

## EMERGING MARKETS DEBT COUNTRY ANALYTICS January 2021

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 approach 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	Israel, China, Thailand, Korea, Latvia, Qatar, Malaysia, Czech Republic, UAE, Chile, Vietnam, Hungary, Peru, India, Philippines, <b>Russia</b> , <b>Indonesia</b> , <b>Romania</b>	Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Kuwait
Stable	Turkey, Pakistan, Oman, Ukraine, Egypt, Bolivia, Kenya, Senegal, Ghana, El Salvador, Nigeria, Costa Rica	Colombia, Brazil, Paraguay, Cyprus, Morocco, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Greece, Georgia, Tanzania, Mongolia, Serbia, South Africa, Bahrain, Jordan, Namibia, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic	Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, Croatia, Panama, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan
RISKY	Tunisia, Zambia, Sri Lanka, Angola, Tajikistan, Suriname, Argentina, <b>Ecuador</b>	Belarus, Iraq, Cameroon, Papua New Guinea, Mozambique, <mark>Ethiopia</mark>	Guatemala, Armenia, Cote D'ivoire, Honduras, Jamaica, Barbados, <b>Gabon</b>
DISTRESSED	Lebanon, Venezuela		Belize
Key vs Prior Quarter: More Attractive Less Attractive Upgraded Downgraded			

#### **COMMENTS** (as of January 2021)

EMD UNIVERSE ECONOMIC RECOVERY	Most EM countries experienced an economic recovery and improvement in financial stability. Balance of Payment continues to improve with budget deficit/government debt load increasing but at a much slower speed than developed countries.
EMD Universe Slightly Attractive	EMD continued to rebound in the 4Q with spreads tightening and yields falling, particularly in the high yield EMD sector. Despite the strong recovery, EMD is slightly attractive with 28% of index in the Undervalued category and 56% categorized as Fair in our Country Credit Model.
EMD Universe Credit Rating Downgrades	Some EM countries continue to struggle and suffered downgrades in our country model, including Croatia, Panama, and Ethiopia.

Please note the chart and commentary above are as of January 1, 2021, and are 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.



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

#### **Quantitative Factors (4)**

- Government Debt & Service
- Macroeconomics
- Balance of Payments
- 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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DuPont Capital's President and CEO, Valerie Sill believes in education and diversity of experience as represented in our investment teams which are comprised of PhDs, engineers, medical doctors, and scientists. We believe their global expertise creates a portfolio implementation edge that benefits our clients.

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