

# Principal Finisterre Emerging Markets Total Return Bond Fund

Fourth quarter 2023

## Fund overview

The Fund seeks to generate total returns from current income and capital appreciation. The strategy also focuses on limiting volatility and potential capital losses. The Fund’s unconstrained, long-bias, seeks to achieve its objective by investing across the spectrum of the EMD universe.

## Morningstar overall rating:



Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 12/31/2023 among 226 Emerging Markets Bond Funds.

Morningstar ratings may vary between share classes, are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns and are subject to change.

## Ticker

Class I: PFUMX

## Portfolio management

**Damien Buchet, CFA**

31 years of experience

**Christopher Watson, CFA**

24 years of experience

## Fund information

	Fund
Fund AUM	\$504.2
Average duration	5.1
Yield to maturity	7.8%
Average maturity (years)	8.1
Yield to worst	7.7%
Portfolio exposure	
Gross	125.0%
Net	80.4%

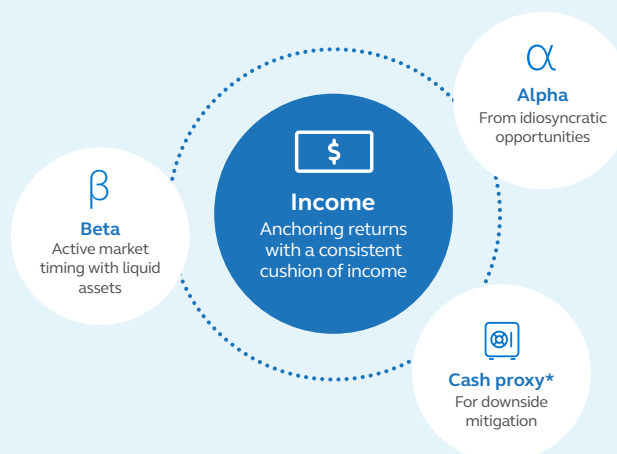
Source: Principal Finisterre.

**Duration:** The sensitivity of the value of principal of a fixed-income investment to interest rate changes. **Yield to maturity:** The total return anticipated on a bond if the bond is held until it matures. **Yield to worst:** The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. **Alpha:** Measures the difference between an investment’s actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk. **Beta:** Beta is a measure of an investment’s sensitivity to market movements.

## Unconstrained approach aims to participate in the upside potential of the emerging market debt (EMD) market, while seeking to limit downside volatility.

- Designed to be an “all-weather” solution that assesses the full EMD market cycle and allocates across U.S. dollar, sovereign or corporate credit, local currency bonds, and foreign exchange.
- Innovative portfolio construction process—rank and optimize EMD performance drivers (cash, income, alpha, and beta assets)—with an emphasis on volatility and liquidity.
- EMD-focused investment manager with extensive experience of providing solutions within the whole emerging market universe through market cycles.

## Expected sources and contribution of portfolio return



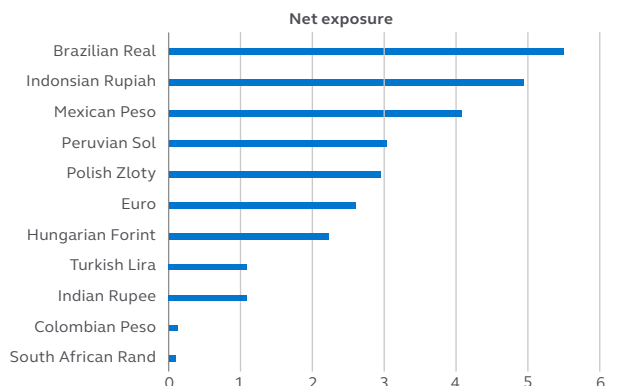
The strategy may not perform as intended and could result in a loss or gain.

\*Cash proxy includes defensive, short-dated EM sovereign and corporate credits, and local money market instruments. These assets have risk and may lose value.

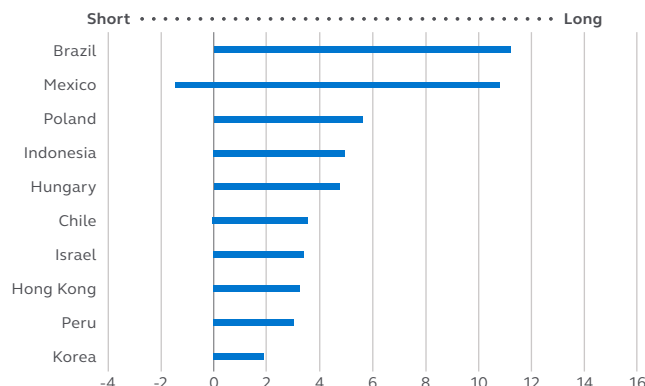
## Why allocate to a portfolio:

- Diversification potential, due to its relatively low correlation versus most traditional asset classes, along with diverse market segments and fundamental situations within EMD.
- Attractive yield profile designed to boost yield with the potential for strong risk-adjusted and absolute returns compared to other spread products.
- Active managers, who are able to navigate the cycle and timely allocate across the full spectrum of EMD, can potentially add significant value relative to market indices through yield maximization and by delivering attractive upside and downside capture ratios.

Currency allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>



Top country exposures (%)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Source: Principal Finisterre. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited and may not be representative of current or future investments.

Performance, rankings, and ratings

						Yields (%) <sup>8</sup>				
	3-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	Since inception (07/11/2016)	Expense ratio <sup>7</sup> (net/gross)	Expense limit expiration date	30-Day SEC (unsubsidized/subsidized)	12-month distribution
Class I <sup>2</sup>	7.42	11.20	11.20	-0.73	3.90	4.05	0.85/0.85	02/29/2024	6.67/6.67	6.43
Blended Index <sup>3,4</sup>	7.58	10.99	10.99	-2.58	2.05	—	—	—	—	—
Morningstar category average	8.41	10.75	10.75	-2.71	1.90	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Morningstar rankings and ratings</b>										
Category and number of funds in category: Emerging Markets Bond	245	243	243	226	213	226	—	—	—	—
Class I percentile rankings <sup>5</sup>	—	—	49	11	11	—	—	—	—	—
Class I ratings <sup>6</sup>	—	—	—	★★★★	★★★★★	Overall ★★★★★	—	—	—	—
<b>Calendar year returns (%)</b>										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Class I <sup>2</sup>	11.23	-1.61	14.75	7.83	-2.99	-9.30	11.20			
Blended Index <sup>3,4</sup>	11.13	-3.96	13.93	5.07	-3.26	-13.90	10.99			
Morningstar category average	10.25	-4.93	12.59	5.09	-2.80	-14.50	10.75			

Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns.

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<sup>2</sup> Performance assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains.

<sup>3</sup> Blended Index is composed of 33.33% JP Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index (an expansion of the JP Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI), which is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bond), 33.33% JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (an unmanaged, market-capitalization weighted, total-return index tracking the traded market for U.S.-dollar-denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans, and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities), and 33.33% JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (a 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).

<sup>4</sup> Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

<sup>5</sup> Morningstar percentile rankings are based on total returns and do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, rankings could be lower.

<sup>6</sup> The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or “star rating,” is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Morningstar ratings do not reflect the inclusion of sales charges. If sales charges were reflected, ratings could be lower.

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<sup>7</sup> The net expense ratio reflects contractual expense limits, if any, which may lower net expenses and cause the gross and net expense ratios to differ. In such cases a date is listed through which expense limits are expected to apply; however, Principal Funds and the investment adviser may mutually agree to terminate the expense limits prior to the end of the period. Returns displayed are based on net total investment expense.

<sup>8</sup> 30-Day SEC yield represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, stated as an annual percentage. Subsidized yield reflects a fund’s yield when all expense waivers are included. Unsubsidized yield reflects the SEC yield when some fund expenses are not waived. 12-month yield is based on actual distributions paid over a trailing 12-month period, stated as an annual percentage.

Returns shown for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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