

# abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited

# Capturing the powerful income potential of Latin American equities and bonds

Performance Data and Analytics to 30 April 2023

## Proposal to liquidate the Company

Please note, the Board of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited have announced that proposals will be put forward for the Company to be placed into summary winding up (the Jersey solvent liquidation process commenced by members' special resolution), with the net cash proceeds of the liquidation being returned to shareholders. A circular detailing the expected timetable and rationale containing the proposed resolutions to be put to shareholders at an EGM will be issued in due course.

### Investment objective

To provide ordinary shareholders with a total return, with an above average yield, primarily through investing in Latin America through a diversified portfolio of equities and fixed income investments.

#### **Benchmark**

60% MSCI EM Latin American 10/40 Index and 40% JP Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified (Latin America carve out). Given that the Manager does not adopt a benchmark approach, performance can vary widely from the benchmark.

# Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 30/04/23	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price	58.5p	4.5	4.0	9.2	7.6	59.0	11.6
NAV <sup>A</sup>	62.2p	0.2	(2.3)	(5.1)	4.3	40.1	(1.4)
Composite Bench	nmark	0.6	(1.2)	(0.4)	9.3	45.4	12.4

# Discrete performance (%)

	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21	30/04/20	30/04/19
Share Price	7.6	10.8	33.5	(30.4)	0.8
NAV <sup>A</sup>	4.3	6.9	25.6	(30.2)	0.8
Composite Benchmark	9.3	11.6	19.3	(24.2)	2.0

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis. Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value. Source: abrdn Investments Limited, Lipper and Morningstar.

#### Past performance is not a guide to future results.

<sup>A</sup> Including current year revenue

#### Morningstar Rating™



#### <sup>B</sup> Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> for Funds

Morningstar rates funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk and accounting for all sales charges) in comparison to similar funds.

#### Ten largest equity holdings (%)

Total	29.8
Equatorial Energia	2.1
WEG	2.2
Southern Copper	2.3
Telefonica	2.3
Petrobras	2.7
Walmart de Mexico	3.0
Raia Drogasil	3.0
Grupo Financiero Banorte	3.7
ITAUSA	4.1
FEMSA	4.4

#### Ten largest fixed income holdings (%)

Total	26.9
Secretaria Tesouro 10% 01/01/33	1.9
Republic Orient Uruguay 8.5% 15/03/28	2.0
Secretaria Tesouro 10% 01/01/31	2.1
Petroleos Mexicanos 7.47% 12/11/26	2.2
Colombia (Rep of) 9.85% 28/06/27	2.3
Uruguay (Rep of) 4.25% 05/04/27	2.3
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/27	2.5
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 8.5% 18/11/38	2.8
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 10% 20/11/36	2.9
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/25	5.9

As at 30 April 2023 the equity exposure within total investments was 61.58% and fixed income exposure 38.42%

Total number of investments 63

All sources (unless indicated): abrdn: 30 April 2023.









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Consolidates all equity holdings from same issuer.

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# 1 Year Premium/Discount Chart (%)



### Fund managers' report

Latin American stocks gained over the month outperforming most emerging market asset classes. Colombia, Brazil, and Mexico were top performers of the region.

The JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (Latin America) Index (unhedged in sterling terms) returned -0.46% in April, and the index yield grew by four basis points, closing at 9.50%. Local-currency bonds experienced positive performance over the month and Latin American currencies depreciated (on aggregate) against sterling. On a country basis, Mexico, Colombia and Chile detracted while Peru, Uruguay, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, and Argentina were positive.

In Mexico, the deputy finance minister announced that Mexico and the US were aiming to align strategies to attract nearshoring investments. We think that such a move could benefit our holdings, such as airport operator OMA and industrial property developer Vesta due to increasing demand. Meanwhile, discussions around a potential review to the mining law were received with skepticism by market participants. The head of the mining chamber warned the changes could lead to a loss of about \$9 billion in investments and over 400,000 direct jobs in the future years. In economic news, consumption remained resilient while inflation fell to 6.85% in March on an annualised basis, from 7.62% in February, the lowest reading since October 2021, and the central bank governor indicated the possibility of holding rates at the next monetary policy meeting.

Brazilian equities outperformed the Latin American region. Inflation slowed to 4.65% in March on an annualised basis from 5.60% in February, marking the

### Fund managers' report continues overleaf

#### Geographic breakdown (%)

Total	100.0
Cash	1.0
Dominican Republic	0.7
Argentina	1.5
Chile	3.0
Peru	3.5
Uruguay	5.1
Colombia	6.5
Mexico	30.6
Brazil	48.0

Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

#### Key information Calendar

Year end	31 August
Accounts published	November
Annual General Meeting	December
Dividend paid	January, May, July, October
Launch date	August 2010
Fund manager	Emerging Market Equity Team Emerging Market Debt Team
Ongoing charges <sup>c</sup>	2.00%
Annual management fee <sup>D</sup>	1.0%
Premium/(Discount)	(6.0)%
Yield <sup>E</sup>	6.0%
Active share <sup>F</sup>	68.6%

#### Net gearing (%)

Total <sup>G</sup>	14.4

#### **AIFMD Leverage Limits**

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

#### Assets/Debt

Assets	£m
Equities	24.7
Fixed income	15.4
Total investments	40.1
Cash & cash equivalents	0.4
Other net assets	0.5
Debt	(5.5)
Net assets	35.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 31 August 2022. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The OCF can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Companies.

D 1% per annum of the value of the Company's net assets.

Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.

F The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings. For Aberdeen Latin American Income Fund this relates purely to the equity element of the portfolio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Net gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds.

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### Fund managers' report - continued

lowest since January 2021. President Lula remained critical of the current high lending rates, with the benchmark rate at 13.75%. However, the central bank governor, Roberto Campos Neto, continued the hawkish tone. Meanwhile, the administration remained focused on progressing with the approval for a new fiscal framework which has received criticism from market participants due to its excessive reliance on tax increases, but still offered some support for asset prices.

In Peru, inflation slowed to 8.40% in March on an annualised basis, recording the lowest reading in five months. The central bank maintained the interest rate at 7.75% while not ruling out further increases despite it expecting inflation to fall over the coming months. Meanwhile, President Boluarte pointed at 2.5% economic growth for 2023, lower than the previous estimate, driven by the social instability. Against this backdrop, Peruvian stocks rose marginally over the month, but underperformed the Latin American region.

Colombian equities performed well over the month and outperformed the region. This was despite the previous finance minister Jose Antonio Ocampo resigning and the president naming Ricardo Bonilla as the new minister amid a cabinet reshuffle. Markets reacted negatively to Ocampo's departure, with stocks, bonds and the peso declining after the news.

Chile announced plans to nationalise its lithium industry, although the markets expect challenges that may take years to resolve. Lithium producer SQM showed its willingness to start discussions with the government, but Chilean stocks were down over the period.

In April, we initiated a position in electric motor manufacturer WEG, re-introducing the stock on strengthening conviction, solid long term growth prospects and to add quality and defensiveness to portfolio. We added to SQM on valuation grounds and topped up energy company Equatorial to continue adding quality and defensiveness to the portfolio at attractive valuation. Conversely, we trimmed iron ore producer Vale given the seasonally weaker outlook for iron ore and preference to retain active exposure to copper producers.

Previously in March, we initiated energy company Alupar, a strong capital allocator within the transmission segment.

#### Capital structure

Ordinary shares	57,113,324
Treasury shares	6,107,500

# Allocation of management fees and finance costs

Capital	60%
Revenue	40%

#### Trading details

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Reuters/Epic/ Bloomberg code	ALAI
ISIN code	JE00B44ZTP62
Sedol code	B44ZTP6
Stockbroker	N+1 Singer
Market makers	CFEP, INV, JPMS, NUMS, PEEL, STFL, WINS



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#### Important information

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- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- · The Company may charge expenses to capital which may erode the capital value of the investment.
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- · There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
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