

## Investment Objective

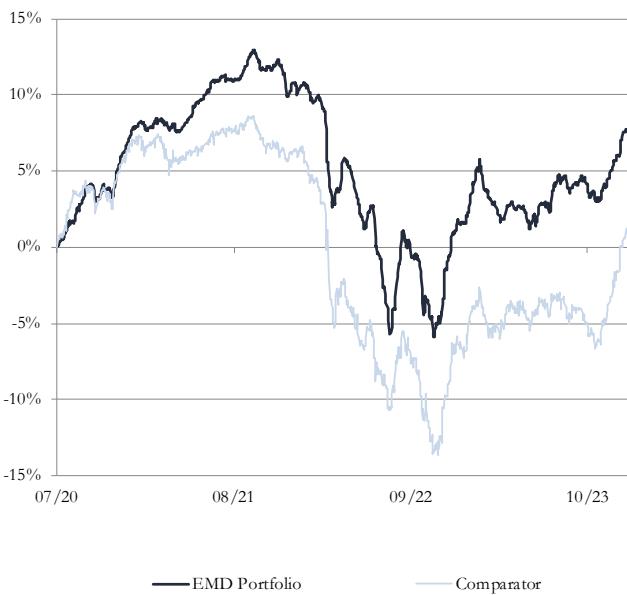
Our Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of hard currency corporate, emerging market bonds.

The objective is to generate attractive total returns primarily from income yield and targets low volatility by managing duration.

We believe that an unconstrained concentrated portfolio following our principles of quality and value is the best way to deliver income, upside opportunity and downside protection.

This means that we invest in key businesses in their respective industries and geographies, with strong underlying fundamentals, able to navigate through cycles. We favour companies in structurally attractive industries with strong business models, financial strength, predictable cash flows & management teams with proven track records.

## Performance, USD



## Performance Analysis

	Since Inception					
	Dec-23	3M	2023 YTD	1 Yr	Cumulative	Annualised
Portfolio	+2.0	+3.3	+6.0	+6.0	+7.7	+2.1
Comparator	+3.6	+6.2	+8.4	+8.4	+1.0	+0.3

Performance since launch on 17th February 2023 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s Emerging Market Debt USD Strategy, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with coupons reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Comparator: iShares JPM EM Corporate Bond ETF, with distributions reinvested, CEMB US, CUSIP 464286251. Source: SS&C Technologies, Bloomberg.

## Top 5 Credit Holdings

Issuer	Sector	% of Total Portfolio
United States Treasury Bill	Government	3.5%
Millicom	Communications	3.4%
MAF Global	Financial	3.4%
Cemex	Industrial	3.4%
Cosan Overseas	Energy	3.3%

## Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,038.90	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2511911310
A1H Acc GBP	1,047.15	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2520334165
A2 Dist USD	1,030.61	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2652042362

## Fund Characteristics

Average Credit Rating	BB-
Duration	3.3
Spread	590
Yield to Maturity	11.2%
Yield to Worst	11.0%
Income Yield	7.6%
Average Bond Price	90.9

## Portfolio Comment

The fund was up 2.0% in US dollar terms for the month. Global risk sentiment improved as inflationary pressures continued to moderate. The Fed signalled the likely conclusion of interest rates hikes and anticipated initiation of interest rate cuts in 2024. US Treasury yields declined and emerging market credit spreads tightened.

There was positive underlying corporate news. *AES Andes* (Chile, Utilities) expanded their partnership with Global Infrastructure Partners. The transaction secured important new financing for their transition towards renewable energy and storage solutions in the country.

*Kernel* (Ukraine, agri-commodities) exports picked up on the establishment of a grain corridor by the navy. The company also reached an agreement with bank lenders to defer debt maturities and committed to Eurobond coupon payments.

The main detractor was *Braskem* (Brazil, Basic Materials). There was news of geological events in the state of Alagoas related to a non-operational salt mine. The company faced potential new liabilities which would knock liquidity. Credit rating agencies downgraded the company on the news.

The market remains focussed on economic growth with probabilities skewed towards a soft landing. This environment is supportive for the asset class, providing investors with the opportunity to generate returns from both income and capital appreciation.

## Fund Statistics

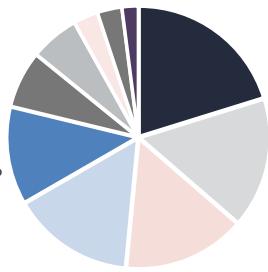
Cash %	3.1%	Average Monthly Return	0.2%
IG / HY / NR	9%/ 86%/ 6%	Best Monthly Return	Nov '22
No. Issuers/ Issues	41/ 43	Worst Monthly Return	Jun '22
No. Sectors	10	% Positive Months	57.1%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.46	Volatility	6.9%

## Top 5 Countries of Risk

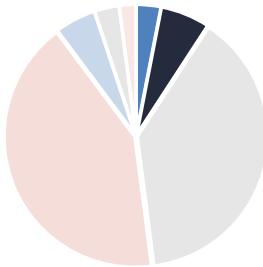
Country	% of Total Portfolio
Turkey	13.4%
Mexico	13.2%
Brazil	10.7%
South Africa	10.0%
India	7.9%

**Sector Split**

- Energy 20%
- Communications 16%
- Materials 15%
- Consumer Staples 15%
- Industrials 12%
- Consumer Discretionary 7%
- Financials 6%
- Utilities 3%
- Government 3%
- Diversified 2%

**Credit Rating (exc. cash)**

- AAA(+/-) 3%
- BBB ( +/- ) 6%
- BB ( +/- ) 38%
- B ( +/- ) 41%
- CCC ( +/- ) 5%
- C ( +/- ) 3%
- Not Rated 2%

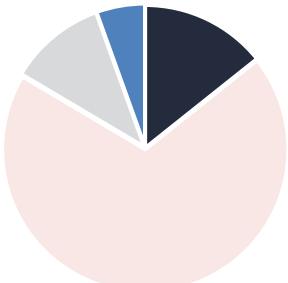
**Rank**

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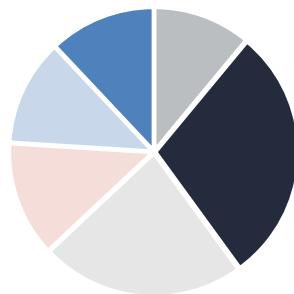
- Senior Unsecured 63%

- Subordinated 10%

- Junior Subordinated 5%

**Duration**

- <=1 11%
- >1 & <=2 29%
- >2 & <=3 23%
- >3 & <=4 13%
- >4 & <=5 12%
- >5 12%

**Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Comparator	Excess
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1.6	+1.9	-0.4	+0.1	+3.1	+1.6	+8.2	+7.2	+0.9
2021	-0.3	+0.2	-0.4	+1.5	+0.8	+1.0	-0.1	+1.2	-0.5	+0.2	-1.8	+0.7	+2.4	-0.6	+3.0
2022	-0.9	-4.1	+0.3	-1.7	-1.4	-4.8	+0.2	+2.5	-4.3	-0.7	+5.4	+1.5	-8.2	-12.6	+4.4
2023	+3.4	-1.9	-0.8	+0.4	-0.8	+0.8	+2.1	-0.6	+0.0	-1.0	+2.3	+2.0	+6.0	+8.4	-2.4

**Fund Information**

Sub-Fund	J. Stern & Co. Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund
Vehicle	Alpha UCITS SICAV
Domicile	Luxembourg
Legal Structure	SICAV
Investment Manager	J. Stern & Co. LLP
Portfolio Managers	Charles Gélinet, Jean-Yves Chereau
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Depositary & Administrator	CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Regulation	UCITS authorised by the CSSF
Legal & Tax Advisor	Allen & Overy, Luxembourg
Reference Currency	US Dollar

Share Class	A
Eligibility	All
Minimum Investment*	1m
Management Fee	0.90%
Target OCF*	1.20%
Acc/Dist	Accumulation/Distribution
Currencies	USD and hedged GBP
Alternative fee structure	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day
	Additional share classes available upon request
Launch Date	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023

\* Minimum investment is stated in the currency of the share class; Target OCF is the Investment Manager's target for the OCF of the USD share class.

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