

## Why invest in Indian bonds?



### Diversification benefits

Low correlation with many markets\* and low foreign exchange (FX) volatility of

Indian rupee **vs** emerging market (EM) ex-Asia FX basket  
**3.4%** **14.2%**<sup>1</sup>

\*refer to correlation table on page 2



### Strong relative returns

Outperformed over the last 10 years versus many asset classes, returning

**67%**  
beating global high yield (62%) and EM bonds (5.9%)<sup>2</sup>



### Global index inclusion

Index inclusion to the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Index starting in June 2024 is already driving strong inflows of

**US\$13 billion**  
in Q3 2024<sup>3</sup>

## Key benefits of investing in abrdn SICAV I – Indian Bond Fund



### Monthly income<sup>4</sup>

Running yield of

**7.0% p.a.**<sup>5</sup>

as of 30 September 2024



### Low volatility

Low portfolio risk of

**4.68%**<sup>6</sup>



### Ease of access

Bypasses complex Indian market rules for international investors

<sup>1</sup>Source: Bloomberg, emerging market ex-Asia FX basket, 1-year implied volatility, 30 September 2024.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Bloomberg, USD, Indian bonds represented by Markit iBoxx ALBI India, Global High Yield represented by Bloomberg Global High Yield, Emerging Market Bonds represented by JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified, 10 years to 30 September 2024.

<sup>3</sup>Source: National Securities Depository Limited, 30 September 2024.

<sup>4</sup>Aim at monthly distribution. Dividends are not guaranteed and may be paid out of investment income, capital gains or capital at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any dividends paid and distributed out of the Fund's capital will result in an immediate reduction of the Fund's Net Asset Value per share.

<sup>5</sup>Source: abrdn, 30 September 2024. Running yield is the annual income on an investment divided by its current market value. The running yield of the fund is not representative of the payout yield. Past performance does not predict future results.

<sup>6</sup>Source: Bloomberg, 3-year standard deviation, A MInc USD share class, 30 September 2024.



# Portfolio benefits of Indian bonds

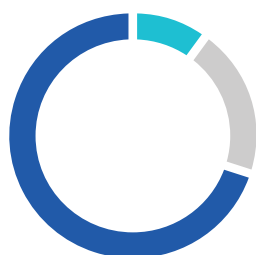


## Why investors should not ignore India's bond market

### Low correlation with other markets<sup>7</sup>

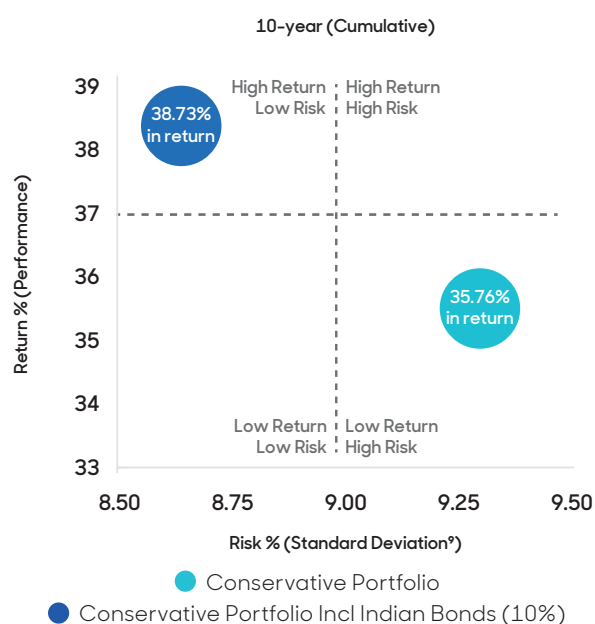
| Market                               | Correlation to Indian Government Bonds |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| WTI Crude Oil                        | -0.17                                  |
| Global Equities                      | 0.28                                   |
| US Government Bonds                  | 0.28                                   |
| Global Government Bonds              | 0.35                                   |
| Global High Yield                    | 0.36                                   |
| China Bonds                          | 0.38                                   |
| Emerging Market USD Bonds            | 0.42                                   |
| Asian Equities (ex-Japan)            | 0.45                                   |
| Emerging Market Local Currency Bonds | 0.54                                   |

### Allocating to Indian government bonds can complement a diversified portfolio



**Exceptionally low foreign ownership of less than 3%** accounts for its low correlation with other markets. It is difficult to sufficiently get exposure to India via other diversified strategies. India's strong fiscal performance and outlook for easing in inflation and policy rates support performance. When it comes to managing currency risk, the Reserve Bank of India deploys its substantial reserves to maintain rupee stability.

### More robust asset allocation and benefits to wealth managers: Improving risk-reward profile<sup>8</sup>



#### Better risk-adjusted returns

Indian bonds have historically **improved returns** and **reduced risk** through economic cycles

#### Diversification benefits

Robust macro conditions, policy tailwinds, and high FX reserves help **strengthen** the investment case of Indian bonds, and **diversify** from other geopolitical risks

#### Substantial inflows to continue

With the upcoming index inclusion, the inflows could **improve liquidity** and **support performance**

<sup>7</sup>Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, abrdn, FE, USD unhedged, correlation of monthly returns over 10 years to 30 September 2024.

<sup>8</sup>Source: abrdn, Bloomberg Barclays Indices, 30 September 2024. For illustrative purposes only. No assumptions regarding future performance should be made.

<sup>9</sup>The standard deviation of returns is commonly used as a measure of risk for investments. Past performance does not predict future results.



## Is India the new China?

Underpinned by government support, China's capital markets have served as a valuable portfolio diversifier for years. Now the baton is passing to India. India's government bond market is the

# 2nd largest sovereign market



in Asia ex-Japan and its local currency bond market is among the most liquid in emerging markets with a

# US\$2.59 trillion

market size.<sup>10</sup>

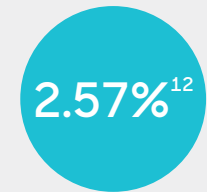
Indian bonds have a low correlation with China equities (0.32)<sup>11</sup> and offer a

## competitive yield



over

## China bonds



while the Reserve Bank of India uses its sizable FX reserves to maintain currency stability.

## Fund facts

|                                   |  |              |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Fund manager(s)</b>            | Asian Fixed Income Team                                      |              |
| <b>Fund launch date</b>           | 1 Sep 2015   |              |
| <b>Share class availability</b>   | A Acc Hedged SGD   | LU2730792970 |
|                                   | A Acc SGD  | LU2730792897 |
|                                   | A Acc USD  | LU1254412205 |
|                                   | A Gross MIncA Hedged SGD                                     | LU2675280809 |
|                                   | A Gross MIncA SGD  | LU2730792624 |
|                                   | A Gross MIncA USD  | LU2675280981 |
|                                   | A MInc USD   | LU1254412114 |
| <b>Base currency</b>              | US Dollar  |              |
| <b>Subscription fee</b>           | Up to 5%   |              |
| <b>Investment management fee</b>  | 1% per annum   |              |
| <b>Minimum initial investment</b> | USD1,000, or currency equivalent                             |              |
| <b>Distribution frequency</b>     | Aim at monthly distribution (where applicable) <sup>13</sup> |              |

<sup>10</sup>Source: Clearing Corporation of India Limited, Securities and Exchange Board of India, 30 June 2024.

<sup>11</sup>Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, abrdn, FE, USD unhedged, correlation of monthly returns over 10 years to 30 September 2024.

<sup>12</sup>Source: abrdn, TradingEconomics, running yield of Markit iBoxx ALBI India and FTSE Chinese Government Bond, 30 September 2024.

A positive yield does not imply a positive return.

<sup>13</sup>For share classes A Gross MIncA Hedged SGD, A Gross MIncA USD, A Gross MIncA SGD and A MInc USD only.

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