31 January 2025

# A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

# Emerging Markets Fixed Income Opportunities Fund

**EMERGING MARKETS DEBT TEAM** 

#### **Performance Review**

In the one month period ending 31 January 2025, the Fund's Z shares returned 2.56% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>, while the benchmark returned 1.43%.

During the month, the Fund outperformed the benchmark. Allocations to sovereign credit and domestic debt contributed to performance.

Within hard currency sovereign and quasi-sovereign debt, overweight positions in Ecuador and Sri Lanka contributed, while an overweight to Argentina detracted from performance.

Within domestic debt, off-benchmark exposures to Nigeria and Egypt contributed, while an underweight to Brazil detracted.

Within corporate bonds, an allocation to Brazil's OHI Group contributed to performance. An allocation to Hong Kong property developer New World Development detracted from performance after reported speculation of a potential default.

#### **Market Review**

Emerging markets debt (EMD) markets had strong performance to start the year across the major segments of the asset class. Emerging markets (EM) currencies rallied in January, aided by the U.S. dollar weakening for most of the month. Sovereign credit spreads compressed while corporate spreads were flat, but both segments of the asset class benefited from the fall in U.S. Treasury yields. The Federal Reserve (Fed) met for its first meeting of the year and held rates, which was largely expected. President Trump started his presidency with a slew of executive orders and discussions of tariffs focused on China, Canada and Mexico, which added some volatility to the market; the administration's foreign policy and the future of tariffs are still uncertain. Colombia was momentarily caught in tariff crossfires following disagreements over U.S. deportation measures, but tariffs were subsequently dropped after policy discussions between the two countries. Brazil's central bank hiked rates as inflation remains stubborn and fiscal spending issues continued. Investors remain hesitant to invest in emerging markets debt, as shown by both local currency and hard currency funds seeing outflows during the first month of the year.

Performance for the major segments of EMD was positive for the month. The local segment of the asset class, represented by the J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Global Diversified, was the strongest, up 2.05%. The U.S. dollar-denominated sovereign index, the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, was up 1.44%. Finally, the EM corporate index — the J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index — was up 0.80%.

# **Portfolio Activity**

During the month, we reduced exposure to El Salvador and Ecuadorian sovereign credit, and we added exposure to Egyptian sovereign credit. We added exposure to Mexican and Hong Kong corporate bonds.

# **Strategy and Outlook**

Emerging markets debt started the year off strong, aided by a weakening U.S. dollar and a fall in U.S. Treasury yields. While U.S. politics are often not directly related to emerging markets, policies can have spillover effects, and potential tariffs will likely have impacts at the individual country level. Our investment process remains focused on individual country-level fundamentals, so while foreign policy and trade policy are still in question, we will monitor this impact from the bottom-up. As the Fed's tone has turned less dovish, we may see more selective rate cuts from EM central banks, but real yield differentials between emerging and developed markets remain attractive. Additionally, continued U.S. dollar weakness would be a tailwind for EM currencies. We believe country selection and finding investment opportunities that are more shielded from U.S. policy will likely be key to drive performance in emerging markets debt.

For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

## **Fund Facts**

Launch date	03 August 2015
Base currency	U.S. dollars
Benchmark	Custom- Blended Benchmark

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 31 January 2025.

## Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class Z Shares	2.56	14.71	12.62	-17.79	-3.16	4.85	14.13	-7.22	11.86	13.60	
Blended Benchmark	1.43	3.87	10.99	-13.90	-3.26	5.46	13.73	-4.08	10.82	10.05	

All performance data is calculated NAV to NAV, net of fees, and does not take account of commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. The sources for all performance and index data is Morgan Stanley Investment Management ('MSIM Ltd'). Please visit our website www.morganstanley.com/im to see the latest performance returns for the fund's other share classes.

## Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The value of bonds are likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- Issuers may not be able to repay their debts, if this happens
  the value of your investment will decrease. This risk is higher
  where the fund invests in a bond with a lower credit rating.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the funds ability to buy or sell securities.
- Investment in Fixed Income Securities via the China Interbank Bond Market may also entail additional risks, such as counterparty and liquidity risk.

- There are increased risks of investing in emerging markets as political, legal and operational systems may be less developed than in developed markets.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase.
   Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

Please refer to the Prospectus for full risk disclosures, available at www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com. All data as of 31.01.2025 and subject to change daily.

Applications for shares in the Fund should not be made without first consulting the current Prospectus and the Key Information Document ("KID") or Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"), which are available in English and in the language of countries authorized for fund distribution and is available online at Morgan Stanley Investment Funds Webpages or free of charge from the Registered Office at European Bank and Business Centre, 6B route de Trèves, L-2633 Senningerberg, R.C.S. Luxemburg B 29 192.

The summary of investor rights is available in the aforementioned languages and website location under the General Literature section.

Information in relation to sustainability aspects of the Fund is available in English online at: Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

If the management company of the relevant Fund decides to terminate its arrangement for marketing that Fund in any EEA country where it is registered for sale, it will do so in accordance with the UCITS rules.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The material has been prepared solely for informational purposes and does not constitute an offer or a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security or to adopt any specific investment strategy. Investors should be aware that a diversified strategy does not protect against a loss in a particular market.

All investments involve risks, including the possible loss of principal. The material contained herein has not been based on a consideration of any individual client circumstances and is not investment advice, nor should it be construed in any way as tax, accounting, legal or regulatory advice. To that end, investors should seek independent legal and financial advice, including advice as to tax consequences, before making any investment decision.

The use of leverage increases risks, such that a relatively small movement in the value of an investment may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavourable as well as favourable, in the value of that investment and, in turn, the value of the Fund.

Investment in the Fund concerns the acquisition of units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset such as building or shares of a company, as these are only the underlying assets owned.

Morgan Stanley Investment Management 'MSIM', the asset management division of Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), has not authorised financial intermediaries to use and to distribute this material, unless such use and distribution is made in accordance with applicable law and regulation. MSIM shall not be liable for, and accepts no liability for, the use or misuse of this material by any such financial intermediary.

The whole or any part of this material may not be directly or indirectly reproduced, copied, modified, used to create a

derivative work, performed, displayed, published, posted, licensed, framed, distributed or transmitted or any of its contents disclosed to third parties without the Firm's express written consent. This material may not be linked to unless such hyperlink is for personal and non-commercial use. All information contained herein is proprietary and is protected under copyright and other applicable law.

This material may be translated into other languages. Where such a translation is made, this English version remains definitive; any discrepancies with another language, the English version prevails.

This material has been prepared on the basis of publicly available information, internally developed data and other third-party sources believed to be reliable. However, no assurances are provided regarding the reliability of such information and MSIM, the Firm has not sought to independently verify information taken from public and third-party sources.

Forecasts and/or estimates provided herein are subject to change and may not actually come to pass. Information regarding expected market returns and market outlooks is based on the research, analysis and opinions of the authors or the investment team. These conclusions are speculative in nature, may not come to pass and are not intended to predict the future performance of any specific strategy or product the Firm offers. Future results may differ significantly depending on factors such as changes in securities or financial markets or general economic conditions.

Charts and graphs provided herein are for illustrative purposes only and subject to change.

### **INDEX INFORMATION**

Blended Benchmark refers to performance of Fund's benchmarks since inception - 03 August 2015 to 08 June 2020: 1/3 J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Index, 1/3 J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index, 1/3 J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index; 08 June 2020 and beyond - J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Blended Index (JEMB) - Equal Weighted.

The J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Blended Index (JEMB) - Equal Weighted is comprised of 1/3 J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Global Diversified Index (tracks total returns for traded external debt instruments in the emerging markets, and is an expanded version of the EMBI+. As with the EMBI+, the EMBI Global includes US dollar-denominated Brady bonds, loans, and Eurobonds with an outstanding face value of at least \$500 million), 1/3 J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (a comprehensive global local emerging markets index that consists of regularly traded, liquid fixed-rate, domestic currency government bonds and includes only the countries which give access to their capital market to foreign investors (excludes China, India), and 1/3 J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index (a global, liquid corporate emerging- markets benchmark that tracks U.S.-denominated corporate bonds issued by emergingmarkets entities).

The index is unmanaged and does not include any expenses, fees or sales charges. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Any index referred to herein is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of the applicable licensor. Any product based on an index is in no way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the applicable licensor and it shall not have any liability with respect thereto. The Fund is actively managed, and the management of the fund is not constrained by the composition of the Benchmark.

A blended benchmark has been used because there has been a change in benchmark during the reporting period shown.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

This material is only intended for and will be only distributed to persons resident in jurisdictions where such distribution or availability would not be contrary to local laws or regulations. It is the responsibility of any person in possession of this material and any persons wishing to make an application for Shares in pursuant to the Prospectus to inform themselves and observe all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdictions.

MSIM, the asset management division of Morgan Stanley (NYSE: MS), and its affiliates have arrangements in place to market each other's products and services. Each MSIM affiliate is regulated as appropriate in the jurisdiction it operates. MSIM's affiliates are: Eaton Vance Management (International) Limited, Eaton Vance Advisers International Ltd, Calvert Research and Management, Eaton Vance Management, Parametric Portfolio Associates LLC, and Atlanta Capital Management LLC.

In the EU, this material is issued by MSIM Fund Management (Ireland) Limited (FMIL'). FMIL is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and is incorporated in Ireland as a private company limited by shares with company registration number 616661 and has its registered address at 24-26 City Quay, Dublin 2, DO2 NY19, Ireland.

**Outside the EU,** this material is issued by MSIM Ltd is authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registered in England. Registered No. 1981121. Registered Office: 25 Cabot Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 4QA.

**Switzerland:** MSIM materials are available in German and are issued by Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, London (Zurich Branch) Authorised and regulated by the Eidgenössische Finanzmarktaufsicht ("FINMA"). Registered Office: Beethovenstrasse 33, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

**Dubai:** MSIM Ltd (Representative Office, Unit Precinct 3-7th Floor-Unit 701 and 702, Level 7, Gate Precinct Building 3, Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai, 506501, United Arab Emirates

This document is distributed in the Dubai International Financial Centre by Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited (Representative Office), an entity regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority ("DFSA"). It is intended for use by professional clients and market counterparties only. This document is not intended for distribution to retail clients, and retail clients should not act upon the information contained in this document.

This document relates to a financial product which is not subject to any form of regulation or approval by the DFSA. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with this financial product. Accordingly, the DFSA has not approved this document or any other associated documents nor taken any steps to verify the information set out in this document, and has no responsibility for it. The financial product to which this document relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on its resale or transfer. Prospective purchasers should conduct their own due diligence on the financial product. If you do not understand the contents of this document, you should consult an authorized financial adviser.

**Hong Kong:** This material is disseminated by Morgan Stanley Asia Limited for use in Hong Kong and shall only be made available to "professional investors" as defined under the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (Cap 571). The contents of this material have not been reviewed nor approved by any regulatory authority including the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong. Accordingly, save where an exemption is available under the relevant law, this material shall not be issued, circulated, distributed, directed at, or made available to, the public in Hong Kong.

**Singapore:** This material should not be considered to be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to the public or any member of the public in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under section 304 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore ("SFA"); or (ii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA. In particular, for investment funds that are not authorized or recognized by the MAS, units in such funds are not allowed to be offered to the retail public; any written material issued to persons as aforementioned in connection with an offer is not a prospectus as defined in the SFA and, accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses does not apply, and investors should consider carefully whether the investment is suitable for them. In cases where you are dealing with a representative of Morgan Stanley Asia Limited, and where such representative is acting on behalf of Morgan Stanley Asia Limited, please note that such representative is not subject to regulatory requirements issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore nor is under the supervision of the Monetary Authority of Singapore. For any issues which may arise in your dealing with such representative, please approach the Singapore-based contact person who has been established as your local contact person.

Australia: This material is provided by Morgan Stanley Investment Management (Australia) Pty Ltd ABN 22122040037, AFSL No. 314182 and its affiliates and does not constitute an offer of interests. Morgan Stanley Investment Management (Australia) Pty Limited arranges for MSIM affiliates to provide financial services to Australian wholesale clients. Interests will only be offered in circumstances under which no disclosure is required under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (the "Corporations Act"). Any offer of interests will not purport to be an offer of interests in circumstances under which disclosure is required under the Corporations Act and will only be made to persons who qualify as a "wholesale client" (as defined in the Corporations Act). This material will not be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Chile: Potential investors are advised that this document refers to foreign securities that may be registered in the Foreign Securities Register ("FSR") from the Commission for Financial Markets (Comisión para el Mercado Financiero or "CMF") (the "Registered Securities") or that may not be registered in the FSR (the "Non-Registered Securities").

For Registered Securities, please be advised: The securities being offered are foreign. Shareholder rights and obligations are those of the issuer's home jurisdiction. Shareholders and potential investors should inform themselves on what those rights and obligations are and how to exercise them. CMF supervision of the securities is limited to information requirements in Rule 352, overall supervision is conducted by the foreign regulator in the issuer's home jurisdiction. Public information available for the securities is exclusively that required by the foreign regulator and accounting principles and auditing rules might differ to those applicable to Chilean issuers. The provisions on Article 196 of Law 18.045 are applicable to all parties involved in the registration, deposit, transaction and other acts associated with

the foreign securities ruled by Title XXIV of Law 18.045.

For Non-Registered Securities, please be advised: THE SECURITIES INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE NOT REGISTERED IN THE FSR AND OFFERS REGARDING SUCH SECURITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED SUBJECT TO GENERAL RULE N°336 OF THE CMF, BEGINNING AT THE DATE OF THIS DOCUMENT. THESE ARE FOREIGN SECURITIES AND THEIR ISSUER IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IN CHILE. THE SECURITIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE CMF AND CANNOT BE PUBLICLY OFFERD. THEREFORE, THIS DOCUMENT AND OTHER OFFERING MATERIALS RELATING TO THE OFFER OF THE INTERESTS IN THE FUND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC OFFER OF, OR AN INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE FOR OR PURCHASE, THE FUND INTERESTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE.

Please contact your local Distributor or the person who provided this document for information on the registration status of specific securities.

Peru: The Fund is a sub Fund of the Morgan Stanley Investment Funds, a Luxembourg domiciled Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable (the "Company") is registered in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as an undertaking for collective investment pursuant to Part 1 of the Law of 17th December 2010, as amended. The Company is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"). If the Fund and the interests in the Fund have been registered in Peru under Decreto Legislativo 862: Ley de Fondos de Inversión y sus Sociedades Administradoras as amended; under Decreto Legislativo 861: Ley del Mercado de Valores (the "Securities Market Law") as amended, and under the Reglamento del Mercado de Inversionistas Institucionales approved by Resolución SMV N°021-2013-SMV/01 as amended by the Resolución de Superintendente N°126-2020-SMV/02 (the ' Reglamento 1") and Resolución de Superintendente N°O35-2021-SMV/02 (the "Reglamento 2"), and are being offered to institutional investors only (as defined in article 8 of the Securities Market Law) under the special public offering directed exclusively to the institutional investors under the Reglamento 1 and Reglamento 2, then the interests in the Fund will be registered in the Section "Del Mercado de Inversionistas Institucionales" of the Securities Market Public Registry ( Registro Público del Mercado de Valores) maintained by the Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores (SMV), and the offering of the Fund interests in Peru only to institutional investors will be subject to the supervision of the SMV, as well as any transfers of the Fund interests shall be subject to the limitations contained in the Securities Market Law and the regulations issued thereunder mentioned before, under which the Fund interests may only be transferred between institutional investors under Article 27 of the Reglamento 1 and Reglamento 2. If neither the Fund nor the interests in the Fund have been and will not be registered in Peru under Decreto Legislativo 862 and under Decreto Legislativo 861 referenced **above**, nor they will be subject to a public offering directed to institutional investors under the Reglamento 1, and will be offered to institutional investors only (as defined in article 8 of the Securities Market Law) pursuant to a private placement, according to article 5 of the Securities Market Law, the interests in the Fund will not be registered in the Securities Market Public Registry maintained by the SMV, and the offering of the Fund interests in Peru to institutional investors nor the Fund will be subject to the supervision of the SMV, and any transfers of the Fund interests shall be subject to the limitations contained in the Securities Market Law and the regulations

issued thereunder mentioned before, under which the Fund

interests may only be transferred between institutional investors.