	0.00
0 - 1 years	14.60
1 - 3 years	13.45
3 - 5 years	12.99
5 - 7 years	15.34
7 - 10 years	13.15
10+ years	37.95



3.19



	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19
CEE	26.7%	10.9%	6.8%	6.1%	8.3%	7.9%	16.2%	8.5%	21.5%	15.8%	13.1%	3.8%
Russia/CIS	19.2%	20.6%	27.5%	27.1%	23.4%	32.4%	28.1%	26.4%	34.2%	27.5%	25.9%	25.9%
MENA	18.6%	30.2%	29.3%	32.1%	30.7%	25.8%	19.8%	33.4%	11.3%	9.9%	8.5%	7.9%
SSA	7.3%	18.7%	20.3%	24.3%	28.3%	25.3%	26.4%	14.1%	19.8%	16.4%	14.4%	10.8%
Asia	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	4.2%	4.1%	0.6%
LATAM	5.7%	10.2%	7.6%	8.7%	7.7%	7.2%	7.8%	15.8%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	8.4%
Other	22.4%	9.4%	9.3%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%	1.8%	3.7%	22.2%	30.4%	42.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Rating Breakdown

Reverse Repo Instruments

Cash Repo Instruments

AAA

AA

BBB

ВВ

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