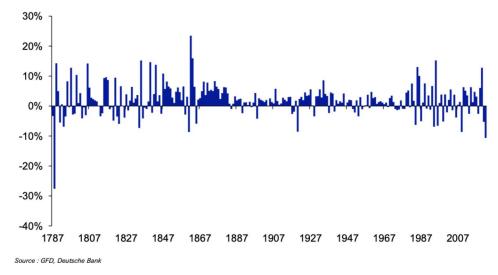


Performance and Q2 Market Overview

RETURNS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022 (%, net of fees)								
	Apr	May	Jun	Q2	YTD	1-Year	Since Inception	
Fund ¹	-1.15	-0.66	-2.58	-4.34	-10.74	-14.03	-3.66	
Benchmark ²	-1.22	-0.18	-2.32	-3.69	-10.58	-12.75	-3.89	
Relative Performance	0.07	-0.48	-0.27	-0.65	-0.16	-1.28	0.23	

Amid rising US interest rates and a sputtering Chinese economy, Emerging Market (EM) bonds suffered steep falls during				
the past quarter; but their decline is just part of a larger, more dramatic story that has been unfolding all year. Certainly,				
anyone watching bond yields in 2022 knows that conditions and returns have been bad. But to place these happenings				
historically, a June report by Deutsche Bank highlighted that it may be the worst annual investing start on record going				
back, remarkably, to the Colonial Era of 1788:				





The Deutsche Bank report also highlighted that 66 of 73 countries show inflation running above 10-year averages – an all-time high. Few bond managers active today have witnessed such financial conditions during in their careers, let alone know when or how things will change. What we do know is that for the quarter, the S&P 500 collapsed 16.44% and the US Bond Aggregate slipped 4.58%. EMs fell in sympathy, with the equity index down a little less at 12.36%, EM local bonds

¹ The Fund = The Aperture New World Opportunities Fund (ticker APNWIXULX)

² Benchmark = the Fund's Benchmark, Bloomberg EM USD Agg 1-5 Year Unhedged TR Index (Ticker: BEM5TRUU)



off 8.63% (due to US dollar strengthening), and the most-followed EM hard currency bond index sinking 11.43%.³ The world has not registered this combination of bond and stock losses in more than 45 years.

These numbers are important to highlight when thinking about our unique, low duration EM strategy. Amid the market turmoil, our Fund returned -4.34% net of fees for the quarter underperforming the Benchmark by 65 bps. While no manager likes to lose money, one can see how our strategy outperformed some of the EM indices mentioned above.

While the Fund kept its duration below the benchmark (approximately 2.25 years), spread widenings in the risk-off environment contributed to losses. Bid/offer spreads also widened sharply as EM bond funds suffered outflows – now more than all the inflows for 2021, according to JP Morgan:

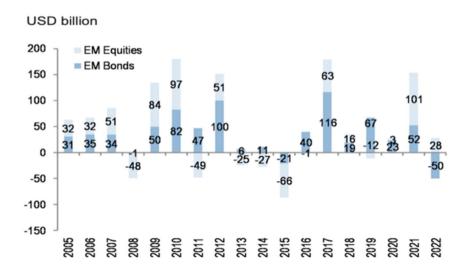


Chart 2: Annual EM Bond and Equity Flows, 2005 – June 2022

Average portfolio credit quality was comparable to our benchmark at BBB-. Our large underweight country continues to be China, less than 1/3 of the benchmark weighting of 30%. Additionally, we have had underweights, or do not own, several high-yield sovereign credits which fell into distressed territory this quarter including Sri Lanka, El Salvador, Ghana, and Turkey. We held small overweights in India, Indonesia, Brazil, South Africa, Chile, and Israel, among others. The Fund also maintained a high cash and US Treasury position (10%) plus some CDX protection against investment grade credit spreads that have yet to widen significantly - but could if recession fears worsen, we believe.

Our three broad overlay strategies were modestly positive for the quarter, but not enough to offset the core bond losses. Our short-term Technical strategies added 5 bps to performance through short interest rate positions, but these were

³ Source: Bloomberg LP. US Aggregate refers to LBUSTRUU Index; EM Equity refers to MXEF Index; EM Local bonds refers to JGENVUUG Index; EM hard currency bond index refers to JPGCCOMP Index



offset by losses in some Special Situation distressed credits in China and Lebanon that were marked down with most bonds for the quarter. Relative Value (long/short pair trades) were largely flat as we de-grossed during the volatile period.



Looking Forward

Both rising US interest rates and EM credit spreads have combined to now offer extremely attractive all-in yields, some of the highest seen in the last two decades:

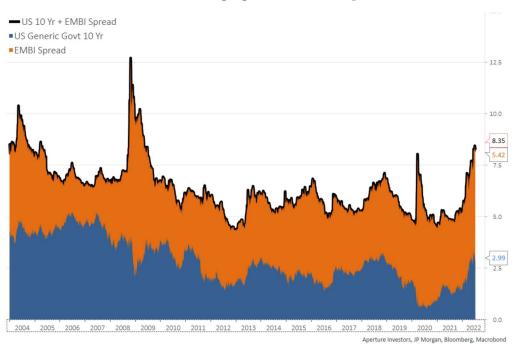


Chart 3: 10-Year Yields Plus Emerging Market Credit Spreads, 2004- June 2022

Our strategy amid the global uncertainty and a chart like this is to add duration as both interest rates and spreads rise. This helps tactically increase overall portfolio yield, often setting up capital gain potential if both rates and spreads overshoot and normalize, as they often do. We also look to tactically add positions in EM local bonds, FX, and interest rates as these tend to trade less efficiently and misprice in volatile periods.

The multi-trillion-dollar question of whether it's "inflation, stagflation, and/or recession" is tough to answer, making it difficult to maintain a highly bullish - or bearish - posture. We anticipate some greater clarity this summer after further rate hikes, more data points and a September Fed decision which may calm the markets. Our philosophy in such periods is to increase risk incrementally as rates rise and premiums widen - which they are – while still leaving cash if things worsen.

Should you have further questions, always feel free to contact us.

Peter Marber

Portfolio Manager, CIO of New World Opportunities



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<u>Fixed Income Market Risk</u> – The prices of the strategy's fixed income securities respond to economic developments, particularly interest rate changes, as well as to perceptions about the creditworthiness of individual issuers, including governments and their agencies. Generally, the strategy's fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa. In a low interest rate environment, risks associated with rising rates are heightened. Declines in dealer market-making capacity as a result of structural or regulatory changes could decrease liquidity and/or increase volatility in the fixed income markets. In the case of foreign securities, price fluctuations will reflect international economic and political events, as well as changes in currency valuations relative to the U.S. dollar. In response to these events, the strategy's value may fluctuate and/or the strategy may experience increased redemptions from shareholders, which may impact the strategy's liquidity or force the strategy to sell securities into a declining or illiquid market.

Foreign Sovereign Debt Securities Risk – The risks that (i) the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or interest when it becomes due because of factors such as debt service burden, political constraints, cash flow problems and other national economic factors; (ii) governments may default on their debt securities, which may require holders of such securities to participate in debt rescheduling or additional lending to defaulting governments; and (iii) there is no bankruptcy proceeding by which defaulted sovereign debt may be collected in whole or in part. These risks are typically heightened with respect to emerging market countries.

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<u>Duration Risk</u> – The longer-term securities in which the strategy may invest tend to be more volatile than shorter-term securities. A portfolio with a longer average portfolio duration is more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a portfolio with a shorter average portfolio duration.

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