

# Emerging Markets Bond Fund

Information as at: 31 March 2023

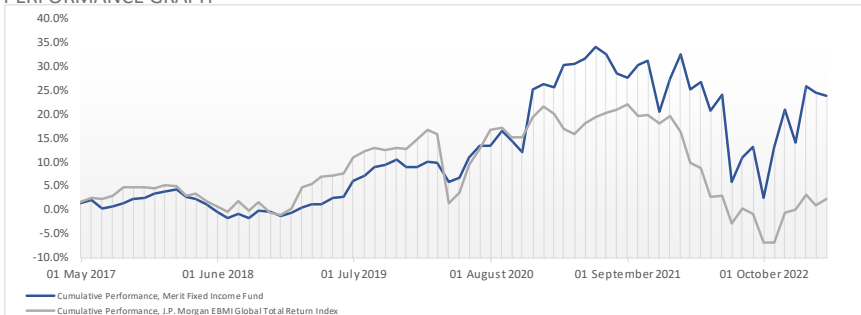
## KEY FACTS

Asset Class	Fixed Income
Category	Global Emerging Markets bond
Investment manager	MeritKapital
Total Fund Assets, USD	\$54,090,305
A USD class, USD	\$54,090,305
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

## 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\*



\*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	-0.50%	8.54%	23.84%
J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index	1.40%	2.25%	2.29%

Share Class performance of -0.50% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

Total gross performance for March 2023 is -0.42%

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## FUND COMMENTS

The fund declined by -0.5% percent for the month of March taking year to date returns to 8.54%.

The big event of the month was the fall of venture capital and tech-focused Silicon Valley Bank whose bond portfolio significantly suffered from the tightening monetary policy of the US Fed in its battle to beat inflation.

To contain further contagion, the US Fed and the treasury introduced a new backstop providing struggling banks such as regional banks access to liquidity in exchange for collateral on their discounted bond holdings. Credit Suisse was also taken over by UBS in a move coordinated by the Swiss Central Bank to pre-empt a situation of solvency for Credit Suisse; it was largely caused by a flee of deposits by panic driven moves of clients.

Although risky assets had declined in the first part of the month on the back of the banking crises events. They closed the month quite stronger, however, with S&P +3.51% as traders priced in solely a 25bps rate hike for March (versus 50bps prior) and with future hikes uncertain and tilted to the downside. US 10Y Treasury yields were lower by 45bps to 3.47%.

## MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Share class	
A USD	\$50,000

## FUND CHARACTERISTIC

Credit Rating	BB-
Modified Duration	3.26 years
Yield to Worst	124.79%
Fixed Income	31.50%
Equity	71.81%
Cash	5.10%
Repo Instruments	-20.00%
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.59%

## COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

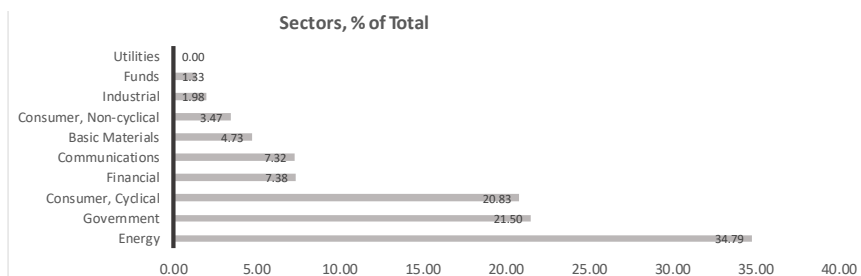
Sectors	% of Total
Energy	34.79
Government	21.50
Consumer, Cyclical	20.83
Financial	7.38
Communications	7.32
Basic Materials	4.73
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.47
Industrial	1.98
Funds	1.33
Utilities	0.00

Country	% of Total
United States	40.47
United Kingdom	17.81
Netherlands	7.64
Nigeria	7.33
Germany	6.54
Russian Federation	6.19
Egypt	5.18
Cyprus	2.77
France	2.49
Ghana	1.35
Other	5.53

Currency Break-Down	% of Total
USD	60.79
EUR	20.70
GBP	16.19
RUB	2.32

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

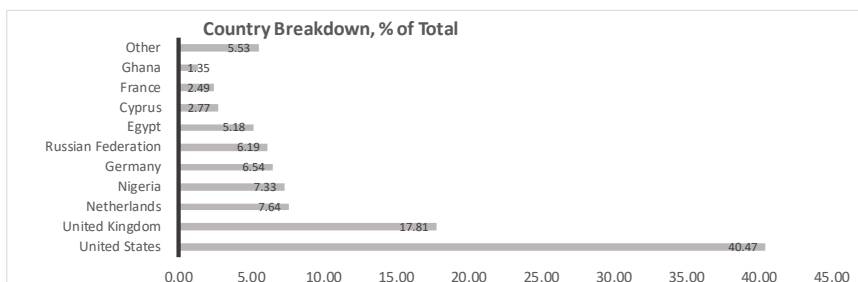
Portfolio Manager	MeritKapital Ltd
Investment Advisor	Persella Ioannides



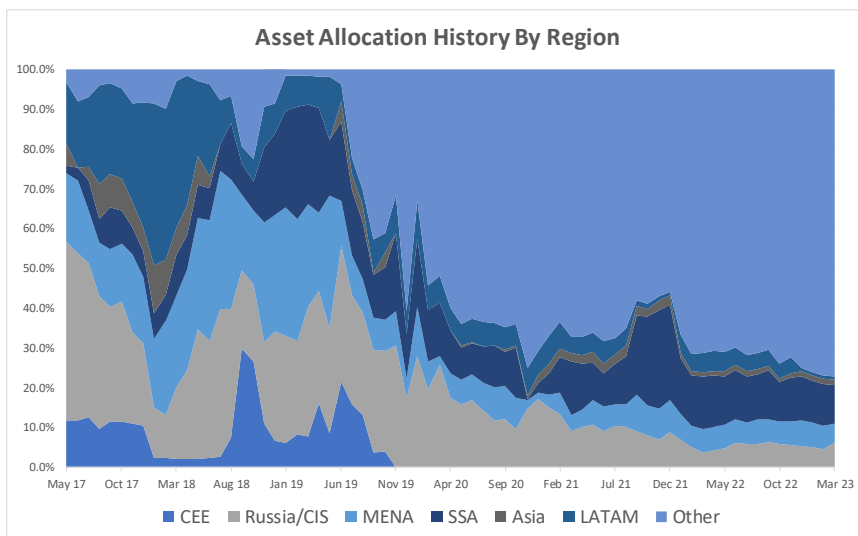
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Top 10 Holdings	% of Total
OXY US	12.04
BP/ LN	7.83
SHELL NA	7.64
CHRD US	5.50
B 04/18/23	4.80
NGERIA 7 3/8 09/28/33	3.95
EGYPT 5.8 09/30/27	3.26
BOCYCY 2 1/2 06/24/27	2.77
UAL US	2.68
LHA GY	2.55



Duration Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	5.10
Repo Instruments	-20.00
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.59
Equity	71.81
0 - 1 years	9.98
1 - 3 years	5.97
3 - 5 years	6.88
5 - 7 years	6.00
7 - 10 years	2.68
10+ years	0.00



Rating Breakdown	% of Total
Cash	5.10
Repo Instruments	-20.00
Reverse Repo Instruments	11.59
AAA	0.00
AA	2.61
A	21.70
BBB	10.30
BB	29.83
B	14.63
CCC	6.06
CC	1.26
C	0.00
D	0.23
NR	16.71

	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 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	4.3%	4.8%	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%	6.4%	5.8%	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%	6.1%
MENA	5.9%	5.9%	5.8%	5.4%	6.0%	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.4%	6.1%	5.8%	5.0%
SSA	12.9%	12.2%	12.4%	11.7%	11.4%	12.2%	10.0%	10.9%	11.1%	10.5%	10.6%	9.7%
Asia	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%
LATAM	5.0%	4.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
Other	70.7%	70.9%	69.8%	71.7%	71.3%	70.3%	74.0%	72.3%	75.0%	76.0%	76.9%	77.1%
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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