PAYDEN EMERGING MARKETS BOND FUND (PYEMX)

Payden Funds

MARCH 31, 2024

Investment Strategy

The Payden Emerging Markets Bond Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of emerging-market sovereign and corporate bonds. The fund invests in countries that are identified through extensive analysis of their macroeconomic variables, sovereign credit ratios, political stability, and the quality of the country's business environment. The fund maintains geographic diversification across Latin America, Europe and Asia. Most of our investments are U.S. dollar-denominated, but we also see attractive opportunities in select local markets.

Fund Highlights

- » Primarily sovereign focus opportunistic exposure in corporates.
- » Managed by Payden & Rygel with 20 years of experience managing emerging-market portfolios.
- » Local markets expertise opportunistic exposure to local markets.
- » Pure bond strategy limited use of credit default swaps or distressed debt.
- » The value of an investment will generally fall when interest rates rise.

Performance^A

MONTHLY	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (12-17-98)
PAYDEN EMERGING MARKETS BOND FUND	2.53%	12.86%	-0.90%	1.20%	3.04%	7.47%
J.P. MORGAN EMBI GLOBAL	2.04%	11.28%	-1.39%	0.71%	3.05%	7.65%

Calendar-Year Returns

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
12.09%	-17.37%	-2.22%	6.17%	16.41%	-7.03%	12.00%	11.45%	-0.84%	5.31%

FUND DESCRIPTION				
	CLASS:	Investor		
	FUND INCEPTION:	Dec 17, 1998		
	TICKER:	PYEMX		
	CUSIP:	704329531		
	TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$865.7 Million		
	INVESTMENT MINIMUM:B	\$100,000		
	IRA MINIMUM:B	\$100,000		
	DIVIDENDS PAID:	Monthly		
	DIVIDENDS (LAST 12 MOS):	\$0.649		

FUND STATISTICS			
EFFECTIVE DURATION:C	6.6 Years		
AVERAGE MATURITY:	11.3 Years		
30-DAY SEC YIELD:	6.38%		
30-DAY SEC YIELD: (UNSUBSIDIZED)	6.40%		

EXPENSES	
TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES:	0.72%

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

	Years of Experience	
Kristin J. Ceva, PhD, CFA	35	
Nigel Jenkins, ASIP	35	
Arthur Hovsepian, CFA	29	
Zubin V. Kapadia, CFA	20	

Quoted performance data represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For the most recent month-end performance, which may be higher or lower than that quoted, visit our website at payden.com or call 800 572-9336.

Role In Portfolio

Appropriate for investors with long investment time horizons who seek diversification via sovereign and corporate bonds issued by emerging-market countries.

Investment Manager

Payden & Rygel is one of the largest privately-owned global investment firms. Founded in Los Angeles in 1983, we have served the needs of institutional and individual investors for over 40 years. We offer a wide array of investment strategies and vehicles, including fixed-income, equity, and balanced portfolios, which can be accessed through separately managed accounts as well as comingled funds. We are committed to providing investment solutions focused on each client's specific needs and objectives.

Headquarters: Los Angeles

Founded: 1983

Assets Under Management: \$162 billion

(as of 03/31/24)

Portfolio Characteristics & Market Commentary

SECTOR ALLOCATION

Government/Gov't Related	84%
Corporates	13%
Money Markets	3%

CREDIT ALLO	<u>)CATION^D</u>
AAA	3%
AA	5%
Α	8%
BBB	27%
BB	25%
В	21%
CCC	6%
CC	4%
Unrated	1%

TOP-10 COUNTRY A	LLOCATION
Mexico	6.8%
Colombia	5.0%
Brazil	4.8%
South Africa	4.2%
Egypt	3.8%
Saudi Arabia	3.8%
Turkey	3.8%
Indonesia	3.5%
Nigeria	3.3%
Peru	3.1%

Market

» Emerging markets (EM) debt delivered positive performance in March, supported by healthy demand for fixed-income securities and lower volatility for risk assets. Hard-currency sovereign credit performed well across the board, even as high-yield rated issuers continued to outpace investment-grade issuers. Hard-currency corporate credit also posted gains, though returns modestly trailed sovereigns. Local-currency bonds remained the weakest of the major EM debt sectors; returns were close to flat, with currencies and interest rates broadly stable for the month.

Outlook

- » Although inflation has fallen, developed-market central banks are wary of the final steps to meet long-run inflation targets. Still, monetary authorities in most major economies acknowledge that policy rates have peaked. The timing and magnitude of future easing are the main topics of debate. Many EM central banks have already responded to disinflation by cutting rates, though the pace of easing has diverged, given the unique conditions facing each country.
- » Consensus forecasts see global growth slowing in 2024, but to date, economic activity has been resilient, including in most EM countries. A reasonable growth backdrop, combined with lower inflation, has resulted in reduced market volatility and support for risk assets.
- » We believe systemically important EM countries and EM corporates are navigating an uncertain global environment well. That said, we remain alert to global and country-specific risk factors. Renewed bouts of inflationary pressure, weaker growth, as well as geopolitical and political risks, including the crowded 2024 election calendar, may generate volatility.
- » In our view, EM debt offers diversification benefits, and elevated yields have historically generated healthy long-term income for investors. Valuations in EM debt are compelling relative to peer sectors, and we see opportunities across a variety of hard and local currency markets.

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FOOTNOTES

A Returns less than one year are not annualized. ^B The minimum initial investment may be modified for certain financial intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors. Payden Fund's distributor may lower or waive the minimum initial investment for certain categories of investors at their discretion. ^C Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. ^D Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest) and are subject to change. Security ratings are assigned using the highest rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch.

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