

**HSBC Global Investment Funds**

# GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS ESG LOCAL DEBT

Monthly report 31 March 2024 | Share class ECOEUR



## Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of emerging market bonds (denominated in local currencies), while promoting environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics. The Fund qualifies under Article 8 of SFDR.



## Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed.

The Fund will normally invest at least 70% of its assets in investment grade and non-investment grade rated bonds, and other similar securities, issued by governments, government related entities or companies of emerging markets, as well as currency forwards and non-deliverable forwards. These are issued by issuers meeting certain ESG rating and lower carbon intensity criteria. ESG and Lower Carbon Criteria are based on specific measures such as: electricity produced by renewable energy sources and carbon emissions as provided by the Sustainable Accounting Standards Board.

The Fund will invest in sustainable bonds such as: sustainability-linked bonds, transition bonds, social bonds and green bonds. The average maturity of the Fund is normally between 4 and 10 years.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in onshore Chinese bonds, up to 10% in convertible bonds, up to 10% in other funds and up to 10% in total return swaps.

The Fund's primary currency exposure is to emerging market currencies.

See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.



## Main risks

- The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than that of the investor's own currency exposes the value of the investment to exchange rate fluctuations
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless.

## Share class details

### Key metrics

NAV per share	<b>EUR 8.13</b>
Performance 1 month	<b>-0.48%</b>
Yield to maturity	<b>6.61%</b>

### Fund facts

UCITS V compliant	<b>Yes</b>
UK reporting fund status (UKRS)	<b>Yes</b>
ISA eligible	<b>Yes</b>
Dividend treatment	<b>Accumulating</b>
Dealing frequency	<b>Daily</b>
Valuation time	<b>17:00 Luxembourg</b>
Share class base currency	<b>EUR</b>
Domicile	<b>Luxembourg</b>
Inception date	<b>29 July 2016</b>
Fund size	<b>USD 281,103,263</b>
Managers	<b>Hugo Novaro Tadashi Sueyoshi</b>

### Fees and expenses

Minimum initial investment <sup>1</sup>	<b>USD 5,000</b>
Ongoing charge figure <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.925%</b>

### Codes

ISIN	<b>LU1002282207</b>
Bloomberg ticker	<b>HSELECH LX</b>
SEDOL	<b>BD05834</b>

<sup>1</sup>Please note that initial minimum subscription may vary across different distributors

<sup>2</sup>Ongoing Charges Figure is based on expenses over a year. The figure includes annual management charge but not the transaction costs. Such figures may vary from time to time.

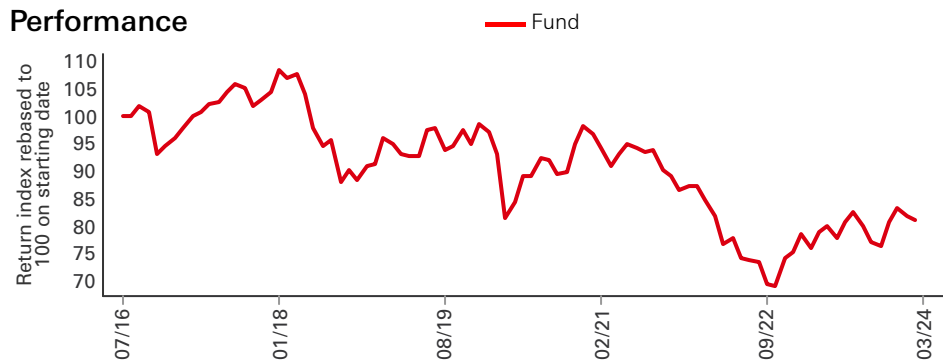
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For definition of terms, please refer to the Glossary QR code and Prospectus.

Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

## Performance



Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann	10 years ann	Since inception ann
ECOEUR	-3.27	-0.48	-3.27	4.70	2.09	-3.89	-2.86	--	-2.78

Rolling performance (%)	31/03/23-31/03/24	31/03/22-31/03/23	31/03/21-31/03/22	31/03/20-31/03/21	31/03/19-31/03/20	31/03/18-31/03/19	31/03/17-31/03/18	31/03/16-31/03/17	31/03/15-31/03/16	31/03/14-31/03/15
ECOEUR	2.09	-3.61	-9.79	11.36	-12.52	-13.30	7.59	--	--	--

Carbon footprint	Fund	Reference benchmark	MSCI ESG Score	ESG score	E	S	G
Carbon intensity emissions	566.48	772.11	Fund	5.4	5.8	6.4	6.1
			Reference benchmark	4.6	5.5	6.1	5.8

Carbon Intensity measures the quantity of carbon emission of a company (tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/USD million revenue)  
Source: S&P Global Trucost

3-Year Risk Measures	ECOEUR	Reference Benchmark	5-Year Risk Measures	ECOEUR	Reference Benchmark
Volatility	10.82%	--	Volatility	12.12%	--
Sharpe ratio	-0.48	--	Sharpe ratio	-0.28	--

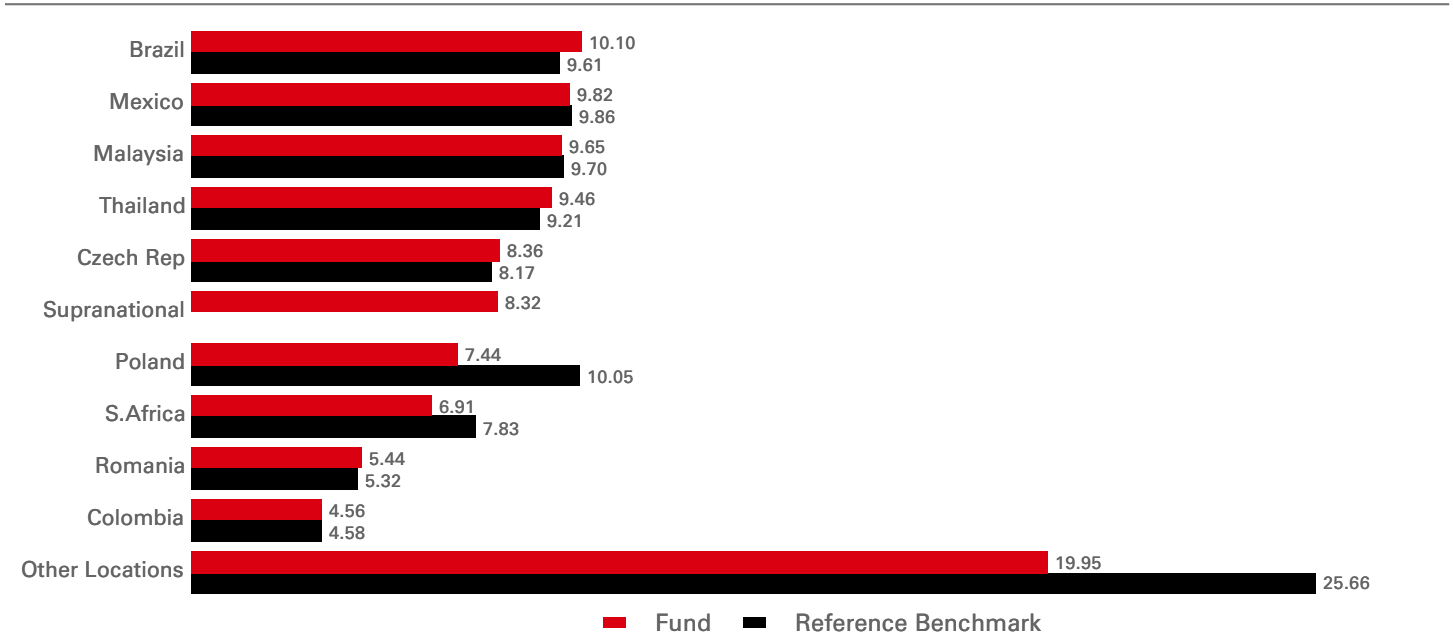
Fixed Income Characteristics	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
No. of holdings ex cash	95	334	--
Average coupon rate	5.27	5.12	0.16
Yield to worst	6.61%	6.53%	0.08%
Option adjusted duration	5.07	4.98	0.09
Modified duration to worst	4.95	4.89	0.06
Option adjusted spread duration	0.26	0.00	0.26
Average maturity	7.07	6.96	0.10
Rating average	A-/BBB+	BBB+/BBB	--

Credit rating (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative	Maturity Breakdown (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
AAA	13.92	--	13.92	0-2 years	16.01	16.60	-0.58
AA	9.27	8.17	1.09	2-5 years	27.35	31.79	-4.45
A	19.29	30.50	-11.21	5-10 years	31.56	30.90	0.66
BBB	39.49	42.23	-2.73	10+ years	25.08	20.71	4.37
BB	16.71	17.98	-1.27				
B	0.52	0.55	-0.03				
NR	--	0.57	-0.57				
Cash	2.12	--	2.12				
Cash Offset	-1.32	--	-1.32				

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The reference benchmark of the fund is 100% JP Morgan ESG GBI-EM Global Diversified  
Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 March 2024

Currency Allocation (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
IDR	10.62	9.54	1.09
BRL	10.10	9.61	0.49
PLN	10.04	10.05	-0.01
MXN	9.82	9.86	-0.03
MYR	9.65	9.70	-0.05
THB	9.46	9.21	0.25
ZAR	8.77	7.83	0.94
CZK	8.34	8.17	0.17
RON	5.44	5.32	0.12
COP	4.56	4.58	-0.02
Other Currencies	13.19	16.12	-2.93

Geographical allocation (%)



Sector allocation (%)	Fund	Reference Benchmark	Relative
Government	94.88	100.00	-5.12
Financial	4.29	--	4.29
Over The counter	0.03	--	0.03
Cash	2.12	--	2.12
Cash Offset	-1.32	--	-1.32

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Top 10 holdings	Weight (%)
COLOMBIA TES 7.000 26/03/31	4.32
MEXICAN BONOS 7.500 03/06/27	3.83
THAILAND GOVT 1.585 17/12/35	3.57
BRAZIL NTN-F 10.000 01/01/29	3.54
ROMANIA GOVT 5.800 26/07/27	2.94
MEXICAN BONOS 8.500 18/11/38	2.78
REP SOUTH AFRICA 9.000 31/01/40	2.76
BRAZIL NTN-F 10.000 01/01/33	2.67
KFW 0.625 25/07/25	2.61
POLAND GOVT BOND 1.750 25/04/32	2.33

## Monthly performance commentary

### Market review

EMD assets showed mixed performance over the month. The main driver of hard currency returns was the further compression in spreads despite the market pricing fewer Fed cuts on the back of higher-than-expected inflation and record Q1 issuance. EM local debt returns were flat over the month as the USD and Treasuries were mainly unchanged after some monthly volatility. March performance was influenced by the FOMC and the updated DOTS plot which showed a repricing of Fed cuts. As expected, the Fed kept interest rates unchanged at the FOMC and came with a more dovish tone. EM central banks continue to be divergent, with additional countries signaling their willingness to jump ahead of the Fed. From a ratings standpoint, Panama was downgraded over the month on fiscal and growth concerns after the country closed a key copper mine last year, while countries such as Argentina, Ivory Coast and Qatar received an upgrade. On a technical standpoint, net new issuance in March was mixed with hard currency sovereign remaining robust and corporate bonds slowing down materially. Lastly, outflows in EMD grew deeper this month, with nearly two-thirds of the flows coming from local denominated funds.

### Performance and Positioning

EM local assets were generally flat for the month of March as yields on local bonds and the USD moved higher as the global inflation rollover theme seemed to stalled and the market continued to question how many times the Fed can cut this year. The fund performed slightly underperformed the benchmark over the period. In terms of detractors, most of the negative relative performance came from idiosyncratic factors. The biggest idiosyncratic factor contributing to negative relative performance was the devaluation of the EGP over the month. The EGP FX forwards were largely pricing in this event, but excess residual onshore cash from bond liquidations that had been frozen onshore in an FX backlog detracted from relative returns. EM local rates generally underperformed 10yr UST this over the month, and the overweights to Czech Republic, Brazil, Mexico, and Indonesian rates slightly detracted from relative returns. In addition, the overweight to Peru rates added some negative active performance as the risks of a large pension withdrawal bill passing increased and market participants reacted by selling Soberanos putting the curve under pressure towards month end. Lastly, part of the seagull option structure detracted from relative returns. In terms of contributors, we had a tactical overweight to the 10yr US Treasuries which added to relative performance as the 10yr yields ended lower, despite a repricing of the front end. In addition, our short to TWD gave us some small positive relative performance as TWD spot moved higher with a stronger USD.

We maintained an overweight to beta during the month. Given our view, we remain constructive in select LatAm rates as inflation has come down and the central banks are cutting interest rates, while maintaining the underweights to THB and CNY rates. We maintained the small tactical EUR position, while using underweight to SGD and CNY as funding opportunities. We ended the month with a small overweight to duration of 0.09 years compared to the benchmark, while slightly decreasing the overweight to EMFX over the month to a 3.0% overweight.

### Outlook

Despite our general narrative that Emerging Market (EM) credit spreads can benefit from easing financial conditions as Federal Reserve rate cuts come into view, this has already re-priced EM sovereign and corporate markets into a 'euphoric' range year to date. The EMBI and CEMBI spread ranges now are below our most 'euphoric' targets for the year, even if we push ourselves to imagine an even lower possible range. At this point, it's difficult to see further spread compression -- although we remain cyclically very constructive and do not expect an imminent selloff. Within credit asset classes, the compression in EM high yield has been particularly sharp. Resolution of some longstanding sovereign defaults have contributed to this, but there have been fundamental improvements in many countries (Brazil and Turkey most notably) that contributed to underlying quality re-pricing. Although we still like high yield exposures, we prefer more idiosyncratic and less beta driven investments at the moment after the November-March rally. We have reduced our beta, as such, although not necessarily reduced our risk. Local markets remain our top trade, both in local rates where EM central banks have been ahead of the Fed and ECB in generating disinflation and policy normalization. However, we are approaching our target on these trades now in many countries. We have updated our local markets view with a refreshed target and composition of the duration basket to take account of most recent information. The enduring trade is EM FX, which has not benefited materially yet from EM growth outperformance, but we expect Fed and ECB rate cuts to accelerate the revaluation of EM currencies as we go through the year as they catch up with EM central banks. The BoJ is a wild card as Yen seems to be having some primary effect on relative currency valuations in EM of late. Latam currencies are our preferred region on balance of payments improvements and expected capital flows effects.

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