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Performance¹

RETURNS AS OF March 31, 2024 (% , net of fees)

	Q1 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Since Inception
Fund ²	1.76	4.89	-10.31	-3.36	7.90	0.66
Benchmark ³	1.69	6.89	-9.32	-1.37	4.53	1.16
Relative Performance	0.07	-2.00	-0.99	-1.99	3.37	-0.50

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Since Inception figures are annualized. Annual past performance related to ISIN LU1889860562. Performance is net of all fees except entry and exit fees (where applicable). Dividend reinvested for accumulative classes. Past performance is calculated in USD.

Emerging Markets Bonds 1Q 2024: Onward and Upward

After two difficult years in fixed income, 2024 launched with positive momentum for Emerging Markets credit – surprising given the macro backdrop of higher US interest rates for longer than expected, along with a lethargic Chinese economy that seems stuck in the mud.

Since July 2023, the US federal-funds rate range (5.25% - 5.50%) has been far above typical levels seen in the last 15 years and higher than many pundits had predicted last fall. Indeed, as of early April, the odds of a June rate cut fell below 50% - much less than expected in late 4Q of 2023. One Fed governor, Neil Kashkari, has even floated the idea that there may not even be cuts by year end.

Strong US GDP, employment trends, and resilient stock markets have created interesting feedback loops providing a strong bid to risk assets - a bid that one would not have predicted given stubbornly high US interest rates. US stocks, in particular, have seemed immune to rate gyrations. The S&P 500 staged impressive 10+% gains in 1Q, taking total trailing 12-month returns to a remarkable 30%. Momentum was led by the tech sector, especially companies tied to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) boom. Value stocks also joined in the rally.

¹ Past performance does not predict future returns. Where the reference currency of the fund differs than yours, returns and costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. This is not an exhaustive list of the costs. Other costs apply and differ per share class.

² Fund = Aperture New World Opportunities Fund (ticker APNWIXU LX). Sub-Fund inception date: April 1, 2019. Share Class Inception date: April 1, 2019.

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In contrast, US bonds sagged with the broad index⁴ down -1.6% through April 1st. But there seems to be light at the end of the EM debt tunnel. Dollar credit indices significantly outperformed: the short duration EM debt index rose +1.50%⁵ for the quarter, with the longer duration up +1.27%⁶.

Many analysts suggest that strong GDP and higher oil prices are driving EM debt prices, particularly frontier markets like Nigeria and Ecuador - which have seen spreads narrow. In fact, there is a sharp difference in EM debt returns by quality: the investment grade sovereign sector *actually fell* -1.20% (a little better than the US bond index), but the *high yield space rose* +4.75%.

Short Duration

Our short duration strategy performed well for the quarter, returning 1.76% and outperforming the index by 7 bps. And as mentioned earlier, this was even higher than the EM long duration benchmark, which also had significantly higher volatility. We caught the high yield rally with overweights to high yield and distressed sovereigns including Argentina, Pakistan and Ukraine. Off benchmark positioning in Ecuador also contributed +7 bps. A special situations position in local Egyptian bonds added +5 bps. Within high yield, the lowest rated CCC-sector continues to lead. On the negative side, interest rate sensitive IG credits produced negative returns during the quarter, causing approximately 35-40 bps of negative performance.

We remain close to the benchmark in terms of duration and quality (2.5 years and BBB-, respectively) and have added some floating-rate notes in an effort to better insulate the strategy from the volatile short-end of the curve. We continue to outyield the benchmark's 6.89% YTW, even though our portfolio quality remains similar⁷.

Looking Forward

The resilience of EM debt during 1Q 2024 amid troubling geopolitics, elevated US interest rates, and a sluggish Chinese economy is certainly encouraging. It has been bumpy, with EM bonds driven by the Fed and higher oil prices, but there are indications that there is fundamental growth in global manufacturing (and commodity exports) which has been helping many EM countries.

Technically, the EM debt market has experienced outflows and negative net new issuance for more than two years. It wouldn't take much for investors to redeploy more in EM bonds given the yield advantages over super-tight US credit across equivalent rating segments. This could bode well for the next quarter, as investors follow returns. The largest ETF in EM debt⁸ started to show some increased number of shares this quarter, another good technical sign that EM debt is back on investors' radar screens.

As always, please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions.

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⁴ Bloomberg US Aggregate index

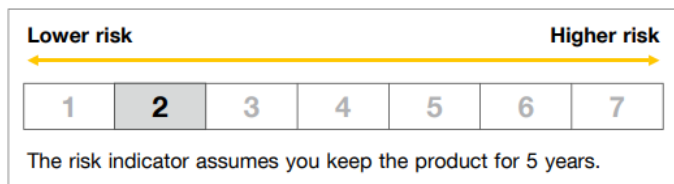
⁵ Bloomberg Emerging Markets 1-5 year index

⁶ JP Morgan Emerging Markets Global Diversified index

⁷ As at 31 March 2024.

⁸ iShares Emerging Markets Bond ETF

Risk profile of Aperture New World Opportunities Fund



The summary risk indicator (“SRI”) level, as calculated under the PRIIPS methodology, is 2 (which is a low-risk class). Investments involve risks. Past performance does not predict future return.

The inherent main risks of the sub-fund (non-exhaustive list): interest rate risk; the Sub-fund may invest in securities rated below Investment Grade, which present greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-quality securities; Credit risk; Credit default swaps; Emerging markets; Derivatives; Foreign exchange; Liquidity risk; Short exposure risk; Equity; Rule 144A and/or Regulation S securities, Investment in CoCos.

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Credit Risk – The risk that the issuer of a security or the counterparty to a contract will default or otherwise become unable to honor a financial obligation.

Emerging Markets/Foreign Investment Risk – The risk that non-U.S. securities may be subject to additional risks due to, among other things, political, social, and economic developments abroad, currency movements and different legal, regulatory and tax environments. These additional risks may be heightened with respect to emerging market countries because political turmoil and rapid changes in economic conditions are more likely to occur in these countries. The strategy’s exposure to these risks is heightened as a result of the strategy investing primarily in emerging market countries.

Fixed Income Market Risk – The prices of the strategy’s fixed income securities respond to economic developments, particularly interest rate changes, as well as to perceptions about the creditworthiness of individual issuers, including governments and their agencies. Generally, the strategy’s fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa. In a low interest rate environment, risks associated with rising rates are heightened. Declines in dealer market-making capacity as a result of structural or regulatory changes could decrease liquidity and/or increase volatility in the fixed income markets. In the case of foreign securities, price fluctuations will reflect international economic and political events, as well as changes in currency valuations relative to the U.S. dollar. In response to these events, the strategy’s value may fluctuate and/or the strategy may experience increased redemptions from shareholders, which may impact the strategy’s liquidity or force the strategy to sell securities into a declining or illiquid market.

Foreign Sovereign Debt Securities Risk – The risks that (i) the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or interest when it becomes due because of factors such as debt service burden, political constraints, cash flow problems and other national economic factors; (ii) governments may default on their debt securities, which may require holders of such securities to participate in debt rescheduling or additional lending to defaulting governments; and (iii) there is no bankruptcy proceeding by which defaulted sovereign debt may be collected in whole or in part. These risks are typically heightened with respect to emerging market countries.

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Corporate Fixed Income Securities Risk – Corporate fixed income securities respond to economic developments, especially changes in interest rates, as well as perceptions of the creditworthiness and business prospects of individual issuers.

Duration Risk – The longer-term securities in which the strategy may invest tend to be more volatile than shorter-term securities. A portfolio with a longer average portfolio duration is more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a portfolio with a shorter average portfolio duration.

Extension Risk – The risk that rising interest rates may extend the duration of a fixed income security, typically reducing the security's value.

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