

## Investment Objective

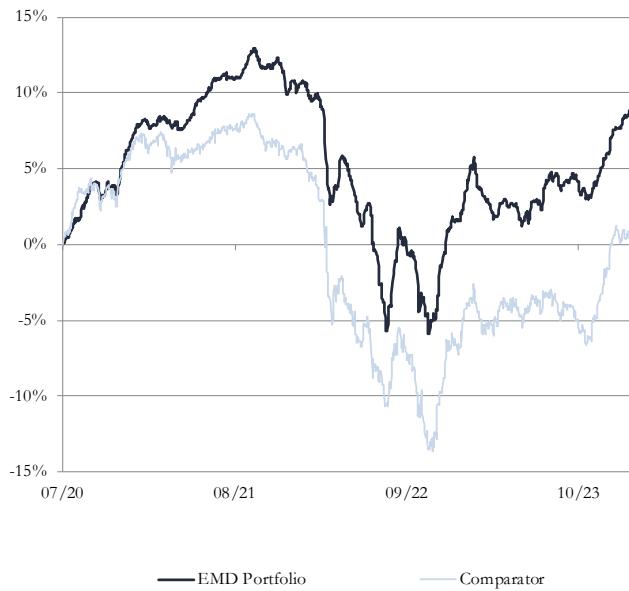
Our Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of hard currency corporate, emerging market bonds.

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



## Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,055.25	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2511911310
A1H Acc GBP	1,063.06	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2520334165
A2 Dist USD	1,046.85	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2652042362

## Fund Characteristics

Average Credit Rating	BB-
Duration	2.8
Spread	553
Yield to Maturity	11.1%
Yield to Worst	10.7%
Income Yield	7.5%
Average Bond Price	91.9

## Portfolio Comment

The fund was up 1.6% in US dollar terms for the month. Global risk sentiment continued to improve as economic data remained robust and the Fed signalled interest rate cuts are likely.

There was positive underlying corporate news. *Liquid Telecom* (South Africa, Communications) reported strong underlying growth in key markets on increased demand. The company has raised fresh equity and management are proactively developing refinancing plans for the bond maturity in 2026.

*Unigel* (Brazil, Basic Materials) announced the resumption of fertilizer production at its main plants following an agreement with state-owned Petrobras. The new deal is the latest sign of support for the fertilizer sector given the importance of agriculture to the economy and the government's aim to reduce import dependency.

UAE's ADNOC resumed negotiations to acquire a majority stake in *Braskem* (Brazil, Basic Materials). Kuwait's PIC and Saudi Arabia's ARAMCO have also expressed interest. These disclosed bids would provide a significant equity cushion for bondholders while providing liquidity at a low point in the petrochemical cycle.

The market remains focussed on economic growth with a soft landing looking more likely. High quality corporates maintain a conservative stance overall and are starting to take advantage of easing financial conditions with increased primary market activity. This trend should alleviate some of the previous focus on refinancing risks and be supportive of the asset class.

## Fund Statistics

Cash %	3.5%	Average Monthly Return	0.2%
IG/ HY/ NR	7%/ 78%/ 9%	Best Monthly Return	Nov '22 5.4%
No. Issuers/ Issues	41/ 43	Worst Monthly Return	Jun '22 -4.9%
No. Sectors	10	% Positive Months	58.1%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.40	Volatility	6.8%

## Performance Analysis

	Jan-24	3M	2024 YTD	1Yr	Since Inception	
					Cumulative	Annualised
Portfolio	+1.6	+6.0	+1.6	+4.2	+9.4	+2.5
Comparator	+0.0	+7.8	+0.0	+4.6	+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, WIZE, Bloomberg.

## Top 5 Credit Holdings

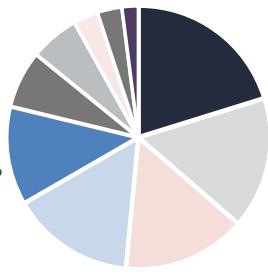
Issuer	Sector	% of Total Portfolio
Millicom	Communications	3.5%
MAF Global	Financial	3.4%
United States Treasury Bill	Government	3.4%
Cemex	Industrial	3.4%
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## Top 5 Countries of Risk

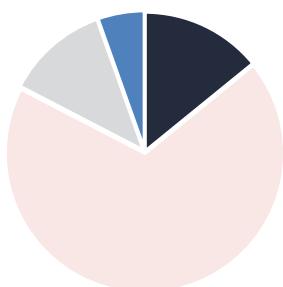
Country	% of Total Portfolio
Turkey	13.3%
Mexico	13.0%
Brazil	10.8%
South Africa	10.1%
India	7.9%

**Sector Split**

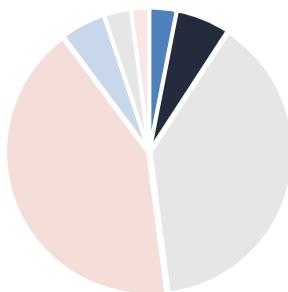
- Energy 20%
- Communications 16%
- Materials 15%
- Consumer Staples 15%
- Industrials 12%
- Consumer Discretionary 7%
- Financials 6%
- Utilities 3%
- Government 3%
- Diversified 2%

**Rank**

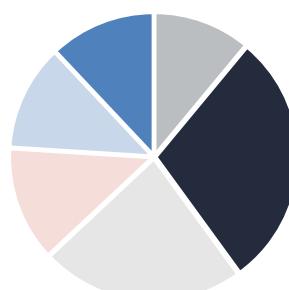
- 1st Lien 13%
- Senior Unsecured 63%
- Subordinated 11%
- Junior Subordinated 5%

**Credit Rating (exc. cash)**

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

**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
2024	+1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1.6	+0.0	+1.6

**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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