

Multi-Asset Portfolios for: Ardan International Wealth Management Platform

November 2024

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INTRODUCTION

GAM Investment Solutions (GIS): Restructured approach and its benefits

All the existing Multi-Asset strategies managed by the GIS teams will continue to be invested according to their original mandates and seamlessly evolve into a broader offering that will be even better placed to address client needs and deliver on their risk/return objectives.

To this end, we would highlight the following benefits of the restructuring:



Single Multi-Asset Centre of Excellence



Institutional **grade process, style and risk management**



Based in Switzerland, internationally accessible



Highly experienced team



Broad expertise across wide range of asset classes and solutions



Expanded product offering better able to address client needs



Proven, long standing risk-adjusted **superior performance**



Operational **efficiency and better servicing**



Long heritage and track record



Dedicated senior investment team member to focus on **client & investment strategy comms** and **external thought leadership**

- This restructuring initiative aims to **optimise our investment capabilities, enhance client outcomes**, and ensure **alignment with evolving market dynamics and client needs**. GAM has a longstanding pedigree investing in Multi-Asset Class and Multi Manager Solutions for our international institutional, intermediary and wealth clients.
- This is an exciting initiative **building on GAM's strong Multi-Asset and Multi Manager heritage** for our clients and **creating a single Multi-Asset investment centre of excellence in Zurich** under the leadership of Andrea Quapp and her team.
- The Multi-Asset strategies, capabilities and associated long track records will continue to offer GAM clients a **compelling range of solutions** designed to deliver on their risk/return objectives.

GAM Investment Solutions – the team

Depth and breadth of experience



**Investment Director /
Head of GIS**

Andrea Quapp



Management Support

Elena Constanti¹

Investment Management Teams

Zurich Office MACS



Sandra
Wolfensberger¹



Daniel
Rossacher



Fabio
Di Grezia



Patrick
Senn¹

Zurich Office Fixed Income



Tolga
Yildirim



Florian
Komac



Massimo
De Palma



Paolo Mauri
Brusa

Milan Office MACS

Chief Multi-Asset Investment Strategist

London Office



Julian
Howard

Portfolio Engineering

Zurich Office



Lennart
Scheiber

GAM Investment Solutions

Delivering investment solutions to clients for 40 years



Delivering for clients since 1983

GAM Investments:
Long-term investment expertise

Dedicated track record
through investment cycles & crises

Pioneer in investment solutions

GIS: 10 investment professionals

3 locations:
London, Milan, Zurich

\$6.0bn in AUM*



The Investment Universe

Creating multi-asset solutions
using three core asset classes:

Thematic Equities
Fixed Income & Credit
Alternative Investments



Understanding investor risk appetite and outcome needs

Tailored to specific client needs and requirements

Dialogue at forefront

Strategic *client partnerships*

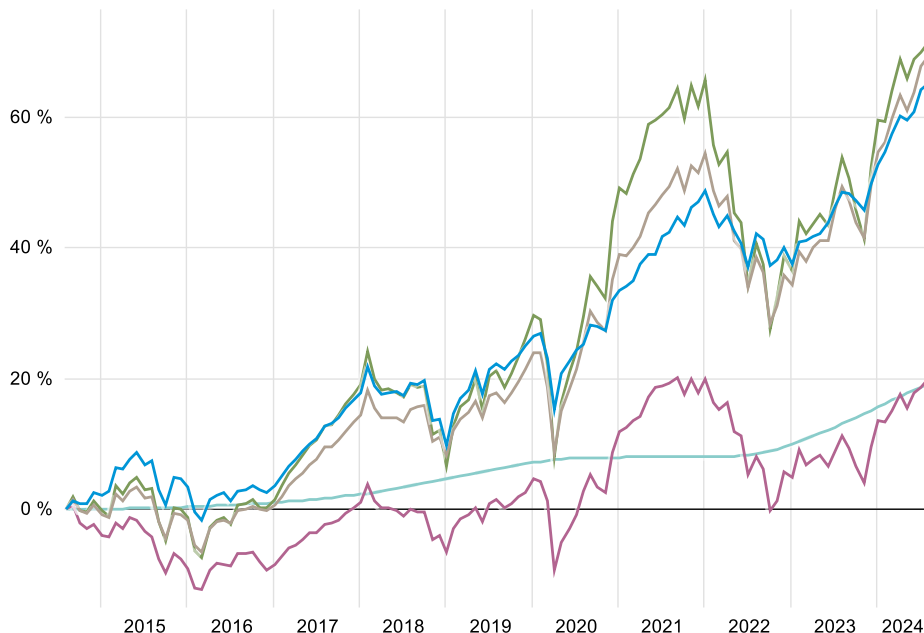
Knowledge transfer

Deep understanding of risk analytics and control

PERFORMANCE

Proven Multi-Asset capability (10 years)

Performance from 31 Jul 2014 to 31 Jul 2024



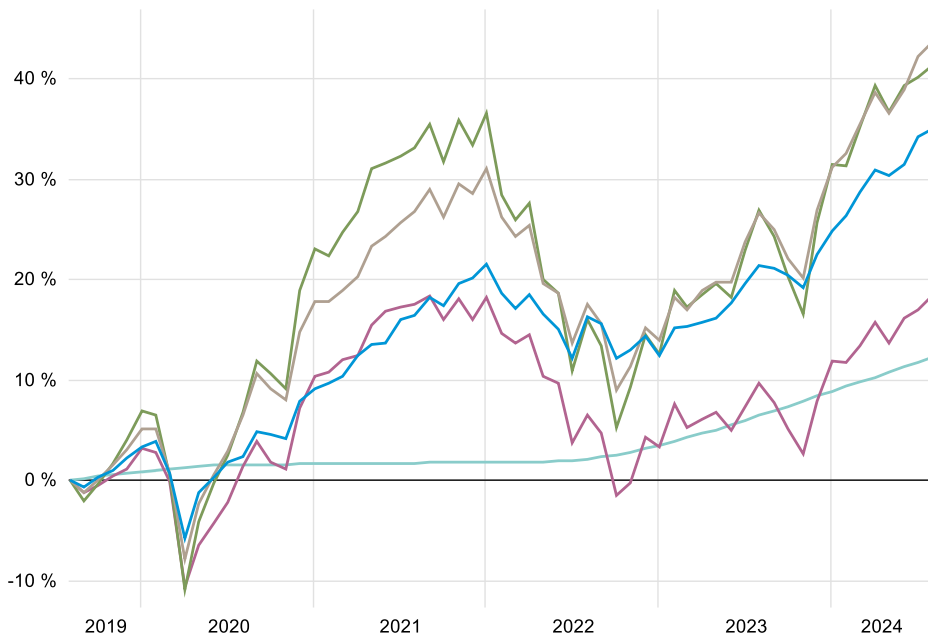
	Simple Perf. %	Ann. Perf. %	Ann. Std. Dev.
GAM Global Flexible Composite (USD) - Gross	65.3	5.2	6.4
GAM Diversified Balanced Composite (USD) - Gross	69.4	5.4	8.2
GAM Diversified Growth Composite (USD) - Gross	71.6	5.5	11.2
Lipper Mixed-Asset USD Flexible Global	20.2	1.9	8.2
US SOFR Compounded Indx (Spliced)	19.4	1.8	0.5

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Source: GAM, Lipper. Spliced Benchmark: US SOFR Compounded Index (spliced) = Secured Overnight Financing Rate spliced to the 3m Libor rate from 30/11/2021. Presented as supplemental information only. Please refer to the relevant GIPS composite report and the GIPS supplemental text. Logos are trademarks of their respective owners and are used for illustrative purposes and should not be construed as an endorsement or sponsorship of GAM. * Awards may not be representative of any one client's experience and is not indicative of the future performance of a GAM product or GAM. No fee was paid for this award. Please see 'Disclaimers' in the Appendix section for information on award methodology.

Proven Multi-Asset capability (5 years)

Performance from 31 Jul 2019 to 31 Jul 2024



	Simple Perf. %	Ann. Perf. %	Ann. Std. Dev.
GAM Global Flexible Composite (USD) - Gross	35.2	6.2	6.3
GAM Diversified Balanced Composite (USD) - Gross	43.8	7.5	9.8
GAM Diversified Growth Composite (USD) - Gross	41.5	7.2	13.3
Lipper Mixed-Asset USD Flexible Global	18.5	3.4	9.9
US SOFR Compounded Indx (Spliced)	12.4	2.4	0.6

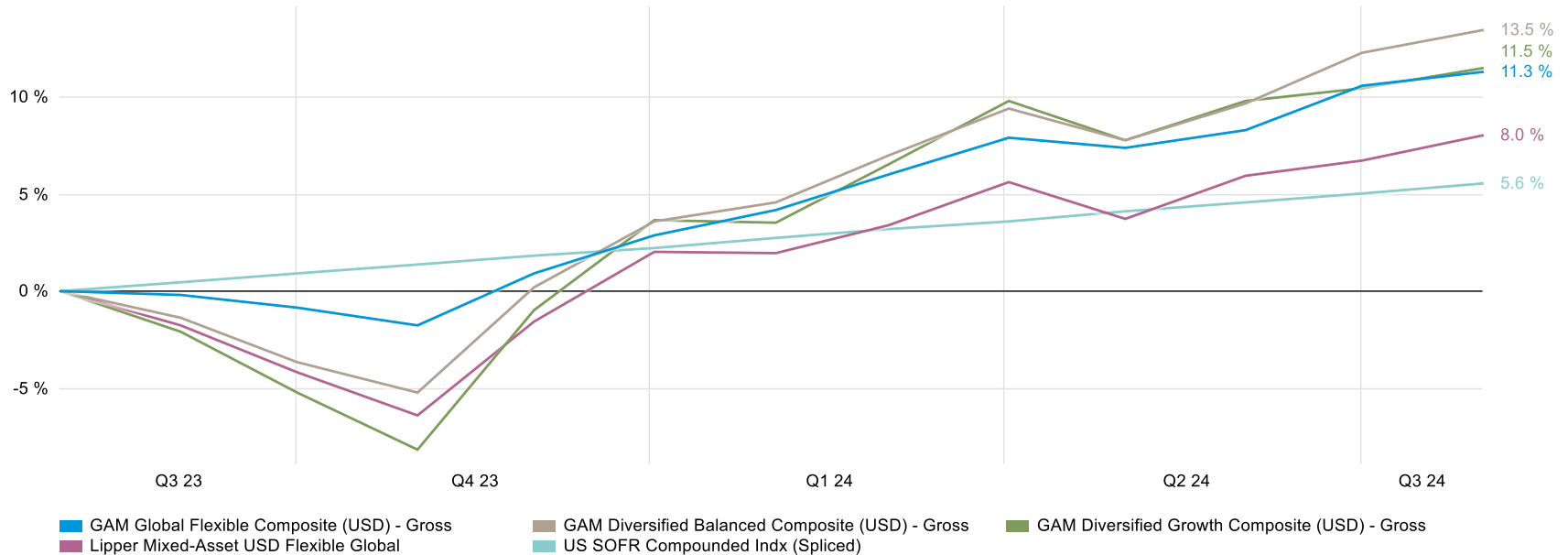
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Proven Multi-Asset capability (12 months)

Performance from 31 Jul 2023 to 31 Jul 2024



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INVESTMENT PROCESS

Investment philosophy and approach

A disciplined, research-driven process that compounds return sources and controls risk

Our Investment Philosophy: *Thoughtful active investing* based on clearly defined objectives provides a balance between growth and capital preservation. Simplicity and transparency are key

Our investment approach

1

Active asset allocation

- Continually assess and re-evaluate positioning across asset classes to both:
 - meet long-term objectives, and
 - profit from short-term opportunities
- Use portfolio frameworks designed around adding value over two time horizons
 - Strategic: 3-5+ years
 - Tactical: <12 months

2

Active instrument selection

- Implement through passive indices, thematic groupings of single securities and selected managers
- Captures returns through pricing anomalies, valuation distortions and thematic trends
- Identify managers capable of capturing opportunities others may overlook

3

Active risk management

- Risk management embedded throughout the investment process
- Continuous monitoring approach covers both pre- and post-trading
- Combination of team-based and centralised analysis ensures good governance

Investment process overview

Three main components to our investment process

1

Form investment views

- Analyse diverse sources of information
- Develop views on assets and instruments
- Set asset allocation framework
- Identify key risk scenarios

2

Construct portfolios

- Screen, test and select investment ideas
- Use scenarios to assess portfolio impacts
 - By asset class
 - By investment approach
 - By instrument
- Implement fund-based solutions

3

Manage risk

- Monitor markets, portfolios and views
- Conduct portfolio stress testing
- Conduct scenario, factor and correlation analysis
- Ensure compliance with target allocations
- Monthly portfolio framework meetings



OFFERING



Multi-Asset proposition for Ardan

Customised portfolios for your wealth platform

Cautious Portfolio

Emphasis on capital preservation

20-50% equities (neutral 35%)

*(Indirect exposure through
Fund of Funds structure)*

Benchmark: US SOFR Compounded Index
(spliced)

Top level fund holdings

GAM Star Global Cautious

GAM Star Continental European Equity
GAM Sustainable Emerging Market Equity
GAM Star Credit Opportunities Fund
GAM Global Special Situations Fund¹

Balanced Portfolio

The 'classic' multi-asset strategy

35-65% equities (neutral 50%)

*(Indirect exposure through
Fund of Funds structure)*

Benchmark: US SOFR Compounded Index
(spliced) + 0.5%

Top level fund holdings

GAM Star Global Balanced

GAM Star Continental European Equity
GAM Sustainable Emerging Market Equity
GAM Star Credit Opportunities Fund
GAM Global Special Situations Fund¹

Adventurous Portfolio

For smoother equity participation

65-100% equities (neutral 83%)

*(Indirect exposure through
Fund of Funds structure)*

Benchmark: US SOFR Compounded Index
(spliced) + 1.5%

Top level fund holdings

GAM Star Global Growth

GAM Star Continental European Equity
GAM Sustainable Emerging Market Equity

Cautious Model Portfolio

Emphasis on capital preservation

Maximum 35% equities

Objective¹:

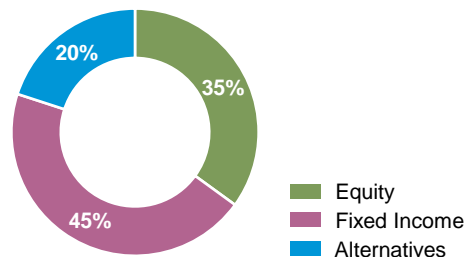
Seeks outperformance of US SOFR Compounded Index (spliced)

Structure:

Model fund of funds portfolio updated by GAM

Active investing based on clearly defined objectives can provide a defensive profile that aims to outperform cash over time

See-through Asset Allocation



Holdings breakdown

Asset Class	Weight	Differentiating factor
Multi-Asset (includes equities)	70.0%	
GAM Star Global Cautious	70.0%	Proven Multi-Asset 'core' building block
Equities	3.0%	
GAM Star Continental European Eq.	2.0%	High conviction European stock selection
GAM Sustainable EM Equity	1.0%	Focused EM fund incorporating ESG metrics
Fixed Income and Credit	16.0%	
GAM Star Credit Opportunities	16.0%	Unique income generator with capital upside from financial bonds
Alternative Investments	11.0%	
GAM Global Special Situations ²	11.0%	Market neutral long/short strategy designed to generate steady returns with low correlation
Total	100.0%	

Balanced Model Portfolio

The 'classic' multi-asset strategy

35%-65% equities (neutral 50%)

Objective¹:

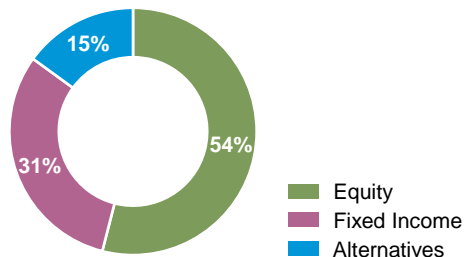
Seeks outperformance of US SOFR Compounded Index (spliced) + 0.5%

Structure:

Model fund of funds portfolio updated by GAM

Active investing based on clearly defined objectives can provide a balanced profile that aims to meaningfully outperform cash over time

See-through Asset Allocation



Holdings breakdown

Asset Class	Weight	Differentiating factor
Multi-Asset (includes equities)	80.0%	
GAM Star Global Balanced	80.0%	Proven Multi-Asset 'core' building block
Equities	7.0%	
GAM Star Continental European Eq.	4.0%	High conviction European stock selection
GAM Sustainable EM Equity	3.0%	Focused EM fund incorporating ESG metrics
Fixed Income and Credit	8.0%	
GAM Star Credit Opportunities	8.0%	Unique income generator with capital upside from financial bonds
Alternative Investments	5.0%	
GAM Global Special Situations ²	5.0%	Market neutral long/short strategy designed to generate steady returns with low correlation
Total	100.0%	

Adventurous Model Portfolio

For smoother equity participation

Maximum 65-100% equities (neutral 83%)

Objective¹:

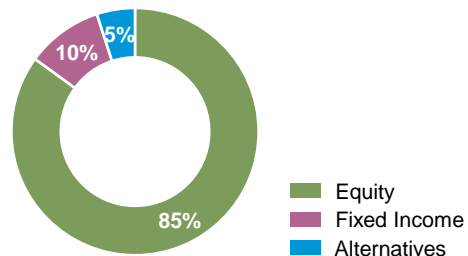
Seeks outperformance of US SOFR Compounded Index (spliced) + 1.5%

Structure:

Model fund of funds portfolio updated by GAM

Active investing based on clearly defined objectives can provide an adventurous profile that aims to strongly outperform cash over time

See-through Asset Allocation



Holdings breakdown

Asset Class	Weight	Differentiating factor
Multi-Asset (includes equities)	50.0%	
GAM Star Global Growth	50.0%	Proven Multi-Asset 'core' building block
Equities	50.0%	
GAM Star Continental European Eq.	30.0%	High conviction European stock selection
GAM Sustainable EM Equity	20.0%	Focused EM fund incorporating ESG metrics
Total	100.0%	

GAM Star Global Balanced

Allocations as at 07 Oct 2024

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>GAM Diversified Balanced</i>	<i>Differentiating factor</i>
Equity Long Only	57.5%	
USA	37.6%	
GAM Star Disruptive Growth Z GBP Acc	3.0%	Global technology-focused active fund
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF	14.6%	Simple, cost-effective S&P 500 exposure
Loomis Sayles US Growth Equity Fund	6.2%	Active fund focused on growth stocks
Amundi MSCI USA UCITS ETF	6.1%	Simple, cost-effective MSCI USA exposure
iShares Edge MSCI USA Value Factor UCITS ETF	6.0%	Simple, cost-effective US value factor exposure
SPDR S&P 400 US Mid Cap UCITS ETF	1.0%	Cost-effective US mid-cap exposure tied to US economy
SPDR S&P 500 UCITS ETF	0.7%	Simple, cost-effective S&P 500 exposure
Japan	3.0%	
JPMorgan Japan Fund	3.0%	Active fund focused on Japan
Europe inc. UK	10.5%	
Amundi Prime Eurozone UCITS ETF DR	2.5%	Index fund exposed to large and mid-cap stocks across 10 eurozone countries
iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	4.0%	Simple, cost-effective FTSE 100 exposure
Comgest Growth Europe ex UK	2.0%	Highly rated active continental European fund
BlackRock Continental European Flexible Fund	2.0%	Active European fund focused on ESG investing principles
Emerging Markets inc. Asia	6.5%	
Amundi MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	5.0%	Simple, cost-effective emerging markets core
Veritas Asian Fund	1.5%	Active fund with a quality bias unconstrained by benchmark / index weightings
Capital Preservation (Bonds and Alternatives)	38.7%	
GAM Star MBS Total Return Institutional GBP Hdg Acc	7.8%	Seeks to deliver strong absolute returns through US residential mortgage-backed
GAM Star Credit Opportunities (GBP) Z II GBP Acc	4.0%	Focused on generating steady, high income from the bonds of subordinated but quality debt
Amundi US Treasury Bond 7-10Y UCITS ETF	2.5%	Index exposure to longer-dated US Treasuries for crash protection and yield
iShares USD Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF	2.5%	Index exposure to shorter-dated US Treasuries for strong risk-adjusted yield
iShares Physical Gold ETC	5.0%	Gold exposure for further crash protection
EI Sturza Funds PLC – Strategic Long Short Fund	4.9%	Fundamental long/short strategy with a US bias
JPMorgan Global Macro Opportunities Fund	4.0%	Aims to provide positive investment returns over a rolling 3-year period in all market conditions
Lyxor Smart Overnight Return UCITS ETF	8.0%	Aims to outperform cash rates via financial instruments and repurchase agreements
Liquidity	3.9%	
Cash liquidity	3.9%	Operational liquidity to manage fees, redemptions etc.
Total	100.0%	

Source: GAM. Please note full legal names: GAM Star Funds Plc. GAM Star Continental European Equity, GAM Star Funds Plc. GAM Star Credit Opportunities, GAM Star Funds Plc. GAM Star MBS Total Return. The mentioned financial instruments are provided for illustrative purposes only and shall not be considered as a direct offering, investment recommendation or investment advice. Allocations are target weights and holdings are subject to change. The views are those of the manager and are subject to change. Totals may not sum due to rounding.



SUMMARY



How will we generate returns for Ardan clients?

Offering growth with suitable diversification for your wealth client base



EQUITIES

Engagement is vital, then selected themes

- Siegel Constant suggests 'natural' growth at index level, but narrative themes can enhance performance
- Key megatrends: Fortress America, Technological Innovation including Artificial Intelligence, Rise of Emerging Markets
- **Implementation:** low-cost indices, selected active funds and thematic direct equities



FIXED INCOME & CREDIT

'Alt-bonds' represent a fresh approach

- Near-term outlook for rates and credit uncertain amid slow disinflation and cooling economy
- Focus on truly alternative bond book with proven consistency
- **Implementation:** short-dated bonds, government notes, investment grade paper



ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

Rare quality amid an inconsistent sector

- Alternative Investments' generally patchy record of reliability, diversification must be acknowledged
- Focus instead on proven methods with consistent outcomes
- **Implementation:** selected macro and long/short strategies

The three components of our offering

Summary

Team



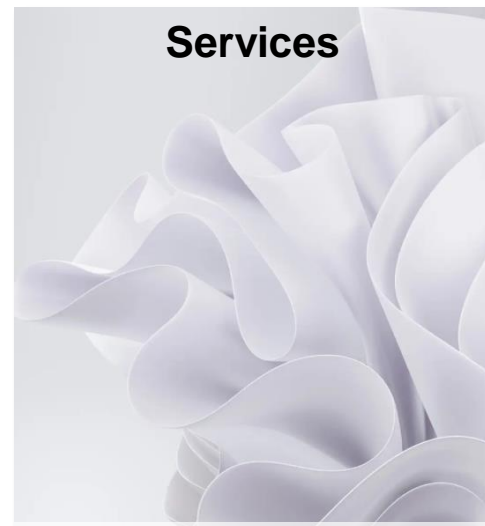
**Highly experienced
investment team**

Strategies



**Demonstrated long term
performance**

Services



**High quality solutions
services from across GAM**

MARKET INSIGHTS

Market Insights – Late Summer Storms

Julian Howard – Chief Multi-Asset Investment Strategist | 12 September 2024

“Stocks are crashing – that’s a great reason to sit tight.”

Wall Street Journal, 5 Aug 2024

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Key themes – Late Summer Storms

As at 12 Sep 2024

Macro

- Global growth outlook is sluggish, but the US is still set for a soft landing
- US fundamentals remain broadly sound amid some signs of consumer fatigue
- The Fed* will cut rates soon but it will be conditional – see also ECB* and BoE*

Equities

- Market volatility and political uncertainty have both picked up over the summer
- US mid-caps offer something different - better valuations, correlation to economy
- Tech still compelling, but unprecedented investment phase requires patience

Capital Preservation

- Government bonds relatively cheap, offer crash protection, some capital upside
- Junk bonds offer less potential capital gains from here given tight spreads
- Short-dated bonds still compelling while Fed, ECB and BoE slowly loosen

Risks to watch

- Public sector finance is the story everyone is ignoring but really shouldn't
- What if the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution suddenly hits supply problems?
- Some investors selling on these market highs, but highs often come in clusters

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Macro



Growth outlook mixed, but US doing 'ok'

<i>(Real GDP, annual percent change)</i>	2023	2024*	2025*
World Output	3.3	3.2	3.3
Advanced Economies	1.7	1.7	1.8
United States	2.5	2.6	1.9
Euro Area	0.5	0.9	1.5
Germany	-0.2	0.2	1.3
France	1.1	0.9	1.3
Italy	0.9	0.7	0.9
Spain	2.5	2.4	2.1
Japan	1.9	0.7	1.0
United Kingdom	0.1	0.7	1.5
Canada	1.2	1.3	2.4
Other Advanced Economies	1.8	2.0	2.2
Emerging Market and Developing Economies	4.4	4.3	4.3
Emerging and Developing Asia	5.7	5.4	5.1
China	5.2	5.0	4.5
India	8.2	7.0	6.5
Emerging and Developing Europe	3.2	3.2	2.6
Russia	3.6	3.2	1.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	2.3	1.9	2.7
Brazil	2.9	2.1	2.4
Mexico	3.2	2.2	1.6
Middle East and Central Asia	2.0	2.4	4.0
Saudi Arabia	-0.8	1.7	4.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	3.4	3.7	4.1
Nigeria	2.9	3.1	3.0
South Africa	0.7	0.9	1.2
Memorandum			
Emerging Market and Middle-Income Economies	4.4	4.2	4.2
Low-Income Developing Countries	3.9	4.4	5.3

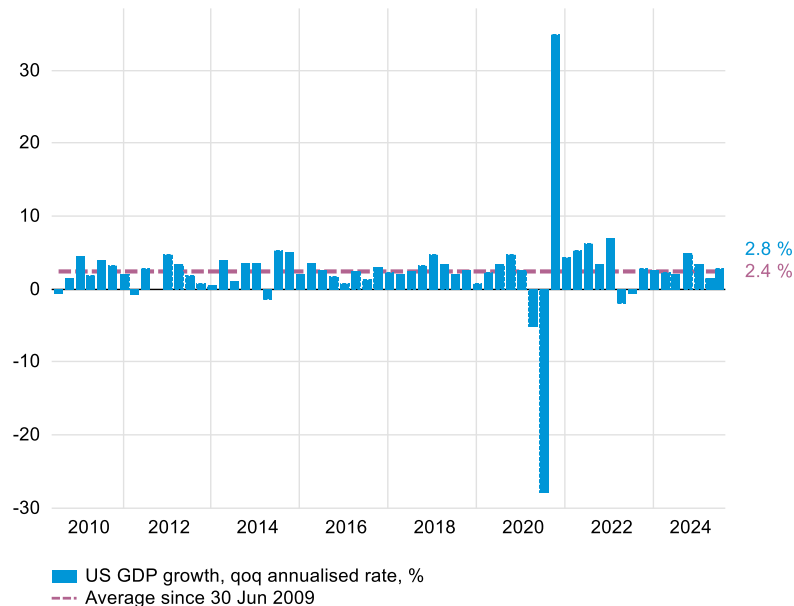
Services inflation is holding up progress on disinflation, which is complicating monetary policy normalization.

IMF World Economic Update , 16 July 2024

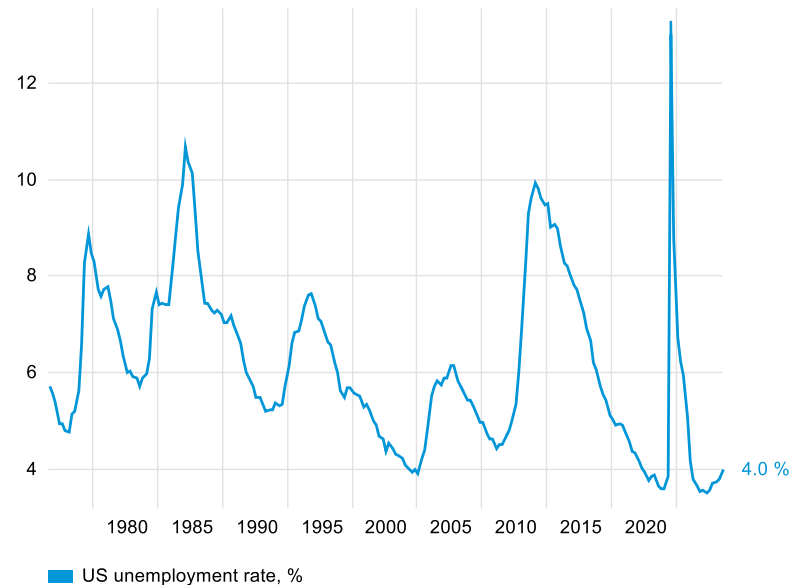
US fundamentals remain solid overall

From 30 Jun 2009 to 30 Jun 2024

Economic growth running above average....



...Unemployment near 50-year low

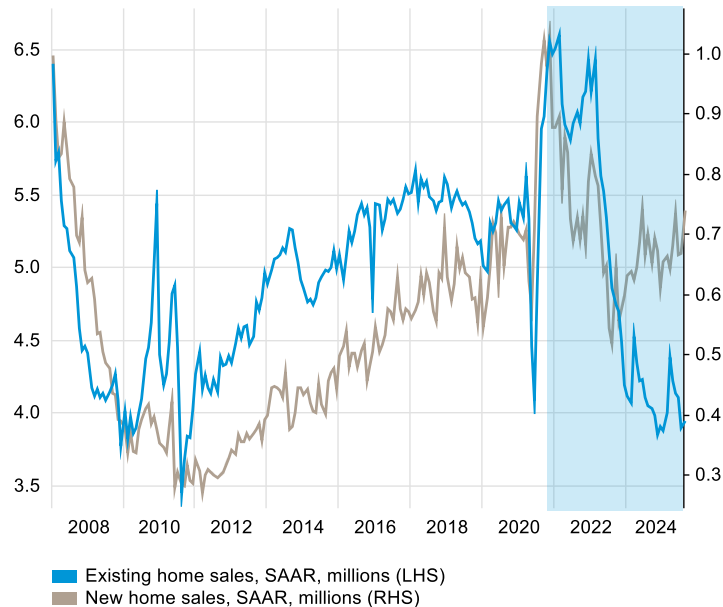


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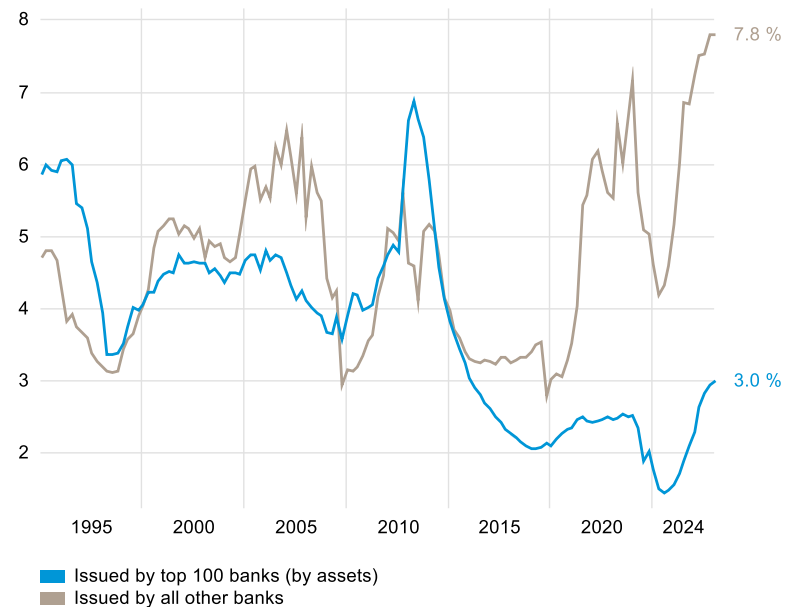
US consumers are showing some signs of stress

From 31 Dec 2006 to 31 Jul 2024

Housing market has slowed...



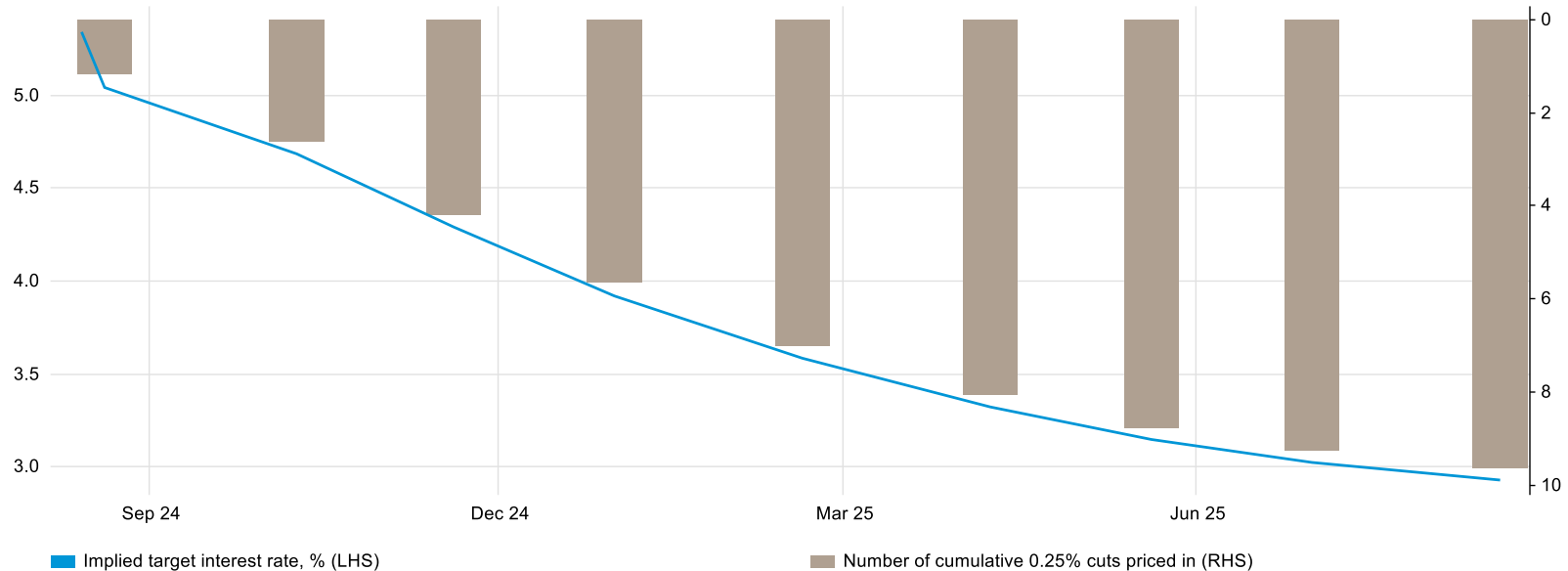
...Credit card delinquency rates are up



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Will the Fed come to the rescue? Market thinks so...

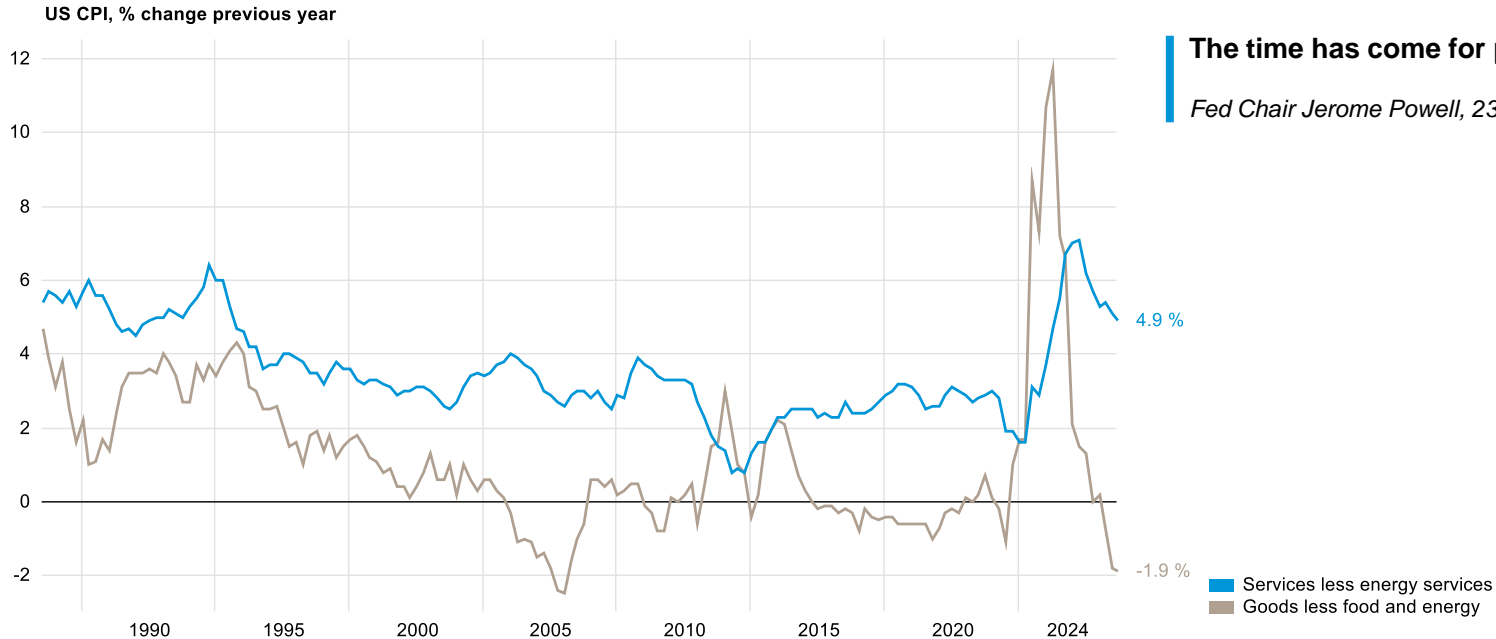
From 12 Sep 2024 to 17 Sep 2025



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Services inflation quite sticky but Fed determined

From 30 Jun 1984 to 31 Aug 2024



The time has come for policy to adjust.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell, 23 Aug 2024

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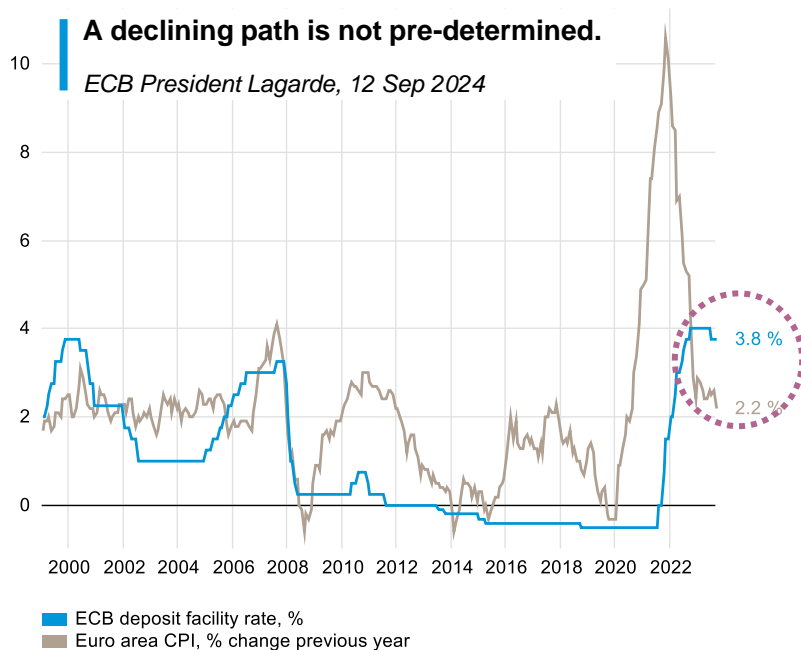
Central banks are 'cutting with caveats'

From 31 Dec 1999 to 31 Aug 2024

ECB reiterates further cuts contingent

A declining path is not pre-determined.

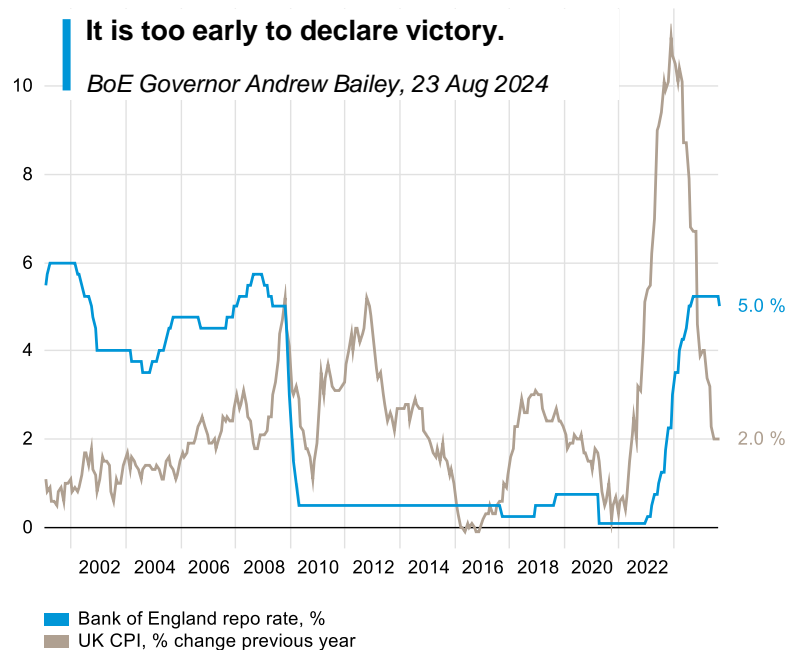
ECB President Lagarde, 12 Sep 2024



BoE insists this is not the start of a cycle

It is too early to declare victory.

BoE Governor Andrew Bailey, 23 Aug 2024



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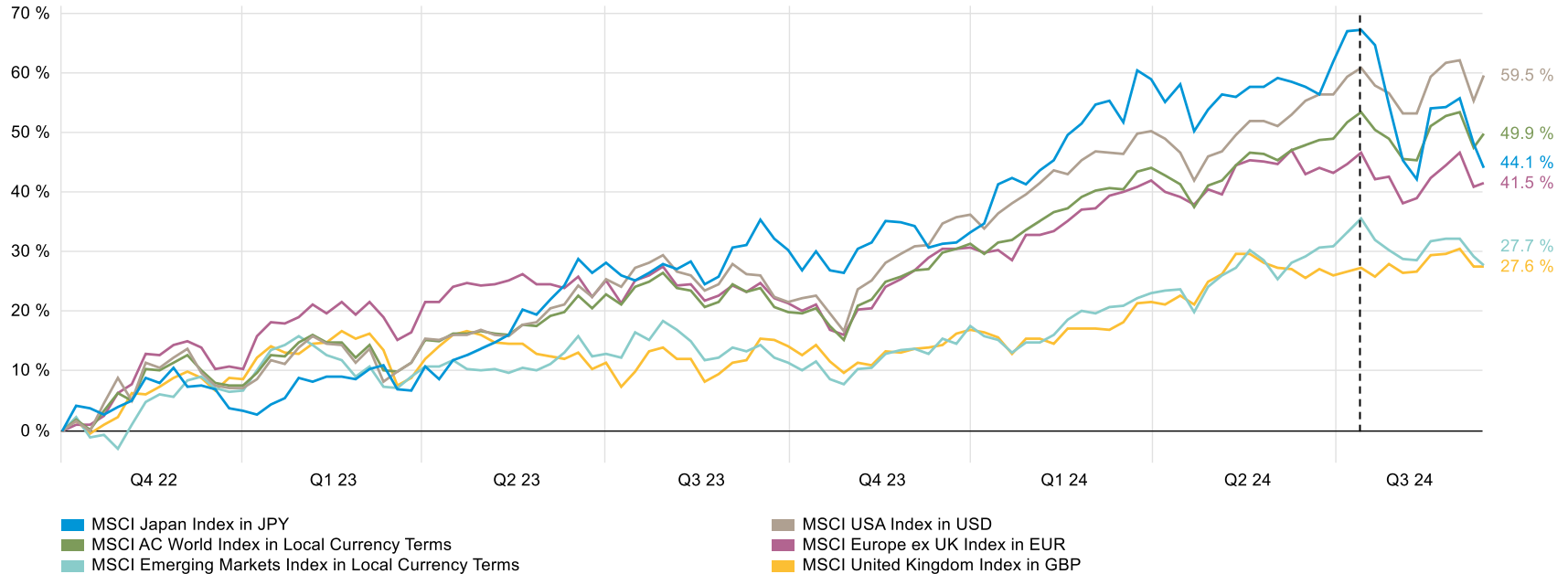


Equities



Late summer storms rain (a little) on equity party

Performance from 30 Sep 2022 to 11 Sep 2024



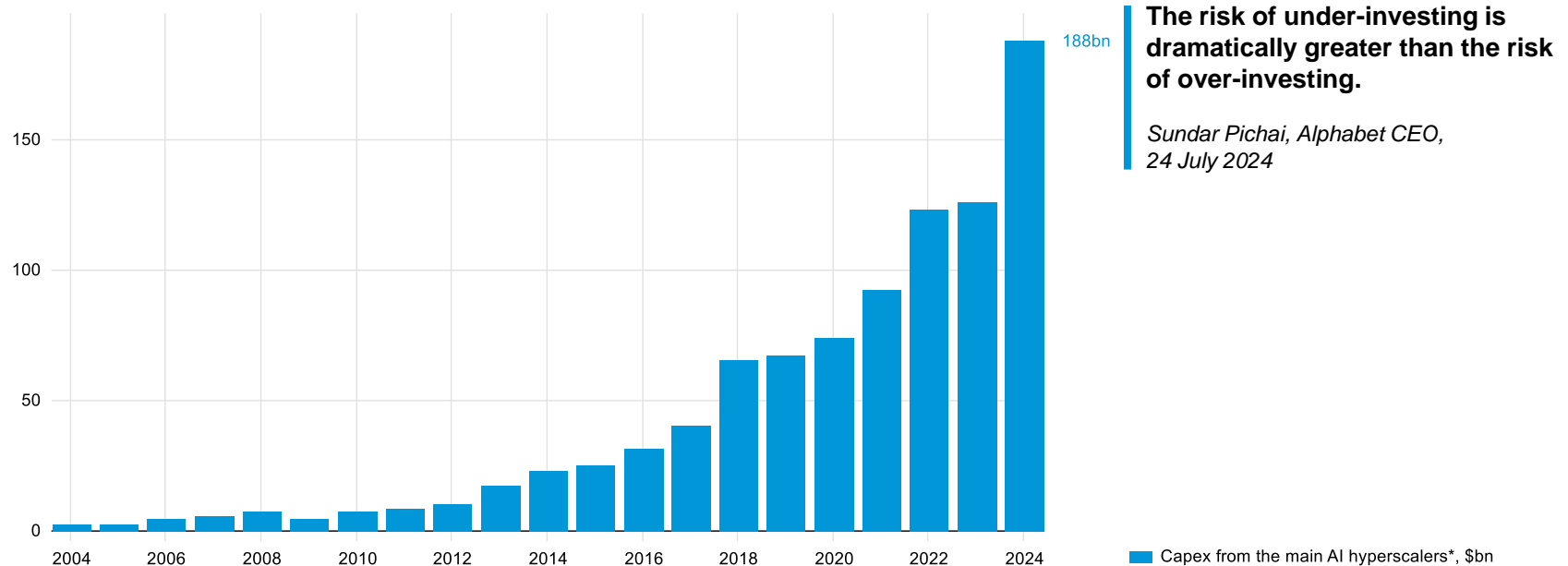
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Source: MSCI, Bloomberg, Policyuncertainty.com.

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AI's investment phase sign of maturity not failure

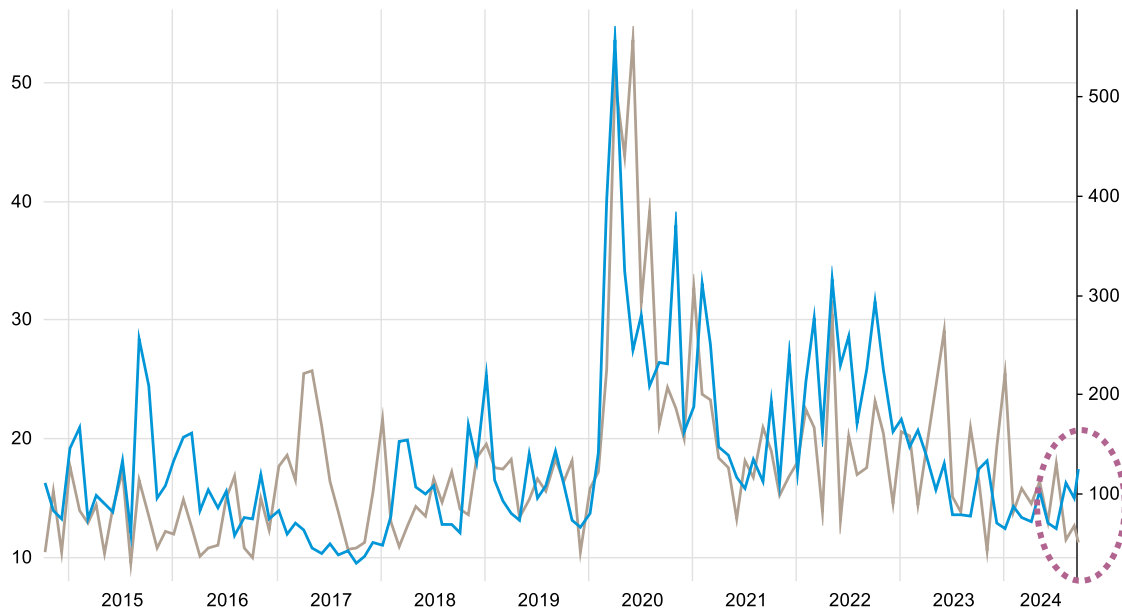
From 31 Dec 2004 to 31 Dec 2024



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Political uncertainty likely not helpful either

From 30 Sep 2014 to 12 Sep 2024



In Springfield they are eating the dogs... They're eating the pets of the people that live there.

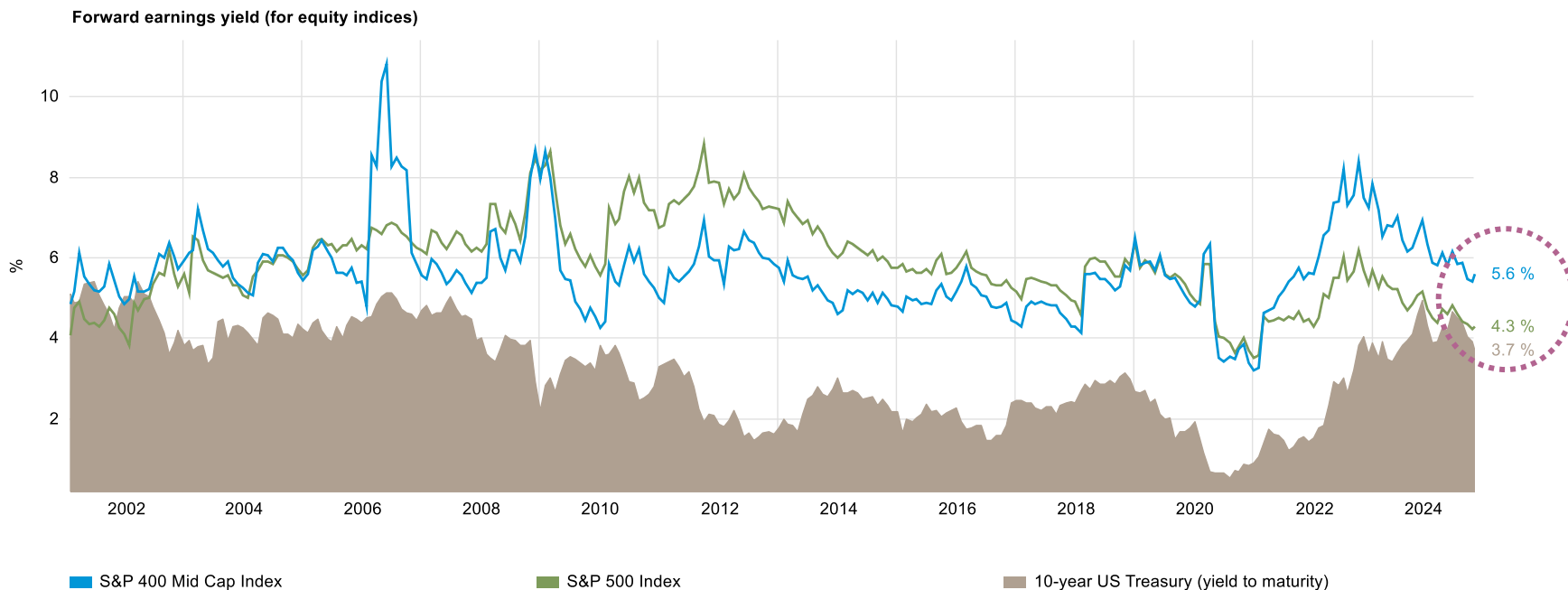
*Former US President Donald Trump,
10 Sep 2024*

■ VIX equity volatility gauge (LHS)
■ US economic policy uncertainty index (RHS)

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ERP comparison points to a broad US equity allocation

From 31 Jan 2001 to 12 Sep 2024



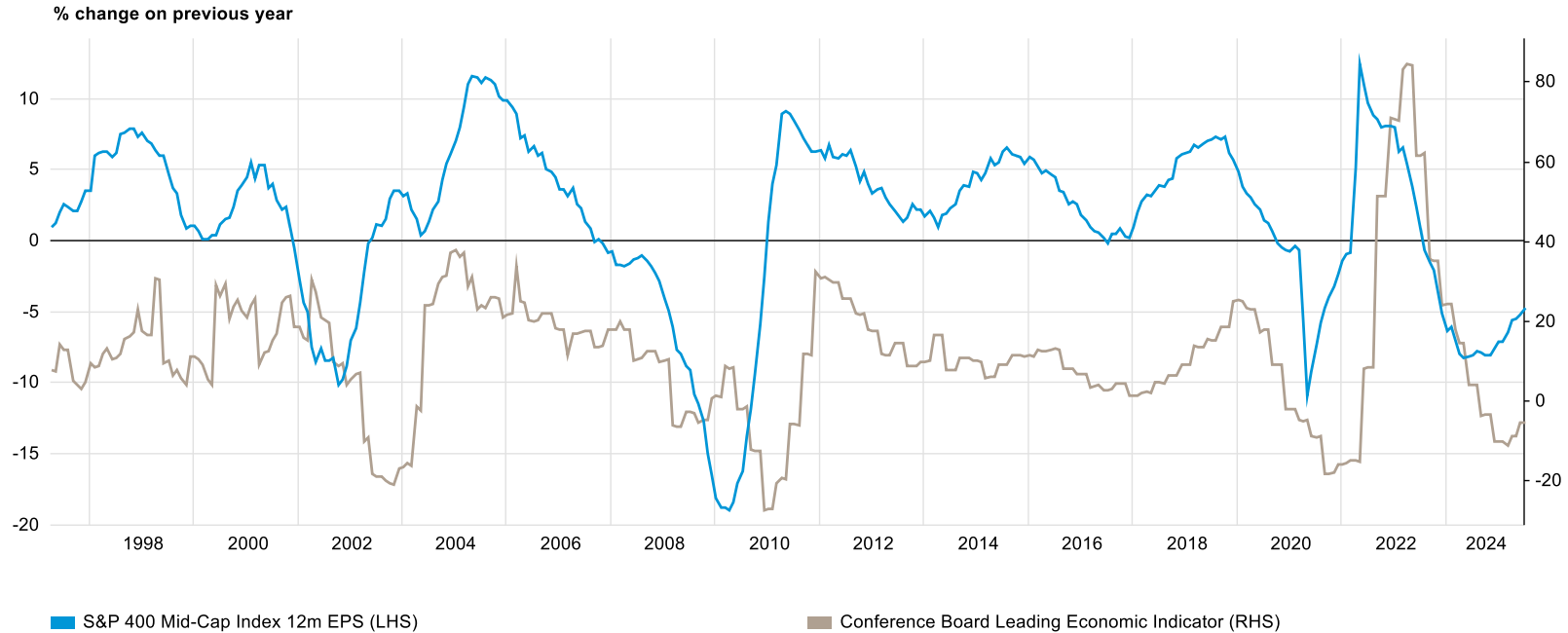
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Source: Bloomberg. ERP = Equity Risk Premium. The excess forward earnings yield of a stock or stock index over the 10-year US Treasury risk-free rate.

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Mid-cap stocks are sensitive to the real economy

From 31 Mar 1996 to 30 Jun 2024



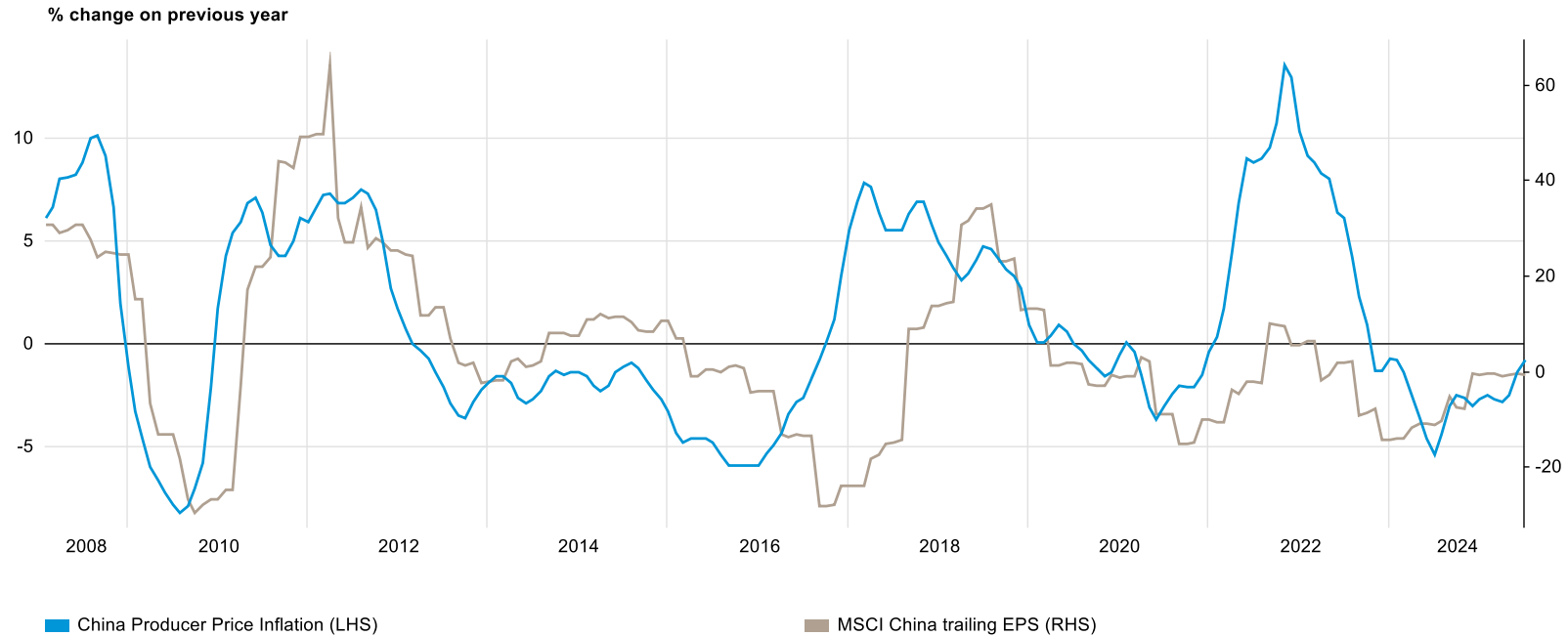
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China's deflation problem holding back earnings

From 31 Jan 2008 to 30 Jun 2024



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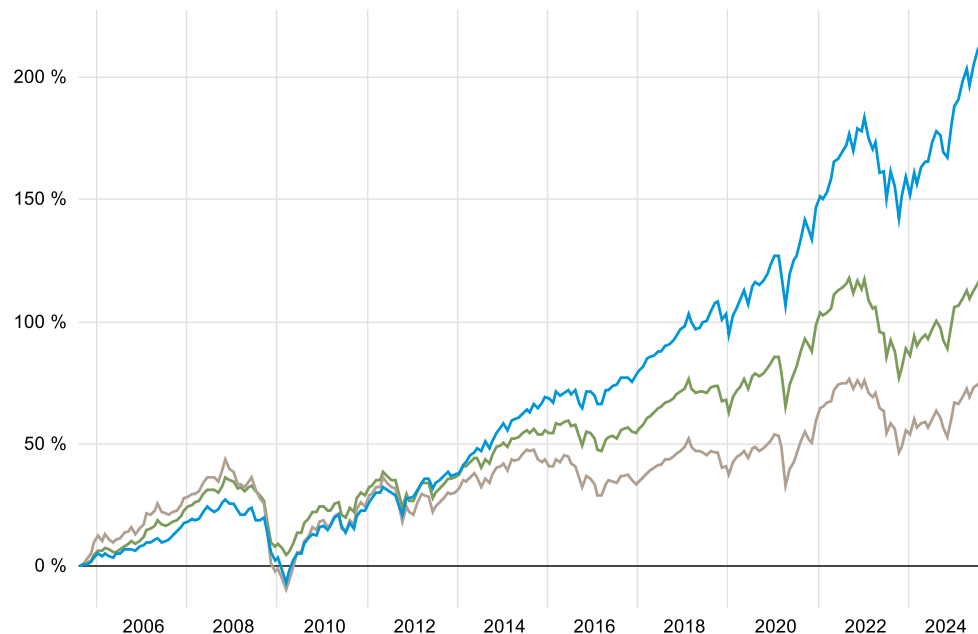
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Capital Preservation

This may be TOO simple, but there is a lesson here

Performance from 2 Aug 2004 (inception) to 31 Jul 2024



	Simple Perf. %	Ann. Perf. %	Ann. Std. Dev.
50:50 (S&P500:1-3yr UST Index) + 50bps fee*	214.8	5.9	7.4
Lipper Mixed-Asset USD Flexible Global	76.4	2.9	9.0
ARC Dollar Balanced Asset PCI	119.0	4.0	7.3

Return for each 'unit' of risk:

50:50: 0.8

Lipper: 0.3

ARC: 0.5

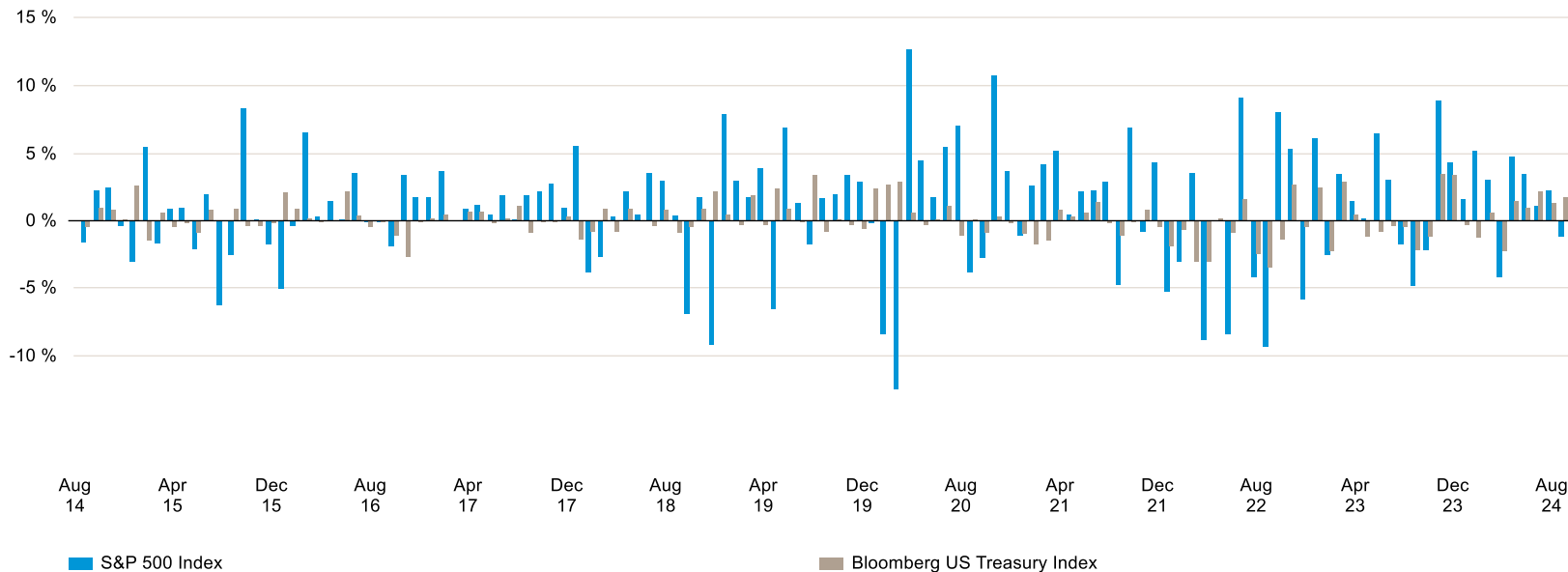
In principle you do not really need more than two assets: a global equity fund and a broad bond fund in your own currency, with the relative amounts a function of your return needs and ability to withstand short-term drawdowns.

Jan Loeys, JPMorgan, Sep 2023

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Diversification, visualised. Don't fall when I do!

Monthly returns from 29 Aug 2014 to 12 Sep 2024



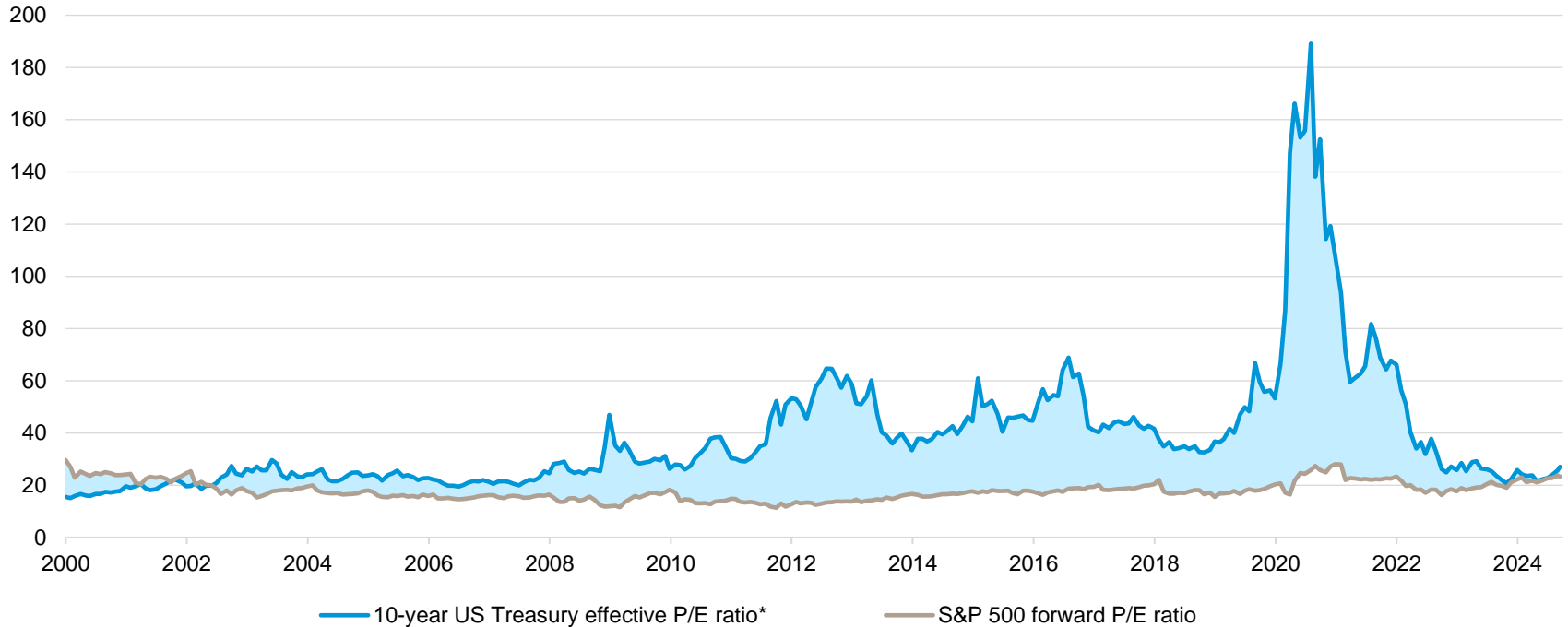
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Government bonds now almost as cheap as stocks

From 31 Dec 1999 to 12 Sep 2024



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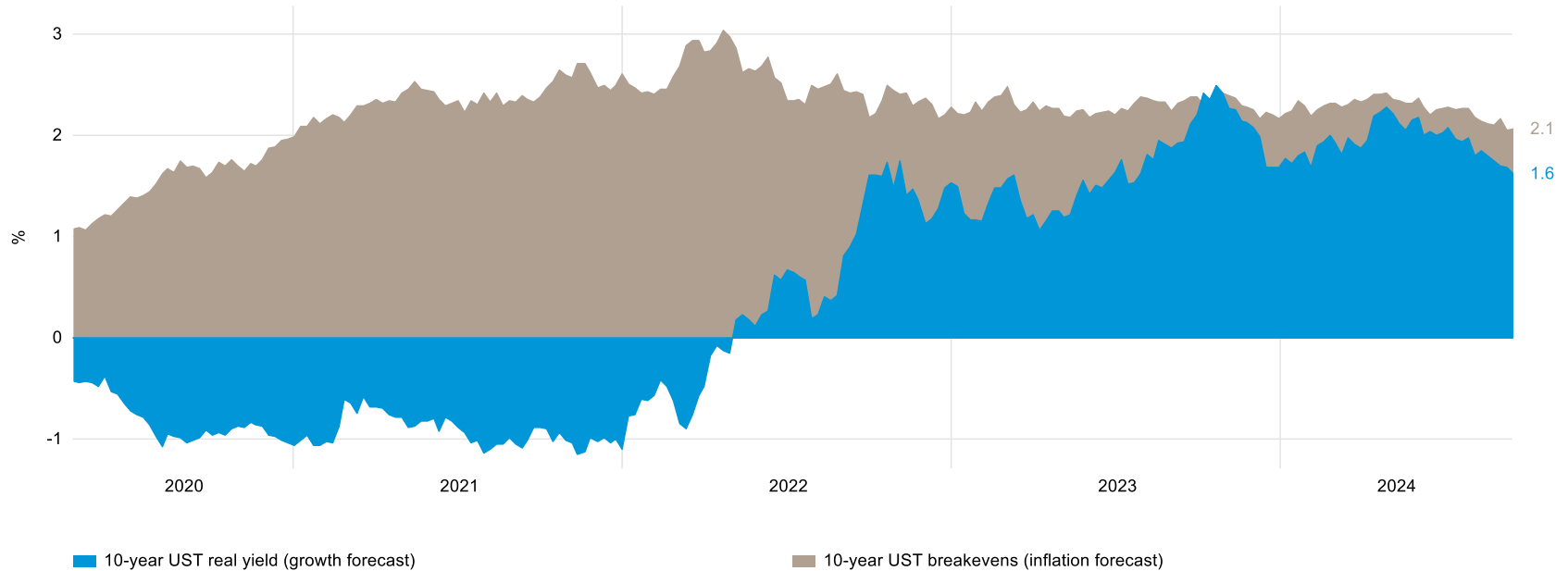
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Effective P/E ratio derived by dividing 'Price' (100) by 'Earnings' (Yield to maturity).

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And should benefit if the growth outlook slows further

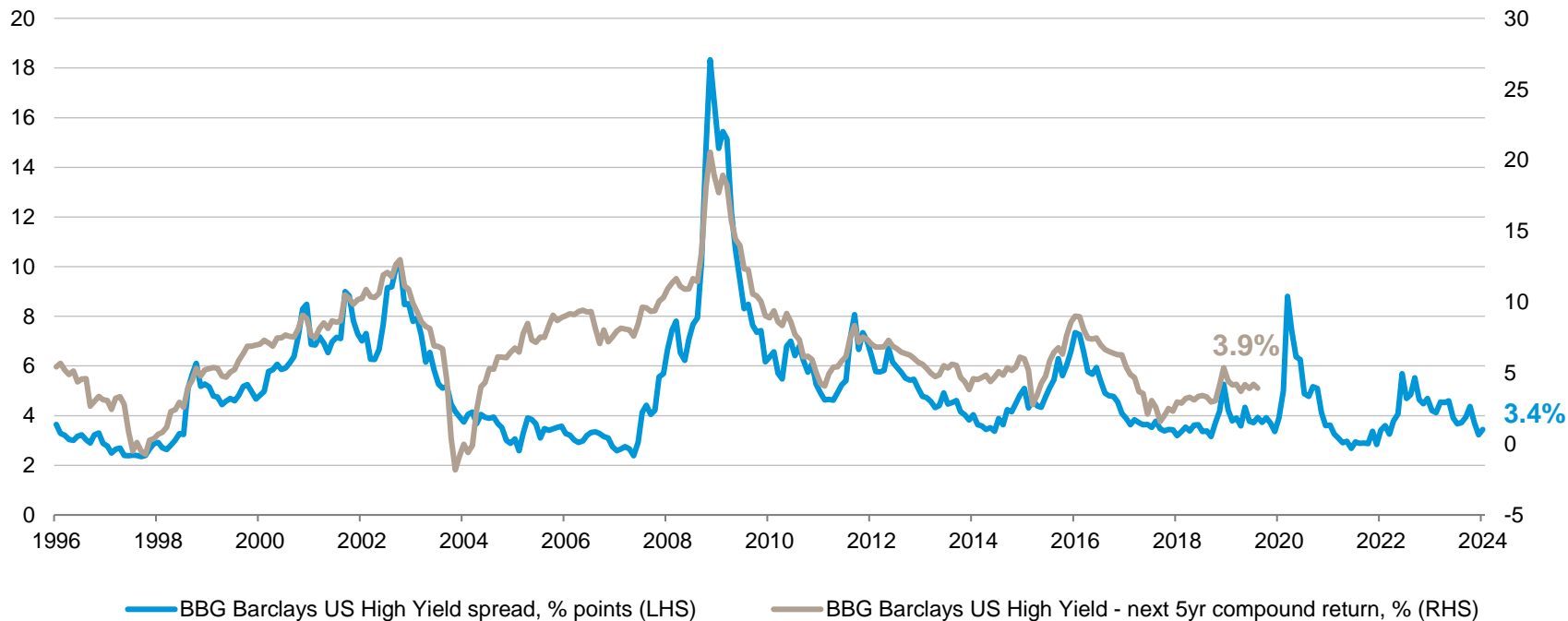
From 30 Apr 2020 to 12 Sep 2024



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High yield bonds offer only limited capital upside

Data from 31 Jan 1996 to 05 Aug 2024



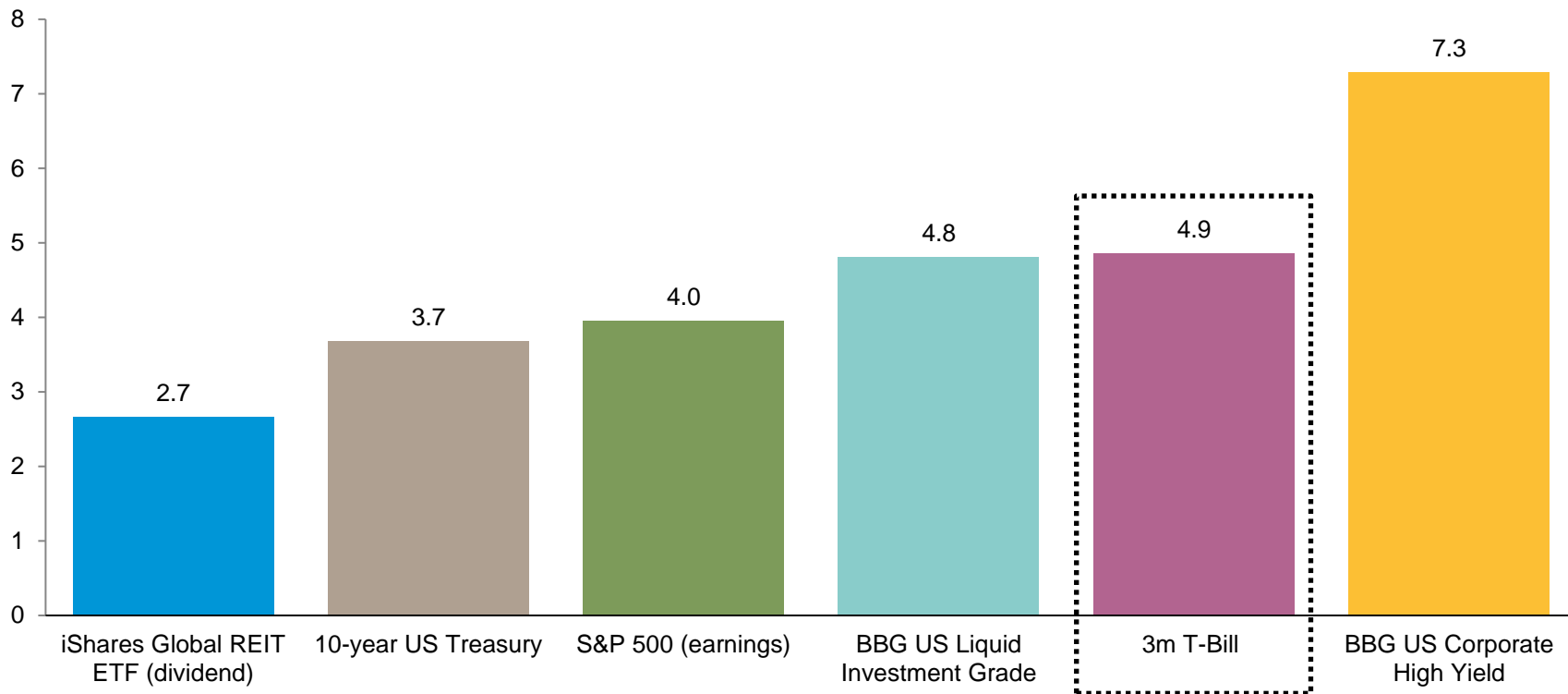
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Short-dated bonds – still the risk-adjusted winners

% Yields as at 12 Sep 2024



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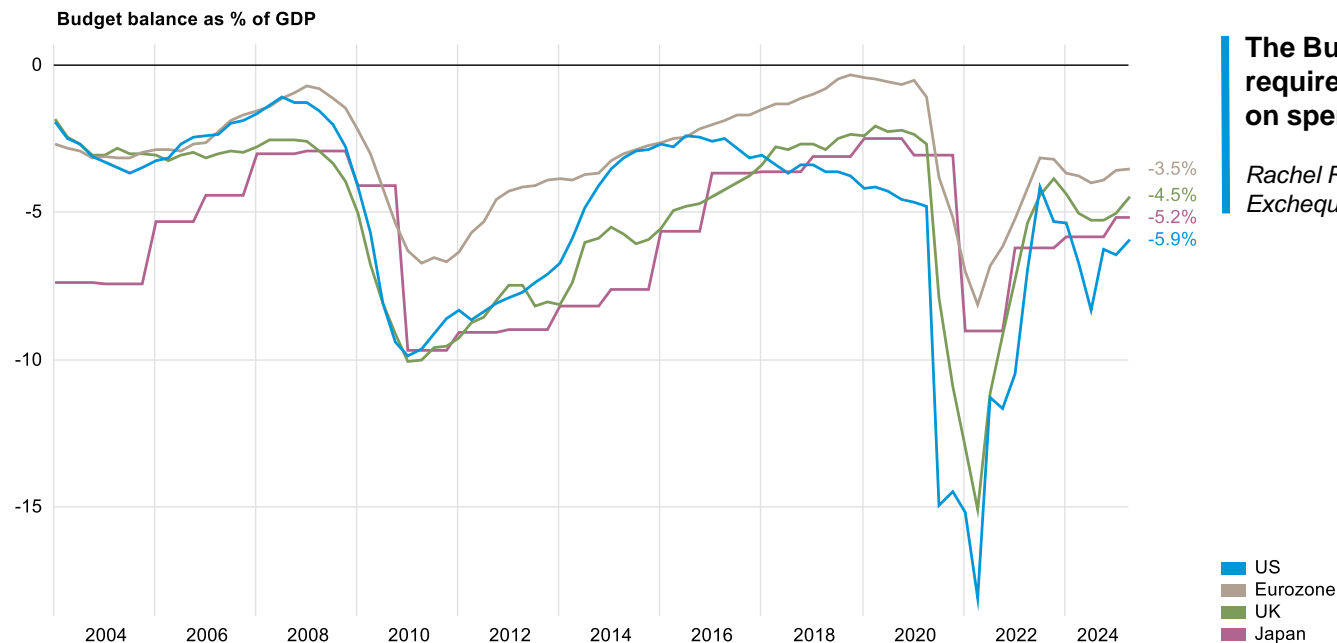


Risks



Strained fiscal situation could weigh on growth

From 31 Dec 2002 to 31 Mar 2024



The Budget on 30 October will require difficult decisions on tax, on spending, and on welfare.

Rachel Reeves, UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, 11 Sep 2024

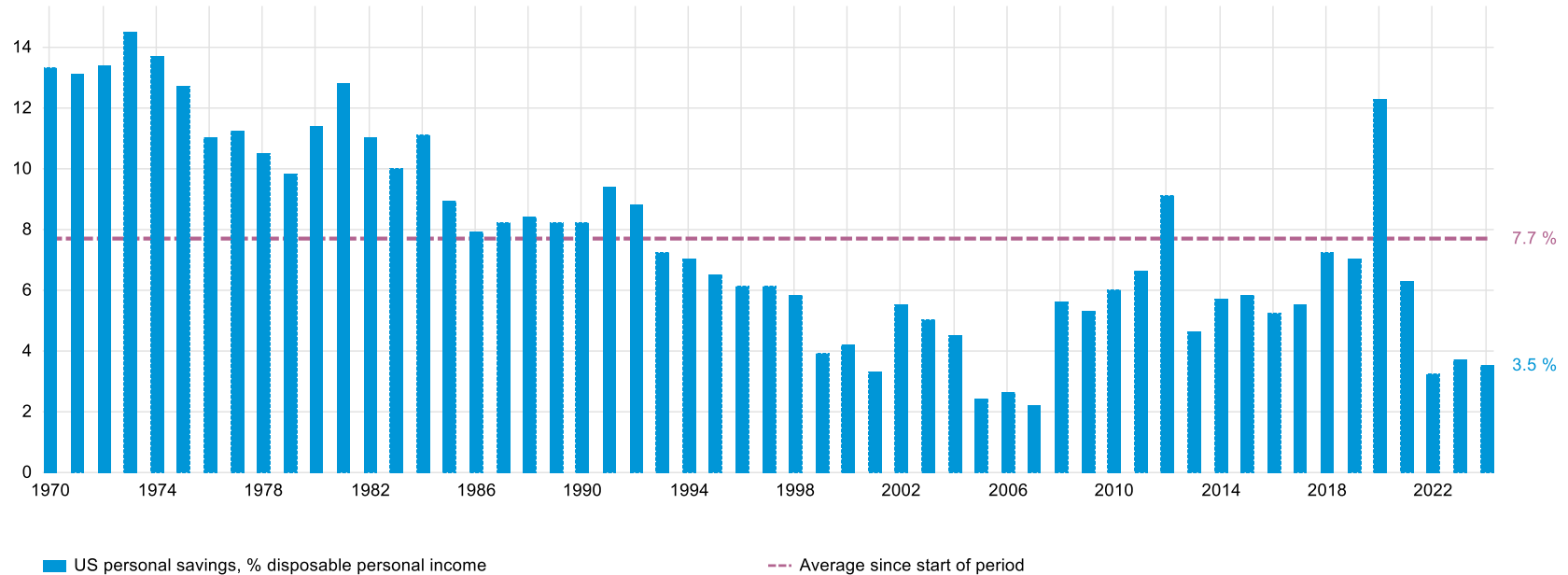
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Consumers may start to rebuild their savings soon

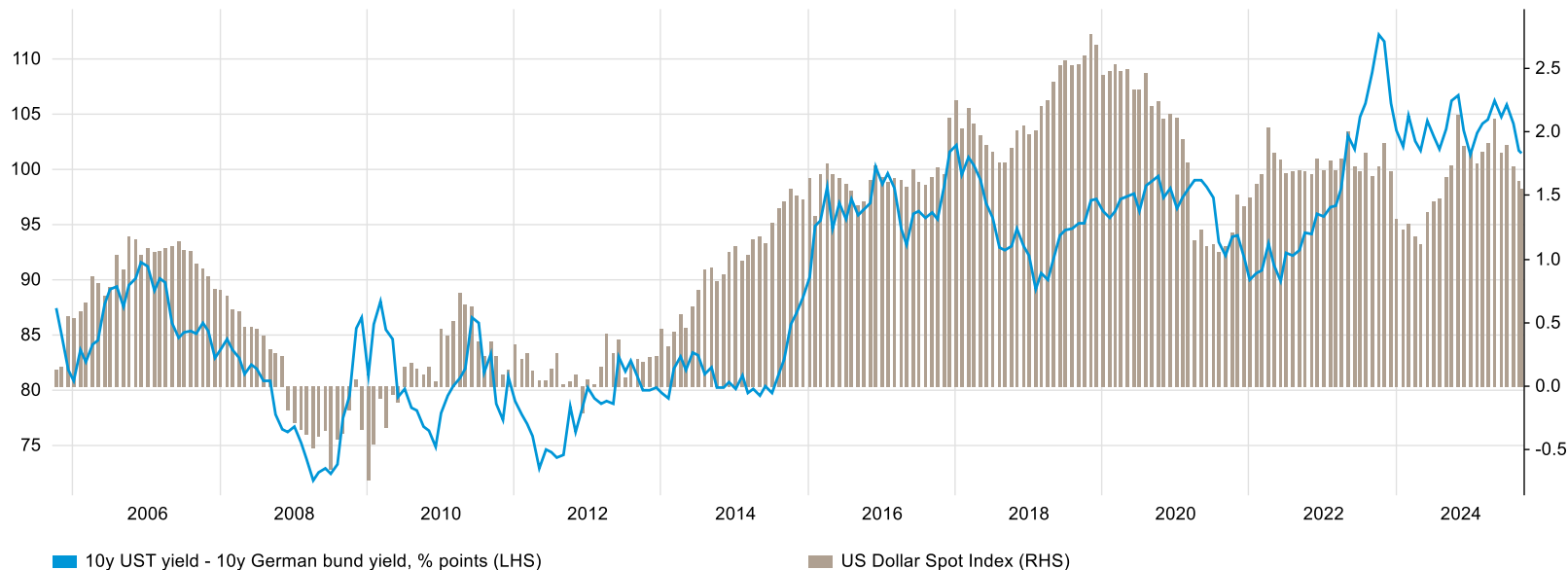
From 31 Dec 1970 to 30 Jun 2024



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Interest rate differentials could keep US dollar strong

From 30 Sep 2004 to 12 Sep 2024



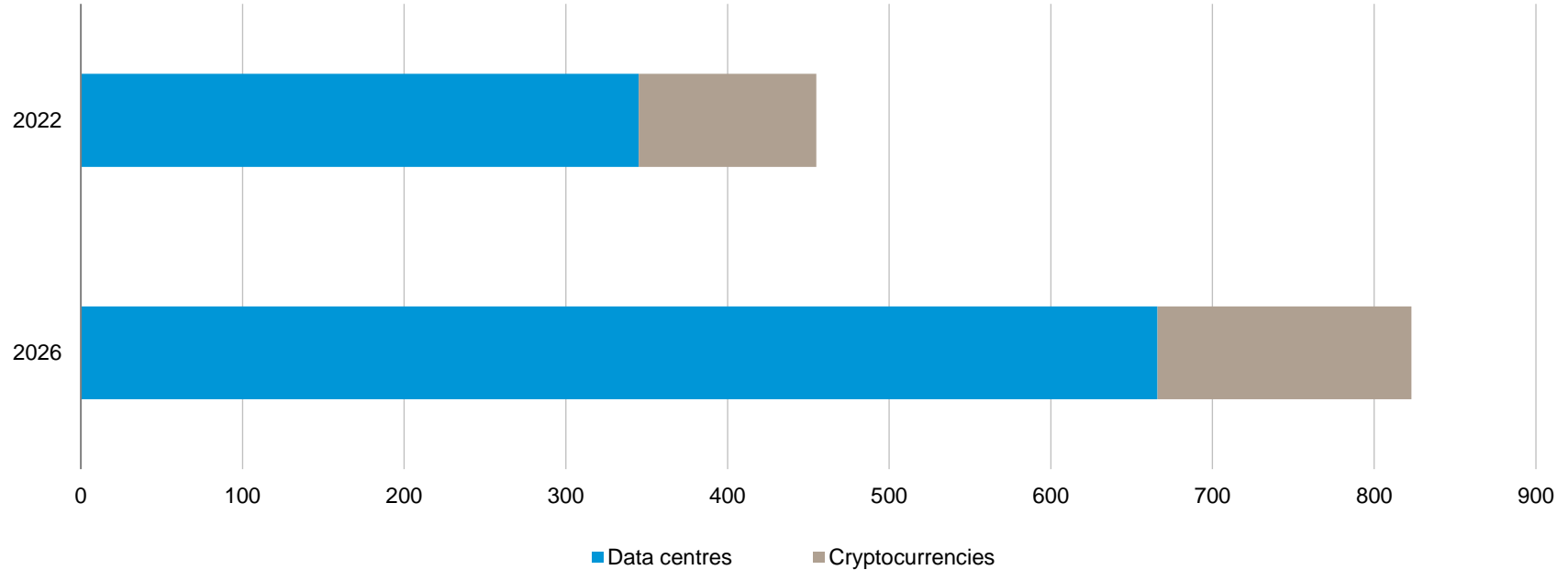
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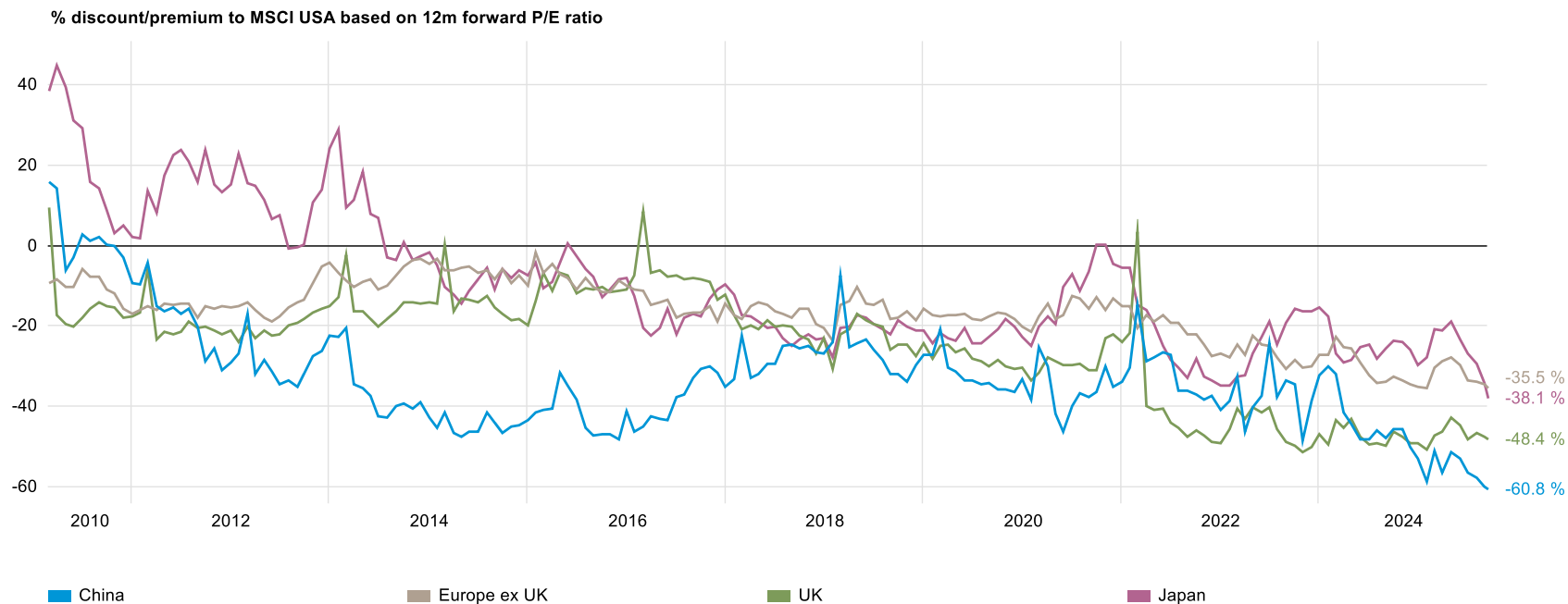
AI's hunger for power could delay the revolution

Electricity demand in Terawatt-hours (TWh)



FOMO* - what if these equity regions rally?

From 26 Feb 2010 to 11 Sep 2024

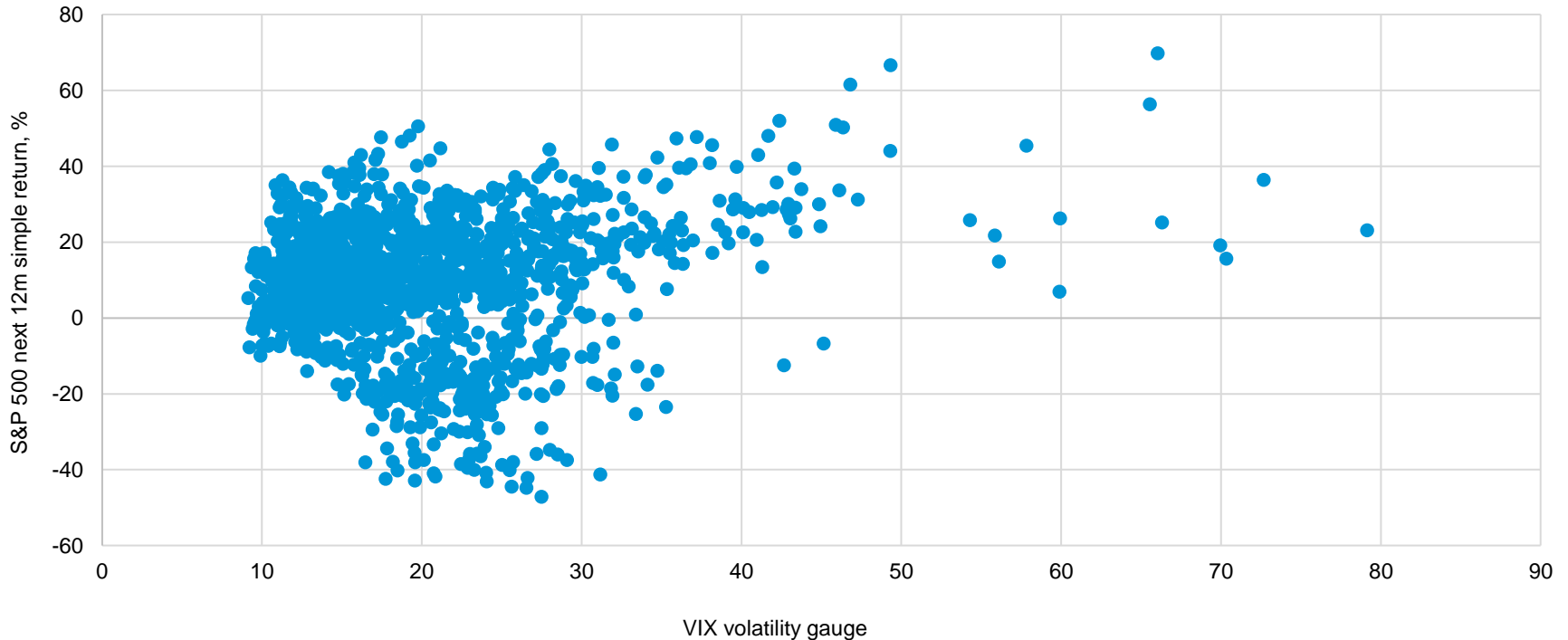


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Source: Bloomberg. *FOMO = Fear of missing out.
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Panic-selling amid high volatility usually doesn't work

Weekly data from 5 Jan 1990 to 11 Aug 2023



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CURRENT POSITIONING

Current Positioning

Across GAM Investments Solutions (GIS) strategies

Asset Allocation

Overweight risk assets appropriate across multi-asset portfolios

- Engaged in stocks primarily based on the structural case (Siegel's Constant*)
- Capital Preservation expressed primarily via Fixed Income and Credit instruments
- **Outlook:** Underweight unlikely, but could add in the event of a sustained sell-off

Equity allocation

Emphasis on diversified US equity exposure including technology and mid-caps

- US 'funded' by underweight to Europe (political instability), UK (multiple headwinds)
- Neutral Japan (better governance but macro challenges), EM (structural case but China risks)
- **Outlook:** Focus on persuasive long-term themes, expressed simply and at low cost

Fixed Income & Credit

Asset class is the main response to the capital preservation challenge

- Short-dated fixed income instruments very attractive from a risk/reward perspective
- Govt. bonds offer crash protection, some capital upside. Alt-bonds enhance returns
- **Outlook:** Recession would lower yields but seems unlikely. Steady income meanwhile

Alternative Investments

Selected Alternative Investments can still protect against volatility

- Alternatives can diversify but history points to a high threshold for future inclusion
- Selected macro and long/short strategies providing provided portfolio protection
- **Outlook:** Little urgency for additional Alts while risk-free bonds still offer good yields

Strategic and tactical views – summary

As at 12 Sep 2024

	Low Conviction	Cautious	Neutral	Positive	High Conviction
Equities		Europe inc. UK <i>[little Tech, political risk, stagnation]</i>	Japan <i>[Better governance but macro headwinds]</i> Emerging Markets <i>[Structural case but China risks]</i>	US <i>[Innovation, management quality, liquidity, defensive]</i>	
Positive					
Fixed Income & Credit			Alt. high yield <i>[total return opportunity amid wider spreads]</i>	MBS <i>[steady returns, US consumer in good shape]</i>	Government bonds <i>[crash protection, capital upside]</i>
Positive				Insurance-linked <i>[genuinely low correlation to main markets]</i>	Short-dated instruments <i>[unbeatable risk-adjusted return profile for now]</i>
Alternatives				Convertible Arbitrage <i>[upside participation with attractive protection]</i>	
Cautious					



Q&As





APPENDIX



Liquidity Risk (Fund of Funds): Investments in other funds are subject to the liquidity of those underlying funds. If underlying funds suspend or defer payment of redemption proceeds, the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests may also be affected.

Operational Risk / Third Parties: Investments in other funds have direct and indirect dependence on other service providers. The Fund may suffer disruption or loss in the event of their failure.

Currency Risk - Non Base Currency Share Class: Non-base currency share classes may or may not be hedged to the base currency of the Fund. Changes in exchange rates will have an impact on the value of shares in the Fund which are not denominated in the base currency. Where hedging strategies are employed, they may not be fully effective.

Capital at Risk: All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of the investment and the income from it will vary and the initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed.

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GAM Global Flexible Composite (USD) – Gross

Composite Performance	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite Gross Returns %	4.31	1.36	0.04	13.79	-6.81	15.1	5.66	11.34	-7.52	11.13
Benchmark Returns %	-0.54	-5.35	0.66	10.57	-7.61	11.97	6.98	7.11	-12.61	8.32
Composite Standard Dev 3Yr %	4.35	5.74	5.86	5.84	5.94	6.27	8.31	6.95	7.32	5.34
Benchmark Standard Dev 3Yr %	6.39	6.13	5.94	5.46	5.29	5.32	9.94	9.4	11.06	8.88
Number of Portfolios in Composite	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	8	8
Composite Dispersion %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Asset Value (USDm)	29	118	103	63	57	6	8	9	52	49
Total Firm Assets (USDm)	47,925	41,816	55,461	81,674	50,470	47,208	38,510	33,419	25,112	22,860

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GAM Diversified Balanced Composite (USD) – Gross

Composite Performance	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite Gross Returns %	0.75	-1.06	2.38	13.71	-5.31	14.47	12.05	10.95	-13.02	15.12
Benchmark Returns %	-1.07	-4.04	-7.16	17.34	-10.66	16.7	6.75	6.46	-19.85	13.22
Composite Standard Dev 3Yr %	6.04	6.44	6.34	5.92	5.85	5.75	9.99	9.17	11.02	8.87
Benchmark Standard Dev 3Yr %	8.65	8.59	9.9	9.97	9.79	8.8	14.66	14.17	16.42	13.43
Number of Portfolios in Composite	29	28	8	< 6	< 6	7	6	8	8	< 6
Composite Dispersion %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Asset Value (USDm)	81	67	20	21	58	121	130	164	141	84
Total Firm Assets (USDm)	47,925	41,816	55,461	81,674	50,470	47,208	38,510	33,419	25,112	22,860

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GAM Diversified Growth Composite (USD) – Gross

Composite Performance	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite Gross Returns %	0.94	-1.07	2.7	17.34	-10.54	21.64	15.11	10.69	-17.64	16.87
Benchmark Returns %	-1.18	-3.01	-5.06	20.61	-11.55	20.65	8.6	10.19	-20.12	14.59
Composite Standard Dev 3Yr %	7.64	8.15	8.19	7.68	7.89	8.42	13.74	12.64	14.92	12.37
Benchmark Standard Dev 3Yr %	9.82	9.65	10.96	10.84	10.68	9.87	16.46	15.62	17.91	14.19
Number of Portfolios in Composite	29	28	10	10	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6	< 6
Composite Dispersion %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Asset Value (USDm)	68	86	44	49	33	34	9	8	6	6
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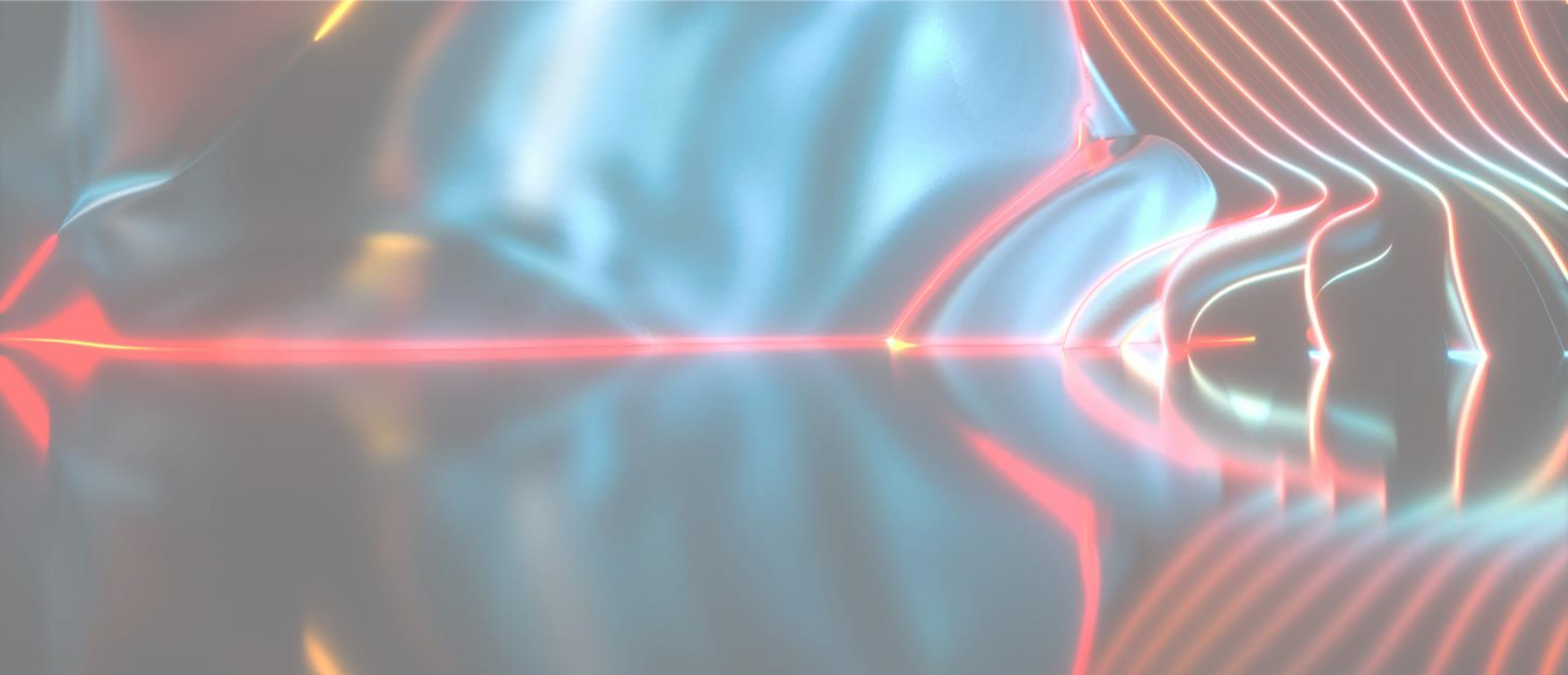
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