

Real-time insight on how DuPont Capital has positioned its portfolios as a function of key factors driving the markets.

We believe country selection is critical to successful, risk-managed investing in Emerging Markets Debt. A key element of our competitive edge is our proprietary country selection analytics. Our 7-factor country credit model generates a credit score for each country which is used to assign the country to either the Mature, Stable, Risky, or Distressed credit categories. We then apply fair value criteria unique to each credit category to assess whether a country is under, over, or fairly valued. Our 'Focus List' contains bonds that are (i) under valued based on our valuation model, and (ii) have an attractive risk/reward profile. The list generally includes bonds from under valued countries and local currency bonds from select fairly valued countries.

The chart below represents the classification of U.S. Dollar denominated bonds based on the results of our modeling. Changes to the model from the previous quarter have been highlighted.



CATEGORY	UNDER VALUED	FAIRLY VALUED	OVER VALUED
MATURE	Mexico	Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Panama, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UAE	Hungary , Israel, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Slovakia, Thailand
STABLE	Argentina, Bahrain, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Ukraine	Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica , Cyprus, Dominican Republic , Greece , Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka , Tanzania, Turkey	Bolivia, Colombia, Croatia, Guatemala, Morocco, Namibia, Romania, Serbia, Trinidad and Tobago , Uruguay, Vietnam
RISKY		Angola , Suriname, Zambia	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus , Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon , Georgia, Honduras, Iraq , Jamaica, Lebanon, Nigeria, Tunisia
DISTRESSED	Mozambique, Venezuela		Belize, Ecuador
Key vs Prior Quarter: More Attractive Less Attractive			

COMMENTS (as of October 1, 2017)

EMD UNIVERSE LESS ATTRACTIVE	Spreads have tightened and yields declined across many countries in the EMD Universe. As such, several countries are less attractively valued now than earlier in the quarter.
EMD FUNDAMENTALS MORE ATTRACTIVE	Fundamentals across several countries have improved, including Ghana, Mongolia, and Greece, causing them to migrate upward in credit category.
MEXICO UNCHANGED	Mexico performed well during the quarter and spreads tightened. However, the country is still attractive in our model as spreads are more than 200 basis points over Treasuries.

Please note the chart and commentary above are as of October 1, 2017 and is subject to change without notice. The above chart is provided to demonstrate our investment philosophy and analytical process only, and should not be considered a recommendation. Investing involves risks.



7-factor country credit model used to rank and categorize each country.

Quantitative Factors (4)

- Government Debt & Service
- Macroeconomics
- Balance of Payment
- Domestic Financial Markets

Qualitative Factors (3)

- Social Politics
- Long-term Growth Perspective
- International Politics

Credit scores are normalized from the aggregated seven factors.

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ABOUT OUR FIRM

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In 1993, DuPont Capital was established and became an SEC registered investment advisor. We share our parent company's history of innovation, and over the years, have been on the forefront of developing global investment opportunities in both traditional and alternative strategies across equity, fixed income, and alternative investments.

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