

# Rubrics Emerging Markets Fixed Income UCITS Fund (Class D USD)

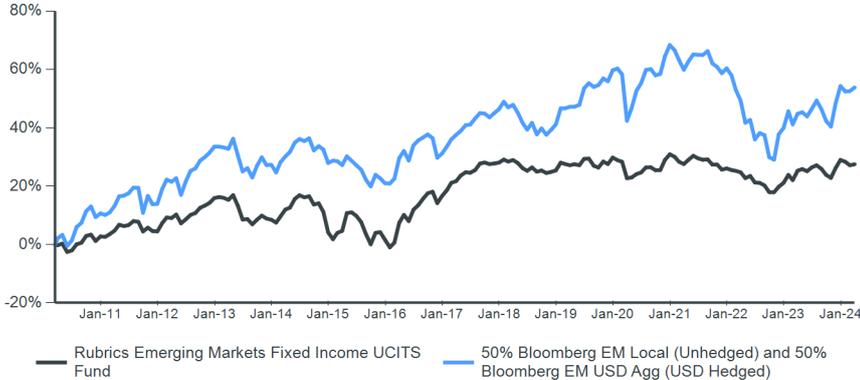
## Objective

The Rubrics Emerging Markets Fixed Income UCITS Fund (the "Fund") aims to maximise risk-adjusted returns by investing in emerging markets government and corporate bonds. It is a total return, non-benchmarked fund with a strong capital preservation emphasis. The Fund's use of dynamic risk budgeting and active allocation processes to sub-asset classes in both local and hard currency emerging markets debt should allow the fund the flexibility to create alpha across different market conditions.

## Performance

Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. Source: Rubrics Asset Management and Bloomberg. All performance is calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis and is as at the last business day of the month.

### Cumulative performance since (15 March 2010)



### Monthly performance since 2021

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year	Primary Index
2021	-0.66	-1.30	-0.62	1.15	1.07	-0.68	-0.37	0.09	-1.39	0.02	-1.36	0.32	-3.71	-4.75
2022	-0.43	-0.23	-0.41	-1.60	0.64	-1.84	-0.10	-0.73	-1.92	-0.01	1.59	1.09	-3.93	-12.74
2023	2.26	-1.45	2.63	0.47	-0.60	1.05	0.58	-0.98	-1.63	-0.83	2.74	2.21	6.51	10.25
2024	-0.50	-0.92	0.27										-1.15	-0.30

### Net performance

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years*	5 years*	10 years*	Since launch*
Fund	0.27%	-1.15%	2.94%	1.78%	-0.02%	0.05%	1.31%	1.75%
Primary Index	0.83%	-0.30%	8.04%	6.23%	-1.28%	0.89%	1.69%	3.12%

\* Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of 1 year

### Rolling 12-month performance to most recent quarter end (31 March 2024)

	Q1 2023 - Q1 2024	Q1 2022 - Q1 2023	Q1 2021 - Q1 2022	Q1 2020 - Q1 2021	Q1 2019 - Q1 2020
Fund	1.78%	0.44%	-2.23%	3.96%	-3.51%
Primary Index	6.23%	-2.97%	-6.64%	12.25%	-3.24%

### Risk factors you should consider before investing

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\*\* Minimum investments and fees may vary according to currency and share class



Morningstar Ratings™ as at February 2024

### Fund facts

Entity name	Rubrics Global UCITS Funds PLC
Inception date	15 March 2010
Index	50% Bloomberg EM Local (Unhedged) and 50% Bloomberg EM USD Agg (USD Hedged)
Minimum investment (USD)	500
Subscription	Daily
Redemption	Daily
Other available currencies	CHF, EUR, GBP

### Key data †

Fund assets (USD)	\$6 million
NAV (USD)	127.5200
Total return since inception	27.52%
Annualised return since inception	1.75%
Annualised standard deviation	3.67%
Number of securities	23
Average coupon	2.91%
Average duration (years)	3.29
Average yield to maturity	5.15%
Average portfolio credit rating	A
Portfolio ESG rating (MSCI)	A

### Fees\*\*

Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	None

### Fund codes

ISIN	IE00B64S7Y42
SEDOL	B64S7Y4
Bloomberg	RGEMFID
CUSIP	GB107B 134

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† The values stated are calculated based on the fund inception date as of 15/03/2010

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## Fund commentary

Despite developed market bond yields falling and the US Dollar strengthening, emerging market assets generally performed well in March, as positive correlation between risky and free risk assets returned to markets. Hard currency assets generated positive returns over the month while local currency markets experienced negative returns. The Fund generated a positive return, with hard currency assets acting as the predominant contributor. Though signs of a strong US economy remain, the Fed's mid-March meeting with updated dot plot and a somewhat dovish press conference from chair Powell soothed the market and allowed treasury yields to fall from their highs. Despite yields ending the month lower, the US Dollar strengthened. The JP Morgan EM FX index was 0.42% lower, and the Bloomberg Barclays EM USD index spread was 13bps tighter on the month to 263bps. Local government bond yields were 8bps higher over the course of the month. China's National People's Congress took place in Beijing early March, where the ruling party set a growth rate of around 5% for 2024, seen as ambitious by some especially in light of ongoing property troubles. That ailing part of the economy remains a drag as China accused Evergrande of \$78bn fraud, among the worst ever. Chinese government bond yields continued to fall. The 10-year Chinese government bond, which in February hit its lowest yield level since 2002, continued to fall. The bond ended March 6bps lower at 2.29%. The renminbi fell 0.7% as ambiguous messages from the PBOC regarding the yuan's daily reference rate created uncertainty for traders. Asian currencies were broadly weaker with the Indonesian Rupiah more than unwinding the prior month's rally, falling 1.1% in March, while the Indian Rupee ended a three-month surge by weakening 0.5% as political tensions rise ahead of elections this year. Latin American currencies continued to lead the way in the EM space with the Mexican Peso reaching a 9-year high in March. The carry trade, benefitting from the BoJ's dovish rhetoric, was unharmed by Banxico's 25bp interest rate cut, the bank's first since 2021, which was seen as hawkish. Colombia accelerated its easy cycle by cutting rates by 50bps to 12.25%, following a 25bp cut in January and a pause in February. Despite this, the Colombian Peso gained 1.9% on the month. Even after these recent cuts, Colombia still has the highest key rate among Latin America's major inflation-targeting economies. The Brazilian Real fell 0.4% in March after Brazil's central cut the benchmark Selic rate by 0.5% to 10.75%, in a move which was widely expected. More impactful for the currency over the month was Petrobras' dividend disappointment which impacts government finances. The Turkish Lira was 3.7% weaker, bringing Q1's weakening to 9.6%. Inflation remains persistently high, despite a 5% hike in interest rates in March. Political unrest resurged after President Erdogan's ruling party suffered a shock defeat to the opposition in elections across many cities including Istanbul. Hungary's central bank cut interest rates from 9% to 8.25%, slowing the monetary easing from February's 1% cut. The Forint fell 0.5%, an improvement on February's 2.4% drop though the feud between President Orban and the central bank escalated. The Polish Zloty and Czech Koruna were unchanged in March as the Polish central bank kept rates unchanged for a fifth consecutive month despite expectations for falling inflation. Czech central bank governor Michl stressed caution over risks after the central bank cut rates by 50bps to 5.75%. The South African Rand bounced back from a 2.8% plunge in February by strengthening 1.4% in March after the central bank maintained rates and saw inflation expectations fall. The Fund increased its local currency exposure marginally to 27.7% in March. The local currency exposure is predominantly in local currency bonds with a duration of around 2. On the hard currency side, the Fund is heavily weighted to high quality liquid assets.

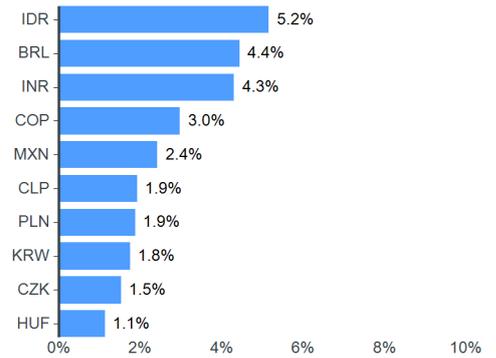
## Market commentary

Global equities continued to set new highs throughout March while government bond yields and credit spreads rallied. Though some central banks kept markets waiting for a change of direction, two moved interest rates in opposite directions. While hopes for a March Federal Funds rate cut had been extinguished long before the meeting, market participants were focused on the mid-month policy update for clues of direction later this year and next. The updated dot plot, the central bank's interest rate projections, reiterated a median expectation of three rate cuts this year, though one rate cut was removed from 2025. This, combined with Powell's sanguine press conference eased investor concerns of unwanted monetary tightening, with the chair dismissive of recent hot CPI prints. The US economy remained resilient in March with both the service and manufacturing sectors continuing to expand and the jobs market, illustrated by a nonfarm payroll print of 275k. Inflation was again stronger than expected with core CPI topping forecasts for a second consecutive month. The US treasury curve bull flattened over the month with the 2-year unchanged while 10- and 30-year bond yields fell 5 & 4 bps respectively. The German Bund market fared even better than Treasuries with 2, 10 and 30yr Bund yields falling 5, 11 and 8bps respectively in March. Eurozone inflation data continued to track below the ECB's expectations as pressure for a June rate cut mounts, after the central bank maintained rates at the March meeting. Manufacturing and construction sectors continued to struggle in Germany as data revealed construction orders plunged by 7.4% MM in January. In the UK, inflation cooled more than expected to reach the slowest pace since 2021. Such easing of price pressures has allowed the BoE to cut rates later this year, after also holding rates steady at their March meeting. Gilts outperformed on this with the 10yr yield falling 19bps on the month. Elsewhere, the Bank of Japan ended an eight-year experiment with negative interest rates with their first hike since 2007. The bank, also announcing an end to yield curve control and purchases of equity ETFs & REITs, struck a dovish tone and the Yen weakened in the aftermath of the announcement. 10-year JGBs were unchanged over the month with yields lower post the BOJ announcement. Of greater surprise to the market was the decision by the Swiss National Bank to cut interest rates by 25bps to 1.5%. This was the first rate cut among the world's ten most traded currencies and seen as a signal to the Fed and more so to the ECB of easier monetary policy ahead.

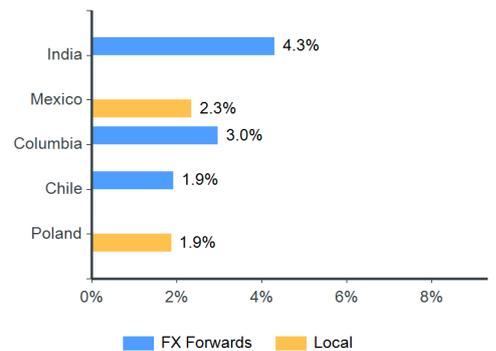
## Top five issuers (ex cash equivalents)

United States of America	63.9%
World Bank Group/The	8.5%
United Mexican States	2.4%
Republic of Poland	1.9%
Czech Republic	1.5%

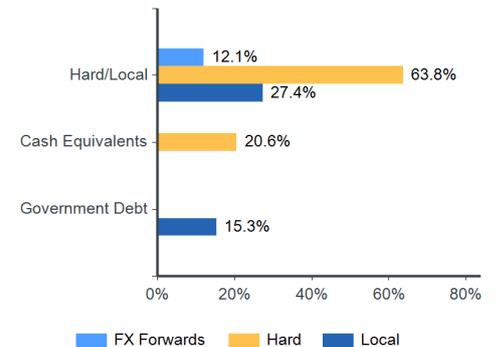
## NON-US dollar FX exposure



## Top five countries\* (ex cash equivalents)



## Hard/Local currency exposure\*



\*Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

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