

### The MacKay Advantage

#### MACKAY SHIELDS

- \$159 Billion AUM<sup>1</sup>
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

### About EMD Strategic Bond

- \$360 Million AUM<sup>2</sup>
- Strategy inception date—October 1, 2024

### Emerging Markets Debt Team<sup>3</sup>

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1. As of December 31, 2025

2. Includes Emerging Market Multi Credit strategy AUM.

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### Emerging Markets Strategic Bond

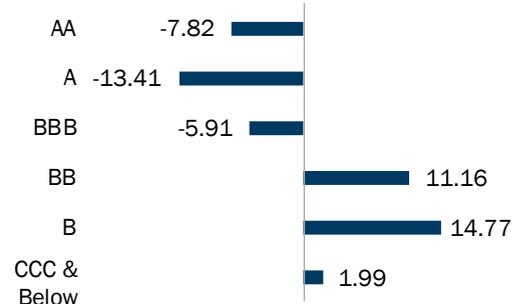
Emerging Markets Strategic Bond Strategy seeks to achieve income and total return by investing primarily in sovereigns and corporates from emerging markets offering relatively attractive current market yields after adjusting for pertinent risks. The strategy is a total return EMD investment strategy positioned to outperform the Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Total Return universe. The investment team employs a research-driven, relative value process focused on regional selection, country selection, sector selection, security selection and yield curve positioning while also considering the portfolio's overall duration positioning.

### MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics | As of December 31, 2025

#### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

	Portfolio	Index	Difference
YIELD TO WORST	8.53	5.71	2.82
OPTION ADJUSTED SPREAD	496	179	317
EFFECTIVE DURATION	5.43	5.99	-0.56
DURATION TIMES SPREAD	14.75	9.76	4.99
COUPON RATE	6.80	5.23	1.58
CURRENT YIELD	7.02	5.48	1.53
YEARS TO MATURITY	9.98	9.72	0.27
BLOOMBERG CREDIT RATING	BA2	BAA3	—
NUMBER OF ISSUERS	95	713	—
# OF SECURITIES	139	2,077	—

#### % OVERWEIGHTS AND UNDERWEIGHTS BY RATING<sup>2</sup>



#### REGION AND CURRENCY EXPOSURE

	MacKay Shield Representative Account	
	Active CTD	Active YTM
ASIA PACIFIC	0.20	0.62
EUROPE	-0.50	-0.19
LATIN AMERICA	-0.08	1.11
MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA	-0.21	1.50

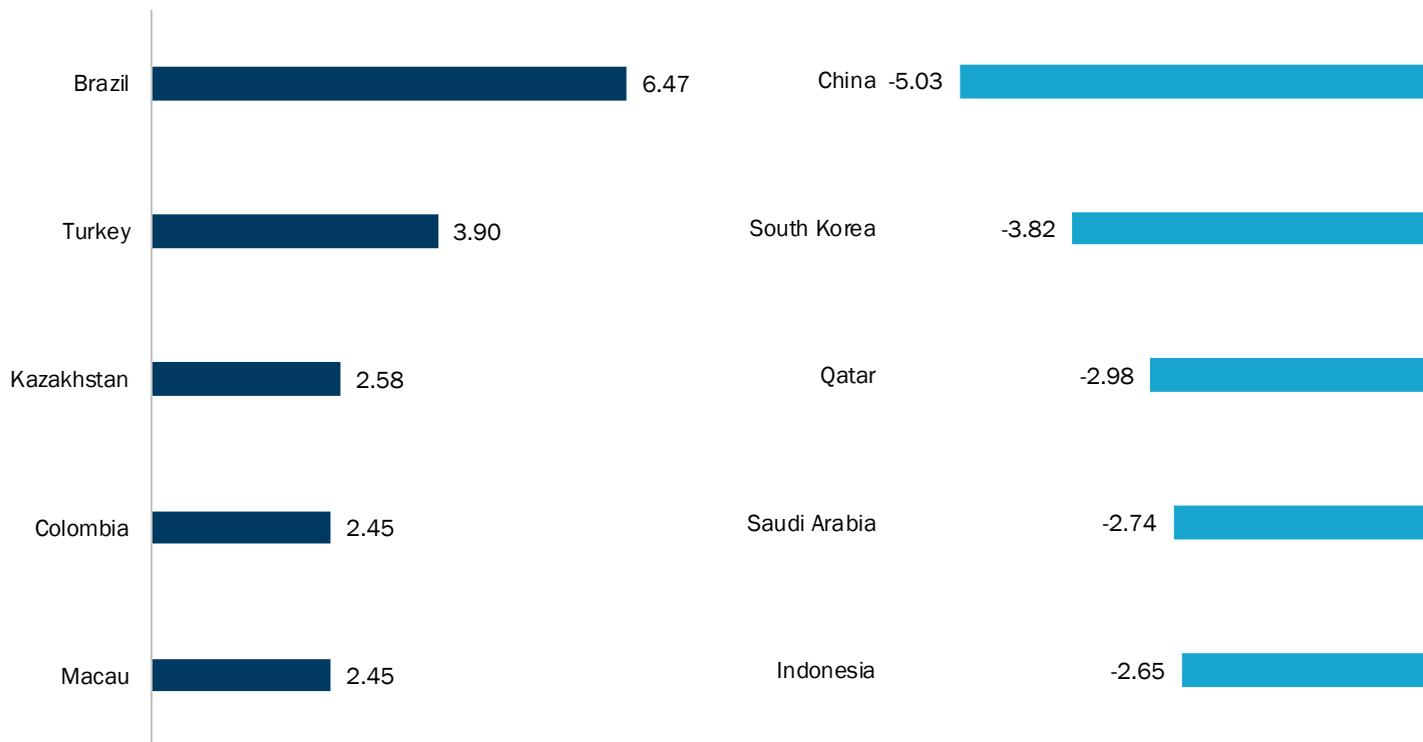
1. Index = Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index.

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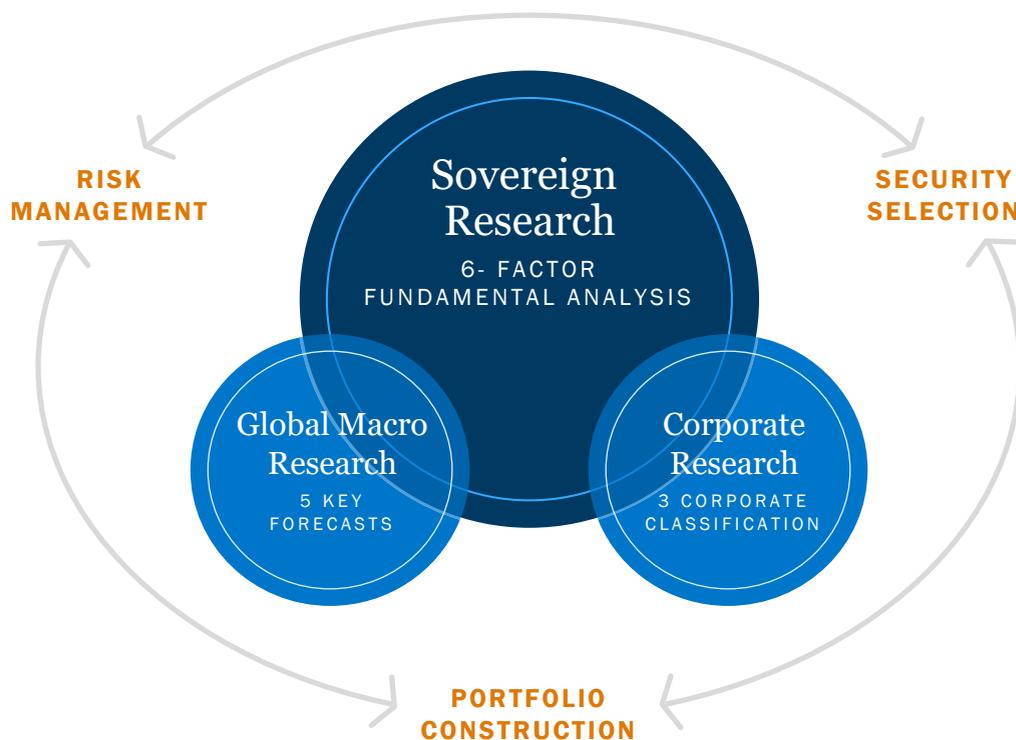
MacKay Shields Representative Account Characteristics (Cont'd) | As of December 31, 2025

ACTIVE COUNTRY WEIGHT



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## Team Process Overview



Led management of ~\$4 billion across Emerging Market Debt sovereigns and corporates prior to joining MacKay

**Inclusivity, diversity of thought** fostered by varied skills and backgrounds

**Collaboration and alignment** with the Global Credit Team

### A DIVERSE, EXPERIENCED AND CLOSE-KNIT EMERGING MARKET DEBT TEAM<sup>1</sup>



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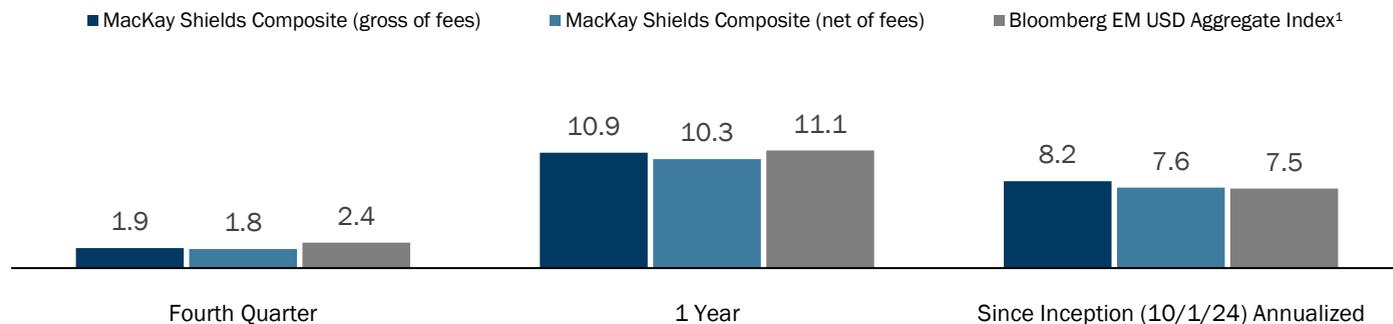
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### Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending December 31, 2025



### Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross Returns (%)	MacKay Shields Composite Net Returns (%)	Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index <sup>1</sup> Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup> 3-Yr St Dev (%)	No. of Accts.	Composite Assets (\$Mil)	Firm Assets (\$Mil)	Internal Dispersion (%)
	2025	10.9	10.3	11.1	N/A	N/A	≤5	360	158,884
2024 (Since 10/1)	-0.5	-0.6	-1.5	N/A	N/A	≤5	194	150,568	N/A

#### 1. Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index

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