# PortfolioMetrix

Quarterly Investment Insights
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# An Exciting Year for PortfolioMetrix





#### Our business is built on the success of our partners

Approaching R100bn in AUM





#### **FOUNDATIONAL PURPOSE**

Free advisers from distractions that risk holding them

back, giving them the space to focus on the

conversations that matter.

#### Numerous Track Record Milestones

5 Year Anniversary

10 Year Anniversary

15 Year Anniversary

PMX BCI Cautious FoF

PMX BCI Income

**PMX SA Profiles** 

PMX BCI Moderate FoF

PMX BCI SA Bond

PMX BCI Balanced FoF

PMX BCI Gbl Bond FoF

PMX BCI Unc. Mod. FoF

**PMX BCI SA Property** 

Collective Investment
Scheme

PMX BCI Unc. Bal. FoF

Global Portfolio Series (USD)

Models

PMX BCI Unc. Assert. FoF

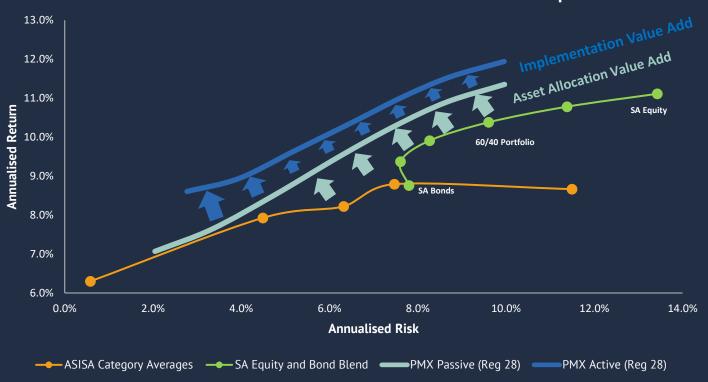
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# Layers of Value Add

#### **30 November 2010 to 31 December 2024 Performance Comparison**



# The trade-offs in Investment Management

**Increased uncertainty** Expected excess returns Strategic Asset Allocation Maximise Risk Adjusted Return **Investment Selection** Performance variability Expected active returns Maximise Return relative to your Benchmark We choose to incur costs Fee drag Expected return on fees Maximise Returns relative to Fees



# Maximise investor value

Avoiding falling short of goals



PERFORMANCE MATTERS!

A portfolio that is fit for purpose



**RISK**MATTERS!

To stay invested

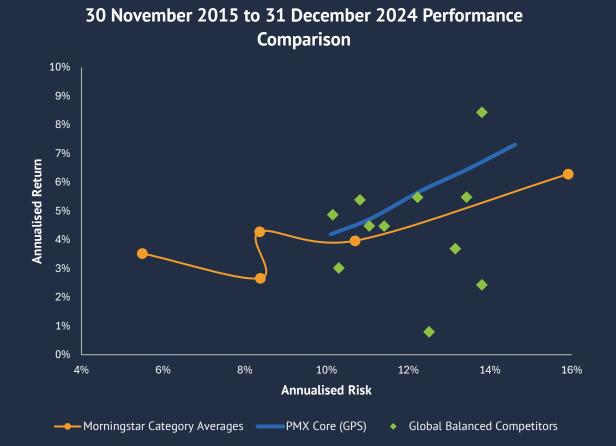


THE JOURNEY

MATTERS!

#### **Tools in the Tool Set**

Consistent, Calibrated, Efficient





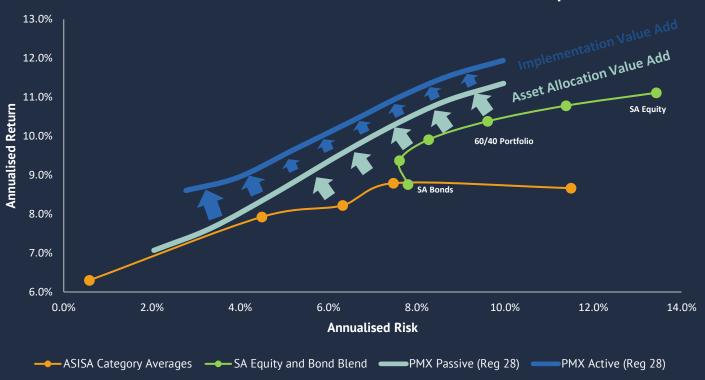


# Demonstrating our Value-Add



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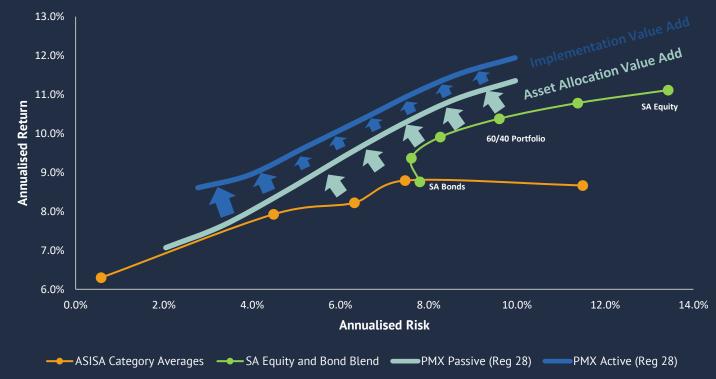




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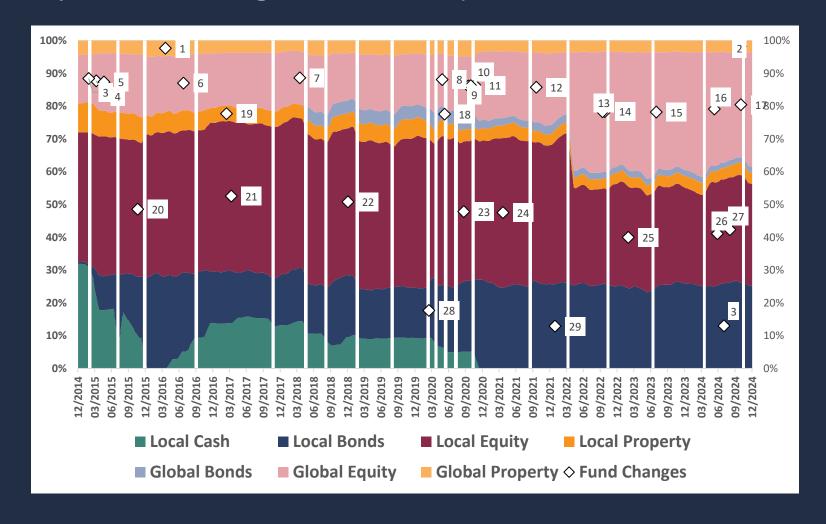
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- ✓ Investment Selection
- ✓ Return Prospect vs Cost
- ✓ Portfolio Maintenance





### Portfolio Management

Dynamic risk management since inception





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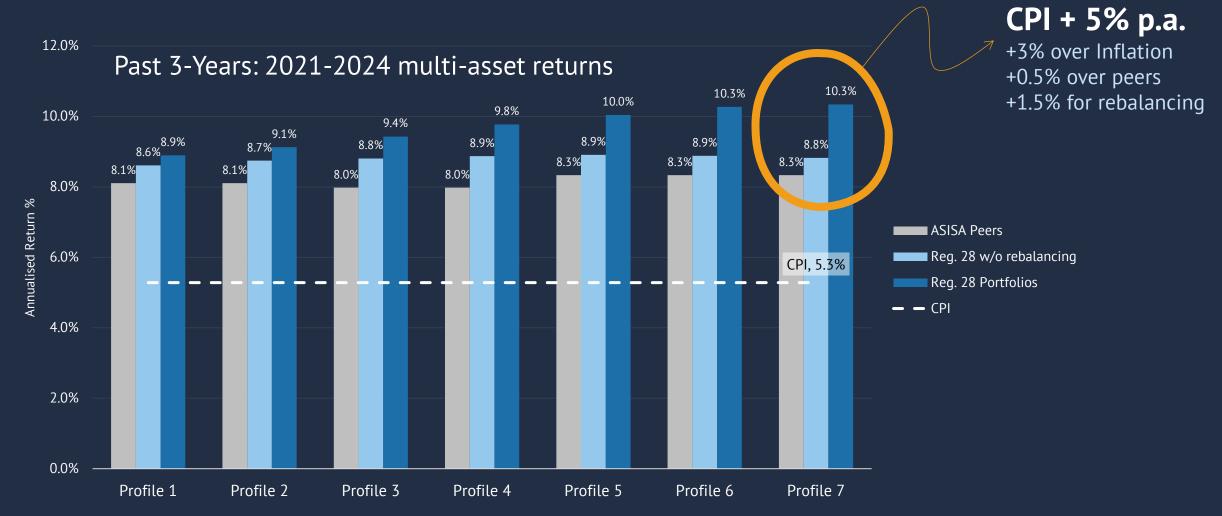
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# Rebalance Premium 0.3% to 1.5%

The value-added through disciplined portfolio management

### **Long-Term Gains of Risk Management**

Carefully managing risk rewards investors





# Risk Control 1.8% to 2.6% p.a.

The value-added through managing risk for the long-term

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# Markets

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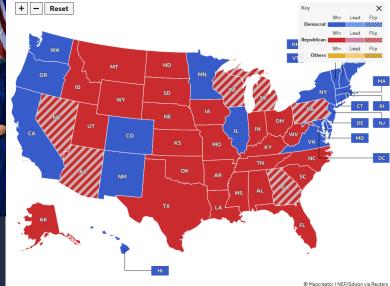
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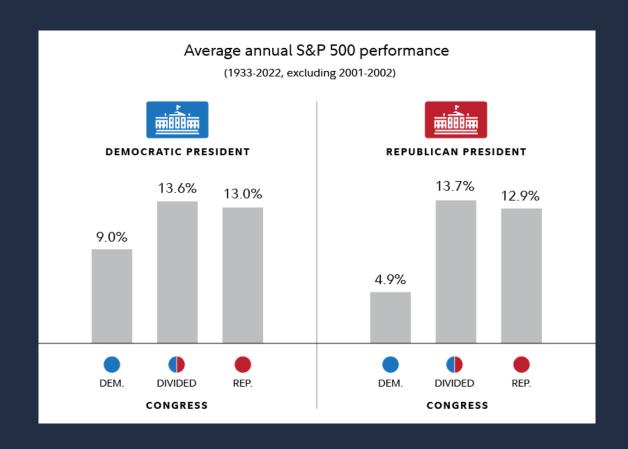
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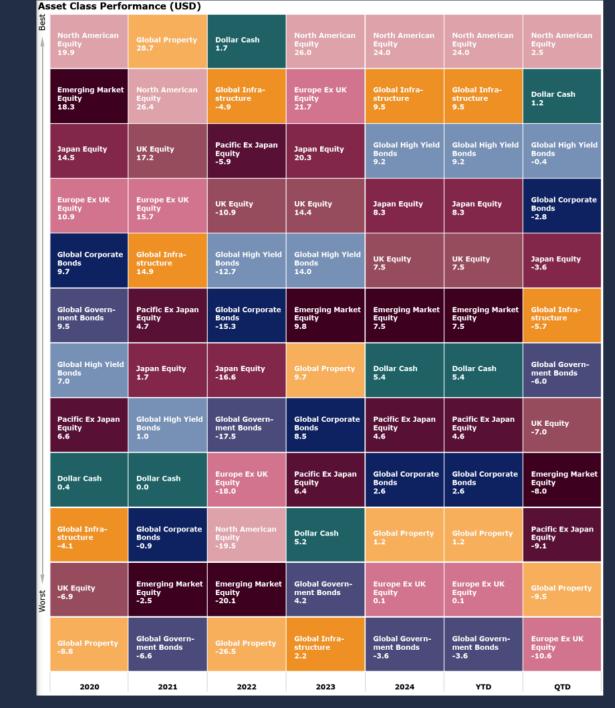




#### **Global Markets**

**USD** Returns

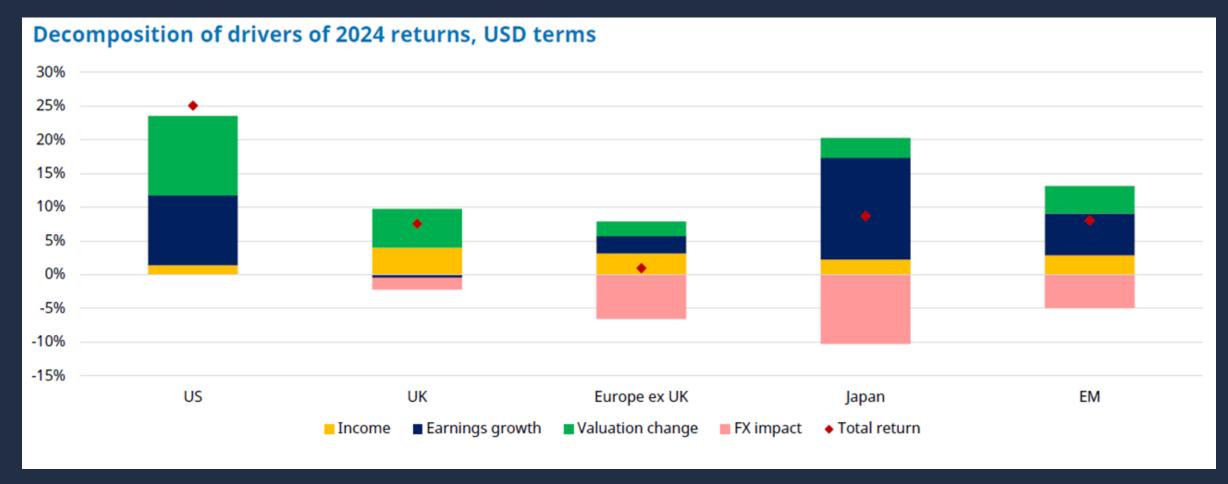
- North American Equity outstripped every other asset class
  - Strong Dollar
  - Magnificent 7
  - Earnings Growth and Profit Margins
  - Rises to 74% of MSCI World Index
- Global Government Bonds lagged
  - Rising Yields
  - Concerns of inflationary policies
  - Reward for HY and IG is thin





#### **Earnings driven markets**

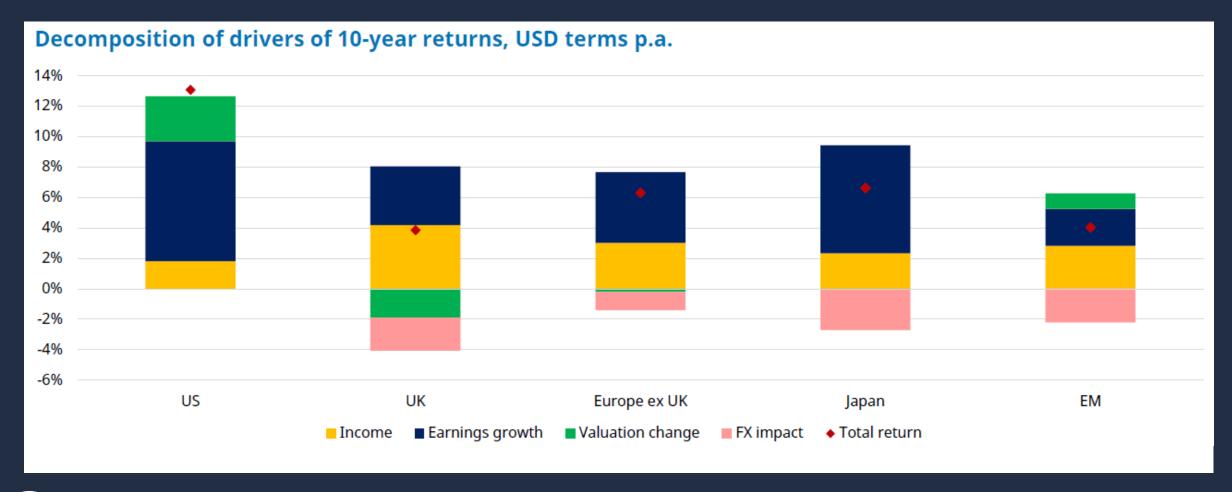
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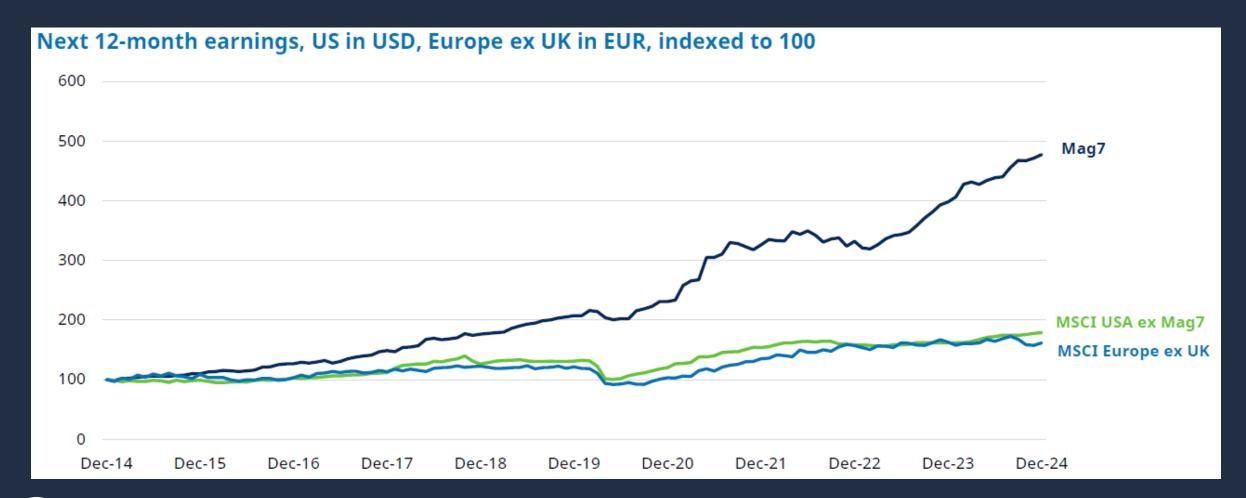
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#### Earnings driven return

Narrow market, high sentiment





#### Will Mag7 Conquer the world?

The ACWI index weight of Magnificent 7 = Countries 2 to 9 = Companies 475 to 2647





#### Diversify: Markets call for caution

US is expensive and concentrated, RoW is neutral

Valuation as at 31 December vs 15-year median (% above or below)

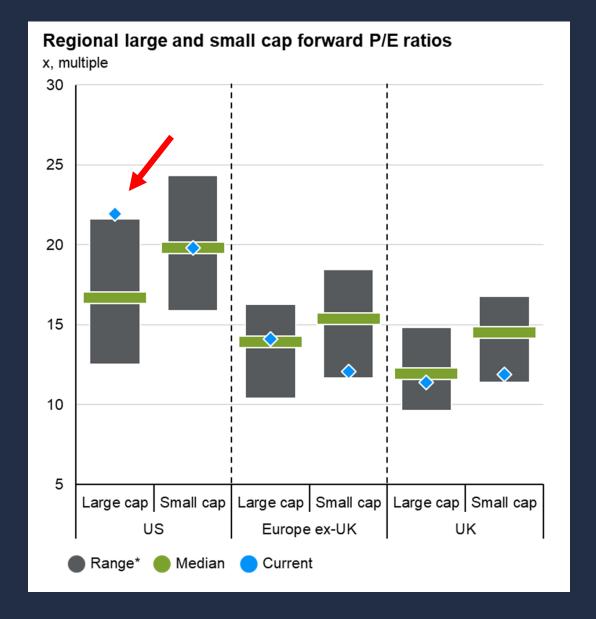
<b>Equity market</b>	CAPE	For	ward P/E	Trailir	ng P/E	P/B		Dividend yield	
US	35		22	2	8	5.1		1.3	
03	(37%)		(29%)	(34	%)	(66%)		(53%)	
UK	14		11	13	3	1.8		3.8	
OK	(7%)		(-7%)	(-11	%)	(4%)		(0%)	
Europe ex. UK	19		14	15		2.1		3.1	
Lurope ex. ok	(9%)		(0%)	(-9%)		(18%)		(1%)	
Japan	23		15	1.	5	1.5		2.2	
Japan	(2%)		(5%)	(-8	%)	(18%)		(-7%)	
EM	13		12	15		1.8		2.6	
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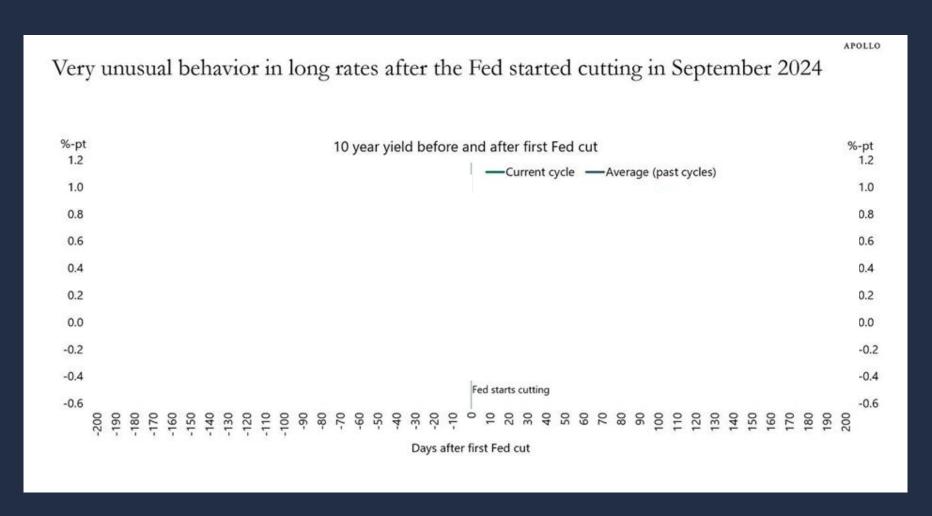
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UK	14 (7%)		11 (-7%)	13 (-11		1.8 (4%)		3.8 (0%)		
Europe ex. UK	19 (9%)		14 (0%)	15 (-9%)		2.1 (18%)		3.1 (1%)		
Japan	23 (2%)		15 (5%)	15 (-8%)		1.5 (18%)		2.2 (-7%)		
EM	13 (-7%)		12 (3%)		5 %)	1.8 (10%)		2.6 (2%)		
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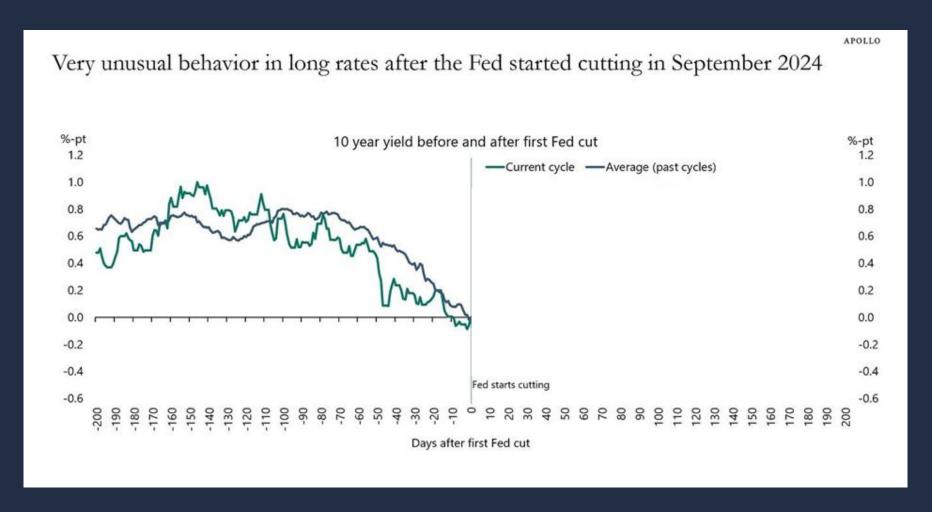
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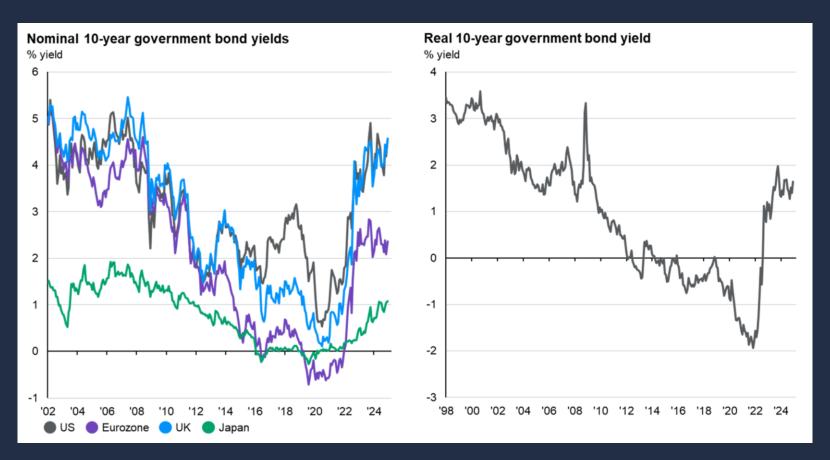
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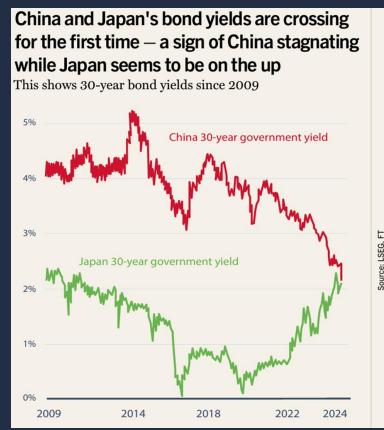
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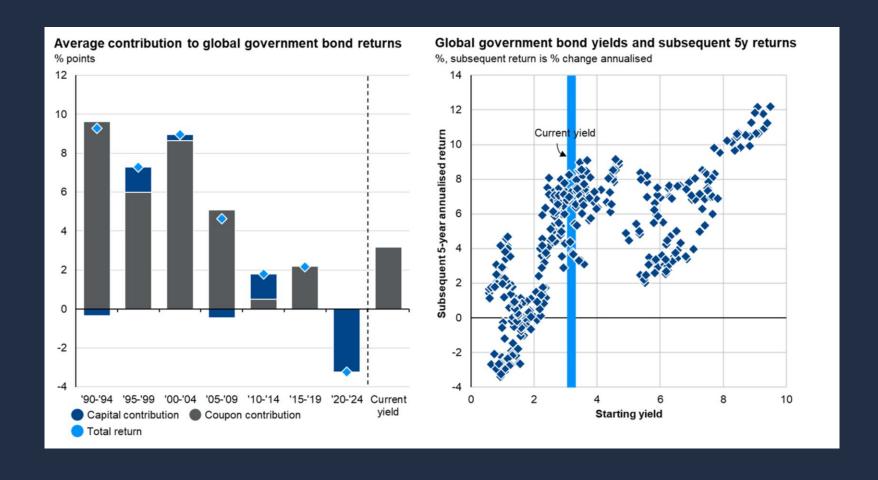
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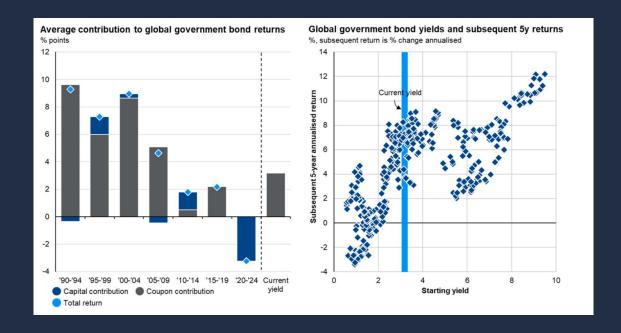


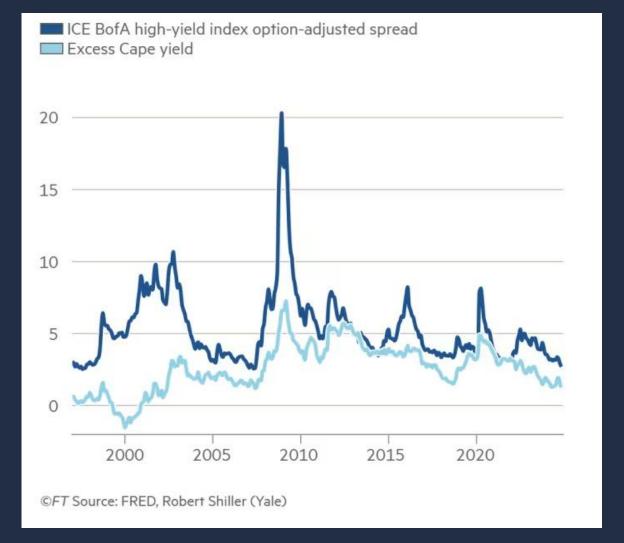
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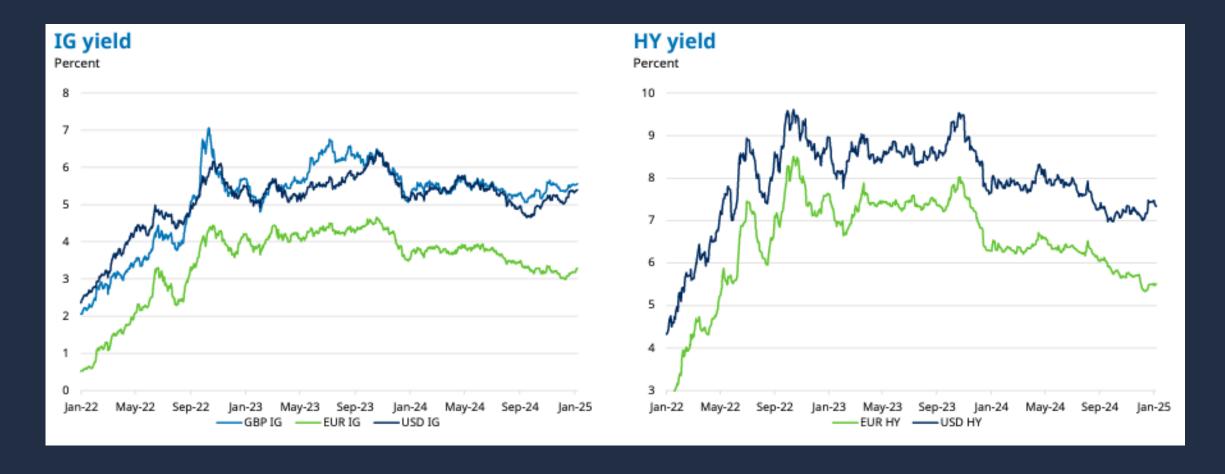
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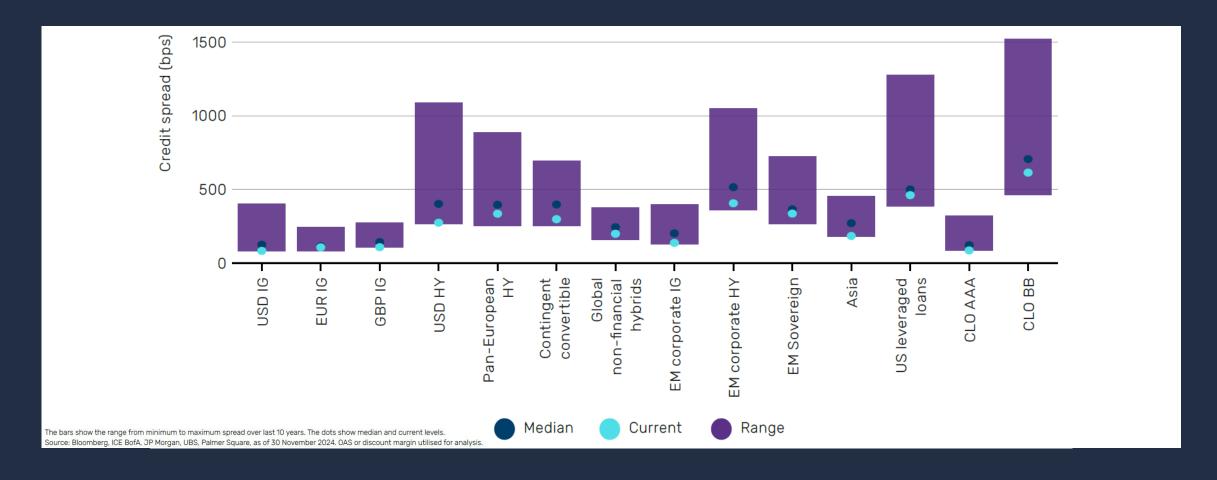


High Yield and Investment Grade Yields are attractive...





High Yield and Investment Grade Yields are attractive... but spreads are tight!





# **Summary of Global Markets**

A market that requires diversification and careful risk management

### **Equities**

- US has continued on its historic winning streak
- The market is getting narrower
- RoW remains close to FV

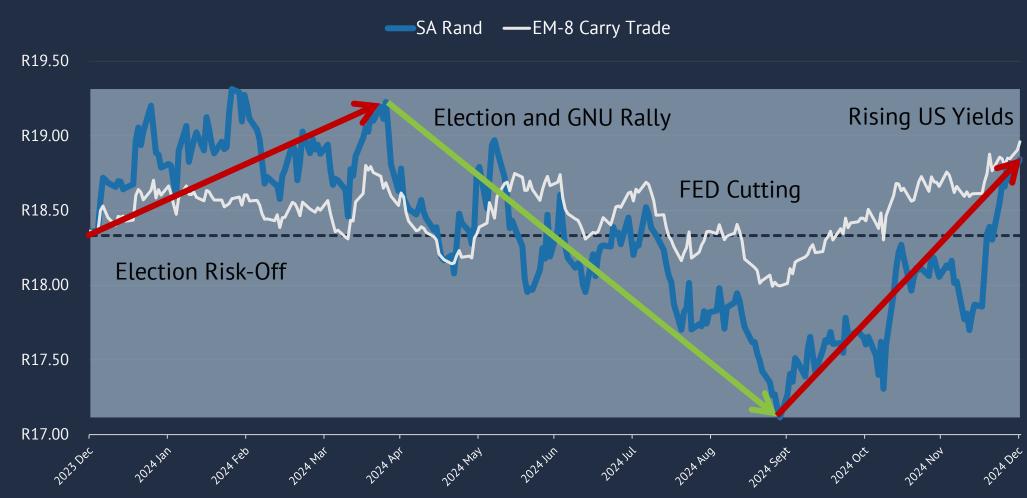
#### **Fixed Income**

- Government Bonds offer a positive outlook
- Credit and High Yield requires high quality, good issuer selection



# SA Rand during 2024

A mix of local and global events





### **Local Markets**

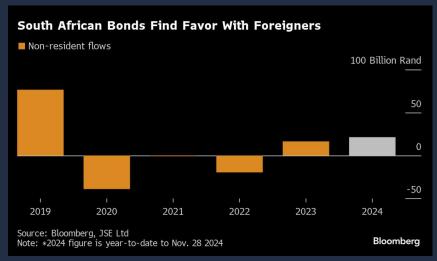
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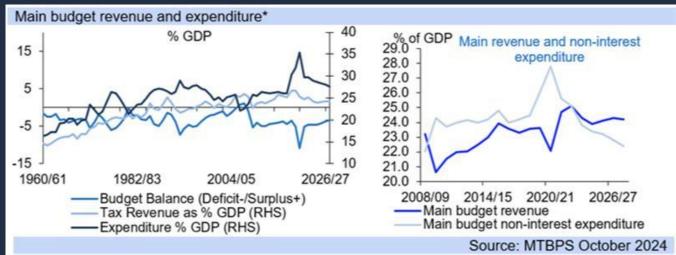
- SA Property Rebounds
  - SA sentiment

- Global Government Bonds lagged
  - Rising Yields
  - Concerns of inflationary policies

	Asset Class Performance (ZAR)											
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Worst	SA Bonds -3.9	Global Bonds -9.9	Global Bonds -2.8	SA Prop- erty -25.3	SA Prop- erty 1.9	SA Prop- erty -34.5	Global Bonds 3.5	Global Property -20.9	SA Equity 7.9	Global Bonds 1.4	Global Bonds 1.4	SA Equity -2.1
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD	QTD

# **SA Outlook and Challenges**





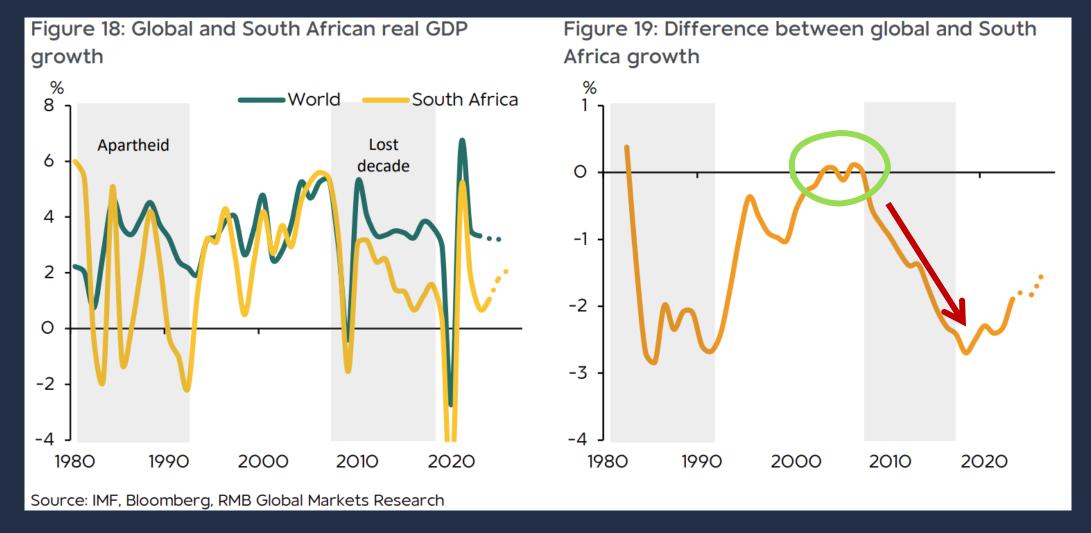








# SA Outlook and Challenges





# **ALBI Return Sources: Capital versus Income**

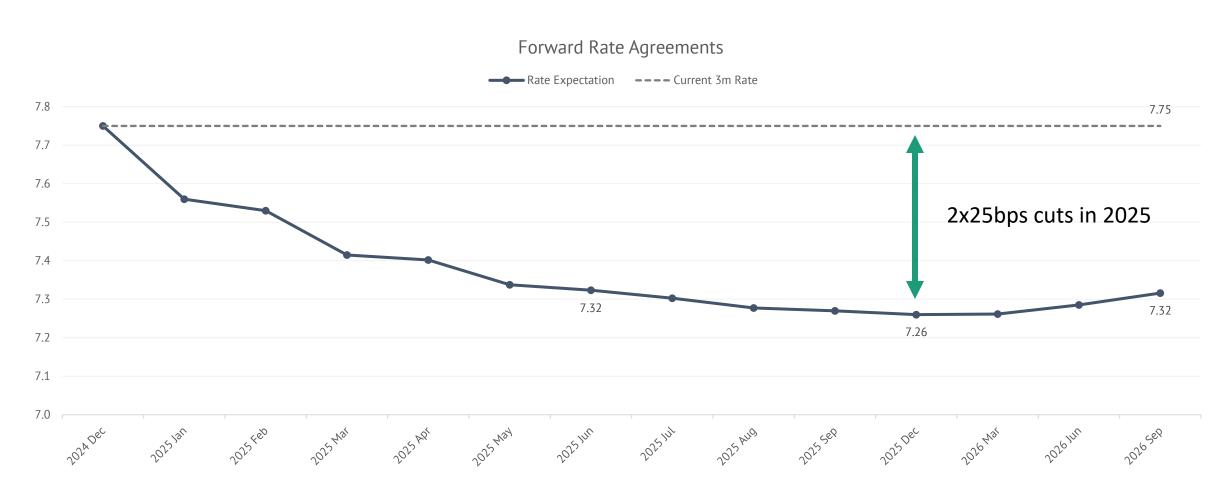






# **Implied Forward Rates**

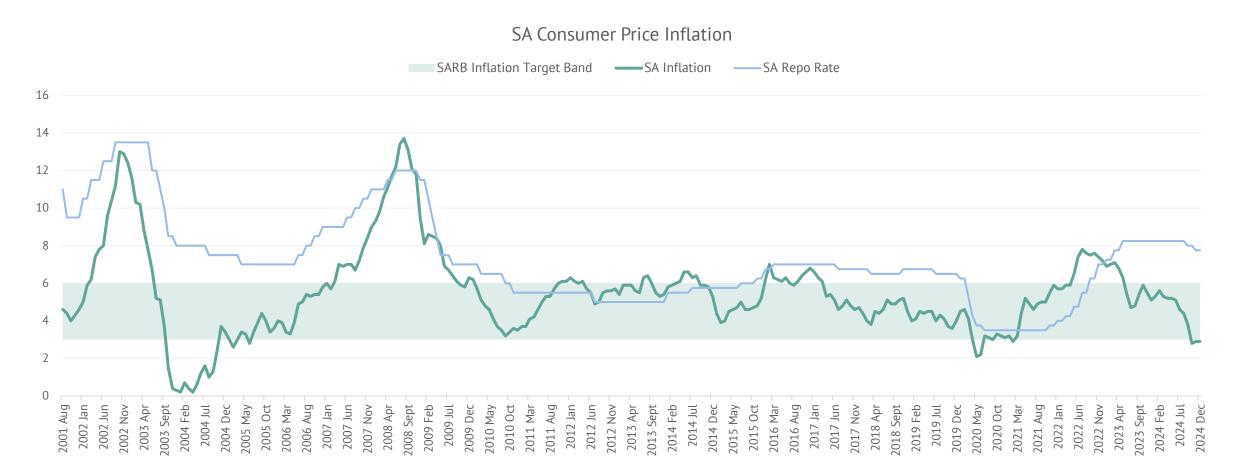
The cutting cycle may be shallower than initially anticipated





# **SARB Credibility**

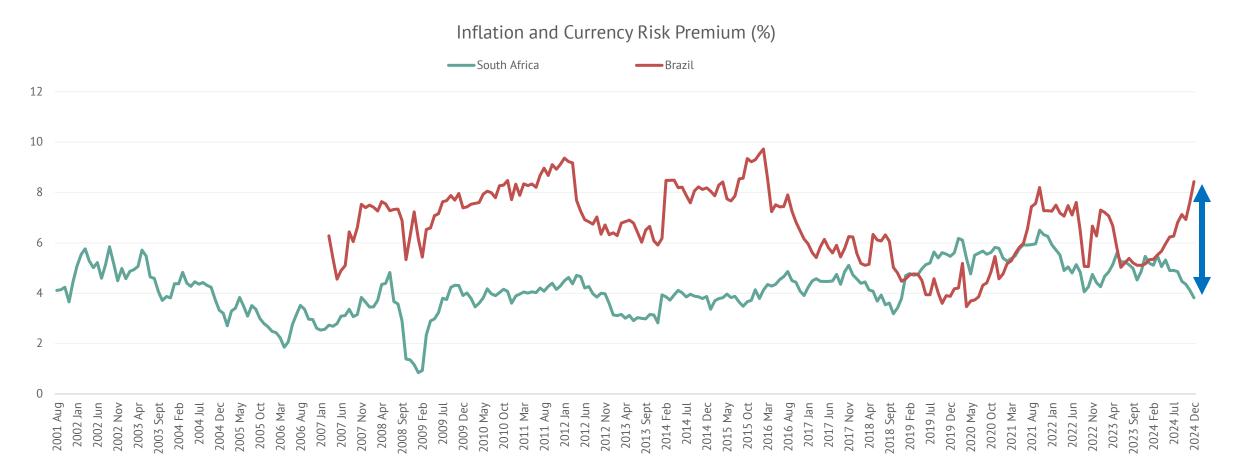
Contained inflation provides a steady investment environment





### **SA** is Attractive in the EM Basket

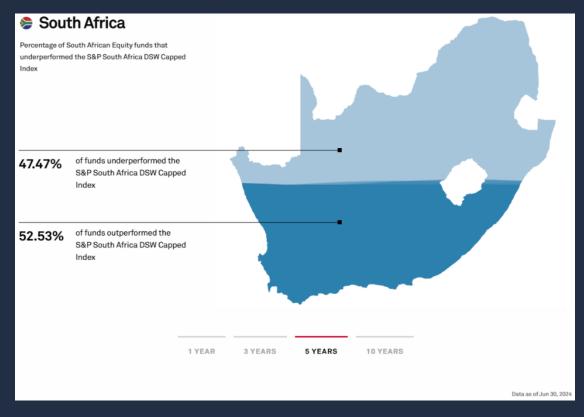
Brazil flagging, SA growth drives us pre-Covid Investment Grade levels

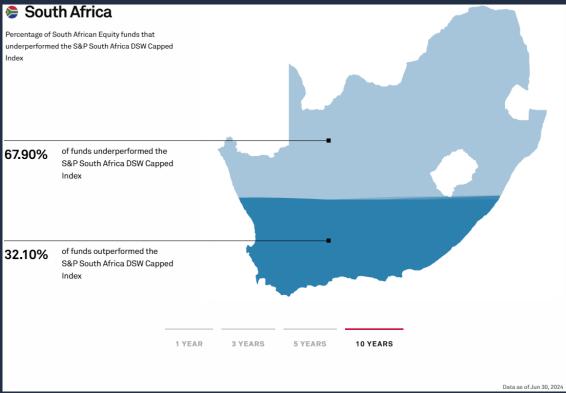




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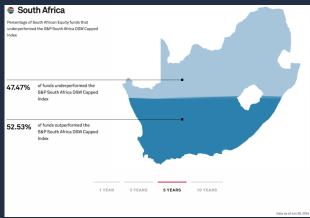


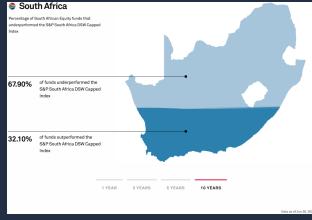


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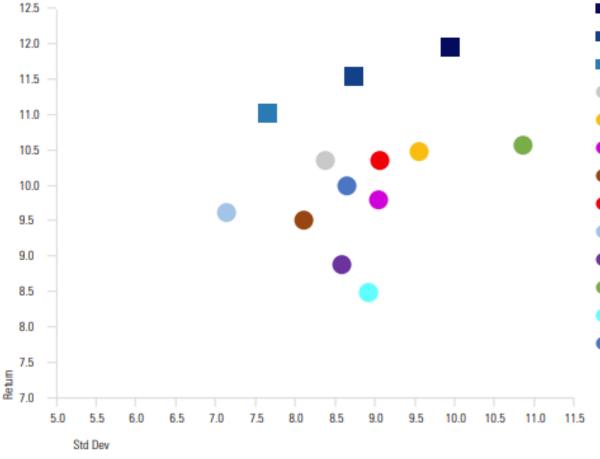
# Portfolio Updates

How are Portfolio's Positioned and Performance Update



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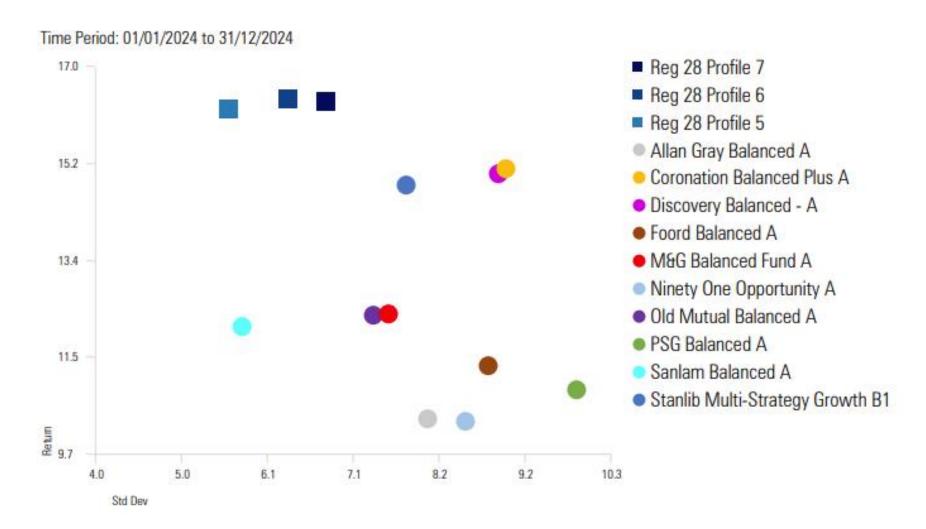
Time Period: Since Common Inception (01/12/2010) to 31/12/2024



- Reg 28 Profile 7
- Reg 28 Profile 6
- Reg 28 Profile 5
- Allan Gray Balanced A
- Coronation Balanced Plus A
- Discovery Balanced A
- Foord Balanced A
- M&G Balanced Fund A
- Ninety One Opportunity A
- Old Mutual Balanced A
- PSG Balanced A
- Sanlam Balanced A
- Stanlib Multi-Strategy Growth B1



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#### **PMX Reg 28 Profile Performance**

	Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Profile 1	0.5	12.3	8.9	8.3	8.5	8.6
Profile 2	0.4	13.3	9.1	8.8	8.5	8.9
Profile 3	0.4	14.5	9.4	9.5	8.8	9.6
ASISA SA MA Low Equity	0.5	12.3	8.1	8.6	7.2	8.0
Profile 4	0.3	15.6	9.8	10.3	9.1	10.4
Profile 5	0.3	16.2	10.0	11.0	9.4	11.0
ASISA SA MA Medium Equity	0.5	12.8	8.0	9.2	7.1	8.5
Profile 6	0.3	16.4	10.3	11.5	9.6	11.5
Profile 7	0.4	16.4	10.3	11.8	9.5	11.9
ASISA SA MA High Equity	0.5	13.5	8.3	10.0	7.4	8.8



Compounding Consistency since 2010

#### **PMX Discretionary Profile Performance**

	ДТD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Disc Profile 1	1.9	12.6	12.6	8.9	8.4	8.4
Disc Profile 2	1.7	13.8	13.8	9.0	8.9	8.5
Disc Profile 3	1.6	15.0	15.0	9.2	9.6	8.9
ASISA) South African MA Low	1.7	12.3	12.3	8.1	8.6	7.2
Disc Profile 4	1.5	15.9	15.9	9.2	10.4	9.1
Disc Profile 5	1.6	16.3	16.3	9.2	11.0	9.4
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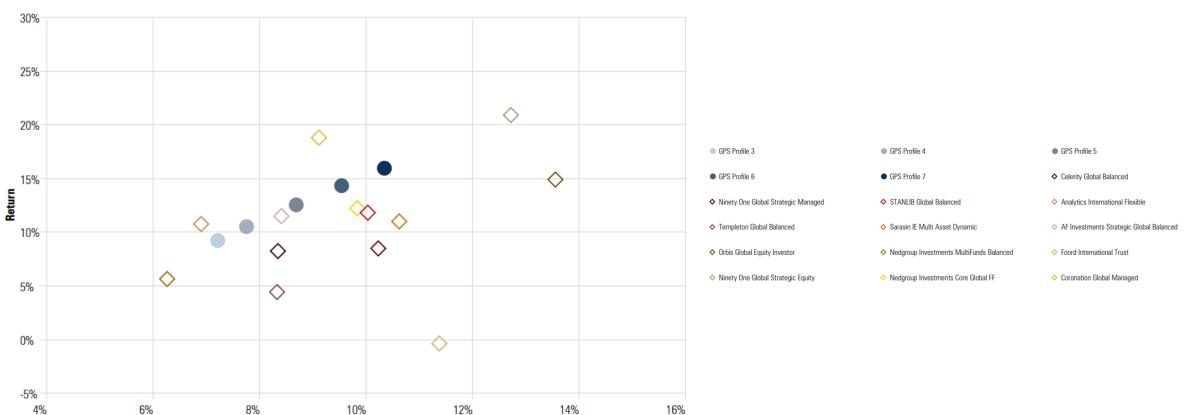
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#### 1 Year Industry Risk-Return Comparison - FSCA Approved Funds - USD UCITS Performance

\*Risk measured as the annualised standard deviation of the weekly total return

Time Period: 07/01/2024 to 28/12/2024





Std Dev

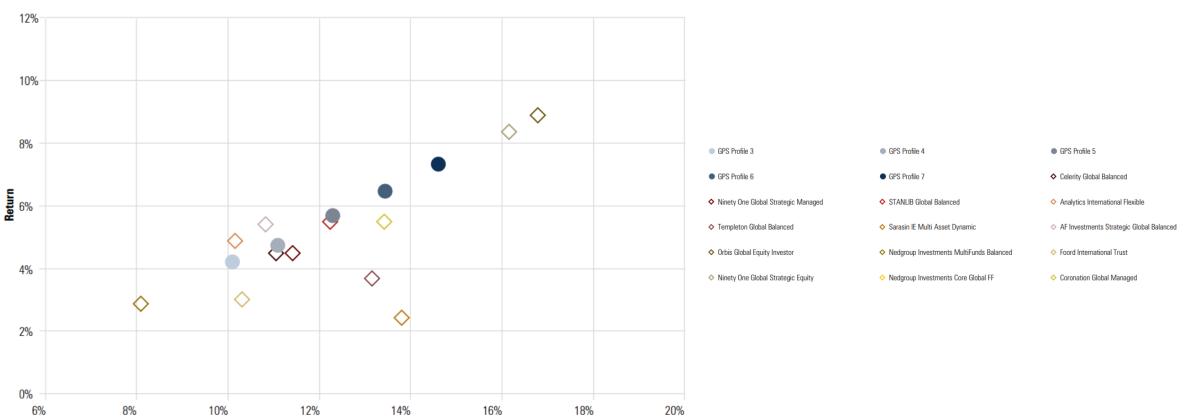
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#### PortfolioMetrix Global Portfolio Series Performance (USD)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
EAA Fund USD Cautious Allocation	-1.3	5.2	5.2	0.2	1.8	2.6
GPS Profile 3	-2.8	7.0	7.0	0.0	3.3	4.2
GPS Profile 4	-2.5	8.3	8.3	0.5	3.9	4.7
EAA Fund USD Moderate Allocation	-1.9	7.3	7.3	0.6	3.2	4.1
GPS Profile 5	-2.1	10.1	10.1	1.4	5.1	5.7
GPS Profile 6	-1.7	11.6	11.6	2.2	6.2	6.5
GPS Profile 7	-1.3	13.0	13.0	2.9	7.1	7.3
EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation	-1.1	10.4	10.4	1.8	5.2	5.6



### **Portfolio Changes**

Active Fund Changes – Reducing Portfolio Concentrations & Lowering Costs

#### **Asset Allocation**

**SA:** Only rebalancing to target. No changes in SA Portfolios despite reviews of the SA.

**GPS:** Reviewed SAA in the GPS range to account for Equity drift and High Yield Bonds

#### **Fixed Income**

**Sovereign:** transitioning away from PIMCO to a more focused iShares Broad strategy

**High Yield**: Removed Asia HY, added NT GHY ESG Bond

#### **Equities**

**DM**: Core and cost-effective range (JPM UK Equity Plus)

**EM**: Changed from regional country allocations to broader general EM mandates

#### **Real Assets**

**Global Property:** replaced Sesfikile GP with Amundi as a core anchor



# Thank you



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