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Investor Sentiment — Flows and Holdings

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State Street Global Markets builds indicators of aggregated long-term investor behaviour in fixed income markets from a substantial subset of \$12.4 trillion worth of fixed income assets under custody and administration at State Street.^{*}

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Analysis

Q4 brought multiple COVID-19 vaccines, the US presidential election and another stimulus support program. The prospect of a return to normal was a welcome end to a truly unprecedented year. However, not all news was good. The virus showed its tenacity, resurfacing in countries that had seemed to have it under control. New lockdowns and travel restrictions were enacted to slow the spread, and economic data is buckling under those strains. Even as risk increased, investors ultimately chose to look toward the light at the end of the tunnel, and the market added to record returns from the previous six months on the hopes of reflationary trends continuing into 2021.

Inflation expectations rose in Q4, especially in the US, despite rising virus cases keeping actual inflation in check. The risk-on mood pushed Treasury yields to their highest point during COVID-19, even as overall yields remained near historic lows. With the Federal Reserve (Fed) continuing to pledge its fealty to low yields for longer, most of those higher yields were at the longer end of the curve, steepening the curve to its widest in three years. Higher yields were not universal in developed markets, however, with a weaker growth and inflation outlook for Europe compressing most core sovereign yields. Risk-on still benefited periphery rates and emerging markets (EM), which closed Q4 with lower yields. Corporate bonds also participated in the risk rally, with spreads compressing to their lowest levels of the year, while yields were at their lowest ever.

The prospect of higher yields has not yet deterred investors, with strong positive flows across most of the developed sovereign markets and the ancillary spread sectors. When viewed through a 20-day percentile rank lens, Treasury flows strengthened into the end of 2020 after moderating toward neutral in the weeks immediately following the presidential election. In contrast, flows for Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) experienced the opposite, strengthening after the election only to move toward neutral at the end of the year. These trends are worth watching as they directly speak to the outlook on growth and inflation. Credit flows ended 2020 near their strongest levels in five years, both in the US and Europe. This apparent reach for yield did not carry over to EM bonds, however, with flows into local currency government debt the weakest of the broad fixed income asset classes we track.

* Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 30 September 2020.

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please visit globalmarkets.statestreet.com	Euro 1 to 3							58			Ş	98
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Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020. Flows and holdings are as of date indicated. They should not be relied thereafter. *As at quarter end.

Still Reaching for Treasury Yields

The combination of normalising mobility as vaccinations reach critical mass and highly accommodative fiscal and monetary policies raises hopes for economic outperformance in 2021. This outlook has allowed inflation expectations to firm up as 10-year break-even rates sit at 2%, the highest reading in over two years. The Fed's commitment to keep rates low for an extended period has resulted in a steepening curve and pushed real yields into highly negative territory. Treasury yields therefore closed out 2020 near their pandemic highs, and the broad consensus is that yields — and the curve — will continue to march higher in the new year.

For the moment, our investor flows indicate continued demand for Treasuries despite an outlook for higher yields. Real money is currently showing its most aggressive buying further out the curve, with all maturities longer than three years showing positive flows above the 70th percentile. While overall Treasury yields remain near their lowest levels ever, they still produce more income than practically every other developed market sovereign bond. Additionally, while inflation-implied yields are at multi-year highs, actual inflation is nowhere near the 2% level required for the Fed to begin considering moving away from its dovish stance. This may create an environment ripe for a policy mistake, although our data indicates that is not yet a concern.



Source: State Street Global Markets, Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 31 December 2020. Flows and holdings are as of the date indicated. They should not be relied on thereafter.

Eurozone Periphery — Selling the Facts

The European Central Bank's (ECB) extension of its asset purchase program in both length and size at the end of 2020 should have removed any doubts about near-term European government bonds. The central bank's backstop has never been firmer, and progress has also been made toward a modest amount of debt mutualisation. Nevertheless, long-term investor behaviour toward both peripheral and Italian bonds was not as strong in Q4 2020 as one might have anticipated.

At one point in Q4, demand for the periphery, as captured by rolling 60-day average flows, hit a three-year low. Demand for Italian debt also faltered after having been close to a five-year high at the beginning of the quarter. While there is no immediate risk — ECB demand will more than capture most of the supply that is coming — the hesitation on the part of institutional investors in higher-yielding eurozone bonds is worth monitoring. The weakness of European growth dynamics and debt levels in some countries will perhaps act as a deterrent for investors, even if yields are still positive.



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020. Flows and holdings are as of the date indicated. They should not be relied on thereafter.

Gilt Demand Beyond Brexit

Long-term investor demand for gilts was robust for much of the last quarter. The big question now is how much of this was a hedge against a no-deal Brexit and how much reflected the underlying current weakness of the economy. While the last-minute skinny trade deal created a political platform on which to build further collaboration, it does very little for the near-term outlook other than to remove another potential short-term shock. We say "another" as the return to national lockdown for the start of 2021 seems likely to tip the economy back into a double-dip recession.

The rapid rollout of the vaccine should mean that both the lockdown and recession are relatively short-lived. Nevertheless, the interruption to the recovery increases the chance of hysteresis — that growth will simply not recover fully — as well as the possibility of negative rates. Finally, the removal of no-deal risk also negates one potential negative for gilts: an inflationary collapse in sterling.

UK Gilt 20 and 60-Day Flows

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Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020. Flows and holdings are as of the date indicated. They should not be relied on thereafter.

Emerging Still Playing Catch Up

Emerging markets have the potential to be one of the bigger beneficiaries of a global reflation trade. Not only will many developing economies benefit from greater commodity consumption, but the weaker US dollar may provide an FX uplift to local currency assets. With overall yields in the developed market remaining near all-time lows, the incremental gain from EM bonds provides a relatively attractive income alternative for bond investors. However, EM is a broad catch-all description that encompasses both regional and country-specific idiosyncrasies. Additionally, since the pandemic has spared no one, many EM central banks have been forced to slash their policy rates in a similar, although not as extreme, manner as developed central banks.

These policy moves greatly reduced the yield advantage that many EM countries maintained over DM sovereign yields. Inflation has also bounced back stronger in many EM countries, and negative EM real yields are no longer a rarity. For the moment, real money flows in EM local currency sovereign markets remain negative, although regional nuances exist. In particular, Latin America flows have improved to neutral, while the marginal buying of Asia government bonds has recently turned to moderate selling.



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020. Flows and holdings are as of the date indicated. They should not be relied on thereafter.



Quarterly measure of inflation based on prices from millions of items sold by online retailers, helping investors anticipate and evaluate the impact of inflation.

PriceStats®

PriceStats[®] provides high-frequency measures of inflation and real exchange rates drawn from prices on millions of items sold by online retailers. This real-time pulse of global economic trends helps investors anticipate and evaluate the impact of inflation, including the impact on monetary policy and the degree of exchange rate misalignments.

This information is available on a daily basis from State Street Global Markets: globalmarkets.statestreet.com.

US: Inflation Stable for Now

The most recent round of lockdowns has paused the price normalisation trend that has been in place since the summer. While PriceStats® indicates mostly stable prices to end the year, broad variability across inflation components continues. While electronics retailers were forced to follow their average year-end discounting plans, clothing joined food and equipment in recording above-average year-end prices. Prices are unlikely to surge in the near term given mobility restrictions will likely continue until vaccinations are administered broadly. Having said that, fiscal stimulus, high savings rates and continued low inventory levels set up the potential for upward pricing pressures to emerge in the spring.



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020.

Eurozone: Euro's Prices Avoid Deflation — For the Moment

PriceStats[®] indicates that eurozone prices firmed up in December and will likely climb out of deflationary territory in the coming months. While this should be welcome news to the European Central Bank (ECB), online prices remain well below 1%, and therefore well behind the central bank's 2% target. As in the US, prices will likely remain soft as governments try to control the spread of the virus until vaccinations can be broadly administered. The strong euro will further challenge rebounding prices, particularly if US dollar weakness continues, as is widely expected. Stimulus plans to combat the pandemic have been slower to roll out than in the US, which may make any recovery in eurozone prices a more drawn-out affair than what may occur in the US in coming quarters.



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020.

Emerging Markets: EM and DM Divergence

Emerging market (EM) prices continue to bounce back sharply following their spring swoon in inflation readings, and now stand at 18-month highs. This contrasts with inflation in developed markets (DM), which has recently stagnated as many countries/regions have not been able to get back to even 1% inflation readings. Somewhat concerning for EM, food inflation appears to be driving much of these gains at a time when the developing populace continues to struggle with economic hardships created as a result of the virus. Unlike prior cycles where EM central banks often follow their DM counterparts, EM banks may be forced to tighten credit proactively in the face of rising inflation concerns.



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of 31 December 2020.

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Investment Theme #1

Yield Rush

- For fixed income investors, 2021 should be about searching for yielding assets. Emerging markets (EM) may benefit as a return by investors to EM debt, which started in 2020, gathers pace.
- Local currency debt, in particular, should benefit given the potential for EM forex appreciation to enhance bond returns. There are also some key parts of the EM world where the backdrop for bonds is likely to improve.

Although 2020 will be forever marked as a 'bad' year, it was at least a profitable one for bond investors. Aggressive action by central banks saw returns from government bond funds of close to 8% for US Treasuries, just under 5% for Euro governments and a whopping 8.7% for gilt investors.¹ However, with yields historically low and another wave of stimulus from the major central banks not anticipated, expected future returns are low. To put this in context, the six-month forward of the 10-year US Treasury is barely 10bp above the spot rate, meaning investors will lose money if yields rise more than 10bp in the first half of 2021. So there is little room to manoeuvre.

The effect on investors has been to push them to seek out yielding assets. This at least ensures some income regardless of the value of the underlying position. This 'yield rush' started in 2020 but is expected to spill over into 2021.



Source: State Street Global Advisors, Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of 31 December 2020.

Persisting with Emerging Market Debt

One area where yield returns remain healthy is in EM debt (EMD). The yield on the Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Liquid Government Bond Index is 3.6%.² Another reason for persisting with EMD as an investment theme is the potential for ongoing currency appreciation to drive returns. The chart above shows bond returns (price + coupon returns) plotted against currency returns. This chart illustrates that, while all bond returns were positive, in some cases (Brazil, Russia and Turkey) they were swamped by the currency move. In light of the State Street Global Markets view that USD depreciation has further to run,³ we expect positive currency returns in 2021. With that in mind, euro-based investors may want to consider hedging against this depreciation.

From the bond return perspective, the picture is more mixed. Some countries, such as Turkey, are already on the tightening path and Brazil may have to follow suit given the build-up on inflationary pressures highlighted by the PriceStats[®] indicator. However, these countries represent only 10.2% of the Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Liquid Government Bond Index and not every economy is moving in the same direction.

While developed markets may now have access to vaccines for COVID-19, economic and logistical challenges mean that the vaccine is unlikely to be available to many in the EM world for some time. In addition, PriceStats® shows more muted inflation for China, South Korea and Russia, which represent 24% of the index. We believe Chinese bonds, in particular, have scope to perform:

- Yields rose between May and November 2020 with the 10-year now offering a yield of more than 3%, which represents a relatively attractive pick-up to G10 bonds.
- Correlations to Treasuries were high throughout March 2020 when the markets underwent a significant re-pricing, suggesting Chinese bonds now act as a type of relatively safe asset rather than risk asset a diversifying asset in a traditionally risk-on exposure.
- There is a global underweight to Chinese bonds. They represent close to 10% of the Bloomberg Barclays EM LC Index but many other global indices are still building up holdings such as the upcoming inclusion in FTSE WGBI index, which could potentially drive dozens of billions of dollars chasing these bonds, thus providing strong technical support.

How to Play this Theme

SPDR® Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Local Bond UCITS ETF (Dist)

1 The Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury index returned 7.9%, the Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Gilts Index returned 8.7% and the Bloomberg Barclays Euro Aggregate Treasury Index returned 4.8% in 2020.

- 2 Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 31 December 2020.
- 3 Based on the weights of the Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Liquid Government Bond Index the USD remains 2.4% overvalued versus the basket of EM currencies.

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Investment Theme #2

Capitalising on the Growth Rebound

- The widespread vaccination programs already underway should allow growth in developed economies to rebound in 2021.
- Solid growth and rock-bottom rates may support risk assets such as high yield. Alternatively, convertibles could offer a way to capture upside in equity markets.

After the extreme economic disruption of 2020, a solid growth rebound is expected in 2021 as pent-up consumer demand is released and as the fiscal and monetary stimulus that was deployed in 2020 continues to feed through. State Street Global Advisors forecasts global growth of 5.1% for the year, or close to the Bloomberg consensus. This may take some time to materialise because, as the latest lockdowns in Europe remind us, COVID-19 is not in retreat just yet. However, the rollout of a vaccine should see life returning to something that resembles normal, perhaps from as early as Q2 2021.

In a more normal environment, growth in excess of 5% would get central bank inflation antennae twitching. However, perceptions that an output gap has developed, concerns over premature tightening and a generally more relaxed attitude towards inflation mean it would be a surprise if any of the major central banks tighten their policy in 2021. This backdrop of strong growth, but no meaningful central bank tightening, could be highly positive for risk assets.



Source: State Street Global Advisors, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 1 January 2021.

In particular, high yield bonds could continue to perform well, supported by three factors:

- As the chart above shows, a strong economic rebound that supports business earnings is usually associated with tighter option-adjusted spreads for high yield bonds. For now, Europe remains in an environment of upside economic surprises.
- Low and stable yields should continue to assist with refinancing and balance sheet repair. This could keep default rates low and we have already seen them starting to decline in the US if the energy sector is excluded (see chart on next page).
- With government bond yields remaining so low, there will continue to be a reach for yield by investors, if only to lock in the carry.

As long as delinquency rates remain contained, high yield offers a generous yield pick-up versus both government and investment grade paper, but typically a lower duration risk. For instance, the Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield 0-5 Year (ex 144A) Index has a yield to worst of close to 4.0% but has an option-adjusted duration of just 1.8 years.⁴ Keeping duration risk low may well become a consideration if government bond yields push higher.



Source: State Street Global Advisors, BofA Global Research, as of 31 December 2020. LTM = Last Twelve Months.

Convertibles Add Some Extra Bite

An alternative strategy for capitalising on buoyant growth expectations is to try to capture equity market upside through exposure to convertible bonds. The extremely strong performance of converts in 2020 (The Refinitiv Qualified Global Convertible Index returned over 37%)⁵ clearly underlines the strategy as one that can perform on the back of upside economic growth surprises. Convertibles posted strong returns between April and August, following the more rapid than expected rebound in growth, and from November to year-end as markets went risk-on, driven by optimism for a vaccine.

For those concerned that downside risks remain, the chart above shows that default rates on US convertibles are typically lower than for US high yield bonds, against which they are often compared.

Finally, convertible bonds also offer diversification benefits, improving the risk-return profile for investment portfolios (see a recent research note from our Model Portfolio Solutions team).

EUR-based investors who, like us, see further downside risks for the USD may want to opt for EURhedged exposure.

How to Play this Theme

SPDR® Bloomberg Barclays 0-5 Year U.S. High Yield Bond UCITS ETF (Dist)

SPDR® Bloomberg Barclays Euro High Yield Bond UCITS ETF (Dist)

SPDR® Refinitiv Global Convertible Bond EUR Hdg UCITS ETF (Acc)

4 Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 31 December 2020.

5 Source: Refinitiv, as of 31 December 2020.

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Investment Theme #3

The Inflation Question

- Since the Global Financial Crisis, inflation has never really reared its head but its shadow still stalks investors' minds.
- US markets have begun pricing in higher inflation but emerging markets look less well protected.

A key question for 2021 concerns the re-emergence of inflation. Inflation is expected to rise on a combination of base effects, the upturn in the oil price and a generally more buoyant growth environment. Pushing against these factors will be a wider output gap, most notably in the form of higher unemployment. There are few concerns for Europe, where CPI has not been above the ECB's 2% target since 2013 and an appreciation in the EUR is putting downwards pressure on prices.

However, there are risks in the US where the decline in the USD has started to see CPI creep higher. Rent has acted to keep headline CPI down, but this will not persist past the first half of 2021, although offsets should come from slightly easier food and used car prices. State Street Global Advisors expects US CPI to rise to 2.2% in 2021 but with many of the regional Fed surveys indicating building price pressures, risks to that forecast are seen as being to the upside.*

The high degree of fiscal and monetary stimulus also adds to the longer-term risks for inflation, as does the Fed's new mantra that it will be more tolerant of inflation. The re-widening of break-evens since mid-2020 indicates that the market has already priced in a reversion to a more normal inflation environment. The USD 1Y-1Y inflation swap (the estimated one-year inflation rate in one year's time) has risen by more than 100bp since May and is currently at 2.20%. Annual CPI has only come in above this level twice since the 2009 Global Financial Crisis. So while market participants should remain alert to chances of rising inflation it looks, for now, like the TIPS market has adequately priced these risks.



Source: State Street Global Advisors, Bloomberg Finance L.P. As of 1 January 2021.

* The above estimates are based on certain assumptions and analysis made by State Street Global Advisors. There is no guarantee that the estimates will be achieved.

Emerging Risks

It is less clear that emerging markets (EM) are positioned for upside inflation risks. The chart on the previous page shows the break-even rate for the Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked 20% Capped Index and how, in contrast to the US market, it is has retraced from recent highs. The break-even on EM debt is currently at 430bp, around its average for the past two years, while US 10-year break-evens have moved above 2% and are around 50bp above their two-year average.⁶

In some respects, it is easy to explain this away through relative currency moves with EM forex rates bouncing, while the USD continues its decline. That said, it may also be premature to conclude that EM inflation risks have receded. According to the PriceStats® indicators produced by State Street Global Markets, there remain upside risks to CPI in several of the large emerging economies, most notably Brazil and Turkey. Together these account for over a third of the Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked 20% Capped Index.

There are other reasons why EM inflation-linked debt may have value for investors. As well as providing relative protection from inflation shocks, real yields are positive (at c. 1.7%) as opposed to in the US where 10-year TIPS remain at -1%. This gives a yield to worst of close to 5.9% (when adding real yield and break-even).⁷





Finally, there is a 94% correlation between the Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked 20% Capped Index and the Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Liquid Government Index,⁸ suggesting factors that drive wider EM valuations are also the main drivers of the inflation index. A key difference in 2020 was that investors were swifter to return to conventional bond ETFs than inflation-protected variants. There has been some catch-up since early November 2020 but we expect more to come.

How to Play this Theme

SPDR® Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked Local Bond UCITS ETF (Dist)

SPDR® Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS UCITS ETF (Dist)

- 6 Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 31 December 2020.
- 7 Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 31 December 2020.
- 8 Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., based on two years of weekly data as of 31 December 2020.

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Performance

SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Local Bond UCITS ET

Inception Date: 16 May 2011

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Local Bond UCITS ET	3.03	8.49	9.44	3.27	3.27	7.62	2.96	5.62	5.66	1.37	1.14
Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Government Liquid Index	3.12	8.68	9.85	4.23	4.23	8.59	3.94	6.61	6.66	2.30	2.05
Difference	-0.09	-0.19	-0.41	-0.95	-0.95	-0.97	-0.99	-0.99	-1.01	-0.92	-0.91

SPDR Bloomberg Barclays 0-5 Year U.S. High Yield Bond UCITS

Inception Date: 19 September 2013

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays 0–5 Year U.S. High Yield Bond UCITS	1.58	5.35	9.55	4.96	4.96	7.11	4.64	4.79	6.52	3.98	4.13
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield 0–5 Year (ex 144A) Bond Index	1.45	5.17	9.25	4.77	4.77	7.27	4.90	5.14	6.85	4.44	4.60
Difference	0.13	0.18	0.30	0.19	0.19	-0.17	-0.25	-0.35	-0.33	-0.46	-0.46

SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Euro High Yield Bond UCITS ETF

Inception Date: 03	February 2	2012									
	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Euro High Yield Bond UCITS ETF	0.64	4.99	7.47	1.66	1.66	5.79	2.34	3.00	4.21	3.69	5.45
Bloomberg Barclays Liquidity Screened High Yield Bond Index	0.66	5.01	7.55	1.85	1.85	6.19	2.72	3.42	4.66	4.04	5.83
Difference	-0.02	-0.02	-0.08	-0.19	-0.19	-0.40	-0.38	-0.42	-0.45	-0.35	-0.38

Source: State Street Global Advisors, as of 31 December 2020. Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Visit ssga.com for most recent month-end performance. The calculation method for value added returns may show rounding differences. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Some of the products are not available to investors in certain jurisdictions. Please contact your relationship manager in regards to availability.

Performance (cont'd)

SPDR Refinitiv Global Convertible Bond UCITS ETF

Inception Date: 14 October 2014

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Refinitiv Global Convertible Bond UCITS ETF	5.87	15.86	28.04	37.50	37.50	24.92	14.02	13.53	11.58	N/A	9.81
Refinitiv Qualified Global Convertible Index	5.71	15.67	28.00	37.08	37.08	24.82	14.12	13.75	11.86	N/A	10.09
Difference	0.16	0.19	0.05	0.42	0.42	0.09	-0.10	-0.21	-0.27	N/A	-0.28

SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS UCITS ETF

Inception Date: 12 February 2015

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS UCITS ETF	1.12	1.61	4.75	11.39	11.39	9.93	5.94	5.23	5.11	N/A	4.82
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index	1.13	1.63	4.87	11.54	11.54	10.13	6.12	5.41	5.29	N/A	5.00
Difference	-0.01	-0.03	-0.11	-0.16	-0.16	-0.20	-0.18	-0.18	-0.18	N/A	-0.18

SPDR Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked Local Bond UCITS

Inception Date: 24 April 2013

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year	7 Year	Since Inception
SPDR Bloomberg Barclays EM Inflation Linked Local Bond UCITS	5.92	12.72	12.96	-1.04	-1.04	5.61	1.71	4.13	5.05	1.23	-0.75
Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Inflation Linked 20% Capped Bond Index	6.06	13.01	13.48	-0.16	-0.16	6.54	2.61	5.06	5.94	1.97	-0.01
Difference	-0.14	-0.29	-0.52	-0.89	-0.89	-0.93	-0.90	-0.93	-0.89	-0.74	-0.74

Source: State Street Global Advisors, as of 31 December 2020. Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. All results are historical and assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Visit ssga.com for most recent month-end performance. The calculation method for value added returns may show rounding differences. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. **Some of the products are not available to investors in certain jurisdictions. Please contact your relationship manager in regards to availability.**

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January	7	Thu	EU	CPI
candal y	8	Fri	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls
	13	Wed	US	CPI
	15	Fri	UK	GDP
	20	Wed	UK	CPI
	21	Thu	JN	CPI
	21	Thu	JN	BoJ Policy meeting
	21	Thu	EC	ECB Main Refinancing Rate Decision
	27	Wed	US	FOMC Rate Decision
	28	Thu	US	GDP
February	2	Tue	EU	GDP
	3	Wed	EU	CPI
	4	Thu	UK	BoE Bank Rate Decision
	5	Fri	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls
	10	Wed	UK	GDP
	10	Wed	US	CPI
	15	Mon	JN	GDP
	16	Tue	EU	GDP
	17	Wed	UK	CPI
	18	Thu	JN	CPI
	25	Thu	US	GDP
March	2	Tue	EU	CPI
	5	Fri	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls
	8	Mon	JN	GDP
	9	Tue	EU	GDP
	10	Wed	US	CPI
	11	Thu	EC	ECB Main Refinancing Rate Decision
	12	Fri	UK	GDP
	17	Wed	US	FOMC Rate Decision
	18	Thu	UK	BoE Bank Rate Decision
	18	Thu	JN	CPI
	19	Fri	JN	BoJ Policy meeting
	24	Wed	UK	CPI
	25	Thu	US	GDP
	31	Wed	UK	GDP
	31	Wed	EU	CPI