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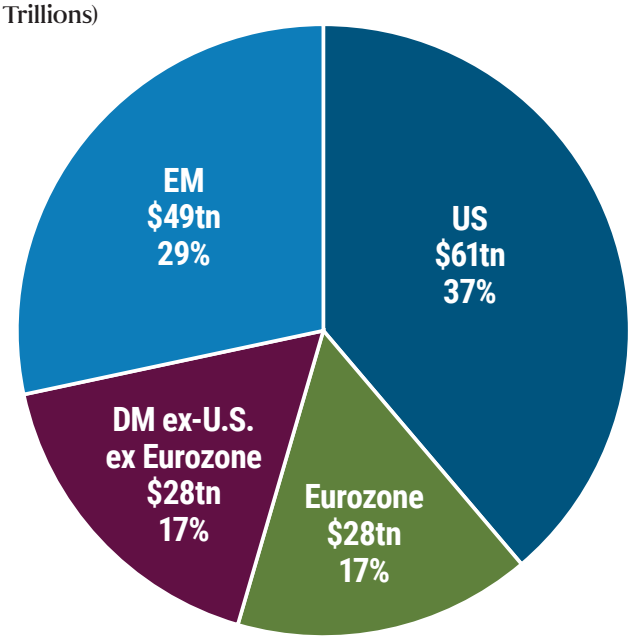
Going Global: Expanding into a Global Opportunity Set May Improve Diversification and Return Potential

Domestic markets are only a fraction of the opportunity set available to global fixed income investors

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Expanding from a domestic investment universe to a global one may enhance return potential by diversifying a portfolio's risk across a broader array of rate environments, growth dynamics, and credit profiles.

Over 60% of the global bond market is outside the U.S. Size ($ Trillions)



As of 31 December 2025. SOURCE: PIMCO, Haver, BIS.

Annual Returns for Key Global Markets

U.S. dollar basis* (Ranked in order of performance)

US	Eurozone	U.K.	Japan
Australia	Canada	EM Local	EM External

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2.71%	10.89%	15.21%	5.25%	14.42%	8.92%	0.23%	-3.23%	12.70%	5.73%	19.26%	2.95%
1.66%	10.19%	9.32%	3.56%	13.47%	8.74%	-1.51%	-10.29%	10.45%	5.00%	13.45%	2.85%
1.23%	9.94%	3.58%	2.98%	9.40%	7.51%	-1.54%	-11.04%	9.14%	3.44%	7.30%	2.02%
1.04%	5.81%	3.54%	1.95%	9.02%	5.88%	-2.60%	-11.69%	7.37%	3.28%	5.52%	1.97%
0.55%	4.70%	2.92%	1.43%	8.98%	5.80%	-2.62%	-13.01%	6.36%	2.51%	4.07%	1.52%
0.10%	2.65%	2.82%	0.01%	8.72%	4.38%	-3.59%	-16.44%	6.25%	1.25%	3.76%	0.62%
-0.28%	1.60%	2.68%	-4.61%	7.66%	2.69%	-4.62%	-16.45%	5.91%	-2.10%	2.75%	0.23%
-14.92%	1.13%	1.86%	-6.21%	4.67%	0.22%	-8.75%	-21.86%	5.53%	-2.38%	-2.16%	-1.29%

As of 30 June 2026. Source: PIMCO, Haver, BIS. **Past performance is not a guarantee or reliable indicator of future results.**

*All indices on a U.S. dollar hedged basis, except for Local and External EM proxies.

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Refer to Appendix for additional index, investment strategy and risk information.

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