

# PIMCO Emerging Markets Full Spectrum Bond Fund

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The PIMCO Emerging Markets Full Spectrum Bond Fund returned 0.97% after fees in March, outperforming the 50% JPMorgan Global Bond Index Emerging Markets-Global Diversified, 25% JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global and 25% JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index Diversified by 0.28%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.29% at NAV, while the benchmark returned -0.17%.

The PIMCO Emerging Markets Full Spectrum Bond Fund outperformed its benchmark in the first quarter of 2024 (net of fees).

External debt posted strong returns of +1.40%<sup>1</sup> in the face of a 32-basis point rise in underlying US 10-year Treasury rates, while spreads tightened. Local currency debt posted negative returns of -2.12%<sup>2</sup> as local rates rose and currencies weakened versus a strong U.S. dollar.

### Contributors

- Selection within EM currencies
- Positioning within EM spreads
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### Detractors

- Positioning within EM local duration

	Month end performance 31 March 2024				Quarter end performance 31 March 2024			
	3 mos.	6 mos.	1 yr.	YTD	1 yr.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	Since inception
■ PIMCO Emerging Markets Full Spectrum Bond Fund share class INST at NAV (%)	0.29	8.97	8.10	0.29	8.10	1.62	1.29	0.62
■ Benchmark (%)	-0.17	7.55	7.05	-0.17	7.05	0.93	1.52	0.98

**Benchmark:** 50% JPMorgan Global Bond Index Emerging Markets-Global Diversified, 25% JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global and 25% JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index Diversified

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INST Shares PFSIX

Fund Inception Date **25 February 2013**

Shareclass INST Inception Date **25 February 2013**

Total Net Assets (in millions) **\$265.2**

### Performance Characteristics

INST 30-day SEC yield<sup>1</sup>

Subsidized **5.47%**

Unsubsidized **4.62%**

<sup>1</sup>The 30 day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. The Subsidized yield includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The Unsubsidized 30 Day SEC yield excludes contractual expense reimbursements.

### Basic Facts

Dividend frequency **Monthly with Daily Accrual**

### Fund Expenses

INST share Gross Expense Ratio **2.01%**

INST share Net Expense Ratio **1.23%**

The Net Expense Ratio reflects a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reduction, which is in place through 07/31/2024 and renews automatically for a full year unless terminated by PIMCO in accordance with the terms of the agreement. See the Fund's prospectus for more information.

INST share Adjusted Expense Ratio **0.95%**

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

### Portfolio Managers

Pramol Dhawan, Yacov Arnopolin

### Fund Statistics

Effective Duration (yrs) **5.41**

Effective Maturity (yrs) **8.80**

Sharpe Ratio (10 year) **0.03**

Volatility (10 year) **9.85%**

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

After a strong year for EM assets in 2023, we continue to remain constructive on the asset class.

Beta Allocation: favor local risk factors over external risk factors

- The fund is conservatively positioned across all EM risk factors currently. Given the macro picture, the fund has levered up its beta to take advantage of unique timely opportunities.

Local duration: Favor duration in countries with positive central bank dynamics

- The fund is overweight local duration in countries with benign inflation, credible Central Banks, and high real rates: Brazil, South Africa, Mexico and India

Currencies: overweight to high carry names

- The fund is overweight select currencies like Colombia, Mexico, Hungary, and India which have attractive carry to volatility ratios.

EM spread duration: selective exposure to high yield names

- We continue to maintain modest exposure to select crossover BB-rated names that are distanced from left-tail events. Examples are South Africa, Egypt and Paraguay which stand to benefit from the greater room for spread compression in the HY segment of the asset class.

## QUARTER IN REVIEW

Emerging markets delivered mixed returns over the quarter. On the external side, EM delivered positive returns as spreads tightened on resilient fundamentals for EM IG issuers, while select HY issuers delivered strong returns due to progress on the debt restructuring front. On the local side, EM delivered negative returns primarily due to USD strength in addition to the increasingly relevant divergence among CB monetary policies. In terms of relative performance, selection within EM currencies contributed to performance as the USD soared in strength due to the continued cautious tone of the Fed. Positioning within EM spreads also contributed to performance, as spreads tightened on the back of supportive global macro developments and improvement in EM external accounts.

Turning to detractors, positioning within EM local duration detracted from performance, as local rates declined due to EM Central Banks who have been proactive in monetary tightening to curb inflation.

### Top Currency Exposure (% Market Value)

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United States	50.0
Brazil	5.9
Mexico	5.3
Indonesia	4.8
Thailand	4.5
Malaysia	4.3
South Africa	4.1
Poland	3.9
China	3.6
Colombia	3.1

### Top Country Exposure (Duration in Years)

Top Country Exposure (Duration in Years)	Fund
Mexico	0.6
Indonesia	0.4
Brazil	0.3
South Africa	0.3
China	0.3
Malaysia	0.3
Euro Currency	0.2
United Kingdom	0.2
Australia	0.2
Czech Republic	0.2

## OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

After a strong year for EM assets in 2023, we continue to remain constructive on the asset class. While we expect to see positive returns for both EM local and external assets, we currently see more upside in EM local assets. The early and aggressive policy tightening by EM central banks has paid off well, with EM inflation peaking before DM inflation, and EM domestic demand proving resilient. EM inflation has normalized back to pre-pandemic levels for most EM countries, suggesting no “last mile” issues for EM, unlike those we see in DM. We expect the number of EM central banks which are cutting rates to increase in 2024, providing a tailwind for EM local duration. However, slower policy normalization from core DM central banks will likely prevent EM central banks from cutting aggressively, leading to prolonged high short-term real rates and supporting EM FX.

Within hard currency assets, absolute yield levels continue to screen as attractive, and EM spreads, while tight, have cheapened recently relative to the US, in particular in the IG segment. We continue to see support for EM IG spreads, driven by strong balance sheets and stable debt dynamics. In the high yield segment, EM credits continue to offer a substantial spread pick-up relative to DM; however, we maintain a more cautious stance here.

Overall, pairing a constructive backdrop and relatively resilient fundamentals leads us to maintain cautiously constructive positioning.

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1 J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (Unhedged)

2 J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Composite Index

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