

**Investment Objective**

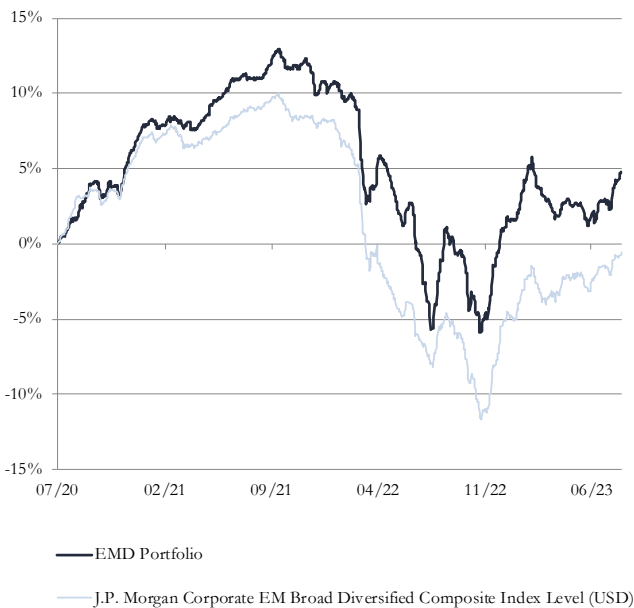
Our Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of hard currency corporate, emerging market debt.

We believe that a 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 with strong business models, financial strength & predictable cash flows.

Investment objective to generate a total return of 5-6%, net of fees, from income and capital growth over the medium term with low volatility and exposure to macro-economic risks with a standard deviation of 4-6%.

**Performance, USD**



**Performance Analysis**

	Jul-23	3M	2023 YTD	1 Yr	Since Inception	
					Cumulative	Annualised
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>+7.5</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>+1.5</b>
<i>JPM CEMBI BD</i>	<i>+1.0</i>	<i>+1.7</i>	<i>+4.7</i>	<i>+5.2</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.2</i>

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. Benchmark: JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified. Source: SS&C Technologies, Bloomberg.

**Top 5 Credit Holdings**

Issuer	Sector	% of Total Portfolio
United States Treasury Bill	Government	5.1%
MAF Global	Financial	3.9%
Cemex SA	Industrial	3.8%
Cosan Overseas	Energy	3.8%
HTA Group	Industrial	3.5%

**Top 5 Countries of Risk**

Country	% of Total Portfolio
Mexico	14.9%
Brazil	11.9%
Turkey	11.0%
South Africa	9.8%
U.A.E.	7.4%

**Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,011.19	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2511911310
A1H Acc GBP	1,021.08	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2520334165
A2 Dist USD	N/A	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2652042363

**Fund Characteristics**

Average Credit Rating	BB-
Duration	3.6
Spread	624
Yield to Maturity	11.9%
Yield to Worst	11.7%
Income Yield	7.4%
Average Bond Price	84.4

**Portfolio Comment**

The fund was up 2.1% for the month. Risk sentiment improved on strong economic data and inflation moderated further. This led to additional tightening in emerging market credit spreads, particularly in the high yield sector which now trade inside the last 20-year average.

There was positive underlying corporate news too. Liquid Telecom (South Africa, communications) proactively discussed refinancing options for its bonds well ahead of schedule. Plans included reducing capex to improve cashflow, monetising assets and a potential capital injection from main shareholders.

*Kosmos* and *Tullow Oil* (Ghana, energy) announced new assets coming online which will materially increase production. Capex will subsequently decline at both companies and aid free cashflow generation going forward. *Kosmos* also had its credit rating upgraded on the back of the recent sovereign upgrade.

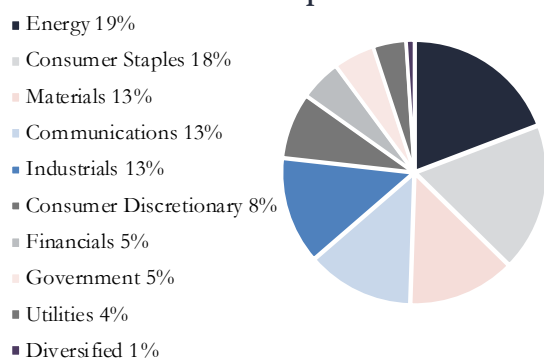
*Kernel* (Ukraine, agro-commodity) was weaker given ongoing military conflict in the country. There was destruction of infrastructure in the Chornomorsk port following suspension of the Black Sea grain deal, causing disruption to exports from the area.

The market is increasingly focussed on the resilience of economic growth. Probabilities are shifting from recession to a “soft landing”. This should be supportive of the asset class and corporate credit fundamentals continue to be robust.

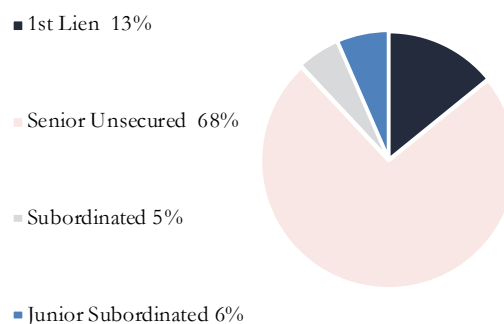
**Fund Statistics**

Cash %	3.6%	Average Monthly Return	0.1%
IG/ HY/ NR	10%/ 86%/ 5%	Best Monthly Return	Nov '22 5.4%
No. Issuers/ Issues	38/ 42	Worst Monthly Return	Jun '22 -4.9%
No. Sectors	10	% Positive Months	56.8%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.54	Volatility	7.1%

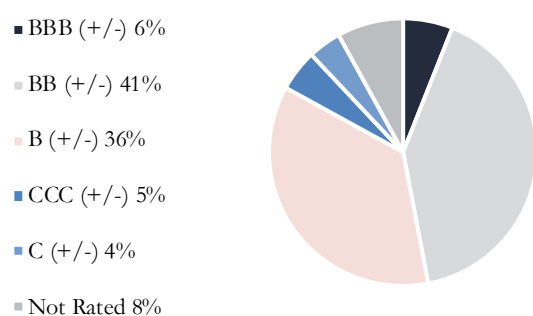
## Sector Split



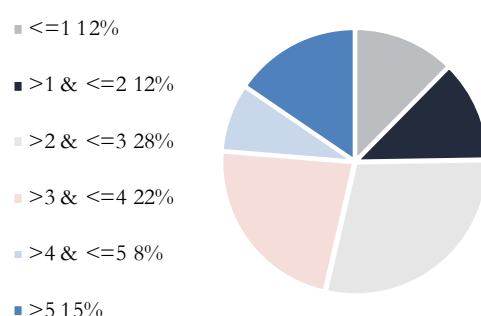
## Rank



## Credit Rating (exc. cash)



## Duration



## Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	JPM CEMBI	Excess
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1.6	+1.9	-0.4	+0.1	+3.1	+1.6	+8.2	+7.3	+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	+0.9	+1.5
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	-12.3	+4.1
2023	+3.4	-1.9	-0.8	+0.4	-0.8	+0.8	+2.1	-	-	-	-	-	+3.2	+4.7	-1.5

## 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
Depository & 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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