# Gramercy

### **GRAMERCY EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND**

#### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Macroeconomic developments in May were shaped by shifting trade dynamics and renewed concerns over U.S. fiscal sustainability—interpreted through increasingly divergent lenses across asset classes. Equities responded positively to a temporary de-escalation in U.S.–China tensions, including a 90-day tariff rollback and the announcement of a new U.S.–UK trade deal. These developments helped ease fears of a broader trade breakdown and lifted the S&P 500 back into positive territory for the year. In contrast, fixed income markets were more focused on fiscal risks. President Trump's proposed "big and beautiful" tax bill—estimated to add \$2.5 trillion to the federal deficit by 2034—intensified concerns around debt sustainability and put upward pressure on U.S. Treasury yields, with the 10-year rising to 4.40% and the 30-year to 4.93%. These concerns were further compounded by legal uncertainty, as a U.S. court ruled the administration's "Liberation Day" tariff program unlawful—reasserting Congressional authority over trade policy. While markets initially viewed the ruling as a potential brake on escalation, a stay on the decision reintroduced tariff risks heading into the summer. Against this backdrop, the dollar softened modestly as investors weighed ongoing policy shifts against broader questions about growth resilience and institutional clarity.

Emerging market (EM) return streams were mixed across segments in May. EM hard currency corporate bonds, as measured by the CEMBI Broad Diversified Index, returned 0.61%, with high yield outperforming investment grade segments of the index delivering 1.19% and 0.20%, respectively as sentiment stabilized. EM hard currency sovereign bonds fared better overall, returning 1.12% according to the EMBI Global Diversified Index. This was driven by a 2.27% rebound in high-yield sovereigns following their post-Liberation Day dislocation, while investment-grade sovereigns posted a slight loss of -0.06% amid rising rates. EM local currency sovereign bonds outperformed, with the GBI-EM Global Diversified Index returning 1.41%—supported by sustained U.S. dollar weakness.

Fund performance in May was shaped by several offsetting dynamics. Our underweight to local currency sovereigns detracted, as this segment benefited from the weaker dollar—particularly in lower-beta credits such as Indonesia and Malaysia, which saw outsized gains despite limited upside potential. In the corporate space, certain higher-quality but more on-the-run (i.e., recently issued and more actively traded) high-yield oil and gas names weighed on performance amid persistent concerns around increased the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) supply. These headwinds were partially offset by gains in select higher-beta local currency exposures such as Brazil, our overweight in idiosyncratic sovereign stories including Ecuador, and a recovery in high-yield corporates as tariff rhetoric softened.

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The 10-year Treasury yield describes what 10-year U.S. Treasury notes will pay over 10 years if bought today. The **30-year U.S. Treasury yield** describes what 30-year U.S. Treasury notes will pay over 30 years if bought today. **Beta** the measure of the risk or volatility of a portfolio or investment compared with the market as a whole.

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