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EMTA SURVEY: 2020 ANNUAL EMERGING MARKETS DEBT TRADING AT US\$5.067 TRILLION

Fourth Quarter Volume at US\$1.132 Trillion

NEW YORK, March 29, 2021— Emerging Markets debt trading volumes stood at US\$5.067 trillion in 2020, according to a report released today by EMTA, the trade association for the Emerging Markets debt trading and investment industry. This was a 5% decrease on the US\$5.341 trillion reported in 2019.

EMTA also announced that Emerging Markets debt trading volumes stood at US\$1.132 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2020. This compares with US\$1.333 trillion reported for the fourth quarter of 2019, a 15% decrease, while equal to the volume reported in the third quarter of 2020.

The year was marked by the outbreak of Covid-19 leading to a sell-off in the financial markets and the dramatic contraction in economic growth around the globe. The adoption of expansive monetary policies and historically low UST yields later encouraged capital flows into higher-yielding asset classes including EM.

Local Markets Instruments at 59% of Volume

Turnover in local markets instruments stood at US\$3.015 trillion in 2020, accounting for 59% of total reported volume. This compares to US\$3.058 trillion in 2019, a 1% decrease.

Mexican instruments were the most frequently traded local markets debt in 2020, at US\$625 billion. Other frequently-traded local instruments were those from Brazil (US\$439 billion), India (US\$265 billion), South Africa (US\$260 billion) and China (US\$238 billion).

Eurobond Volumes at US\$2.034 Trillion

Eurobond trading stood at US\$2.034 trillion in 2020, down 11% compared with 2019's US\$2.275 trillion.

63% of Eurobond activity involved sovereign debt issues in 2020, with Survey participants reporting US\$1.277 trillion in sovereign Eurobond turnover. This compared to a 57% share of Eurobond activity in the previous year, when such volumes stood at US\$1.289 trillion.

Corporate Eurobond trading stood at US\$726 billion in 2020, accounting for 36% of total Eurobond activity (vs. a 40% share in 2019). Sovereign Eurobond activity accounted for 25% of overall Survey volumes, with corporate trading at 14% of total turnover.

Four of the most frequently traded Eurobonds in 2020 were from Mexico, according to Survey participants, including bonds due in 2030 (US\$14 billion in turnover), 2051 (US\$13 billion) and 2032 (US\$13 billion), as well as Pemex's 2050 bonds (at US\$11 billion, the most frequently traded EM corporate bond). Rounding out the top five was Brazil's 2030 bond (US\$10 billion).

In addition to local markets bonds, and sovereign and corporate Eurobonds, the Survey also includes turnover in warrants, options and loans. Survey participants reported US\$4 billion in warrant and option trades during the year and US\$13 billion in loan assignments.

Mexican, Brazilian and Chinese Instruments Most Frequently Traded Overall

Mexican instruments were the most frequently traded instruments overall, according to Survey participants, with US\$884 billion in turnover, and compared to US\$971 billion reported in 2019 (down 9%). Mexican volumes represented 17% of overall volumes.

Brazilian instruments were the second most frequently traded instruments in the EMTA report, at US\$606 billion, according to Survey participants. This represents a 22% decrease from the US\$781 billion reported in 2019. Brazilian volumes accounted for 12% of total reported volumes.

Third were Chinese assets, whose volume stood at US\$406 billion. This compares to US\$352 billion in 2019 (up 15%). Chinese instrument trading accounted for 8% of Survey volume.

Other frequently traded instruments were securities from India (US\$299 billion) and South Africa (US\$298 billion).

EMTA's Survey includes trading volumes in debt instruments from over 90 Emerging Market countries, as reported by 41 leading investment and commercial banks, asset management firms and hedge funds.

For a copy of EMTA's Fourth Quarter 2020 or 2020 Annual Debt Trading Volume Surveys, please contact Jonathan Murno at jmurno@emta.org.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

Founded in 1990, EMTA (formerly the Emerging Markets Traders Association) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the orderly development of fair, efficient and transparent trading markets for Emerging Markets instruments, and the integration of the Emerging Markets into the global financial marketplace. EMTA, with over 170 member firms worldwide, has published its Annual Volume Surveys since 1992 and Quarterly Surveys since the first quarter of 1997.

Participants in the EMTA Survey are asked to report trades based on aggregate principal amount (face value), rather than the consideration paid, and no effort is made to adjust for duplicate volumes that may be reported by each side of a trade. In these respects, the Survey's methodology has been the same since its inception.