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# EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND

31 August 2019

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to provide positive absolute returns on an annual basis by investing principally in emerging markets debt

## FUND SUMMARY

- Actively managed to aim to deliver positive absolute returns in excess of a cash benchmark
- Aims to add value by capturing 'best ideas', executed in a way that seeks to generate lower levels of volatility
- Invests across the spectrum of the emerging market debt and currencies with an unconstrained approach
- Rigorous and disciplined investment process

## SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE



Source: Insight Investment and Rimes. Fund performance is shown for share class S £ Acc and is calculated as total return, including reinvested income, gross of fees and expenses. Gross of fees performance results do not reflect the deduction of charges, which will reduce investors' returns. Performance for periods over one year is annualised. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and any income from them will fluctuate and is not guaranteed (this may be partly due to exchange rate fluctuations). Investors may not get back the full amount invested.

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTS

The Fund generated a negative return in August, underperforming its cash benchmark. In terms of Fund attribution, the Fund's rates, FX and sovereign credit allocations detracted, while hard currency corporate exposures contributed positively. Local currency's underperformance was driven by one country – Argentina. We have been positioned long in Argentina on the basis of an ongoing improvement in the sovereign's creditworthiness, with growth bottoming out and the current account deficit diminishing. Local polling data supported a positive outcome for the primary election, and thus supportive for maintaining the reform agenda. The actual results – 32% of vote for Mauricio Macri versus 47% for his populist rival Alberto Fernandez – was a surprise for us (and the market) and subsequent price-reaction was exacerbated due to overweight investor positioning. We have closed out our hard currency, but maintain our local currency T-bills position. Outside of Argentina, our active positioning in local rates markets where central banks are accelerating their cutting cycle due to global conditions contributed positively. Our allocation to long duration investment grade EM benefitted from the global search for yield. Looking ahead, key risks include further escalation of US-China trade tensions and associated Chinese renminbi weakening, and over-extended consensus positioning in EM brought about by the more benign monetary environment.

## FUND FACTS

**Fund size:** £644.1m

**Inception date:** 25 May 2007

**Benchmark:** 3 Month LIBID

**Fund manager:** Colm McDonagh

**Target return:** Outperform benchmark by 2% pa (before tax, fees and expenses) over rolling five year periods. However, a positive return is not guaranteed and a capital loss may occur.

## FUND CHARACTERISTICS

|                          | Fund |
|--------------------------|------|
| Yield (%)                | 6.50 |
| Duration (years)         | 3.6  |
| Total gross exposure (%) | 93   |
| Total net exposure (%)   | 70   |

## GEOGRAPHY

| (%)      | Fund | Fund      |     |
|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| Russia   | 6.2  | Indonesia | 5.0 |
| Egypt    | 5.9  | Colombia  | 4.8 |
| Thailand | 5.7  | Brazil    | 4.7 |
| China    | 5.2  | Chile     | 4.4 |
| Mexico   | 5.1  | Peru      | 4.0 |

## EXPOSURE BY CURRENCY

| (%)                | Fund | Fund              |     |
|--------------------|------|-------------------|-----|
| Peruvian sol       | 3.1  | Thai baht         | 0.2 |
| Russian ruble      | 1.5  | Romanian leu      | 0.1 |
| South African rand | 1.5  | Malaysian ringitt | 0.1 |
| Mexican peso       | 1.1  | Chilean peso      | 0.0 |
| Colombian peso     | 0.8  | Nigerian naira    | 0.0 |

## REGION

| (%)                    | Fund |
|------------------------|------|
| Asia                   | 21.1 |
| Central-Eastern Europe | 6.9  |
| Latin America          | 26.6 |
| Middle-East And Africa | 15.0 |
| Index                  | 0.0  |
| US Treasury            | 0.0  |

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Legal structure:** Open Ended Investment Company (UCITS)

**Domicile:** Ireland

**Share class currencies:** Sterling

**Dealing frequency:** Daily

**Settlement period:** T+3

**Pricing method:** Swinging single price

**Scheme:** Insight Global Funds II plc

**Depository:** Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited

**Administrator:** Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited

**Ongoing charges:** 0.05% (represented by share class S Acc, other share classes are available)



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