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#### Learning objectives

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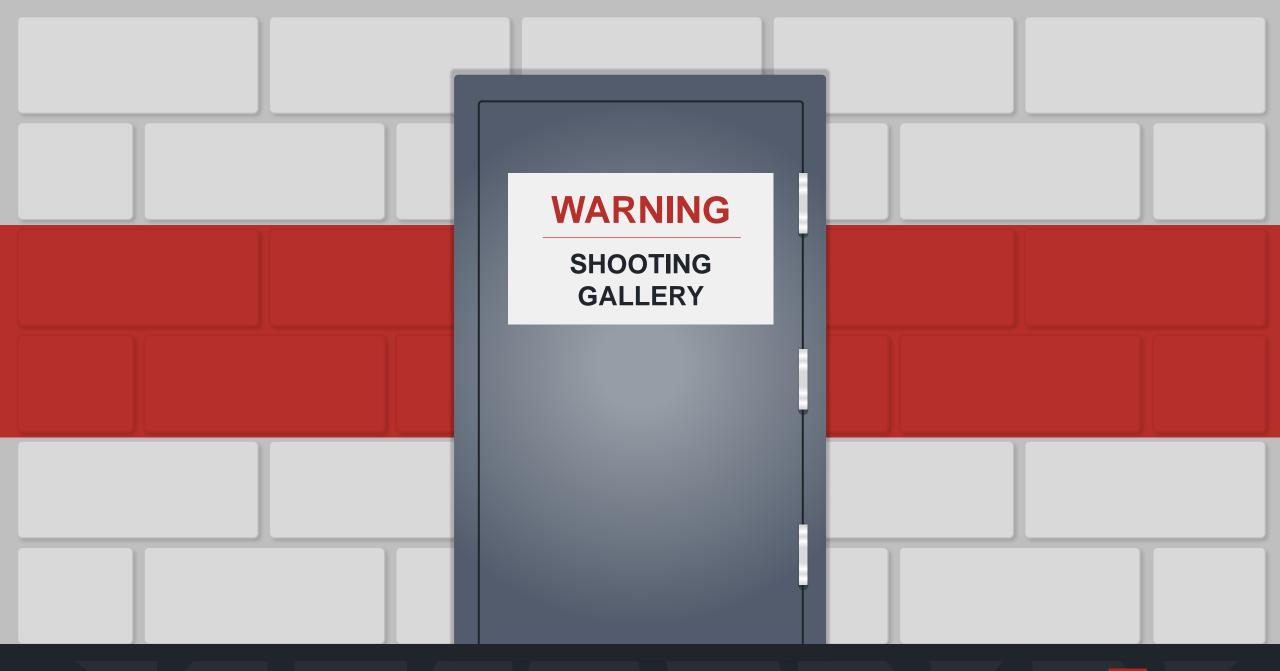


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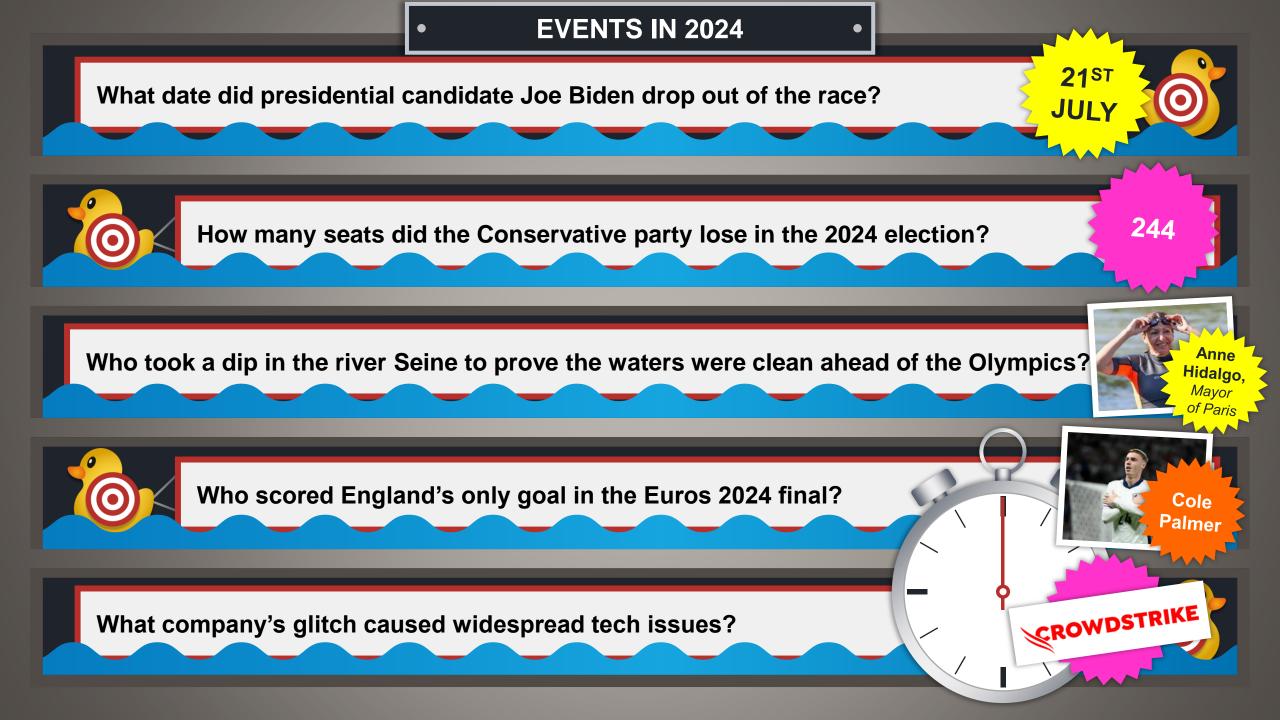


Understand how themes and portfolios of the future may affect your investment making decisions.











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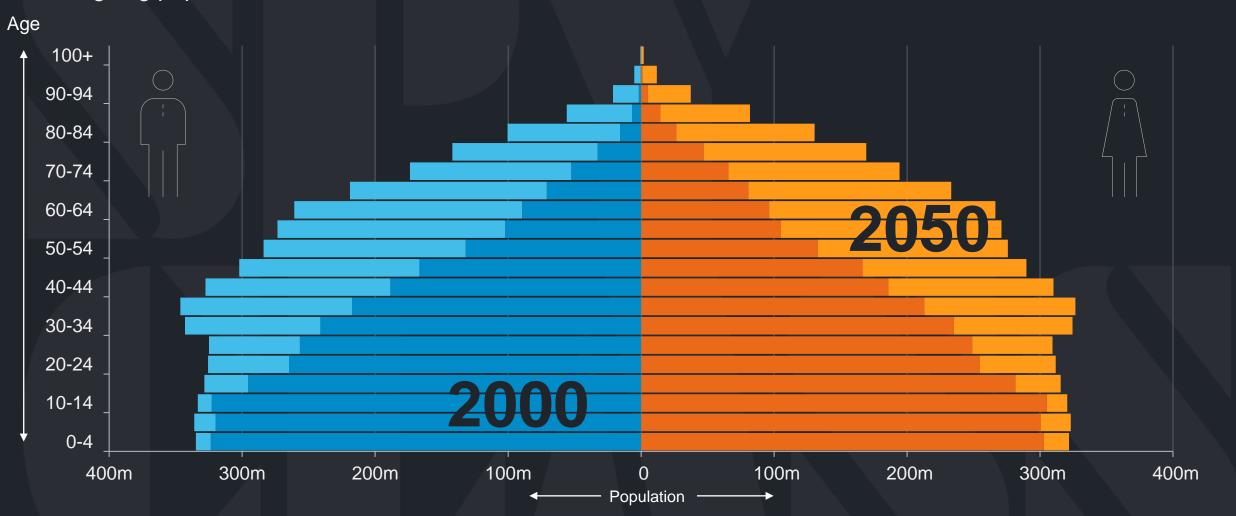
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#### **Population structure is changing**

An ageing population comes with increased healthcare needs



Note: 2050 figures are UN's medium variant.

Source: Fidelity International, UN Population Database - World Population Prospects - Population Division - United Nations , July 2024.



## Geopolitics



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#### Expectations for inflation have fallen but are beginning to rise again...

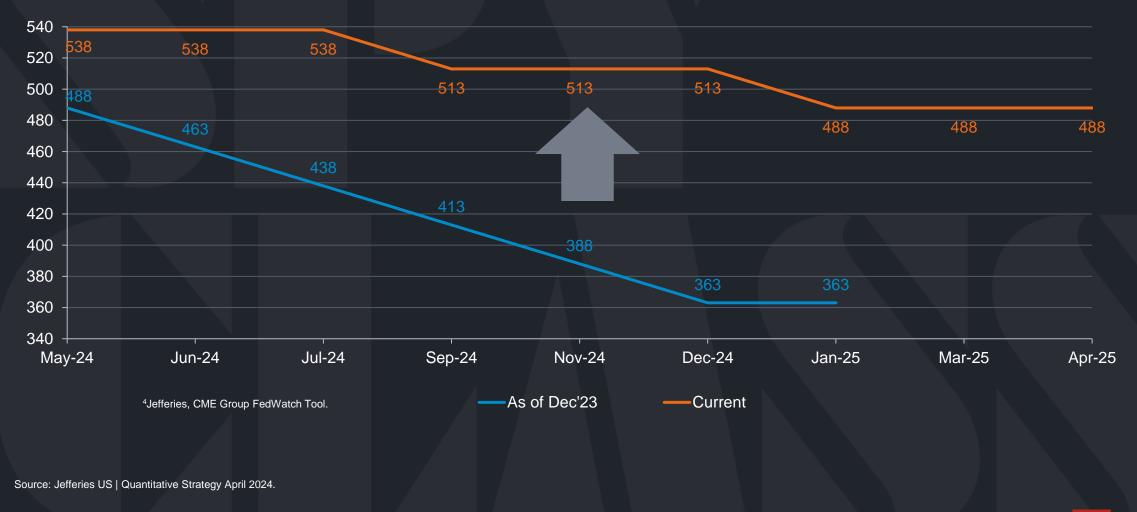
#### Net % expecting higher global CPI



<sup>1</sup>BofA Global Fund Manager Survey Net % of FMS investors that think global CPI (in yoy terms) will be higher. Source: Fidelity International, chart recreated from the BofA August 2024 Global Fund Manager Survey.



#### The market is now pricing in only one rate cut by the end of 2024

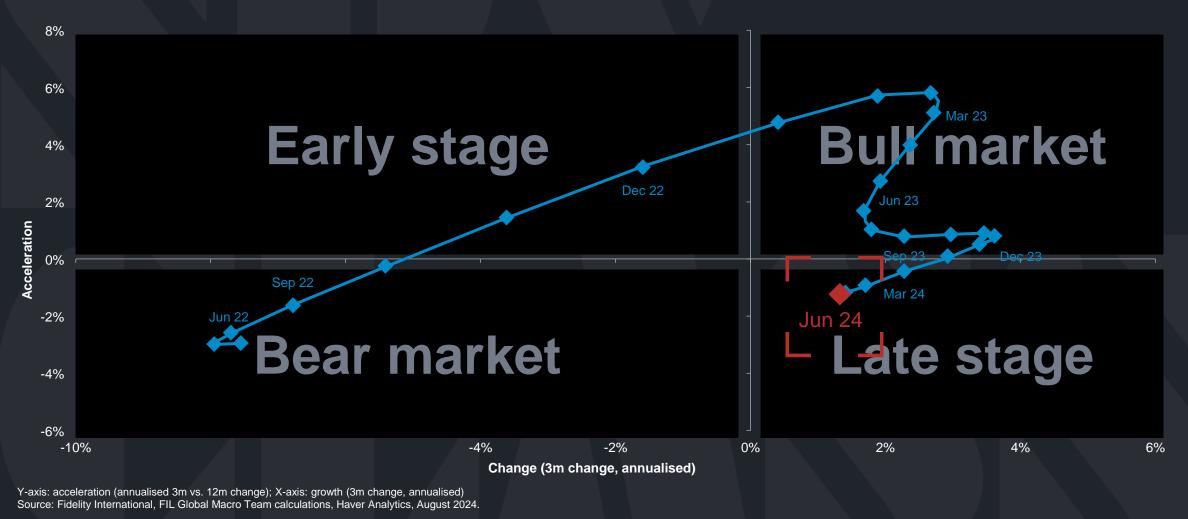


#### Expected Fed Funds rate (mid-point, bps)



#### **Global leading indicators**

Fidelity's leading indicator shifts further to the 'bottom-right' quadrant, with signs of weakness emerging under the hood





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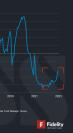
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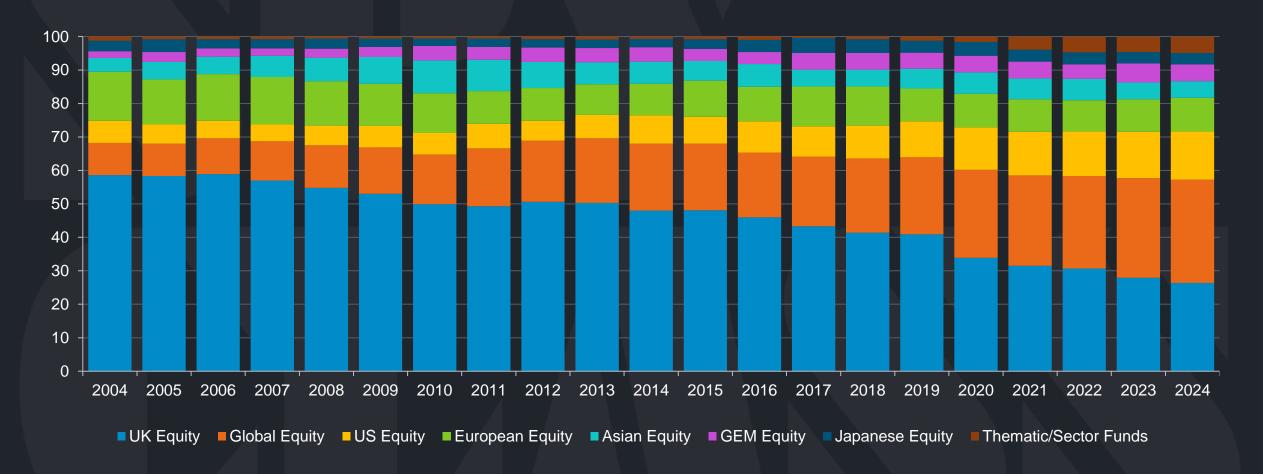








#### How have investors been positioned over last twenty years? AUM By Equity allocations



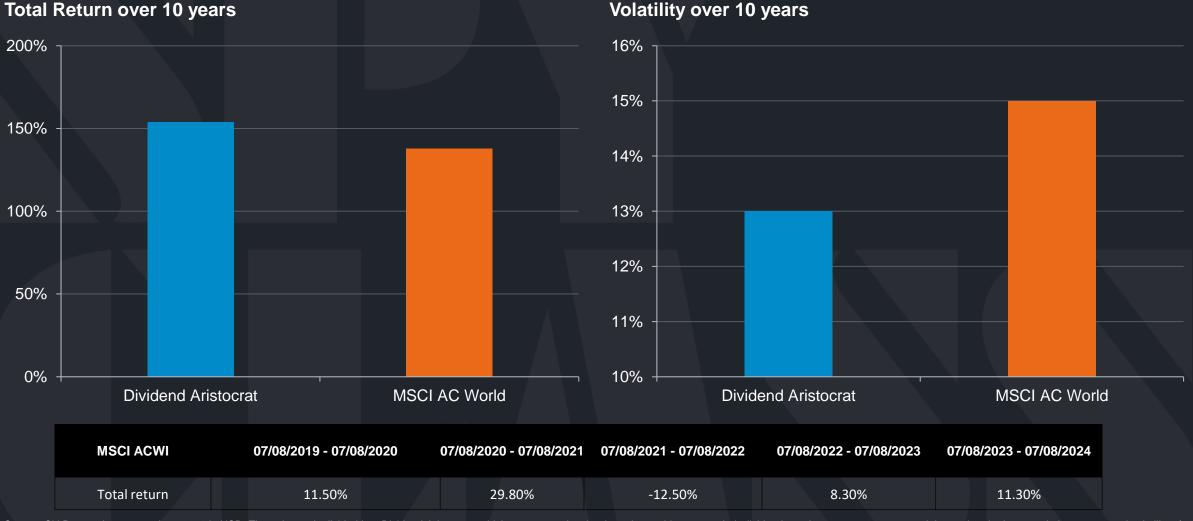
Source: UK Investment Association as at 31 May 2024.





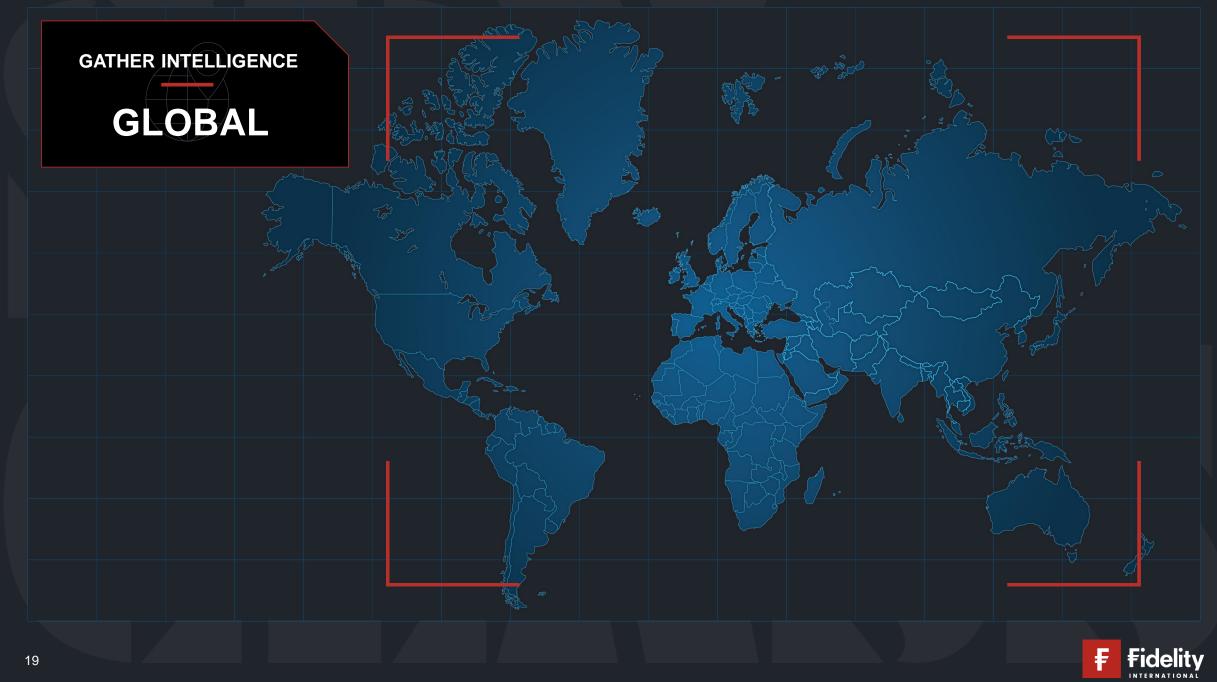
#### Why focus on quality income?

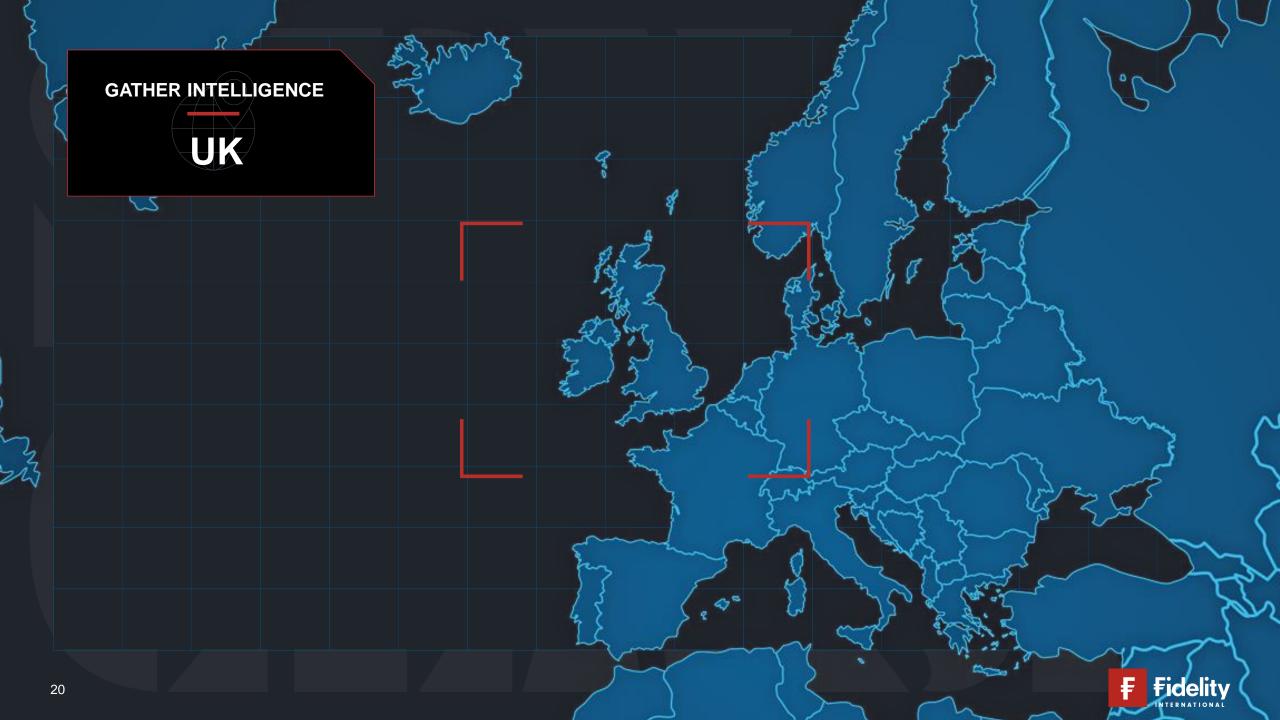
Higher total returns over the long term but with lower volatility



Source: Citi Research, as at 30 June 2024 in USD, The universe is divided into Dividend Aristocrats which are companies that have been able to grow their dividends each year over 10-years and the total and price cumulative returns and volatility of returns of that basket of companies. This is compared to the broader MSCI AC World universe where the same figures are calculated. Fidelity International, Refinitiv Eikon Datastream, MSCI All Country World Index, August 2024. Based on total return in USD terms.









#### UK equities very attractively valued in a global context



Trading at extremely cheap levels vs US (irrespective of sector differences)

— MSCI UK sector neutral 12m Fwd. P/E relative to MSCI World



JP Morgan Equity Strategy, Datastream, 01 July 2024.

# After 5 painful years, UK equities have been holding their own MSCI UK performance relative to MSCI World ex UK (GBP)



Source: Fidelity International, LSEG Datastream, 30 June 2024. For illustrative purposes only.





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# China and EM

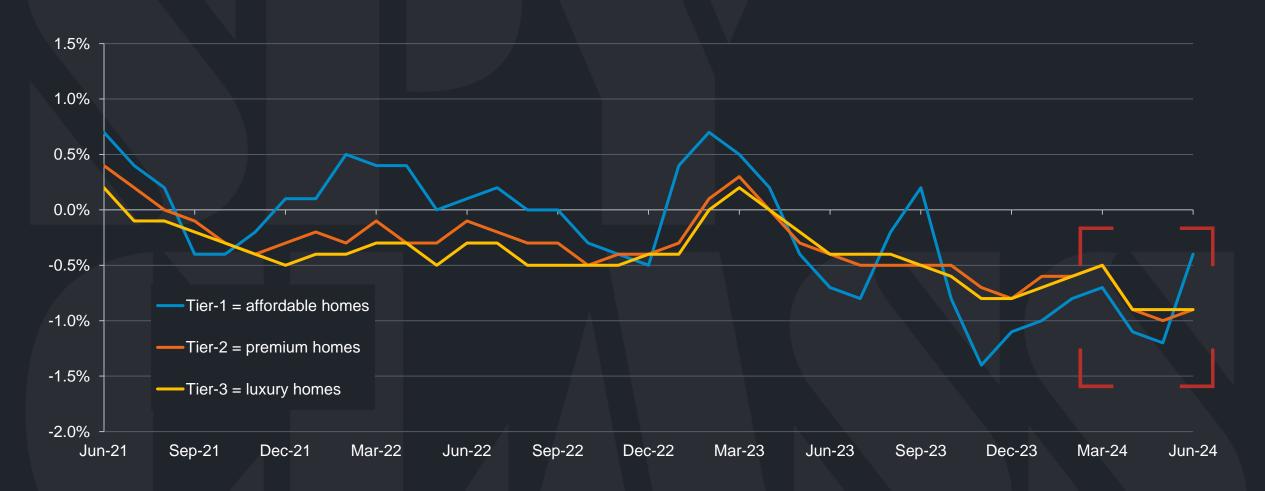
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#### **Property price stabilisation is key for consumer confidence to return** NBS 70-cities Home Price Month on Month

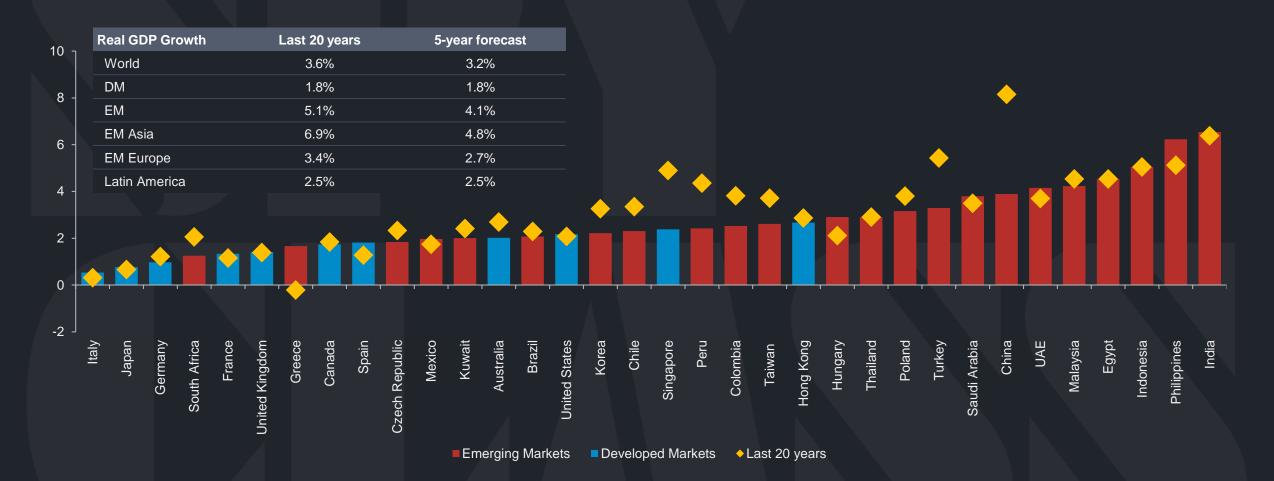


Source: NBS, Wind, Fidelity International, 30 June 2024



### While growth is slowing globally, EM are set to lead

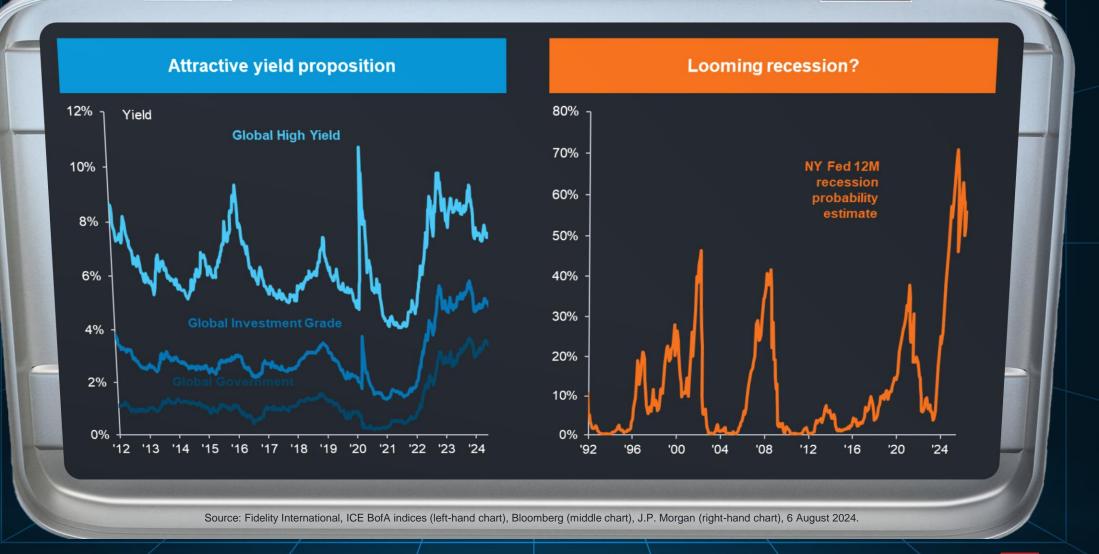
Real GDP 5-year growth forecast vs 20-year historical average



Source: Fidelity International, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2024.

### Training & Simulation

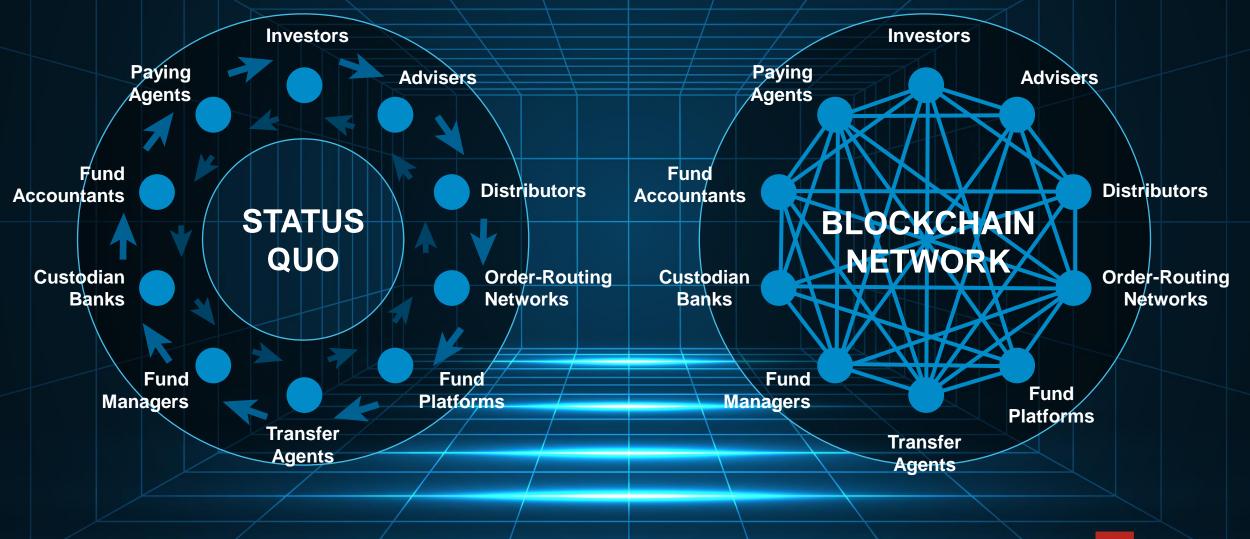
#### The name is Bonds...





#### Why Fund token isation matters?

Simplify the chain of intermediaries with huge potential



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#### Key takeaways



Inflation is proving sticky, investors should focus less on rates and more on the money flows.



Volatility may remain elevated for the rest of 2024 – consider blending active and passive solutions to add value and diversification to your clients' portfolios.



Previously unloved areas are receiving more attention from investors. Investors may consider an allocation to the UK and/or China.



Remember the three key pillars when it comes to fixed income and the potential opportunity for investors.



Tokenisation and distributed ledger technology may improve the overall function of the financial system.



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#### Fidelity funds and solutions

#### Fidelity Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund

- A highly active, simple and disciplined investment approach aiming to deliver an excess yield over index by locking in attractive yields and holding through to maturity.
- Experienced PM team with deep understanding of the Sterling IG market. Combined investment experience of 75+ years.



Fidelity Special Situations Fund

- The fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equities of companies that are listed, headquartered, or do most of their business in the UK.
- Consistent application of contrarian style by three portfolio managers since launch in 1979.



#### Fidelity Multi Asset Allocator Range

- The range consists of five portfolios, each aiming to deliver specific risk and return characteristics over the long term.
- Access to global markets with further diversification at provider level.





Source: Fidelity International August 2024



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