



## **Quarterly Commentary**

# **Emerging Markets Fixed Income Fund DBLEX/DLENX**

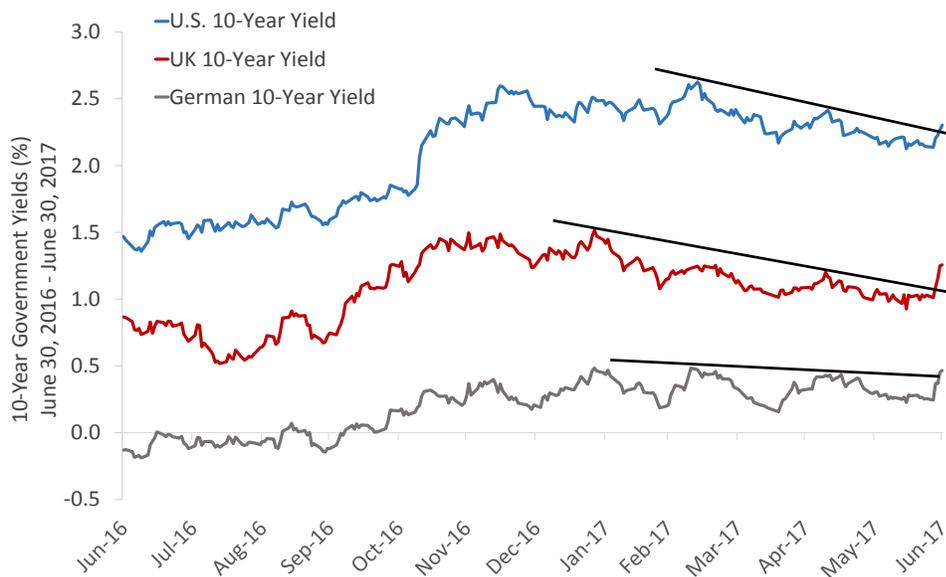
**June 30, 2017**

## Overview

A few main themes dominated headlines at the close of the second quarter: changes to Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy, the direction of U.S. Treasury rates, and persistent low volatility across several asset classes. For the most part, however, the first half of the year was a continuation of the latter half of 2016 as more credit sensitive sectors such as convertible bonds, high yield (HY) and emerging market (EM) debt continued to outperform. Although sectors such as mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and U.S. Treasuries (UST) were the laggards, they too maintained a positive total return.

As anticipated, the Fed was all the talk during the second quarter after another successful rate hike during June brought the benchmark target to between 1.00% and 1.25%. After two successful hikes through the first half of the year, it appears that the Fed has finally been able to meet their own expectations after years of disappointing the market. According to Bloomberg's World Interest Rate Probability (WIRP) function, the implied probability of another hike by year-end is just over 50%. We believe the true probability is accurately reflected in the futures market as it will be difficult for the Fed to hike once more by year-end. Aside from subpar Gross Domestic Product (GDP) which came in at 1.4% during the first quarter, the Fed will have to fight falling inflation, which appears to have peaked for the year barring any exogenous shocks to the base effects. Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI)

**10-Year Government Yields**  
June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017



Source: DoubleLine, Bloomberg

fell to 1.9% year-over-year (YoY) during May after reaching a high of 2.7% in February 2017. Core CPI fell to 1.7% YoY after reaching a high of 2.3% in January 2017. Flat-to-weaker energy prices will likely keep a lid on any higher inflation expectations through the second half of the year.

The UST curve continued to flatten for most of the second quarter as it has for most of the year. The benchmark yield spread between the long end of the 10-year bond and the short end of the 2-year note (2s10s) began the year at 125 basis points (bps) but later fell as low as 79 bps ahead of the Fed's rate hike. Meanwhile, the 2-year UST ended the quarter at 1.38%, an 8-year high, validating the notion that short-term interest rates have been in a secular rising interest rate environment for the better part of five years. Most notably, price action on

the 10-year UST is worth keeping an eye on through the second half of the year as the 10-year yield broke out to the upside during the last week of June to end the month at 2.30%. The move coincided with a jump in global developed sovereign yields as stronger growth and talk of less accommodative policy in Europe led to a 21 bps spike in 10-year German Bund yield and a 23 bps spike in 10-year UK Gilt yields during the last week of June. The 10-year German Bund and 10-year UK Gilt ended the quarter at 0.47% and 1.26%, respectively. All told, it is clear that pressure has remained to the upside for yields as we move into the second half of the year.

Lastly, we continue to keep an eye on the lack of volatility across risk assets as the quiet summer months could give investors a false sense of calm.

The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), which measures the volatility across the S&P 500, fell to all-time lows during June and ended the month near levels not seen since 1993. While we do not forecast a recession in the immediate future, further delays and disappointments in economic policy, rising bond yields and subpar growth are all events that could lead to investor uncertainty. Although Fed Chair Janet Yellen does not expect “another financial crisis in our lifetime,” we believe any market dislocations and mispricings can be opportunities over the long term.<sup>1</sup>

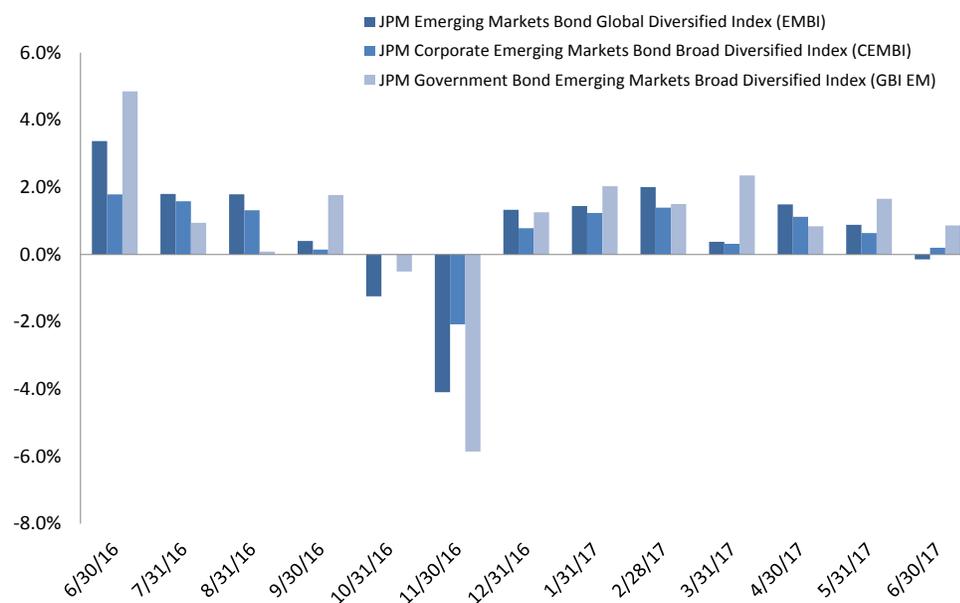
### Emerging Markets

- EM sovereign and corporate external bonds posted positive performance in the second quarter of 2017. Despite a backdrop of heightened geopolitical tension, a sharp drop in oil and iron ore prices, and increasingly hawkish sentiment from many developed market central banks, external conditions remained generally favorable for the EM fixed income asset class with continued investor appetite for higher-yielding emerging market debt.
- Technicals remained supportive on the back of continued inflows into the asset class, despite robust debt issuance, which was mostly used for refinancing, tender or call exercises.
- The JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index’s return was driven primarily by accrued

interest and a flattening of the UST curve, with the spread over UST remaining flat during the quarter at 310 bps.

- At the regional level, Latin America continues to lead year-to-date (YTD) and quarter-to-date (QTD) performance across both the EM dollar denominated sovereign and corporate indices.
- Factors that may affect risk appetite for the remainder of the year include rising developed market yields, a slowdown in global growth, German elections, early Italian elections, and Brexit negotiations, as well as policy risk stemming from the U.S., Europe and China.

**JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Performance  
June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017**



Source: JP Morgan

1. Source: Fox Business, “Yellen: I ‘don’t believe’ we’ll see another financial crisis in our lifetime.”

#### Fund Performance

Month-End Returns June 30, 2017	June	Year-to-Date	Annualized				Since Inception (4-6-10 to 6-30-17)	1-Yr Std Deviation <sup>2</sup>	
			1-Year	3-Year	5-Year				
I-share	0.33%	5.94%	9.97%	4.27%	5.08%	6.36%	3.61%		
N-share	0.31%	5.81%	9.70%	4.01%	4.81%	6.10%	3.68%		
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	-0.14%	6.19%	6.04%	5.38%	5.72%	7.00%	5.99%		
Quarter-End Returns June 30, 2017	2Q17	Year-to-Date	Annualized				Since Inception (4-6-10 to 6-30-17)	Expense Ratio	Gross
			1-Year	3-Year	5-Year				
I-share	2.64%	5.94%	9.97%	4.27%	5.08%	6.36%	I-share	0.90%	
N-share	2.58%	5.81%	9.70%	4.01%	4.81%	6.10%	N-share	1.15%	
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	2.24%	6.19%	6.04%	5.38%	5.72%	7.00%			
Calendar Year Returns	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010 <sup>3</sup>		
I-share	15.03%	-4.71%	6.49%	-2.52%	13.77%	4.51%	8.97%		
N-share	14.74%	-5.04%	6.33%	-2.77%	13.50%	4.26%	8.81%		
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	10.15%	1.18%	7.43%	-5.25%	17.44%	7.35%	7.42%		

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1. Benchmark - JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Global Diversified Index is a uniquely-weighted version of the EMBI Global. It limits the weights of those index countries with larger debt stocks by only including specified portions of these countries' eligible current face amounts of debt outstanding. It is not possible to invest in an index. 2. Standard Deviation - A measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. The more spread apart the data, the higher the deviation. Calculated by the square-root of the variance. 3. The Fund's inception date is 4/6/2010, thus the calendar year performance for 2010 is an unannualized partial year return. The performance information shown assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

#### Performance Attribution

For the second quarter, the DoubleLine Emerging Markets Fixed Income Fund outperformed the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (EMBI) return of 2.24%. The quarter saw positive external bond performance as investors' appetite for EM continued to improve, as evidenced by another quarter of strong inflows into the asset class. The portfolio benefited from an overweight position in Latin American (Latam) corporate credits. Latam corporate credits outperformed regional corporate peers in Central Europe and Asia. In addition, the portfolio benefited from the sector rotation over the last 12 months from the EM corporate sector to the EM sovereign and quasi-sovereign sector. Corporate exposure has been reduced from 81.1% as of June 30, 2016 to 40.7% as of June 30, 2017. The lower corporate exposure benefited the portfolio quarterly performance, as EM sovereign bonds outperformed EM corporate bonds. The positive performance was partially offset by the portfolio's larger weighting of investment grade (IG) credits relative to the index. EM IG corporate credits underperformed their high yield counterparts over the quarter.

#### Fund Statistics

Portfolio Characteristics		Country Breakdown (Percent of Portfolio)		Industry Breakdown (Percent of Portfolio)		Current Quality Credit Distribution <sup>5</sup> (Percent of Portfolio)	
# of Issues	146	Mexico	13.60%	Sovereign	31.50%	AAA	0.87%
Ending Market Value	\$1,109,164,953	Chile	12.54%	Oil & Gas	19.22%	AA	7.86%
Market Price <sup>1</sup>	\$100.43	India	9.08%	Banking	11.23%	A	18.24%
Duration <sup>2</sup>	6.72	Brazil	8.05%	Telecommunication	5.63%	BBB	38.75%
Weighted Avg Life <sup>3</sup>	9.25	China	6.14%	Transportation	4.68%	BB	19.06%
		Dominican Republic	4.93%	Finance	4.50%	B and Below	13.07%
		Panama	4.90%	Utilities	4.39%	Not Rated	0.05%
		Malaysia	4.70%	Consumer Products	3.36%	Other <sup>6</sup>	0.27%
		Argentina	4.02%	Media	2.77%	Cash & Accrued	1.82%
		Peru	4.00%	Conglomerate	2.49%	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
		Indonesia	3.62%	Pulp & Paper	2.18%		
		Costa Rica	2.75%	Travel & Lodging	1.96%		
		Philippines	2.75%	Petrochemicals	1.28%		
		Guatemala	2.61%	Regional/Local Gov't	0.79%		
		Hong Kong	2.49%	Cement	0.51%		
		Israel	2.42%	Construction	0.38%		
		Singapore	2.21%	Retail	0.37%		
		Korea	2.03%	Steel	0.36%		
		Qatar	1.88%	Bottling	0.31%		
		Jamaica	1.54%	Technology	0.18%		
		Colombia	1.54%	Real Estate	0.09%		
		Poland	0.20%	Cash & Accrued	1.82%		
		Trinidad And Tobago	0.17%	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		
		Paraguay	0.04%				
		Cash & Accrued	1.82%				
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>				

Sector Breakdown <sup>4</sup> (Percent of Portfolio)		Current Currency Exposure (Percent of Portfolio)	
Corporate	41.16%	U.S. Dollar-Denominated	100.00%
Sovereign	31.50%	<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Quasi-Sovereign	25.52%		
Cash & Accrued	1.82%		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		

Duration Breakdown <sup>2</sup> (Percent of Portfolio)		SEC 30-Day Yield		
Less than 1	3.68%	Gross	I-Share	N-Share
1 to 3 years	9.61%	Net <sup>7</sup>	3.94%	3.69%
3 to 5 years	15.61%		3.94%	3.69%
5 to 7 years	22.63%			
7 to 10 years	37.97%			
10+ years	10.50%			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			

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**Basis Point** - A basis point (bps) equals to 0.01%.

**Bloomberg World Interest Rate Probability (WIRP)** - A Bloomberg function based on futures trading data that gives probabilities of rate increases by central bank meeting date.

**Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index (VIX)** - An index that represents the cash-pay securities of the Citigroup High-Yield Market Capped Index, a modified version of the High Yield Market Index, by delaying the entry of fallen angel issues and capping the par value of individual issuers at \$5 billion par amount outstanding.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** - A measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and medical care. The CPI is calculated by taking price changes for each item in the predetermined basket of goods and averaging them; the goods are weighted according to their importance. Changes in CPI are used to assess price changes associated with the cost of living.

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**JP Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Broad Diversified Index (CEMBI)** - This index is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of US-denominated Emerging Market corporate bonds. It is a liquid global corporate benchmark representing Asia, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East/Africa.

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**JP Morgan Government Bond Emerging Markets Broad Diversified Index (GBI EM)** - This index is the first comprehensive, global local Emerging Markets index, and consists of regularly traded, liquid fixed-rate, domestic currency government bonds to which international investors can gain exposure.

**S&P 500 Index** - Standard & Poor's US 500 Index, a capitalized-weighted index of 500 stocks.

**Spread** - The difference between yields on differing debt instruments, calculated by deducting the yield of one instrument from another. The higher the yield spread, the greater the difference between the yields offered by each instrument. The spread can be measured between debt instruments of differing maturities, credit ratings and risk.

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