

# **Emerging Markets Bond Fund**

Information as at: 28 February 2023

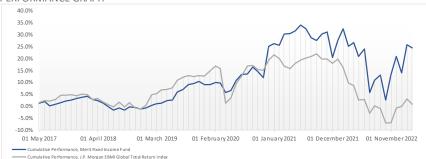
#### (EY FACTS

Asset Class Fixed Income Global Emerging Markets Category bond MeritKapital Investment manager Total Fund Assets, USD \$53,401,715 A USD class, USD \$53,401,715 Fund Inception Date 01/09/2016 Strategy Inception Date 01/04/2017 Performance Benchmark J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index CYF000000200 ISIN Fund Domicile Cyprus Fund Type AIF-LNP MERFXPT CY Bloomberg Ticker Base currency USD Management fee 0.75% Performance fee 15% Hurdle rate 3%

#### **NVESTMENT 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\*



\*The fund remained dormant between Sep 2016 and Mar 2017. The performance is presented from the date the investment strategy was implemented. Share Class performance displayed in USD, Benchmark performance displayed in USD

PERFORMANCE*	MTD	YTD	SI
MeritKapital Fixed Income Fund - A Shares USD	-1.14%	9.08%	24.45%
J.P. Morgan EBMI Global Total Return Index	-2.20%	0.83%	0.88%

Share Class performance of -1.14% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

Total gross performance for February 2023 is -1.07%

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### **FUND COMMENTS**

Monthly

The fund declined by -1.14% percent for the month of February taking year to date returns to 9.08%.

The renewed fear of inflation has returned to the markets on the back of robust economic data. As a result, traders bets for higher and for longer monetary policy pushed yields higher and pressured the equity markets lower.

The S&P rally peaked in February, falling 2.61% MoM, while 10Y UST yields rose 40bps from January to end the month at 3.92%. The labour market, closely watched by the US Fed on planning future policy, remained tight with the unemployment rate reaching a low of 3.4% and with non-Farm payrolls adding half a million jobs i.e., far surpassing the consensus estimates of 190,000. The Fed, in its march against inflation, proceeded with the hike of 0.25% to take the Fed Funds Rate to 4.5-4.75%.

From the positions in the fund, tech names were lower, as were some banks and, also, high beta names such as travel, and doll ar denominated oil majors.

## MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Liquidity

Share class
A USD \$50,000

#### **FUND CHARACTERISTIC**

Credit Rating	BB-
Modified Duration	3.40 years
Yield to Worst	69.43%
Fixed Income	30.62%
Equity	72.73%
Cash	5.17%
Repo Instruments	-20.26%
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.74%

### **COMPOSITION OF THE FUND**

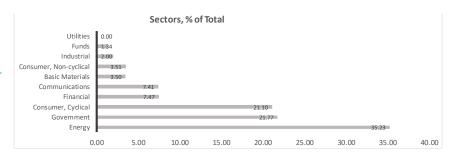
Sectors	% OF FOLAI
Energy	35.23
Government	21.77
Consumer, Cyclical	21.10
Financial	7.47
Communications	7.41
Basic Materials	3.50
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.51
Industrial	2.00
Funds	1.34
Utilities	0.00

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Country	% of Total
United States	41.00
United Kingdom	18.04
Netherlands	7.74
Nigeria	7.43
Germany	6.62
Egypt	5.24
Russian Federation	4.98
Cyprus	2.81
France	2.52
Ghana	1.37
Other	5.60

Currency Break-Down	% of Total
USD	60.29
EUR	20.97
GBP	16.39
RUB	2.35

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

Portfolio Manager MeritKapital Ltd Investment Advisor Persella Ioannides



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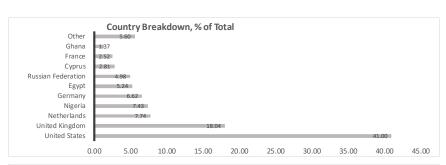


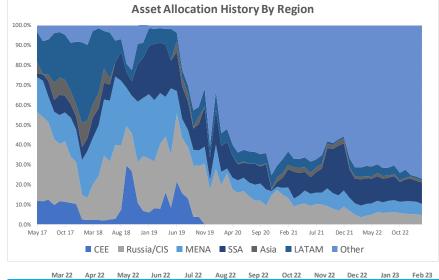
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Top 10 Holdings	% of Total	
OXY US	12.1	19
BP/ LN	7.9	93
SHELL NA	7.7	74
CHRD US	5.5	57
B 04/18/23	4.8	36
NGERIA 7 3/8 09/28/33	4.0	00
EGYPT 5.8 09/30/27	3.3	30
BOCYCY 2 1/2 06/24/27	2.8	31
UAL US	2.7	71
LHA GY	2.5	58
Duration Breakdown	% of Total	
Cash	5.1	17
Repo Instruments	-20.2	26
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.7	74
Equity	72.7	73
0 - 1 years	8.8	32
1 - 3 years	6.0	)5
3 - 5 years	6.9	
5 - 7 years	6.0	80
7 - 10 years	2.7	
10+ years	0.0	00
Rating Breakdown	% of Total	
Cash	5.1	17
Repo Instruments	-20.2	26
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.7	74
AAA	0.0	00
AA	2.6	54
A	21.9	98
BBB	10.4	13
BB	30.2	21
В	14.8	32
CCC	6.1	14
CC	1.2	27
С	0.0	
D	0.2	23

15.63





	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23
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	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%
MENA	6.0%	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%	5.4%	6.0%	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.4%	6.1%	5.8%
SSA	13.2%	12.9%	12.2%	12.4%	11.7%	11.4%	12.2%	10.0%	10.9%	11.1%	10.5%	10.6%
Asia	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%
LATAM	4.8%	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Other	71.3%	70.7%	70.9%	69.8%	71.7%	71.3%	70.3%	74.0%	72.3%	75.0%	76.0%	76.9%
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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