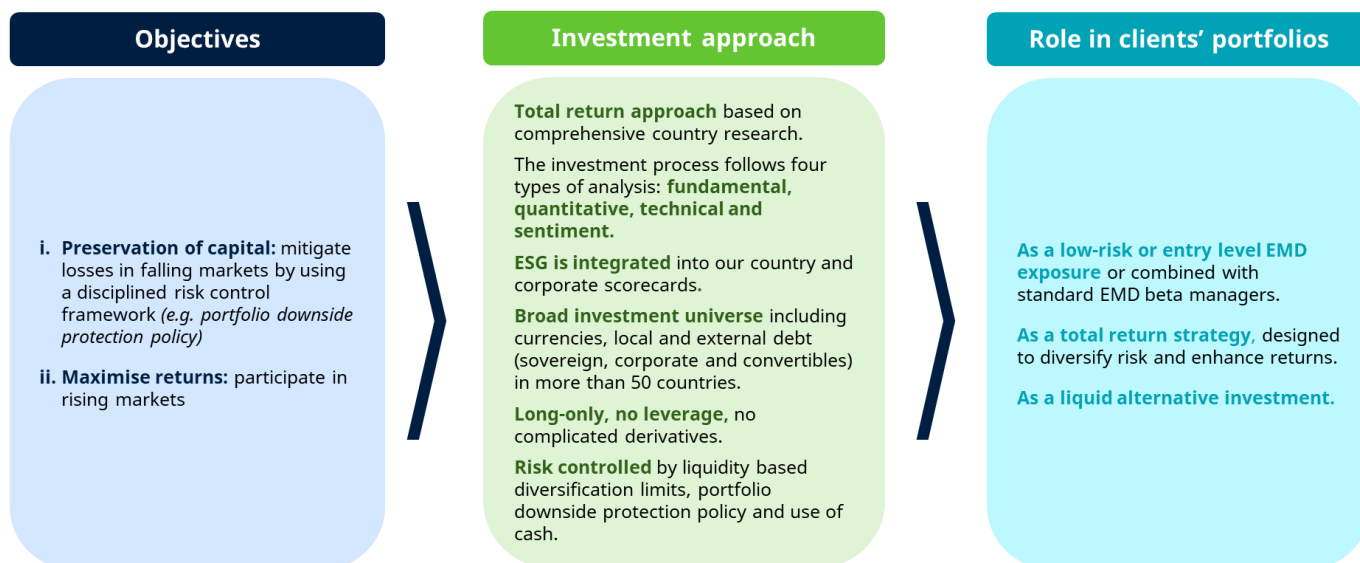


Schroder ISF* Emerging Markets Debt Total Return



Fund update: July 2025

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Sector views:

Dollar debt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM dollar debt spreads tightened to multi-year lows. However, credit quality has improved, global financial liquidity remains ample and the momentum for tighter spreads remains strong. EM dollar debt high yield provides attractive income, notably in selected sovereign frontier markets with improving ability to pay. EM dollar debt investment grade spreads are unappealing, and total returns are dependant on the direction of US treasury yields <p>=> Core exposures to high yield names with improving risk metrics. Active use of US Treasury to manage duration.</p>
Local debt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real yields in several EM countries remain close to multi-year highs at a time when EM inflation remains well contained and central banks have ample room to ease monetary policy. Local bonds in Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Hungary, Poland, South Africa, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Turkey are particularly appealing. <p>=> Continued focus on countries with high real yields and credible monetary policy frameworks.</p>
Currencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cyclical US dollar downturn initiated earlier in the year is firmly in place. However, a correction in EM currencies is expected this summer driven by a washout in the extreme short dollar positioning recently built by market participants. After a brief pause, we expect EM currencies to resume their recent appreciation trend. Currencies with reasonable REER valuations, stable balance of payments and high-interest rate support should generate attractive returns in the next 12 months. <p>=> We have recently implemented some currency hedges, which we are planning to close in due course.</p>

Source: Schroders – August 2025. For illustrative purposes only and should not be viewed as a recommendation to buy or sell.

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Review as at 5 August 2025:

- Emerging markets debt continued to perform well in July, despite a modest correction in EM currencies. Hard currency debt (USD-denominated) posted particularly strong returns, supported by easing pressures on U.S. Treasury yields. The EMBI Global Diversified (EMBI GD) index returned +1.3% for the month, bringing its year-to-date performance to +7.3%.
- In contrast, local currency debt saw some consolidation. The GBI-EM Global Diversified (GBI-EM GD) index declined -0.75% in July, primarily due to a pullback in EM currencies following strong gains earlier in the year. Nevertheless, EM local debt still boasts a solid year-to-date return of +12.4%.
- In the investment outlook section below, we reiterate our view that while EM currencies may face further short-term headwinds, we maintain our conviction that the long-term cyclical downturn of the U.S. dollar remains intact.
- During July, portfolio activity was centred around reducing currency exposure in anticipation of a potential correction. Conversely, our long-standing positions in EM local interest rates and in hard currency high yield debt were largely unchanged.
- Local rates remain our preferred sector, and this is reflected in the portfolio's continued emphasis on high-yielding local rate positions. Despite increased currency hedging, the fund still has a yield of 8.4% and an average interest rate duration of 5.6 years. A more detailed breakdown of portfolio exposures can be found in page 8.
- The fund ended the month of July flat in gross US dollar terms. The key contributors to performance were as follows: (i) US dollar debt had +52bps positive impact; and (ii) local currency debt contributed -51bps, of which +7bps was due to price change given lower local rates, +44bps was generated by income, and -101bps was from currency depreciation. Brazil was the main negative contributor to performance (-35bps) as local rates and currency experienced a correction that was triggered by President Trump escalation of rhetoric, tariffs and sanctions against Brazil. Contributions from other countries were modest and mixed, with no single market driving outsized performance in either direction.

Investment outlook:

- The recent trade agreements between the United States and several developed and emerging countries have helped ease concerns over the possible irruption of a broad-based, tit-for-tat trade war. As trade-related uncertainties have diminished somewhat and the Middle East geopolitical risk premiums subsided, global growth expectations have begun to be revised upward (Figure 2). This economic growth relief, combined with highly accommodative global financial liquidity conditions (Figure 3), has fuelled a broad-based rally in risk assets since the market scare of Liberation Day. Emerging market (EM) assets, which had already been delivering strong performance prior to the de-escalation in the trade war, have received an additional boost from this more supportive global environment. However, a critical question now arises: have the strong year-to-date gains of EM debt led to a deterioration in valuations and positioning indicators that could begin to act as headwinds for the asset class? Our short answer: while a period of short-term consolidation in EM currencies is possible, the fundamental conditions supporting continued strong performance in EM bonds - both hard currency and local currency - remain firmly intact.
- In EM dollar-denominated debt, spreads have compressed to multi-year lows, yet we continue to see meaningful pockets of value in the high yield sub-sector. Meanwhile, EM local currency rates remain appealing given historically high real yields, especially given expectations of contained EM inflation, abundant domestic liquidity in several EMs, and early signs of a recovery in foreign inflows to EM local bond markets. Moreover, we remain of the view that the cyclical downturn in the US dollar has been firmly established. However, with market participants appearing to have recently turned overwhelmingly bearish on the greenback, a short-term correction in positioning may be necessary before the dollar can resume its weakening trend. In July and in anticipation of this correction, we implemented tactical currency hedges within our EM local debt allocations, with the intention of gradually unwinding them in the not-too-distant future. Given this tactical change, we provide in this monthly strategy report a brief update on the long-term outlook for the US dollar and our expected trends for EM currencies. More broadly, our current views are reflected in our sectoral scorecard in Figure 1. As can be see, EM local rates remain our top sector pick given the attractive 10-year government bond yields still on offer: 14% in Brazil, 12% in Colombia, 9.7% in South Africa, 9.3% in Mexico, 7.1% in Hungary, and 6.4% in both India and Indonesia.

Figure 1: Sectorial Scorecard

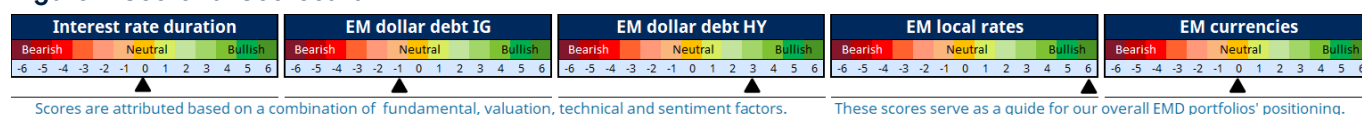
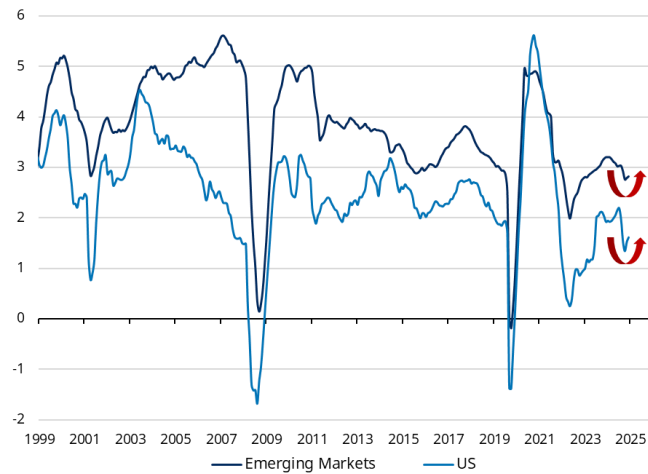
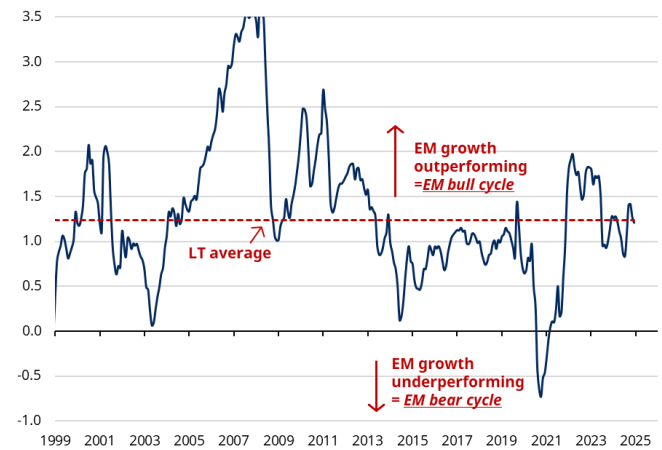


Figure 2: Global growth expectations

EM vs US - 12m growth expectations (%)

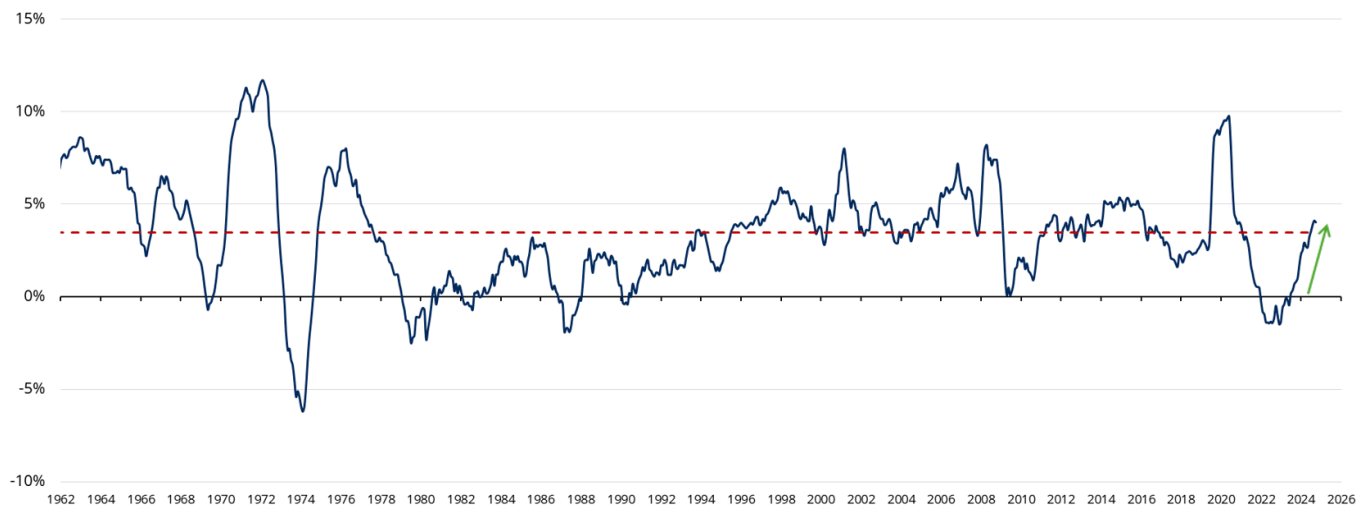


EM vs US - growth expectations differential (%)



Source: Bloomberg, Schroders, Consensus Economics; LSEG Data & Analytics – July 2025.

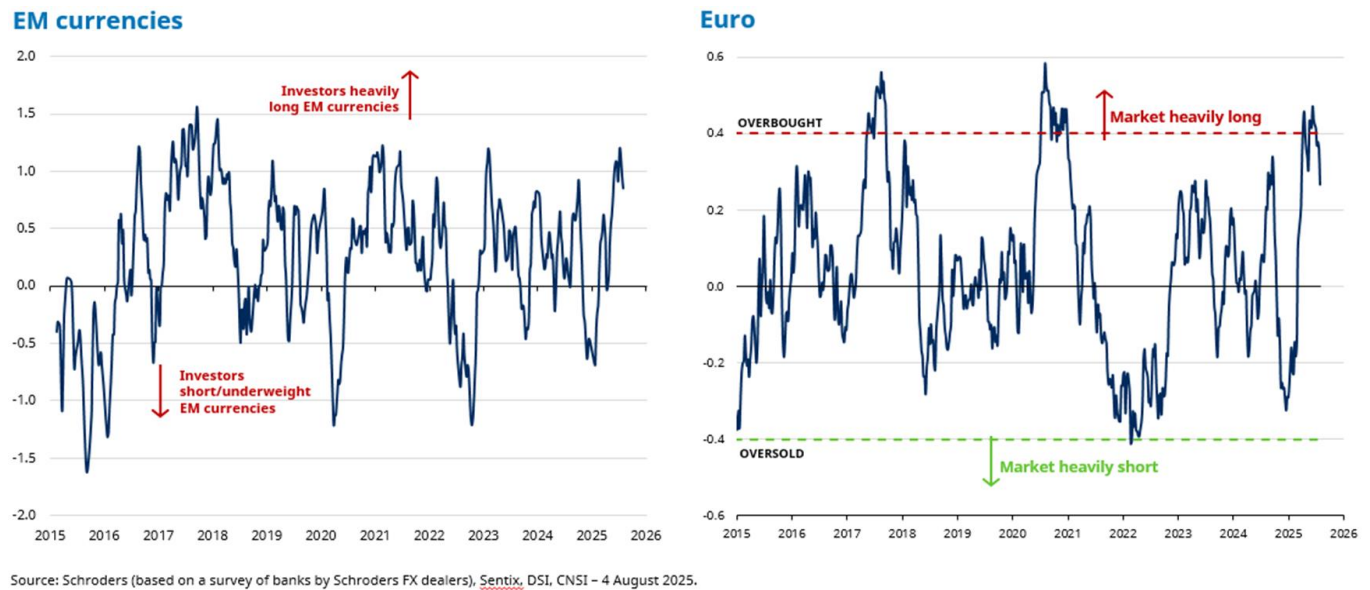
Figure 3: Global real broad money growth (%)



Source: Bloomberg, Schroders – 30 June 2025.

- Global financial assets have been undoubtedly turbocharged since the market scare of Liberation Day by favourable market technical conditions (short covering rallies) and, more importantly, by the strong growth in global monetary aggregates highlighted in figure 3. This resurgence in global liquidity has also been reflected in the recent strong growth of EM foreign exchange reserves, the recovery of flows into EM local bond markets and a strong rebound of foreign capital flows to US financial markets. While these favourable trends are expected to remain firmly in place, they are probably due for what could be a (summer) seasonal pause. We are already seeing evidence of this consolidation in EM currencies, which have started to experience what we believe to be a short-term correction.
- Our analysis of the long-term fundamentals, valuations and technical indicators remain negative for the US dollar. However, we expect a temporary pause in the dollar weakening trend as the greenback could benefit from a washout in short-term EM currency and Euro positioning (figure 4). We also expect a brief dip in US dollar liquidity provisions, especially in August and September, notably due to the expected refilling of the US Treasury General Account with a net issuance of \$537bn of T-bills in Q3. This de-facto withdrawal of official dollar liquidity could temporarily help contain the US dollar weakness of recent months.

Figure 4: Sentiment indicator – consensus positioning in currencies



- Despite these short-term headwinds for EM currencies, we have been reassured so far by their ability to absorb relatively well the recent shocks created by US tariffs announcements. From a fundamental standpoint, these tariffs are likely to impact EM exports to the US to some degree. Nonetheless, most EMs maintain solid balance of payments positions, which should allow them to absorb this expected deceleration in US import demand. Furthermore, higher inflation differentials between the US and the rest of the world (that could be exacerbated by the tariffs) are expected to alleviate the recent erosion in EM real effective exchange rate (REER) valuations. China has already provided the most striking example of this: the renminbi has experienced a marked improvement in valuations, underpinned by a 17% decline in its REER over the past 3 years (Chart 3). This has contributed to the renminbi now screening as undervalued in our quantitative valuation framework for the first time in several years.

Figure 5: China – real effective exchange rate



- In contrast, despite the US dollar weakness so far this year, its real effective exchange rate remains approximately 12% above long-term average (chart 6). We continue to hold the view that the cyclical downtrend in the US dollar will reassert itself. This outlook is supported by the unsustainably high levels of the US twin deficits and the country's increasing dependence on external financing, at a time of increasingly erratic US policy interventionism.

Figure 6: US dollar real effective exchange rate



Source: Schroders; Bloomberg; LSEG Data & Analytics, Macrobond – 31 July 2025.

Fund performance as at 31 July 2025 (%):

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USD A accumulation shares net

Since Jan 2000 ¹	Fund	GBI-EM GD ²	EMBI GD
Annual rate of return	4.00	6.10	7.25
Volatility	6.18	11.23	8.79
Sharpe ratio	0.37	0.43	0.65
Sortino ratio	0.60	0.60	0.69
Correlation	1	0.78	0.68
Positive quarters	61.39	63.37	70.30
Maximum drawdown	-21.02	-29.32	-25.85
Best month	6.34	9.84	7.59
Worst month	-5.54	-14.07	-16.03
Max 12m rolling return	27.66	38.87	41.56
Min 12m rolling return	-17.72	-21.54	-24.28



Source: Schroders. ¹Inception 31 January 2000. ²JPM EMBI Global Diversified used as a proxy before 31/12/02 at which point GBI-EM Global Diversified launched.

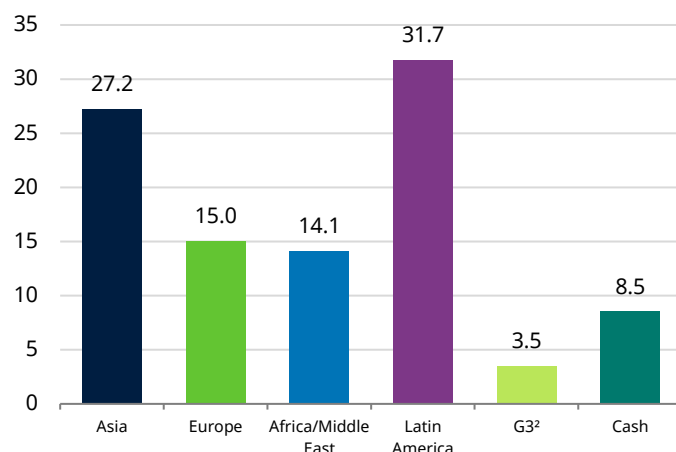
Please note the fund is an total return fund therefore, the EMD indices are for illustrative purposes only.

%	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2000 ¹		3.30	2.40	-1.90	-1.52	4.66	3.55	2.35	-1.89	-0.39	1.36	3.97	16.75
2001	3.18	-0.77	-1.59	-2.59	1.24	1.67	0.12	4.30	-3.78	0.31	-0.24	0.31	1.90
2002	0.78	2.25	-0.15	4.34	3.14	2.90	-0.07	2.54	0.94	0.86	2.37	3.80	26.31
2003	1.86	0.24	-0.30	2.50	1.66	0.99	-0.64	-0.12	1.34	-0.98	-0.64	2.75	8.93
2004	-1.14	0.63	1.03	-1.19	-0.23	-0.52	0.64	-0.23	2.19	2.14	3.91	2.60	10.13
2005	-1.76	1.58	-1.50	-0.11	-0.42	0.26	0.79	-0.52	-0.37	0.63	0.21	-0.10	-1.34
2006	2.51	0.92	1.32	1.90	-1.18	-0.84	0.85	0.84	0.34	1.23	2.47	1.42	12.36
2007	-0.93	0.85	0.65	1.07	-0.09	-0.28	0.60	-1.14	2.18	2.36	0.80	-0.04	6.11
2008	1.36	1.73	1.07	-0.84	-0.85	-0.26	0.39	-2.91	-2.78	-3.45	1.41	3.15	-2.20
2009	-1.89	-2.15	1.03	3.80	6.34	0.97	2.95	0.85	3.60	1.35	1.07	-1.43	17.39
2010	0.27	-0.11	0.27	0.30	-0.99	0.65	0.15	1.56	0.11	0.52	-2.64	0.92	0.96
2011	-0.87	0.08	0.46	2.55	-1.89	-0.11	0.42	-0.30	-1.17	-0.19	-0.23	0.12	-1.21
2012	0.15	-0.27	-1.08	0.04	-1.71	0.59	0.39	0.12	0.78	0.70	1.08	2.59	3.38
2013	1.37	-1.39	-0.59	1.05	-0.48	-0.82	-0.19	-0.34	0.23	0.83	-1.08	0.38	-1.08
2014	-0.68	1.21	0.56	0.56	1.18	-0.55	-0.59	1.59	-2.94	0.41	0.07	-1.97	-1.24
2015	1.14	-1.77	-1.03	0.97	-1.34	-0.78	-0.74	-1.02	-0.68	-0.12	-0.84	-0.57	-6.61
2016	0.41	0.85	5.75	2.47	-3.16	2.72	0.76	-0.04	0.62	-0.43	-2.72	0.58	7.76
2017	1.36	1.29	0.59	0.57	0.67	0.54	0.90	0.76	-0.46	-1.58	0.70	1.06	6.55
2018	3.14	-0.98	0.54	-2.50	-2.34	-1.23	0.64	-2.98	0.23	0.32	0.62	0.45	-4.17
2019	2.51	-0.70	-0.71	-0.49	0.14	3.26	0.34	-2.56	0.18	1.63	-1.73	2.86	4.66
2020	-1.41	-1.59	-5.54	1.30	4.62	0.66	3.02	-0.56	-2.17	0.69	3.83	3.17	2.44
2021	-1.89	-1.47	-2.28	1.31	1.58	-0.61	-0.49	-0.12	-2.22	-0.92	-2.19	1.16	-7.94
2022	-0.93	-2.34	-2.66	-3.48	-0.15	-4.84	0.00	1.83	-2.42	-0.04	4.09	0.92	-9.88
2023	3.32	-2.08	1.91	0.27	0.00	3.88	1.44	-2.59	-2.47	0.31	3.21	3.85	11.30
2024	-1.73	0.16	0.64	-0.87	0.88	-1.54	0.59	2.06	2.37	-2.97	0.06	-1.04	-1.52
2025	2.02	0.75	-0.20	1.64	1.26	1.74	-0.14						7.26

Source: Schroders. ¹Inception 31 January 2000. Typical ongoing charges for A shares are 1.84%.

Fund positioning as at 31 July 2025 (%):

	US\$ Debt	Local Debt	FX ¹	Total
Latin America				
Argentina	0.8			0.8
Brazil	0.7	9.4	-4.0	10.1
Chile		1.8		1.8
Colombia	1.3	1.0	-0.9	2.3
Dom Rep.		0.9		0.9
Ecuador	2.1			2.1
Mexico	2.5	9.4	-3.5	11.9
Peru		1.8		1.8
Asia				
China	0.5		0.7	1.2
India		9.2	-3.7	9.2
Indonesia		5.7	0.7	6.4
Malaysia		5.4	-1.0	5.4
Philippines		3.1	-1.8	3.1
Singapore	0.2			0.2
Sri Lanka	1.7			1.7
Central Eastern Europe				
Czech Republic		1.0	1.2	2.2
Hungary	0.2	5.0	-2.5	5.2
Latvia	0.3			0.3
Poland		2.7		2.7
Romania	1.0			1.0
Turkey	0.2	3.2		3.4
Ukraine		0.2		0.2
Africa and Middle East				
Angola	0.1			0.1
Egypt	1.1	1.3		2.4
Ivory Coast	2.2			2.2
Mali	0.3			0.3
Nigeria	1.2	0.5		1.7
Senegal	1.8			1.8
South Africa		5.2		5.2
Zambia	0.4			0.4
Total EM	18.6	66.8	2.6	88.0
G3				
Long-term US Treasuries			3.5	3.5
Cash				8.5
Grand Total	18.6	66.8	6.1	100



Fund Summary (%)

Yield to maturity	8.4
EM FX exposure	52.1
Duration (years)	5.6
Average credit rating	BBB
Corporate bond exposure	3.75
Current yield	7.07
No. of holdings	103
Credit hedges	-4.5
Fund AUM	US\$1,020m
EMD TR strategy AUM	US\$1,737m





Source: Schroders.

¹ FX positions in red are hedges of local debt positions. FX positions in black are outright long FX forward positions. Total includes only active long outright FX forwards and NDFs and excludes hedges of local debt.

² Can include short and long dated government securities issued in G3 countries. Difference in some numbers due to rounding.

ESG – Proprietary sustainability metrics (SFDR Article 8):

Schroder ISF EMD Total Return ESG – 31 July 2025

Overall impact 	Fund coverage: 99% Fund -2.2%	Reference benchmark coverage: 99% Reference sustainability benchmark -3.8%
Environmental impact 	Fund -1.9%	Reference sustainability benchmark -2.8%
Social impact 	Fund -0.3%	Reference sustainability benchmark -0.7%
Governance impact 	Fund -0.1%	Reference sustainability benchmark -0.3%

Source: Schroders – 31 July 2025. The Schroders Impact score is based on Schroders' proprietary tool, SustainEx. Overall impact is an indication of the fund's impact compared to its benchmark. All holdings exclude cash and currency holdings. Impact on People indicate the fund's underlying benefits and harms compared to its benchmark. Metrics shown are a sample of the total underlying metrics. See definitions slide for more details. Benchmark data 50% JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (USD Unhedged) and 50% JP Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified (USD Unhedged).

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