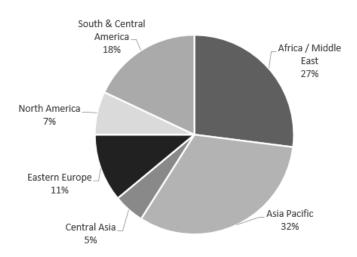
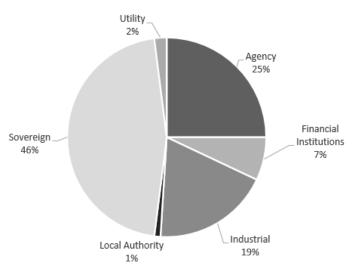
# Bloomberg Barclays MSCI EM Hard Currency Aggregate SRI Index

The Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Hard Currency Aggregate SRI Index is a flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes fixed and floating-rate USD, EUR and GBP-denominated debt issued from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers. The index negatively screens out issuers with substantial revenue derived from sources such as adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, controversial military weapons, civilian firearms, nuclear power, and genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Fixed income inclusion rules of the index are equivalent to those of the Bloomberg Barclays EM Hard Currency Aggregate Bond Index. The index was created in May 2021, with history backfilled to July 1, 2019.

### Composition by Region (MV%) - May 31, 2021



### Composition by Sector (MV%) - May 31, 2021



### **Rules for Inclusion**

Sector

- Hard currency debt from sovereign, agency (government owned, government guaranteed and government sponsored entities), local authority and corporate issuers are eligible.
- Under the index classification schema, an issuer is classified as government-related (as opposed to corporate) if it is more than 50% government owned, carries a government guarantee or is government sponsored.
- For flagship EM hard currency indices, Bloomberg defines quasi-sovereigns as any non-sovereign government-related issuer
  inclusive of both government-related agency and local authority debt.

| Business  | Involvement |
|-----------|-------------|
| Screening | g           |

| Adult<br>Entertainment | Excludes all issuers classified as adult entertainment producers that earn more than 5% in revenue, or more than \$500 million in revenue, from adult entertainment materials.            |
|------------------------|---|
| Alcohol                | Excludes all issuers classified as alcohol producers that earn more than 5% in revenue, or more than \$500 million in revenue, from alcohol-related products.                             |
| Gambling               | Excludes all issuers classified as involved in gambling operations or support that earn more than 5% in revenue, or more than \$500 million in revenue, from gambling-related activities. |
| Tobacco                | Excludes all issuers classified as tobacco producers or distributors, retailers, or suppliers that derive 15% or more of their revenue from tobacco-related products.                     |







### **Rules for Inclusion**

| Military Weapons                           | Excludes all issuers classified as involved in manufacturing of nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons components, chemical and biological weapons components, or depleted uranium weapons.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | Excludes all issuers that earn more than 5% in revenue, or more than \$500 million, from manufacturing conventional weapons, conventional weapons components, or conventional weapons support systems and services.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Civilian Firearms                          | Excludes all issuers classified as civilian firearms producers or retailers that derive 5% or more of their revenue, or more than \$20 million in revenue, from civilian firearms-related products.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nuclear<br>Power                           | Excludes all issuers classified as nuclear utilities or involved in uranium mining, designing nuclear reactors, or enrichment of fuel for nuclear reactors.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Excludes all issuers that earn 15% or more revenues as a supplier to the nuclear power industry.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Genetically<br>Modified<br>Organisms       | Companies that derive any revenue from activities like genetically modifying plants, such as seeds and crops, and other organisms intended for agricultural use or human consumption.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Companies that are only involved in GMO Research & Development activities are not excluded.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Excludes all issuers involv                | red in one or more very severe ESG Controversies (MSCI ESG Controversy Score= o).  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Principal and coupon mu                    | st be denominated in USD, EUR or GBP.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Investment grade, high</li> </ul> | gh yield and unrated securities are permitted. Bonds in default are excluded.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| is used; when a rating                     | g the middle rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. When a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower g<br>from only one agency is available, that rating is used to determine index eligibility. In cases where explicit<br>ay not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Unrated securities ma</li> </ul>  | ay use an issuer rating for index classification purposes if available.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USD: 500mn                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EUR: 300mn                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GBP: 200mn                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| •  | st of emerging market countries that is reviewed annually to define country eligibility in dedicated EM hard and inflation-linked benchmarks. Criteria for inclusion in the EM country list are rules-based and include:   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | one of the following two criteria: World Bank Income group classifications of low/middle income OR ary Fund (IMF) classification as a non-advanced country.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| controls, and/or geog                      | that bond investors classify as EM due to factors such as investability concerns, the presence of capital graphic considerations may also be included on the list and are also reviewed on an annual basis. As of April arkets are included in the Bloomberg EM country list: Czech Republic, Israel, South Korea, and Taiwan.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Fixed-rate coupon.</li> </ul>     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Fixed-to-floating rate</li> </ul> | e bonds are eligible during their fixed-rate term only.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bonds with a step-up                       | coupon that changes according to a predetermined schedule are eligible.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one year until                    | il final maturity, regardless of optionality.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | rom fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetuals, will exit the index one year prior to conversion d-rate perpetuals are not included.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Publicly issued in the glob                | pal and local markets.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Civilian Firearms  Nuclear Power  Genetically Modified Organisms  Excludes all issuers involv  Principal and coupon mu  Investment grade, hi Bonds are rated using is used; when a rating bond level ratings ma Unrated securities ma  USD: 500mn EUR: 300mn EUR: 300mn GBP: 200mn  Bloomberg uses a fixed licurrency, local currency, local currency, and currency, and countries controls, and/or geogeogeogeogeogeogeogeogeogeogeogeogeog |  |  |  |  |  |

### **Rules for Inclusion**

- Original issue zero coupon
- Underwritten MTN
- Fixed-rate and fixed-to-float (including fixed-to-variable) capital
   securities
- Bonds with equity type features (e.g., warrants, convertibles, preferreds)
- Inflation-linked bonds
  - Private placements
  - Floating-rate issues
  - Defaulted bonds
  - Bonds with no available pricing source

**Defaults** 

Defaulted corporate bonds are removed from the index at the end of the month of default. Defaulted sovereigns remain in the index until they are restructured, defeased, exchanged, or no longer outstanding.

### **Rebalancing Rules**

Frequency

For each index, Bloomberg maintains two universes of securities: the Returns (Backward) and the Projected (Forward) Universes. The composition of the Returns Universe is rebalanced at each month-end and represents the fixed set of bonds on which index returns are calculated for the next month. The Projected Universe is a forward-looking projection that changes daily to reflect issues dropping out of and entering the index but is not used for return calculations. On the last business day of the month (the rebalancing date), the composition of the latest Projected Universe becomes the Returns Universe for the following month.

Index Changes

During the month, indicative changes to securities (credit rating change, sector reclassification, amount outstanding changes, corporate actions, and ticker changes) are reflected daily in the Projected and Returns Universe of the index. These changes may cause bonds to enter or fall out of the Projected Universe of the index on a daily basis, but will affect the composition of the Returns Universe at month-end only, when the index is next rebalanced.

Reinvestment of Cash Flows

Intra-month cash flows from interest and principal payments contribute to monthly index returns but are not reinvested at a short-term reinvestment rate between rebalance dates. At each rebalancing, cash is effectively reinvested into the returns universe for the following month so that index results over two or more months reflect monthly compounding.

New Issues

Qualifying securities issued, but not necessarily settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date, qualify for inclusion in the following month's index if the required security reference information and pricing are readily available.

### **Pricing and Related Issues**

### Sources & Frequency

All index-eligible bonds are priced on a daily basis by Bloomberg's evaluated pricing service, BVAL.

### **Pricing Quotes**

Bonds can be quoted in a variety of ways, including nominal spreads over benchmark securities/Treasuries, spreads over swap curves, or direct price quotes as a percentage of par. In most instances, the quote type used is a spread measure that results in daily security price changes from the movement of the underlying curve (swap or Treasury) and/or changes in the quoted spread. Prices from third-party sources are quoted as a percentage of par.

### Timing

#### USD

- GCC Countries: 4.15pm (London time)
- Asia High Yield: 5pm (Tokyo time)
- For all remaining markets, from January 14, 2021 and onwards, bonds are priced at 4pm (New York time). On early market closes, prices are taken as of 2pm (New York time), unless otherwise noted.
- Prior to January 14, 2021, bonds are priced at 3pm (New York time). On early market closes, prices are taken as of 1pm (New York time), unless otherwise noted.

### EUR, GBP

- 4.15pm (London time)
- On early market closes, prices are taken as of 12:15 p.m. (London time) unless otherwise noted.

If the last business day of the month is a public holiday in the local market, prices from the previous business day are used.

## **Pricing and Related Issues**

| Bid or Offer Side      | Bonds in the index are priced on the bid side.   |
|------------------------|--|
| Settlement Assumptions | T+1 calendar day settlement basis. At month-end, settlement is assumed to be the first calendar day of the following month, even if the last business day is not the last day of the month, to allow for one full month of accrued interested to be calculated.  |
| Verification           | Daily price moves for each security are analyzed by the index pricing team. Index users may also challenge price levels, which are then reviewed and updated as needed using input from various sources.   |
| Currency Hedging       | Returns hedged to various non-USD currencies are published for the EM Hard Currency Aggregate Bond Index. The indices' FX hedging methodology takes rolling one-month forward contracts that are reset at the end of each month and hedges each non-reporting currency denominated bond in the index into the reporting currency terms. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities in the returns universe of the index. |
| Calendar               | The index is a global, multi-currency index that is generated every business day of the year except for January 1, the only holiday common to all regional calendars. During holidays observed by local markets, the index will still be generated using prices from the previous business day. FX rates are updated daily using WM/Reuters 4pm (London) rates. FX forwards are also sourced from WM/Reuters.  |

## Monthly Returns in USD Unhedged, 2019-2021 (%)

| Year | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec  | YTD   |
|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 2019 | -     | -     | -     | -    | -    | -    | 0.68 | -0.11 | -0.14 | 0.67  | -0.11 | 1.64 | 2.64  |
| 2020 | 1.25  | -0.23 | -9.71 | 2.06 | 4.45 | 2.48 | 3.49 | 0.62  | -1.32 | -0.15 | 3.10  | 1.60 | 7.08  |
| 2021 | -0.74 | -1.38 | -1.55 | 1.44 | 1.01 | -    | -    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -    | -1.27 |

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### **Accessing Index Data**

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