



# Emerging Markets Debt

### Objective

The investment objective of the Emerging Markets Corporate Fixed Income strategy is to achieve 1.5 to 2% over the Bloomberg Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Index over a market cycle by targeting long-only credit opportunities across global Emerging Market Corporate Bonds, Emerging and Frontier Sovereigns and Provincial Debt Markets.

*“RVX believes emerging markets are experiencing positive fundamental change and present attractive investment opportunities for investors.*

*RVX believes these opportunities are created by misunderstood and mispriced risks that lead to inefficiencies and anomalies that can be exploited.*

*RVX believes an active, top-down, fundamental, relative value approach to evaluate countries, sectors and companies is the best way to exploit these inefficiencies.*

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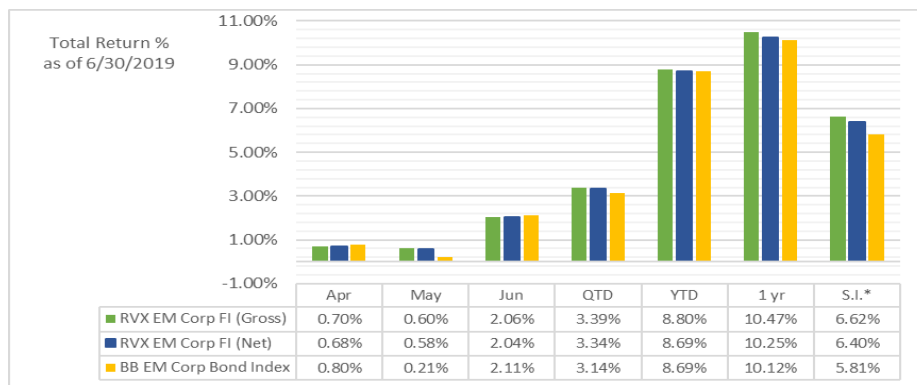
### Inception Date

December 31, 2016

### Strategy Profile

Perf. Benchmark.....BB EM Corp  
Style.....Relative Value  
Credit Quality.....BB min. avg.  
Duration.....85 to 115% of index  
Security.....5% max  
Country.....25% max  
Sector.....20% max  
Currency.....USD only

### PERFORMANCE:



SOURCE: RVX ASSET MANAGEMENT, BLOOMBERG  
\*RETURNS 1 YEAR + ARE ANNUALIZED

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2. NET PERFORMANCE IS NET OF HYPOTHETICAL MANAGEMENT FEES AND TRADING COSTS.

### COMMENTARY:

The RVX Long-Only Fixed Income Strategy closed the second quarter of 2019 with an 8.69% return matching the Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Market Corporate Index. When disaggregating performance from a sector perspective, our performance was driven by allocation in the communications, energy, and financials sectors. More specifically, we saw a normalization in the energy sector after a strong correction in the second half of 2018. Additionally, continued unrest and lack of production growth in Libya and Venezuela have created tailwinds driving oil prices higher for the quarter. Similarly, financials saw a positive quarter on the back of lower interest rates pushing higher yields in the sector creating a valuable investment opportunity.

Through a country view, the primary drivers of our performance were Mexico and Russia. Mexican securities have been under pressure over the last year due to the political risk president AMLO presents to the country and its economy. However, we find Mexican securities to be undervalued given Mexico’s proximity to the U.S. and the intrinsic value of its blue-chip companies. Similarly, we find value in Russian credits due to their large international reserves, low public debt, stable current account, net international surpluses, and flexible exchange rates.

In contrast, we have remained underweight in Brazil and China. We find Brazilian securities to be overvalued since Jair Bolsonaro assumed the presidency in January 2019. We believe Bolsonaro’s election has already been priced into the market. Moreover, based on the flow of funds to Brazilian securities, we also find that most are taking pension reform as a given, forgetting how politically costly and unsuccessful past administrations have been in the attempt to push reforms forward. Additionally, we find that normalization in Mexico will cause a severe outflow of funds from Brazilian securities thus, we remain cautious on Brazil. On the other hand, China is our most significant underweight country when compared to the Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Corporate Index. We remain cautious on China because of the trade conflict with the U.S., economic stimulus concerns, and a pick-up in domestic corporate defaults.

Given the hawkish stands of the U.S. Federal Reserve during 2018, trade conflicts between U.S. and China, and a slowdown in global growth during 2019 the U.S. Federal Reserve is starting to take a more dovish stance. Taking into consideration the combination of factors slowing down global growth, the Federal Reserve is likely to cut interest rates at least once during 2019. Generally, with the U.S. Fed lowering interest rates and the greenback currency devaluing, emerging market securities and currencies are poised to be the big winners.

Our overall portfolio allocation largely reflects our view on interest rates but also considers strong fundamentals across the asset class that allow for our risks to be spread amongst the highest yielding blue chip companies. Additionally, due to trade conflicts, we have based our allocation on picking countries in their respective cycles allowing us to capture upside, eliminating some of the noise concerning trade disputes and global growth.

**Investment Process**

**Macro View**

- The team begins with an analysis of the global macroeconomic environment, the corresponding impact on Emerging Markets, and the market's overall risk appetite.

**Sovereign View**

- The team's objective is to analyze credit opportunities in countries benefitting from the global macroeconomic environment, identified as those exhibiting positive rates of change in their economic, political, and social outlook.

**Industry & Company View**

- The team reviews an assortment of measurements to assess the credit worthiness of particular issuers within the framework of the team's sovereign perspectives and also, the issuers industry outlook.
- Each potential security is analyzed through a variety of credit and valuation metrics.

**Portfolio Construction & Risk Management**

- The team seeks to identify potential mispricing and alpha opportunities.
- Broad Diversification across countries, sectors, and credits.
- Risk management is integrated throughout the team's investment process. A designated Chief Risk Officer monitors portfolio adherence to guidelines, overall risk levels, and portfolio composition.

**Portfolio Characteristics**

Average Coupon.....6.21%  
 Yield to Maturity.....5.93%  
 Yield to Worst.....5.78%  
 Effective Duration.....4.31  
 Average Quality.....BB  
 Number of Issues.....363  
 Number of Issuers.....269  
 Portfolio Turnover (TTM).....13.53%

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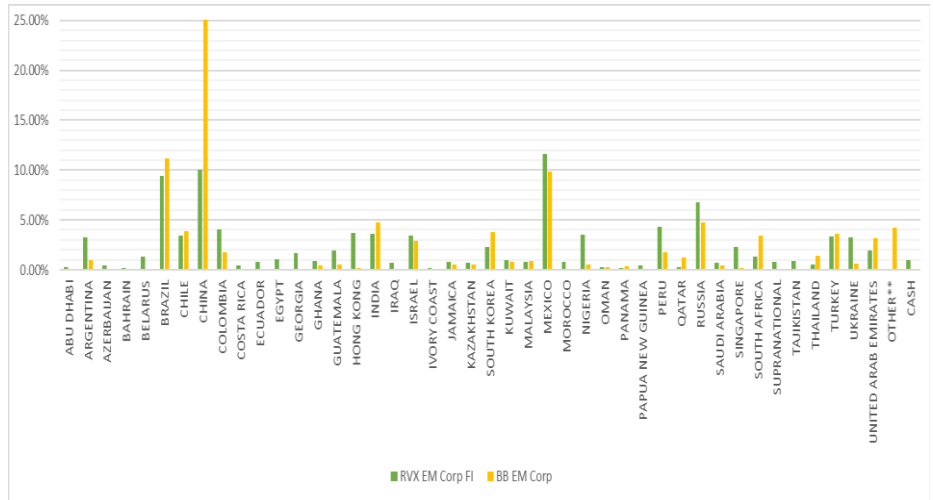
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**TOP HOLDINGS:**

Security	MV%	Sector	Country	Coupon	YTW	Rating
ALPHSA 10 12/19/22 REGS	1.68%	Financial	MEXICO	10.00	11.50	B+
PEMEX 4.5 01/23/26	1.63%	Energy	MEXICO	4.50	6.15	BB+
SIRINT 4.6 11/01/26 REGS	1.29%	Financial	CHINA	4.60	4.97	BBB-
DBBYRB 6.75 05/02/24 REGS	1.10%	Financial	BELARUS	6.75	6.78	B
FIDBAN 10.5 10/16/22 REGS	0.98%	Financial	NIGERIA	10.50	7.20	B-

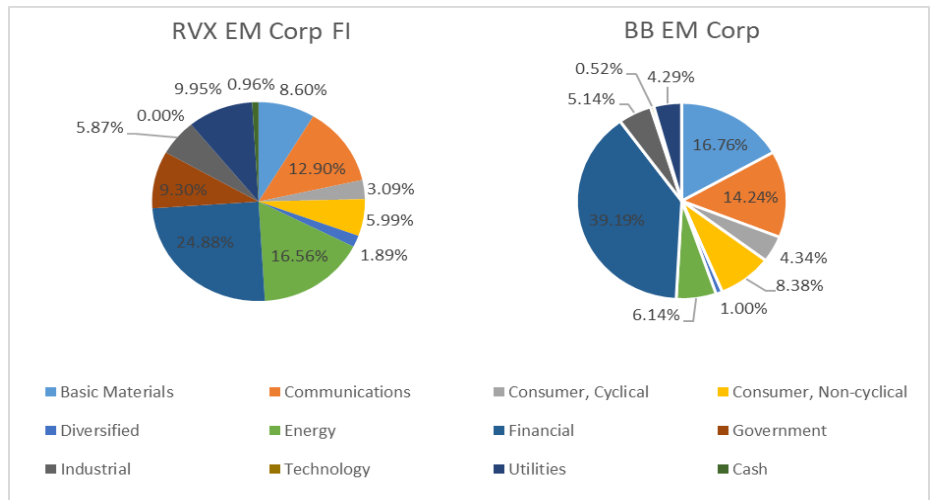
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**COUNTRY WEIGHTINGS:**



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**SECTOR WEIGHTINGS:**



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