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# Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Sustainable Investment Grade Blend Fund

28 March 2024

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Analyst-Driven % 55 Data Coverage % 98

### lver **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to achieve a target average return of 1% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) by investing primarily in a blend of investment grade rated hard currency (defined as USD, EUR, GBP, JPY, CHF) and local emerging (less developed) market currency denominated debt, issued by sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns, sub-sovereigns and corporate credits in emerging (less developed) market countries that meet the Sustainable Criteria, as detailed in the "Sustainable Investment Criteria' section of the prospectus. There can be no guarantee that the fund will ultimately achieve its investment objective and capital invested is at risk. The fund invests in securities that meet the criteria set out in Sustainable Exclusion Policy and exclude securities prohibited by the Enhanced Sustainable Exclusion Policy, as detailed in the Prospectus.

### **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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#### **FUND FACTS**

| Inception Date (Fund)     | 10 July 2017   |
|---------------------------|--|
| Base Currency (Fund)      | USD  |
| Fund AUM (USD million)    | 62.64  |
| Domicile                  | Ireland  |
| Vehicle                   | UCITS  |
| Valuation                 | Daily  |
| Settlement (Subscription) | T+3  |
| Trading Deadline          | 15:00 (Dublin Time)  |
| Regulator                 | Central Bank of Ireland  |
| Benchmark                 | A blended benchmark<br>comprising of one third<br>weighting JPMorgan GBI<br>Emerging Markets Global<br>Diversified Investment<br>Grade 15% Cap Index |

July 2017

(Total Return, Unhedged, USD), and two thirds weighting to JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Investment Grade Index (Total Return, USD) **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE** Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

| Accumulating Class 0.82 -0.63 -0.63 3.92   | -2.29   |             |             |                     |
|--|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
|  | -2.29   | 0.79        | - 1         | .60                 |
| mark (USD) 0.86 -0.97 -0.97 4.17   | -3.29   | 0.32        | - 1         | .23                 |
| ONTH PERIODS (%) Mar14 Mar15 Mar16 Mar17 Mar18 Mar15 Mar16 Mar17 Mar18 Mar19 Mar18 M |         |             |             |                     |
|  |         |             |             |                     |
| Accumulating Class 2.10  | -0.75 1 | 12.34 -6.37 | -4.12 3     | 3.92                |
| Accumulating Class 2.10  | -0.75   |             | 12.34 -6.37 | 12.34 -6.37 -4.12 3 |

| CALENDAR (%)             | 2015 | 2016 | <b>2017</b> ⁵ | 2018  | 2019  | 2020 | 2021  | 2022   | 2023 | <b>2024</b> <sup>6</sup> |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|------|--------------------------|
| USD I Accumulating Class | -    | -    | 4.70          | -3.06 | 15.07 | 8.73 | -4.96 | -14.33 | 8.32 | -0.63                    |
| Benchmark (USD)          | -    | -    | 4.17          | -2.35 | 15.70 | 7.91 | -3.85 | -17.86 | 9.28 | -0.97                    |

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The fund is not constrained by its benchmark, which is used for comparison purposes only. The fund gives some consideration to the benchmark constituents in the selection of securities and may not hold all or many of the benchmark's components.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

4Returns from 10 July 2017 to latest month end

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

6Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.

#### **TOP 10 CURRENCY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

|                       | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| United States Dollar  | 66.38 | 66.67 |
| Mexican Nuevo Peso    | 6.88  | 5.00  |
| Indonesian Rupiah     | 6.20  | 5.00  |
| Malaysian Ringgit     | 4.94  | 4.11  |
| Polish Złoty          | 4.10  | 2.78  |
| Thai Baht             | 3.34  | 3.44  |
| Czech Republic Koruna | 2.40  | 2.28  |
| Colombian Peso        | 2.21  | 1.69  |
| Romanian New Leu      | 1.83  | 1.51  |
| Indian Rupee          | 1.37  | 0.00  |
|                       |       |       |

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#### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Market Risk: The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

Liquidity Risk: The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

Emerging Markets Risk: Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.

Credit Risk: The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

Derivatives Risk: The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

Counterparty Risk: The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

Operational Risk: The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events

Currency Risk: Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.

**TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS %** 

For full information on the risks please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

### **TOP 10 COUNTRIES BY DURATION CONTRIBUTION (YEARS)**

|                      | Fund | Bmrk |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Indonesia            | 0.88 | 0.77 |
| Mexico               | 0.86 | 0.62 |
| Romania              | 0.55 | 0.32 |
| Chile                | 0.43 | 0.44 |
| Malaysia             | 0.40 | 0.56 |
| Poland               | 0.39 | 0.43 |
| Peru                 | 0.36 | 0.34 |
| Philippines          | 0.33 | 0.32 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.31 | 0.36 |
| Panama               | 0.29 | 0.31 |
|                      |      |      |

| (MV)                 |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                      | Fund  | Bmrk  |
| Indonesia            | 13.65 | 11.09 |
| Mexico               | 11.65 | 9.14  |
| Romania              | 7.62  | 4.94  |
| Poland               | 7.08  | 6.70  |
| Chile                | 5.74  | 4.83  |
| Peru                 | 5.32  | 3.95  |
| Malaysia             | 5.23  | 7.45  |
| United Arab Emirates | 4.11  | 4.49  |
| Kazakhstan           | 3.58  | 1.21  |
| Thailand             | 3.34  | 3.44  |
|                      |       |       |

### **SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

|                | Fund  |
|----------------|-------|
| Hard Currency  | 64.93 |
| Local Currency | 34.93 |
| Overlay        | 0.14  |

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#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

|  | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|--|-------|-------|
| Coupon (%)                             | 4.66  | 4.56  |
| Time to Maturity (years)               | 11.41 | 11.34 |
| Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%) | 5.94  | 5.43  |
| Weighted Average Current Yield (%)     | 4.97  | 4.86  |
| Duration (years)                       | 7.47  | 7.09  |
| OAS (Basis points)                     | 100   | 67    |
| Spread Duration (years)                | 5.07  | 5.34  |
| Average Credit Quality                 | BBB+  | A-    |

### **SECURITY CREDIT OUALITY % (MV)**

|                    |       | (     |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                    | Fund  | Bmrk  |
| AAA                | 1.04  | 0.00  |
| AA                 | 6.18  | 10.52 |
| A                  | 21.01 | 34.49 |
| BBB                | 68.44 | 54.48 |
| Not rated          | 0.03  | 0.51  |
| Cash & Equivalents | 3.29  | 0.00  |

Source: Bloomberg Barclays PLC. Bloomberg Barclays credit quality rating is based on the conservative average of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the rating is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, then the rating reflects that agency's rating. If none of the agencies provide ratings, the security is considered not rated and may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment adviser

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### **DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)**

|                  | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Less than 1 year | 3.97  | 2.88  |
| 1 - 3 years      | 8.58  | 18.65 |
| 3 - 5 years      | 17.70 | 18.02 |
| 5 - 7 years      | 27.61 | 18.20 |
| 7 - 10 years     | 27.89 | 16.01 |
| 10 - 15 years    | 9.94  | 20.97 |
| 15 - 20 years    | 4.30  | 5.22  |
| 20+ years        | 0.00  | 0.06  |

| RISK MEASURES      |         |
|--------------------|---------|
|                    | 3 years |
| Alpha (%)          | 0.59    |
| Tracking Error (%) | 2.18    |
| Beta               | 0.93    |
| Sharpe Ratio       | -0.48   |
| Information Ratio  | 0.46    |
| R-Squared (%)      | 95.23   |
| Standard Deviation | 9.59    |

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#### **I SHARE CLASS DATA**

| Share Class | NAV               | Initial Sales<br>Charge (Max) | Ongoing<br>Charges | Management<br>Fee | Minimum<br>Investment |          |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| NOK I Acc   | 113.23            | 0.00%                         | 0.80%*             | 0.60%             | 10,000,000            |          |
| USD I Acc   | 11.13             | 0.00%                         | 0.80%*             | 0.60%             | 1,000,000             |          |
| Share Class | Inception<br>Date | Morningstar Ca                | tegory™            | ISIN              | Bloomberg             | VALOR    |
| NOK I Acc   | 09-05-2018        | Other Bond                    |                    | IE00BYT26W83      | NBEMNIA ID            | 36911480 |
| USD I Acc   | 10-07-2017        | Global Emerging               | Markets Bond       | IE00BD3DV032      | NBEMBIA ID            | 36910881 |

\*The ongoing charge figure (incl. management fee) is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Except for performance, the data shown is for the fund and is not specific to the share class, it has not been adjusted to reflect the different fees and expenses of the share class

#### Performance of another share class may vary from the results shown based on differences in fees and expenses, and currency.

Source: Neuberger Berman, Blackrock Aladdin and Morningstar.

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