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Yvette Babb is a hard and local currency portfolio manager on William Blair’s emerging markets debt (EMD) team where she focuses on CEEMEA with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa and co-Leads a Frontier Market Debt Fund (with Daniel Wood).

Before joining William Blair, she was a portfolio manager on NN Investment Partners’ EMD team, where she focused on frontier market analysis and portfolio management, working with both the hard currency and local currency teams. Before joining NNIP in 2018, Yvette was chief economist and strategist for sub-Saharan Africa for J.P. Morgan. She also held a similar role at Standard Bank in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Yvette graduated from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in International Economics and Business Studies and from the University of Amsterdam, where she obtained a Master of Science in Economics. She also spent a semester at the University of Stellenbosch where she participated in numerous post graduate classes.

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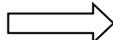
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Research. Ayomide began his career as a West Africa Economist in 2012 and held top rankings in Institutional Investor, Exel and Financial Mail surveys for EM Research. He is the founding member of J.P.Morgan's frontier markets strategy research team and has grown the team into becoming a critical part of the firms frontier markets expansion strategy.

Ayomide is an expert in frontier market economies, especially in Africa, South Asia and Latin America, with a specific focus on local market developments as well as low-beta distressed credit markets. Ayomide and his team integrate detailed country analysis with a top-down approach that views the global economy as a whole. On several occasions, he has participated in advisory projects with governments, quasi-sovereign, corporate and multilateral development institutions in Africa, Middle East and South Asia. He is a frequent speaker at industry events hosted by the World Bank, IMF and African Development Bank. Furthermore, he is the principal organizer and host of J.P.Morgan's premier Frontier Markets Fixed Income Conference, which attracts around 400 investor clients annually.

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