## **Emerging-Market Corporate Debt**

Making the World's Fastest-Growing Economies Work for You

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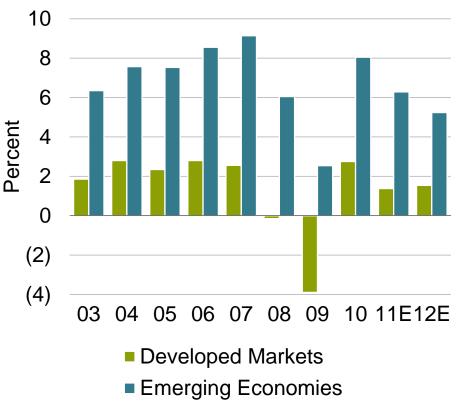
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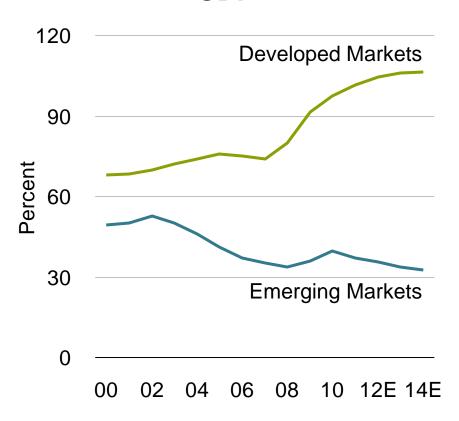
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## **Emerging Markets:**Faster-Growing Economies, Better Credit Metrics

#### **Real GDP Growth**



## Public Debt as a Percentage of GDP\*

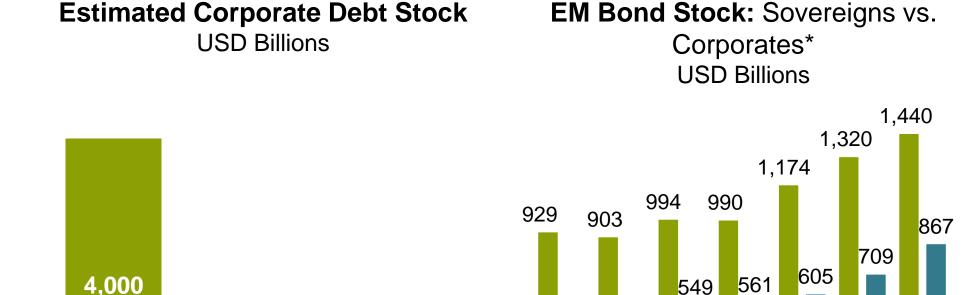


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As December 31, 2011

<sup>\*</sup>As of October 31, 2011. Emerging economies are Argentina, Brazil, China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey; developed economies are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US. Source: International Monetary Fund and AllianceBernstein

## **Emerging-Market Opportunity Set Is Expanding—Driven by Corporates**



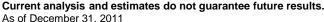
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EM Sovereigns

2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

EM Corporates

340



1,100

US High Yield

\*EM corporates include supranationals and quasi-sovereigns. Stock is the combination of US/hard currency and local-currency offshore bonds. Source: J.P. Morgan and AllianceBernstein

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**Emerging-Market** 

Corporates

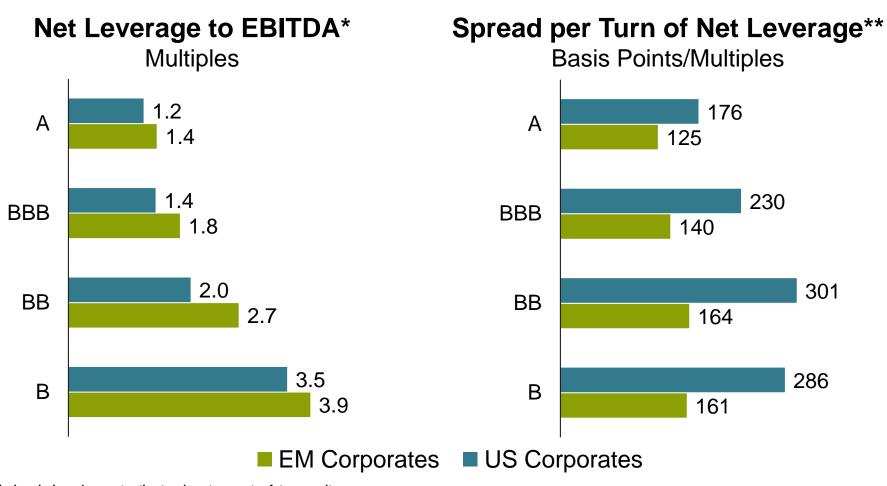


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## **Emerging Corporates:** Less Debt, More Attractive Spreads



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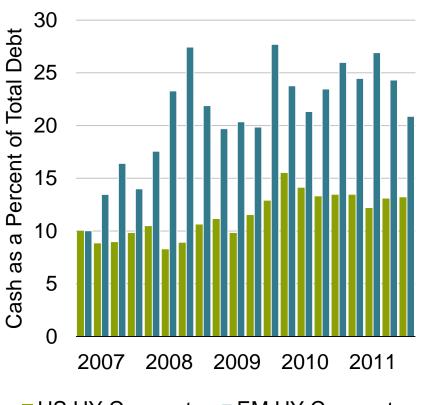
Leverage refers to the last 12 months (LTM) ratio of debt capital (bank loans, bonds, etc.) to EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax depreciation and amortization). Source: Bank of America and AllianceBernstein

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### **Emerging Corporates:** Healthier Cash Reserves than US Peers

### **High-Yield Corporates**

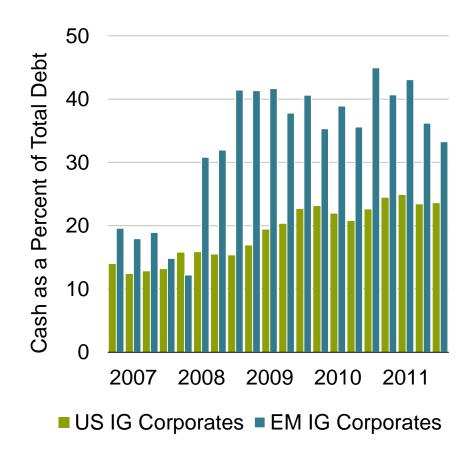


■ US HY Corporates ■ EM HY Corporates

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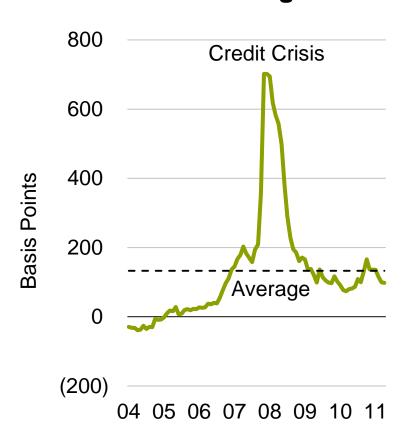
Source: Bank of America and AllianceBernstein

### **Investment-Grade Corporates**



## **EM Corporates:** Potential for Additional Yield and Carry

### **EM Corporate Spread Premium vs. EM Sovereigns\***



### **EM Corporates vs. EM Sovereigns\*\***

#### **Corporates Sovereigns**

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Percentage from Investment-Grade Issuers	70	62
Percentage from Investment-Grade Countries	91	62
Number of Countries	36	45
Number of Issuers	325	75
Yield (%)	5.6	5.6
Spread (Basis Points)	385	342
Average Quality	BBB	BBB-
Average Duration (Years)	5.2	7.3

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Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan, and AllianceBernstein

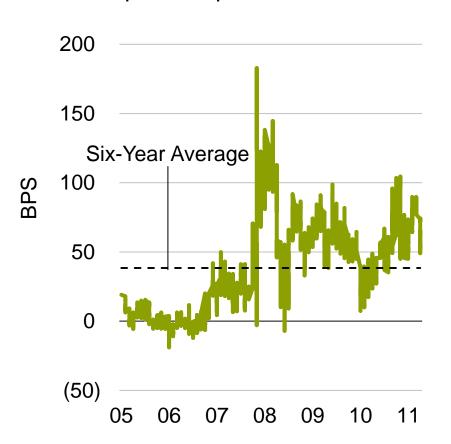
<sup>\*</sup>Bank of America Merrill Lynch Emerging Markets Corporate Plus Index minus Emerging Markets External Debt Sovereign Index

<sup>\*\*</sup>J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified vs. J.P. Morgan EMBIG

### EM Corporates: Attractive Yield Pickup over US Corporates

#### **Investment-Grade:**

EM Corporate Spread Premium vs. US



### High-Yield:

EM Corporate Spread Premium vs. US



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Investment-grade —JPMorgan CEMBI IG index minus JPMorgan JULI BBB index; high yield—JPMorgan CEMBI Sub-IG Index minus JPMorgan US High Yield BB Index Sources: JPMorgan and AllianceBernstein

## **EM Corporates:** Default Rates Comparable to Developed Corporates

### **High-Yield Default Rates**



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Through January 31, 2012

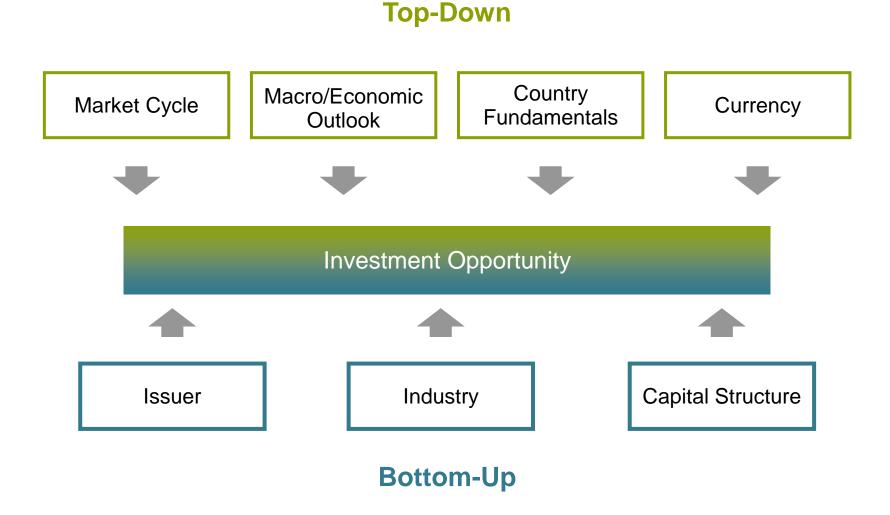
Last 12 months (LTM) issuer-weighted default rate

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch and AllianceBernstein

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## Key Analytical Tools: Top-Down and Bottom-Up Analysis



### **Strong Sovereign**



**Weak Quasi** 



More credit intensive

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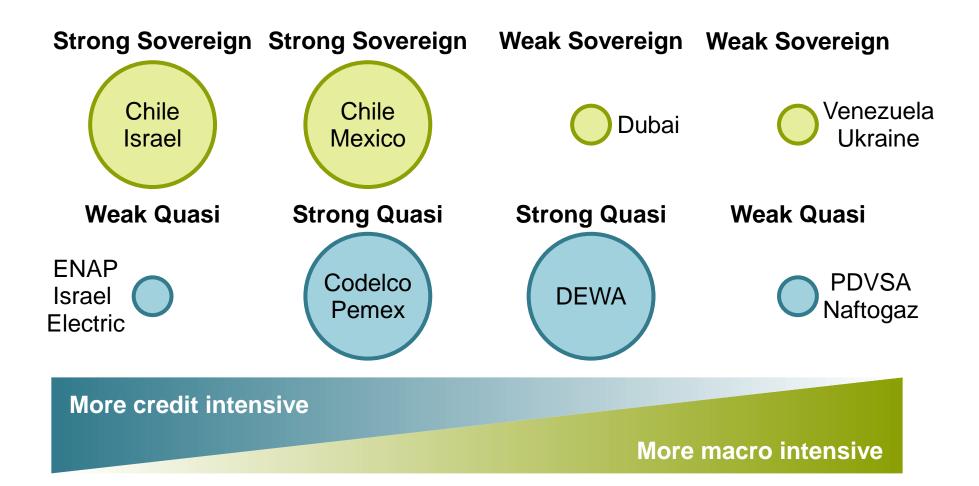


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## When Both Country and Company Fundamentals Matter

Best-case investment scenario: Indonesia and PLN in late 2011

- Indonesia: strong country fundamentals
- PLN: strong company fundamentals
- Investment implications: use PLN to express positive view on Indonesia

As of February 21, 2012

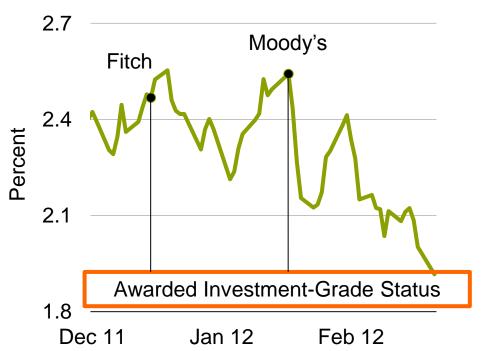
Indonesia refers to 51/2% 2020; PLN refers to 51/2% 2021.

## When Both Country and Company Fundamentals Matter

Best-case scenario: Sovereigns outperform treasuries, quasi-sovereigns outperform sovereigns

#### **Indonesian Government Bonds:**

Spread vs. US Treasuries



**PLN:**Spread vs. Indonesian Government Bonds



Historical example only. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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### Relative Value: Don't Invest Unless You're Paid Enough to Do So

Banco do Brasil's "nifty perpetual bond" (Financial Times)

	Banco do Brasil New Bond	Banco do Brasil Existing Bond	
Yield	9.25%	7.90%	
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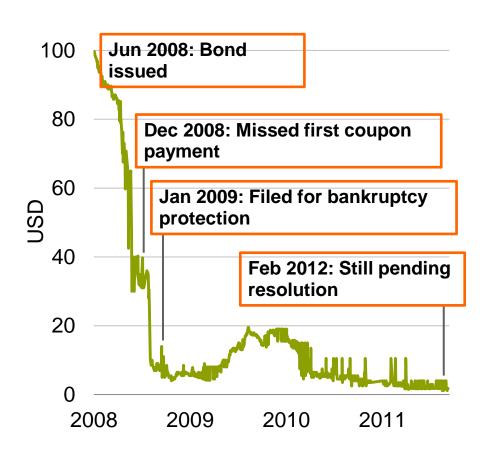


## Avoiding Worst-Case Scenarios: Watch for Warning Signs

#### **Arantes Alimentos**

- "Flavor of the month": Arantes was the last of six Brazilian beef companies to issue bonds
- Risk-insensitive market: investors were desperate for yield
- Lack of track record: short operating history
- Inconsistencies: management gave changing account of expansion strategy
- Signs of desperation: first road show had failed; brokers pushed the bond at any price buyers would accept

#### **Arantes Alimentos Bond: Price\***



As of February 21, 2012

<sup>\*</sup>Refers to senior unsecured notes, 101/2%, 2012.

## Case Study: Pemex (Issued September 2011)

Explore all the Options, Consider Simple Derivative Strategies

- New peso-denominated issue looked less attractive than comparable existing US dollar bond...
- ...the yield was lower, it was less liquid, and the bond language offered slightly less protection under local law compared with US law
- One option: Don't buy peso bond; buy dollar bond and swap into Mexican pesos to achieve a higher yield than the new issue

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- What's the best way to assess the opportunity? Some key analytical tools
  - Both top-down and bottom-up analysis matter
  - View relative value in global industry context
  - Pay close attention to corporate governance
- Where Can Emerging-Market Corporates Fit in Your Asset Allocation?
  - Dedicated mandate
  - Incorporated into your emerging-market portfolio
  - Incorporated into your credit portfolio

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