

## HSBC Global Investment Funds

# GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS LOCAL DEBT

Monthly report 30 September 2023 | Share class ICOGBP



### Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of emerging market bonds (denominated in local currencies).



### Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed. In normal market conditions, the Fund will primarily invest its assets in investment grade bonds and non-investment grade bonds issued by governments, government-related entities, supranational entities and companies that are based in emerging markets, as well as currency forwards and non-deliverable forwards. The Fund may invest up to 10% in onshore Chinese bonds which are issued within the People's Republic of China and traded on the China Interbank Bond Market. The Fund may invest up to 10% in convertible bonds, up to 10% in other funds and up to 10% in total return swaps. The Fund's primary currency exposure is to US dollars and currencies of other OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.



### Main risks

- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

### Share Class Details

#### Key metrics

NAV per Share	<b>GBP 8.97</b>
Performance 1 month	<b>-2.42%</b>
Yield to maturity	<b>7.22%</b>

#### Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	<b>Yes</b>
Dividend treatment	<b>Accumulating</b>
Dealing frequency	<b>Daily</b>
Valuation Time	<b>17:00 Luxembourg</b>
Share Class Base Currency	<b>GBP</b>
Domicile	<b>Luxembourg</b>
Inception date	<b>15 September 2021</b>
Fund Size	<b>USD 1,065,190,341</b>
Managers	<b>Hugo Novaro Tadashi Sueyoshi</b>

#### Fees and expenses

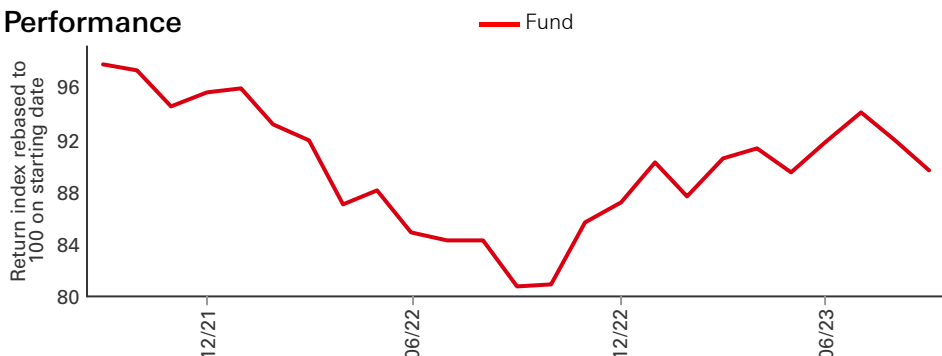
Ongoing Charge Figure <sup>1</sup>	<b>0.885%</b>
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#### Codes

ISIN	<b>LU0955571806</b>
Bloomberg ticker	<b>HELICHG LX</b>

<sup>1</sup>Ongoing Charges Figure, is based on expenses over a year. The figure includes annual management charge but not the transaction costs. Such figures may vary from time to time.

### Performance



Past performance is not an indicator of future returns. The figures are calculated in the share class base currency, dividend reinvested, net of fees.

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Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 30 September 2023

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	Since inception ann	
ICOGBP	2.77	-2.42	-2.31	-1.05	10.86	--	--	-5.21	
Calendar year performance (%)	2018			2019		2020		2021	2022
ICOGBP	--			--		--		--	-8.71

3-Year Risk Measures	ICOGBP	Reference benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	ICOGBP	Reference benchmark
Volatility	--	--	Volatility	--	--
Sharpe ratio	--	--	Sharpe ratio	--	--

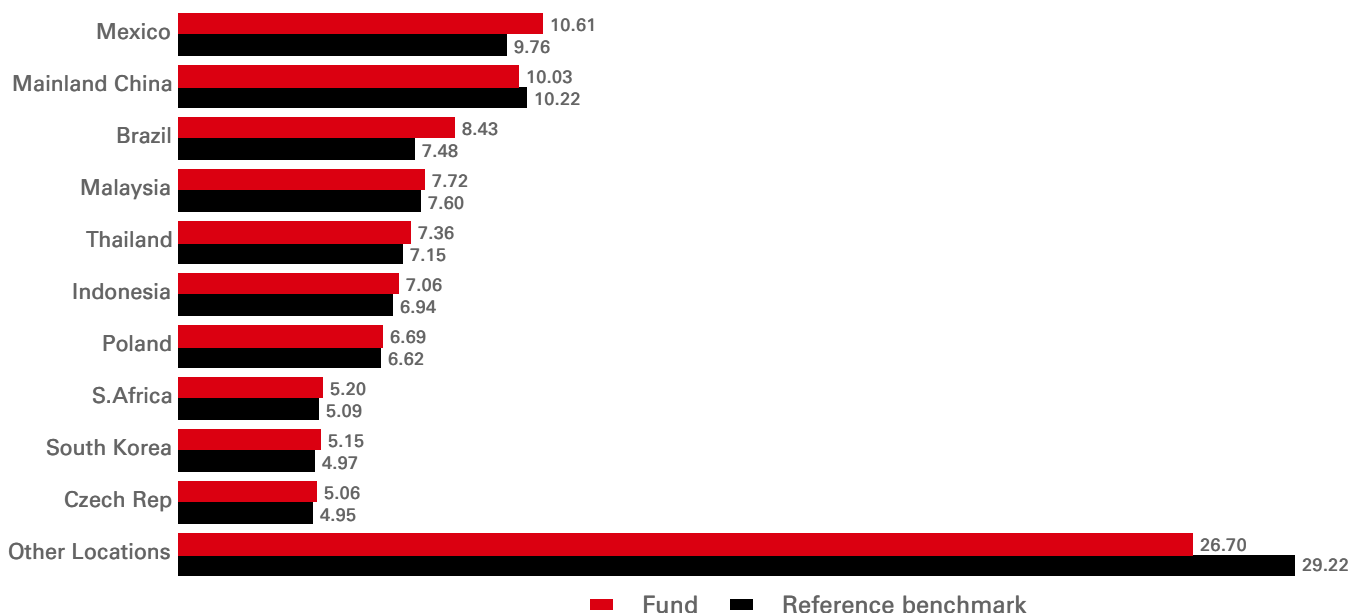
Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	91	345	--
Average coupon rate	3.22	2.58	0.63
Yield to worst	7.07%	7.79%	-0.73%
Option Adjusted Duration	2.66	2.47	0.20
Modified Duration to Worst	2.90	2.42	0.48
Option Adjusted Spread Duration	-0.35	0.00	-0.35
Average maturity	4.09	3.47	0.62
Rating average	A/A-	AA-/A+	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative	Maturity Breakdown (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
AAA	7.13	--	7.13	0-2 years	44.93	58.39	-13.46
AA	3.25	3.05	0.21	2-5 years	25.55	15.76	9.79
A	16.25	16.91	-0.66	5-10 years	13.91	15.36	-1.45
BBB	23.52	19.47	4.05	10+ years	15.61	10.49	5.12
BB	18.76	9.48	9.28				
B	0.32	0.86	-0.54				
NR	--	0.24	-0.24				
Cash	38.00	50.00	-12.00				
Cash Offset	-7.25	--	-7.25				

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The benchmark data is that of the reference benchmark of the fund, as this data is calculated at fund level rather than share class level.  
The reference benchmark of the fund is 50% JP Morgan Emerging Local Market Index+ 50% JP Morgan Government Bond Index Emerging Market Global Diversified  
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Currency Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
MXN	10.96	9.76	1.20
CNY	10.03	10.22	-0.20
BRL	7.93	7.48	0.45
MYR	7.72	7.60	0.13
THB	7.36	7.15	0.20
IDR	7.06	6.94	0.12
PLN	6.57	6.62	-0.05
ZAR	5.20	5.09	0.10
KRW	5.15	4.97	0.18
CZK	5.08	4.95	0.13
Other Currencies	26.95	29.22	-2.27

#### Geographical Allocation (%)



Sector Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
Government	69.13	50.00	19.13
Over The counter	0.11	--	0.11
Cash	38.00	50.00	-12.00
Cash Offset	-7.25	--	-7.25

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
BRAZIL-LTN 0.000 01/04/24	5.34
MEXICAN BONOS 7.500 03/06/27	4.61
POLAND GOVT BOND 2.500 25/07/27	4.24
BRAZIL-LTN 0.000 01/01/24	3.56
POLAND GOVT BOND 0.250 25/10/26	2.31
MEXICAN BONOS 8.500 18/11/38	1.91
INDONESIA GOV'T 7.500 15/06/35	1.87
REP SOUTH AFRICA 6.250 31/03/36	1.77
POLAND GOVT BOND 1.750 25/04/32	1.66
MEXICAN BONOS 8.500 31/05/29	1.65

## Monthly performance commentary

### Market review

Volatility continued in September as a higher-for-longer narrative drove a US Treasury sell-off. The negative returns in hard and local currency bonds were driven by higher UST rates, which also aided to a stronger dollar putting pressure on EM currencies. Higher oil prices were able to provide some support for EM countries. The September sell-off can be characterized by the Fed's higher-for-longer narrative which puts a dampening on the EM outlook and pushed the dollar stronger and US rates to the highest we've seen since the GFC. Developed markets central banks continue to hold rates steady, with an overall tone they will stay more restrictive as inflation remain sticky and easing is not imminent. The Fed at their September meeting left rates unchanged but gave off a hawkish tone as they continue to project one possible rate hike before the end of the year. In EM, central banks in parts of Latin America and CEEMEA continue their cutting cycles with some central banks realizing the risk of upward trending inflation globally which may lead to a pause in monetary policy. Meanwhile, data out of China was mixed over the month giving some reprieve to markets, however sentiment around China remains low in light of recent policy measures. On a technical standpoint, net new issuance was robust in September with both sovereigns and corporates issuing more bonds than bonds maturing after a few months of net negative issuance. Finally, flows into EMD were negative on the month; with both hard and local currency funds seeing declines.

### Performance

EMD local assets posted negative performance for the month of September. The selloff in US treasuries was again the main factor driving EM local currency yields higher. Higher US rates also led to a stronger dollar which in turn lead to weakness in EMFX. The fund performed in-line with the benchmark over the period. Over the month, the overweight to high carry EMFX currency such as the Chilean peso and Mexican peso hurt relative returns as they underperformed the benchmark given a stronger US dollar. Within our rates positioning, receivers in Mexico and Chile detracted from relative performance as those curves are sensitive to US treasury yield moves and were hurt by the move higher in core rates. In addition, we also hold a small overweight to US 5year rates which contributed to negative performance on the month. In terms of contributors, the underweight to China bonds added to relative returns as China bond yields moved higher with the move in core rates. Additionally, on a more idiosyncratic note, Turkey rates continued to go higher through the month and our underweight to Turkish local bonds added to relative performance. With this move, we took profit and were able to purchase bonds with yields that hovered near 25%. The underweight to Thailand rates added to relative returns as the country underperformed the broader universe given higher rates in the US. Within EMFX, we started off the month with an underweight to the Polish zloty which added to relative returns as the currency was the worst performer. We marginally increased our position during the month.

### Positioning

We maintain overweight positions in select LatAm countries, both currency and rates, as inflation has come down and the central banks are ready to cut interest rates, while remaining underweight to THB and CNY rates as rates remain anchored there and those positions moved in line with UST. We ended the month with a small overweight to duration of 0.20 years relative to the benchmark, while decreasing our overweight to EMFX over the month to a 2.7% overweight.

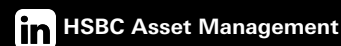
### Outlook

We see the fourth quarter of 2023 as when the US economic data will finally begin to reflect the very tight financial conditions after 18 months of Federal Reserve tightening. Consumer savings are dwindling, and the job market is weaker, which together should spell an end to the consumer engine for this cycle. Data in Europe and China already reflect a weaker environment and should weigh decisively on global demand. Disinflation is well entrenched and key components such as rents inflation and labor costs are showing clear deceleration. As a result, we are highly convicted in the view that global interest rates are peaking and that adding duration in both local markets and hard currencies makes sense as we head into year-end. We have high confidence that yield curves will steepen and that the US dollar will begin to weaken again as economic indicators become clearer on a slowdown. In general, spreads should demonstrate a tendency to widen, and we tilt back towards a preference for IG credit and for quasi-sovereigns in such an environment. We are willing to take duration again in some markets especially where spread curves have steepened. We also like countries that stand poised for upgrade to IG in our investment horizon. In terms of sectors, we maintain a preference for renewable energy which should benefit from higher oil prices and weather disruptions related to El Nino. Our top picks in currency space are in Latin America where inflation has come down quickly and carry remains in the double digits for many markets.

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