# EMERGING MARKET DEBT STARS FUND 31 OCTOBER 2025

Investing in Quality for the Song-Term

## **Investment Objective**

Our Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund invests in a portfolio of hard currency corporate, emerging market bonds.

The objective is to generate attractive risk-adjusted total returns through income yield and capital appreciation. The fund targets low volatility via credit selection and managing duration.

We believe that a portfolio following our principles of quality and value is the best way to deliver income, upside opportunity and downside protection.

This means that we invest in key businesses in their respective industries and geographies, with strong underlying fundamentals, able to navigate through cycles. We favour companies in structurally attractive industries with strong business models, financial strength, predictable cash flows & management teams with proven track records.

#### Performance, USD



# Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

						Annualised					
	2025						Since Sin				
	Oct-25	3M	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr.	Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr.	Inception	
Portfolio	+0.4	+0.6	+4.3	+4.2	+30.4	+20.0	+23.9	+9.3	+3.7	+4.1	
Comparatos	+0.3	+2.8	+8.2	+7.8	+33.8	+12.7	+15.6	+10.2	+2.4	+2.7	

# Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,195.19	0.90%	1.20%	LU2511911310
A1H Acc GBP	1,196.18	0.90%	1.20%	LU2520334165
A1H Acc EUR	1,044.39	0.90%	1.20%	LU2520334082
A2 Dist USD	1,097.29	0.90%	1.20%	LU2652042362

#### **Fund Characteristics**

Average Credit Rating	BB-
Duration	2.7
Spread	966
Yield to Maturity	8.6%
Yield to Worst	8.1%
Income Yield	8.5%
Average Bond Price	98.4

## Portfolio Comment

There was a degree of caution in risk assets driven by macro developments. This included US-China trade tensions and high-profile defaults in US credit. The US government remained shut down, limiting data releases and visibility on the health of the economy. Meanwhile, the Fed cut interest rates but signalled further easing may proceed at a slower pace.

Despite this, there was positive underlying corporate news from our strategy. Liquid Telecom (communications) made progress on bond refinancing initiatives. This included finalisation of asset sales, raising equity and upsizing local term loans. Braskem (basic materials) bonds recovered partially driven by advances in government support for the petrochemical sector as well as expectations of a shareholder resolution. There was positive credit rating action on OCP (basic materials) back to investment grade following the sovereign upgrade of Morocco. Lastly, President Milei's strong victory in mid-term elections in Argentina strengthened governability and improved likelihood of passing free-market reforms. This was a positive tailwind for all corporates in the country, including YPF (energy).

Macro conditions will continue to drive markets. Focus is on inflation, prospects for economic growth and any tightening of monetary conditions. This will likely keep volatility elevated. Our focus remains on short duration bonds with good income yield to mitigate any spread widening. Importantly, EM corporate balance sheets in good shape, defaults in check and technicals supportive as investors look to emerging markets for diversification.

### **Fund Statistics**

Cash %	6.3%	Average Monthly Return	ı	0.3%
IG/ HY/ NR	9%/ 83%/ 8%	Best Monthly Return	Nov '22	5.4%
No. Issuers/ Issues	44/ 59	Worst Monthly Return	Jun '22	-4.9%
No. Sectors	9	% Positive Months		64.1%
Sharpe Ratio	0.73	Volatility		5.8%

Performance since launch on 17th February 2023 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch, performance is J. Stern & Co.'s Emerging Market Debt Stars Strategy, a model or hypothetical portfolio, based on total return (with coupons reinvested) net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears. It is shown since the Strategy was reset on 1st July 2020. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Comparator: iShares JPM EM Corporate Bond ETF, with distributions reinvested, CEMB US, CUSIP 464286251. Source: FactSet, Wize, Bloomberg.

## Top 5 Credit Holdings

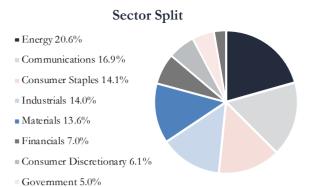
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Issuer	Sector	% of Total Portfolio
Mafuae	Financial	3.0%
IHS	Industrial	3.0%
Cosan Overseas	Energy	3.0%
Stillwater Mining	Basic Materials	2.9%
Liquid Telecom	Communications	2.9%

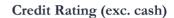
#### Top 5 Countries of Risk

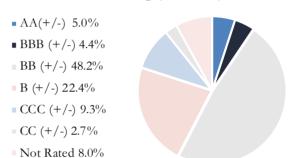
Country	% of Total Portfoli			
Mexico	13.9%			
South Africa	11.8%			
Turkey	11.5%			
Brazil	9.1%			
Nigeria	6.6%			

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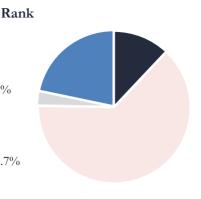






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- 1st Lien 12%
- Senior Unsecured 63.2%
- Subordinated 3.0%
- Junior Subordinated 21.7%



#### Duration

- <=1 26.2%
- >1 & <=2 13.9%
- >2 & <=3 23.5%
- >3 & <=4 21.5%
- >4 & <=5 6.9%
- ■>=5 8.1%



# Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Comparator	Excess
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1.6	+1.9	-0.4	+0.1	+3.1	+1.6	+8.2	+7.2	+0.9
2021	-0.3	+0.2	-0.4	+1.5	+0.8	+1.0	-0.1	+1.2	-0.5	+0.2	-1.8	+0.7	+2.4	-0.6	+3.0
2022	-0.9	-4.1	+0.3	-1.7	-1.4	-4.8	+0.2	+2.5	-4.3	-0.7	+5.4	+1.5	-8.2	-12.6	+4.4
2023	+3.4	-1.9	-0.8	+0.4	-0.8	+0.8	+2.1	-0.6	+0.0	-1.0	+2.3	+2.0	+6.0	+8.4	-2.4
2024	+1.6	+1.0	+1.1	-0.0	+1.4	+0.4	+1.7	+1.0	+1.4	+0.5	+0.7	-0.8	+10.3	+5.8	+4.5
2025	+0.9	+1.0	-0.2	-0.8	+1.0	+0.8	+0.9	+0.7	-0.5	+0.4			+4.3	+8.2	-3.8

## **Fund Information**

■ Utilities 2.7%

Sub-Fund	J. Stern & Co. Emerging Market Debt Stars Fund
Vehicle	Alpha UCITS SICAV
Domicile	Luxembourg
Legal Structure	SICAV
Investment Manager	J. Stern & Co. LLP
Portfolio Managers	Charles Gélinet, Jean-Yves Chereau
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Depositary & Administrator	CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.àr.l.
Regulation	UCITS authorised by the CSSF
Legal & Tax Advisor	Allen & Overy, Luxembourg
Reference Currency	US Dollar

Share Class	A
Eligibility	All
Management Fee	0.90%
Target OCF*	1.20%
Acc/Dist	Accumulation/Distribution
Currencies	USD, hedged GBP, hedged EUR
Alternative fee structure	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day
	Additional share classes available upon request
Launch Date	17th February 2023

<sup>\*</sup> Minimum investment is stated in the currency of the share class; Target OCF is the Investment Manager's target for the OCF of the USD share class.

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