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EMTA SURVEY: FIRST QUARTER EMERGING MARKETS DEBT TRADING AT US\$1.372 TRILLION

Volume Down 8% vs First Quarter 2020

NEW YORK, June 29, 2021— Emerging Markets debt trading volumes stood at US\$1.372 trillion in the first quarter of 2021, according to a report released today by EMTA, the trade association for the Emerging Markets debt trading and investment industry. This represents an 8% decrease on the US\$1.492 trillion reported in the first quarter of 2020.

Local Markets Instruments at 57% of Volume

Turnover in local markets instruments stood at US\$787 billion in the first quarter of 2021, accounting for 57% of total reported volume. This compares to US\$897 billion in the first quarter of 2020 (a 12% decrease) and US\$678 billion in the fourth quarter (a 16% increase).

Brazilian instruments were the most frequently traded local markets debt in the first quarter of 2021, at US\$132 billion. Other frequently-traded local instruments were those from Mexico (also US\$132 billion), China (US\$88 billion), South Africa (US\$59 billion) and India (US\$46 billion).

Eurobond Volumes at US\$585 Billion

Eurobond trading stood at US\$585 billion in the first quarter of 2021. This compares with US\$592 billion in the first quarter of 2020 (down 1%) and US\$452 billion in the fourth quarter of last year, representing a 29% increase.

62% of Eurobond activity involved sovereign debt issues in the first quarter of 2021, with Survey participants reporting US\$364 billion in sovereign Eurobond turnover. This compared to a 59% share of Eurobond activity in the previous quarter, when such volumes stood at US\$265 billion.

Corporate Eurobond trading stood at US\$218 billion in the first quarter of 2021, accounting for 37% of total Eurobond activity (vs. a 39% share in the previous quarter). Sovereign Eurobond activity accounted for 26% of overall Survey volumes, with corporate trading at 16% of total turnover.

The most frequently traded Eurobonds in the first quarter of 2021 were, according to Survey participants, Brazil's 2030 bond (US\$5.4 billion in turnover), Argentina's USD-denominated 2030 and 2035 bonds (at US\$4 billion and US\$3.8 billion respectively), Mexico's 2031 bond (US\$3.4 billion) and Petrobras's 2031 bond (at US\$3.34 billion the most frequently-traded EM corporate bond).

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\$266 million in warrant and option trades during the year and US\$37 million 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\$190 billion in turnover, and compared to US\$290 billion reported in the first quarter of 2020 (down 34%). Mexican volumes represented 14% of overall volumes.

Brazilian instruments were the second most frequently traded instruments in the EMTA report, at US\$175 billion, according to Survey participants. This represents an 8% increase on the US\$161 billion reported in the first quarter of 2020. Brazilian volumes accounted for 13% of total reported volumes.

Third were Chinese assets, whose volume stood at US\$151 billion. This compares to US\$104 billion in the first quarter of 2020 (up 45%) and US\$93 billion in the fourth quarter (up 62%). Chinese instrument trading accounted for 11% of Survey volume.

Other frequently traded instruments were securities from South Africa (US\$71 billion) and India (US\$63 billion).

EMTA's Survey includes trading volumes in debt instruments from over 90 Emerging Market countries, as reported by 38 leading investment and commercial banks, asset management firms and hedge funds.

For a copy of EMTA's First Quarter 2021 Debt Trading Volume Survey, 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.