

**Investment Objective and Policies**

The Fund aims to maximise the total level of return through investment, in a diversified portfolio of Emerging Market ("EM") Corporate and Government fixed income securities as well as up to 15% of the Net Assets of the Sub-Fund in EM equities. In pursuing this objective, the Investment Manager shall invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of EM bonds rated at the time of investment "BBB+" to "CCC+" by S&P, or in bonds determined to be of comparable quality. The Fund can also invest up to 10% of its assets in Non-Rated bond issues and up to 30% of its assets in Non-EM issuers. The Fund is actively managed, not managed by reference to any index.

Fund Type UCITS  
 Minimum Initial Investment €100,000

**Sustainability**

The Fund is classified under Article 6 of the SFDR meaning that the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

**Fund Details**

ISIN MT7000026449  
 Bloomberg Ticker CCEMBFE MV

**Charges**

Entry Charge Up to 2.5%  
 Exit Charge None  
 Total Expense Ratio 1.87%  
 Currency fluctuations may increase/decrease costs.

**Risk and Reward Profile**

This section should be read in conjunction with the KIID

Lower Risk Higher Risk  
 Potentially lower reward Potentially higher reward


**Portfolio Statistics**

Total Net Assets (in \$mns) 9.4  
 Month end NAV in EUR 80.59  
 Number of Holdings 50  
 % of Top 10 Holdings 38.0

**Current Yields**

Distribution Yield (%) N/A  
 Underlying Yield (%) 5.88

Country Allocation <sup>1</sup>	%	Credit Rating	%	Top 10 Exposures	%
Brazil	14.6	From AAA to BBB-	37.8	iShares JPM USD EM Bond	6.2
Malta (incl. cash)	11.7	From BB+ to BB-	39.2	6.625% NBM US Holdings Inc 2029	4.3
Mexico	11.0	From B+ to B-	5.0	5.8% Oryx Funding Ltd 2031	4.2
United States	10.3	CCC+	2.0	5.8% Turkcell 2028	4.1
India	6.8	Less than CCC+	5.1	4% HSBC Holdings plc perp	4.0
Oman	6.4			4.75% Banco Santander SA perp	3.8
Turkey	6.0			5.6% Petrobras Global Finance 2031	3.1
Indonesia	6.0			iShares JPM USD EM Corp Bond	3.0
United Kingdom	4.0			3.25% Export-Import BK India 2030	2.9
Spain	3.8			3.625% Nemak SAB DE CV 2031	2.5
		<b>Average Credit Rating</b>	<b>BB-</b>		

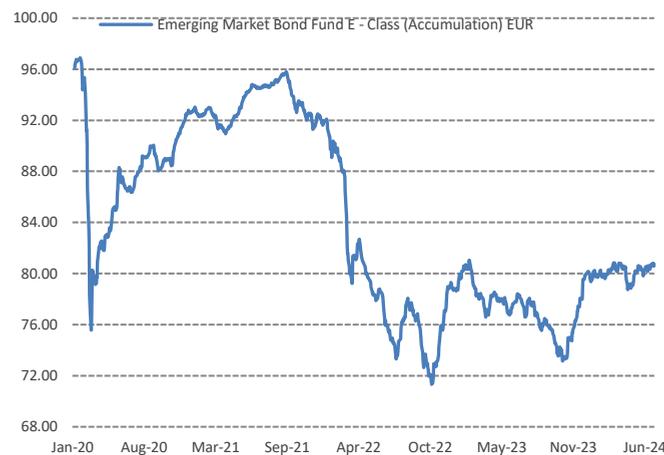
<sup>1</sup> including exposures to CIS

Currency Allocation	%	Asset Allocation	%	Maturity Buckets <sup>2</sup>	%
USD	98.8	Cash	1.7	0 - 5 years	42.6
EUR	1.2	Bonds (incl. ETFs)	98.3	5 - 10 years	36.1
				10 years +	10.4

<sup>2</sup> based on the Next Call Date

**Historical Performance to Date**

Unit Price (EUR)



Source: Calamatta Cuschieri Investment Management Ltd.

**Performance History**

Past performance does not predict future returns

Calendar Year Performance	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020*	Annualised Since Inception ***
Share Class E - Total Return**	0.52	1.84	-14.36	-0.94	-3.48	-3.94
Total Return	1-month	3-month	6-month	9-month	12-month	
Share Class E - Total Return**	0.62	-0.24	0.52	8.07	3.91	

\* The EUR Accumulator Share Class (Class E) was launched on 06 February 2020.

\*\* Returns quoted net of TER. Entry and exit charges may reduce returns for investors.

\*\*\* The Annualised rate is an indication of the average growth of the Fund over one year. The value of the investment and the income yield derived from the investment, if any, may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance, nor a reliable guide to future performance. Hence returns may not be achieved and you may lose all or part of your investment in the Fund. Currency fluctuations may affect the value of investments and any derived income.

**Sector Breakdown<sup>3</sup>**

Sovereign	19.8
Oil&Gas	8.4
Banks	7.8
Food	6.3
Sovereign ETF	6.2
Auto Parts&Equipment	4.4
Healthcare-Services	1.6
Chemicals	1.6
Oil&Gas Services	1.1
Retail	0.5

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## Introduction

Emerging market (EM) credit continued its notable run in Q2, extending the gains observed since the start of the year. The asset class delivered positive returns across the board, although sovereigns lagged corporate debt. This quarter's performance was primarily driven by carry, with the elevated coupon income in hard currency issues playing a key role, providing valuable protection against rising US treasury yields. This reliable income stream offered a buffer for investors, making EM debt an attractive proposition.

Year-to-date, EM corporate credit has delivered a strong 6.09% return, with approximately 3.5% of that figure attributable to income return.

Positive economic updates further supported EM debt performance. China's government measures to support the struggling housing sector boosted confidence, with private sector activity too remaining positive. Inflation, previously negative, have for four successive months proved positive, signalling a continued recovery in domestic demand. In India, optimism rose due to the expected re-election of Prime Minister Modi, although the possibility of a coalition government added some uncertainty. In Latin America, private sector activity remained robust, whilst inflation, albeit marginally increasing (recent figures showed) allowed central banks to maintain a more accommodative monetary policy stance.

## Market Environment and Performance

China's macroeconomy continued to exhibit signs of a recovery in June, with private sector activity still revolving in expansionary territory, despite China's General Composite PMI slipping (52.8 v a previous month reading of 54.1). Still, June's reading marked the eighth consecutive month of growth, as manufacturing output growth accelerated, while services saw a slowdown. New orders expanded at the softest pace in four months while employment shrank across manufacturing and service sectors. On the price front, consumer prices held steady at 0.3% in May for the second straight month while falling short of market forecasts of 0.4%. Despite nascent signs of improvement, structural challenges continue to persist. Recent government interventions, particularly in the property sector, offer hope, but their long-term effectiveness remains to be seen. Still, sustained stability in property prices is indeed anticipated. This is viewed as a crucial precursor to a turnaround in the sector. Stabilized home prices shall indeed have positive ripple effects, potentially improving consumer sentiment and ultimately enhancing China's growth outlook.

In India, sustained economic strength and recent political developments have continued to fuel positive investor sentiment. The country has in recent months continued to boast healthy activity, with the private sector maintaining a sustained expansion amid robust output from the manufacturing and service sectors. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance retained its parliamentary majority although the BJP lost its single party majority. On the policy front, the Reserve Bank of India kept its benchmark policy repo steady as price pressures prove persistent while the economy remained resilient.

Latin America presented a nuanced economic picture in Q2, with a broader slowdown emerging compared to the earlier part of Q1. Brazil, the region's powerhouse, exhibited continued resilience, with activity - aided by the services segment - revolving in expansionary territory. Meanwhile, inflation picked up from the 3.69% jump in April to mark the first acceleration in Brazilian consumer prices since September of 2023. Mexico, still in expansion, saw a marginal 0.1 pt dip in manufacturing (51.1 v a previous month reading of 51.2) as new orders continued to rise. From a policy perspective, Chile – among the first to ease policy – carried out a 25bps cut, which brings them to 5.75%. Brazil and Mexico, previously embarking on an easing cycle, kept rates steady, in line with expectations.

## Fund Performance

In June, the CC Emerging Market Bond Fund realized a gain of 0.79%. Throughout the month, the Manager continued to take advantage of selective opportunities, primarily by participating in initial offerings. Indeed, the month saw a number of market participants coming to market, with liquidity and appetite increasing. Credit issuers which the CC Emerging Market Bond Fund increased its exposure to include; Teva Pharmaceuticals, Freeport Indonesia PT, and Arcelormittal SA.

## Market and Investment Outlook

Looking ahead, the evolving global interest rate environment, particularly decisions by the Fed, will be crucial to monitor. A hawkish Fed stance may lead to a sustained period of higher rates globally, potentially translating into a stronger US dollar. A "higher-for-longer" dollar scenario indeed presents a challenge for EM economies, notably; reduced fund flows from foreign investors seeking higher returns elsewhere, and increased refinancing costs for companies with large foreign currency debt burdens.

With respect to the Emerging Market Bond Fund, the manager will continue to assess the market landscape and capitalize on appealing credit opportunities. Consistent with recent actions, the manager will continue to tailor the portfolio to match prevailing yield conditions while increasing the portfolio's overall duration. This whilst keeping a close eye on the political landscape within Emerging Markets and possible escalation of geopolitical tensions, which to-date have alas endured. Despite rate cut expectations falling over the year, optimism remains.

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