

Dear Investor

While markets remained resilient in October the political pattern of whoever deviates most from the 'establishment' continued with Milei's surprisingly strong mid-term election, Paz winning in Bolivia and ending left-populism and EU-sceptic Babis winning in Czech. Broadly speaking risk sentiment remained buoyed by expectations of further monetary easing and robust corporate earnings even as a U.S. government shutdown dragged on to record length. Geopolitically, the hunt for securing rare earths continued just as unprecedented US military actions continues off the coast of Venezuela among other things. In credit, investment-grade bonds outperformed high-yield marginally. The U.S. dollar's weakness persisted, encouraging diversification into emerging markets assets and supporting EM local-currency markets. Overall, EM hard-currency corporates posted positive total returns, driven largely by coupon carry. We estimate our strategy's EUR share class returned 0.37 % (gross) and outperformed its benchmark by 1 bps, while the USD share class returned +0.55% (gross), trailing its benchmark by 1 bps.

Credits in Eastern Europe and Middle East did well with 0.7 % total returns in October whereas African credits trailed by only delivering 0.13 % total returns. Notable performers were Georgian issuers despite the political noise which delivered returns of more than 1.6 % over the month. Our exposure to Georgian banks yielded modest relative performance. The main driver for outperformance from the region in October was the exposure to WeSoda which stabilized after fears had resurfaced on alleged wrongdoings following some corporate transactions. At the other end of the spectrum, the exposure to Kosmos Energy led to some detraction given the company's rather tight liquidity profile and rising leverage on the back of declining Brent prices.

Asian names also performed well with a return of 0.7%. Mongolian credits performed the best over the month with a return north of 1.1 % and our exposure to the Mongolian complex provided modest positive performance. In particular, our exposure to Mongolian Mining Company benefitted from the strong results over the month. At the same time strong selection among Chinese credits also added to the positive performance given the exposure to the long end of the Chinese technology companies whilst avoiding Chinese real estate company Vanke which slumped over the month.

LatAm again underperformed the rest of the market over the month with a return of 0.5% with the notable exception of Argentinean credits which provided almost 3.1 % total returns post the surprisingly strong mid-term election for President Milei. Our modestly cautious positioning in Argentina up to the election caused a minor negative relative performance over the month. Concerns by the impact of the hurricane Melissa also hit Jamaican credits which caused tragic and devastating damage for the country. Our underweight provided small positive relative performance. Brazilian credits continued to cause alarm for investors as investors have been hit and alarmed by the implosion of Ambipar and Braskem. In October, Raizen became the next victim given concerns of the company's solvency and the bonds of the investment grade company dropped by double digit returns. Our overweight to the company which has struggled on its capital raise as JV partner Shell does not want to take a majority position led to a notable drag of 12 basis points performance in October. Importantly, the company continues to have a decent liquidity position and expectations on its capital raising amongst others from its Argentine assets were boosted by the Milei victory. Positively, the fund benefitted as non-binding agreements were signed for a healthy takeover of Telefonica's Telefonica Moviles in Chile just as the fund benefitted from its exposure to copper magnate Southern Copper which saw tailwinds from the very strong copper market.

Rating actions among our holdings were skewed to the upside as Hungarian bank OTP was upgraded to A3 from Baa1 by Moody's just as Fitch upgraded Jamaican insurance company Sagicor to BBB from BBB-. At the same time, Moody's upgraded all Mongolian banks to B1 from B2 on the back of the sovereign upgrade benefitting the 3 banks in the portfolio and lastly Moroccan phosphate giant OCP

was upgraded to BBB- by S&P from BB+. Conversely, both Moody's and Fitch put Brazilian company Raizen on watch negative following the delayed capital raising the company faces.

Primary market activity slowed significantly in October. After a burst of issuance in September, EM corporates raised only about \$30 billion in new hard-currency bonds in October – less than half the prior month's volume (\$66bn) and well below the typical October average of ~\$39bn. Even so, year-to-date (YTD) EM issuance remains very robust at \$426 billion, on track for one of the strongest years on record. A notable trend was the surge in non-USD issuance. Roughly one-third of October's supply (~\$10bn) was denominated in currencies like EUR and local currencies, far above the YTD average share (~17%). In fact, EUR-denominated deals have reached \$52bn YTD, a record high, as issuers took advantage of diversified investor bases and favorable euro-market conditions.

07-11-2025	Return last month (USD)	Return YTD	Yield to Worst	Last Month	Δ YTD	OAS Spread	Last Month	Δ YTD
CEMBI EUR Hedge	0.36	6.01						
EM Corporate Index	0.56	7.90	5.91	-0.02	-0.65	193	2	-13
CEMBI Investment grade	0.59	7.87	5.10	-0.01	-0.58	102	3	-11
CEMBI High Yield	0.53	7.95	7.57	0.05	-0.60	376	10	1
EMBI	2.13	12.63	6.90	-0.26	-0.97	270	-21	-55
EMBI Investment grade	1.15	10.01	5.29	-0.10	-0.60	95	-4	-24
EMBI High Yield	3.12	15.25	8.84	-0.46	-1.31	476	-42	-83
Developed USD IG (JPM)	0.46	7.29	5.18	0.00	-0.38	92	5	0
US High Yield Corp (BarCap)	0.16	7.13	6.89	0.08	-0.60	294	14	7
5Y US Treasury bond	0.45	6.21	3.70	-0.05	-0.68	n.m.		
10Y US Treasury bond	0.71	8.06	4.11	-0.07	-0.46	n.m.		

Returns in USD except CEMBI EUR hedged

Kind regards,

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