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SPIVA® Brazil Focus

Mid-Year 2024 Highlights

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Our <u>SPIVA Global Scorecard</u> illustrated the challenging market conditions for active managers around the world in the first half of 2024, particularly in equities, and Brazil was no exception. Funds in the Brazil Equity category underperformed at a rate of 88.0% over the first six months of 2024, rising to 91.7% over a 10-year period (see Exhibit 1 and Report 2). Brazil Large-Cap funds fared similarly, with 88.9% underperforming in H1 and 80.9% failing to beat the benchmark over 10 years. Among Mid-/Small-Cap funds, results were slightly better, with 60.6% of funds underperforming in H1, but that rate rose to 88.4% over 10 years.

In addition to Brazil Equity categories, this report presents inaugural SPIVA analyses of two new categories of Brazil-domiciled funds: U.S. Equities and Global Equities. In the first six months of 2024, 79.4% of BRL-denominated U.S. Equity funds underperformed the <u>S&P 500</u>[®], with the underperformance rate rising to 93.6% over 10 years. Global Equity funds had an even worse showing in the first half of 2024, with 92.3% underperforming and a full 100% falling behind the benchmark over a 10-year period.

Finally, Brazil Corporate Bond funds and Brazil Government Bond funds had better beginnings in H1 2024, with only 29.0% and 29.2% underperforming, respectively. However, few managers generated sustained outperformance, as 94.5% of Brazil Corporate Bond funds and 90.3% of Brazil Government Bond funds underperformed over the 10-year period.

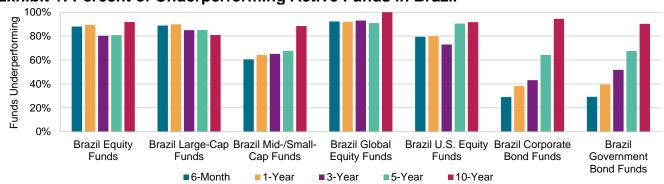


Exhibit 1: Percent of Underperforming Active Funds in Brazil

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, Morningstar. Data as of June 30, 2024. Index performance based on total return in BRL. S&P World Index total returns were translated at prevailing exchange rates into BRL through back-testing. The back-tested data reflects hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this document for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

Market Context: H1 2024 and Beyond

In Brazil, all our reported major equity indices finished the first half of 2024 in negative territory, standing in contrast to 2023 when benchmarks across capitalization ranges rose by double digits. The S&P Brazil BMI, S&P Brazil LargeCap and S&P Brazil MidSmallCap fell 4.1%, 2.3% and 8.5%, respectively. In contrast, the ANBIMA IDA (corporate bonds) and ANBIMA IMA (government bonds) benchmarks were positive during H1, rising 5.1% and 2.4%, respectively. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 rose 32.4% and the S&P World Index was up 28.8% in BRL during H1, outperforming local equities (see Exhibit 2).

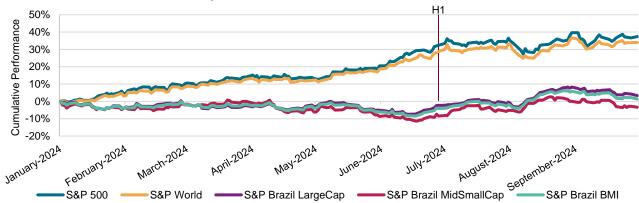


Exhibit 2: Brazil Benchmarks, S&P 500 and S&P World Index Performance

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Skewness of stock returns may have played a role in Brazilian active fund performance. The S&P Brazil LargeCap was led by a select few large contributors, as 65.6% of constituents underperformed the index. With so few stocks beating the benchmark, Brazil Large-Cap funds had one of the highest single-country underperformance rates reported for H1 in our SPIVA Global Scorecard, at 88.9%. In the Mid-/Small-Cap Equity category, managers did slightly better with 60.6% underperforming, perhaps dipping into slightly higher-performing large-cap stocks and picking from a somewhat less-skewed constituent universe, as 58.0% of stocks underperformed the S&P Brazil MidSmallCap index.

Looking beyond H1, Brazil equities rebounded in Q3, with the S&P Brazil LargeCap and S&P Brazil MidSmallCap rising 5.8% and 5.6%, respectively. The S&P 500 and S&P World Index remained positive in Q3, yet slowed slightly from their H1 pace, finishing Q3 up 37.4% and 34.0% YTD, respectively. Brazilian corporate and government bonds also continued a steady climb in Q3. Fast-rising markets can benefit index performance but can also create higher hurdles for active managers. As the months keep rolling past, only time will tell how well Brazil's active equity and bond managers navigate the challenges and opportunities remaining in 2024.

Report 1: H1 2024 Statistics – Brazil Categories

Fund Category	Comparison Index	% Under-	Comparison Index Return (%)	Bottom Quartile Return	Asset Weighted Avg. Return (%)	Median Return	()IIIartila	Sample Size	Survivor- ship (%)		
Brazil Equities											
Brazil Equity Funds	S&P Brazil BMI	88.01	-4.11	-11.35	-8.45	-9.04	-6.56	292	96.23		
Brazil Large- Cap Funds	S&P Brazil LargeCap	88.89	-2.31	-10.29	-7.73	-7.97	-6.69	153	98.69		
Brazil Mid- /Small-Cap Funds	S&P Brazil MidSmallCap	60.56	-8.47	-13.11	-9.96	-10.21	-6.08	142	95.77		
Global Equities											
Global Equity (BRL)	S&P World Index	92.31	28.36	14.10	20.97	19.13	25.63	65	95.38		
U.S. Equities											
U.S. Equity (BRL)	S&P 500	79.41	32.38	15.92	22.95	22.60	31.46	34	97.06		
Brazil Fixed Income											
Brazil Corporate Bond Funds	ANBIMA Debentures Index (IDA)	29.03	5.12	5.13	5.91	6.34	6.80	155	96.13		
Brazil Government Bond Funds	ANBIMA Market Index (IMA)	29.20	2.42	1.86	4.39	4.43	5.19	548	99.09		

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Report 2: Fund Underperformance Rates - Brazil Categories

Fund Category	Comparison Index	YTD (%)	1-Year (%)	3-Year (%)	5-Year (%)	10-Year (%)			
Brazil Equities									
Brazil Equity Funds	S&P Brazil BMI	88.01	89.46	80.28	80.82	91.71			
Brazil Large-Cap Funds	S&P Brazil LargeCap	88.89	89.87	85.00	85.05	80.90			
Brazil Mid-/Small- Cap Funds	S&P Brazil MidSmallCap	60.56	64.29	65.14	67.65	88.37			
Global Equities									
Global Equity (BRL)	S&P World Index	92.31	91.	94 92.98	90.91	100.00			
U.S. Equities									
U.S. Equity (BRL)	S&P 500	79.41	80.	00 72.97	90.48	91.67			
Brazil Fixed Income									
Brazil Corporate Bond Funds	ANBIMA Debentures Index (IDA)	29.03	38.	19 43.12	64.22	94.50			
Brazil Government Bond Funds	ANBIMA Market Index (IMA)	29.20	39.	49 51.79	67.48	90.26			

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Appendix: A Unique Scorecard for the Active Versus Passive Debate

For over two decades, S&P Dow Jones Indices' <u>SPIVA Scorecards</u> have compared the performance of actively managed funds to appropriate benchmarks. Initially covering just U.S.-domiciled funds, our scorecards now cover funds operating in markets from Australia to Chile. They are rooted in the following fundamental principles:

- Survivorship Bias Correction: Many funds might be liquidated or merged during a
 period of study. However, for someone making an investment decision at the beginning
 of the period, these funds are part of the opportunity set. Unlike other commonly
 available comparison reports, SPIVA Scorecards account for the entire opportunity set—
 not just the survivors—thereby eliminating survivorship bias.
- Apples-to-Apples Comparison: Fund returns are often compared to popular benchmarks such as the S&P 500, regardless of size or style classification. SPIVA Scorecards avoid this pitfall by measuring a fund's returns against the returns of a benchmark appropriate for that particular investment category.
- More than Just Underperformance Rates: As well as the most-quoted statistics of percentage underperformance rates, SPIVA Scorecards also include additional data on average fund returns, quartile ranges, survivorship rates and other factors—including the market context—to offer a robust perspective on active performance.
- Data Cleaning: SPIVA Scorecards avoid double-counting multiple share classes in all count-based calculations, using only the share class with greater assets. Since this is meant to be a scorecard for active managers, it excludes index funds, leveraged and inverse funds, and other index-linked products.
 - Further information on the SPIVA Scorecard methodology, including the fund categorizations and details of each reported statistic, as well as more data on fund performances around the world, may be found below.

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The S&P World Index in BRL was launched on Sept. 30, 2024. All information presented prior to an index's Launch Date is hypothetical (back-tested), not actual performance. The back-test calculations are based on the same methodology that was in effect on the index Launch Date. However, when creating back-tested history for periods of market anomalies or other periods that do not reflect the general current market environment, index methodology rules may be relaxed to capture a large enough universe of securities to simulate the target market the index is designed to measure or strategy the index is designed to capture. For example, market capitalization and liquidity thresholds may be reduced. Complete index methodology details are available at www.spglobal.com/spdii. Past performance of the Index is not an indication of future results. Back-tested performance reflects application of an index methodology and selection of index constituents with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance, cannot account for all financial risk that may affect results and may be considered to reflect survivor/look ahead bias. Actual returns may differ significantly from, and be lower than, back-tested returns. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results. Please refer to the methodology for the Index for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations. Back-tested performance is for use with institutions only; not for use with retail investors.

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