

# Desjardins

## Emerging Markets Bond Fund



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PORTFOLIO MANAGER:  
Aberdeen Standard Investments

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CIFSC CATEGORY\*:  
Emerging Markets Fixed Income

### Contributors to performance

- Credit allocation and security selection
- Underweight exposure in China, Brazil and the Philippines
- Credit allocation in Ukraine, China, Brazil and Peru

### Detractors from performance

- Country allocation, local-currency allocation and an allocation to emerging-market currencies
- Overweight positions in Venezuela, Angola, the Bahamas, Georgia and El Salvador
- Local-currency allocation and currency exposure in India

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Purchases
  - Increased hard-currency sovereign holdings in Kenya, Uzbekistan, Nigeria and Tunisia
  - Increased positions in Serbia and Romania, and reduced the underweight in Uruguay
  - Added holdings in Indonesia and added risk in Mexico
- Sales
  - Reduced holdings in Costa Rica, Senegal and South Africa
  - We sold positions in Pakistan and Bahrain, and closed out of our position in Angola
  - Reduced exposure to Russia

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