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NEUBERGER BERMAN

# Neuberger Berman Responsible Asian Debt - Hard Currency Fund

30 September 2024

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to achieve a target average return of 1-1.25% over the benchmark before fees over a market cycle (typically 3 years) by primarily investing in hard currency (defined as USD, EUR, GBP, JPY, CHF) denominated debt issued in Asian countries. There can be no guarantee that the fund will ultimately achieve its investment objective and capital invested is at risk. In determining the investments which the Portfolio will make, the Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager will prioritise investing in responsible issuers which are identified to:

- have a lower carbon emission intensity. The fund has a net zero goal and additionally aims to achieve a carbon emission intensity reduction of at least 30% compared to that of the broader Asia debt investment universe, represented by the Benchmark; and
- demonstrate better environmental, social and governance ("ESG") practices. The Portfolio aims to achieve a higher ESG score as compared to the broader Asia debt investment universe, represented by the Benchmark, based on third party ESG scores from an established external provider.

### **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

#### Rob Drijkoningen

Co-Head of Emerging Markets Debt

### Gorky Urquieta

Co-Head of Emerging Markets Debt

Prashant Singh Senior Portfolio Manager

### Nish Popat

Senior Portfolio Manager

Wei Siong Cheong Portfolio Manager

### FUND FACTS

| Inception Date (Fund)     | 30 June 2015  |
|---------------------------|---|
| Base Currency (Fund)      | USD   |
| Fund AUM (USD million)    | 48.32   |
| Domicile                  | Ireland   |
| Vehicle                   | UCITS   |
| Valuation                 | Daily   |
| Settlement (Subscription) | T+3   |
| Trading Deadline          | T-1 15:00 (Dublin Time)                             |
| Regulator                 | Central Bank of Ireland                             |
| Benchmark                 | JP Morgan Asian Credit Index<br>(Total Return, USD) |

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE Past performance does not predict future returns.



#### — USD I Accumulating Class — Benchmark (USD)

This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

| PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>      | 1m <sup>2</sup> | 3m <sup>2</sup> | YT   | D <sup>2</sup> | 1y²            | 3y³   | 5     | y <sup>3</sup> | 10y³ | <b>SI</b> <sup>3,4</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|--------------------------|
| USD I Accumulating Class          | 1.48            | 4.24            | 6.   | .63            | 13.12          | -0.93 | 0.7   | 7              | -    | 2.89                     |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | 1.21            | 4.22            | 7.   | 15             | 13.25          | 0.22  | 1.3   | 37             | -    | 3.04                     |
| 12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>1</sup> |                 | Sep15<br>Sep16  |      |                | Sep18<br>Sep19 |       |       |                |      |                          |
| USD I Accumulating Class          | -               | 11.25           | 3.83 | -1.58          | 11.68          | 3.91  | 2.84  | -17.77         | 4.54 | 13.12                    |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | -               | 10.55           | 2.17 | -1.01          | 10.80          | 5.63  | 0.69  | -15.03         | 4.61 | 13.25                    |
| CALENDAR (%)                      | <b>2015</b> ⁵   | 2016            | 2017 | 2018           | 2019           | 2020  | 2021  | 2022           | 2023 | <b>2024</b> <sup>6</sup> |
| USD I Accumulating Class          | 0.10            | 6.79            | 7.58 | -2.26          | 13.35          | 5.42  | -1.27 | -13.50         | 6.45 | 6.63                     |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | 0.79            | 5.81            | 5.78 | -0.77          | 11.34          | 6.33  | -2.44 | -11.02         | 7.02 | 7.15                     |

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The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment

manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes. The fund's investment policy restricts the extent to which the fund's holdings may deviate from the benchmark, but the fund is not exclusively limited to the securities of the benchmark.

 $^{1}\text{Performance}$  to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception, m – month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

4Returns from 30 June 2015 to latest month end

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares**.

## TOP 10 ISSUERS % (MV)

|  | Fund | Bmrk |
|--|------|------|
| Indonesia (Republic Of)                      | 6.36 | 5.41 |
| Standard Chartered Plc                       | 5.19 | 4.08 |
| Pertamina Persero PT                         | 3.19 | 1.22 |
| China Cinda (2020) I Management Ltd          | 1.94 | 0.56 |
| Sri Lanka (Democratic Socialist Republic Of) | 1.76 | 0.67 |
| AIA Group Ltd                                | 1.73 | 1.00 |
| Export-Import Bank Of Korea                  | 1.71 | 2.21 |
| Bank Of East Asia Ltd                        | 1.66 | 0.36 |
| United Overseas Bank Ltd                     | 1.64 | 0.31 |
| HDFC Bank Ltd                                | 1.62 | 0.15 |

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### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Market Risk: The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

Liquidity Risk: The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

Emerging Markets Risk: Emerging markets are likely to bear higher risk due to a possible lack of adequate financial, legal, social, political and economic structures, protection and stability as well as uncertain tax positions which may lead to lower liquidity. The NAV of the fund may experience medium to high volatility due to lower liquidity and the availability of reliable information, as well as due to the fund's investment policies or portfolio management techniques.

Credit Risk: The risk that bond issuers may fail to meet their interest repayments, or repay debt, resulting in temporary or permanent losses to the fund.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

Counterparty Risk: The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Currency Risk:** Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.

**DURATION DISTRIBUTION % (MV)** 

Fund

13.92

30.81

23.87

14.69

10.55

4 29

1.87

0.00

Bmrk

14.48

35.47

19.84

12.45

4.68

8.99

3.96

0.14

For full information on these and other risks, please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

Less than 1 year

1 - 3 years 3 - 5 years

5 - 7 years

7 - 10 years

10 - 15 years

15 - 20 years

20+ years

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

|                                | Fund | Bmrk |
|--------------------------------|------|------|
| Weighted Average Life to Worst | 5.11 | 6.56 |
| (years)                        |      |      |
| Weighted Average Yield to      | 5.47 | 5.11 |
| Worst (%)                      |      |      |
| Weighted Average Current Yield | 4.85 | 4.37 |
| (%)                            |      |      |
| Duration (years)               | 4.34 | 4.50 |
| OAS (Basis points)             | 171  | 133  |
| Average Credit Quality         | BBB  | BBB+ |
| Number of Securities           | 144  | 1520 |

## TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

|                            | Fund  | Bmrk  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| China                      | 19.62 | 30.02 |
| Hong Kong                  | 18.34 | 16.78 |
| South Korea                | 13.02 | 14.05 |
| Indonesia                  | 12.78 | 12.50 |
| India                      | 10.74 | 6.63  |
| Singapore                  | 4.69  | 3.54  |
| Thailand                   | 3.35  | 1.95  |
| Philippines                | 3.20  | 5.74  |
| Taiwan (Republic of China) | 2.61  | 1.86  |
| Sri Lanka                  | 1.76  | 0.68  |

## SECURITY CREDIT QUALITY % (MV)

|                    | Fund  | DITIFK |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| AAA                | 0.00  | 0.95   |
| AA                 | 7.49  | 13.05  |
| A                  | 27.38 | 33.62  |
| BBB                | 31.88 | 38.03  |
| BB                 | 19.37 | 7.55   |
| В                  | 2.55  | 1.79   |
| ссс                | 1.20  | 1.07   |
| СС                 | 0.00  | 0.03   |
| D                  | 1.76  | 0.68   |
| Not rated          | 2.95  | 3.24   |
| Cash & Equivalents | 5.42  | 0.00   |
|                    |       |        |

Source: Bloomberg Barclays PLC. Bloomberg Barclays credit quality rating is based on the conservative average of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the rating is the more conservative rating. If only one agency provides a rating, then the rating reflects that agency's rating. If none of the agencies provide ratings, the security is considered not rated and may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment adviser.

## **RISK MEASURES**

|                    | 3 years |
|--------------------|---------|
| Alpha (%)          | -0.30   |
| Tracking Error (%) | 2.30    |
| Beta               | 1.22    |
| Sharpe Ratio       | -0.51   |
| Information Ratio  | -0.50   |
| R-Squared (%)      | 95.36   |
| Standard Deviation | 8.38    |
|                    |         |

### **SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

|                       | /0 (  |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
|                       | Fund  | Bmrk  |
| Financials            | 39.50 | 27.86 |
| Sovereign             | 11.73 | 16.76 |
| Quasi-Sov             | 11.54 | 22.40 |
| Technology, Media and | 6.59  | 5.71  |
| Telecommunications    |       |       |
| Utilities             | 5.55  | 5.00  |
| Real Estate           | 5.28  | 4.37  |
| Industrials           | 4.05  | 4.41  |
| Diversified           | 3.89  | 2.05  |
| Oil & Gas             | 1.96  | 3.33  |
| Metals & Mining       | 1.61  | 1.54  |
| Consumer              | 1.39  | 3.60  |
| Transport             | 0.81  | 0.98  |
| Infrastructure        | 0.68  | 2.00  |
| Cash & Equivalents    | 5.42  | 0.00  |

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### I SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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| PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>7</sup>      | Inception Date | 1m <sup>s</sup>    | 3                | 3m <sup>8</sup>  | YTD <sup>8</sup> | 1y <sup>8</sup>  | 3y <sup>9</sup>  |                  | 5y <sup>9</sup>  | 10y <sup>9</sup> | SI <sup>9</sup>  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| USD I Accumulating Class          | 30-06-2015     | 1.48               | 3                | 4.24             | 6.63             | 13.12            | -0.93            |                  | 0.77             | -                | 2.89             |
| USD I Distributing Class          | 30-06-2015     | 1.39               | ) 4              | 4.19             | 6.53             | 13.03            | -0.94            | . (              | 0.76             | -                | 2.88             |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | -              | 1.21               | 4                | 4.22             | 7.15             | 13.25            | 0.22             |                  | 1.37             | -                | 3.0410           |
| 12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>7</sup> | Inception Date | Sep 14<br>Sep 15   | Sep 15<br>Sep 16 | Sep 16<br>Sep 17 | Sep 17<br>Sep 18 | Sep 18<br>Sep 19 | Sep 19<br>Sep 20 | Sep 20<br>Sep 21 | Sep 21<br>Sep 22 | Sep 22<br>Sep 23 | Sep 23<br>Sep 24 |
| USD I Accumulating Class          | 30-06-2015     | -                  | 11.25            | 3.83             | -1.58            | 11.68            | 3.91             | 2.84             | -17.77           | 4.54             | 13.12            |
| USD I Distributing Class          | 30-06-2015     | -                  | 11.27            | 3.69             | -1.52            | 11.66            | 3.87             | 2.90             | -17.74           | 4.53             | 13.03            |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | -              | -                  | 10.55            | 2.17             | -1.01            | 10.80            | 5.63             | 0.69             | -15.03           | 4.61             | 13.25            |
| CALENDAR (%)                      | Inception Date | 2015               | 2016             | 2017             | 2018             | 2019             | 2020             | 2021             | 2022             | 2023             | 202411           |
| USD I Accumulating Class          | 30-06-2015     | 0.10 <sup>12</sup> | 6.79             | 7.58             | -2.26            | 13.35            | 5.42             | -1.27            | -13.50           | 6.45             | 6.63             |
| USD I Distributing Class          | 30-06-2015     | 0.10 <sup>12</sup> | 6.76             | 7.55             | -2.23            | 13.38            | 5.27             | -1.23            | -13.41           | 6.46             | 6.53             |
| Benchmark (USD)                   | -              | 0.79 <sup>10</sup> | 5.81             | 5.78             | -0.77            | 11.34            | 6.33             | -2.44            | -11.02           | 7.02             | 7.15             |

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8Returns for these periods are cumulative.

9Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

10Data shown since inception of the USD I Accumulating Class.

11Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

12Data shown since the share class inception date.

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## **I SHARE CLASS DATA**

| Share Class | NAV               | Initial Sales<br>Charge (Max) | Ongoing<br>Charges | Management<br>Fee | Minimum<br>Investment |          |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| USD I Acc   | 13.02             | 0.00%                         | 0.75%*             | 0.60%             | 1,000,000             |          |
| USD I Dist  | 9.46              | 0.00%                         | 0.75%*             | 0.60%             | 1,000,000             |          |
| Share Class | Inception<br>Date | Morningstar Category™         |                    | ISIN              | Bloomberg             | VALOR    |
| USD I Acc   | 30-06-2015        | Asia Bond                     |                    | IE00BYZS6J74      | NBADUIA ID            | 28549672 |
| USD I Dist  | 30-06-2015        | Asia Bond                     |                    | IE00BYZS6M04      | NBADUID ID            | 28549680 |

\*The ongoing charge figure (which includes the management fee) is an annual charge based on expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023 Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

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Source: Neuberger Berman, Blackrock Aladdin and Morningstar

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