

Emerging Market Debt and China in the Current Environment

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Does active management in Emerging Market Debt make sense? If so, why? How does the current political and economic upheaval impact investment opportunities? What are the implications of adding EM debt to a traditional fixed income portfolio?

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