

Named portfolio manager(s):
Rajeev de Mello (since launch)
Peer group: Asian Bond Funds in Dollars

Location: Singapore
Launch date: July 2008
Fund size (April 2009): US\$35m

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Standard & Poor's opinion (May 2009)

Legg Mason's Asian Opportunities Fund is one of a growing number of investment vehicles accessing Asia's fast-developing local currency bond markets.

It is managed by Legg Mason's specialist fixed income subsidiary, Western Asset Management, which uses the parent's extensive resources, both in the region and worldwide, in a highly disciplined manner. The team in Singapore of two fund managers, two analysts and two risk specialists is supported by the group's local credit teams in the region and the global fixed income and economics teams worldwide.

Benchmarked against the HSBC Asian Local Bond index, the fund invests in a mix of Asian sovereign debt, corporate debt and infrastructure financing bonds, across a diversified range of currencies. The investment approach is disciplined and largely top-down, value-driven and sector rotational, but with a high degree of bottom-up fundamental analysis in assessing credit issuers. Although the three key decisions are the country, currency and sector exposures, the team employs a range of low-correlation strategies to help reduce performance volatility.

Risk is a key concern and is controlled by an expected tracking error range, used in conjunction with pre-set limits on all asset class, duration and credit quality exposures; and assessments of counterparty risk exposures, which are fully collateralised.

The knowledge and experience of the team in Singapore, coupled with the way it interacts with the group's extensive resources, allows the fund to achieve an S&P AV5 rating.

Fund manager & team

The Asian ex-Japan debt team in Singapore is headed by Rajeev de Mello. It comprises a total of 19 people and manages roughly \$1.7bn. Two investment managers cover sovereign debt and have over 21 years' experience each. Two other managers cover investment grade and high yield credit. The team also includes two quant/portfolio risk analysts. Additional input is received by Western's broader team with over 120 investment personnel.

Rajeev de Mello - economics (LSE), MBA (Georgetown University), joined Western in 2007 after five years at UBS as head of Asia bond trading and eight years in fund management at Pictet, where he was head of Asia fixed income. Before that he was at McKinsey & Co for two years and had worked on various trading desks. He has a total of 22 years' experience.

Julia Ho - business (National University, Singapore), CFA, joined Western in 2003 as a fund manager and analyst with 15 years' experience via Rothschild, UOB and Nomura Securities.

Adrian Chee - economics (Melbourne University), joined the team as an analyst in 2007 after six years at Standard & Poor's. He had 16 years' credit experience at D&C Bank Malaysia, Tat Lee Bank and Standard & Chartered.

Henrietta Gourlay - MA (Edinburgh University), joined Western in 2003 as a research analyst with four years' credit experience at Merrill Lynch.

Management style

The aim is to outperform the HSBC Asian Local Bond index by 150bps a year over three to five years, while approximating benchmark risk.

The fund invests throughout Asia ex-Japan by way of local currency government debt, large-cap corporate debt and infrastructure financing bonds. This gives rise to a range of currency exposures, some of which may be hedged back into US dollars.

The approach is largely top-down, value driven and sector rotational, combined with significant bottom-up analysis from the local credit teams. Strategy is set in Singapore using information from across the group and a wide range of outside sources.

The three key allocation decisions are country, currency and sector positioning, within which various low correlation strategies are used to help reduce volatility. Although driven by fundamental analysis, significant use is made of quantitative analyses to enhance returns.

Risk is controlled by an expected tracking error limit of 250bps and by limits on all asset class, credit quality and duration positioning relative to the benchmark, aiming to maintain a well-diversified portfolio. VaR may not exceed 5%. Counterparty risk exposures are collateralised.

Report date June 2009

Investment Style

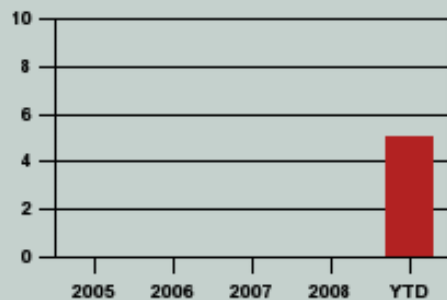
	Inv Grade	Blend	Sub Inv Grade
Govt			
Corp			
Emerging			
ABS/MBS			

Performance Statistics

	Launch
Fund	-5.5%
Standard & Poor's Peer Median	-9.7%
Index**	-0.5%
Fund Rank	52/198

Note: returns are cumulative

Calendar Year Decile Ranks



Decile ranking in discrete annual periods. First decile shown as rank 10, second decile as rank 9, with tenth decile as rank 1.

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Portfolio & performance analysis (April 2009)

The fund was long spread duration over the whole review period. Overall credit exposure was increased from around 15% of the portfolio in November 2008 (and again in January 2009) compared to a 15% benchmark allocation. The rest of the portfolio consisted of sovereign and supranational paper with the fund having no exposure to ABS/MBS.

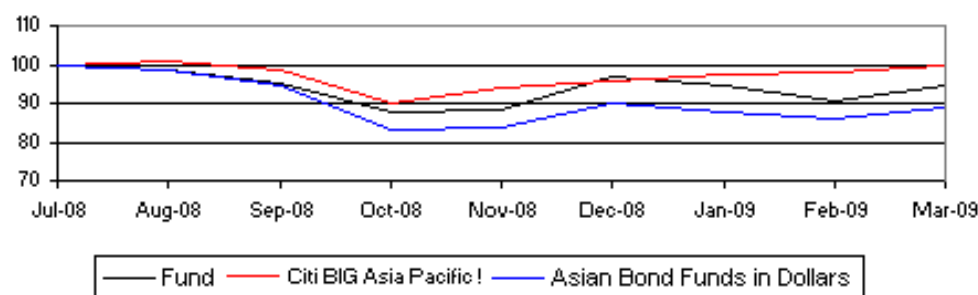
Duration was consistently kept long against benchmark since launch but was decreased to a more neutral level towards the end of the review period. South Korea was the main overweight, followed by India, with duration in Singapore being long as well.

The manager was cautious on Asian currencies except China, which was overweight against most other local currencies especially during the fourth quarter of 2008. The fund also had a 10% off-benchmark allocation in US dollars. This stance was changed in March/April 2009 as the manager became more optimistic regarding the fundamental outlook of the region. Currency risk was therefore added while duration positioning neutralised.

Relative performance against the HSBC Asian Local Bond benchmark was mainly driven by the fund's spread duration overweight, which hurt in Q4 2008 but helped thereafter. Compared to the benchmark the fund underperformed by 271bps gross in the second half of 2008 before outperforming by 255bps gross in the first quarter of 2009. The interest-rate duration overweight contributed positively over the whole period as did the curve steepening bias. Currency positioning helped in H2 2008 but was neutral in Q1 2009.

Longer-term information comes from the manager's tenure running the Pictet Fund (Lux) Asian LC Debt. Over the two-and-a-half years to June 2007, when Rajeev de Mello left to join Western, he produced top-decile returns in his S&P sector. Since launch, the Western fund is ranked high second quartile in our Asian bonds in dollars peer group, outperforming the sector median by 4.2% (net of fees) to end-March 2009.

Cumulative performance



Sources of return (01/04/09)

	Low	Average	High
Portfolio Duration		██████████	
Credit Spreads		██████████	
Country / Sectors			██████████
Yield Curve Positioning		██████████	
Currency Exposure			██████████
Derivatives		██████████	

Portfolio characteristics

Effective duration (years)	5.2
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Credit rating breakdown by CTD* (01/04/09)

	Long	Short	Net
AAA	0	0	0
AA	0.67	0	0.67
A	0.82	-0.11	0.71
BBB	0	-0.04	-0.04
BB	0.15	0	0.15
B	0	0	0
CCC & below	0	0	0
Unrated securities	0	0	0

Duration breakdown (01/04/09)

	Long	Short	Net
0-3 years	0.39	0	0.39
5-10 years	2.42	-0.34	2.08
3-5 years	3.15	-0.93	2.22
10+ years	0.53	0	0.53

Asset allocation by CTD (01/04/09)

	Long	Short	Net
EM Governments	2.82	0	2.82
Corporates	0.99	0	0.99
ABS/MBS/covered	0	0	0
Supranational	0.04	0	0.04
Others	2.21	-0.84	1.37

Regional breakdown by CTD* (01/04/09)

	Long	Short	Net	Curr %
India	0.55	0	0.55	7.4
Others	1.87	-1.27	1.60	55.1
Korea	0.84	0	0.84	15.2
Hong Kong	0.69	0	0.69	4.5
Singapore	0.93	0	0.93	13.2
Thailand	0.61	0	0.61	4.6

* CTD = Contribution to duration. Credit rating exposures are expressed in spread duration terms.

Discrete Performance (calendar years)

	2005		2006		2007		2008		YTD 31/03/2009	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Fund		/		/		/		/	-2.5	98/182
Index**	2.7		4.2		6.7		-2.7		4.2	
Median	0.9		7.6		6.2		-8.0		-2.1	

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Fund Benchmark: HSBC Asian Local Bond Overall Index

Share class information

	Initial charge	Exit charge	Annual charge	Expense ratio	Lump sum	Savings plan	ISIN
A USD Inc	5.00		1.10				IE00B2Q1FF07
Registered for sale	Austria, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom						

Symbols and Definitions

Long-Only Fund Ratings

AAA The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and performance consistency of the management team and/or approach as compared to funds with similar objectives.

AA The fund demonstrates very high standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.

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Fund-of-Hedge-Fund Ratings

AAA The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency of performance relative to its own objectives.

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Absolute Return Fund Ratings

AAA The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency of performance relative to its own objectives.

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All Fund Ratings

NR Funds designated as NR (Not Rated) currently do not meet the requisite performance standards and/or the minimum qualitative criteria.

UR Ratings are placed Under Review when significant management changes occur at the fund manager or fund management team level and Standard & Poor's Fund Services has not had the opportunity yet to evaluate their impact on the qualitative appraisal.

New Signifies where a major event has occurred for which there is no fund-specific track record available. This includes: funds recently launched, the implementation of a new investment process or mandate and may include structural changes within a fund team.

Bond Fund Volatility Ratings

The bond fund volatility rating is our current opinion of a fund's sensitivity to changing market conditions. Volatility ratings evaluate the fund's sensitivity to interest rate movement, credit risk, investment diversification or concentration, liquidity, leverage and other factors. For V1-V4 categories, risk is considered relative to a portfolio composed of government securities and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

V1 Bond funds that possess low sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprised of government securities maturing within one to three years, and denominated in the base currency of the fund. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprised of the highest quality fixed-income instruments with an average maturity of 12 months or less. Within this category, certain funds are designated with a plus sign (+), indicating extremely low sensitivity to changing market conditions.

V2 Bond funds that possess low to moderate sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprising government securities maturing within three to seven years, and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

V3 Bond funds that possess moderate sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprising government securities maturing within seven to 10 years, and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

V4 Bond funds that possess moderate to high sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprising government securities maturing beyond 10 years and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

V5 Bond funds that possess high sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds may be exposed to a variety of significant risks including high concentration risks, high leverage, and investments in complex structured and/or liquid securities.

V6 Bond funds that possess the highest sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds include those with highly speculative investment strategies with multiple forms of significant risks, with little or no diversification benefits.

Absolute Return Fund N Ratings

The N rating is Standard & Poor's indication of a fund's potential capital stability in normal markets. It is a qualitative rating but is based on annualised weekly downside deviation. N1 is the most stable and N9 the least.

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