



## GRAMERCY EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND

### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

January ended with markets modestly higher, though the advance was uneven and accompanied by elevated volatility and periods of heightened uncertainty. Investor sentiment improved early in the month as the Federal Reserve held the policy rate at 3.50%–3.75%, a widely expected decision that nonetheless revealed internal disagreement, with Governor Christopher Waller dissenting in favor of an additional 25 bps cut. Uncertainty surrounding Fed leadership also persisted, given Chair Jerome Powell's term ending in early February, before easing late in the month following President Trump's nomination of Kevin Warsh as his successor. U.S. equities advanced overall on resilient earnings (S&P 500 +1.37%, Nasdaq +0.95%), though gains were interrupted mid-month by a spike in volatility as an unexpected political dispute over Greenland unsettled markets and U.S.–Iran tensions escalated. Treasury yields rose very modestly to 4.24%, while the U.S. dollar weakened to multi-year lows (DXY –1.35%) before partially rebounding at month-end, capping a strong rally in gold, which had reached multi-year highs (+13.31%). Commodities performed strongly, led by a sharp rebound in oil prices (Brent +16.17%, WTI +13.57%) amid supply concerns and dollar weakness.

In terms of return drivers, emerging market local-currency sovereign bonds, as represented by the GBI-EM Global Diversified Index, again led performance with a gain of 2.18% for the month, supported by renewed weakness in the U.S. dollar. EM hard-currency sovereign bonds, tracked by the EMBI Global Diversified Index, returned 0.68%, with strength in the high-yield segment (+1.50%) more than offsetting modest losses in investment grade (–0.14%), as sentiment improved in select distressed names. EM hard-currency corporate bonds, as measured by the CEMBI Broad Diversified Index, outperformed hard-currency sovereigns, returning +0.74%. Within corporates, high yield (+1.39%) outperformed investment grade (+0.30%) as demand for distressed credits increased. Sovereign spreads tightened by 9 bps at the index level, driven by a 17 bps compression in high yield, while investment-grade spreads widened by 3 bps. Corporate spreads narrowed by 13 bps overall, with high yield tightening by 26 bps compared with 5 bps for investment grade.

The Fund's performance in January was driven primarily by active positioning and security selection within both corporate and sovereign high-yield segments. The top contributor was security selection in hard-currency corporate high yield, particularly in two distressed positions—one in Brazil and one in Ghana—where improving risk sentiment and positive idiosyncratic developments supported price appreciation. The Fund's allocation to investment-grade assets detracted from performance, as investment grade lagged other EM asset classes amid supply pressures and modestly higher rates. In addition, the Fund's overall underweight to local-currency sovereigns weighed on relative performance, as the broad-based rally in EM currencies also benefited lower-beta currencies, such as the Malaysian ringgit, where the Fund has no exposure.

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## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

An investment in the Gramercy Emerging Markets Debt Fund is subject to risk, including the possible loss of principal amount invested and including, but not limited to, the following risks: **Market Risk:** the market price of a security may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, company, or asset class. **Fixed income/interest rate:** generally, fixed income securities decrease in value if interest rates rise, and increase in value if interest rates fall. **Foreign Investment:** the prices of foreign securities may be more volatile than the prices of securities of U.S. issuers because of economic and social conditions abroad, political developments, changes in the regulatory environments of foreign countries, and changes in U.S. laws regarding such countries. **Emerging Markets:** many of the risks with respect to foreign investments are more pronounced for investments in issuers in developing or emerging market countries. Emerging market countries tend to have more government exchange controls, more volatile interest and currency exchange rates, less market regulation, and less developed and less stable economic, political and legal systems than those of more developed countries. **High Yield ("Junk") bond:** involve greater risk of default, downgrade, or price declines, can be more volatile and less liquid than investment-grade securities. **Credit:** if an issuer or guarantor of a debt security held by the Fund or a counterparty to a financial contract with the Fund defaults or is downgraded or is perceived to be less creditworthy, the value of the Fund's portfolio will typically decline. **Convertible Securities:** are subject to market and interest rate risk and credit risk. **Contingent Convertible Securities:** subject to the risk of a triggering event occurring which may result in the issuer converting the security to an equity interest, cancelling interest payments, or writing down the principal value of such securities, and are inherently risky because of the difficulty of predicting triggering events. **Foreign Sovereign Debt:** Foreign governments rely on taxes and other revenue sources to pay interest and principal on their debt obligations. The payment of principal and interest on these obligations may be adversely affected by a variety of factors. **Currency Risk:** the values of investments in securities denominated in foreign currencies increase or decrease as the rates of exchange between those currencies and the U.S. dollar change. Currency conversion costs and currency fluctuations could erase investment gains or add to investment losses. **Prepayment or Call Risk:** if interest rates fall, an issuer may exercise the right to prepay their securities, and the Fund will not benefit from the rise in market price that normally accompanies a decline in interest rates. The Fund may also lose any premium it paid on the security. **ESG Criteria:** the Fund's consideration of ESG criteria in making its investment decisions may affect the Fund's exposure to risks associated with certain issuers; the criteria can result in excluding securities of certain issuers; there are significant differences in interpretations of what it means for a company to have positive or negative ESG characteristics. **Inflation:** risk that as inflation increases, the real value of the Fund's assets can decline. This risk is greater for fixed-income instruments with longer maturities. **Derivatives:** Using derivatives exposes the Fund to additional or heightened risks, including leverage risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, market risk, counterparty risk, and credit risk. **Liquidity:** the Fund may not be able to sell some or all of the investments that it holds due to a lack of demand in the marketplace or it may only be able to sell those investments at a loss. Liquid investments may become illiquid or less liquid after purchase by the Fund. Illiquid investments may be harder to value, especially in changing markets. **Valuation:** the sales price the Fund could receive for any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment, particularly for securities that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are valued by the Adviser using a fair value methodology. This may affect purchase price or redemption proceeds for investors who purchase or redeem Fund shares on days when the Fund is pricing or holding fair-valued securities. The value of foreign securities, certain fixed income securities, and currencies may be materially affected by events after the close of the market on which they are valued but before the Fund determines its net asset value. **Portfolio Turnover Risk:** active and frequent trading of the Fund's portfolio securities may lead to higher transaction costs and could negatively affect the Fund's performance. **Limited Operating History:** The Fund was organized on April 1, 2024, and has a limited operating history. As a result, prospective investors have a limited track record or history on which to base their investment decisions. **Management and Strategy Risk:** the evaluation and selection of the Fund's investments depend on the judgment of the Fund's Sub-Adviser, which may prove to be incorrect. **Recent Market Event:** periods of market volatility may occur in response to market events and other economic, political, and global macro factors, and could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments.

The **JPM Emerging Market Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified)** is a uniquely weighted USD-denominated emerging markets sovereign index. It has a diversified allocation scheme which allows a more even distribution of weights among the countries in the index. The **JPM Corporate Emerging Market Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified** is a comprehensive USD-denominated corporate emerging markets bond index, with broad issuer coverage (including small and short-dated bonds) and a diversified weighting scheme. The **GBI-EM Global Diversified Index** is a widely used benchmark for emerging market local currency government bonds. It tracks a broad range of countries, excluding those with explicit capital controls, and is designed to be investable for international investors. **U.S. Dollar Index (DXY):** index (or measure) of the value of the United States dollar relative to a basket of foreign currencies, often referred to as a basket of U.S. trade partners' currencies. **S&P 500:** stock market index that measures the performance of 500 of the largest publicly traded companies in the U.S. It is weighted by market capitalization, meaning larger companies have a greater impact on the index's value. The S&P 500 is considered a leading indicator of the overall health of the U.S. economy and large-cap U.S. equities. **NASDAQ:** also known as the NASDAQ Composite Index. It tracks over 3,000 stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, heavily featuring technology companies. **West Texas Intermediate (WTI):** north american benchmark for tracking crude oil pricing. **Brent:** International benchmark for tracking crude oil pricing.

**Basis Point(bps)** is one hundredth of 1 percentage point. **Beta:** measures an investment's volatility and risk compared to the overall market, indicating how much its price tends to move with market swings **Duration:** measures a bond's price sensitivity to interest rate changes, telling you how much its value will likely fluctuate as rates move, with a higher duration indicating greater volatility.

### One cannot invest directly in an index.

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