

# **Emerging Markets Bond Fund**

Fixed Income

0.75%

Monthly

\$50,000

15%

3%

Information as at: 30 November 2023

# Asset Class

Management fee

Performance fee

MINIMUM INVESTMENT

**FUND CHARACTERISTIC** 

Hurdle rate

Share class

A USD

Liquidity

### Category Global Emerging Markets bond MeritKapital Investment manager Total Fund Assets, USD \$52,807,798 A USD class, USD \$52,807,798 Fund Inception Date 9/1/2016 Strategy Inception Date 4/1/2017 Performance Benchmark J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Total Return Index CYF000000200 ISIN Fund Domicile Cyprus Fund Type AIF-LNP Bloomberg Ticker MERFXPT CY Base currency USD

Merit Fund AIFINP V.C.L.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	5.58%	13.50%	29.50%	
J.P. Morgan EBMI Global Total Return Index	5.79%	5.39%	5.44%	

Share Class performance of 5.58% is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees.

Total gross performance for November 2023 is 5.66%

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Credit Rating	ВВ
Modified Duration	3.84 years
Yield to Worst	20.12%
Fixed Income	26.64%
Equity	75.02%
Cash	6.91%
Repo Instruments	-10.09%
Reverse Repo Instruments	1.52%

## **FUND COMMENTS**

The fund increased by 5.58% percent for the month of November taking year to date returns to 13.50%.

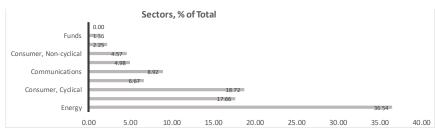
In November, the financial markets provided investors with a much-needed reprieve, showcasing a recovery rally across both Fixed investors with a much-needed reprieve, showcasing a recovery rally across both Fixed investors with a much-needed reprieve, and the results of thIncome (FI) and equities, following a three-month period of decline. This resurgence was primarily fuelled by new macroeconomic data, which bolstered the consensus that the central banks' cycle of monetary policy tightening might be drawing to a close. In the  $United States, the \ United \ Kingdom, and \ Europe, the \ Consumer Price \ Index \ (CPI) for October slowed more than expectations, while a \ Appendix of the \ CPI is a \ Appendix of the \$  $slight increase in jobless \, claims \, signalled \, a \, deceleration \, in \, economic \, activity, \, reinforcing \, the \, optimism \, for \, rate \, cuts.$ 

### Within the equities sector, the S&P Index recorded one of its most remarkable monthly performances in recent history, with an account model of the section of the section**COMPOSITION OF THE FUND** increase of 9.1% MoM. The fund's holdings of Expedia Group (EXPE, +42.9%), Carnival Corp (CCL, +31.4%) and Paramount global (PARAA, +27.4%) contributed to the growth having recorded the best performances among S&P constituents. Expedia and Paramount the performance of the performance ofexperienced a surge in stock prices following their commendable quarterly financial results, while Carnival benefited from a significant uplift in service demand. The Chinese market also witnessed a revival, buoyed by positive macroeconomic indicators, propelling Baidu (BIDU) and Tencent (TCEHY) stocks up by 13% and 12.5%, respectively. The downturn in oil prices acted as the main driver for global disinflation, simultaneously exerting downward pressure on the shares of oil companies, such as Occidental Petroleum (OXY, -4.3%), and the same of t

BP (BPLN. -3%) and Shell (SHELL. -1.1%).

The fixed income market also ended the month in the green zone, with both developed and emerging markets seeing gains. The 10 $year Treasury yield \, receded \, from \, its \, 15 - year \, high \, by \, 60 \, basis \, points \, to \, the \, area \, of \, 4.35\%. \, Sover eign \, bonds \, issued \, by \, SSA \, countries \, by \, 10 \, basis \, ba$ echoed this downward yield trajectory, resulting in a 4-5% price appreciation (for 5-10Y duration). Egypt sovereign bonds prices rallied over 10% as a result of the positive sentiment over the likely re-election of the current president and potential larger reforms to support the country's debt repayment, as well as reaffirmation of IMF support.

As anticipated in our previous Fund reports, the peak of rate increases and the markets' anticipation of this has spurred this month's recovery seen in markets. Looking forward, we believe that the prevailing positive sentiment will persist in fostering the global economic expansion. Nevertheless, we still maintain our Fund's predominant energy holdings as a hedge to a sentiments' change and to the ongoing geopolitical risks.



Sectors	% of Total
Energy	36.54
Government	17.66
Consumer, Cyclical	18.72
Financial	6.67
Communications	8.92
Basic Materials	4.98
Consumer, Non-cyclical	4.57
Industrial	2.25
Funds	1.36
Technology	0.00

Country % of Total 39 94 United States United Kingdom 16 50 Nigeria 9.39 Netherlands 8.94 Russian Federation 6.10 Egypt 5.55 5.09 Germany France 2.79 Ghana 1.61 Ireland 1.24 4.50 Other

Currency Break-Down % of Total 63 96 USD **EUR** 17.83 GBP 16.25 RUB 1.96

MANAGEMENT TEAM

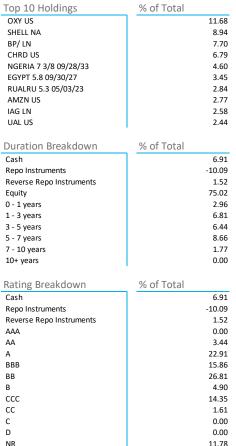
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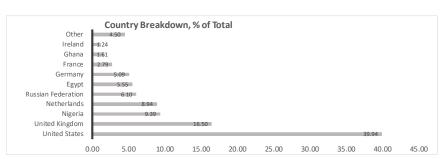
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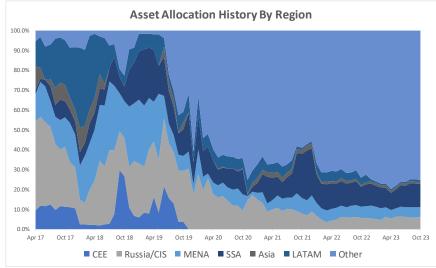


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	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
CEE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Russia/CIS	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%	6.1%	5.5%	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.0%	6.0%	6.2%	6.1%
MENA	6.4%	6.1%	5.8%	5.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	5.5%
SSA	11.1%	10.5%	10.6%	9.7%	8.9%	9.5%	10.8%	10.7%	12.1%	11.9%	11.8%	12.1%
Asia	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
LATAM	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%
Other	75.0%	76.0%	76.9%	77.1%	79.7%	78.2%	75.9%	76.2%	74.8%	75.0%	75.1%	74.3%
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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