

### The MacKay Advantage

#### MACKAY SHIELDS

- \$151 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 Hard Currency

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

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1. As of December 31, 2024

2. EMD Hard Currency AUM represents all EMD accounts and sleeves under management that are denominated in hard currency. Includes \$300.1 million in assets under advisement.

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### Emerging Market Hard Currency Debt

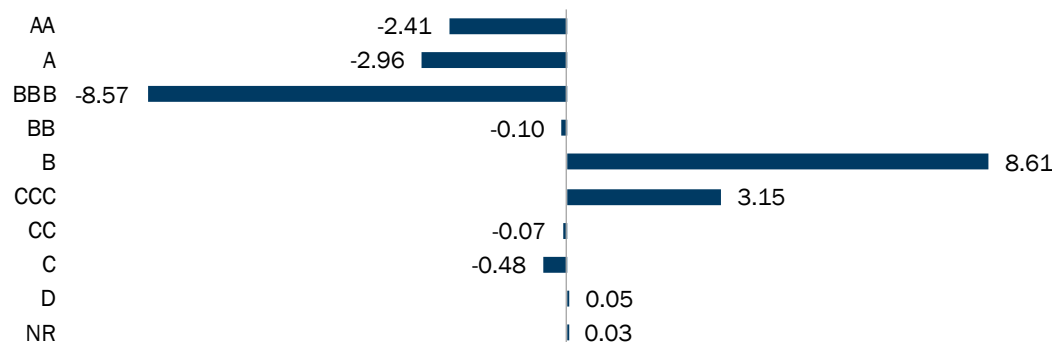
MacKay Shields Emerging Market Hard Currency Debt strategy (the “Strategy”) seeks to achieve income and total return by investing primarily in debt securities issued by Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns and opportunistically in Corporates that trade in U.S. Dollars from emerging markets offering relatively attractive current market yields after adjusting for pertinent risks. The Strategy is a total return emerging markets debt (EMD) investment strategy which seeks to outperform the EMBI<sup>1</sup> (hard currency) universe. 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.

### MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics | As of December 31, 2024

#### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

|                         | Portfolio | Index <sup>1</sup> | Difference |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| YIELD TO WORST          | 11.19     | 8.75               | 2.44       |
| OPTION ADJUSTED SPREAD  | 690       | 424                | 266        |
| EFFECTIVE DURATION      | 6.75      | 6.54               | 0.22       |
| DURATION TIMES SPREAD   | 20.49     | 14.81              | 5.69       |
| COUPON RATE             | 5.90      | 5.23               | 0.66       |
| CURRENT YIELD           | 6.75      | 5.92               | 0.83       |
| YEARS TO MATURITY       | 12.71     | 11.30              | 1.41       |
| BLOOMBERG CREDIT RATING | BA2       | BA1                | —          |
| NUMBER OF ISSUERS       | 84        | 195                | —          |
| # OF SECURITIES         | 140       | 992                | —          |

#### % OVERWEIGHTS AND UNDERWEIGHTS BY RATING<sup>2</sup>



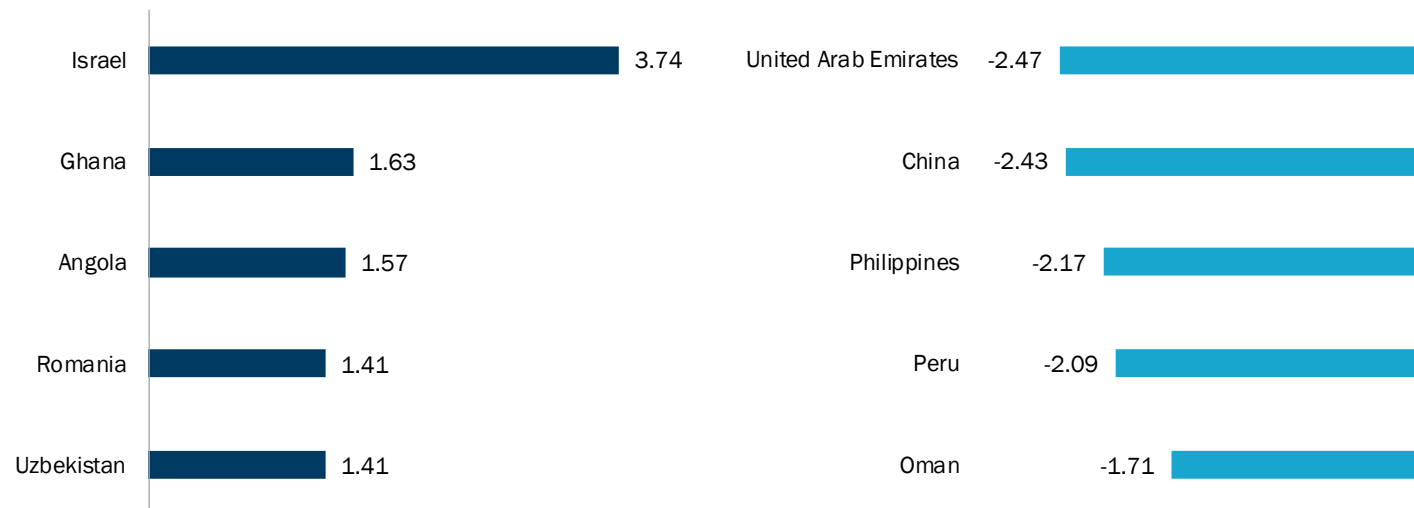
1. Index = J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index

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2. Credit Quality is assigned as the middle rating of Moody’s, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used.

## MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics (Cont'd) | As of December 31, 2024

### ACTIVE COUNTRY WEIGHT



### REGION AND CURRENCY EXPOSURE

| MacKay Shield Representative Account |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | Active CTD | Active YTM |
| AFRICA                               | 0.46       | 1.49       |
| ASIA                                 | -0.24      | -0.03      |
| EUROPE                               | 0.13       | 0.26       |
| LATIN AMERICA                        | -0.26      | 1.09       |
| MIDDLE EAST                          | 0.13       | -0.36      |

### ASSET TYPE BREAKDOWN | %

|                      | Representative Account | Index <sup>1</sup> | Difference |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| CORPORATE            | 17.92                  | 0.53               | 17.39      |
| QUASI-SOVEREIGN      | 17.84                  | 6.16               | 11.68      |
| SOVEREIGN            | 61.49                  | 93.31              | -31.82     |
| <sup>2</sup><br>CASH | 2.49                   | –                  | 2.49       |

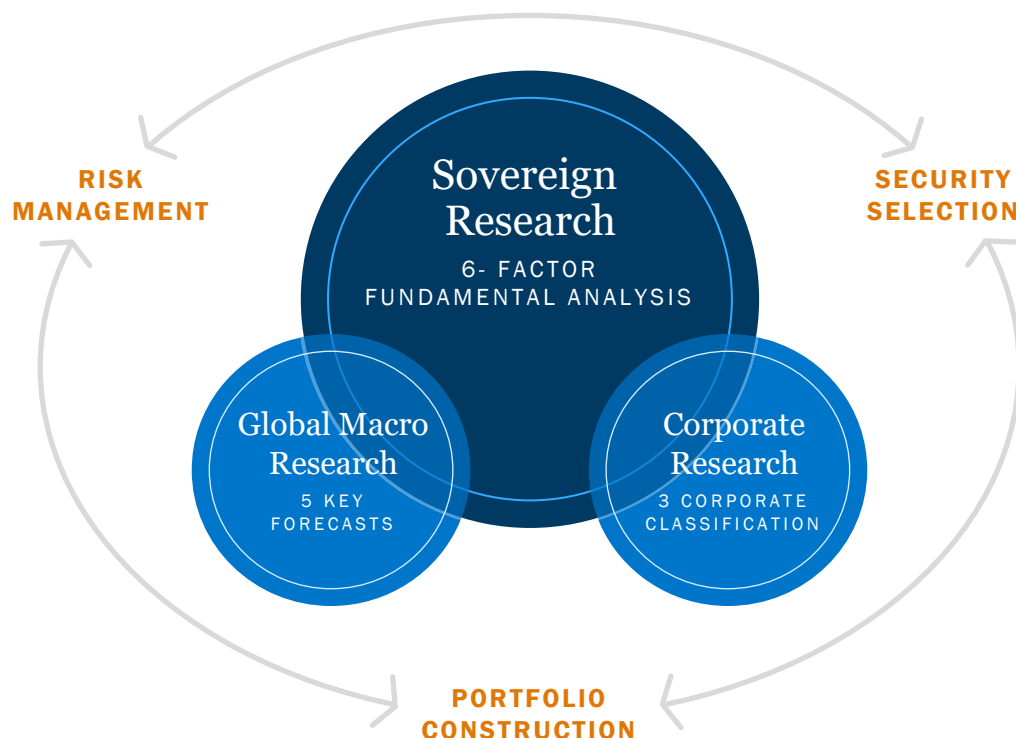
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2. Cash = Cash+ currency gain/loss.

CTD = Contribution to Duration; YTM = Yield to Maturity

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## Team Process Overview



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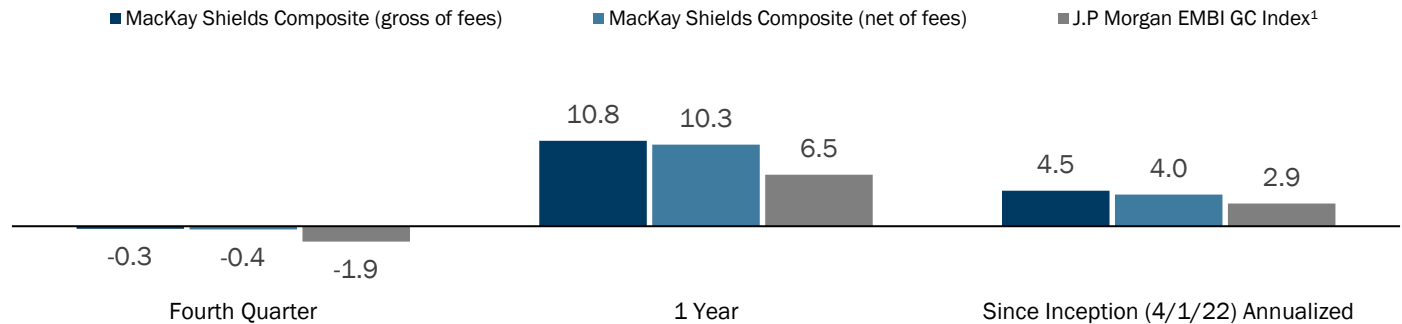
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### Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending December 31, 2024



### Composite Disclosures

| Period           | MacKay Shields Composite Gross Returns (%) | MacKay Shields Composite Net Returns (%) | J.P. Morgan EMBI GC Index¹ Returns (%) | Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%) | Benchmark¹ 3-Yr St Dev (%) | No. of Accts. | Composite Assets (\$Mil) | Firm Assets (\$Mil) | Internal Dispersion (%) |
|------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|                  |  |  |  |                           |                            |               |                          |                     |                         |
| 2024             | 10.8                                       | 10.3                                     | 6.5                                    | N/A                       | N/A                        | ≤5            | 40                       | 150,568             | 0.0                     |
| 2023             | 12.9                                       | 12.4                                     | 11.1                                   | N/A                       | N/A                        | ≤5            | 36                       | 139,163             | 0.0                     |
| 2022 (Since 4/1) | -9.8                                       | -10.2                                    | -8.6                                   | N/A                       | N/A                        | ≤5            | 32                       | 128,584             | N/A                     |

#### 1. J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index

The Emerging Markets Hard Currency Debt Composite includes all discretionary emerging markets hard currency debt accounts managed with similar objectives for a full month, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Accounts in the composite seek to achieve income and total return by investing primarily in debt securities issued by Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns and opportunistically in Corporates that trade in U.S. Dollars from emerging markets offering relatively attractive current market yields after adjusting for pertinent risks. A total return EMD investment strategy positioned to outperform the EMBI (hard currency) universe. Gross-of-fees composite performance reflects reinvestment of income and dividends and is a market-weighted average of the time-weighted return, before advisory fees, of each account for the period since inception. Net-of-fees composite performance is derived by reducing the monthly gross-of-fees composite returns by .0417%, our highest monthly fee. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Performance is expressed in U.S. Dollars. The composite creation and inception date is 4/1/22. All portfolios in the composite are fee-paying portfolios. There can be no assurance that the rate of return for any account within a composite will be the same as that of the composite presented. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

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