

2024Q2 Quarterly Update

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PORTFOLIOMETRIX
Investment Management *by Design*

Market Overview

A domestic affair



SA Asset Class Performance - ZAR

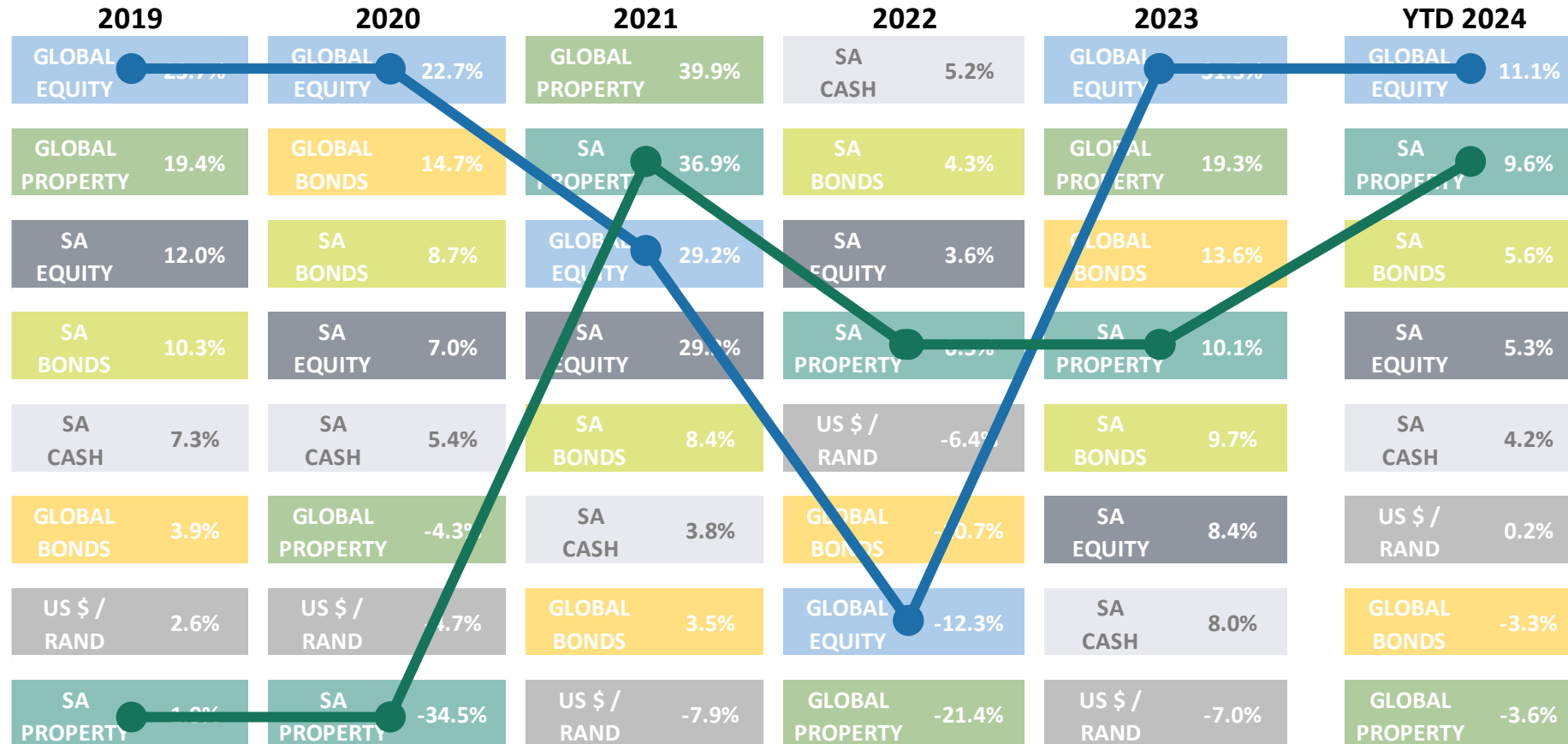
Risk assets rewarded

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
GLOBAL EQUITY 23.7%	GLOBAL EQUITY 22.7%	GLOBAL PROPERTY 39.9%	SA CASH 5.2%	GLOBAL EQUITY 31.3%	GLOBAL EQUITY 11.1%
GLOBAL PROPERTY 19.4%	GLOBAL BONDS 14.7%	SA PROPERTY 36.9%	SA BONDS 4.3%	GLOBAL PROPERTY 19.3%	SA PROPERTY 9.6%
SA EQUITY 12.0%	SA BONDS 8.7%	GLOBAL EQUITY 29.2%	SA EQUITY 3.6%	GLOBAL BONDS 13.6%	SA BONDS 5.6%
SA BONDS 10.3%	SA EQUITY 7.0%	SA EQUITY 29.2%	SA PROPERTY 0.5%	SA PROPERTY 10.1%	SA EQUITY 5.3%
SA CASH 7.3%	SA CASH 5.4%	SA BONDS 8.4%	US \$ / RAND -6.4%	SA BONDS 9.7%	SA CASH 4.2%
GLOBAL BONDS 3.9%	GLOBAL PROPERTY -4.3%	SA CASH 3.8%	GLOBAL BONDS -10.7%	SA EQUITY 8.4%	US \$ / RAND 0.2%
US \$ / RAND 2.6%	US \$ / RAND -4.7%	GLOBAL BONDS 3.5%	GLOBAL EQUITY -12.3%	SA CASH 8.0%	GLOBAL BONDS -3.3%
SA PROPERTY 1.9%	SA PROPERTY -34.5%	US \$ / RAND -7.9%	GLOBAL PROPERTY -21.4%	US \$ / RAND -7.0%	GLOBAL PROPERTY -3.6%

SA Asset Class Performance - ZAR

Risk assets rewarded

Global Equity +146%
SA Property +11%



Global Asset Class Performance - USD

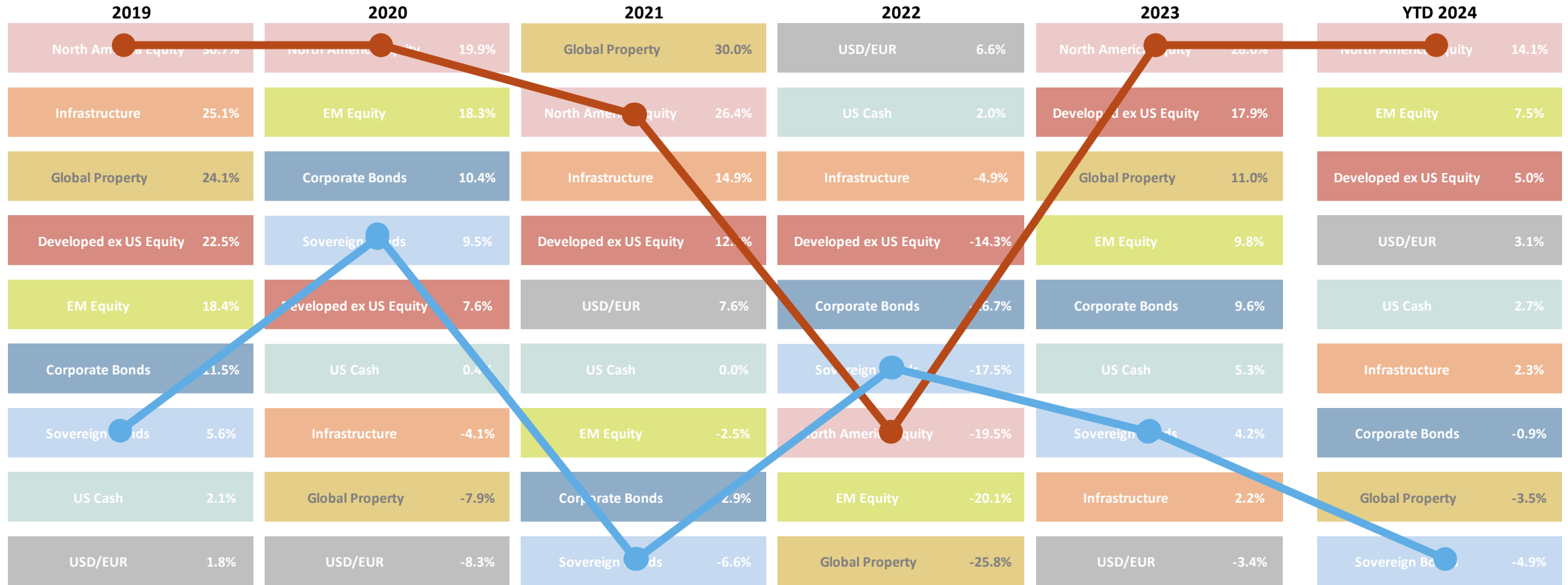
US equities drive returns globally

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD 2024
North America Equity 30.7%	North America Equity 19.9%	Global Property 30.0%	USD/EUR 6.6%	North America Equity 26.0%	North America Equity 14.1%
Infrastructure 25.1%	EM Equity 18.3%	North America Equity 26.4%	US Cash 2.0%	Developed ex US Equity 17.9%	EM Equity 7.5%
Global Property 24.1%	Corporate Bonds 10.4%	Infrastructure 14.9%	Infrastructure -4.9%	Global Property 11.0%	Developed ex US Equity 5.0%
Developed ex US Equity 22.5%	Sovereign Bonds 9.5%	Developed ex US Equity 12.6%	Developed ex US Equity -14.3%	EM Equity 9.8%	USD/EUR 3.1%
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Sovereign Bonds 5.6%	Infrastructure -4.1%	EM Equity -2.5%	North America Equity -19.5%	Sovereign Bonds 4.2%	Corporate Bonds -0.9%
US Cash 2.1%	Global Property -7.9%	Corporate Bonds -2.9%	EM Equity -20.1%	Infrastructure 2.2%	Global Property -3.5%
USD/EUR 1.8%	USD/EUR -8.3%	Sovereign Bonds -6.6%	Global Property -25.8%	USD/EUR -3.4%	Sovereign Bonds -4.9%

Global Asset Class Performance - USD

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North American Eq. +75%
Sovereign Bonds -16%





Looming US election risk
UK and French Elections
Indian elections
Brazilian elections
South African Elections
Artificial Intelligence
Magnificent 7
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Easing policy rates
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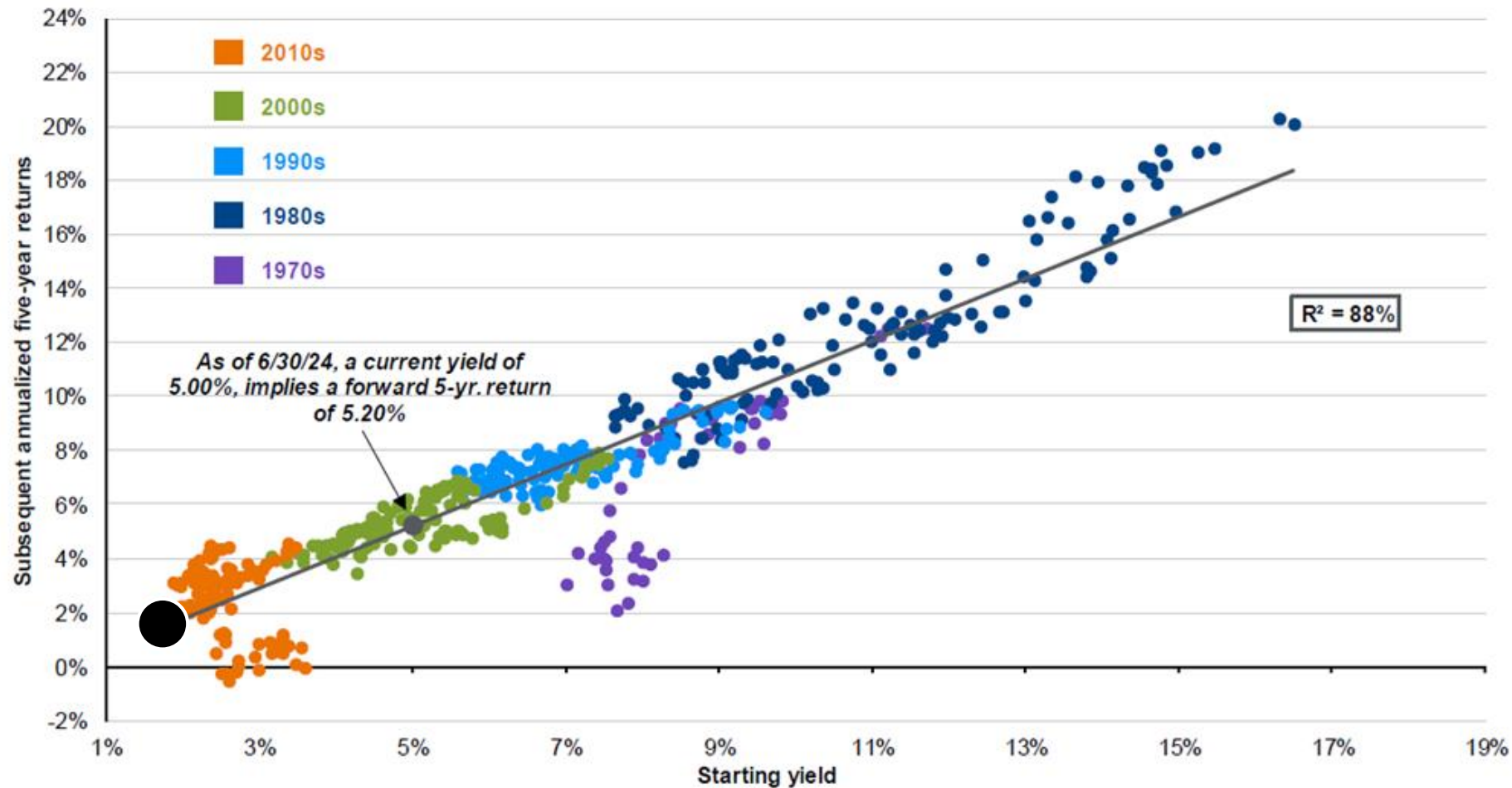
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Reasonable valuations ex-Tech



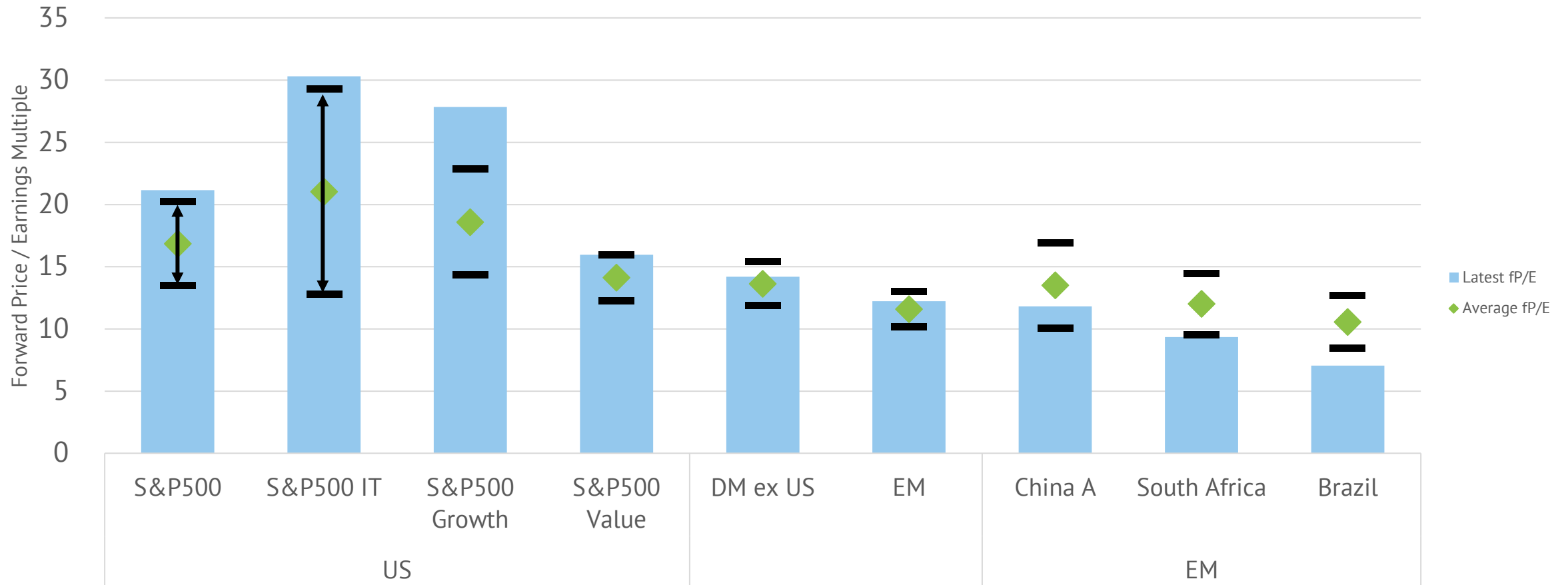
Attractive Global Bond Valuations

US Bonds: yield-to-worst and subsequent returns



Beyond the Magnificent 7

Global equity valuations



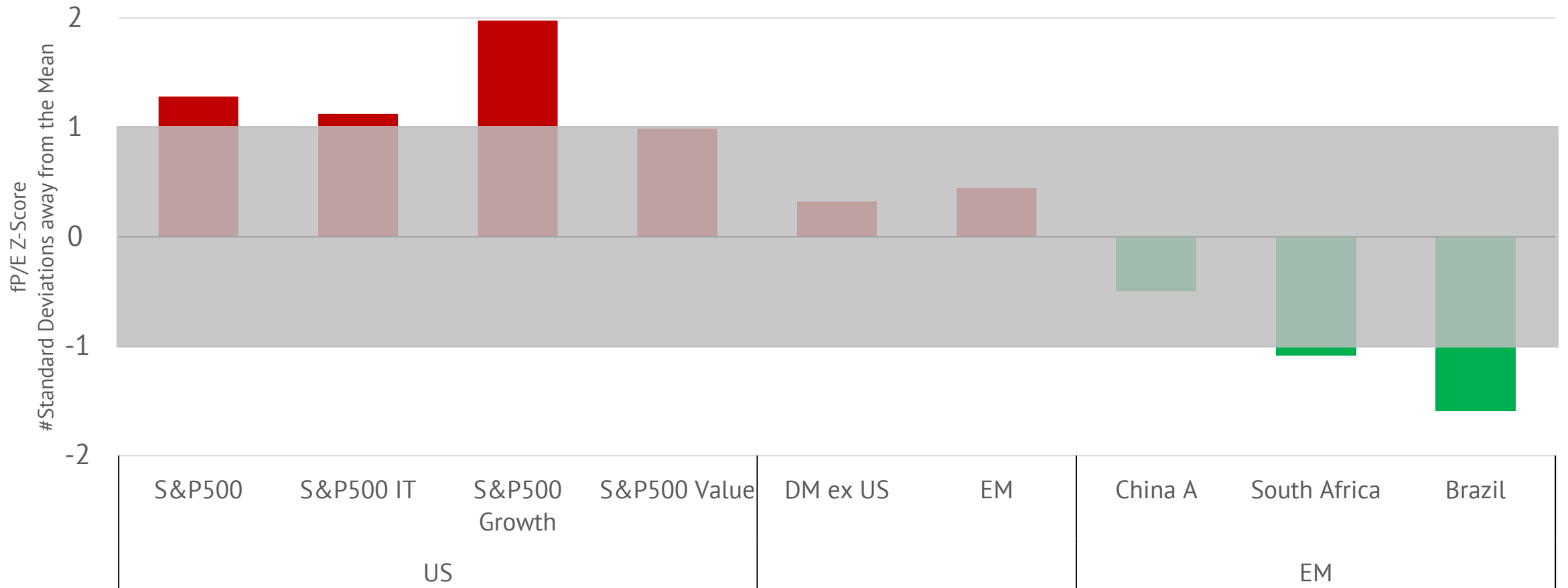
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Beyond the Magnificent 7

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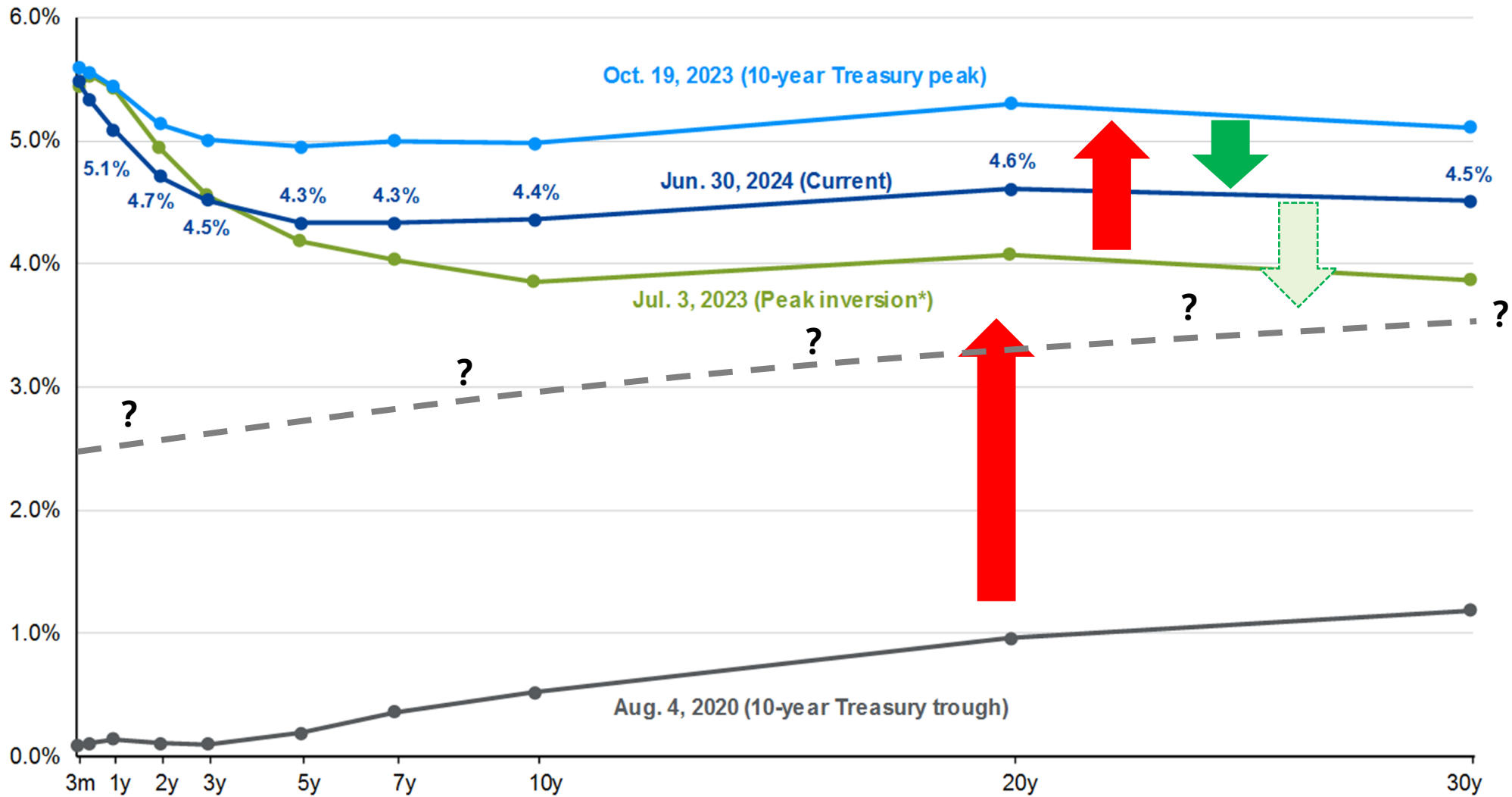


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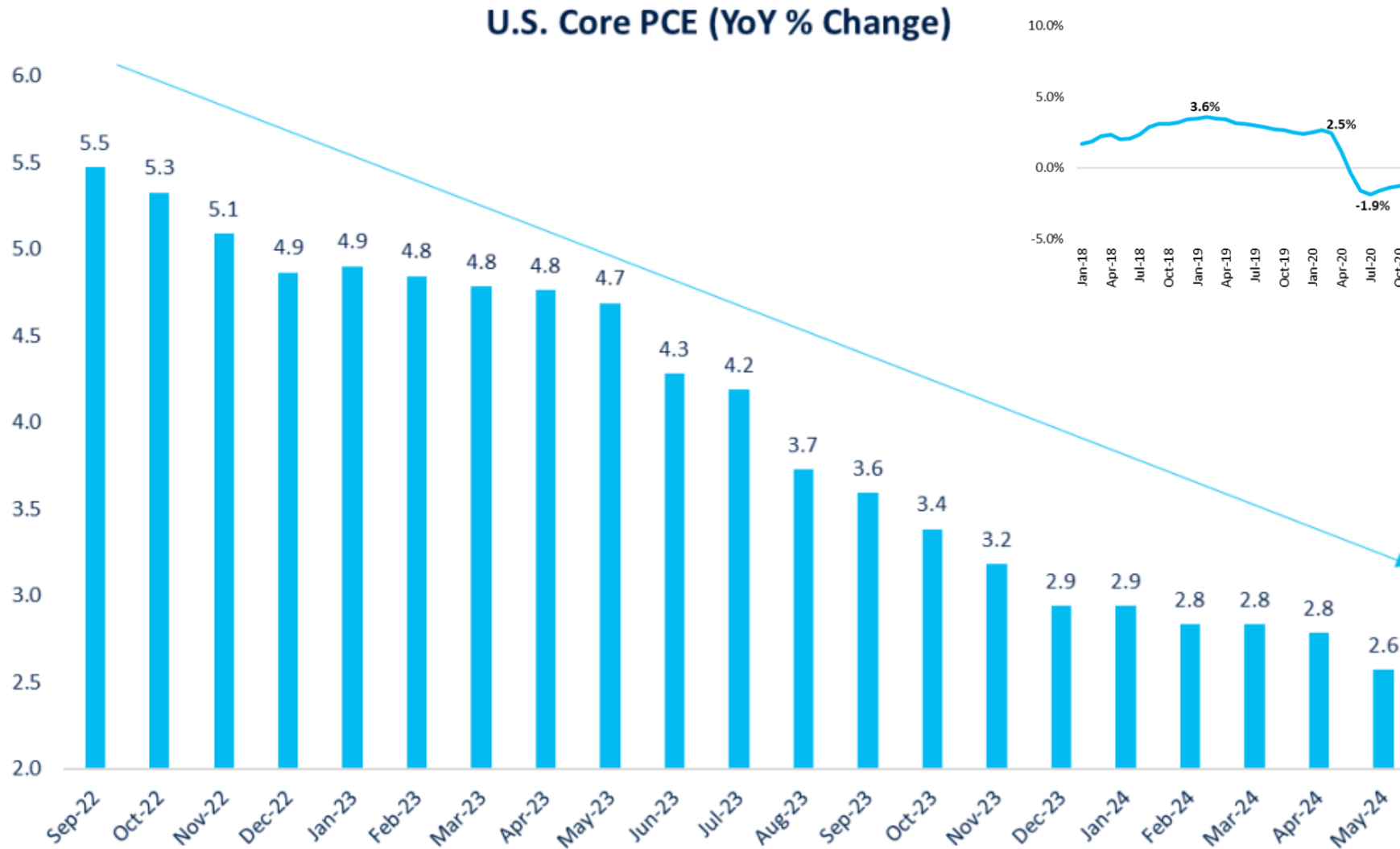
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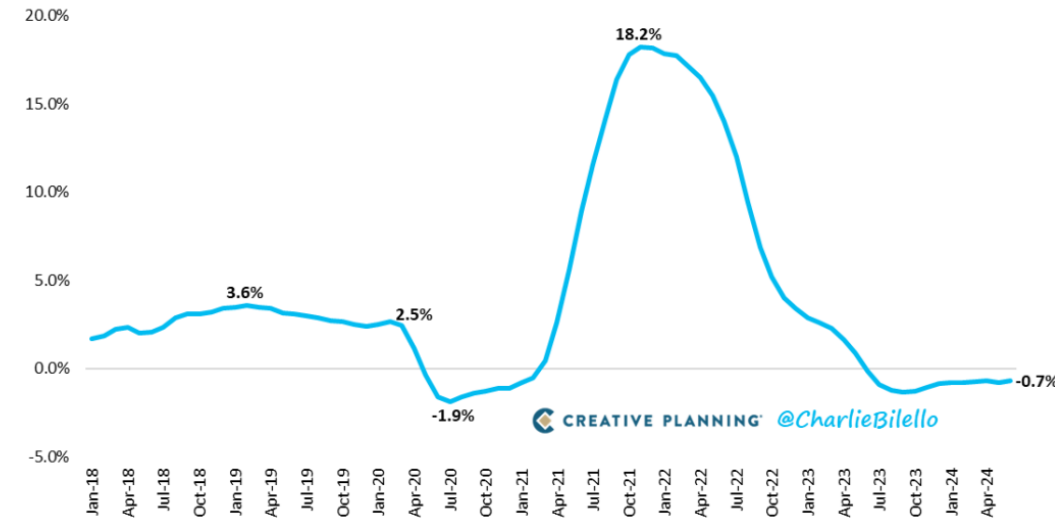
US Yield Curve



Falling US Inflation



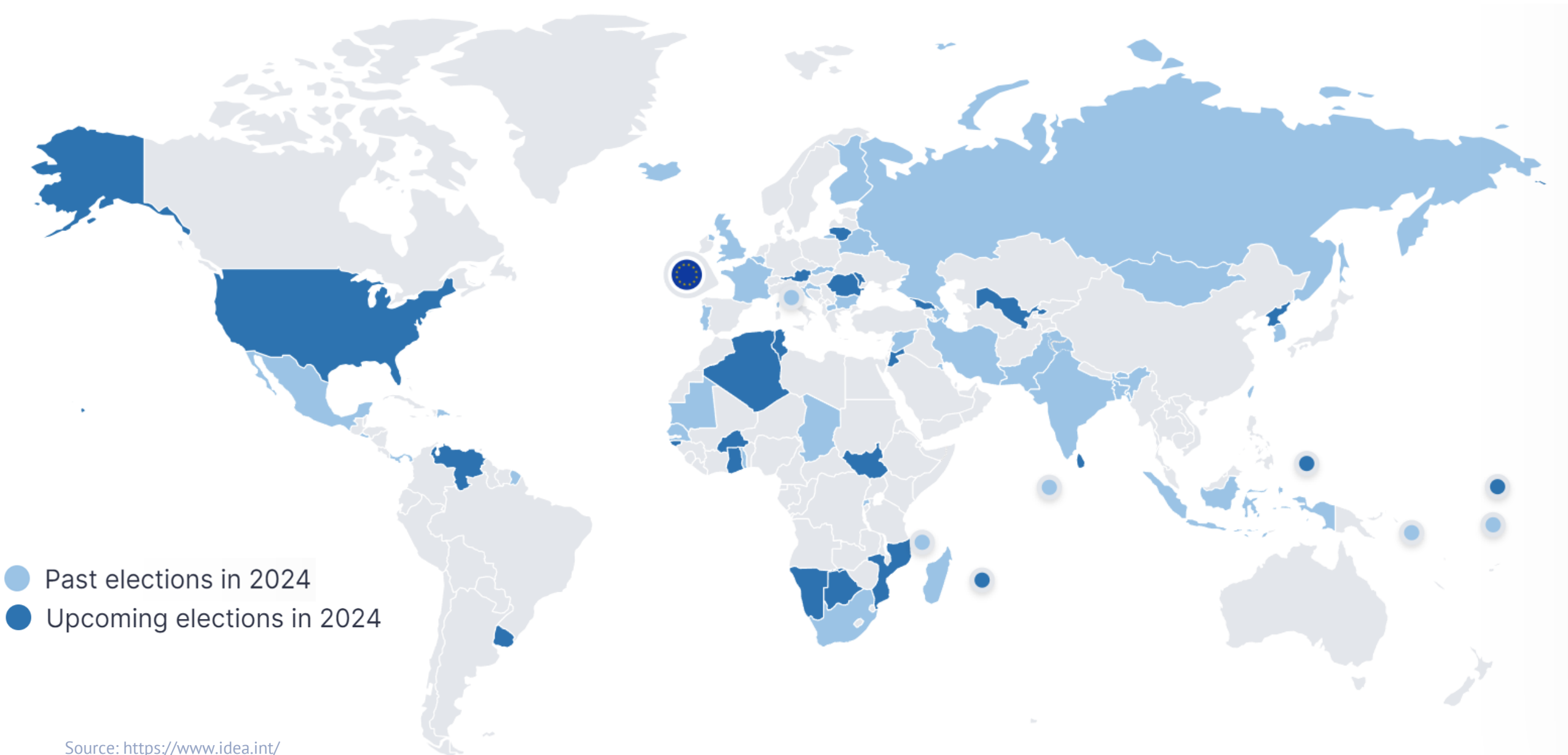
U.S. Monthly Rent (National Median), YoY % Change
Data via ApartmentList through June 2024



Global Elections



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Source: <https://www.idea.int/>

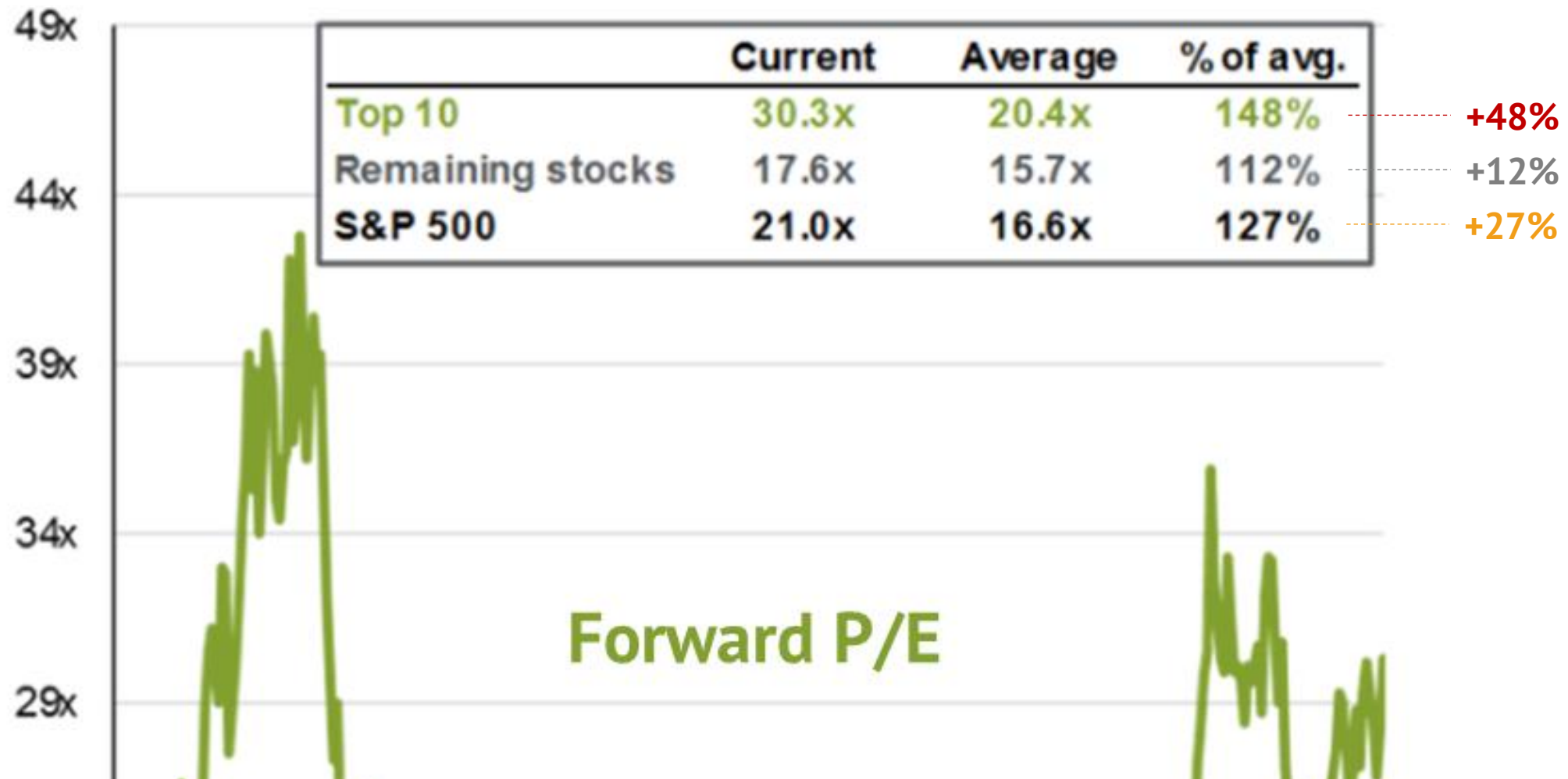
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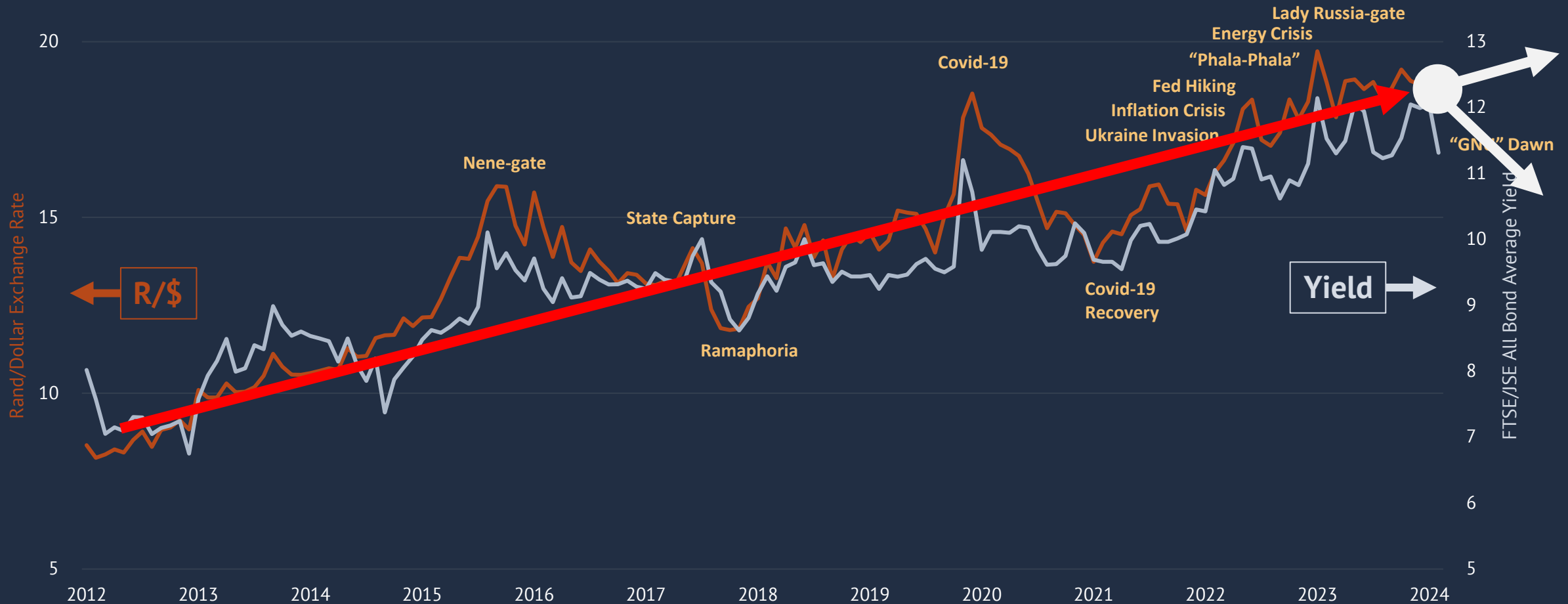
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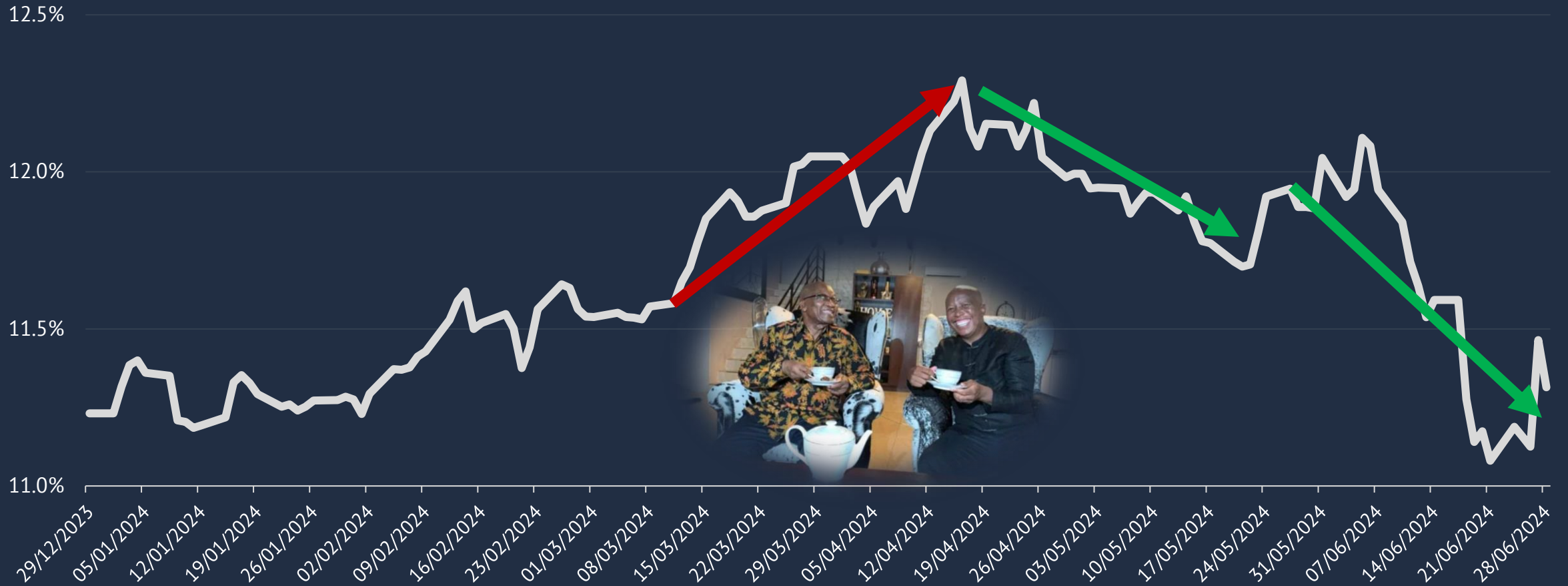
Trending negative sentiment

Can SA reverse the trend with a GNU Dawn?



MK-EFFect

SA Bond Yields

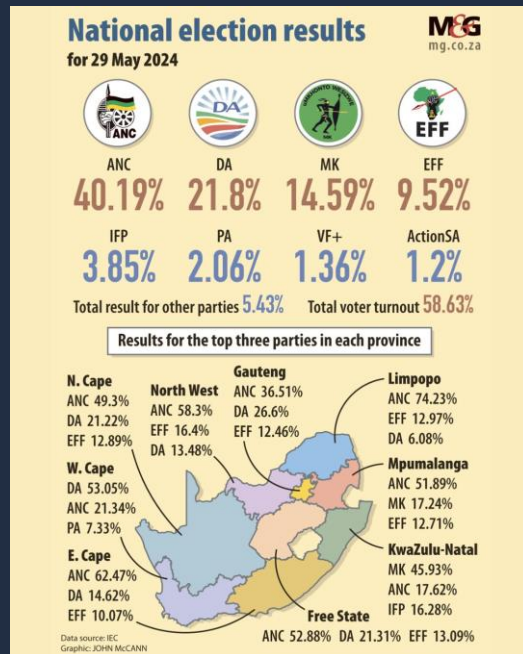


A Maturing Democracy

ANC below 50%

Free and Fair Election

Government of National Unity



What does this mean for your Investments?

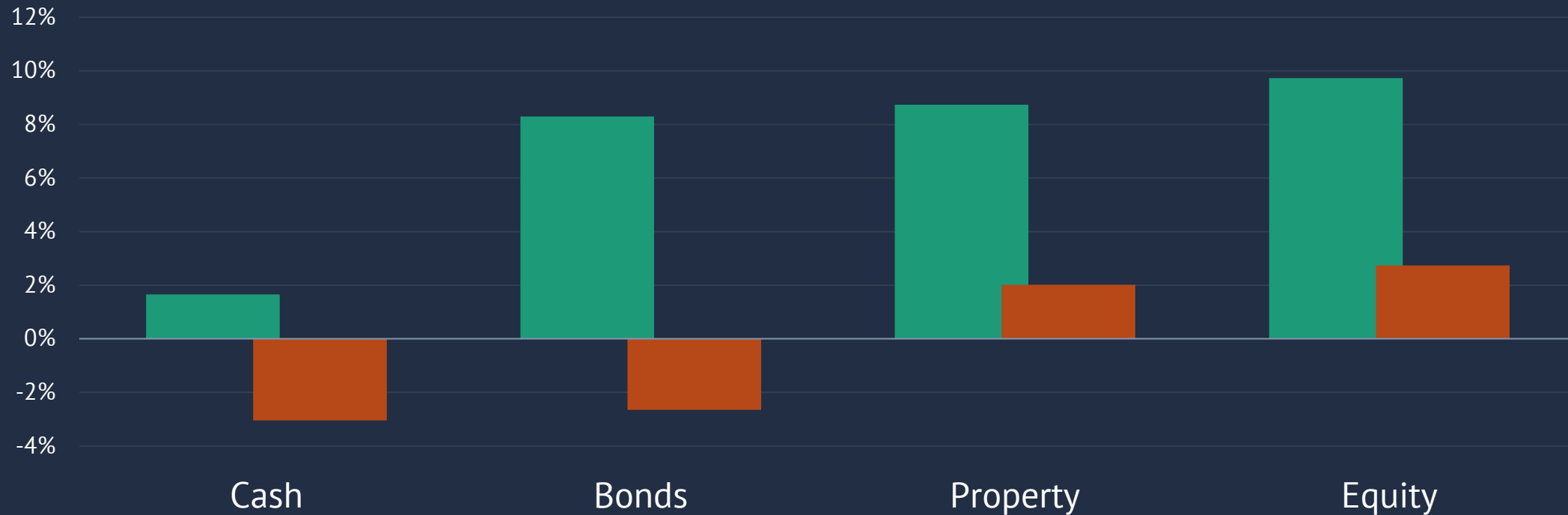


SA rand
improved by
+4.5%

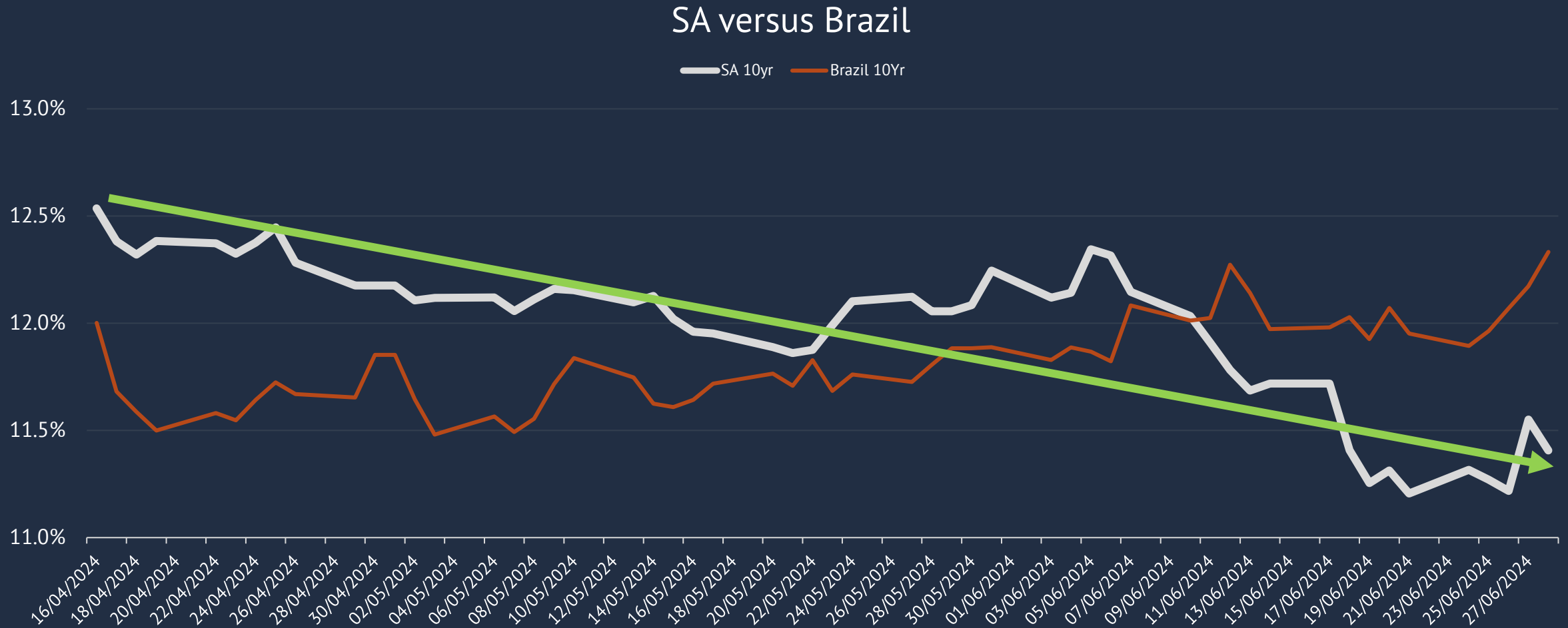
SA Election Rally

Return from mid-April to end June 2024

SA Global

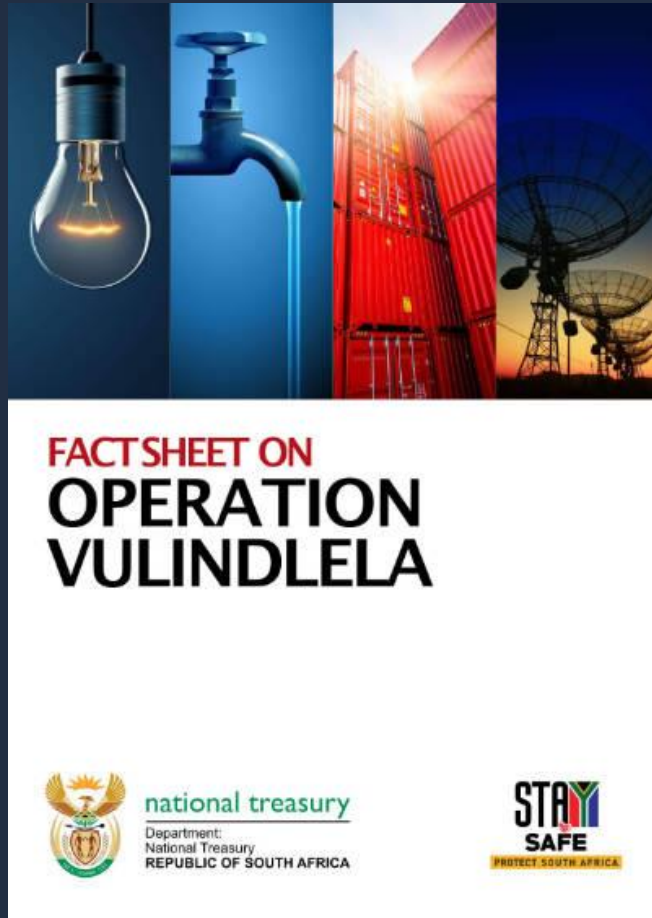


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This is not Ramaphoria 2.0?

Remain optimistically cautious, don't miss the opportunity



OPERATION VULINDLELA

Priority reforms in the network industries

ELECTRICITY



DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS



WATER



FREIGHT TRANSPORT



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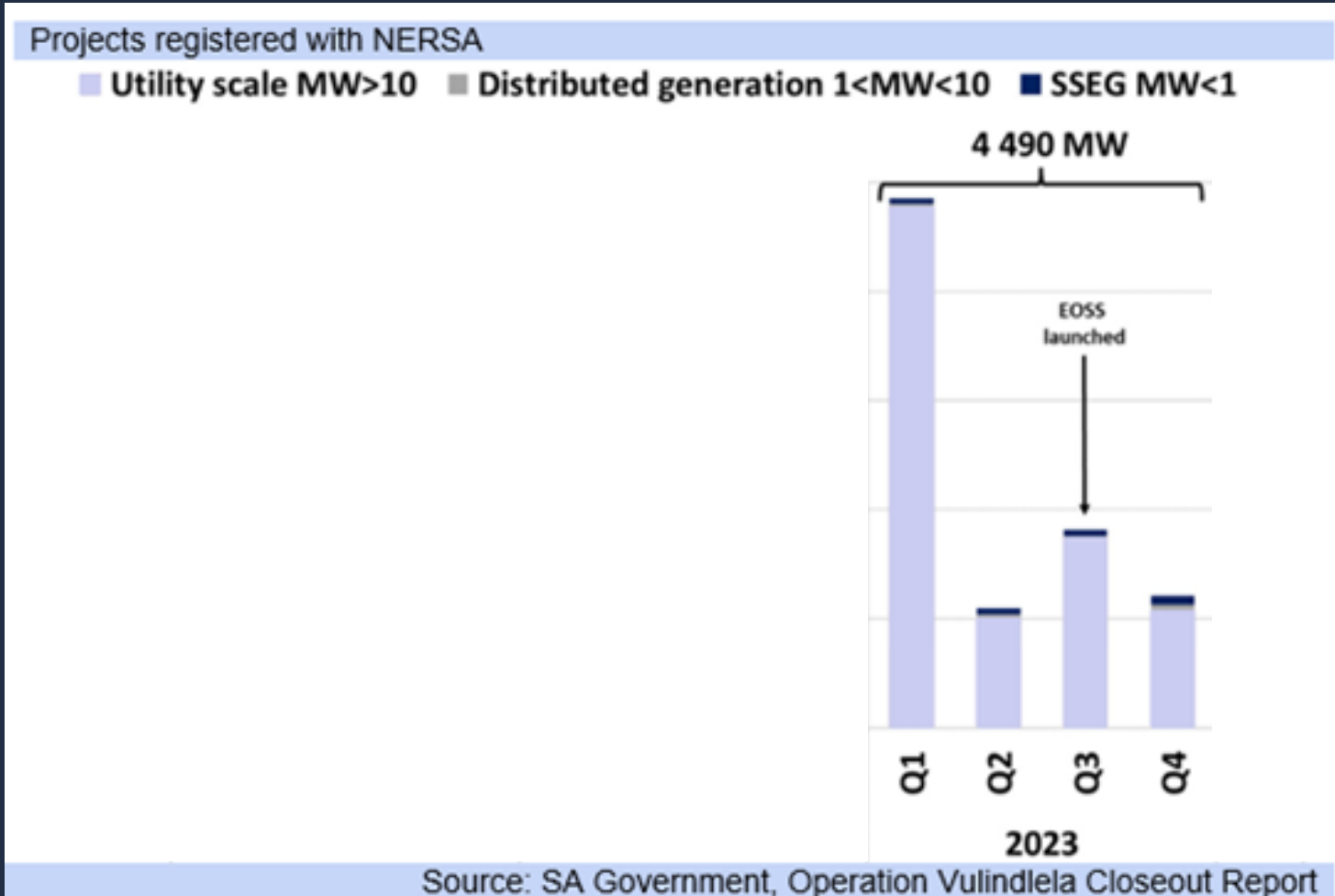
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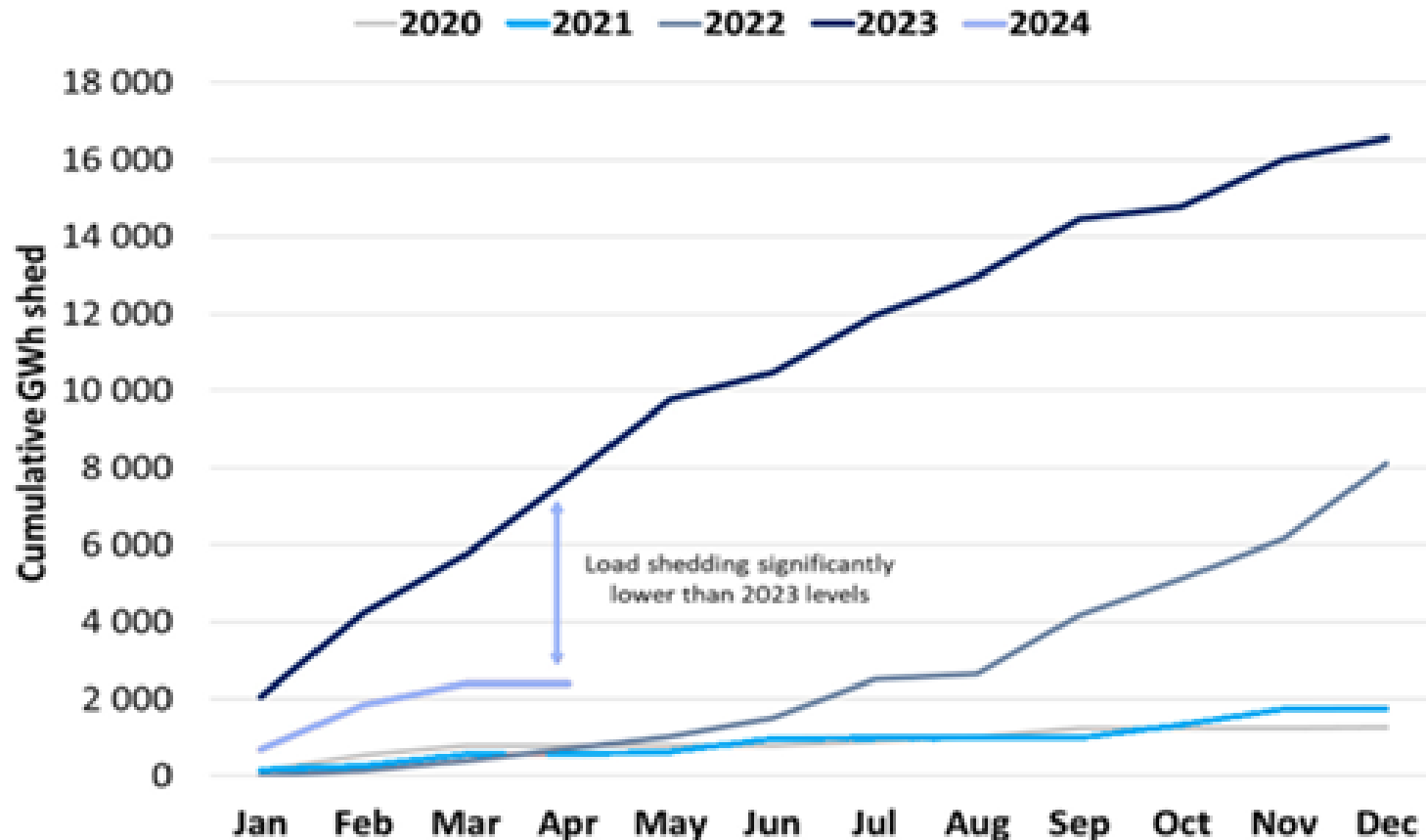


Medupi
17 years, 4.5 GW

What lies ahead for SA

Eskom

Cumulative load shedding (GWh), 2020 to present



Source: SA Government, Operation Vulindlela Closeout Report



What does the future hold?



We operate in a world of risk,
More things can happen than
actually do.

“It ain’t what you don’t know
that gets you into trouble.
It’s what you know for sure that
just ain’t so.” – Mark Twain



TOYOTA

LAND CRUISER

Portfolio Update

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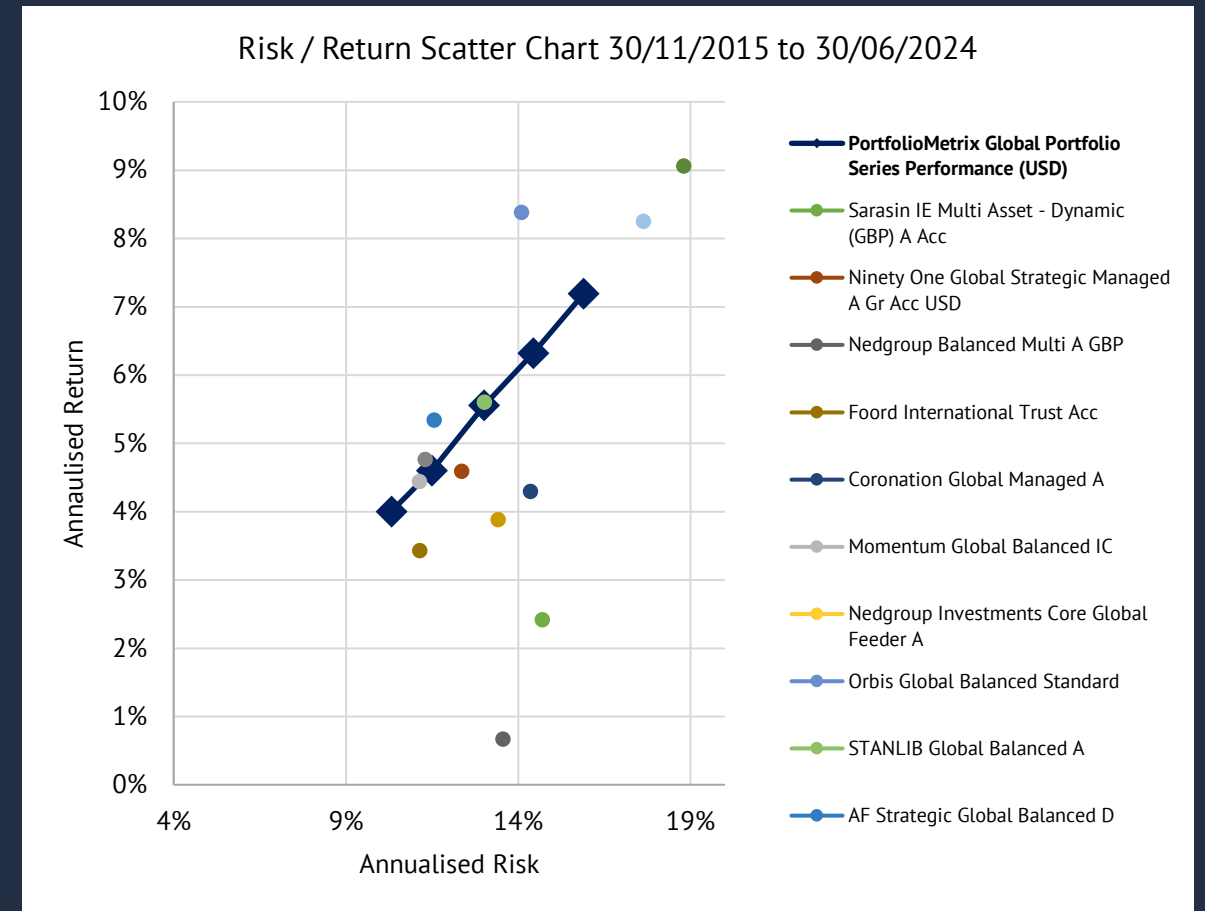
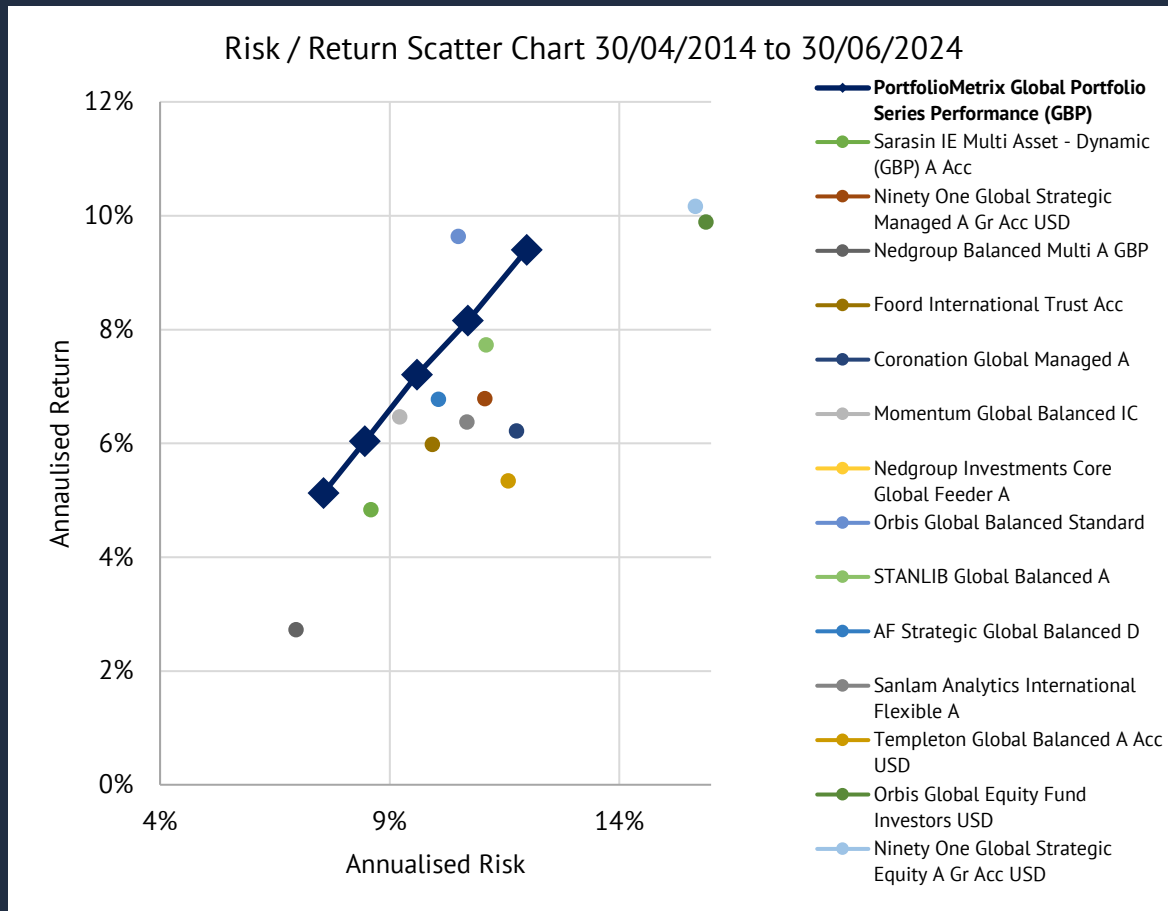
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Investment Management **by Design**

Agenda

- Long Term Performance
- The Last Five Years – Process Enhancements
- Portfolio Changes
- SA Equity 10 Year Track Record
- A Simulation Exercise

Long Term Performance

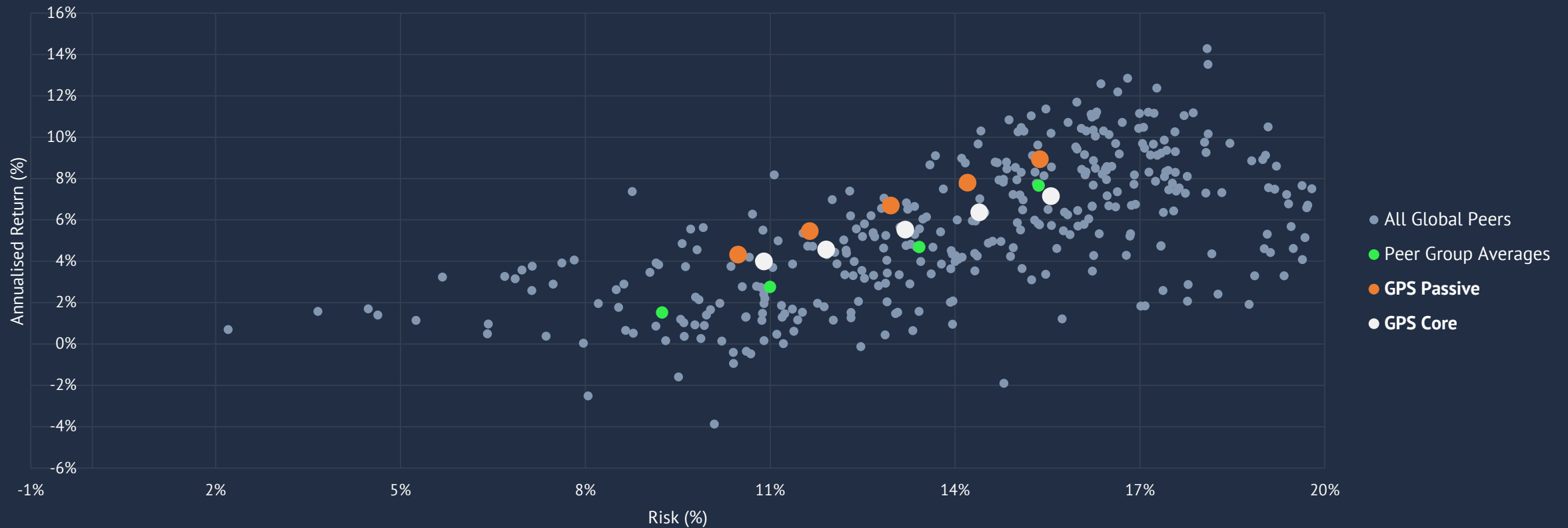
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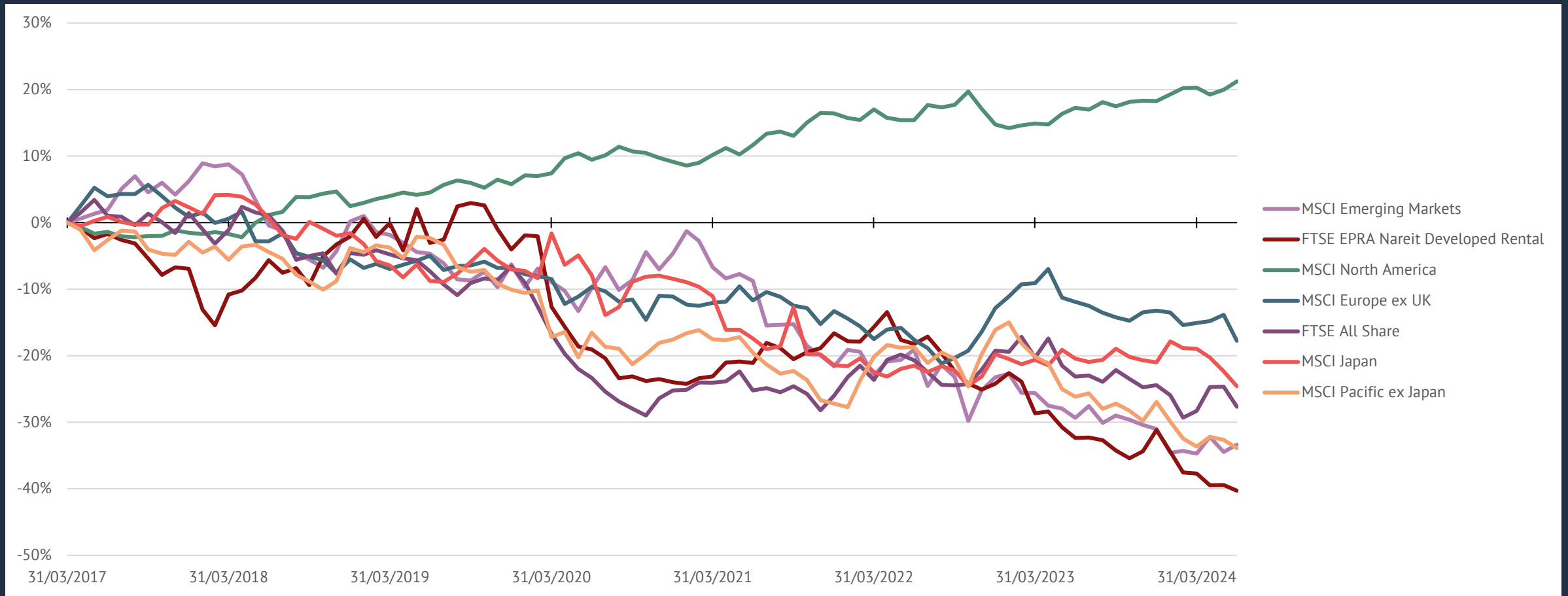
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GPS Performance versus Global Peers from 2017/03/31 to 2024/06/30



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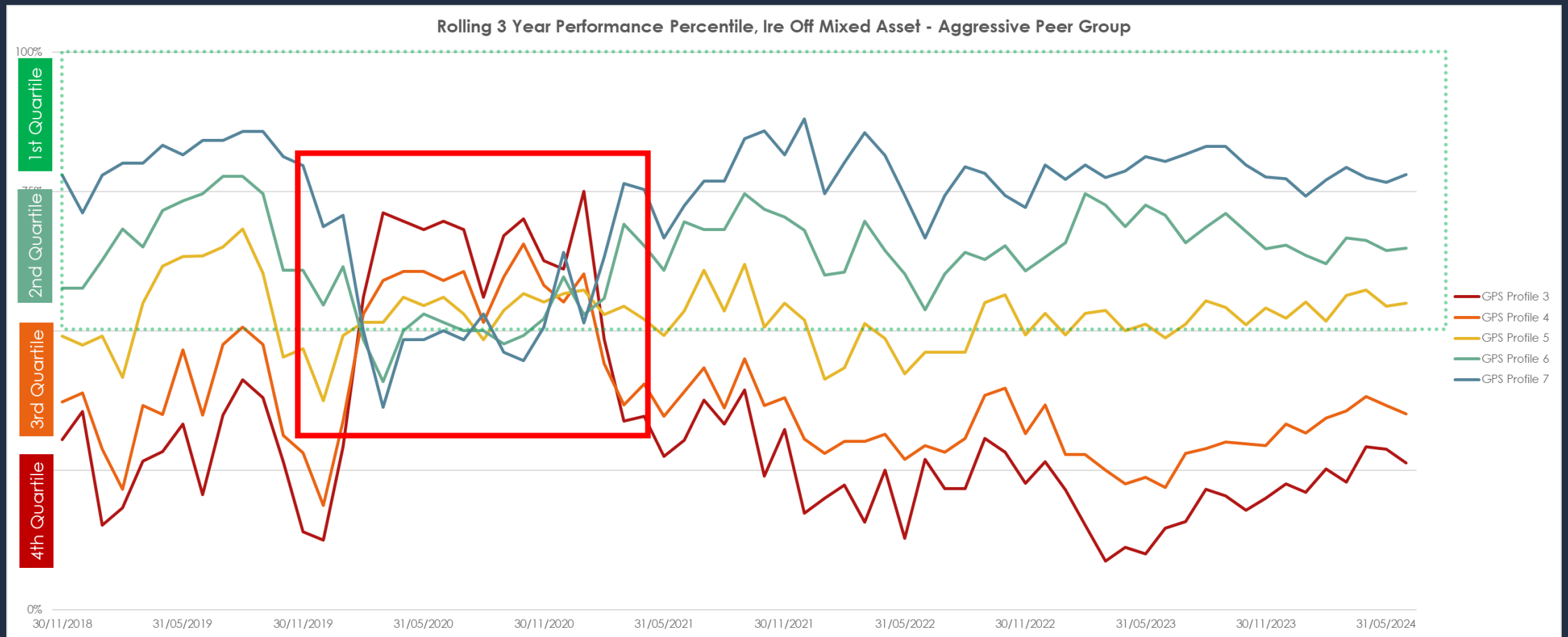
In a market that has rewarded concentration, it makes sense that diversified portfolios have underperformed



Long Term Performance

Whether you look at the Core or the Passive product, it has done what it said on the tin

However, reflections and improvements were needed



The Last Five Years – Process Enhancements

So, they say...

“What gets measured gets managed”

BUT...

Not everything that matters can be measured. Not everything that we can measure matters.

Active Risk

We have walked a long road to fine tune our “lens”

07/05/2020

Tracking Error Analysis

Agenda

Diagnosing the current levels of active risk

- Analysis Background and Sources of Tracking Error
- Quantifying and Decomposing TE in the PMX Global Equity Portfolio
- Phase two and the broader project

21/05/2020

Tracking Error Analysis

Agenda

Characterise Risk

- Stability of Tracking Error
- Higher Moments of Distribution
 - Skew and Kurtosis of Excess Return
- Stressed Markets: Vol and Tracking
- Contribution to Portfolio Risk
- Marginal Contribution to Active Risk

11/06/2020

Active Risk Guidelines

Objective

1. The costs and benefits of active management
2. Characteristics of a good active manager
3. Regional prospects for success
4. Decision Making Framework
 - a. Active Regional Bets
 - b. Active vs Passive vs Blend

Active Risk

Not all active risks are the same

Summary table for each individual's most favored fund selection lever to pull:

Team Member	Most Favored	Second Favorite
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BZ	Credit decisions	Idiosyncratic/stock picking
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TR	Factor	Credit decisions
BdJ	Idiosyncratic/stock picking	Credit decisions
RB	Idiosyncratic/stock picking	Credit decisions

Summary table for each individual's least favored fund selection lever to pull:

Team Member	Least Favored	Second Least Favorite
NS	Tactical trading/market timing	Thematics
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OJ	Systematic biases	Tactical trading/market timing
CT	Tactical trading/market timing	Systematic biases
BZ	Style (deliberate)	Systematic biases
PB	Style (deliberate) & Tactical trading/market timing	Thematics
LD	Thematics	Style (deliberate)
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3.2 Unrewarded Risks

Unrewarded risks introduce empty risk to portfolios. These are risks that provide no long-term benefit but merely increase variability and “noise” to the portfolio. All effort should be made to diversify these risks and avoid any material active exposure. Good examples of uncompensated risks are:

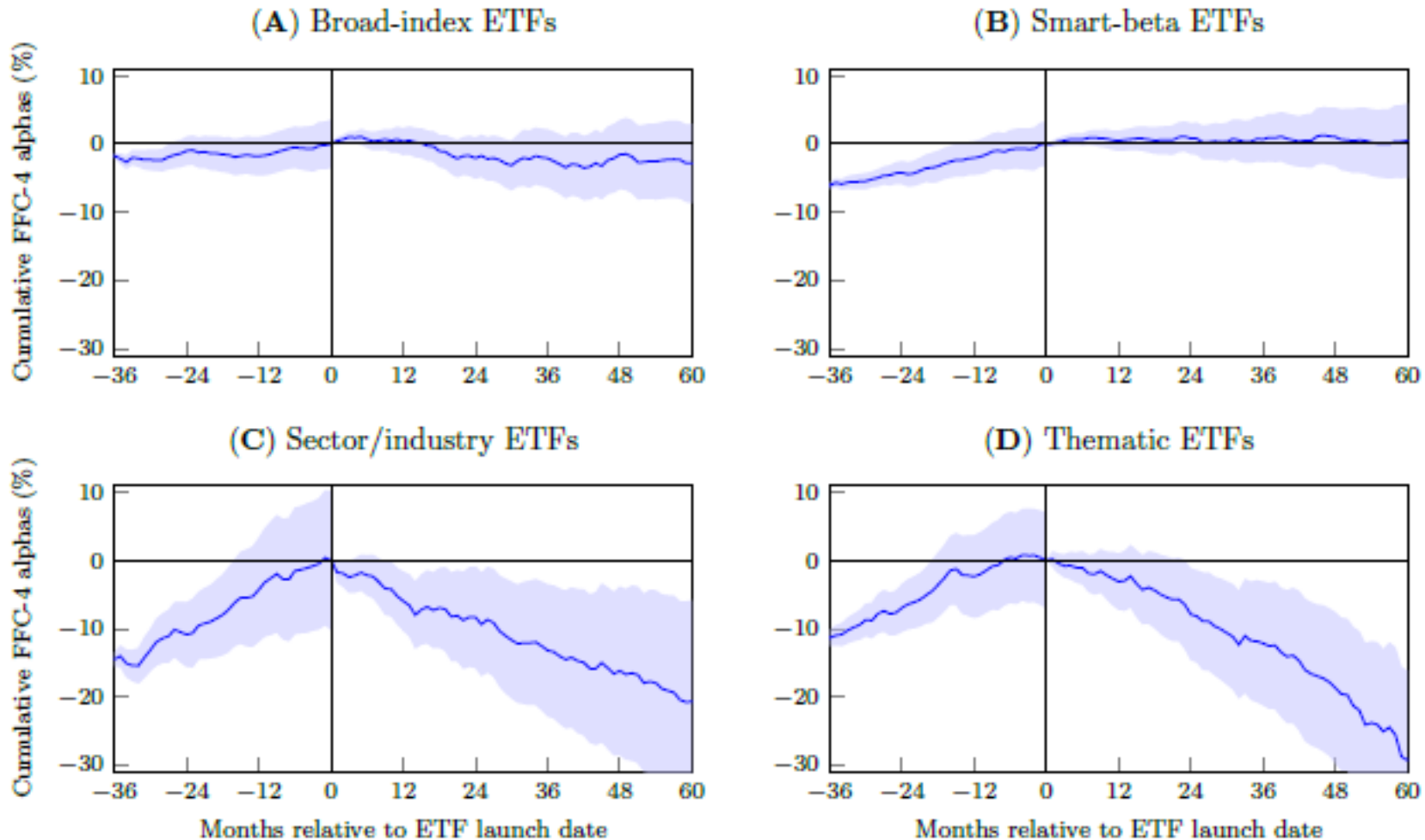
- Currency
- Sector
- Country / region
- Commodity prices (e.g. oil prices)

Implementation choices that typically demonstrate high exposure to uncompensated risks include:

- Implementations driven by *strong sector biases or tilts* generally
- Strategies that follow a process whereby valuation models are overwhelmingly driven by *macro views*.
- *Thematic funds* inevitably carry strong sector bias/es that results from targeting a particular theme. Examples of thematic funds would be clean energy investing, sustainable world portfolios, rapid urbanisation, climate change or demographics.

Active Risk

Knowing what you don't want is just as powerful as knowing what you do want



The Last Five Years – Process Enhancements

What is important to us

ASSET ALLOCATION

$$\text{Sharpe Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_f}{\sigma_p}$$

R_p – Return of Portfolio

R_f – Risk – free Rate

σ_p – Standard Deviation of Portfolio Returns

IMPLEMENTATION

$$\text{Information Ratio} = \frac{R_p - R_b}{\sigma_{(R_p - R_b)}}$$

R_p – Return of Portfolio

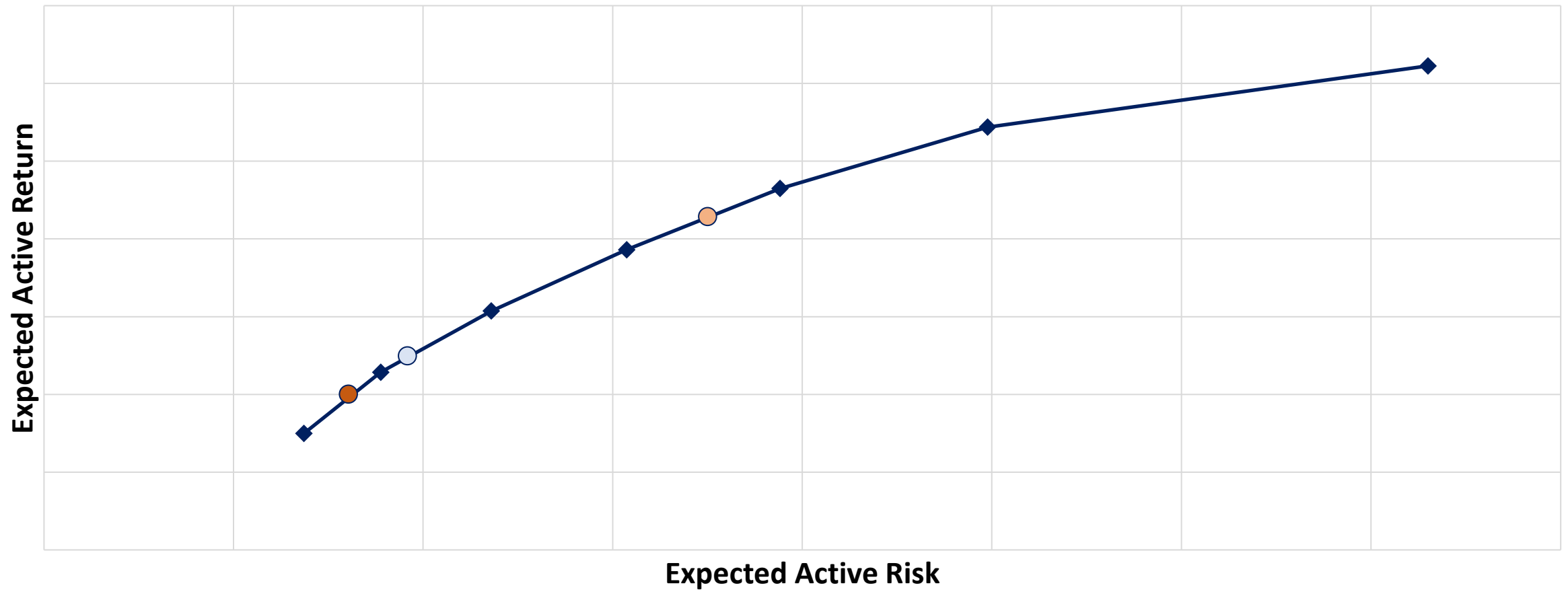
R_b – Return of Benchmark

$\sigma_{(R_p - R_b)}$ – Tracking Error

Implementation

Maximising excess return per unit of excess risk

Active Risk Optimisation



◆ Efficient Frontier ○ Optimal Tangency ● Return Target Portfolio ● TE Target Portfolio

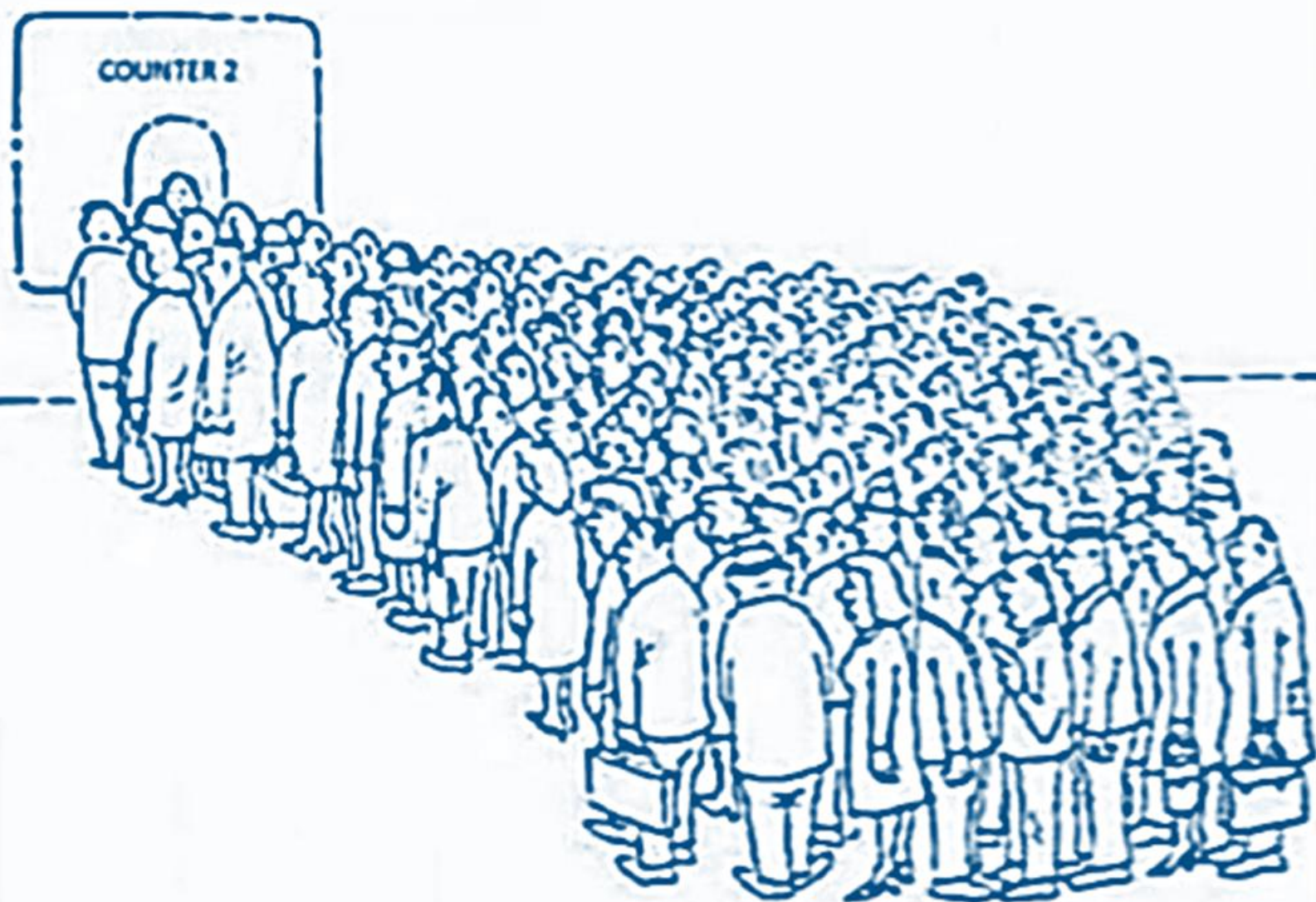
Implementation

What we look for

- Many **independent** (uncorrelated) positions
- Appropriately **scaled**
- Position sizes and exposures are **deliberately** taken
- Low reliance on factor concentrations or macro-economic variables
- Strong bias to portfolio risk management (measurement, quantification, evidence)
- Prefer activeness in active share rather than tracking error

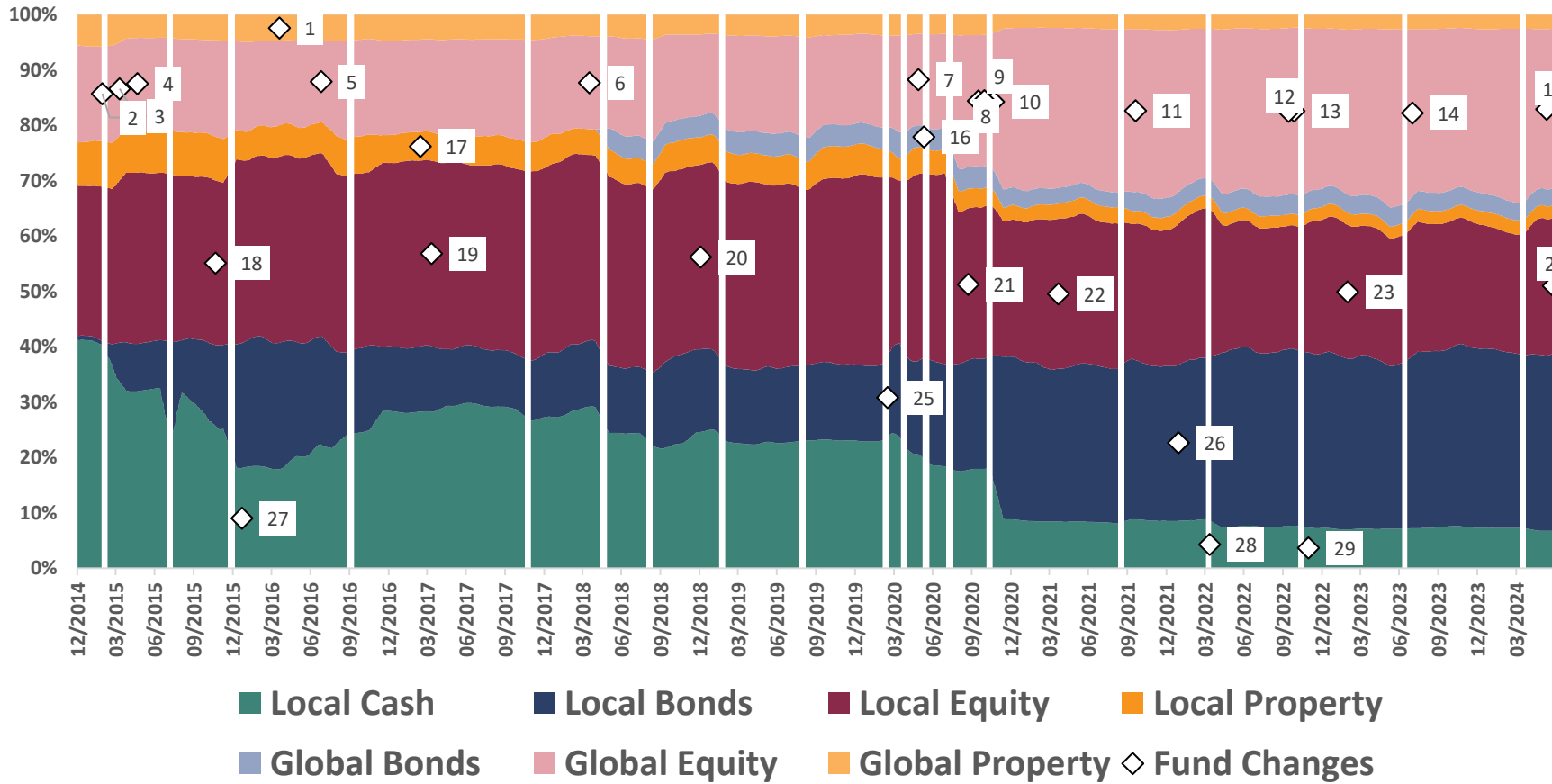
Portfolio construction
Positioning, sizing

Stock picking
Specific investments



Implementation

The Result

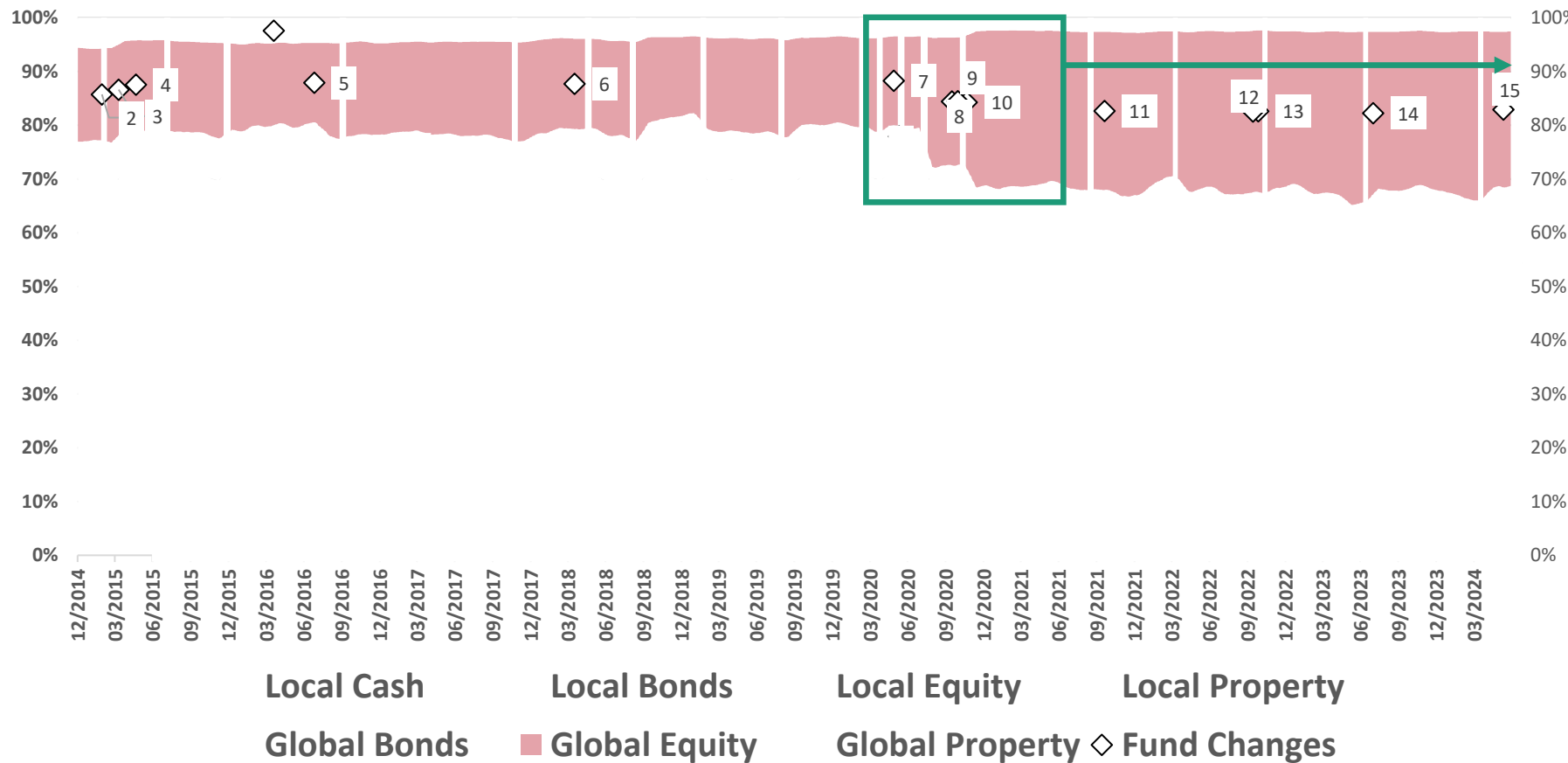


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10	Divested from Merrian North American Equity
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13	Switched Fidelity LatAm Fund for iShares LatAm ETF
14	Switched Man GLG Japan Core Alpha for M&G Japan
15	Switched Brown Advisory into William Blair
16	Divested from Stanlib Global Bond Fund
17	Introduced Absa Property, Downweighted Sesfikile
18	Switch from PSG SA Equity into NinetyOne SA Equity
19	Switch from MET SA Equity into 36One SA Equity
20	Divested from Truffle General Equity
21	Divested from Laurium Equity
22	Introduced Matrix SA Equity
23	Downweighted Fairtree
24	Downweighted NY1 & Matrix, Upweighted 36One & Fairtree
25	Divested from Stanlib Income Fund
26	Introduced NinetyOne Corp Bond Fund & PMX takes on Seg. Portion
27	Introduced BCI Income Plus
28	Divested from Nedgroup Flex Income & Introduced Taquanta Active Income
29	Divested from Coronation Strategic Income



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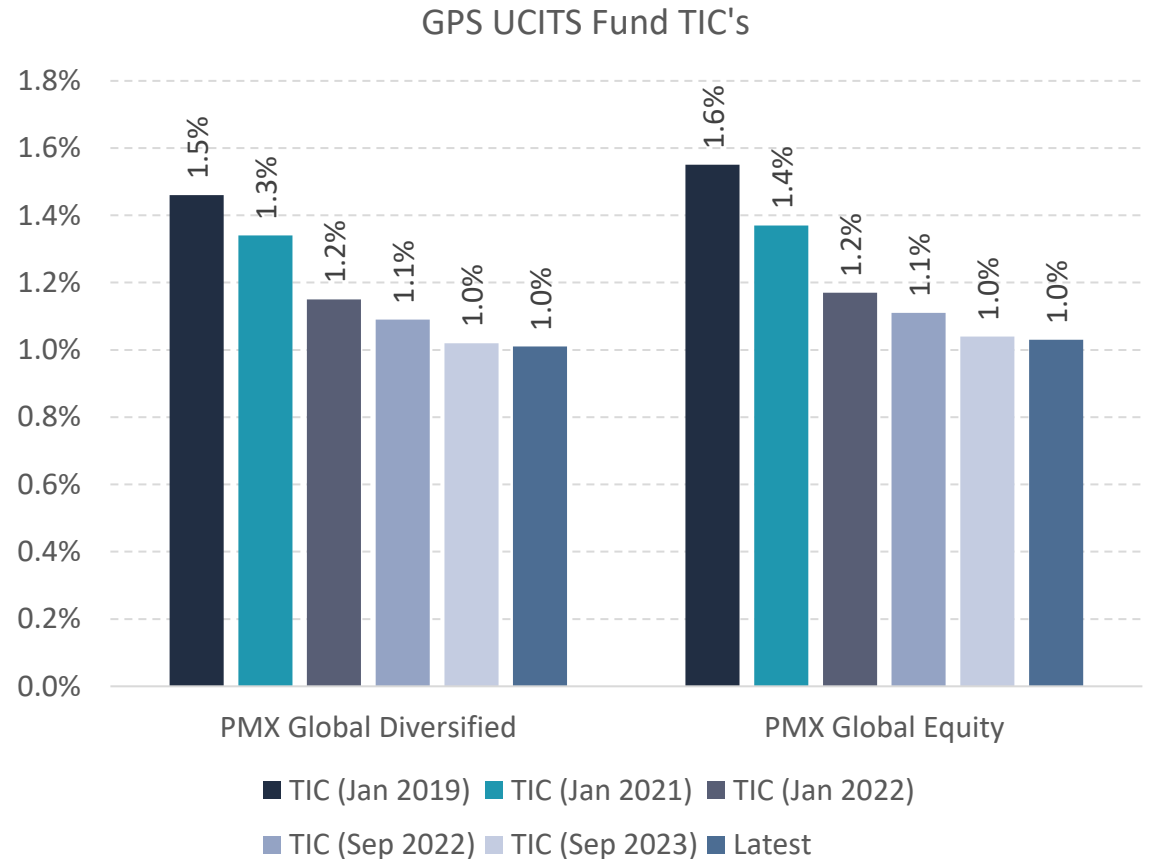
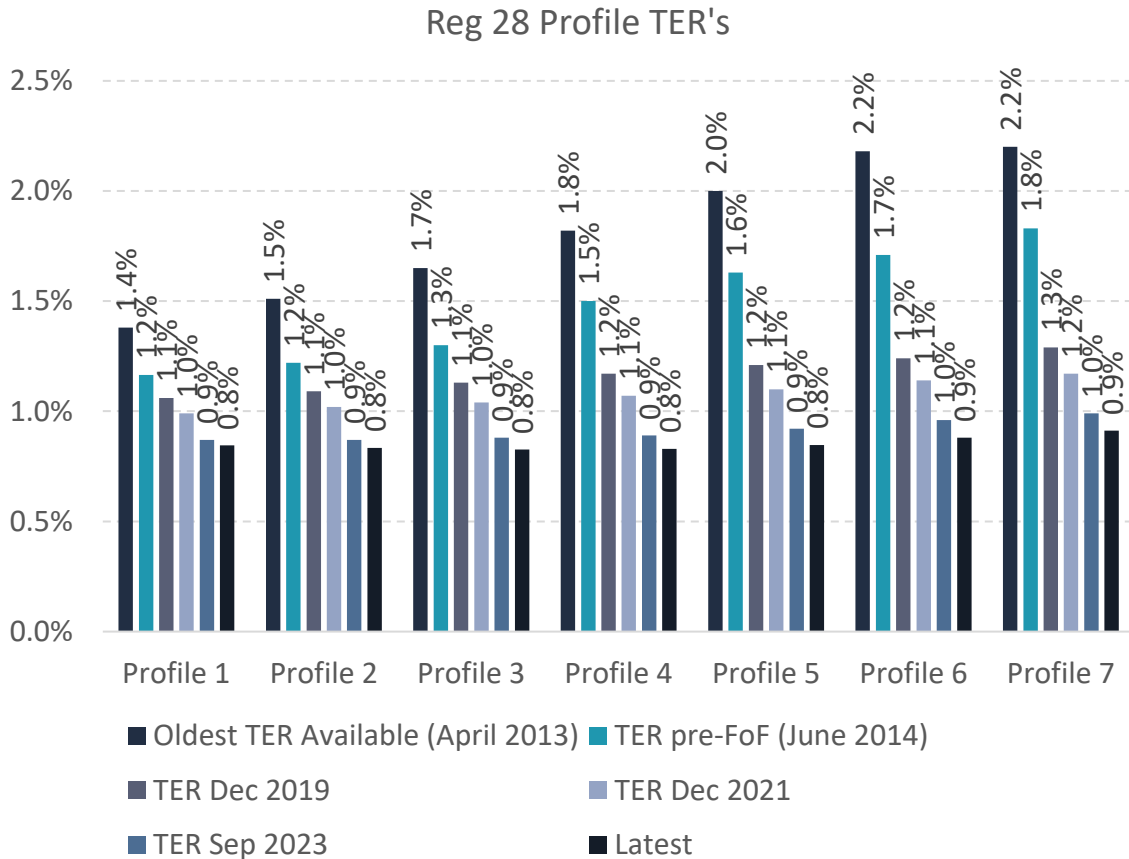
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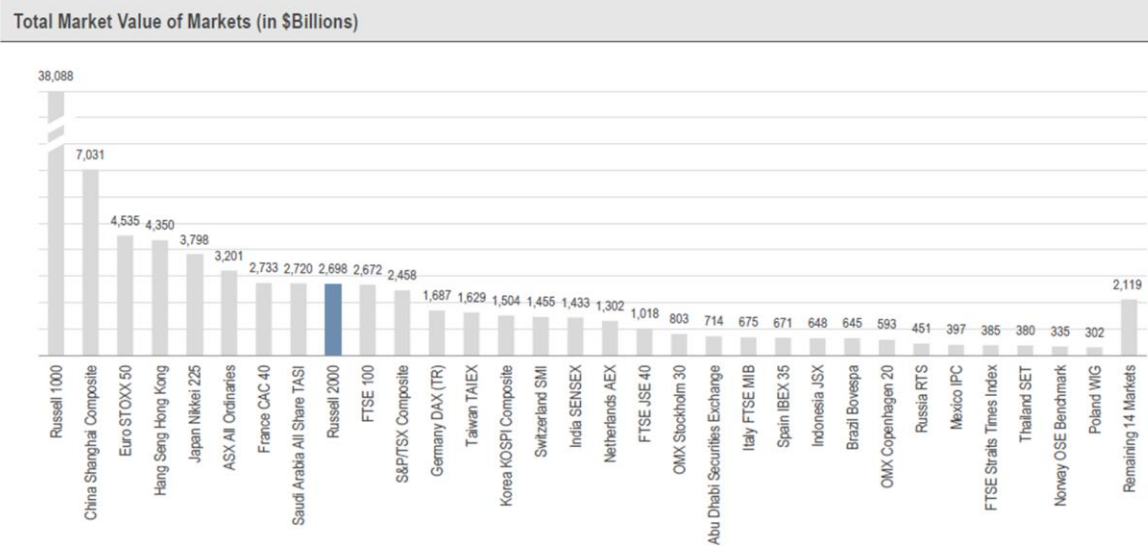
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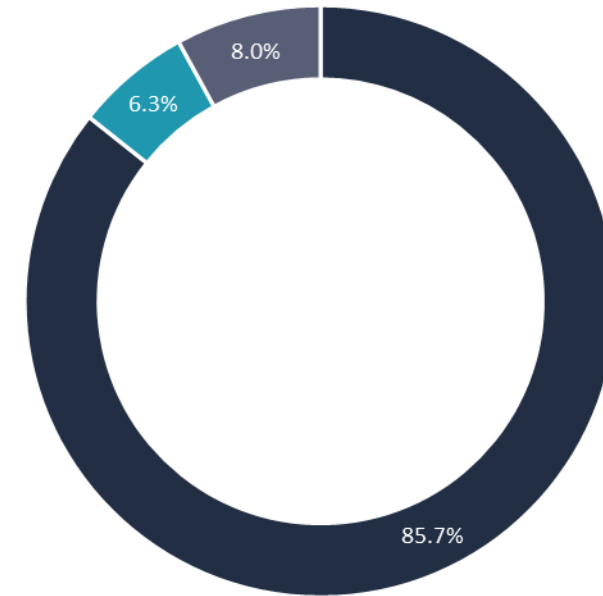


Implementation

Further Changes – William Blair US Small/Mid Cap Core



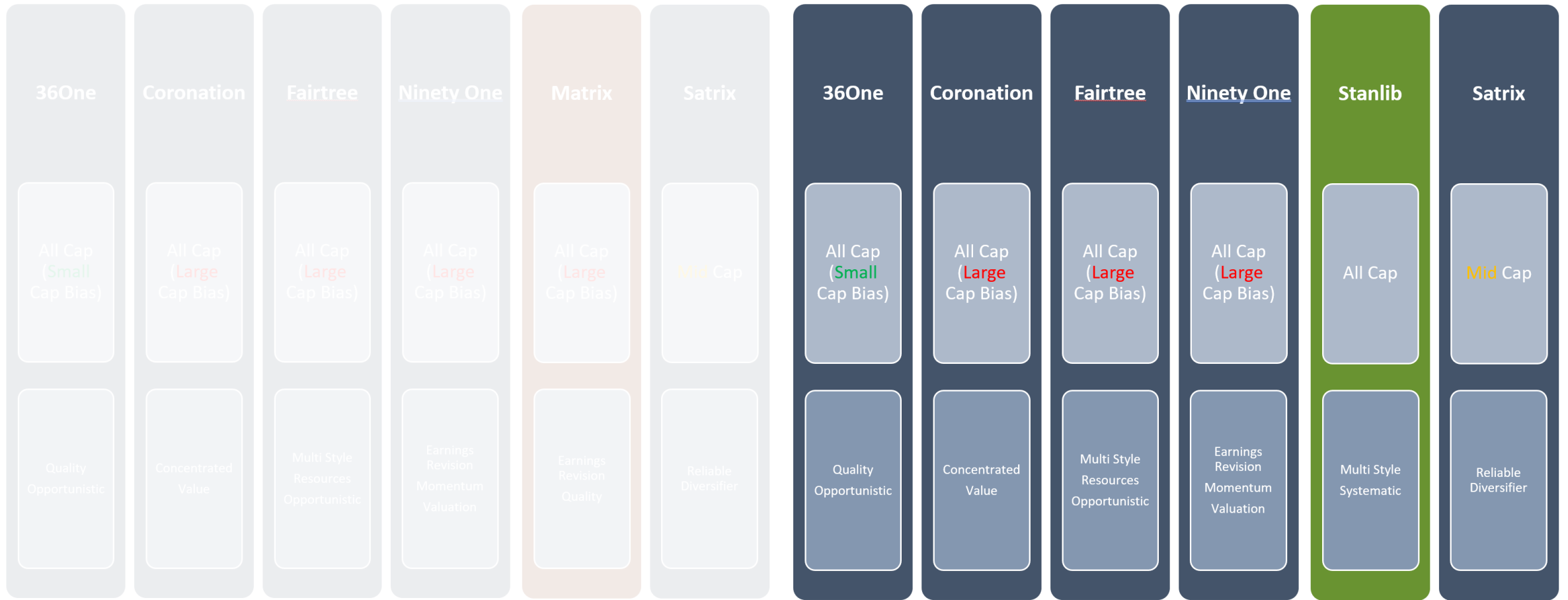
Russell 3000



■ Russell 1000 ■ Russell 2000 ■ Russell 2500

Implementation

Further Changes – SA Equity – Replace Matrix with Stanlib MSE



Implementation

Further Changes – SA Bonds – Specialised Skillsets

Implementation	Old	New	Change
Taquanta ALBI Plus Seg	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%
PMX Core Bond Seg	42.0%	50.0%	8.0%
Ninety One Corporate Bond	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Stanlib Bond	12.6%	10.0%	-2.6%
Coronation Bond	12.7%	0.0%	-12.7%
Ninety One Gilt	12.7%	0.0%	-12.7%

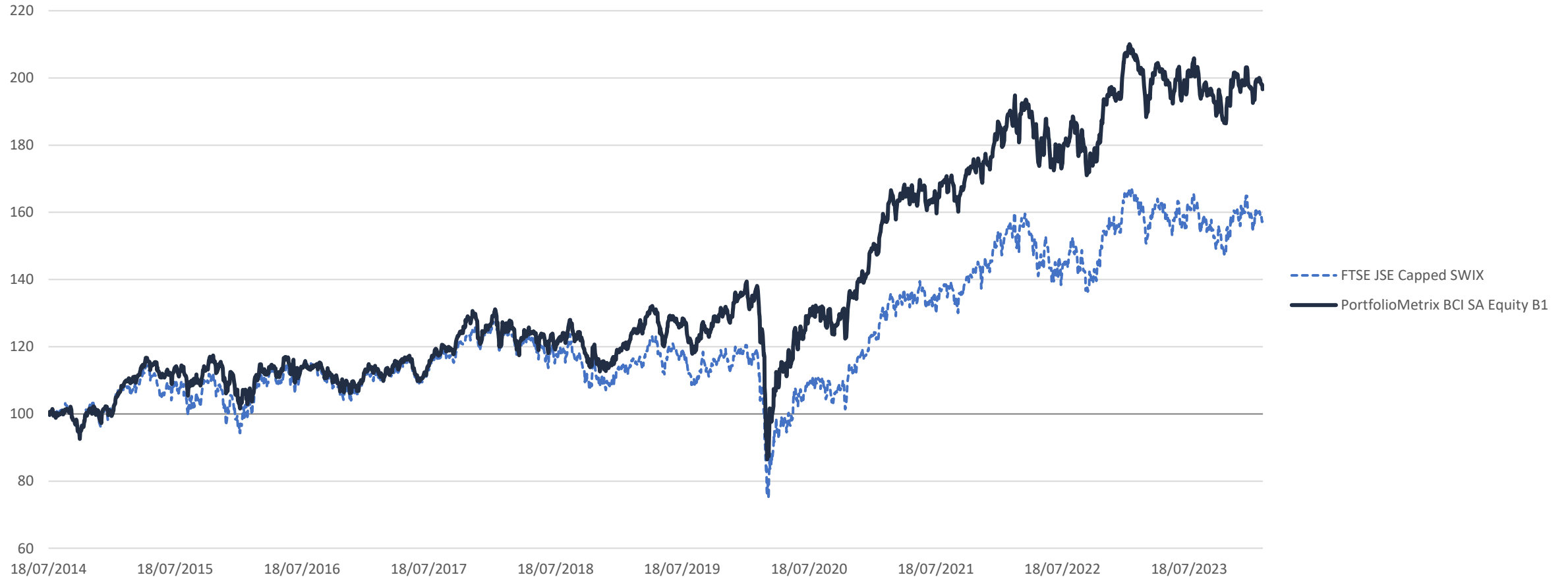
Structured Excess Return

Credit Spread over ALBI
Tight Tracking Error

- Efficient Beta
- Credit Overlay
- Structural “Alpha”

PortfolioMetrix BCI SA Equity

10 Year Track Record Milestone



A Simulation Exercise

Stress Testing Asset Allocations

Base Case:
PMX Expected Excess Returns

Scenario 1:

SA Equity *underperforms*
expectations

Scenario 2:

SA Equity *outperforms*
expectations

Scenario 3:

Global Equity *outperforms*
expectations

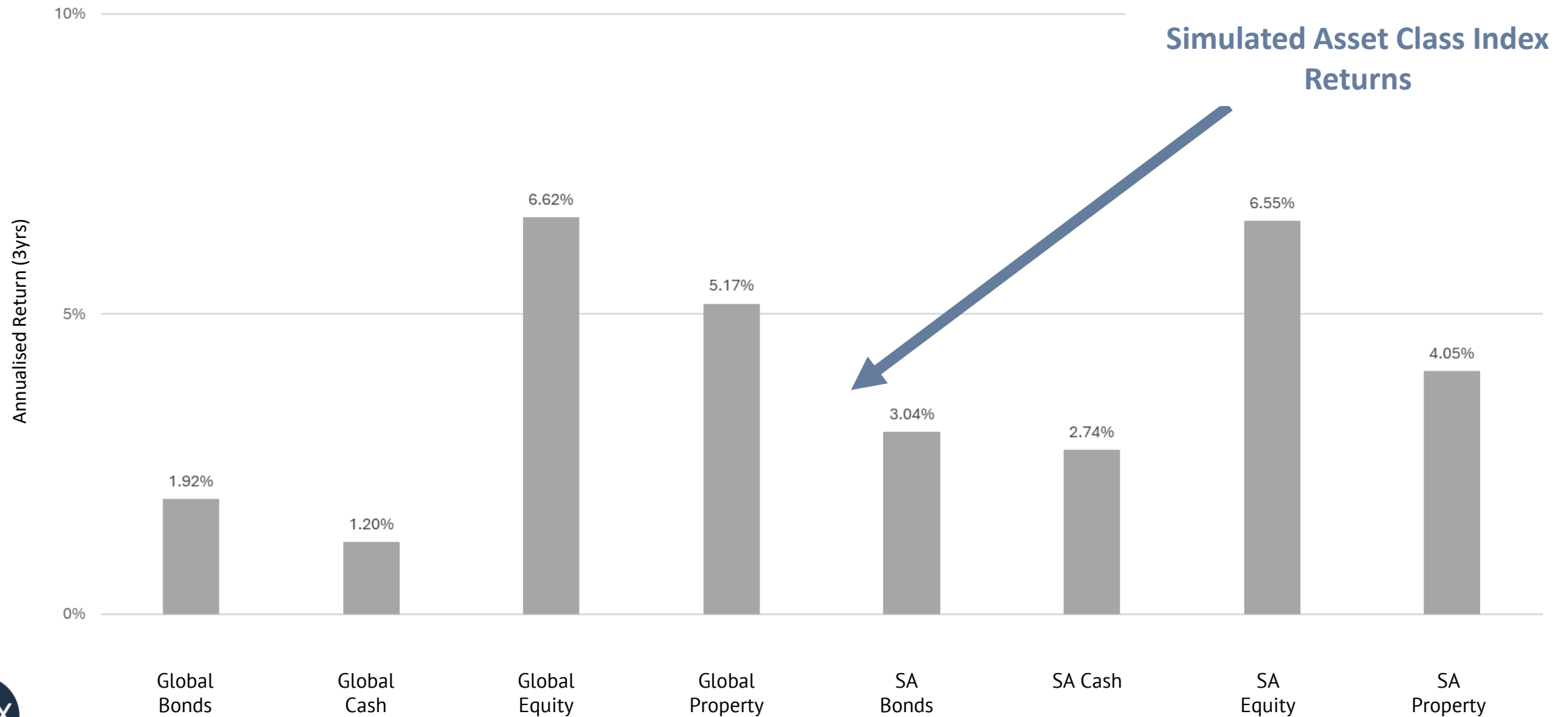
Scenario 4:

Global Equity *underperforms*
expectations

Selected, representative cases

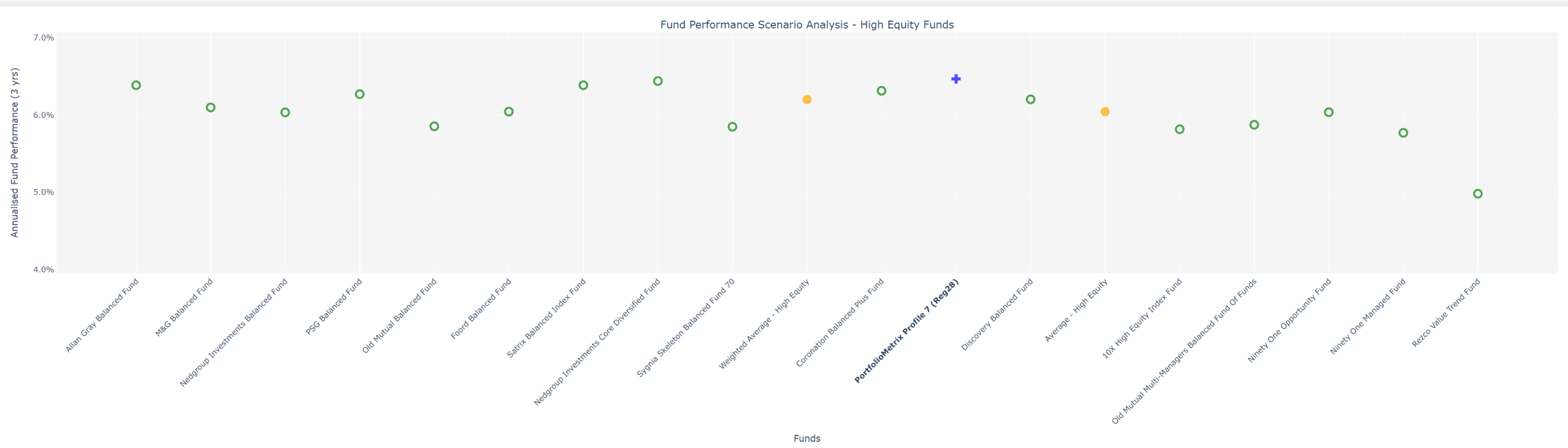
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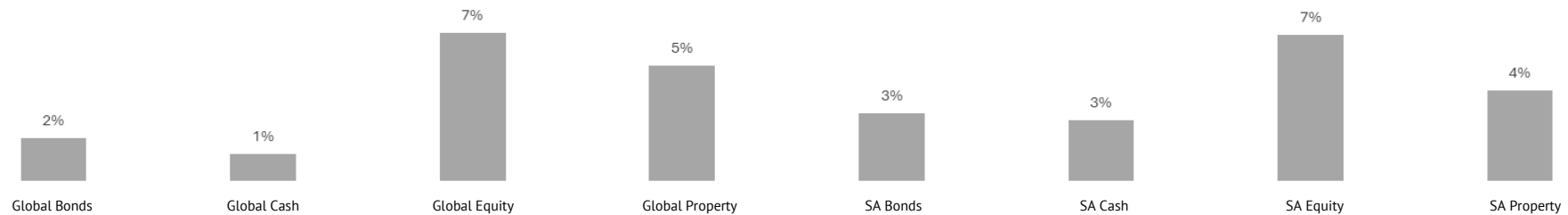


PMX Expected Excess Return

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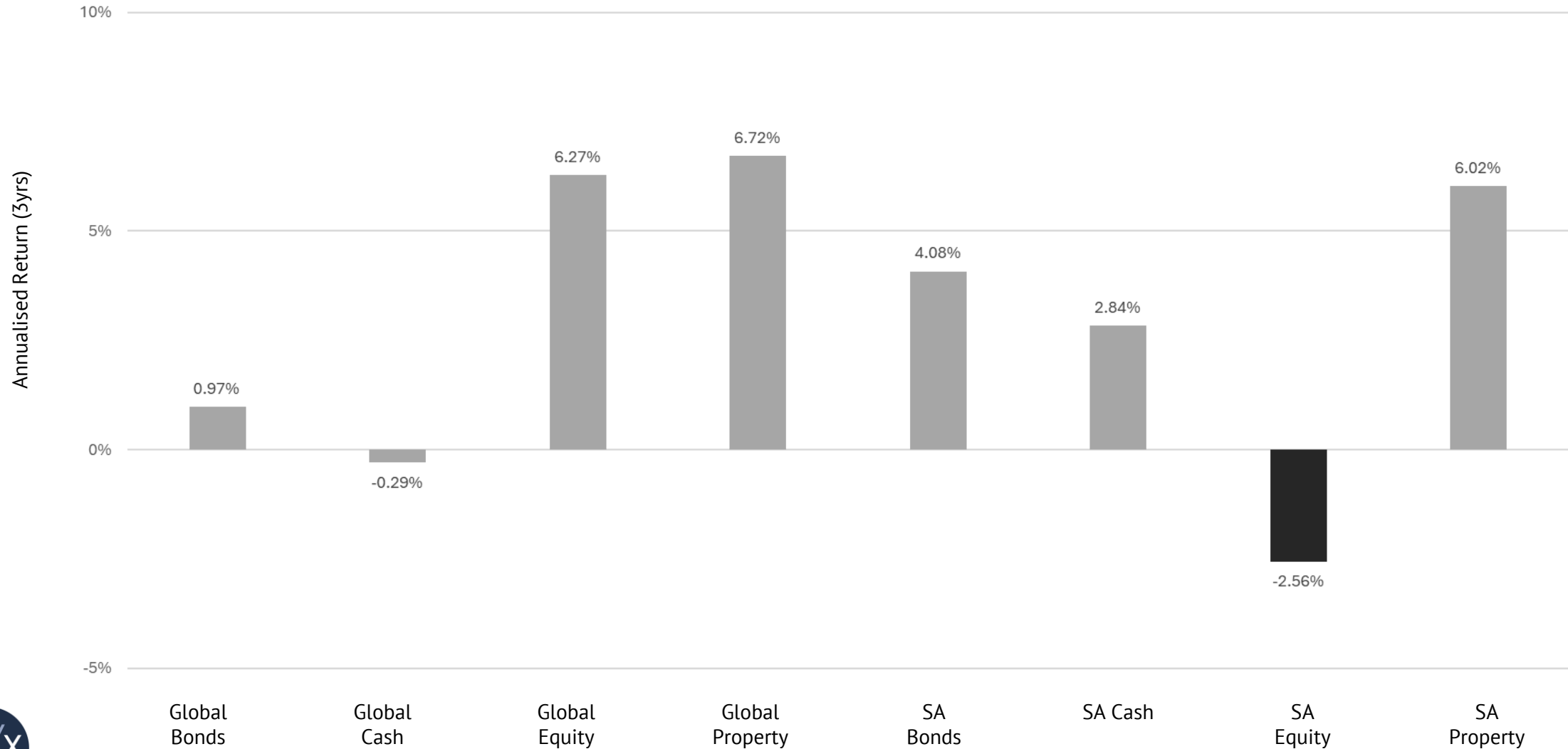


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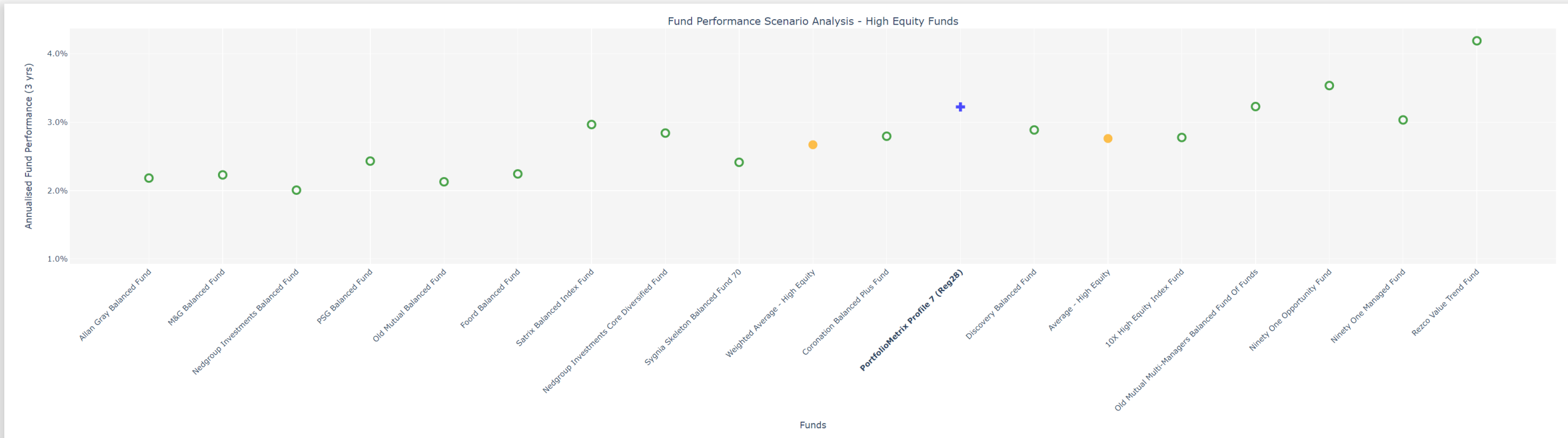
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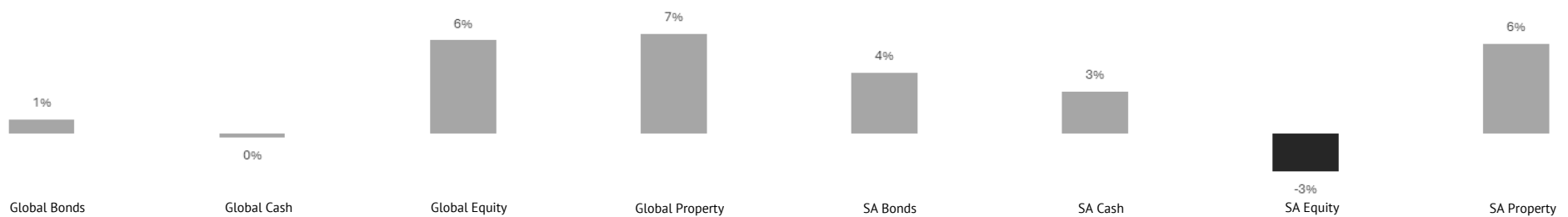


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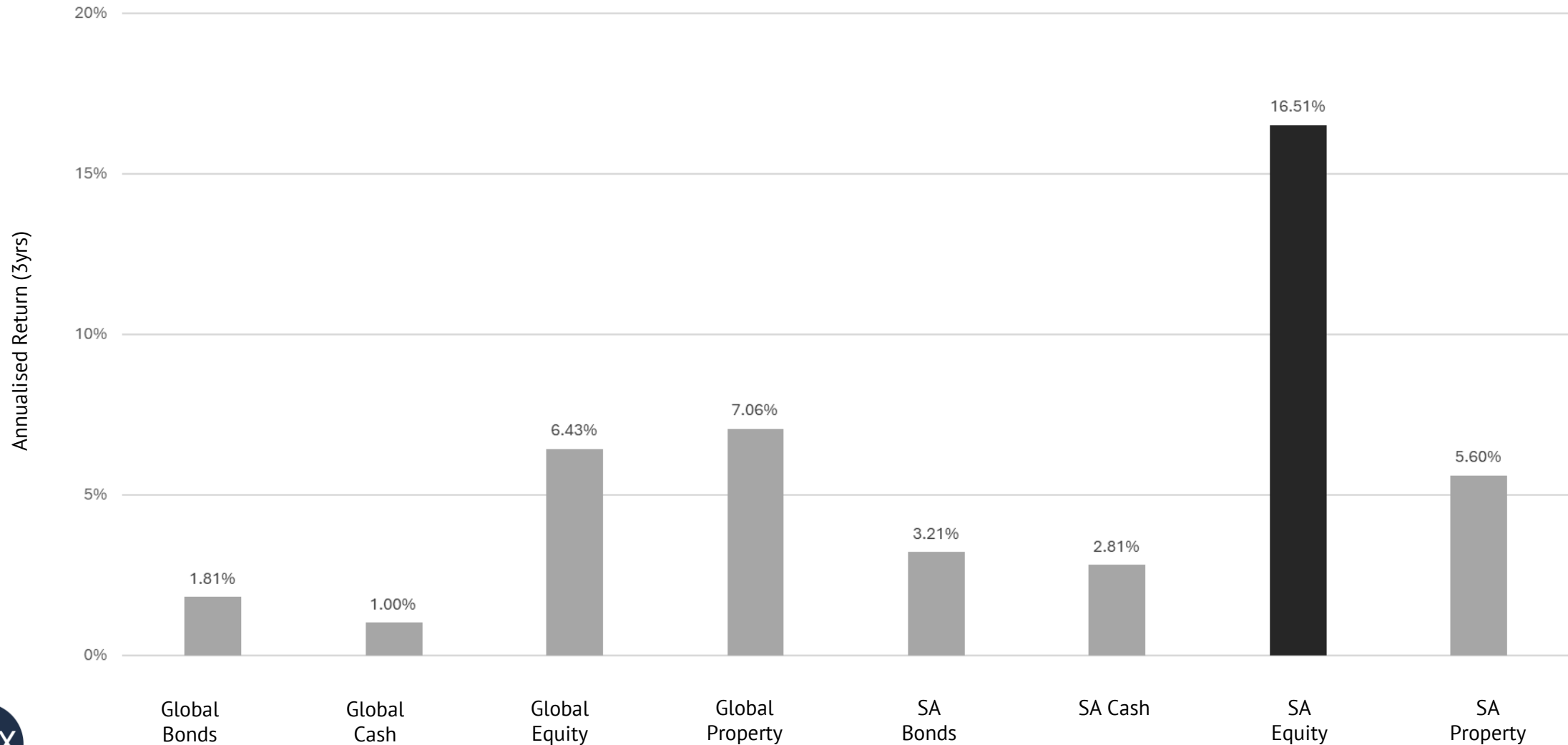


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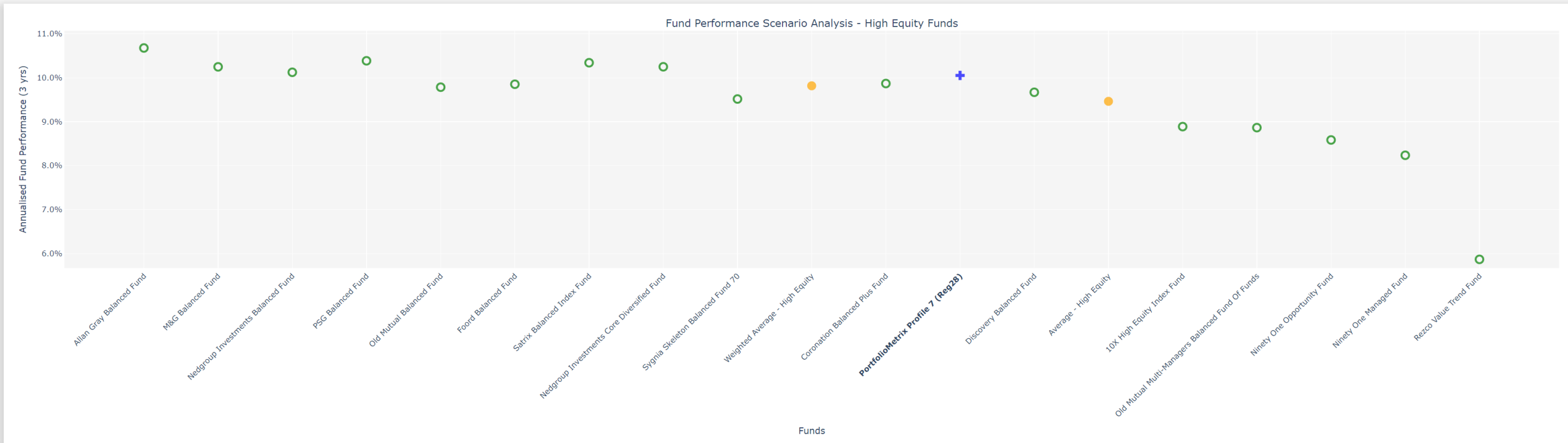
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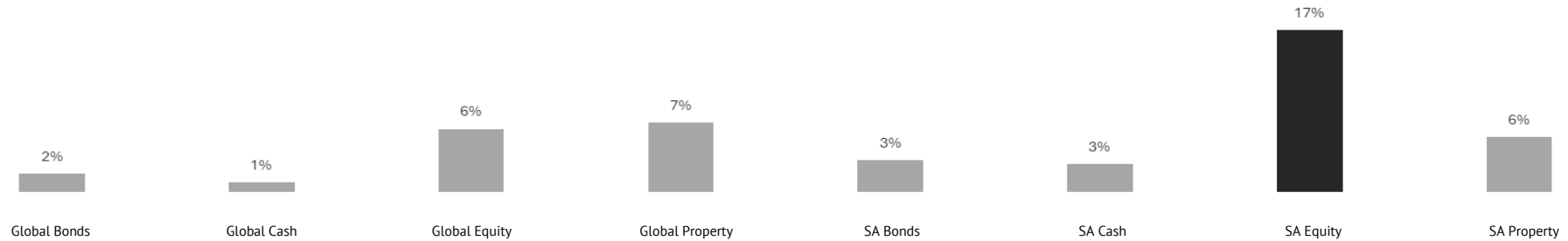


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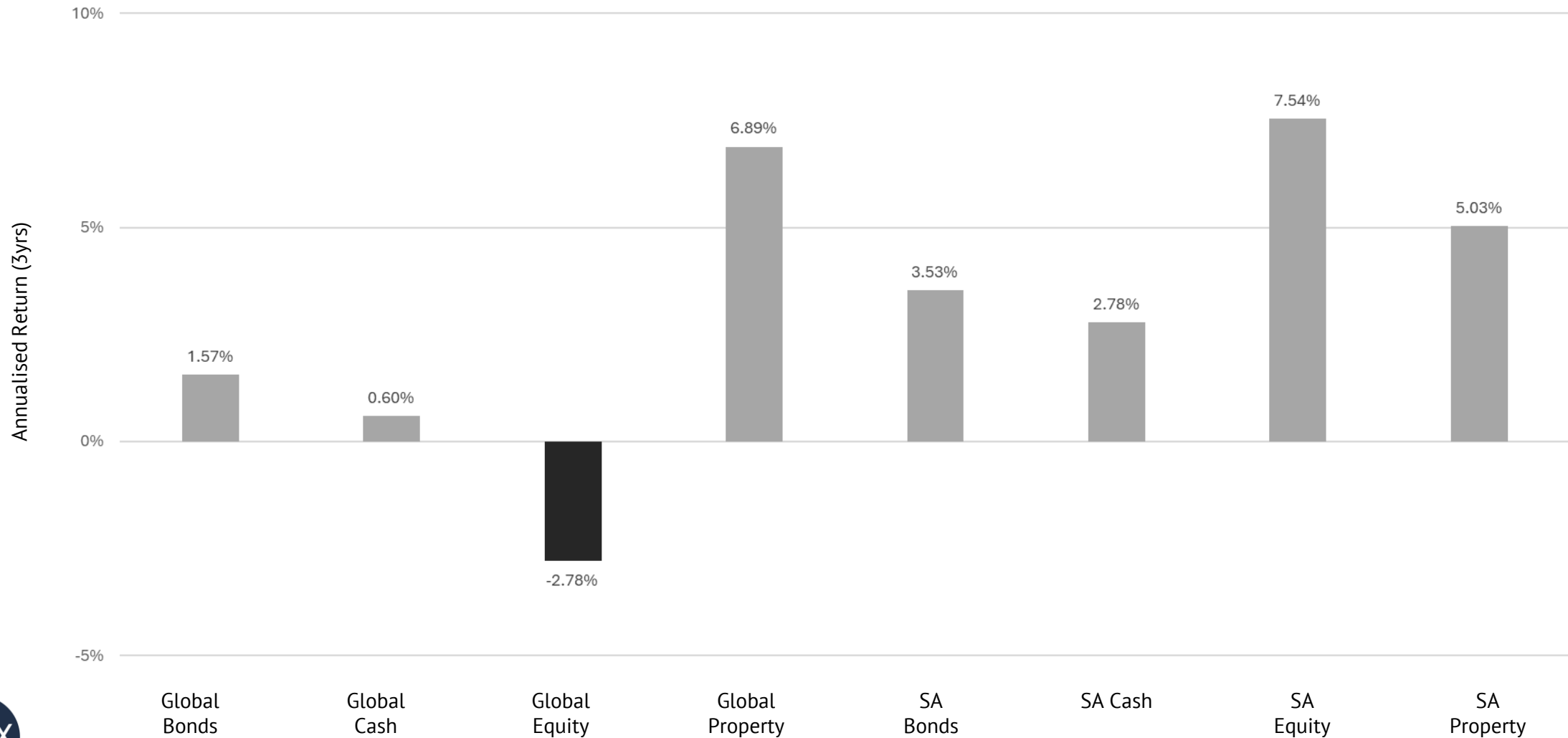


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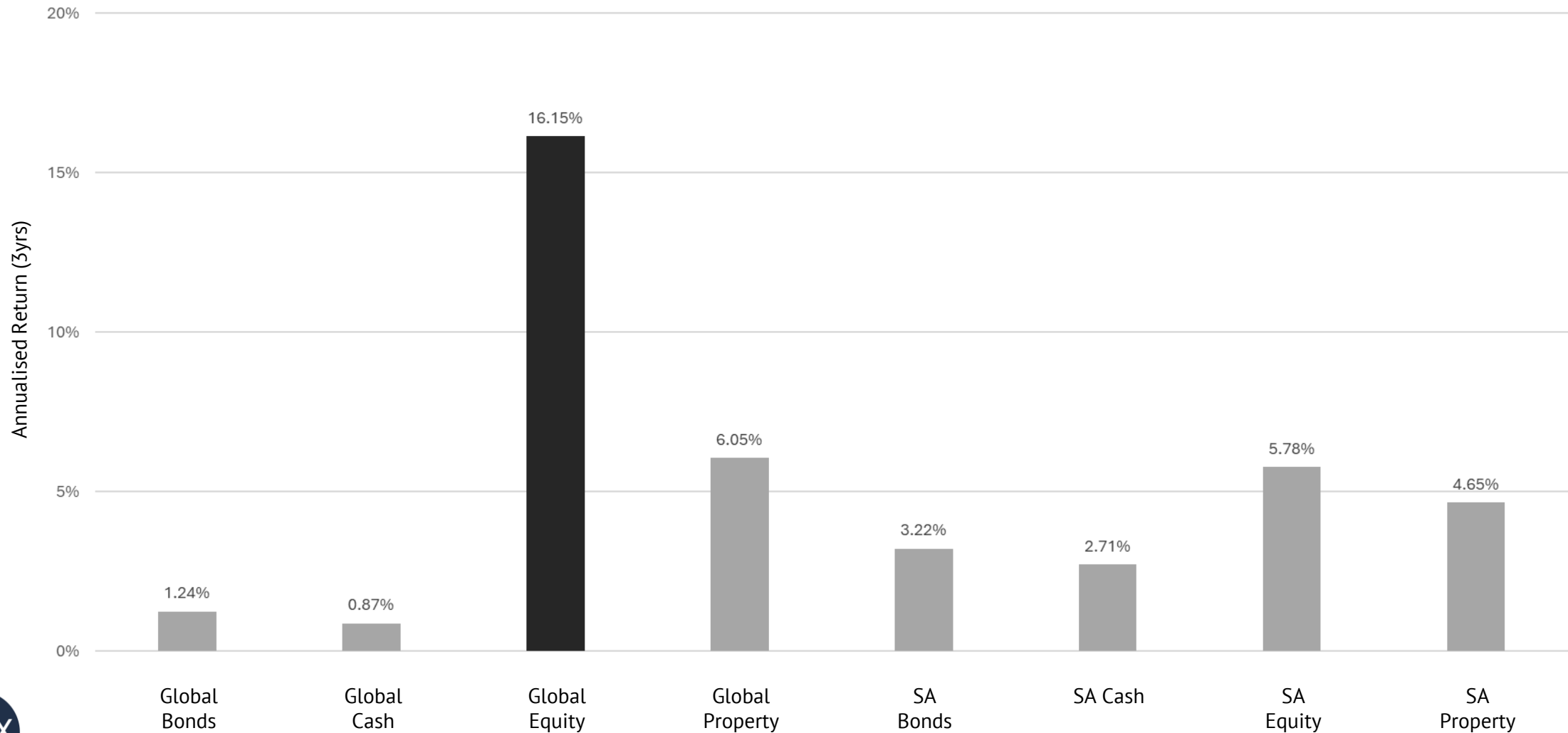
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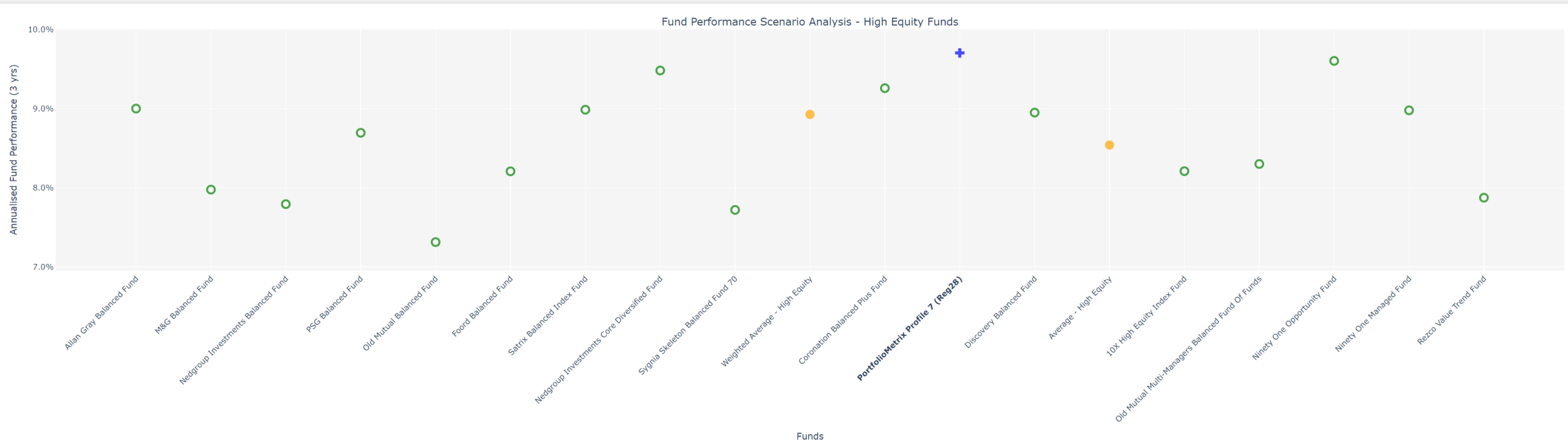
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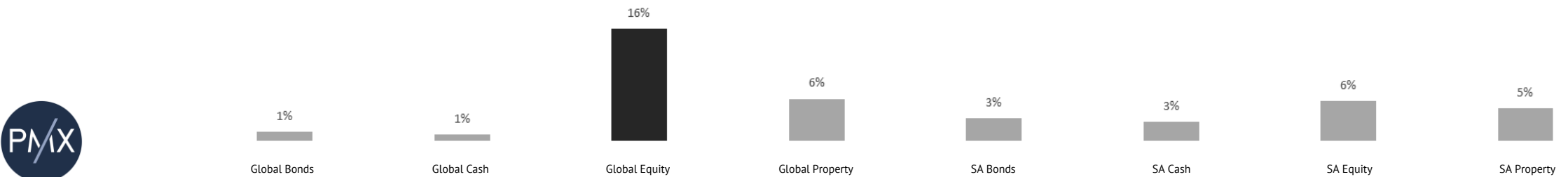


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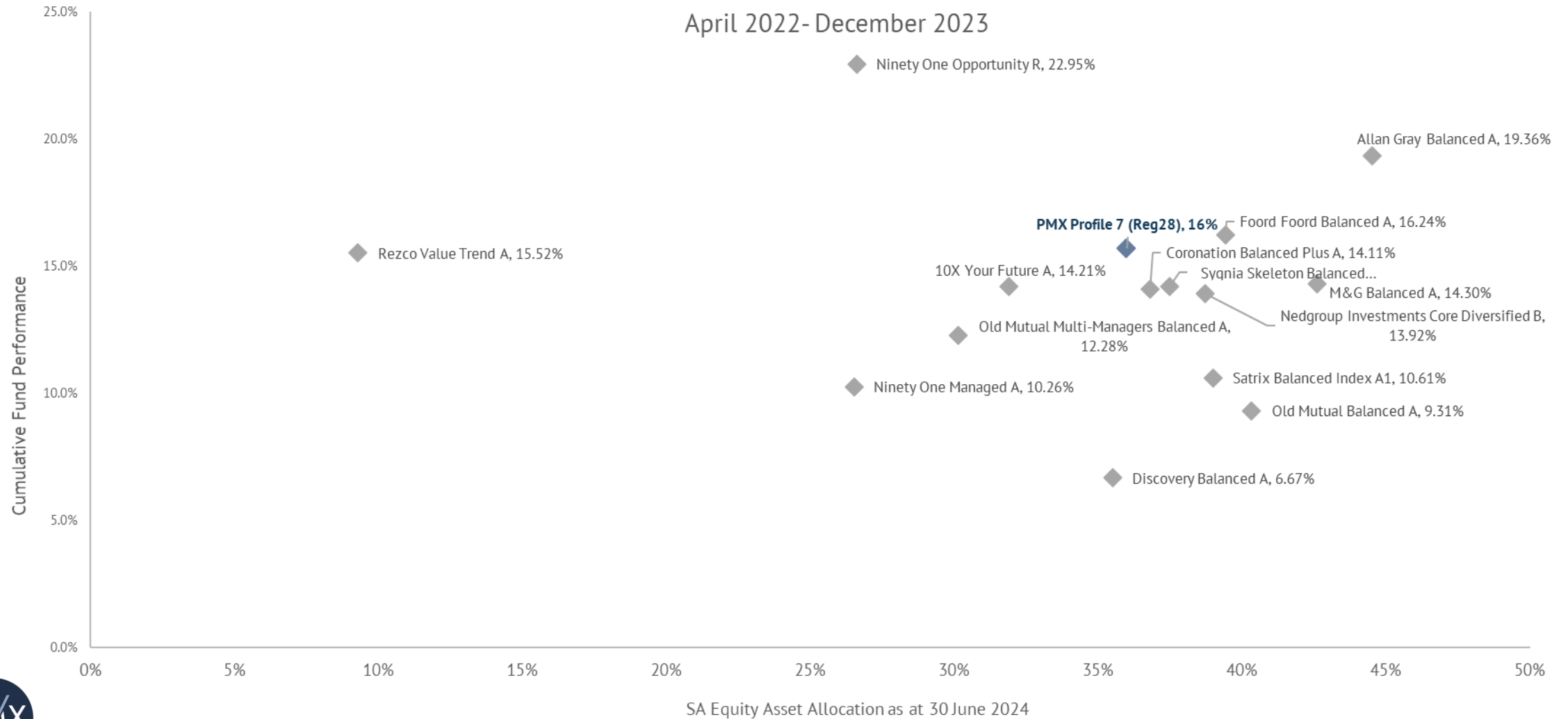
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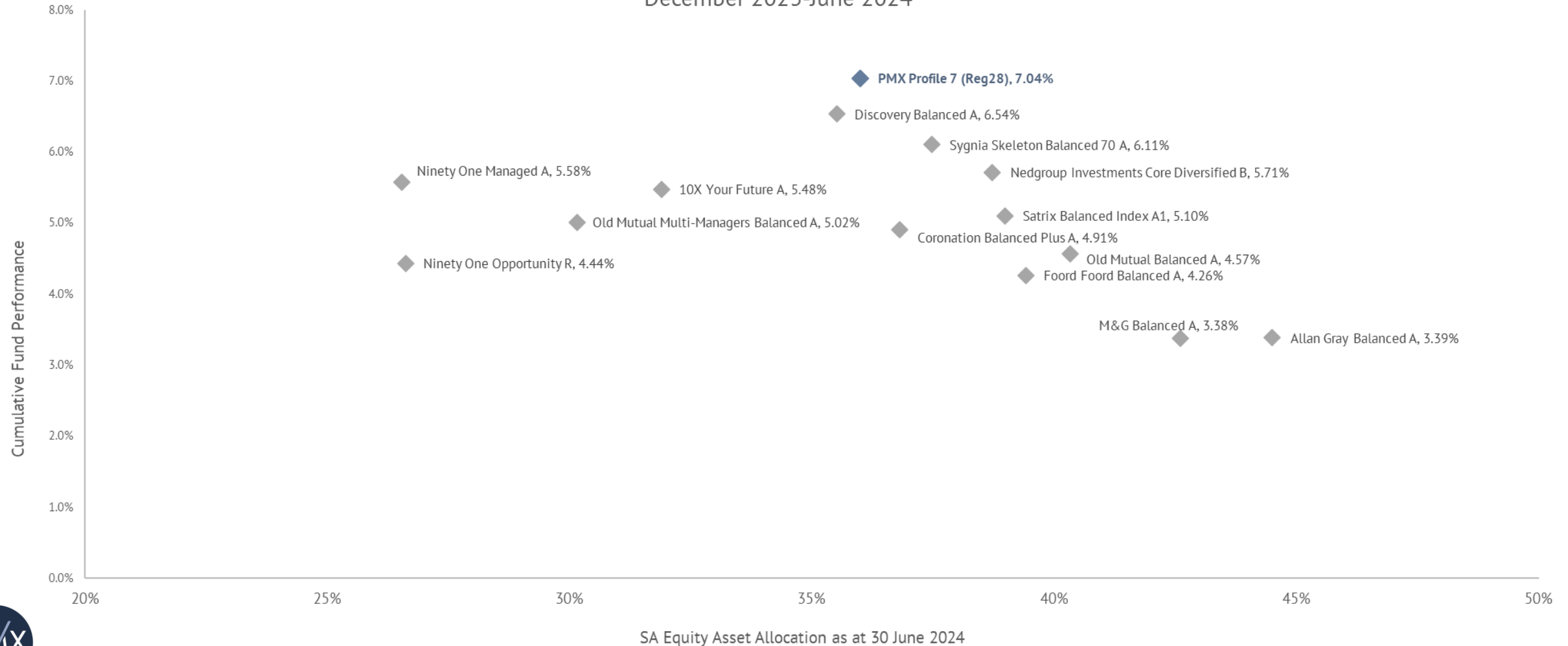
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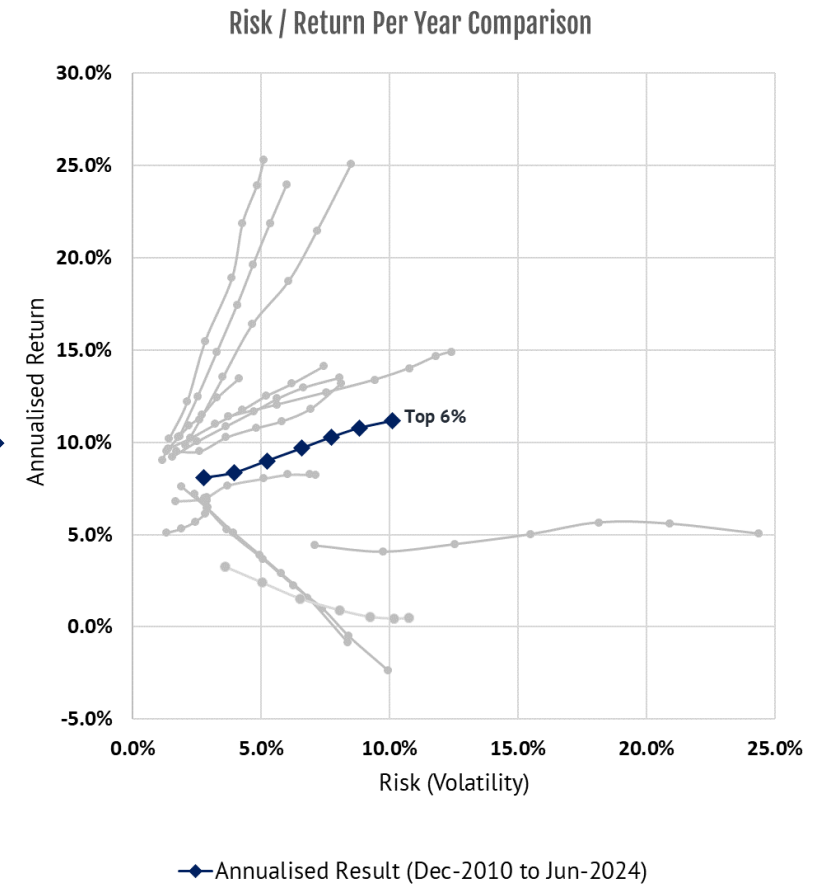
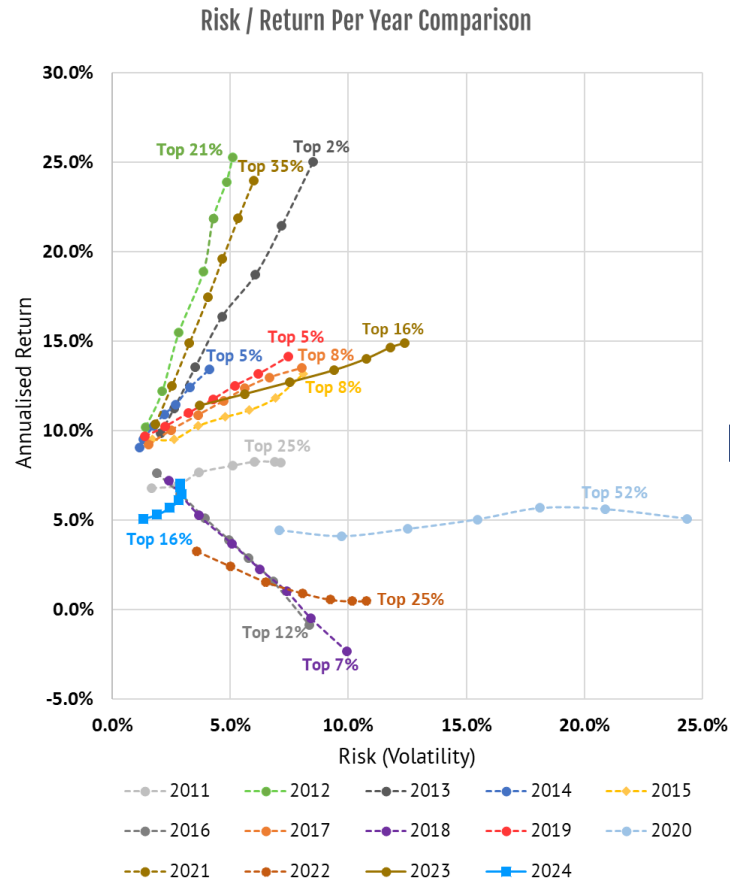
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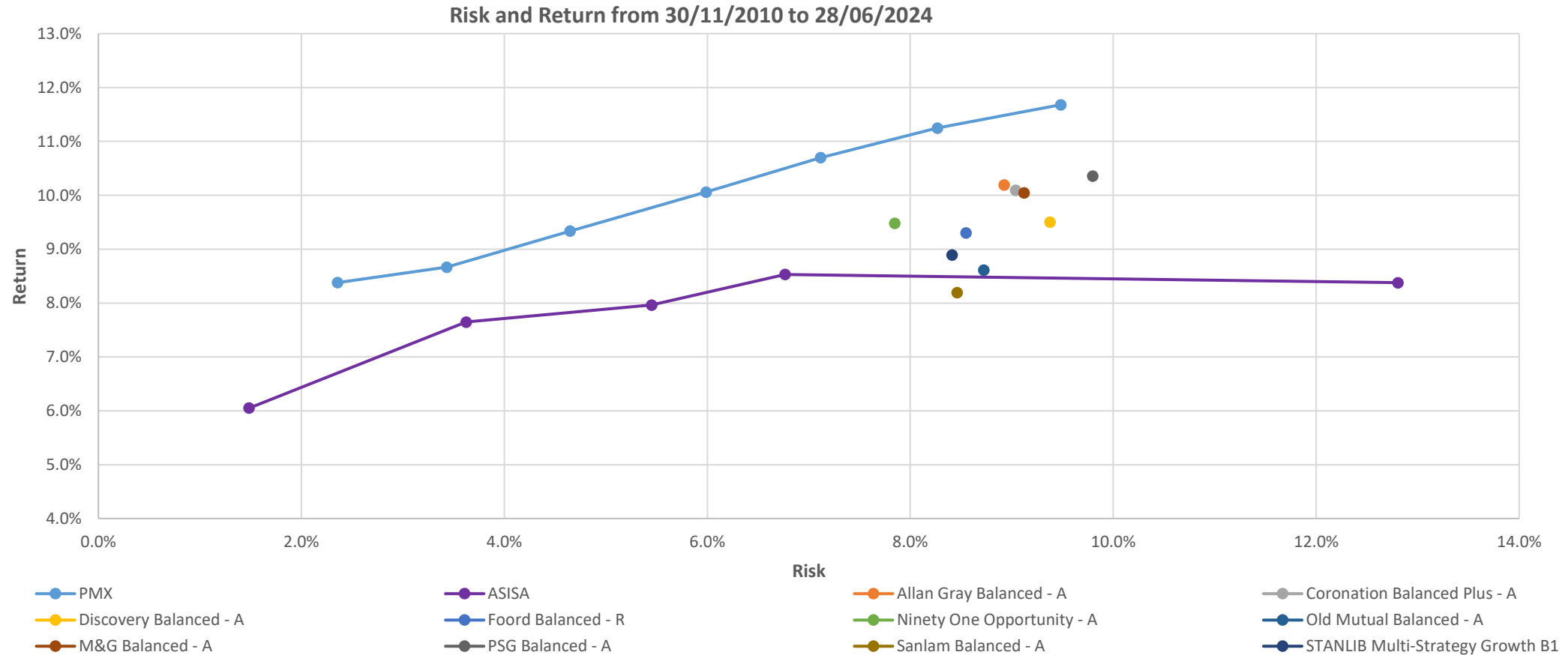


Local Performance

Discrete Calendar Years - Compounding



Local Performance





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