

Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund, Inc.  
Form N-Q  
September 27, 2016

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22011

Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036  
(Zip code)

John H. Gernon

522 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-296-0289

Date of fiscal year October 31,  
end:

Date of reporting period: July 31, 2016

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

The Fund's schedule of investments as of the close of the reporting period prepared pursuant to Rule 12-12 of Regulation S-X is as follows:

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Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund, Inc.

Portfolio of Investments

Third Quarter Report

July 31, 2016 (unaudited)

(Showing Percentage of Total Value of Investments)

|   |     | Face<br>Amount<br>(000) | Value<br>(000) |
|---|-----|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed Income Securities (95.4%)</b>                                  |     |                         |                |
| <b>Argentina (2.3%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| <b>Corporate Bond (0.9%)</b>  |     |                         |                |
| YPF SA,<br>31.35%, 7/7/20 (a)(b)  | \$  | 7,500                   | \$ 8,194       |
| <b>Sovereign (1.4%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| Argentina Bonar Bonds,<br>28.97%, 10/9/17 (b)                           | ARS | 148,220                 | 10,275         |
| Argentina Treasury Bond,<br>2.50%, 7/22/21                              |     | 22,232                  | 1,522          |
|   |     |                         | 11,797         |
|   |     |                         | 19,991         |
| <b>Brazil (12.3%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| <b>Corporate Bond (0.8%)</b>  |     |                         |                |
| Petrobras Global Finance BV,<br>5.38%, 1/27/21                          | \$  | 7,200                   | 6,849          |
| <b>Sovereign (11.5%)</b>  |     |                         |                |
| Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional,<br>0.00%, 1/1/19                     | BRL | 103,800                 | 24,283         |
| Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional, Series F,<br>10.00%, 1/1/19 1/1/21    |     | 262,130                 | 76,785         |
|   |     |                         | 101,068        |
|   |     |                         | 107,917        |
| <b>Chile (0.2%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| <b>Sovereign (0.2%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| Chile Government International Bond,<br>5.50%, 8/5/20                   | CLP | 1,165,000               | 1,892          |
| <b>Colombia (5.9%)</b>  |     |                         |                |
| <b>Corporate Bond (0.5%)</b>  |     |                         |                |
| Fideicomiso PA Costera,<br>6.25%, 1/15/34 (a)                           | COP | 13,958,176              | 4,297          |
| <b>Sovereign (5.4%)</b>   |     |                         |                |
| Colombia Government International Bond,<br>9.85%, 6/28/27               |     | 32,100,000              | 12,599         |
| Colombian TES,<br>10.00%, 7/24/24                                       |     | 75,028,500              | 28,294         |
| Financiera de Desarrollo Territorial SA Findeter,<br>7.88%, 8/12/24 (a) |     | 21,492,000              | 6,309          |

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|                          |     |           |        |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------|--------|
|                          |     |           | 47,202 |
|                          |     |           | 51,499 |
| <b>Hungary (4.4%)</b>    |     |           |        |
| <b>Sovereign (4.4%)</b>  |     |           |        |
| Hungary Government Bond, |     |           |        |
| 3.00%, 6/26/24           | HUF | 1,200,000 | 4,403  |
| 5.50%, 6/24/25           |     | 2,700,000 | 11,794 |
| 6.00%, 11/24/23          |     | 1,214,000 | 5,411  |

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|   |     |             |        |
|---|-----|-------------|--------|
| 7.50%, 11/12/20   |     | 3,804,000   | 16,882 |
|   |     |             | 38,490 |
| <b>India (1.0%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (1.0%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| India Government Bond,  |     |             |        |
| 8.40%, 7/28/24  | INR | 550,000     | 8,795  |
| <b>Indonesia (10.4%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (10.4%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Indonesia Government Bonds, Credit Linked Notes, |     |             |        |
| 10.00%, 7/17/17 (a)   | IDR | 290,000,000 | 22,914 |
| Credit Suisse, Indonesia Government Bonds, Credit Linked Notes,     |     |             |        |
| 10.00%, 7/17/17   |     | 154,683,530 | 12,222 |
| Indonesia Treasury Bond,  |     |             |        |
| 8.38%, 3/15/34  |     | 202,600,000 | 16,968 |
| 8.75%, 5/15/31  |     | 137,230,000 | 11,960 |
| 9.00%, 3/15/29  |     | 311,014,000 | 27,270 |
|   |     |             | 91,334 |
| <b>Malaysia (4.8%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (4.8%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| Malaysia Government Bond,   |     |             |        |
| 3.96%, 9/15/25  | MYR | 23,754      | 5,970  |
| 4.18%, 7/15/24  |     | 141,175     | 36,254 |
|   |     |             | 42,224 |
| <b>Mexico (11.3%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (11.3%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| Mexican Bonos,  |     |             |        |
| 6.50%, 6/10/21  | MXN | 675,185     | 37,361 |
| 7.75%, 5/29/31  |     | 29,500      | 1,801  |
| 8.50%, 5/31/29  |     | 290,400     | 18,728 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos,  |     |             |        |
| (Units)   |     |             |        |
| 7.65%, 11/24/21 (a)(c)  |     | 791,300     | 41,085 |
|   |     |             | 98,975 |
| <b>Peru (2.7%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (2.7%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| Peru Government Bond,   |     |             |        |
| (Units)   |     |             |        |
| 5.70%, 8/12/24 (c)  | PEN | 44,037      | 13,314 |
| Peruvian Government International Bond,                             |     |             |        |
| (Units)   |     |             |        |
| 5.70%, 8/12/24 (a)(c)   |     | 14,001      | 4,233  |
| 8.20%, 8/12/26 (c)  |     | 17,110      | 6,068  |
|   |     |             | 23,615 |
| <b>Poland (9.3%)</b>  |     |             |        |
| <b>Sovereign (9.3%)</b>   |     |             |        |
| Poland Government Bond,   |     |             |        |
| 5.25%, 10/25/20   | PLN | 130,500     | 37,775 |
| 5.75%, 9/23/22  |     | 141,500     | 43,214 |
|   |     |             | 80,989 |

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|   |               |            |                        |
|---|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| <b>Romania (3.5%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| <b>Sovereign (3.5%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| Romania Government Bond,<br>4.75%, 2/24/25  | RON           | 108,800    | 30,603                 |
| <b>Russia (6.8%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| <b>Sovereign (6.8%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| Russian Federal Bond - OFZ,<br>6.70%, 5/15/19   | RUB           | 953,300    | 13,761                 |
| 7.05%, 1/19/28  |               | 1,775,000  | 24,562                 |
| 8.15%, 2/3/27   |               | 1,398,800  | 21,044                 |
|   |               |            | 59,367                 |
| <b>South Africa (10.3%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| <b>Sovereign (10.3%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| South Africa Government Bond,<br>6.75%, 3/31/21   | ZAR           | 651,200    | 44,476                 |
| 7.25%, 1/15/20  |               | 24         | 2                      |
| 8.00%, 1/31/30  |               | 692,350    | 45,957                 |
|   |               |            | 90,435                 |
| <b>Thailand (1.4%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| <b>Sovereign (1.4%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| Thailand Government Bond,<br>3.63%, 6/16/23   | THB           | 380,000    | 12,125                 |
| <b>Turkey (8.8%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| <b>Corporate Bond (3.7%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS,<br>7.38%, 3/7/18 (a)  | TRY           | 102,980    | 32,702                 |
| <b>Sovereign (5.1%)</b>   |               |            |                        |
| Turkey Government Bond,<br>7.10%, 3/8/23  |               | 38,300     | 11,333                 |
| 8.00%, 3/12/25  |               | 19,600     | 5,980                  |
| 10.50%, 1/15/20   |               | 77,825     | 27,158                 |
|   |               |            | 44,471                 |
|   |               |            | 77,173                 |
| <b>Total Fixed Income Securities (Cost \$978,222)</b>   |               |            | 835,424                |
| <b>Short-Term Investments (4.6%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| <b>U.S. Treasury Security (0.9%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| U.S. Treasury Bill,<br>0.34%, 10/20/16 (d) (Cost \$8,224)   | \$            | 8,230      | 8,226                  |
|   | <b>Shares</b> |            | <b>Value<br/>(000)</b> |
| <b>Investment Company (1.8%)</b>  |               |            |                        |
| Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Treasury Securities Portfolio -<br>Institutional Class (e) (Cost \$15,864) |               | 15,864,247 | 15,864                 |

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|   | Face<br>Amount<br>(000) | Value<br>(000) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Argentina (1.9%)</b>                                     |                         |                |
| <b>Sovereign (1.9%)</b>                                     |                         |                |
| Letras del Banco Central de la Republica Argentina,         |                         |                |
| 28.25%, 1/11/17   | ARS                     | 52,710         |
| 29.50%, 1/11/17   |                         | 52,920         |
| 30.25%, 12/28/16  |                         | 72,500         |
| 30.50%, 12/28/16  |                         | 95,280         |
| <b>Total Sovereign (Cost \$17,200)</b>                      |                         | 16,474         |
| <b>Total Short-Term Investments (Cost \$41,308)</b>         |                         | 40,564         |
| <b>Total Investments (100.0%) (Cost \$1,019,530) (f)(g)</b> |                         | 875,988        |
| <b>Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets</b>                |                         | (270,371)      |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   |                         | \$ 605,617     |

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- (a) 144A security Certain conditions for public sale may exist. Unless otherwise noted, these securities are deemed to be liquid.
- (b) Variable/Floating Rate Security Interest rate changes on these instruments are based on changes in a designated base rate. The rates shown are those in effect on July 31, 2016.
- (c) Consists of one or more classes of securities traded together as a unit.
- (d) Rate shown is the yield to maturity at July 31, 2016.
- (e) The Fund invests in the Institutional Class of the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Treasury Securities Portfolio - (the Liquidity Funds ), an open-end management investment company managed by the Adviser. Advisory fees paid by the Fund are reduced by an amount equal to its pro-rata share of the advisory and administration fees paid by the Fund due to its investment in the Liquidity Funds. For the nine months ended July 31, 2016, advisory fees paid were reduced by approximately \$7,000 relating to the Fund's investment in the Liquidity Funds.
- (f) Securities are available for collateral in connection open foreign currency forward exchange contracts and a futures contract.
- (g) At July 31, 2016, the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes approximates the aggregate cost for book purposes. The aggregate gross unrealized appreciation is approximately \$22,111,000 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation is approximately \$165,653,000 resulting in net unrealized depreciation of approximately \$143,542,000.
- OFZ Obilgatsyi Federal novo Zaima (Russian Federal Loan Obligation)
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**Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts:**

The Fund had the following foreign currency forward exchange contracts open at July 31, 2016:

| Counterparty           |     | Contracts<br>to<br>Deliver<br>(000) |     | In<br>Exchange<br>For<br>(000) | Delivery<br>Date |    | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(Depreciation)<br>(000) |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------|----|---|
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 15,500                              | \$  | 4,716                          | 8/2/16           | \$ | (65)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 95,608                              | \$  | 29,175                         | 8/2/16           |    | (311)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 19,500                              | \$  | 6,042                          | 8/2/16           |    | 28  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 11,300                              | \$  | 3,481                          | 8/2/16           |    | (4)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 9,990                               | \$  | 3,018                          | 8/2/16           |    | (63)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 10,110                              | \$  | 3,070                          | 8/2/16           |    | (48)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 12,800                              | \$  | 3,952                          | 8/2/16           |    | 4   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 20,000                              | \$  | 6,175                          | 8/2/16           |    | 6   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 113,908                             | \$  | 35,168                         | 8/2/16           |    | 37  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 15,300                              | \$  | 4,724                          | 8/2/16           |    | 5   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,817                               | BRL | 12,800                         | 8/2/16           |    | 130   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 4,599                               | BRL | 15,300                         | 8/2/16           |    | 120   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 6,118                               | BRL | 20,000                         | 8/2/16           |    | 51  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 34,707                              | BRL | 113,908                        | 8/2/16           |    | 424   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,084                               | BRL | 9,990                          | 8/2/16           |    | (3)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,489                               | BRL | 11,300                         | 8/2/16           |    | (4)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 4,785                               | BRL | 15,500                         | 8/2/16           |    | (5)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 6,020                               | BRL | 19,500                         | 8/2/16           |    | (6)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 29,518                              | BRL | 95,608                         | 8/2/16           |    | (31)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,121                               | BRL | 10,110                         | 8/2/16           |    | (3)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | CLP | 810,000                             | \$  | 1,224                          | 8/5/16           |    | (13)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | CLP | 3,960,000                           | \$  | 6,043                          | 8/5/16           |    | (4)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | EUR | 5,400                               | \$  | 5,971                          | 8/5/16           |    | (67)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | PEN | 12,800                              | \$  | 3,822                          | 8/5/16           |    | 2   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 842                                 | EUR | 760                            | 8/5/16           |    | 7   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 5,857                               | EUR | 5,300                          | 8/5/16           |    | 69  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 10,485                              | PEN | 34,600                         | 8/5/16           |    | (159)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 5,999                               | PEN | 19,700                         | 8/5/16           |    | (120)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 1,523                               | PEN | 5,000                          | 8/5/16           |    | (30)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | MXN | 757,927                             | \$  | 40,307                         | 8/8/16           |    | (90)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | MXN | 112,800                             | \$  | 5,950                          | 8/8/16           |    | (62)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | MXN | 56,000                              | \$  | 3,006                          | 8/8/16           |    | 22  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | MXN | 83,600                              | \$  | 4,414                          | 8/8/16           |    | (42)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,233                               | MXN | 59,300                         | 8/8/16           |    | (73)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 2,392                               | MXN | 45,000                         | 8/8/16           |    | 7   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,723                               | MXN | 70,000                         | 8/8/16           |    | 8   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | SGD | 8,000                               | \$  | 5,925                          | 8/11/16          |    | (42)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | SGD | 8,200                               | \$  | 6,056                          | 8/11/16          |    | (60)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | IDR | 143,338,000                         | \$  | 10,913                         | 8/15/16          |    | (11)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | IDR | 102,000,000                         | \$  | 7,754                          | 8/15/16          |    | (20)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | IDR | 89,300,000                          | \$  | 6,755                          | 8/15/16          |    | (51)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | IDR | 59,900,000                          | \$  | 4,559                          | 8/15/16          |    | (6)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | TRY | 56,160                              | \$  | 19,201                         | 8/15/16          |    | 464   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | TRY | 5,500                               | \$  | 1,796                          | 8/15/16          |    | (39)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | TRY | 11,200                              | \$  | 3,634                          | 8/15/16          |    | (103)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | TRY | 5,500                               | \$  | 1,806                          | 8/15/16          |    | (29)  |



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|                        |     |            |     |             |         |       |
|------------------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|---------|-------|
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 7,857      | IDR | 103,000,000 | 8/15/16 | (7)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 2,578      | TRY | 7,900       | 8/15/16 | 57    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 1,930      | TRY | 5,850       | 8/15/16 | 22    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 8,660      | PHP | 406,500     | 8/19/16 | (39)  |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | COP | 22,812,000 | \$  | 7,722       | 8/22/16 | 324   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | HUF | 3,718,000  | \$  | 13,035      | 8/22/16 | (329) |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | INR | 595,250    | \$  | 8,825       | 8/22/16 | (31)  |

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| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | RON | 49,640    | \$  | 12,241    | 8/22/16  | (232)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 8,207     | PLN | 32,550    | 8/22/16  | 141     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 2,147     | PLN | 8,400     | 8/22/16  | 8       |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 35,057    | THB | 1,227,700 | 8/22/16  | 177     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 2,901     | ZAR | 41,700    | 8/22/16  | 91      |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 2,451     | ZAR | 35,200    | 8/22/16  | 75      |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | ZAR | 399,777   | \$  | 27,749    | 8/22/16  | (937)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | ZAR | 39,300    | \$  | 2,711     | 8/22/16  | (109)   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 22,122    | MYR | 90,190    | 8/26/16  | 3       |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | \$  | 3,179     | MYR | 12,900    | 8/26/16  | (15)    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | RUB | 2,188,054 | \$  | 32,882    | 8/29/16  | (45)    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | BRL | 113,908   | \$  | 34,352    | 9/2/16   | (401)   |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 25,000    | \$  | 1,518     | 12/30/16 | (13)    |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 76,760    | \$  | 4,583     | 12/30/16 | (119)   |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 77,080    | \$  | 4,583     | 12/30/16 | (138)   |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 19,640    | \$  | 1,205     | 1/18/17  | 13      |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 5,860     | \$  | 360       | 1/18/17  | 4       |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 101,000   | \$  | 6,364     | 1/18/17  | 233     |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 87,400    | \$  | 5,141     | 6/13/17  | 134     |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 34,900    | \$  | 2,053     | 6/13/17  | 54      |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 52,000    | \$  | 2,921     | 6/13/17  | (57)    |
| Citibank NA            | ARS | 137,800   | \$  | 7,520     | 6/13/17  | (374)   |
| Citibank NA            | \$  | 8,771     | ARS | 152,000   | 6/13/17  | (63)    |
| Citibank NA            | \$  | 6,254     | ARS | 108,000   | 6/13/17  | (67)    |
|                        |     |           |     |           | \$       | (1,820) |

**Futures Contract:**

The Fund had the following futures contract open at July 31, 2016:

|                  | Number<br>of<br>Contracts | Value<br>(000) | Expiration<br>Date | Unrealized<br>Appreciation<br>(000) |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Short:</b>    |                           |                |                    |                                     |
| German Euro BOBL | 128                       | \$ (19,129)    | Sep-16             | \$ 14                               |

- ARS Argentine Peso
- BRL Brazilian Real
- CLP Chilean Peso
- COP Colombian Peso
- EUR Euro
- HUF Hungarian Forint
- IDR Indonesian Rupiah
- INR Indian Rupee
- MXN Mexican Peso
- MYR Malaysian Ringgit
- PEN Peruvian Nuevo Sol
- PHP Philippine Peso
- PLN Polish Zloty
- RON Romanian New Leu
- RUB Russian Ruble
- SGD Singapore Dollar
- THB Thai Baht
- TRY Turkish Lira
- ZAR South African Rand

**Portfolio Composition**

| <b>Classification</b> | <b>Percentage of<br/>Total Investments</b> |
|-----------------------|--|
| Sovereign             | 89.4%                                      |
| Corporate Bonds       | 6.0  |
| Other*                | 4.6  |
| Total Investments     | 100.0%**                                   |

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\* Industries and/or investment types representing less than 5% of total investments.

\*\* Does not include an open short futures contract with an underlying face amount of approximately \$19,129,000 with unrealized appreciation of approximately \$14,000. Does not include open foreign currency forward exchange contracts with net unrealized depreciation of approximately \$1,820,000.

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Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund, Inc.

**Notes to the Portfolio of Investments • July 31, 2016 (unaudited)**

**Security Valuation:** (1) Bonds and other fixed income securities may be valued according to the broadest and most representative market. In addition, bonds and other fixed income securities may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service. The prices provided by a pricing service take into account broker-dealer market price quotations for institutional size trading in similar groups of securities, security quality, maturity, coupon and other security characteristics as well as any developments related to the specific securities; (2) when market quotations are not readily available, including circumstances under which Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. (the Adviser) determines that the closing price, last sale price or the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices are not reflective of a security's market value, portfolio securities are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Fund's Board of Directors (the Directors). Occasionally, developments affecting the closing prices of securities and other assets may occur between the times at which valuations of such securities are determined (that is, close of the foreign market on which the securities trade) and the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). If developments occur during such periods that are expected to materially affect the value of such securities, such valuations may be adjusted to reflect the estimated fair value of such securities as of the close of the NYSE, as determined in good faith by the Directors or by the Adviser using a pricing service and/or procedures approved by the Directors; (3) futures are valued at the latest price published by the commodities exchange on which they trade; (4) quotations of foreign portfolio securities, other assets and liabilities and forward contracts stated in foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollar equivalents at the prevailing market rates prior to the close of the NYSE; (5) investments in mutual funds, including the Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds, are valued at the net asset value as of the close of each business day; and (6) short-term taxable debt securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less at the time of purchase may be valued at amortized cost, unless the Adviser determines such price does not reflect the securities' market value, in which case these securities will be valued at their fair market value determined by the Adviser. Other taxable short-term debt securities with maturities of more than 60 days will be valued on a mark-to-market basis until such time as they reach a maturity of 60 days, whereupon they will be valued at amortized cost using their value on the 61st day unless the Adviser determines such price does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined by the Adviser.

The Directors have responsibility for determining in good faith the fair value of the investments, and the Directors may appoint others, such as the Fund's Adviser or a valuation committee, to assist the Directors in determining fair value and to make the actual calculations pursuant to the fair valuation methodologies previously approved by the Directors. Under procedures approved by the Directors, the Fund's Adviser has formed a Valuation Committee whose members are approved by the Directors. The Valuation Committee provides administration and oversight of the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which are reviewed at least annually by the Directors. These procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value.

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The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of securities and other financial instruments for which market prices are not readily available. Under these procedures, the Valuation Committee convenes on a regular and ad hoc basis to review such securities and considers a number of factors, including valuation methodologies and significant unobservable valuation inputs, when arriving at fair value. The Valuation Committee may employ a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due

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to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed. The Valuation Committee employs various methods for calibrating these valuation approaches including a regular review of valuation methodologies, key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis, and reviews of any related market activity.

**Fair Value Measurement:** Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Accounting Standards Codification™ ( ASC ) 820, Fair Value Measurement ( ASC 820 ), defines fair value as the value that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. ASC 820 establishes a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between (1) inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in valuing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs) and (2) inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in valuing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

- Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
  
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
  
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors considered in making this determination may include, but are not limited to, information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities), analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents and, if necessary, available information concerning other securities in similar circumstances

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities and the determination of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to each security.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of July 31, 2016.

| Investment Type | Level 1<br>Unadjusted<br>quoted<br>prices | Level 2<br>Other<br>significant<br>observable | Level 3<br>Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs | Total<br>(000) |
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|  | (000)         | inputs<br>(000) | (000)          |
|--|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                                     |               |                 |                |
| <b>Fixed Income Securities</b>                     |               |                 |                |
| Corporate Bonds                                    | \$            | \$              | 52,042         |
| Sovereign  |               |                 | 783,382        |
| <b>Total Fixed Income Securities</b>               |               |                 | <b>835,424</b> |
| <b>Short-Term Investments</b>                      |               |                 |                |
| U.S. Treasury Security                             |               |                 | 8,226          |
| Investment Company                                 | 15,864        |                 | 15,864         |
| Sovereign  |               |                 | 16,474         |
| <b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>                | <b>15,864</b> | <b>24,700</b>   | <b>40,564</b>  |
| <b>Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts</b> |               |                 | <b>2,720</b>   |
| <b>Futures Contract</b>                            | 14            |                 | 14             |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                | <b>15,878</b> | <b>862,844</b>  | <b>878,722</b> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                |               |                 |                |
| <b>Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts</b> |               |                 | (4,540)        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>15,878</b>   | <b>\$</b>      |
|  |               | <b>858,304</b>  | <b>\$</b>      |
|  |               |                 | <b>874,182</b> |

Transfers between investment levels may occur as the markets fluctuate and/or the availability of data used in an investment's valuation changes. The Fund recognizes transfers between the levels as of the end of the period. As of July 31, 2016, the Fund did not have any investments transfer between investment levels.



**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Fund's disclosure controls and procedures are sufficient to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Fund in this Form N-Q was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, based upon such officers' evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report.

(b) There were no changes in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

(a) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant are attached hereto.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt Fund, Inc.

/s/ John H. Gernon  
John H. Gernon  
Principal Executive Officer  
September 22, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ John H. Gernon  
John H. Gernon  
Principal Executive Officer  
September 22, 2016

/s/ Francis Smith  
Francis Smith  
Principal Financial Officer  
September 22, 2016

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