

# EMERGING MARKET BLEND DEBT FACT SHEET

FIRST QUARTER 2025

# The MacKay Advantage

# MACKAY SHIELDS

- \$152 Billion AUM<sup>1</sup>
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

## About EMD Blend

- \$53 Million AUM<sup>2</sup>
- Strategy inception date— April 2022

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## **Emerging Market Blend Debt**

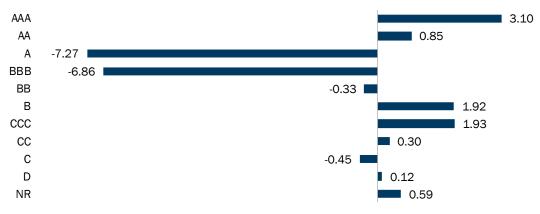
MacKay Shields Emerging Market Blend Debt strategy seeks to achieve income and total return by investing in a diversified pool of fixed income securities such as bonds and debentures issued by emerging market governments and corporations, or otherwise obtaining exposure to such securities. The investment team employs a research-driven, relative value process focused on regional selection, country selection, sector selection, security selection and yield curve positioning while also considering the portfolio's overall duration positioning.

MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics | As of March 31, 2025

#### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

	Portfolio	Index <sup>1</sup>	Difference
YIELD TO WORST	10.81	8.20	2.62
OPTION ADJUSTED SPREAD	593	351	243
EFFECTIVE DURATION	6.52	6.29	0.23
DURATION TIMES SPREAD	15.97	12.94	3.03
COUPON RATE	5.75	5.33	0.42
CURRENT YIELD	6.57	5.91	0.66
YEARS TO MATURITY	11.81	10.54	1.27
BLOOMBERG CREDIT RATING	BA2	BA1	_
NUMBER OF ISSUERS	109	210	_
# OF SECURITIES	262	1,409	_



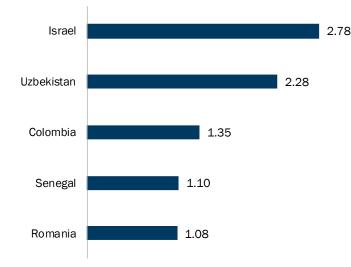


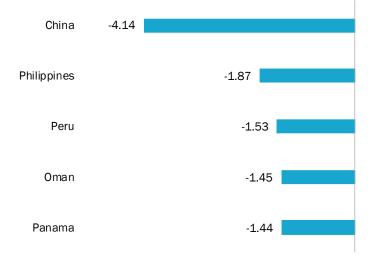
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## MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics (Cont'd) | As of March 31, 2025

## ACTIVE COUNTRY WEIGHT





## REGION AND CURRENCY EXPOSURE

MacKay Shield Representative Account					
	Active CTD	Active YTM			
AFRICA	_	0.16			
ASIA	-0.20	-0.06			
EUROPE	0.23	0.42			
LATIN AMERICA	-0.31	2.19			
MIDDLE EAST	0.28	0.01			
NORTH AMERICA	0.03	0.06			

## ASSET TYPE BREAKDOWN | %

	Representative Account	Index	Difference
CORPORATE	18.30	_	18.30
QUASI-SOVEREIGN	15.83	15.07	0.76
SOVEREIGN	59.77	84.93	-25.16
CASH	4.29	_	4.29
OTHER <sup>1</sup>	1.81	_	1.81

1. Other = Cash Offset, Currency Forward and Futures.

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## **Team Process Overview**

Led management of ~\$4 billion across Emerging Market Debt sovereigns and corporates prior to joining MacKay

Inclusivity, diversity of thought fostered by varied skills and backgrounds

**Collaboration** and alignment with the Global Credit Team



### A DIVERSE, EXPERIENCED AND CLOSE-KNIT EMERGING MARKET DEBT TEAM<sup>1</sup>



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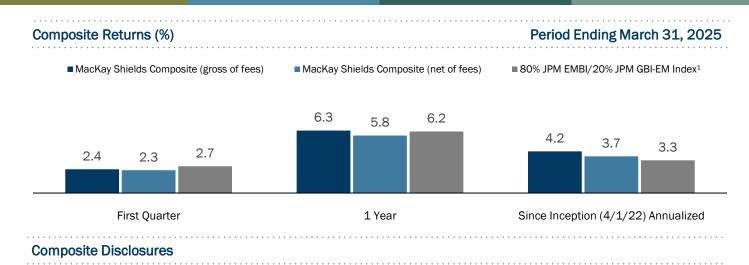


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	MacKay Shields	•	80% JPM EMBI/20% JPM						
	Composite Gross	Composite Net	GBI-EM Index <sup>1</sup>	Composite	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>		Composite		Internal
	Returns	Returns	Returns	3-Yr St Dev	3-Yr St Dev	No. of	Assets	Firm Assets	Dispersion
Period	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	Accts.	(\$Mil)	(\$Mil)	(%)
2025 (Thru 3/31)	2.4	2.3	2.7	10.5	9.9	≤5	53	151,978	N/A
2024	7.0	6.5	4.7	N/A	N/A	≤5	51	150,568	0.0
2023	13.4	12.8	11.4	N/A	N/A	≤5	48	139,163	0.0
2022 (Since 4/1)	-9.0	-9.3	-8.0	N/A	N/A	≤5	42	128,584	N/A

### 1. 80% JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index / 20% JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index

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