

A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

Emerging Markets Debt Opportunities Fund

EMERGING MARKETS DEBT TEAM

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Performance Review

In the one month period ending 31 December 2024, the Fund's Z shares returned 0.98% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned -1.45%.

-MS INVF Emerging Markets Debt Opportunities Fund (the Fund) outperformed its benchmark, the J.P. Morgan EMB (JEMB) Hard Currency/Local Currency 50-50 Index.

-The Fund normally has a structural zero weight to U.S. Treasury duration compared to the benchmark's nearly three years of U.S. duration. The near-zero weight contributed to performance.

-On a relative basis, local rates, currencies, and sovereign and corporate credit contributed to performance.

-In Africa, off-benchmark exposure to Nigerian naira contributed to performance. Fuel subsidies were removed in October and the central bank introduced a new unified foreign exchange trading platform to help eliminate distortion, causing the naira to appreciate. A zero weight to South African rand contributed to performance, as the currency sold off along with the broader market and the South African Reserve Bank cut interest rates.

-In Latin America, a zero weight to Brazilian local rates contributed to performance; Brazil's central bank hiked interest rates as inflation continues to rise due to fiscal issues.

-In Asia, off-benchmark exposure to Singapore dollar hurt performance as the currency sold off along with the broader emerging markets (EM) currency market.

Market Review

Performance was disappointing for emerging markets debt (EMD) markets, as EM currencies broadly sold off and sovereign and corporate credit were negatively impacted by the rise in U.S. Treasury yields during the month. The U.S. presidential election was top of mind for global investors during the fourth quarter. Following the Federal Reserve's (Fed) first interest rate cut of this cycle in September, October was marked with uncertainty in anticipation of the election, and U.S. Treasury yields increased and the dollar strengthened. The market responded to Trump's victory with increased volatility. Although the Fed cut rates at its December meeting, the less dovish tone coming out of the meeting grabbed investors' attention and Treasury yields continued to rise along with the dollar. In the Middle East, geopolitical uncertainty increased following the fall of the Assad regime in Syria after four decades of rule. The regime's collapse was partially a consequence of a weaker Iran. This turn of events, in combination with the ongoing war in the region, opens up greater potential for alliances and centers of power in the region to shift. In South Korea, President Yoon Suk Yeol briefly imposed martial law, purportedly to "protect the country from anti-state forces," but more likely as a result of the president's political troubles and lack of influence after the opposition party won last year's general election. Both Yoon and acting president Han Duck-soo were impeached by Parliament, creating political ambiguity, but the country's Constitutional Court is yet to determine if the impeachment is legal. Outflows continued with approximately -\$15.8 billion net going out of dedicated EMD funds globally during the fourth quarter, including -\$11.6 billion from hard currency funds and -\$4.2 billion from local currency funds.²

Performance for the major segments of EMD was negative. The EM corporate index — the J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index — was down the least, -0.54%, as spreads compressed, but the rise in U.S. Treasury yields dominated performance. The U.S. dollar-denominated sovereign index, the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, was down -1.40% and also saw spreads compress, though to a lesser degree than corporates, with Treasury yields a similar drag on performance. Finally, the local segment of the asset class, represented by the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified, suffered most and was down -1.93%, as currencies sold off and local rates rose, albeit less so than Treasury yields.

Strategy and Outlook

The Fed's rate cut at its December meeting was largely expected; however, the shift in tone and outlook for future cuts in 2025 turned more restrictive than just a few months earlier. EM central banks will continue to watch the Fed's actions as they navigate future rate cuts. Real yields differentials widened between emerging and developed markets as the number of rate cuts moderated across emerging markets but developed markets continued with their cutting cycles. Emerging markets inflation continued to come down, although at a slower pace, and the market remains cautious in anticipation of global policies that could trigger an uptick in inflation. While U.S. politics are often not directly related to emerging markets, policies can have spillover effects. As the next

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 31 December 2024.

² Source: J.P. Morgan. Data as of 31 December 2024.

administration comes into office, foreign policy and trade policy will begin to take shape; we will monitor how this could impact countries at an individual level. Geopolitical tensions increased during the quarter. The fall of the Assad regime, along with the Middle East conflict that has expanded beyond Israel and Hamas, may create the potential for a shift in alliances and the centers of influence in the region. Given the uncertain macro backdrop, we continue to place an emphasis on differentiation among countries and credits in order to uncover value.

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

Fund Facts

Launch date	25 September 2019
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	50% GBI-EM Global Div/25% EMBI Global Div/25% CEMBI Div

Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class Z Shares	14.59	14.59	11.27	-8.08	2.06	6.69	--	--	--	--	--
50% GBI-EM Global Div/25% EMBI Global Div/25% CEMBI Div	2.28	2.28	11.38	-13.37	-4.65	4.49	--	--	--	--	--

All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. The sources for all performance and index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management ('MSIM Ltd'). **Please visit our website www.morganstanley.com/im to see the latest performance returns for the fund's other share classes.**

Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The value of bonds is likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- Issuers may not be able to repay their debts, if this happens the value of your investment will decrease. This risk is higher where the fund invests in a bond with a lower credit rating.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
- There are increased risks of investing in emerging markets as political, legal and operational systems may be less developed than in developed markets.

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- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

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is a blended index consisting of 50% **J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index Emerging Market Global Diversified** (JPM GBI-EM GD), 25% **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified** (JPM EMBIGD), 25% **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index Broad Diversified** (JPM CEMBI BD).

J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Global Diversified is an unmanaged index of local-currency bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging markets governments.

J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging markets governments.

J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index Broad Diversified is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

A blended benchmark has been used because there has been a change in benchmark during the reporting period shown.

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