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## **AXA IM expands** **PAB ETF range with emerging market debt ETF**

AXA Investment Managers (AXA IM) has launched a new passive product, the AXA IM Emerging Markets Credit PAB UCITS ETF, with credit exposure to the main emerging markets adding to its existing PAB (Paris Aligned Benchmark[[1]](#footnote-1)) range of ETFs.

This new indexed ETF aims to replicate the performance of the ICE® Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Paris Aligned Absolute Emissions Index (EMCBPABA), net of management fees, both upwards and downwards. This index offers exposure to the Investment Grade and High Yield bonds universes, denominated in USD and EUR, and issued by non-sovereign emerging markets issuers in the main domestic and Eurobond markets. With this ETF, investors will get access, in one single transaction, to the corporate debt of emerging markets while investing in companies that seek to meet carbon emission reduction targets as defined by the Paris Agreement[[2]](#footnote-2).

“*Strenghtening our fixed income ETF offering with a focus on ESG is a priority to meet our investors’ needs. With the AXA IM Emerging Markets Credit PAB UCITS ETF we offer a new building block which gives investors access to corporate debt from emerging markets in a simple and efficient way, including a decarbonisation objective. This exposure looks particularly relevant in the context of a year full of elections in this part of the globe*”, commented **Olivier Paquier, Global Head of ETF Sales at AXA IM.**

This ETF is managed in a physical manner and is classified as “Article 8” under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). The Total Expense Ratio (TER) will reach 0,34%[[3]](#footnote-3).

AXA IM Emerging Markets Credit PAB UCITS ETF (ticker : AICU and AQDU) is available in USD and EUR on Deutsche Boerse – XETRA and will be listed on Borsa Italiana and SIX Swiss Exchange soon.

At launch, the ETF will be available for the institutional as well as retail investors in Austria, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy (limited to institutional investors until its listing in Italy), Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

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**Notes to Editors**

**Risks**

**Index tracking risk:** there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve perfect replication of its market index, and it may be subject to tracking error risk, i.e. the risk that its returns do not exactly follow those of its index at all times

**Risk of loss:** Investors may lose part of or entirely the invested capital depending on market conditions.

**Interest rate risk:** This corresponds to the risk of depreciation in rate-based instruments over either the short or medium term stemming from interest rate variations. For purposes of illustration, the price of a fixed-rate bond tends to decrease as interest rates increase. The Fund is particularly exposed to bonds and other debt securities; in the event of a rise in interest rates, the value of assets invested at a fixed rate may fall.

**Credit risk:** In the event of default or deterioration of the quality of private bond issuers (for example, a reduction in rating), the value of debt securities in which the Fund is invested may fall. In such case, the Net Asset Value of the Fund may fall.

**Emerging markets risk:** The ETF invests in emerging markets securities, which may be subject to additional risk factors such as political and economic factors, counterparty and liquidity risks, and legal risks.

The market price of an index ETF may not be identical to its net asset value at all times. The index ETF aims to replicate the performance of the index, and its trading price may differ from its net asset value and that of the index.

The fund share class is USD denominated and is subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

The list above of risk factors is not exhaustive. Please refer to the prospectus for full product details and complete information on the risks.

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For more information on ETFs, including net asset values, visit the local fund centre at ETFs | <https://core.axa-im.com/etf>.

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1. Aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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3. ISIN codes of the share classes: ISIN IE00018U4PN8 (max TER: 0.34%), ISIN IE00066L6LB9 (max TER: 0.34%). Investment will be reduced by the costs mentioned. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)