

**A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds**

# Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund

## EMERGING MARKETS DEBT TEAM

### Performance Review

In the one month period ending 31 January 2026, the Fund's Z shares returned 1.31% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned 0.74%.

#### Contributors to Relative Performance

- An overweight to Brazilian energy company Braskem, after payment of the first of its \$130 million in January bond coupons.
- An overweight to Venezuelan sovereign and PDVSA bonds, which rallied sharply in early January amid political developments and rising expectations of debt restructuring.

#### Detractors from Relative Performance

- An underweight to Trinidadian chemical company Consolidated Energy, as spreads widened modestly amid softer petrochemical margins and weaker global industrial demand expectations.
- An underweight to a Chinese real estate company, New World China, as Chinese property names remained under pressure due to ongoing liquidity concerns, weak homebuyer confidence, and limited policy transmission to private developers.
- An underweight to Colombian energy company Ecopetrol, as energy prices consolidated lower during the month and concerns around Colombia's fiscal trajectory and regulatory policy weighed on the company's credit spreads.

### Market Review

Performance was strong for emerging markets (EM) local markets during the month, while performance for hard currency assets was also positive but more modest. The U.S. dollar (USD) weakened moderately despite positive Institute for Supply Management Services data and a decrease in unemployment.

In geopolitics, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro was captured by U.S. forces and taken to New York. Venezuelan asset prices, particularly sovereign and PDVSA bonds, rallied sharply in early January amid political developments and rising expectations of debt restructuring, lifting prices from distressed levels and injecting a speculative bid into high-beta EM fixed income markets. Against this backdrop, gold (+13%) and Brent crude oil (+16%) outperformed.<sup>2</sup> The rallying gold prices supported balance sheets of corporate and sovereign issuers across the Global South. The Mexican peso was relatively steady, underpinned by still-attractive carry and a pause to the rate-cutting cycle, while the Brazilian real outperformed as supportive commodity dynamics and high real yields continued to attract inflows. With elections on the horizon, the Brazilian central bank has started an easing cycle, although the target rate was held unchanged at 15% during the January meeting. In Asia, Indonesian assets experienced weakness as sovereign debt yields rose on concerns about weakening policy credibility and fiscal discipline. Elsewhere, there was volatility in Philippine assets as anti-corruption protests and an impeachment complaint against President Marcos Jr. intensified. In China, suspicions rose among the political elite as the top general, Zhang Youxia, and another senior military officer, Gen Liu Zhenli, were purged. Finally, in Latin America, the Republic of Ecuador returned to international capital markets and placed a \$4 billion dual-tranche bond offering, which was well received by the market. Asset class flows continued to be positive for both hard and local currency funds during January, totaling \$2.2 billion and \$3.9 billion, respectively. EM corporate supply in January hit a new monthly record of \$89 billion.<sup>3</sup>

Performance for the underlying emerging markets debt indexes was positive for the month. The local segment of the asset class, represented by the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified, was up 2.18%. The USD-denominated sovereign index, the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, was up 0.68%. Finally, the EM corporate bond index — the J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index — was up 0.74%.

### Portfolio Activity

During the month, we added exposure to Argentine energy company YPF and Brazilian consumer company JBS, while reducing exposure to Brazilian energy companies Forsea and Guara Norte.

### Strategy and Outlook

U.S. policy uncertainty remains a tailwind for global ex-U.S. markets, with investors seeking diversification away from dollar assets, although persistent inflation pressures and fiscal dynamics could keep U.S. Treasury yields volatile. For EM corporate bonds, this environment continues to offer a constructive backdrop: spreads remain relatively attractive versus developed market credit, fundamentals are broadly resilient, and declining inflation across many EM economies should allow central banks to continue

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Data as of 31 January 2026.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Deutsche Bank. Data as of 2 February 2026.

<sup>3</sup> Source: J.P. Morgan. Data as of 31 January 2026.

easing, supporting financing conditions and carry. Technicals also remain supportive, with manageable net supply expected in 2026 and sustained investor demand for yield likely to underpin flows into the asset class. Valuations are tighter following strong performance in 2025, and risks remain with regard to trade policy uncertainty and geopolitical volatility, underscoring the importance of active credit selection and sector differentiation.

For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

## Fund Facts

Launch date	07 March 2011
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	JPM Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index-Broad Diversified Index

## Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	
Class Z Shares		1.31	7.67	10.01	9.30	-13.06	-0.02	5.00	13.22	-4.52	10.67	10.77
JPM Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index-Broad Diversified Index		0.74	8.73	7.63	9.08	-12.26	0.91	7.13	13.09	-1.65	7.96	9.65

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- The value of bonds are likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
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