

DECEMBER 31, 2022

### Investment Strategy

The Payden Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of emerging-market corporate bonds. The fund invests in companies that are identified through extensive global industry and company analysis, consistent with our sovereign views. 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

- » Emerging Market corporate focus - opportunistic exposure to sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns
- » Managed by Payden & Rygel with 20 years of experience managing emerging-market portfolios
- » Corporate market expertise - dedicated credit analysts
- » 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<sup>A</sup>

MONTHLY	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (11-11-13)
PAYDEN EMERGING MARKETS CORPORATE BOND FUND	-11.02%	-11.02%	-1.00%	0.97%	-	3.06%
J.P. MORGAN CEMBI BROAD DIVERSIFIED INDEX	-12.26%	-12.26%	-1.75%	1.08%	-	3.19%

### Calendar-Year Returns

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
-11.02%	0.81%	8.17%	11.90%	-3.32%	9.13%	9.61%	-0.86%	4.74%	1.05%

### FUND DESCRIPTION

CLASS:	Investor
FUND INCEPTION:	Nov 11, 2013
TICKER:	PYCEX
CUSIP:	704329234
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$52.4 Million
INVESTMENT MINIMUM: <sup>B</sup>	\$5,000
IRA MINIMUM: <sup>B</sup>	\$2,000
DIVIDENDS PAID:	Monthly
DIVIDENDS (LAST 12 MOS):	\$0.418

### FUND STATISTICS

EFFECTIVE DURATION: <sup>C</sup>	4.1 Years
AVERAGE MATURITY:	6.6 Years
30-DAY SEC YIELD:	7.16%
30-DAY SEC YIELD: (UNSUBSIDIZED)	6.77%

### EXPENSES

TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES:	1.28% <sup>D</sup>
WITH EXPENSE CAP:	0.95%

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

	Years of Experience
Kristin J. Ceva, PhD, CFA	30
James T. Wong, CFA	30
Arthur Hovsepian, CFA	27
Alfred Giles, CFA	20
Zubin V. Kapadia, CFA	11

*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](http://payden.com) or call 800 572-9336.*

## Role In Portfolio

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

## Investment Manager

Payden & Rygel has served the needs of institutional and individual investors for over a quarter century. We offer a full array of investment strategies and products, including equity, fixed-income and balanced portfolios as well as open-end mutual funds and offshore funds, to a varied client base around the world. While we have grown and expanded considerably since our inception, we remain committed to our mission of providing customized investment management services that focus on each client's specific needs and objectives.

**Headquarters:** Los Angeles

**Founded:** 1983

**Assets Under Management:** \$133 billion  
(as of 12/31/22)



## FOOTNOTES

<sup>A</sup> Returns less than one year are not annualized. <sup>B</sup> The minimum initial investment may be modified for certain financial intermediaries that submit trades on behalf of underlying investors. Paydenfund's distributor may lower or waive the minimum initial investment for certain categories of investors at their discretion.

<sup>C</sup> Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. <sup>D</sup> Payden & Rygel has contractually agreed to limit Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver or Expense Reimbursement to 0.95%. This agreement has a one-year term ending February 28, 2023. Please note that the 0.95% expense level does not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest, taxes and extraordinary expenses. <sup>E</sup> 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.

For more information and to obtain a prospectus or summary prospectus, visit [payden.com](http://payden.com) or call 800 572-9336. Before investing, investors should carefully read and consider investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses and other important information about the Fund, which is contained in these documents. Investment in foreign securities entails certain risks from investing in domestic securities, including changes in exchange rates, political changes, differences in reporting standards, and, for emerging-market securities, higher volatility. Investing in high-yield securities entails certain risks from investing in investment-grade securities, including higher volatility, greater credit risk, and the issues' more speculative nature. The Paydenfunds are distributed through Payden & Rygel Distributors, member FINRA.

## Portfolio Characteristics & Market Commentary

### SECTOR ALLOCATION

Corporates	80%
Government/Gov't Related	9%
Money Markets	8%
Loans	3%

### CREDIT ALLOCATION<sup>E</sup>

AAA	8%
AA	3%
A	9%
BBB	40%
BB	27%
B	7%
CCC	3%
Unrated	3%

### DURATION ALLOCATION

0-1 yr	15%
1-3 yrs	26%
3-5 yrs	29%
5-7 yrs	16%
7-10 yrs	7%
10+ yrs	7%

## Market

- » Emerging-markets ("EM") debt closed 2022 with positive returns in December, wrapping up a challenging year. In EM hard-currency corporates and sovereigns, yields narrowed relative to comparable-maturity U.S. Treasuries, compensating for headwinds from duration. Within these credit sectors, high yield bonds generally outperformed investment grade bonds. Local markets also delivered positive returns, with interest rates remaining stable, while most EM currencies rallied against a softer U.S. dollar.

## Outlook

- » The outlook for fixed-income assets may be more balanced, as inflation momentum has shown signs of slowing, while central bank tightening is reaching late stages. Barring further shocks, inflation readings should ease across most EM countries during 2023, especially as food and energy prices have moderated. Still, elevated price pressures suggest that monetary policy may need to remain restrictive. Even as most EM central banks are winding down hiking cycles, markets will likely remain captive to the evolution of developed-country monetary policy.
- » Higher interest rates and the waning post-pandemic demand recovery will likely lead to slower growth. Dynamics in China may play a counteracting role, however, as the rapid abandonment of 'COVID-zero' policy creates uncertainty at the onset of 2023 but boosts growth prospects thereafter. Overall, we emphasize that the fundamental effects of the global environment vary considerably among EM countries and corporates, and we expect issuer differentiation to remain a key theme.
- » While we believe systemically important EM countries have navigated tighter liquidity conditions well, we remain alert to the risks ahead. Hawkish policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve, slowing global growth, and geopolitical risks, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, may continue to generate volatility. However, we believe risk factors are better priced and better understood compared to early 2022. In our view, EM debt continues to offer investors diversification benefits and attractive income. While the environment calls for a selective approach, we believe many hard and local currency EM debt markets present compelling opportunities.