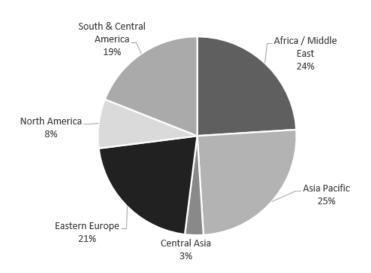
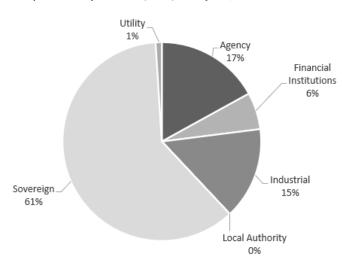
# Bloomberg Barclays MSCI EM Hard Currency Aggregate **Sustainability Index**

The Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Hard Currency Aggregate Sustainability 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 includes issuers with BB and above environmental, social, and governance (ESG) ratings. 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**

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- Hard currency debt from sovereign, agency (government owned, government quaranteed 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.

	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
ESG Rating	Only bonds with ESG Ratings greater than or equal to BB are included.
ESG Controversy	Excludes all issuers involved in one or more very severe ESG Controversies (MSCI ESG Controversy Score= o).
Eligible Currencies	Principal and coupon must be denominated in USD.
Quality	Investment grade, high yield and unrated securities are permitted. Bonds in default are excluded.
	<ul> <li>Bonds are rated using the middle rating of Moody's, S&amp;P, and Fitch. When a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when a rating from only one agency is available, that rating is used to determine index eligibility. In cases where explicit bond level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Unrated securities may use an issuer rating for index classification purposes if available.</li> </ul>
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# Amount Outstanding

- USD: 500mn
- EUR: 300mn
- GBP: 200mn







### **Rules for Inclusion**

### Country

Bloomberg uses a fixed list of emerging market countries that is reviewed annually to define country eligibility in dedicated EM hard currency, local currency, and inflation-linked benchmarks. Criteria for inclusion in the EM country list are rules-based and include:

- Countries that meet one of the following two criteria: World Bank Income group classifications of low/middle income OR
   International Monetary Fund (IMF) classification as a non-advanced country.
- Additional countries that bond investors classify as EM due to factors such as investability concerns, the presence of capital controls, and/or geographic considerations may also be included on the list and are also reviewed on an annual basis. As of April 2014, 4 additional markets are included in the Bloomberg EM country list: Czech Republic, Israel, South Korea, and Taiwan.

### Coupon

- Fixed-rate coupon.
- Fixed-to-floating rate bonds are eligible during their fixed-rate term only.
- Bonds with a step-up coupon that changes according to a predetermined schedule are eligible.

### Maturity

- At least one year until final maturity, regardless of optionality.
- Bonds that convert from fixed to floating rate, including fixed-to-float perpetuals, will exit the index one year prior to conversion to floating rate. Fixed-rate perpetuals are not included.

### Market of Issue

Publicly issued in the global and local markets.

### Placement Type

SEC-registered securities, SEC Rule 144A and SEC Regulation-S (RegS) securities are eligible.

### Security Types

### Included

- Bullet, putable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds
- Original issue zero coupon
- Underwritten MTN
- Fixed-rate and fixed-to-float (including fixed-to-variable) capital
   securities

### Excluded

- Bonds with equity type features (e.g., warrants, convertibles, preferreds)
- Inflation-linked bonds
- Private placements
- Floating-rate issuesDefaulted 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.
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	EUR, GBP
	• 4.15pm (London time)
	<ul> <li>On early market closes, prices are taken as of 12:15 p.m. (London time) unless otherwise noted.</li> </ul>
	If the last business day of the month is a public holiday in the local market, prices from the previous business day are used.
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.84	-0.03	-0.11	0.59	-0.17	1.73	2.87
2020	1.27	-0.33	-9.09	1.77	4.61	2.32	3.77	0.44	-1.26	-0.13	3.12	1.59	7.61
2021	-0.93	-1.72	-1.68	1.67	1.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.63

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