

MULTI-ASSET

# Five signals of change:

How to navigate them to meet client objectives

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## **Key risks**

#### Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Funds and Model Portfolios managed by the Multi-Asset Team may be exposed to the following risks:

Credit Risk: There is a risk that an investment will fail to make required payments and this may reduce the income paid to the fund, or its capital value. The creditworthiness of a bond issuer may also affect that bond's value. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts. The value of a bond would be significantly affected if the issuer either refused to pay or was unable to pay;

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Any performance shown in respect of the Model Portfolios are periodically restructured and/or rebalanced. Actual returns may vary from the model returns.

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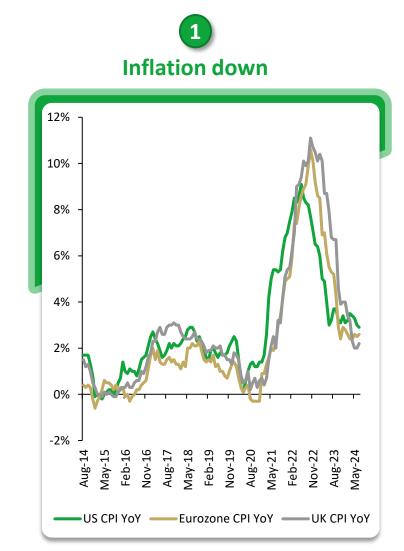
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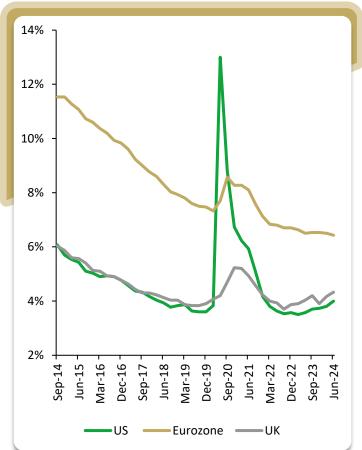
#### Learning objectives

- Explain how recent market performance signpost challenges: the rise of AI and mega caps and passives in a low growth, more volatile world in which globalisation is fragmenting
- Identify ways active management and diversified investment approaches can aid clients in achieving their long-term investment objectives
- Explain how a partnership orientated approach to investment and client management complements the ongoing requirements of Consumer Duty

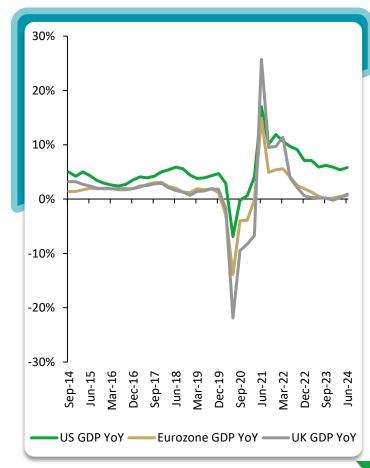
#### What's going on?





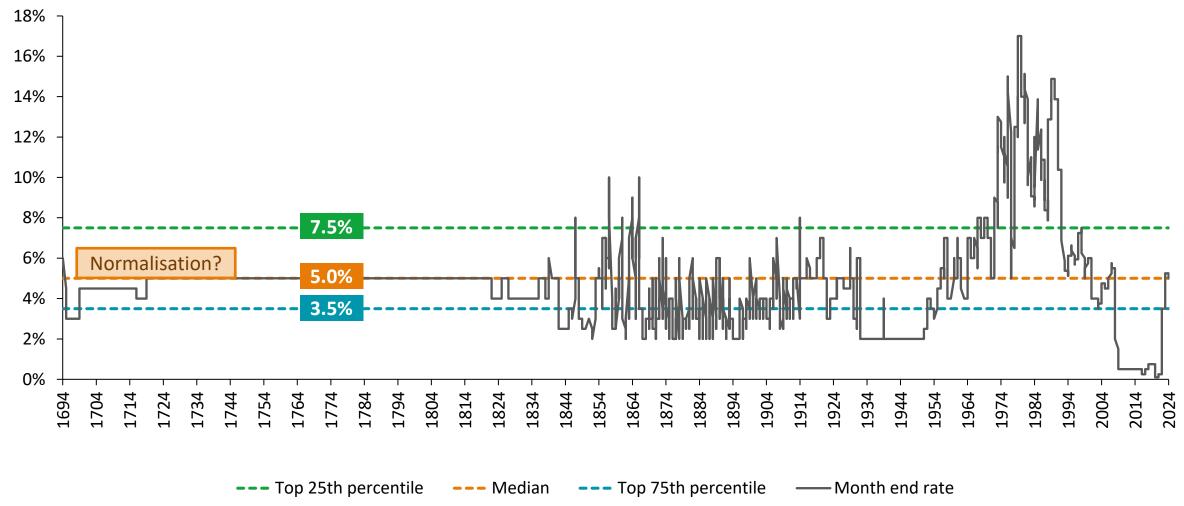


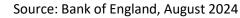
Economic growth solid





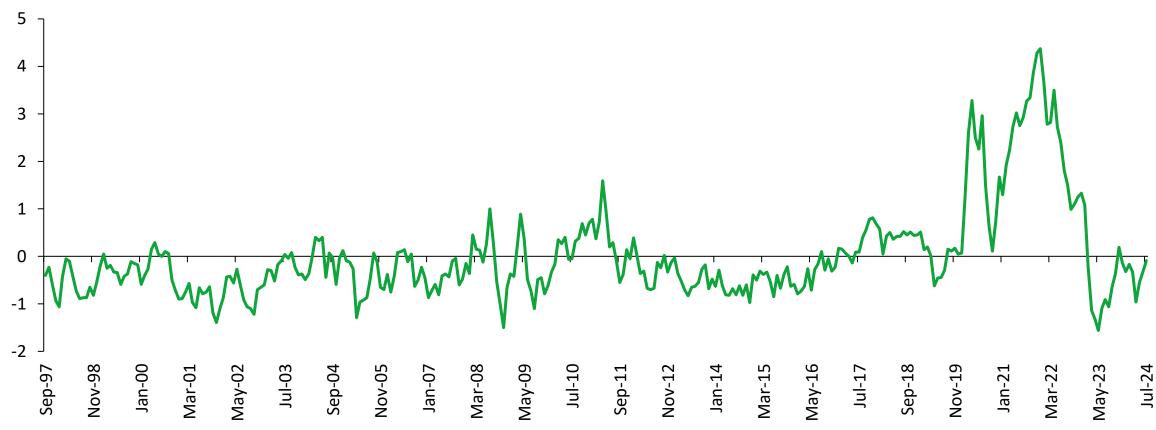
#### Central banks: dramatic hikes to normal





## Global supply chain unleashed disinflation

#### Federal Reserve Bank of New York Global Supply Chain Pressure Index

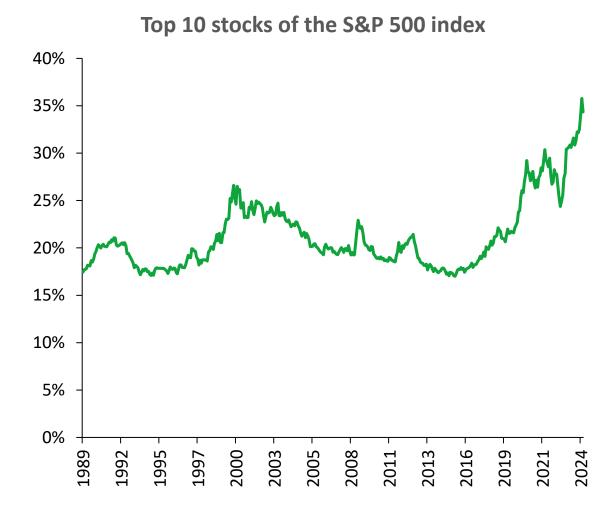


Source: Bloomberg, August 2024. A zero indicates that the index is at its average value with positive values representing how many standard deviations the index is above this average value (and negative values representing the opposite)



#### **US Index concentration**

**S&P 500 – April 2024** Microsoft Corp Apple Inc NVIDIA Corp ■ Amazon.com Inc Alphabet Inc Class A ■ Meta Platforms Inc Class A ■ Alphabet Inc Class C ■ Berkshire Hathaway Inc Class B ■ Eli Lilly and Co ■ Broadcom Inc Other



Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, 31.07.24



## The five signals

Signal 1

Signal 2

Signal 3

Signal 4

Signal 5























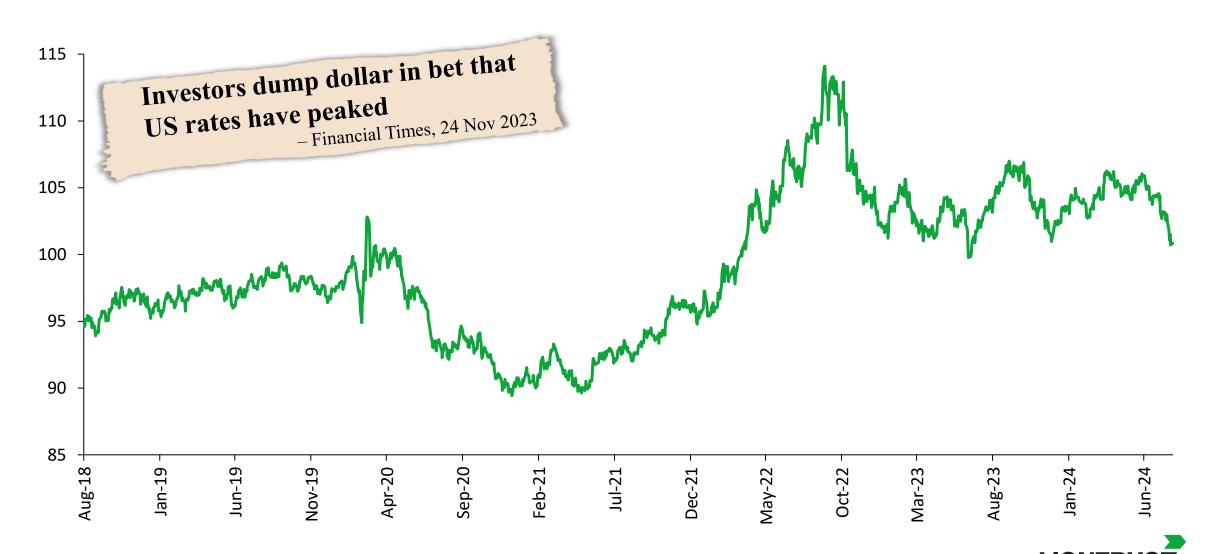
# Signal 1:

# **Fragmentation of globalisation**

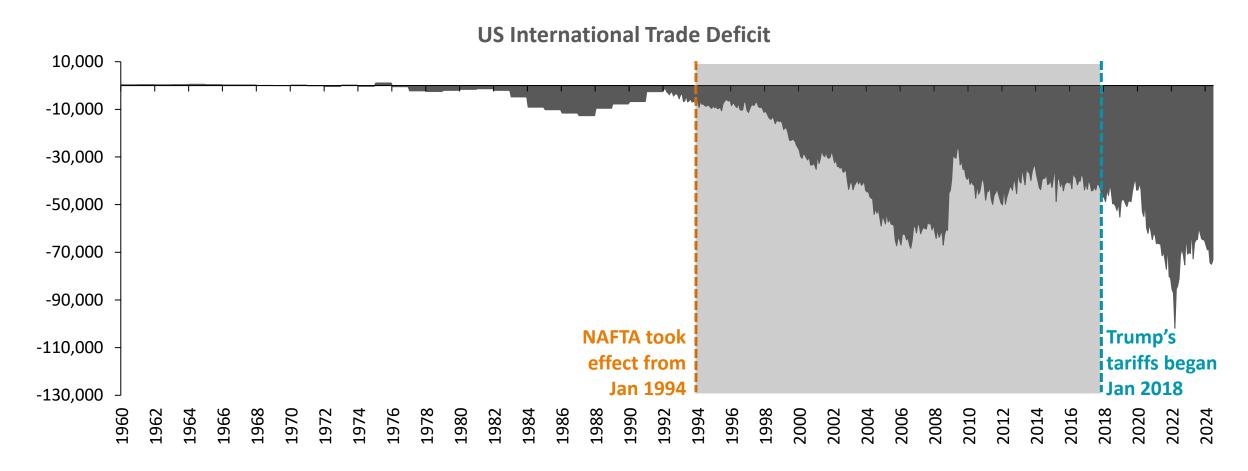
Power blocs, tariffs, the rise of populist parties in Europe, US Presidential election in November and major conflicts in Europe and the Middle East



## Trade weighted USD



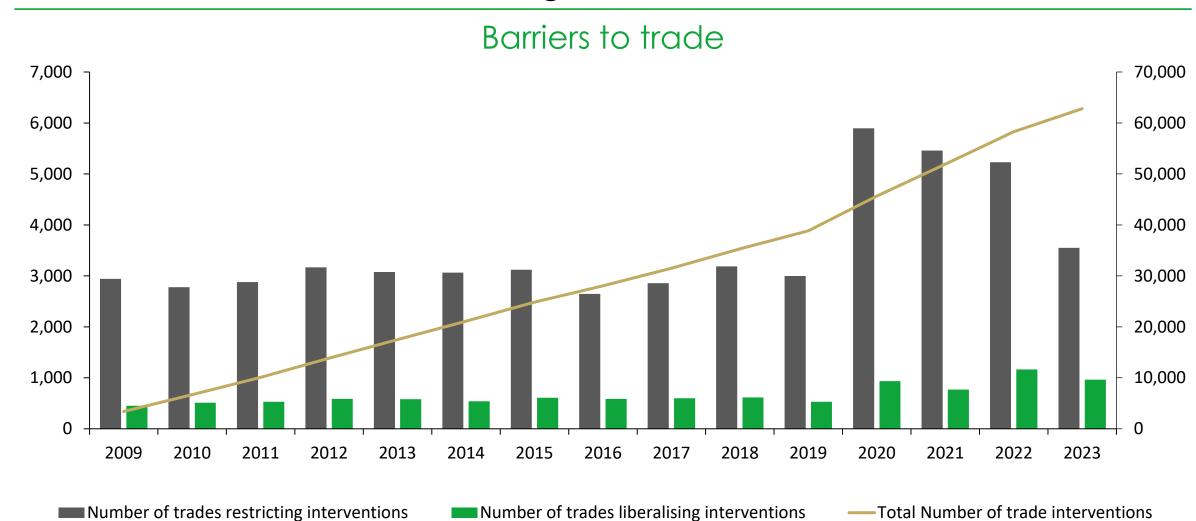
#### "More and more of our imports come from overseas" George W Bush



■ Table 1. U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (\$ millions)



#### Increasing trade sanctions





(Cumulative, RHS)

#### Fragmentation of Globalisation – so what?



#### THEN – Loose living

Globally integrated

Low inflation

Low cost of capital



Multi-polar

Higher inflation

No more easy money



So what?

#### THEN – Simple success

The tide lifts all ships

NOW – Diversification, decisions

Judicious allocation of capital

What you need?













# Signal 2:

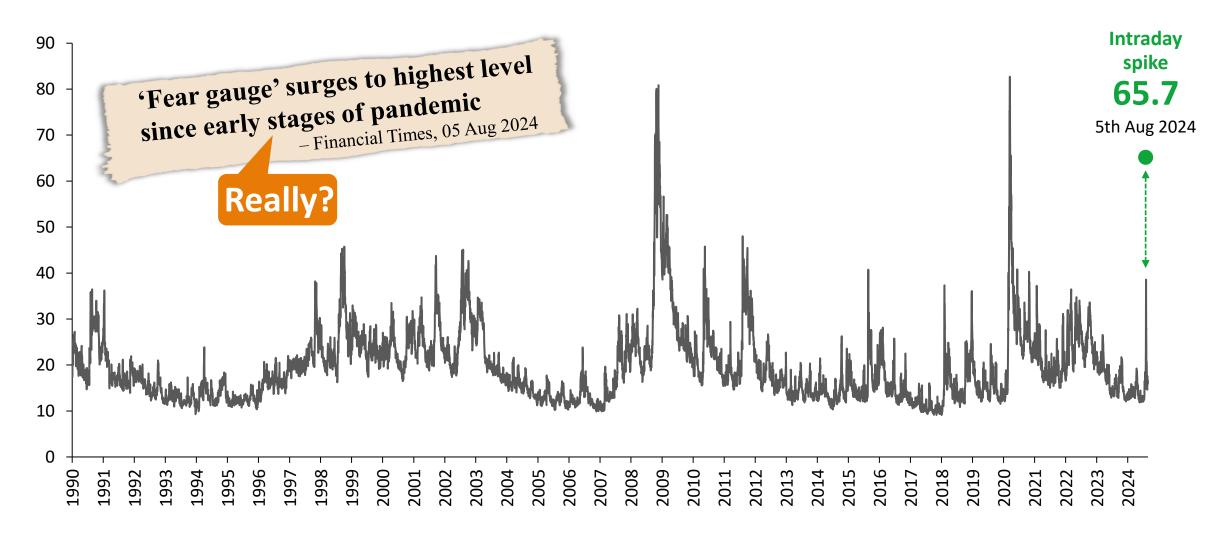
# Meeting client objectives in higher volatility environment

Over a third of advisers said they'd adjusted financial plans for clients last year because of demands on their money

Source: Lang Cat's State of the Nation report, over a third of advisers said they'd adjusted financial plans for one in 10 clients last year because of market performance and demands on their money

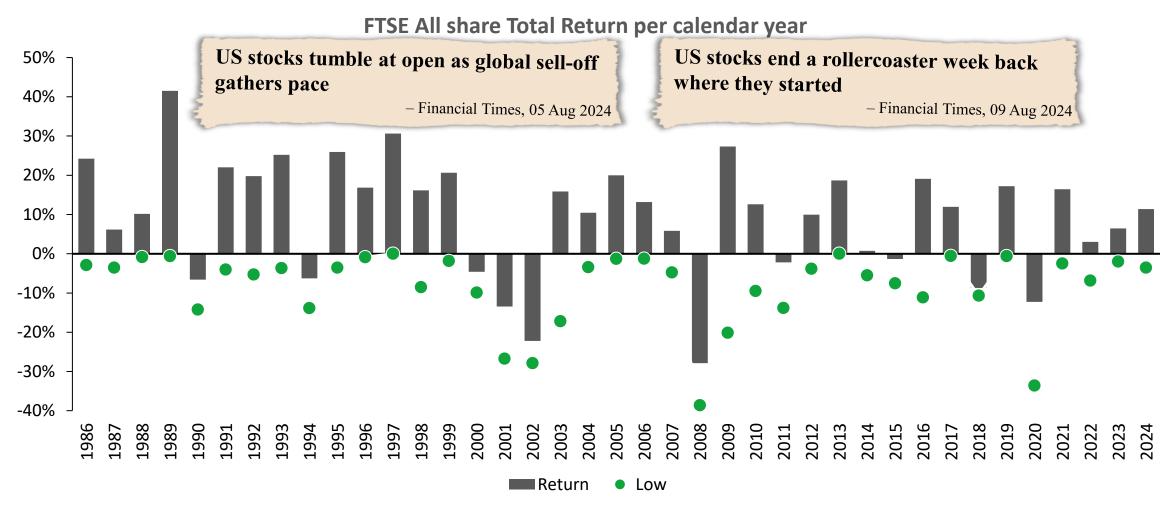


## Volatility has increased but is not at crisis levels





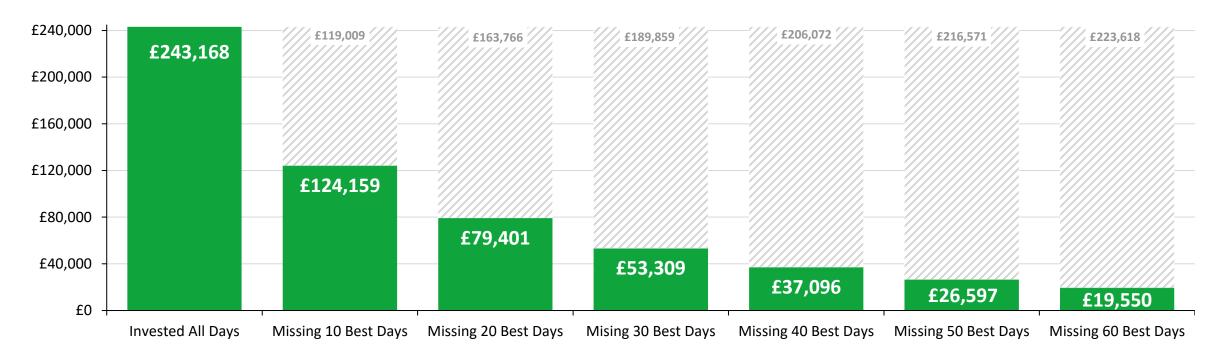
#### Markets don't go up in a straight line



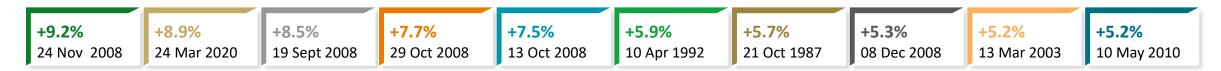


## The antidote to volatility

#### Value of £10,000 invested in the FTSE All Share Jan 1986 – July 2023



#### When were the 10 best days in the market?



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## Higher Volatility – so what?



#### THEN – Loose living

Globally integrated

Low inflation

Low cost of capital



So what?

#### **THEN** – Simple success

Long cycles, low volatility



Multi-polar

Higher inflation

No more easy money



Remain active, diversified

What you need?













# Signal 3:

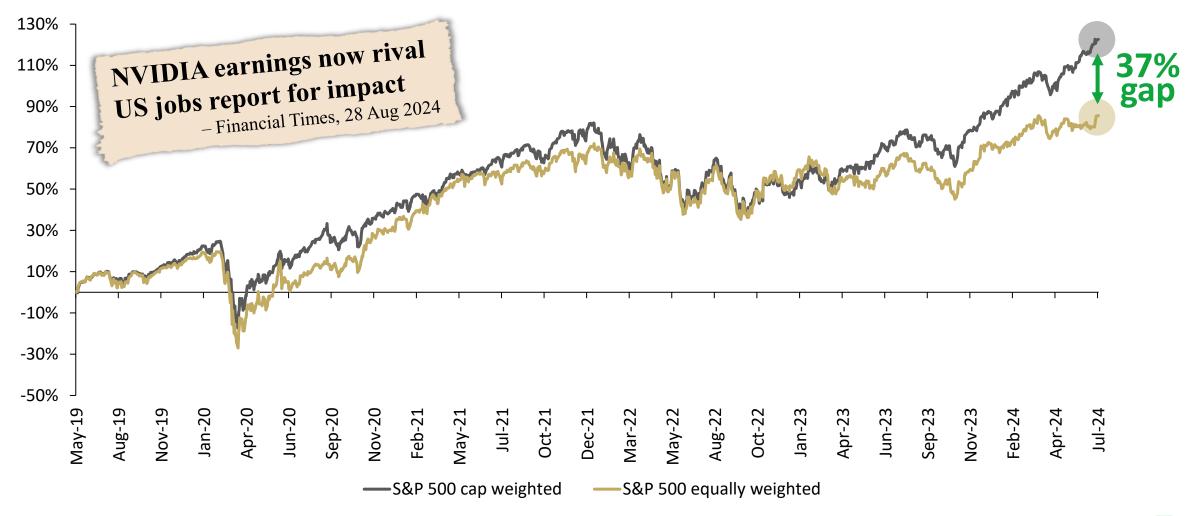
## **Dominance of AI and mega caps**

The Top 10 stocks in the S&P 500 make up 35% of the value of the index but only 23% of its earnings.

Nvidia's market cap has exceeded the value of the UK stock market



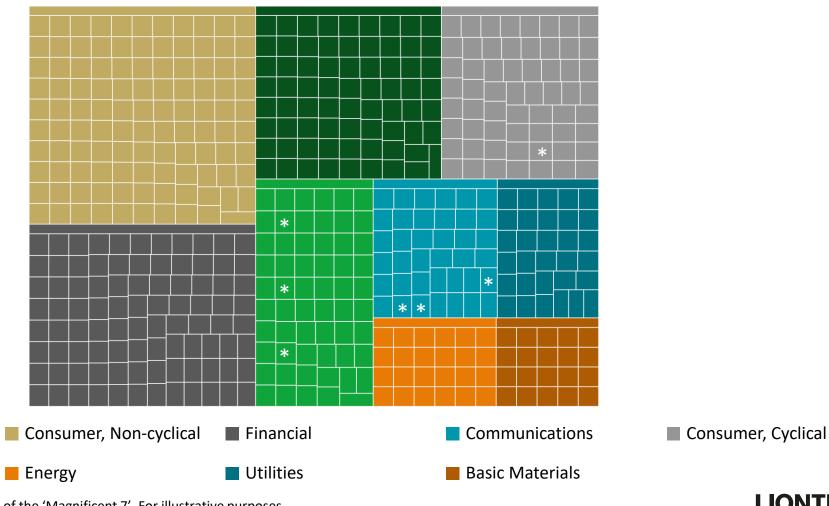
## Marked equally weighted underperformance





## Market cap weighted indices have substantial biases



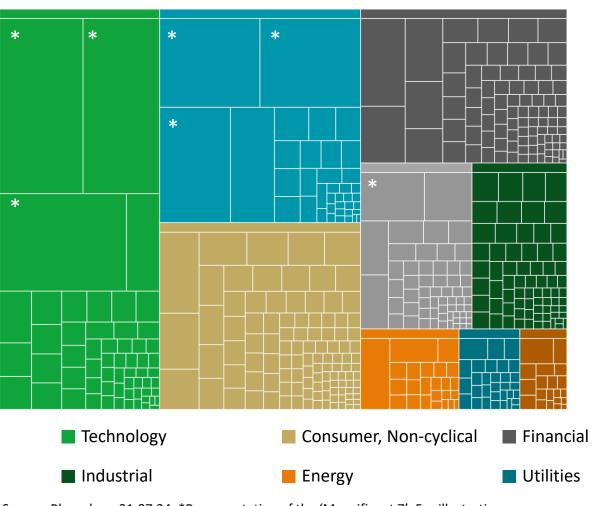


Technology

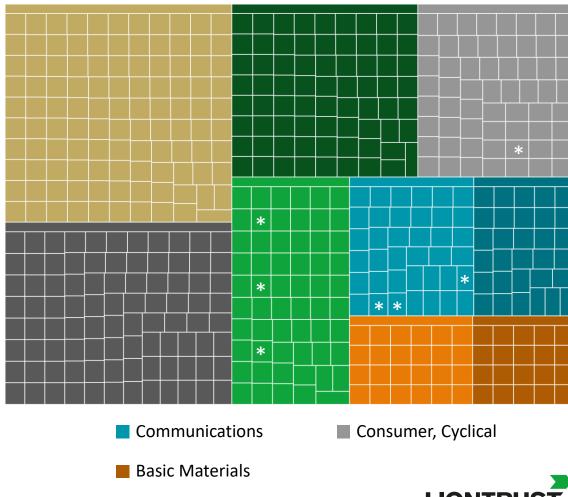
Industrial

## Market cap weighted indices have substantial biases

#### S&P Sector Breakdown – Market cap weighted

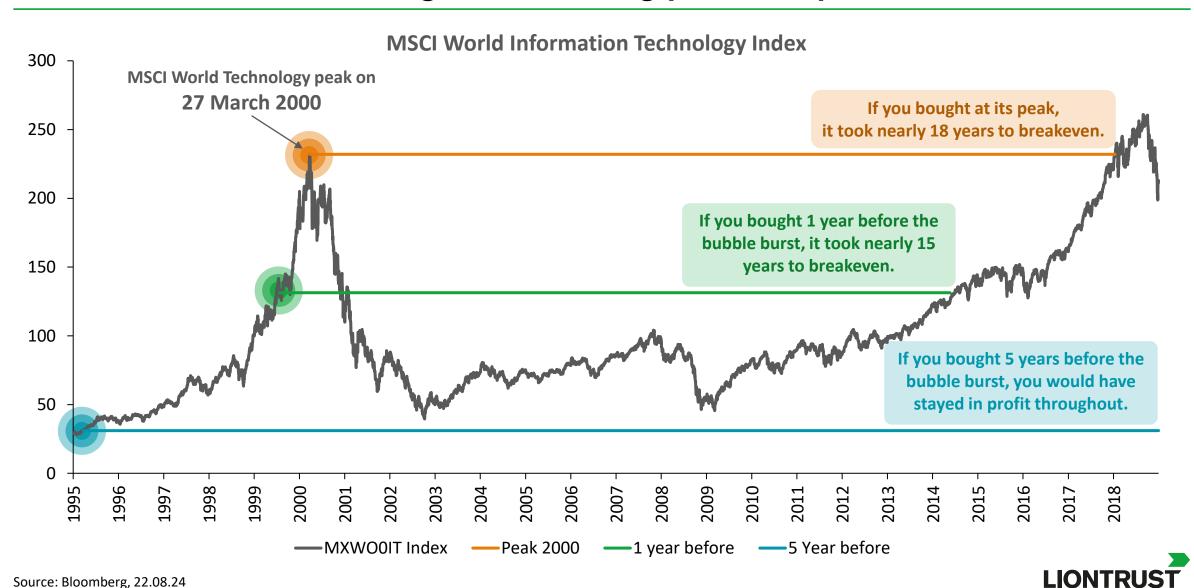


**S&P Sector Breakdown – Equally weighted** 



Source: Bloomberg 31.07.24. \*Representation of the 'Magnificent 7'. For illustrative purposes

#### Bursting Bubbles bring profound pain



#### Mega cap dominance – so what?



#### THEN – Loose living

Globally integrated

Low inflation

Low cost of capital



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So what?

THEN – Simple success

Big is beautiful

**NOW** – Diversification, decisions

Smaller companies

What you need?













# Signal 4:

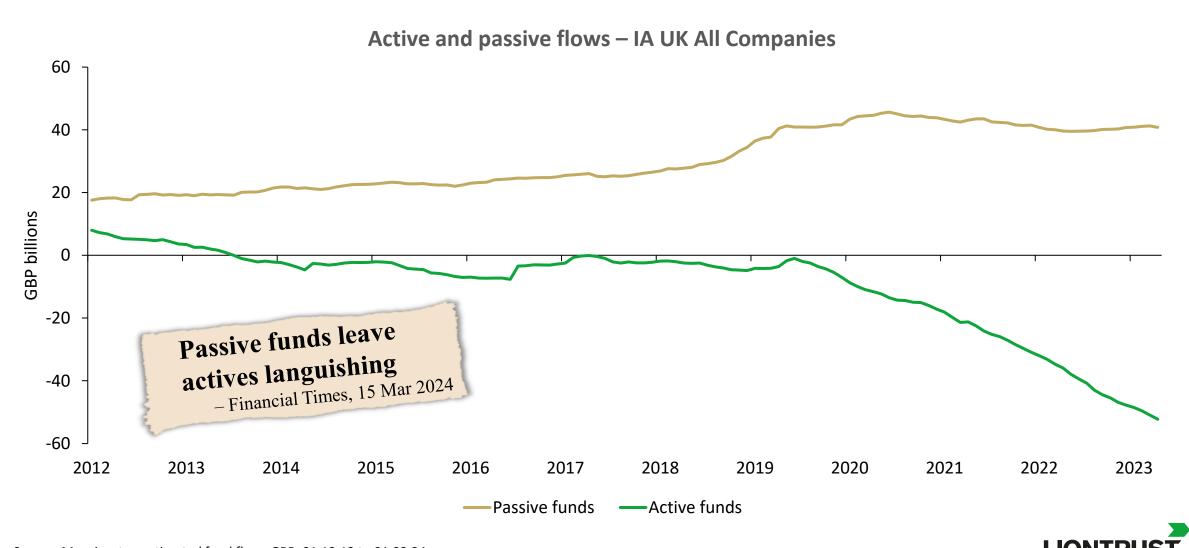
# The rise of passives

The % of assets in passive investments within Discretionary MPS has risen from 29% to 43% over the past two years.

39% of advisers' client assets are being invested passively compared to 26% in the 2nd quarter of 2021\*



## Passive have led the way with flows

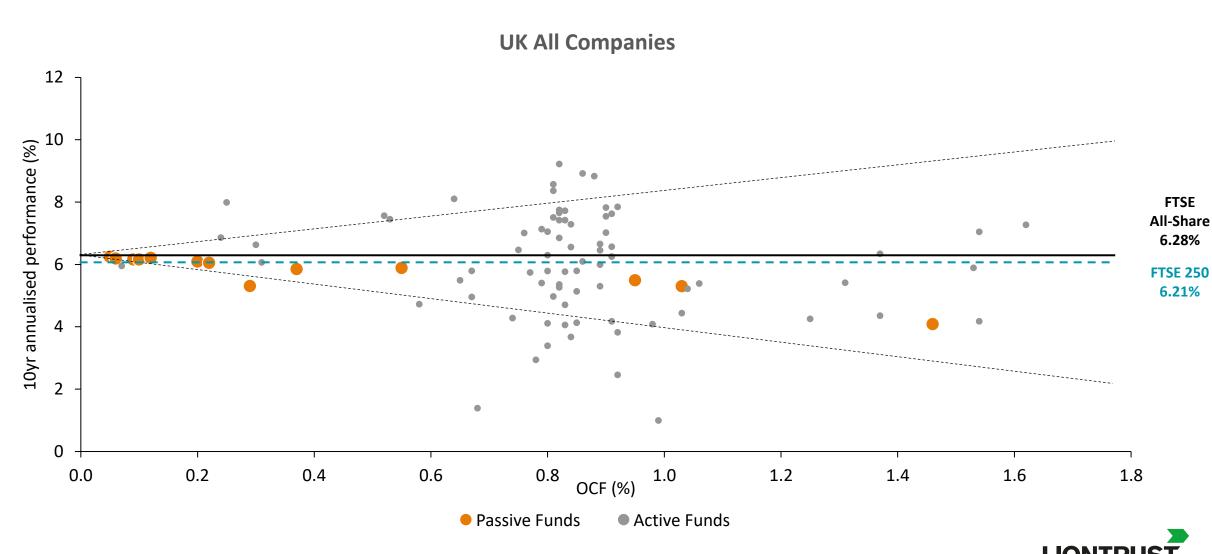


## Passives focus on larger companies

Index	No. of trackers
FTSE All Share	17
FTSE 100	6
FTSE 250	3
FTSE 350	2
Other	6
Total	34



## Price is what you pay, value is what you get



#### The rise of Passives – so what?



#### THEN – Loose living

Globally integrated

Low inflation

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So what?

#### THEN – Simple success

Markets are efficient

NOW – Diversification, decisions

Active managers exploit imperfections

What you need?



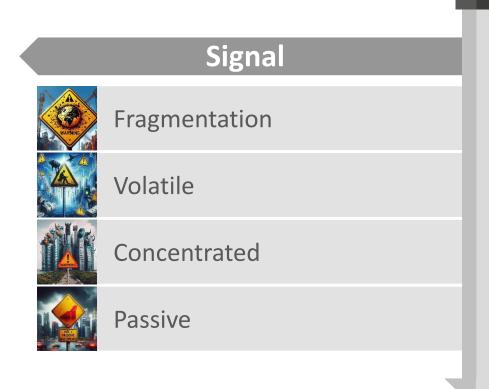








## Conclusion – Navigating the new world



#### **Investment strategy**

Diversified

Stay active

Smaller companies

Active management

What you need?



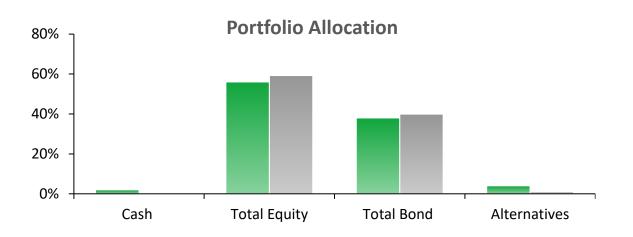


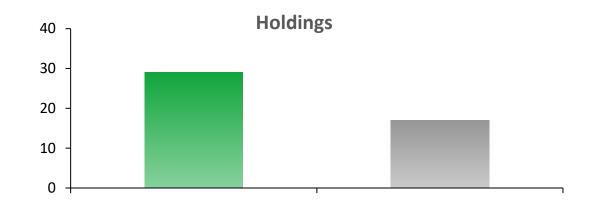


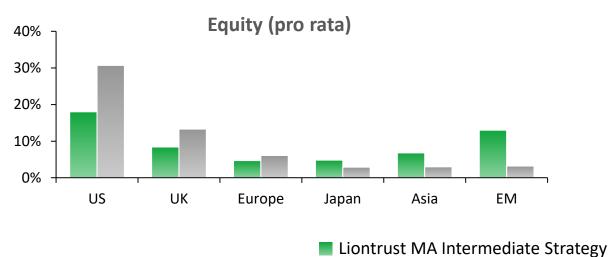


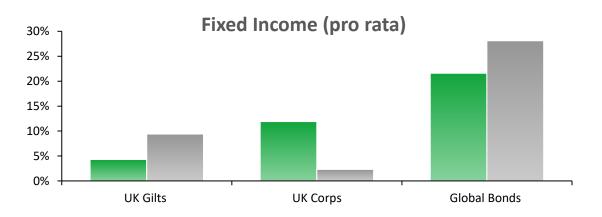


## Diversification comes in many forms









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Passive Provider





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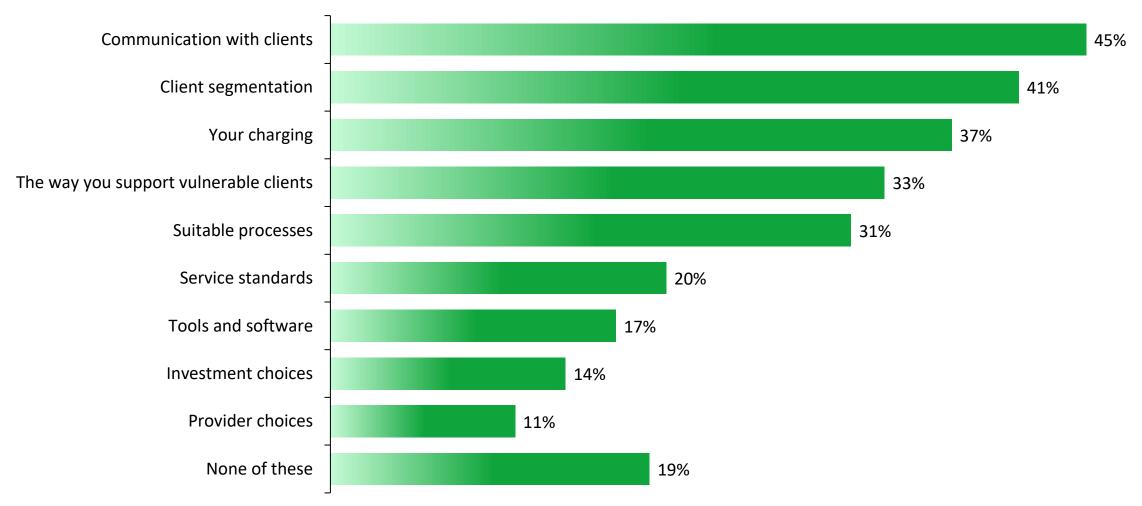
# Ongoing compliance with Consumer Duty

"Consumer Duty is an evolutionary journey of continuous improvement and not a once and done"

 Sheldon Mills, Executive Director of Consumers and Competition at the FCA



## Consumer duty – What have you changed?



#### What's next?

## Expected work for Q4 2024





Review of firms' treatment of consumers in vulnerable circumstances



2

Additional work on embedding fair value requirements



3

Sharing good and poor practice



#### A new Consumer Duty

Feedback to CP21/36 and final rules

**Policy Statement** 

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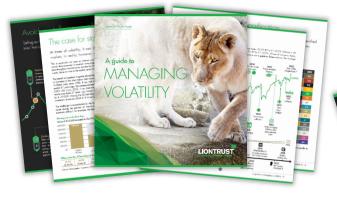
## **Adviser Support**





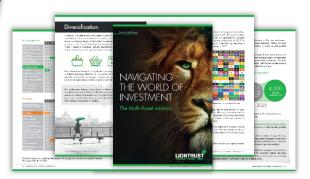












## The Co-Branding opportunities





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# Investment management team

Liontrust has created one of the most experienced and highly regarded multi-asset multi-manager teams in the UK retail market led by John Husselbee with c.£4.2 billion assets under management and advice

#### **Multi-Asset investment team**

Multi-Asset funds and portfolios



John Husselbee Head of Multi-Asset 39 years Industry experience



Deputy Head of Multi-Asset 20 years Industry experience

**James Klempster** 



Anthony Chemla
Fund
Manager
18 years
Industry experience



Fund
Analyst
6 years
Industry experience

### **Multi-Asset investment support**



Adrian Holmes
Head of Multi-Asset
Investment Support
28 years
Industry experience



John Houghton
Investment Support
Senior Executive

19 years
Industry experience



Samuel Norton
Investment Support
Executive
2 years
Industry experience



# **Actively different**



### **Actively managed**

- Actively manage every stage of the process
  - SAA
  - TAA
  - Unfettered fund selection
  - Portfolio construction
- Long term, patient investors
- Broad diversification
- External partnerships across SAA and TAA



### **Adviser support**

- Tailored adviser support
- Fund manager access
- Market leading literature
- Educational content
- White label
- Digital tools and services
- Reporting to support advisers with consumer duty



### Value for money

- Competitive OCF
- Benefit of resources from across Liontrust including seven other investment teams



# Liontrust Multi Asset Fund Ranges

Fund range	OCF (%)	Risk Profiled (risk bands)	Risk Profile Range	Active
Liontrust Multi Asset  Dynamic Passive  Funds	0.38 - 0.42	defaqto*	1 – 7	SAA TAA Unfettered Fund Selection Portfolio Construction Risk Management
Liontrust Multi Asset Blended Funds	0.66 – 0.82	defaqto★	2 – 6	SAA TAA Unfettered Fund Selection Portfolio Construction Risk Management



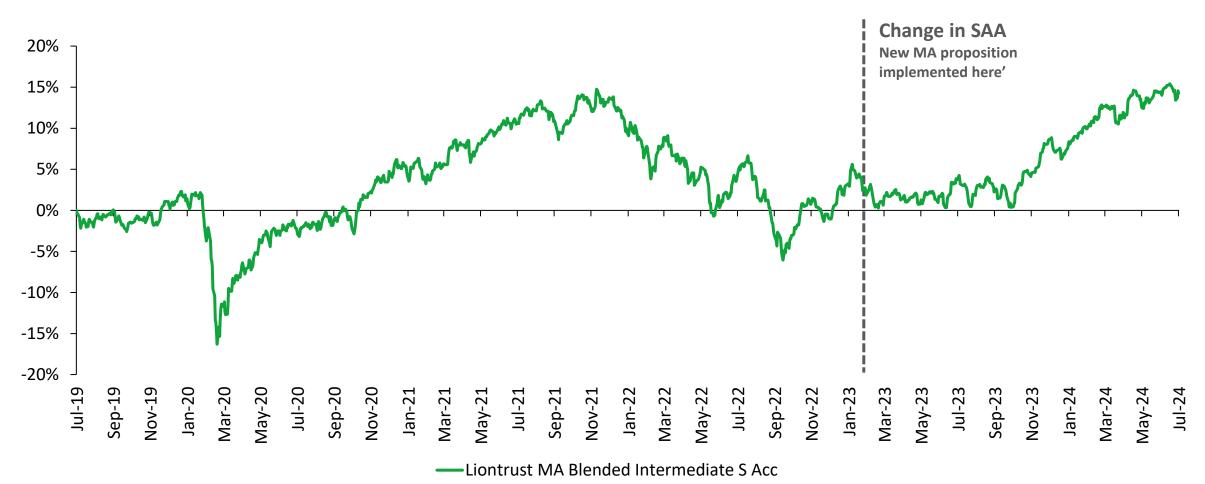
# Liontrust Multi Asset MPS Portfolio Ranges

Portfolio range	DFM Fee	<b>Total</b> Inc. underlying fund charge	Risk Profiled Risk bands	Risk Profile Range	Active
Liontrust Multi Asset MPS Dynamic Passive	0.20	0.39 – 0.42	defaqto*	1-8	SAA TAA Unfettered Fund Selection Portfolio Construction Risk Management
Liontrust Multi Asset MPS Blended Growth	0.25	0.56 – 0.72	defaqto*	1-8	SAA TAA Unfettered Fund Selection Portfolio Construction Risk Management



### Liontrust MA Blended Intermediate Fund





Source: Bloomberg, 31.07.19 to 31.07.24. Liontrust MA Blended Intermediate Fund. net of fees, income reinvested basis, total return, S Acc share class



### Liontrust MA Blended Intermediate Fund





—Liontrust MA Blended Intermediate S Acc



## Liontrust MA Blended Fund range

## Discrete performance

To previous quarter 12 months ending (%)	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20
Liontrust MA Blended Reserve Fund S Acc	9.9	-3.7	-11.5	4.5	2.8
Liontrust MA Blended Moderate Fund S Acc	11.1	-1.8	-9.5	8.9	1.9
Liontrust MA Blended Intermediate Fund S Acc	12.4	0.6	-8.2	13.3	0.2
Liontrust MA Blended Progressive Fund S Acc	13.2	3.4	-7.6	17.5	-1.5
Liontrust MA Blended Growth Fund S Acc	14.5	7.0	-6.8	23.4	-2.5

Source: FE Analytics as at 30.06.24. Total return figures are calculated on a single pricing basis with net income (dividends) reinvested. Performance figures are shown in sterling. Transaction costs are included for the period shown but may differ in the future as these costs cannot be determined with precision in advance



## Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Fund range

## Discrete performance

To previous quarter 12 months ending (%)	Jun-24	Jun-23	Jun-22	Jun-21	Jun-20
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Reserve Fund S Acc	9.5	-4.5	-8.7	4.1	5.5
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Moderate Fund S Acc	11.2	-2.5	-7.6	7.1	3.4
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Intermediate Fund S Acc	12.9	0.3	-5.9	10.8	2.0
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Progressive Fund S Acc	13.9	2.9	-4.3	15.2	-0.3
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Growth Fund S Acc	15.9	6.4	-3.4	21.0	-2.1
Liontrust MA Dynamic Passive Adventurous Fund S Acc	17.1	6.7	-4.2	23.7	-0.4

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