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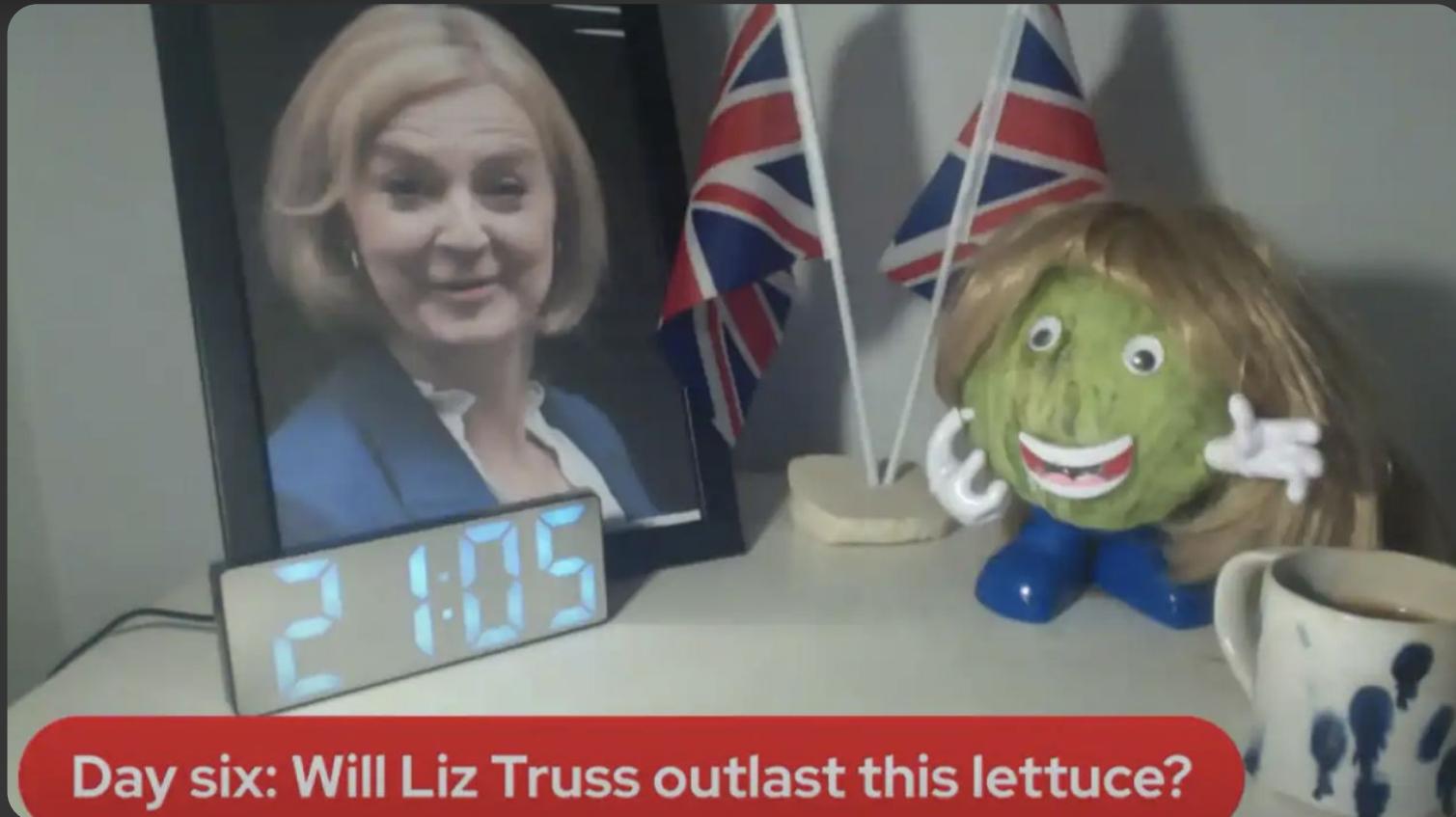
**2024 National Elections:  
Should we Consider Investment  
Risk Like Argentinians or British?**

Rob Spanjaard | CIO  
Simon Sylvester | CEO & PM

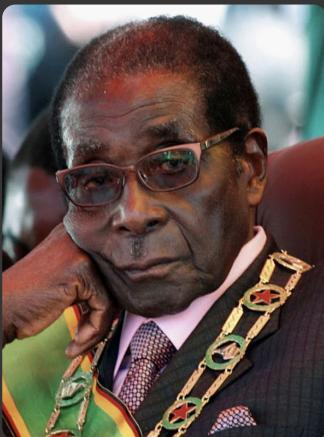
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# When Developed Economies Propose Bad Policy



# The Lettuce Is No Match for These EM Leaders



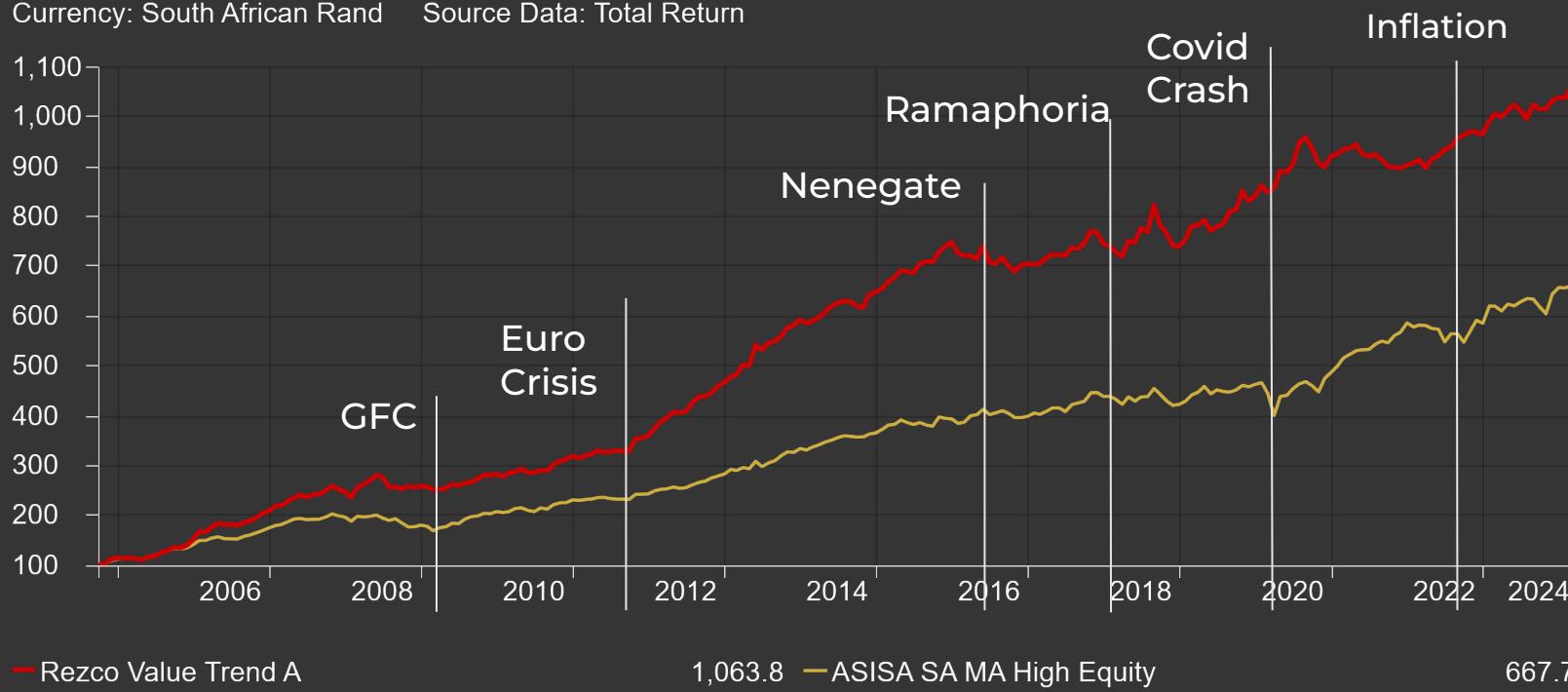
# But Success Stories Generate Great Returns



# Rezco Value Trend Through Risk Events

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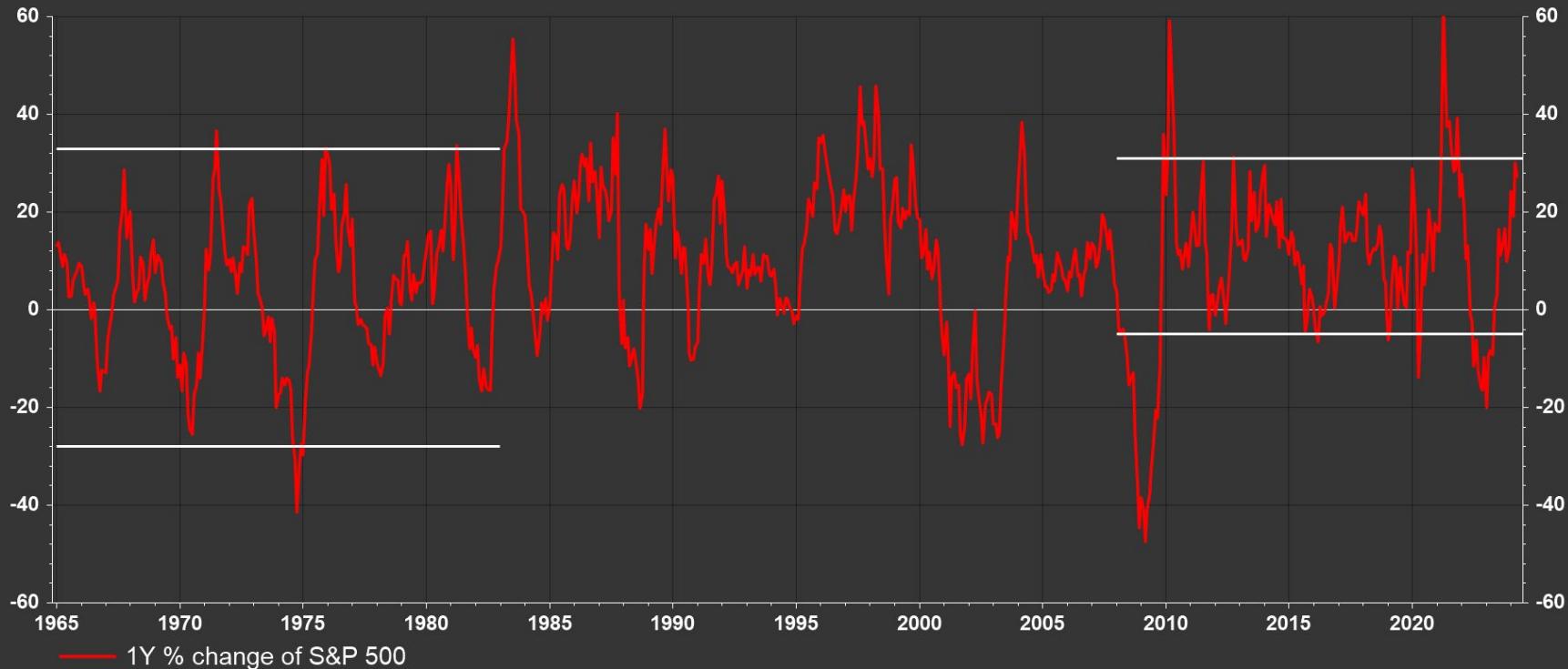
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Source: Morningstar Direct

# Global Macro: Back to the 1970's

S&P 500 annual rolling returns

Updated: 23/04/2024

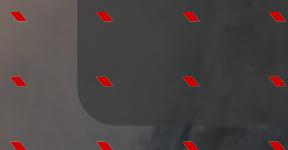


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# SA Elections - Digging into the Details

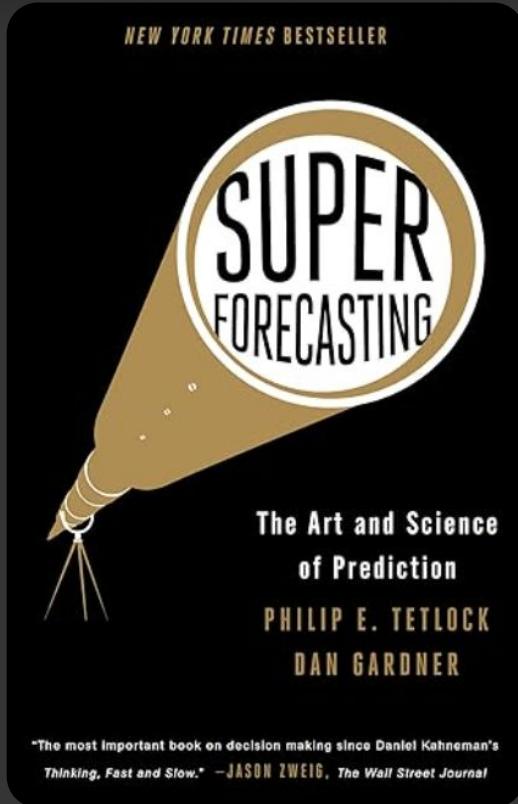


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# Superforecasting Mindset



For superforecasters, beliefs are hypotheses to be tested, not treasures to be guarded.

Churchill sent Keynes a cable reading, 'Am coming around to your point of view.' His Lordship replied, 'Sorry to hear it. Have started to change my mind.'

Philip Tetlock; *Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction*

# Track the Data and Revise Views with New Information

Filter by | Election year: 2021 | By-election date: 24 Apr 2024

Western Cape - Leading Party per Voting District

<b>PA</b> WARDS 2	<b>45.33%</b> VOTES 3,248	<b>ANC</b> WARDS 0	<b>20.14%</b> VOTES 1,443	<b>CE</b> WARDS 1	<b>16.87%</b> VOTES 1,209
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Highcharts.com

24 Apr 2024 Ward By-elections

News | **Timetable** | Voting stations | Candidates | Results | Councillors

**By-election activity**

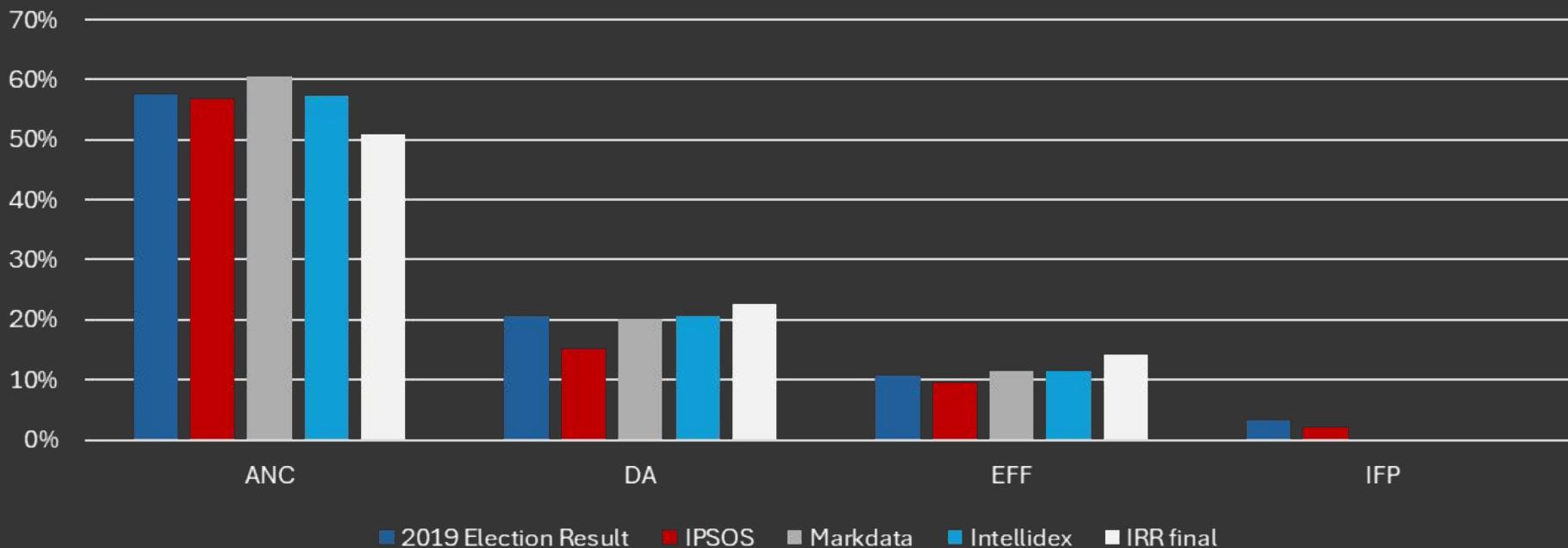
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Proclamation of the election and opening of nomination of candidates	2024-03-15 00:00:00
Notice of provisional voters' roll for inspection	2024-03-18 00:00:00
Close of provisional inspection voters' roll for objections	2024-03-25 17:00:00
Commission decides on objections to provisional voters' roll & notify objectors	2024-03-27 00:00:00
Cut-off date: Certification and Publication of Voters' Roll by making it available	2024-04-02 00:00:00
Cut-off date: for submission of lists of candidates	2024-04-02 17:00:00
Cut-off date: Notice of non-compliance by contestants re: candidate lists or candidates	2024-04-03 17:00:00
Notice: List of addresses of voting stations and mobile voting stations routes open for inspection	2024-04-05 00:00:00
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Issue of certificates to candidates	2024-04-08 00:00:00
Opening of applications for Special Votes (Home visits & VS visits)	2024-04-08 00:00:00
Closing of Special Votes applications (Home visits & VS visits)	2024-04-12 00:00:00
Special Votes Home Visitation (Reg 28C 1) and Special votes at Presiding Officer (Reg 28C 2)	2024-04-23 00:00:00
Special Votes Home Visitation and Special votes at VS	2024-04-23 17:00:00
Election Day	2024-04-24 00:00:00

# The State of Play Coming into the SA National Elections

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MK							13%	11%	6%	13%	6%
IFP	2,4%	3,4%	5,6%	5%	6%	4,9%	2%	4,3%	5,5%	5%	4%
Action SA			2,3%		3%	4,3%		1,4%	3%		2,5%
PA	0,07%	0,04%	1%		1,5%				1,5%		3,5%
Other	7,13%	7,46%	13,5%	14%	8,5%	10,2%	9%	6,7%	6,5%	9%	11%

# How Right Were the Polls Last Time?

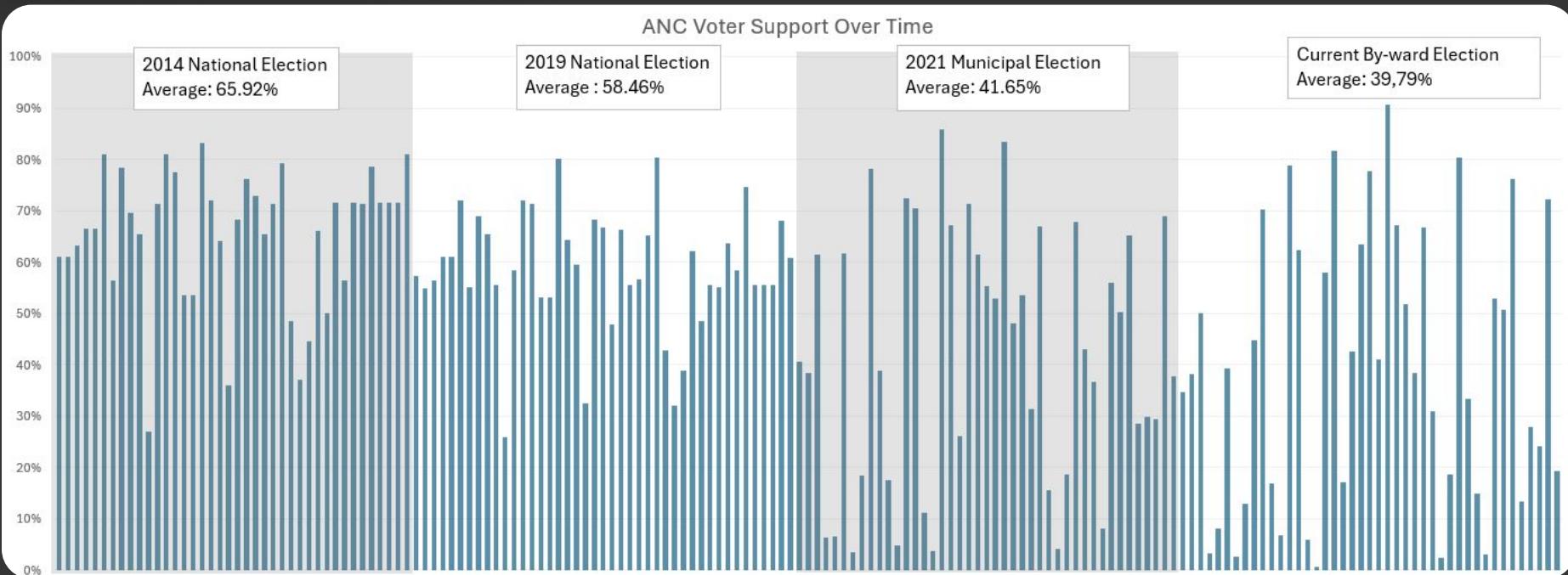
The 2019 polls vs the actual election outcome



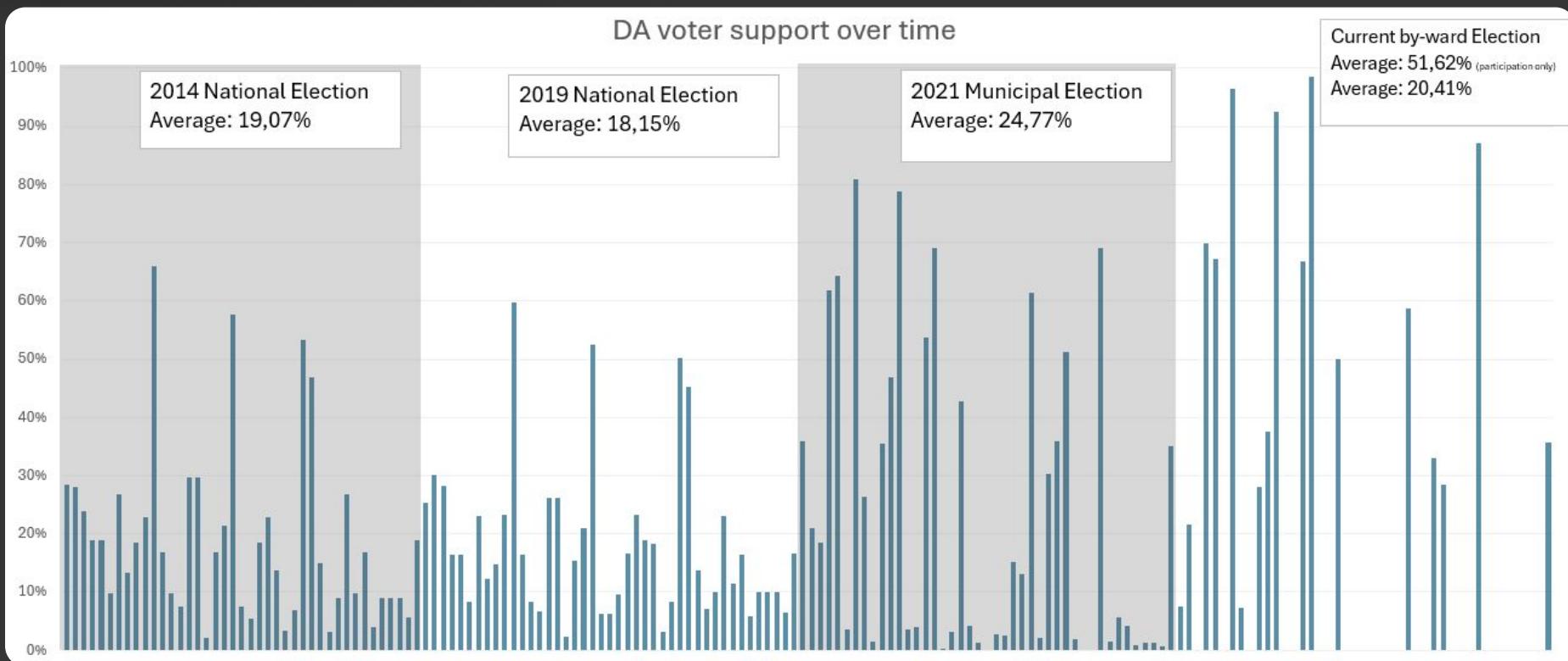
Source: IEC, IPSOS and BusinessTech

# What the Polls Are Not Looking At?

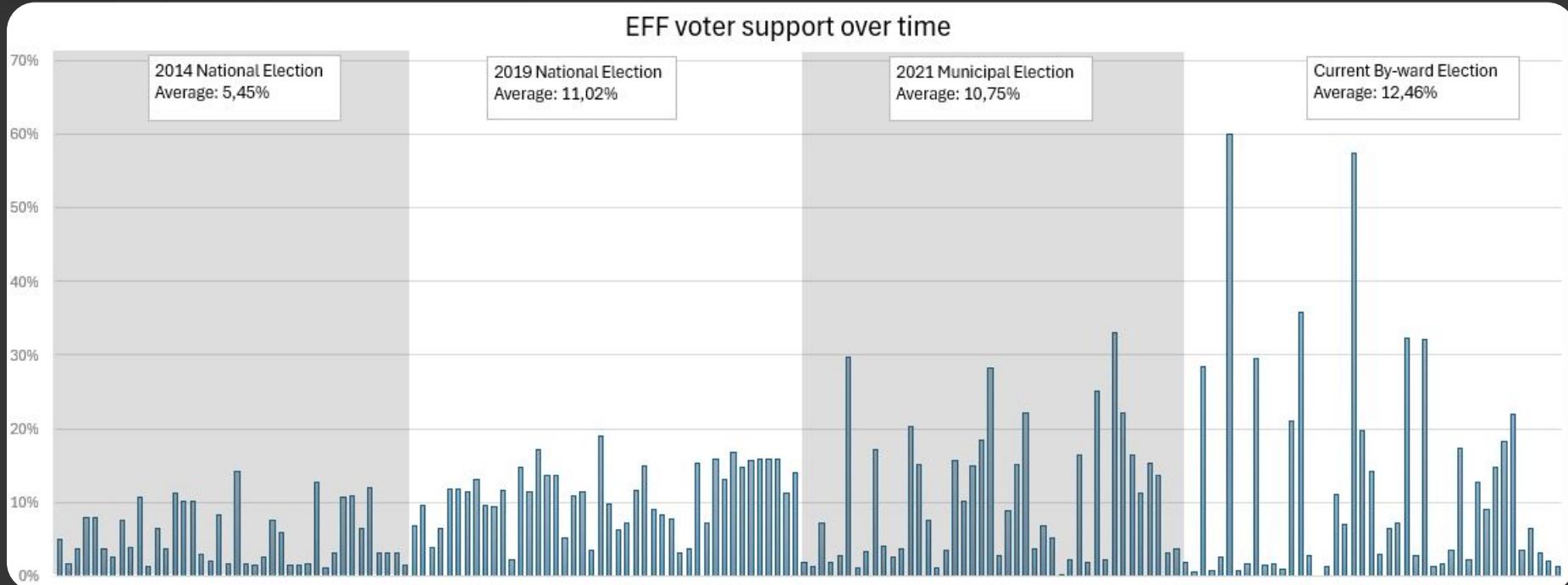
Ward data insight: ANC have a lot of gaps



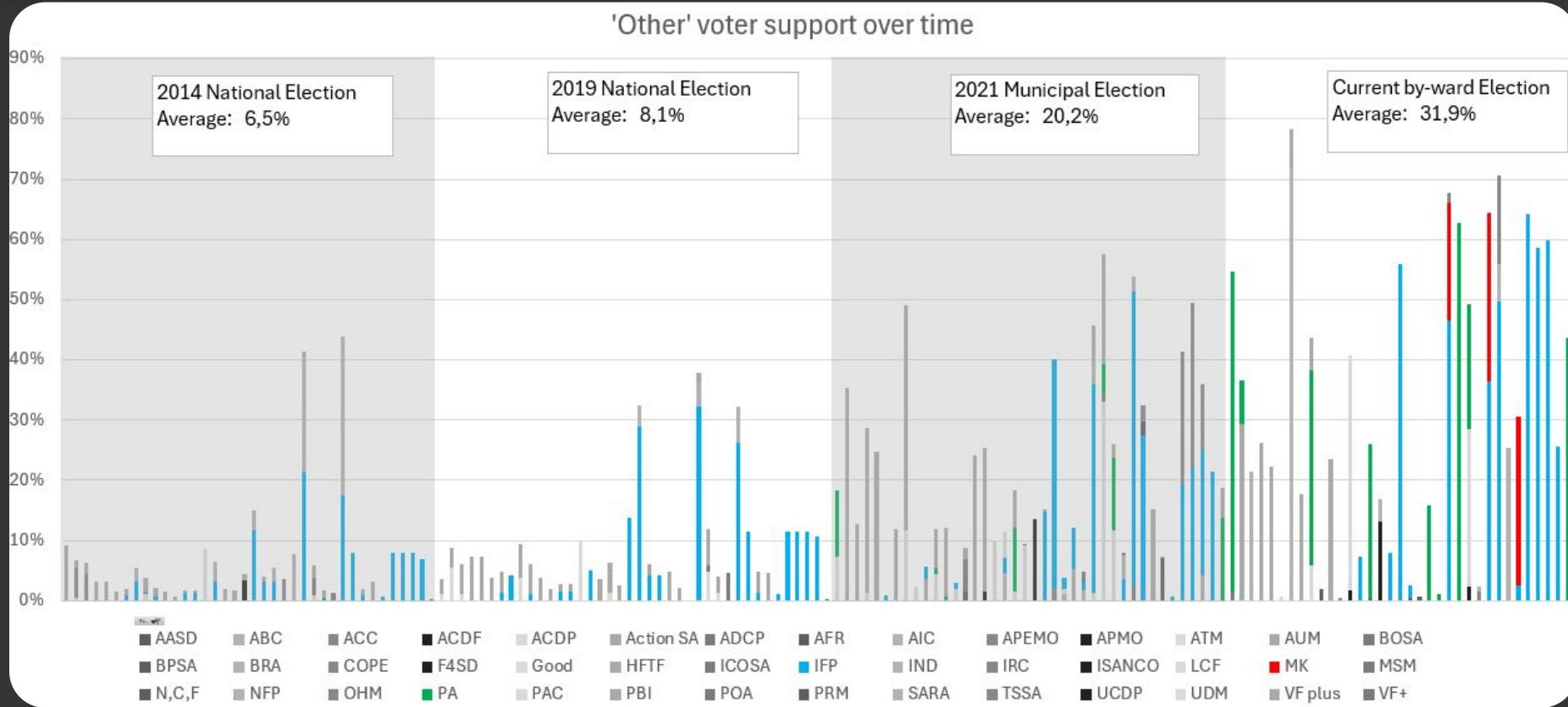
# DA Are Getting Weaker



# EFF Are Not Broadening Out



# Ignore the “Popcorn Parties” at Your Peril



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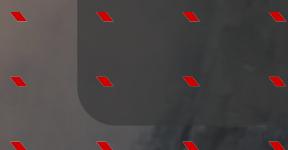
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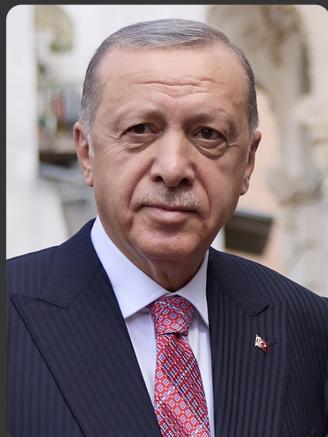
	Managed Plus	Value Trend	Stable	Equity	Global Flexible
<b>SA Equity</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>~97%</b>	
Local Exposure	12%	4%	3%	52%	
Global Exposure	9%	3%	2%	41%	
Gold	2%	1%	0%	7%	
<b>Global Equity</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>		<b>24%</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>23%</b>		<b>24%</b>
SA Short Duration	32%	47%	54%		
SA Long Duration	5%	5%	5%		
Global Short Duration	11%	13%	13%		69%
Global Long Duration	1%	4%	5%		7%
<b>Direct Offshore</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>35%</b>		
ZAR Currency Hedge	-11%		-10%		

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# Why Flexibility Is Important: Four Case Studies With Lessons for South Africa





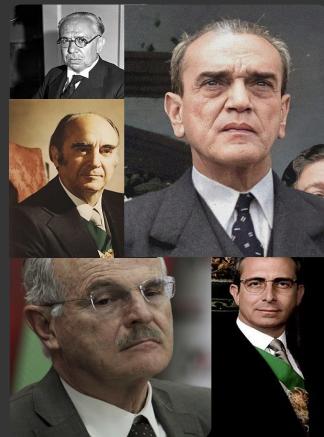
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The Departing  
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# Turkey - The Wrong Strong Man

# Strong Incumbent and Hopeful Opposition

## Turkey's President Erdogan may yet be defeated

Opposition leaders have a chance of ending, or at least crimping, his increasingly autocratic rule



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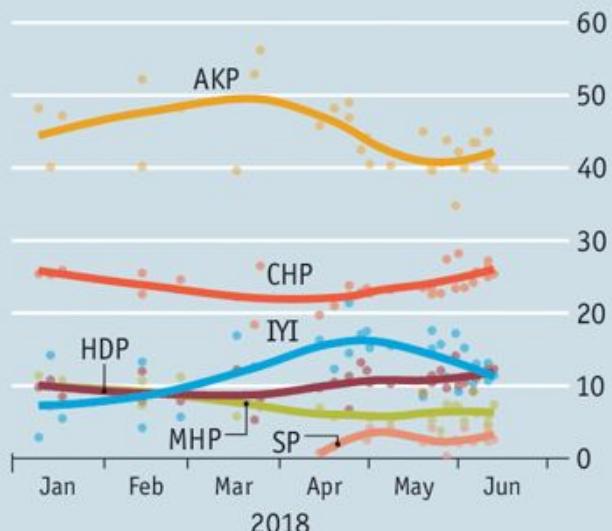
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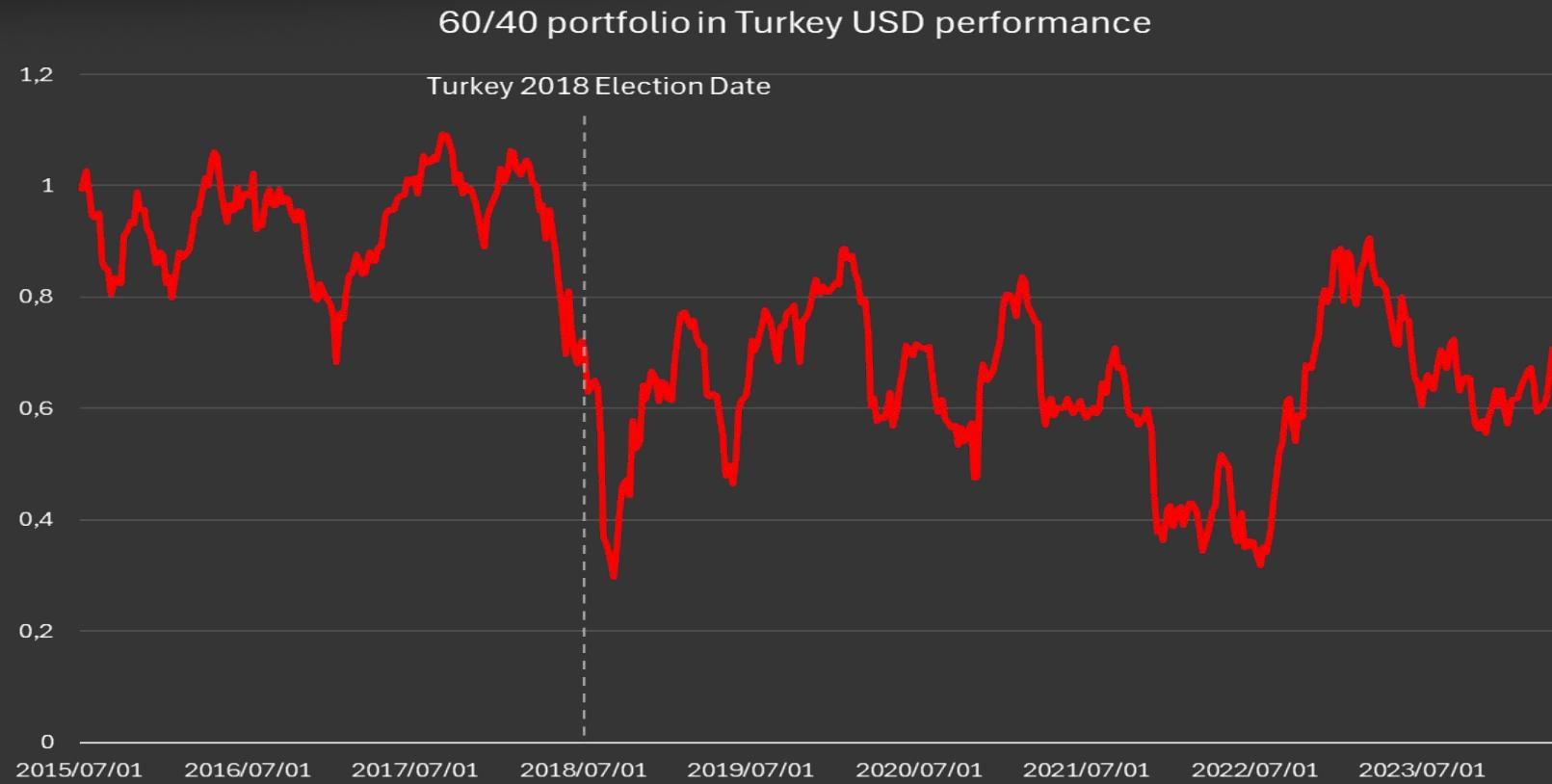
Turkey, parliamentary election polling  
Selected parties, %



Source: National polls

Economist.com

# Bad Political Outcome and Policy Resulted in Massive Losses



Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Construction: 60% of the portfolios holdings are MSCI Turkey (USD) & 40% is FTSE Turkey Treasury Bond Index (USD)

# Cheap Can Always Get Cheaper





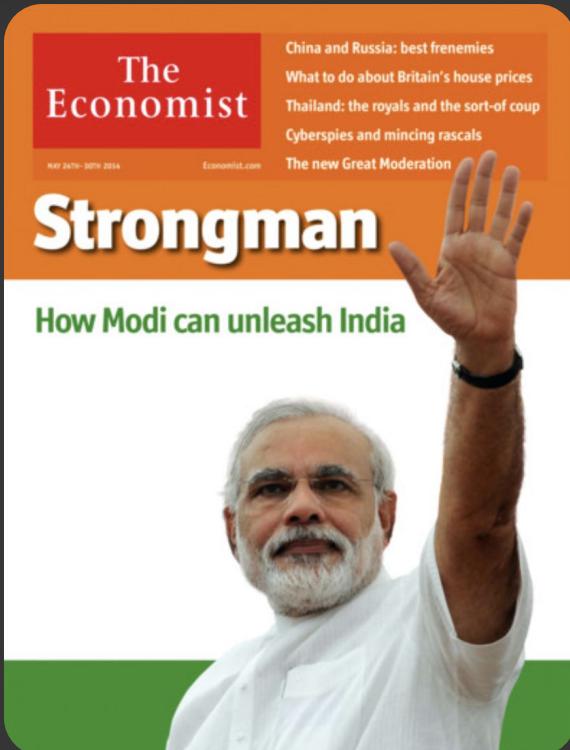
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# India - The Right Strong Man

Dec 2013



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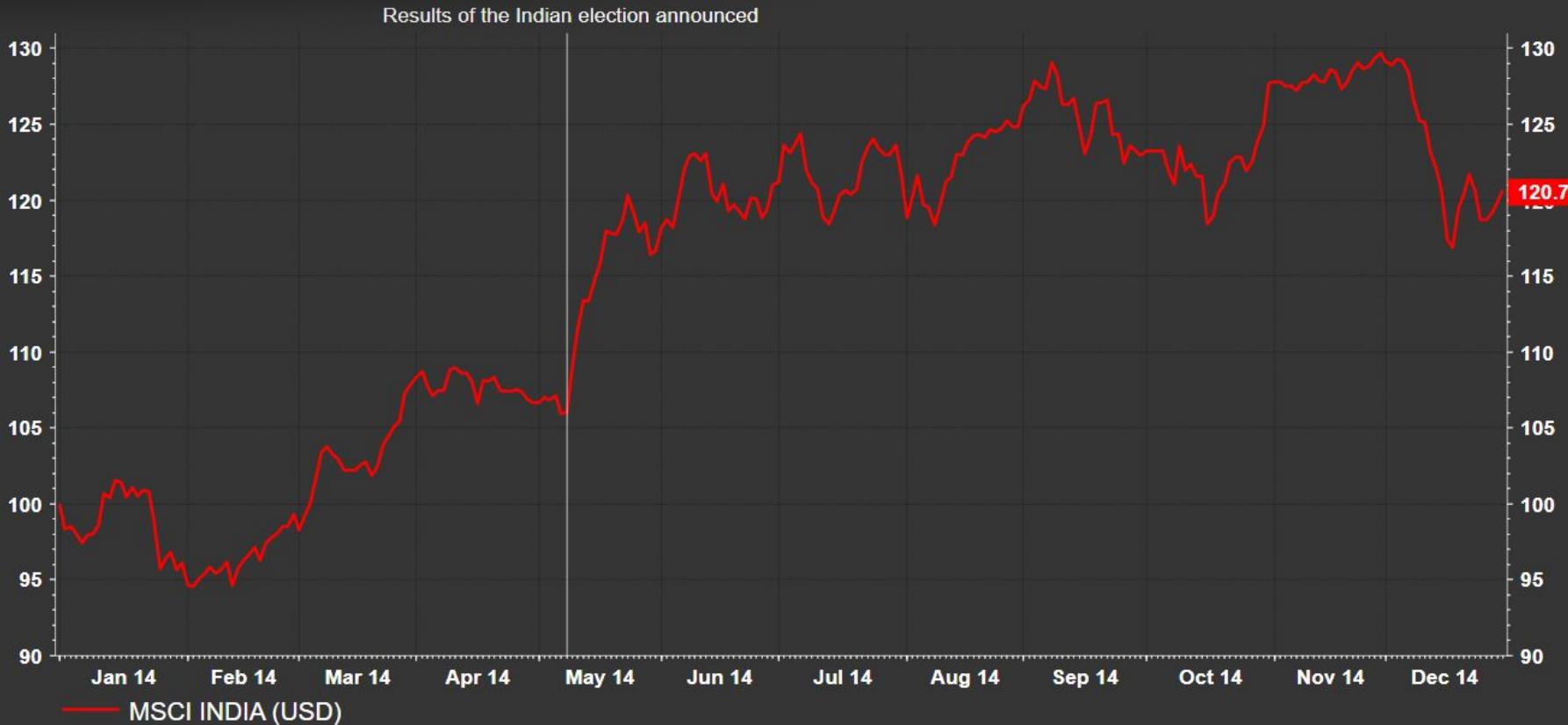
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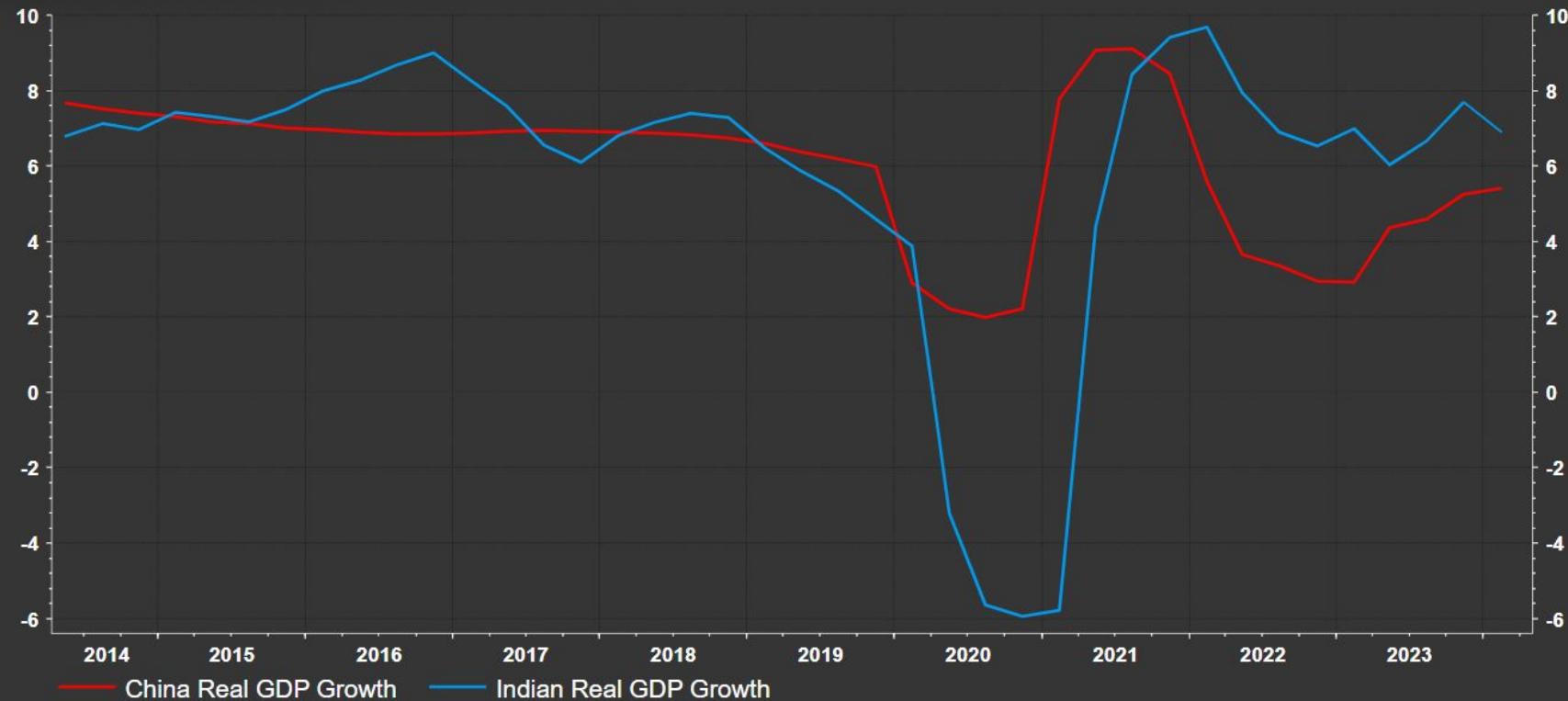
# Structural Reform Takes Time



# Sentiment Pop but Real Returns Require Results



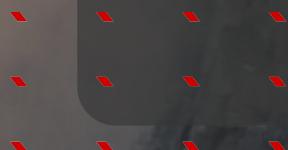
# India vs China GDP Growth



Source: LSEG Datastream / Rezco

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# China - The One and Only Strong Man



# The Writing Was on the Wall

Time Magazine: April 2016



# Tencent Earnings vs Share Price



Source: LSEG Datastream / Rezco

# India Re-rating vs. China De-rating Is the Main Difference

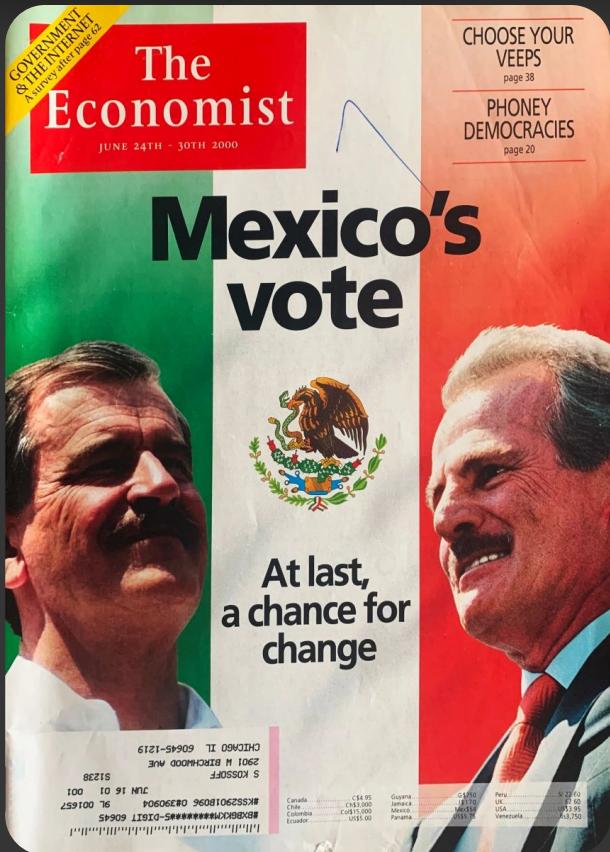


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# Mexico - The Departing Strong Men

# Mexico's 2000 Pivotal Election



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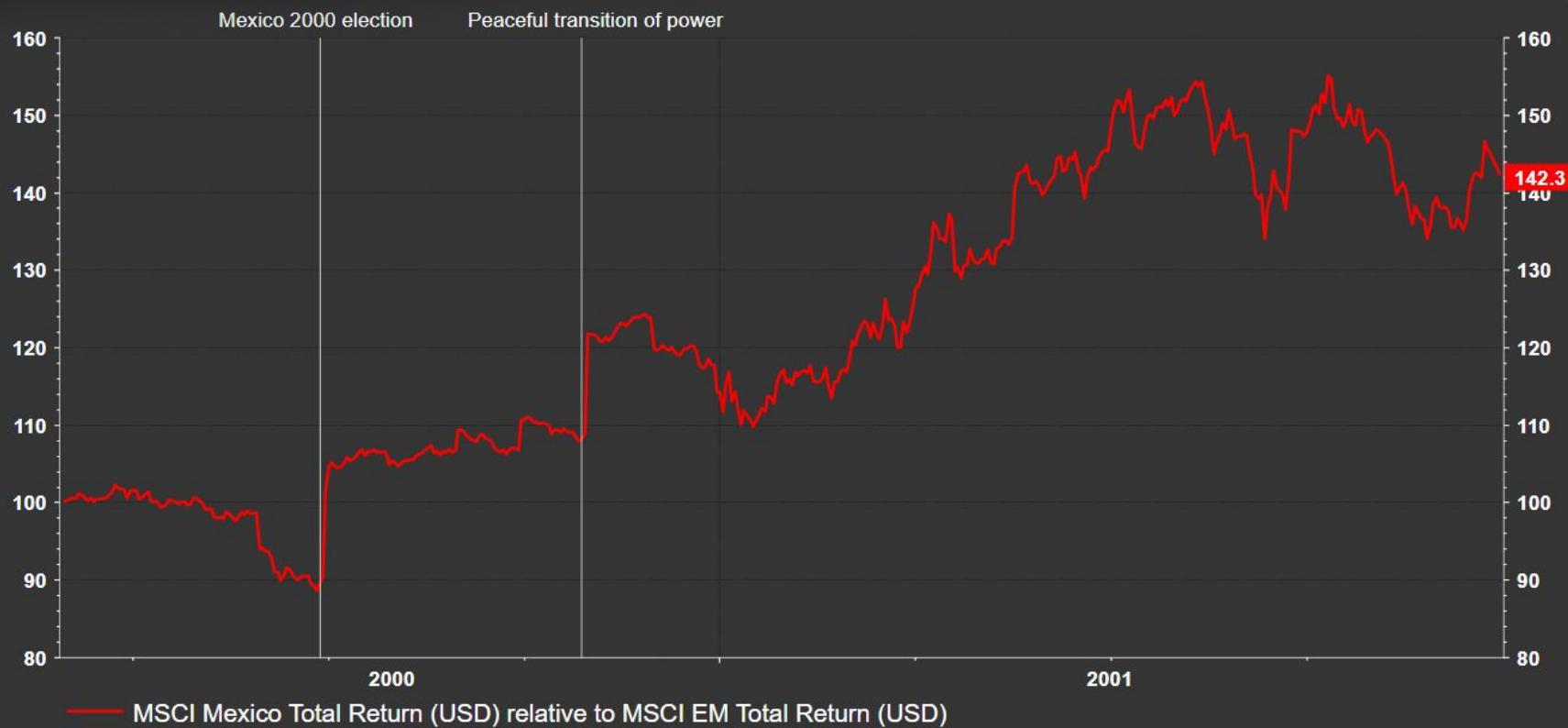
# The beginning of the end of the longest-ruling party

As they approach their most hotly contested presidential election in seven decades, Mexicans are divided—and their divisions will mean the demise, sooner or later, of their one-party state

Jun 22nd 2000 | MEXICO CITY



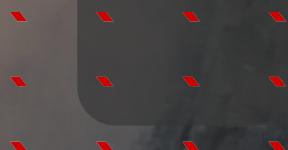
# When Risk Is Priced In, Resolution Rallies Equity



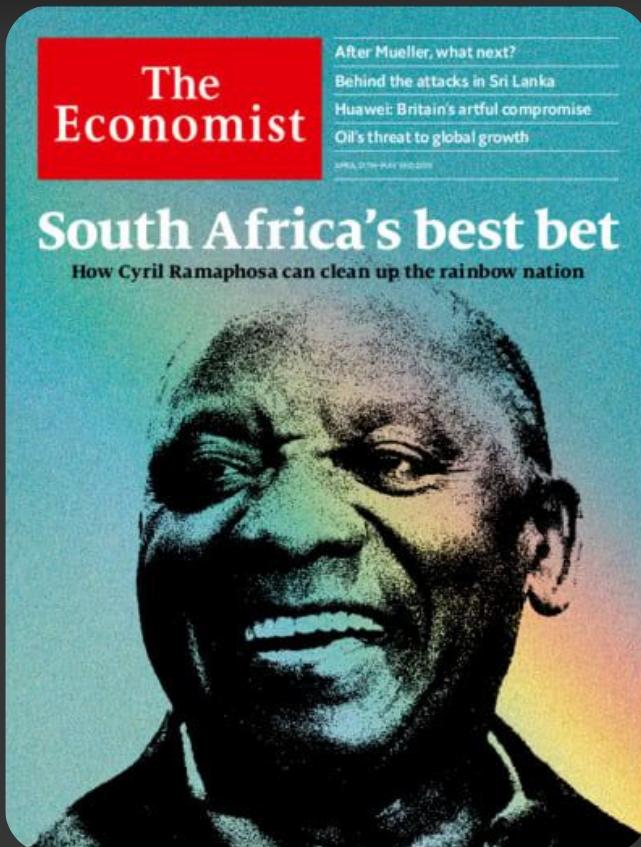


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# South Africa - The Strong Consensus Man



# SONA 2018: Ramaphoria Peaked with a Speech



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## Cyril Ramaphosa outlines blueprint to revive South Africa economy

New president wants to create 'conducive investment climate' after years of scandal

A photograph of Cyril Ramaphosa, a Black man with a shaved head, wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a purple patterned tie. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. In the background, a portion of the Italian flag is visible. The image is set within a white box with rounded corners.

Cyril Ramaphosa in London on Wednesday. He has appointed four 'lions' to help in his hunt for \$100bn of investments © Charlie Bibby/FT

David Pilling, Lionel Barber and Alec Russell in London APRIL 19 2018

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# Hard to Get Foreign Investors Excited



# Bad Policy and Execution Has Had a Cost



Source: LSEG Datastream / Rezco

# Navigating Risk and Reward

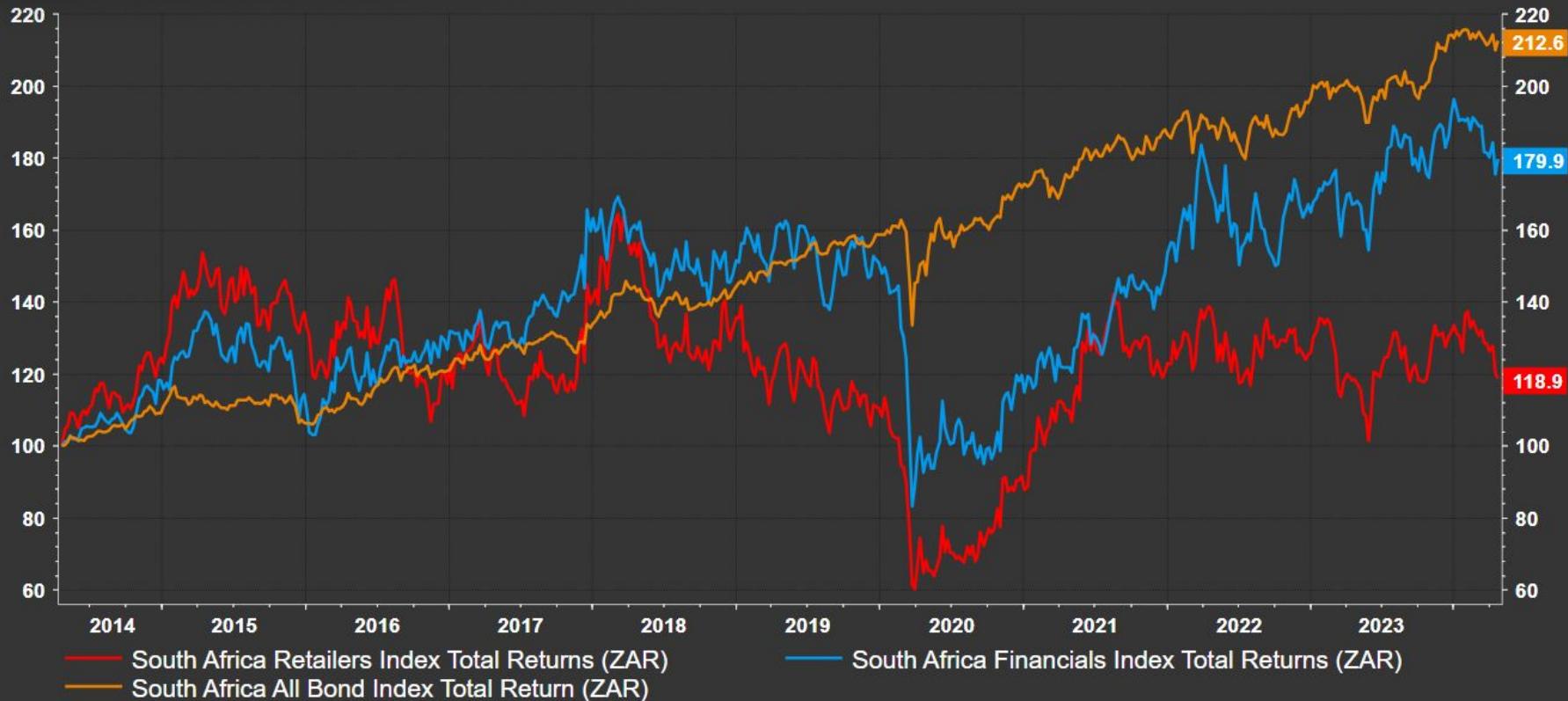
Opportunity to be flexible



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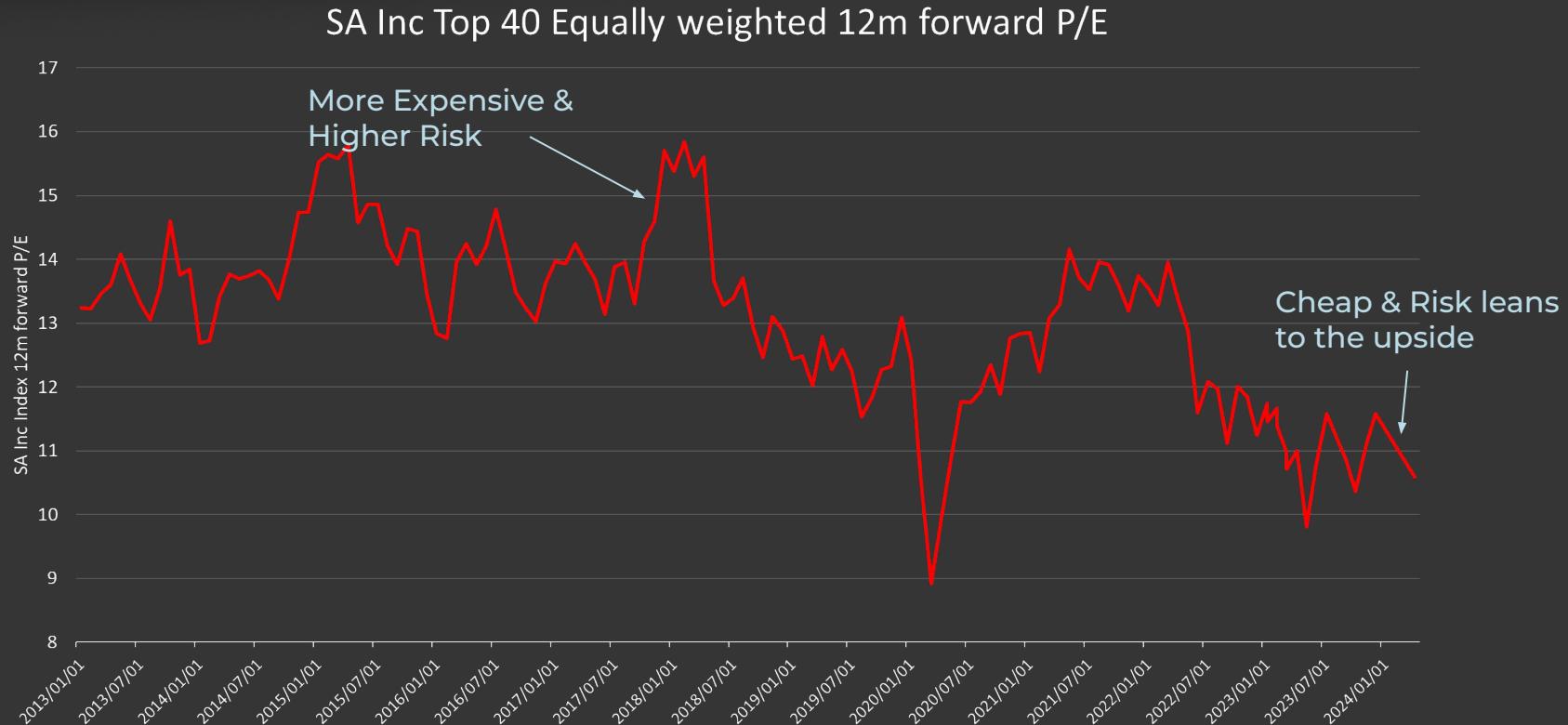
# Is the Answer Simply Fixed Income?

The Turkey scenario serves as a warning



Source: LSEG Datastream / Rezco

# Valuations Going into the Risk Event Are Important



Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Construction: Equally weighted consensus forward P/Es of the largest 40 largest JSE stocks each month, excluding miners, oil, paper producers or where a majority of the stocks earnings are derived from outside South Africa.

# Value Trend November 2017

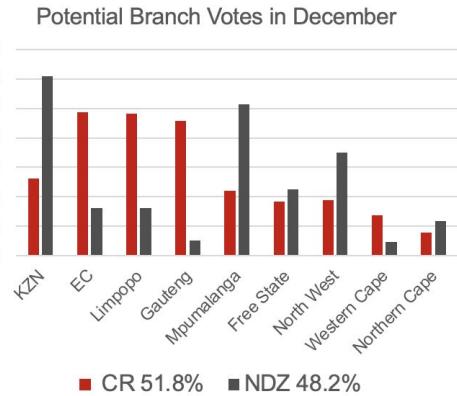
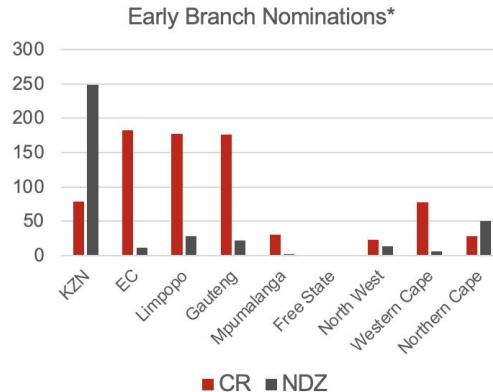
Bad time to take SA risk: Positioned to protect capital in USD

Look-through  
Equity Exposure to  
Offshore (USD)  
Earnings + USD  
Cash: 70%

Avoided SA Inc and  
Government Bonds

Our View: CR little  
upside; NDZ large  
and permanent  
capital losses

## SA POLITICS TOO CLOSE TO CALL EXTREME BINARY OUTCOME



- Early branch nominations show grass root support for CR
- CR needs increased support from KZN + Premier League for a convincing victory in the December elective conference

# Cost of 'Insurance' Is Lower When Flexible

Time Period: 01/09/2017 to 31/12/2019

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Source: Morningstar Direct

# 2012: Cheap Equity; Euro Debt Crisis

Good time to take risk



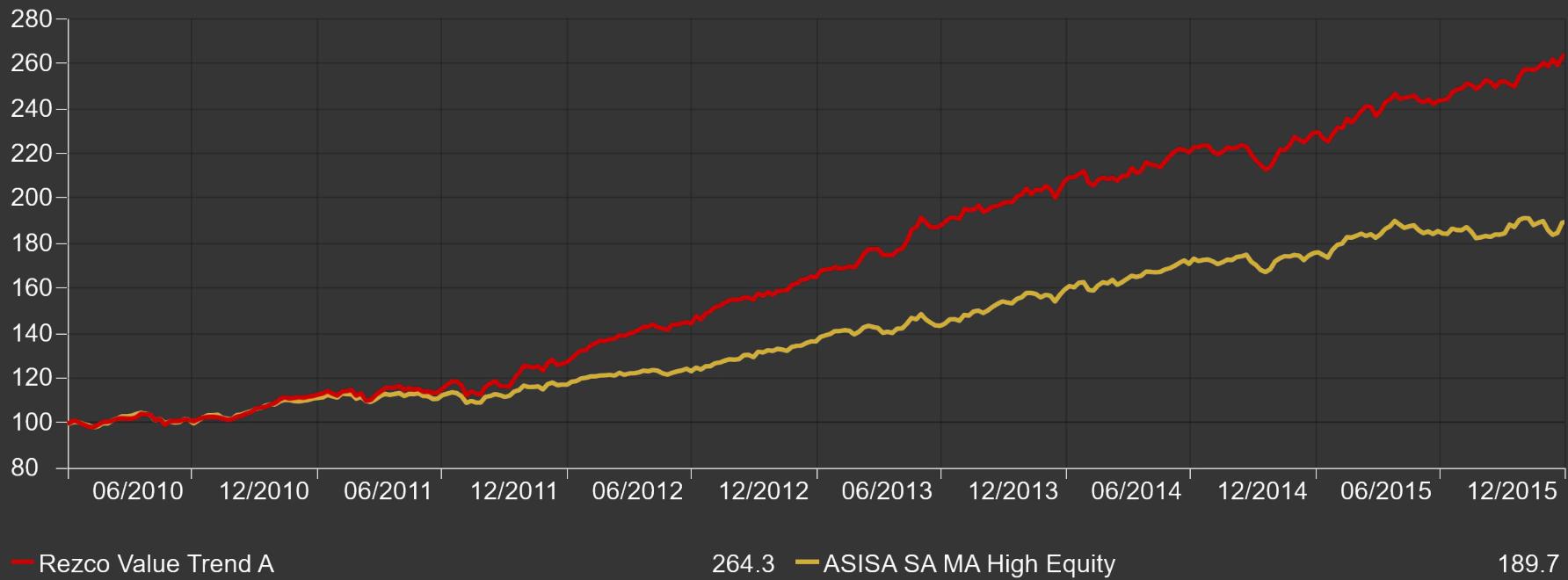
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# Value Trend Through the European Debt Crisis

Time Period: 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2015

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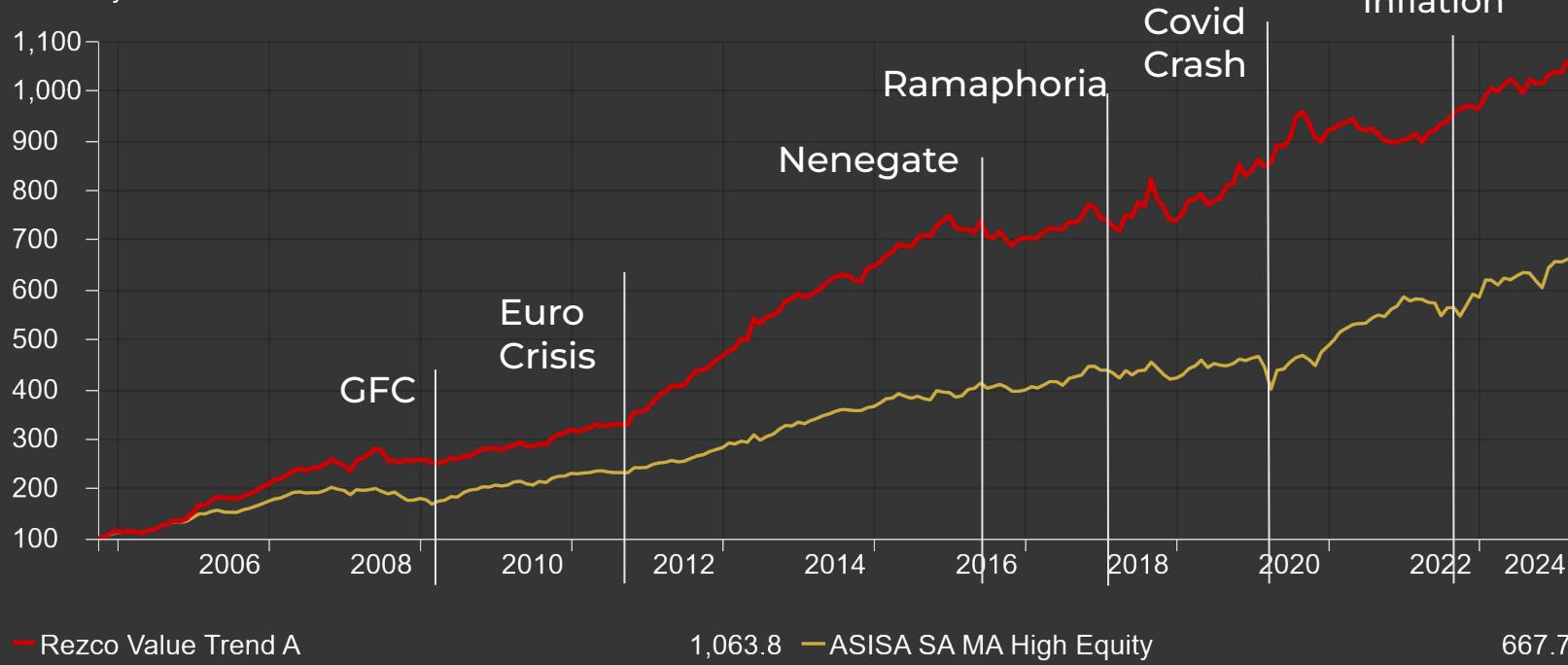
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# Rezco Value Trend Since Inception

Track record of taking risk and avoiding risk

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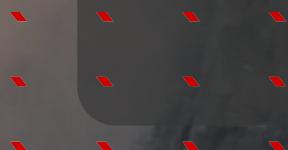
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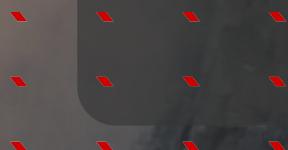
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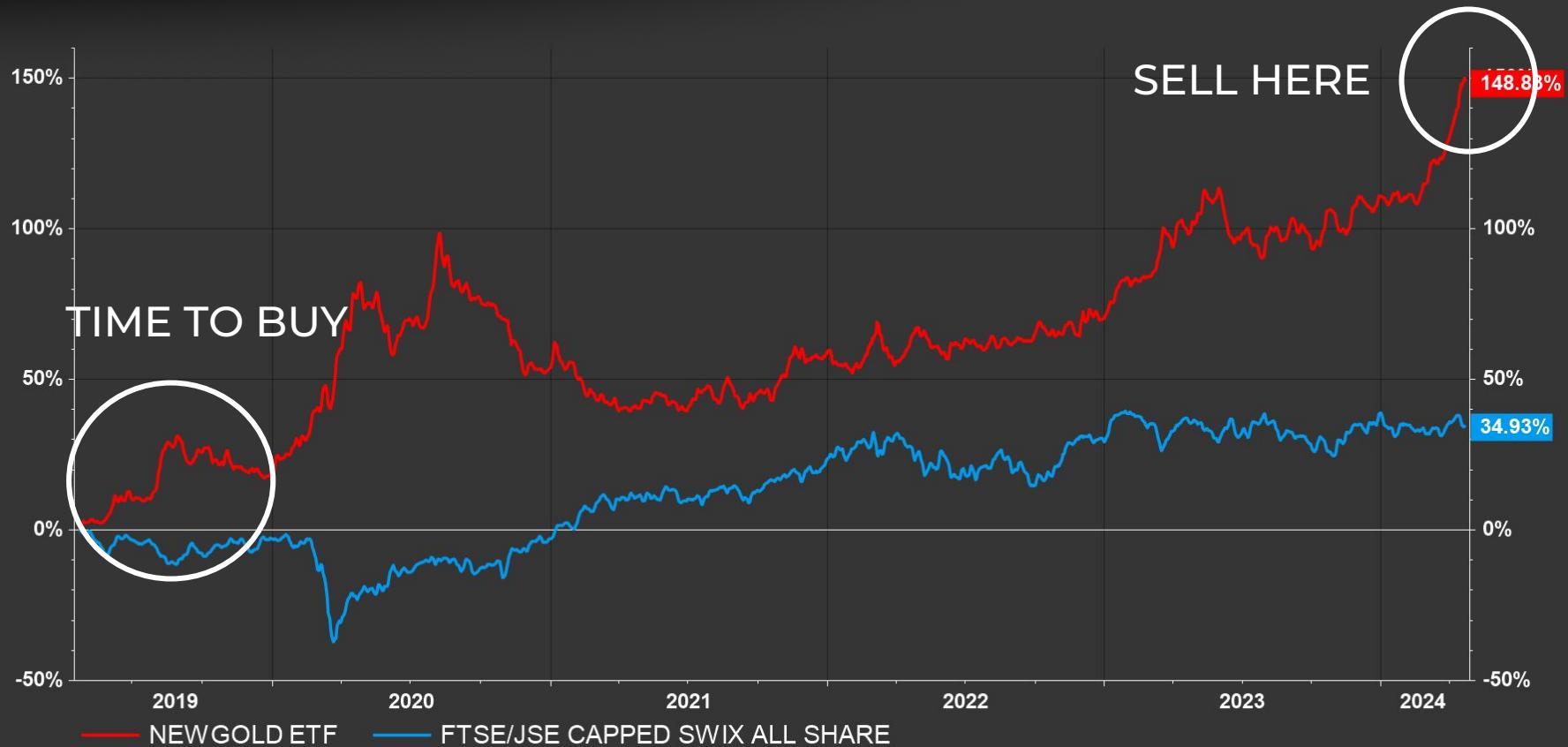


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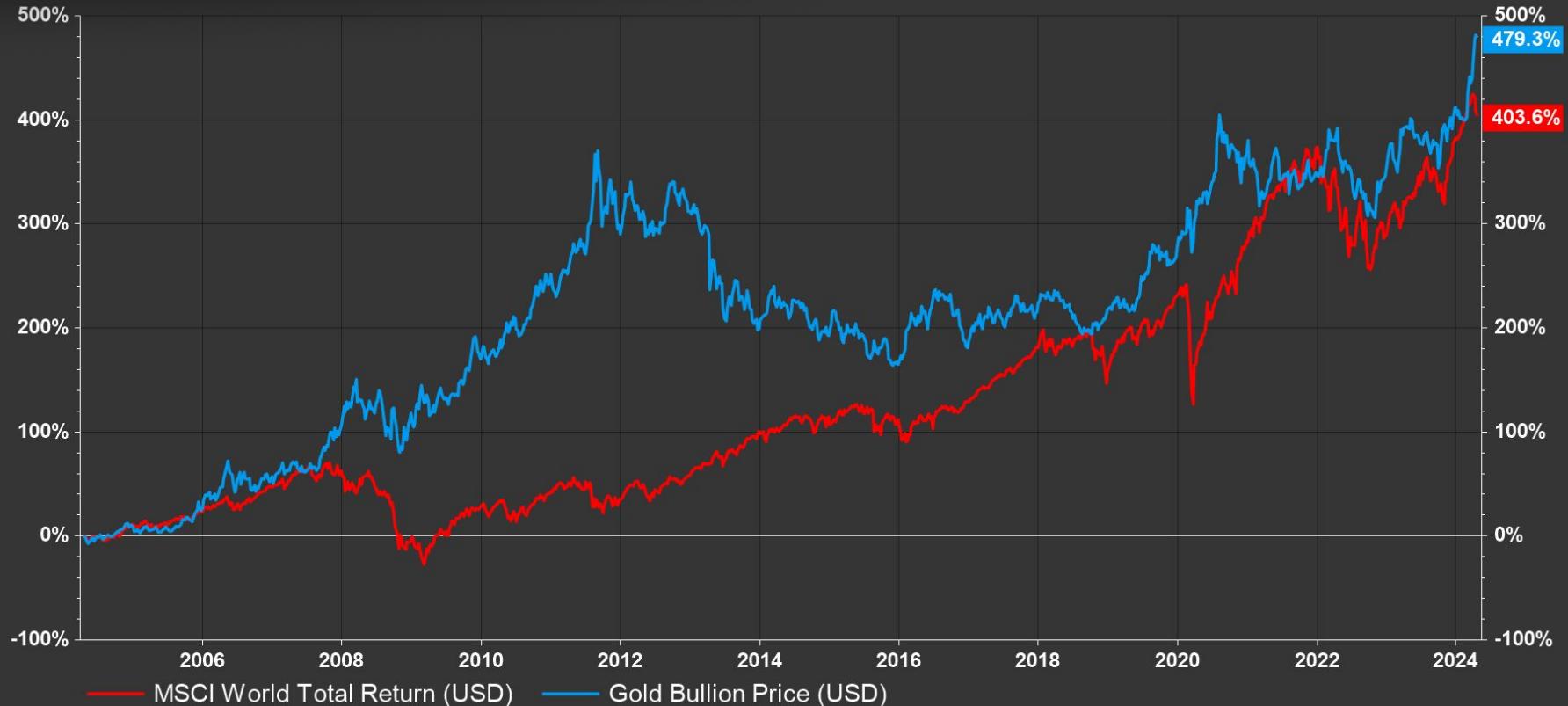
Gold



# Physical Gold ETF in ZAR vs. the JSE SWIX (Time to Exit for Equity Fund)



# Gold vs MSCI (20 Years)



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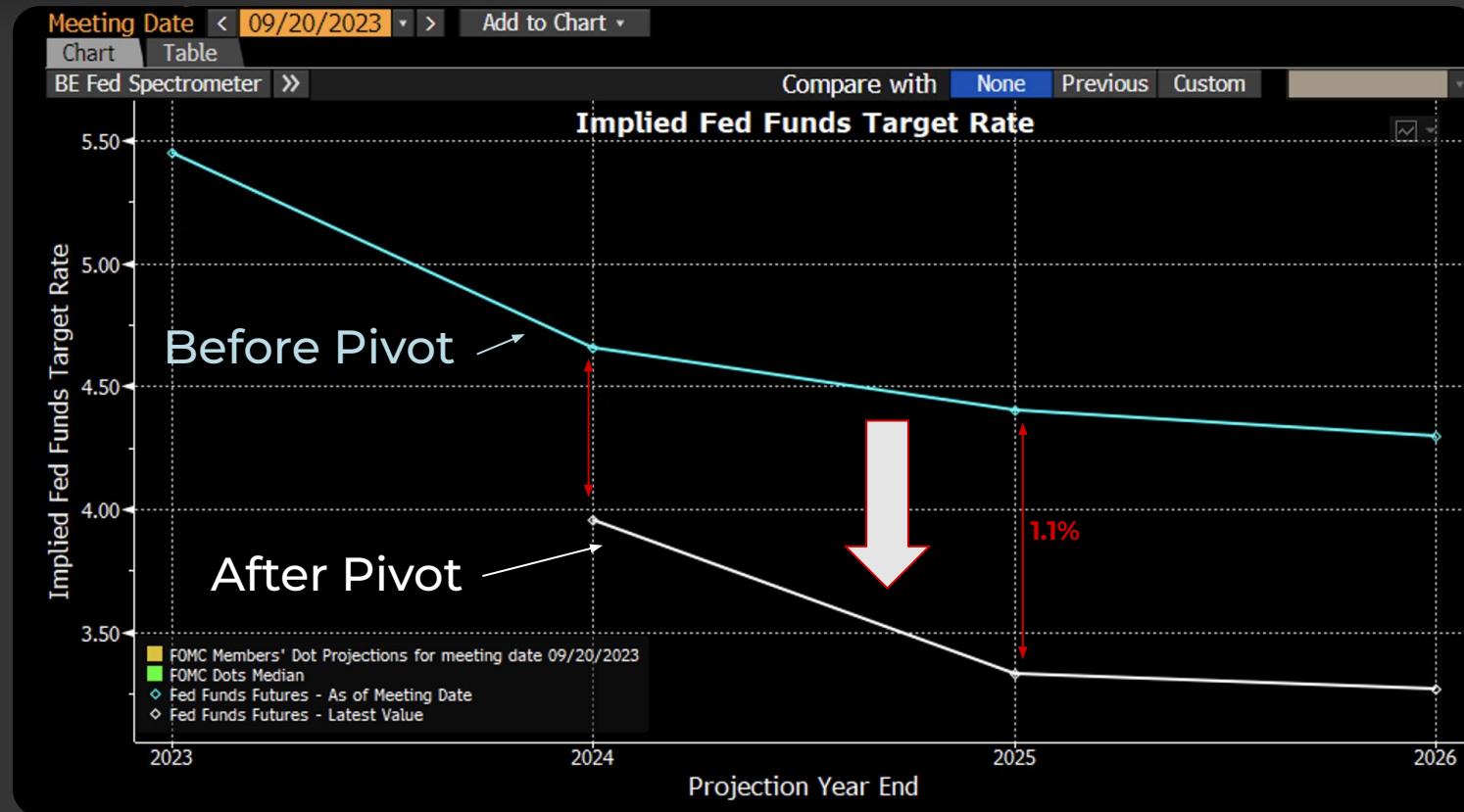
# Global Macro

## The Great Fed Pivot: 2.0



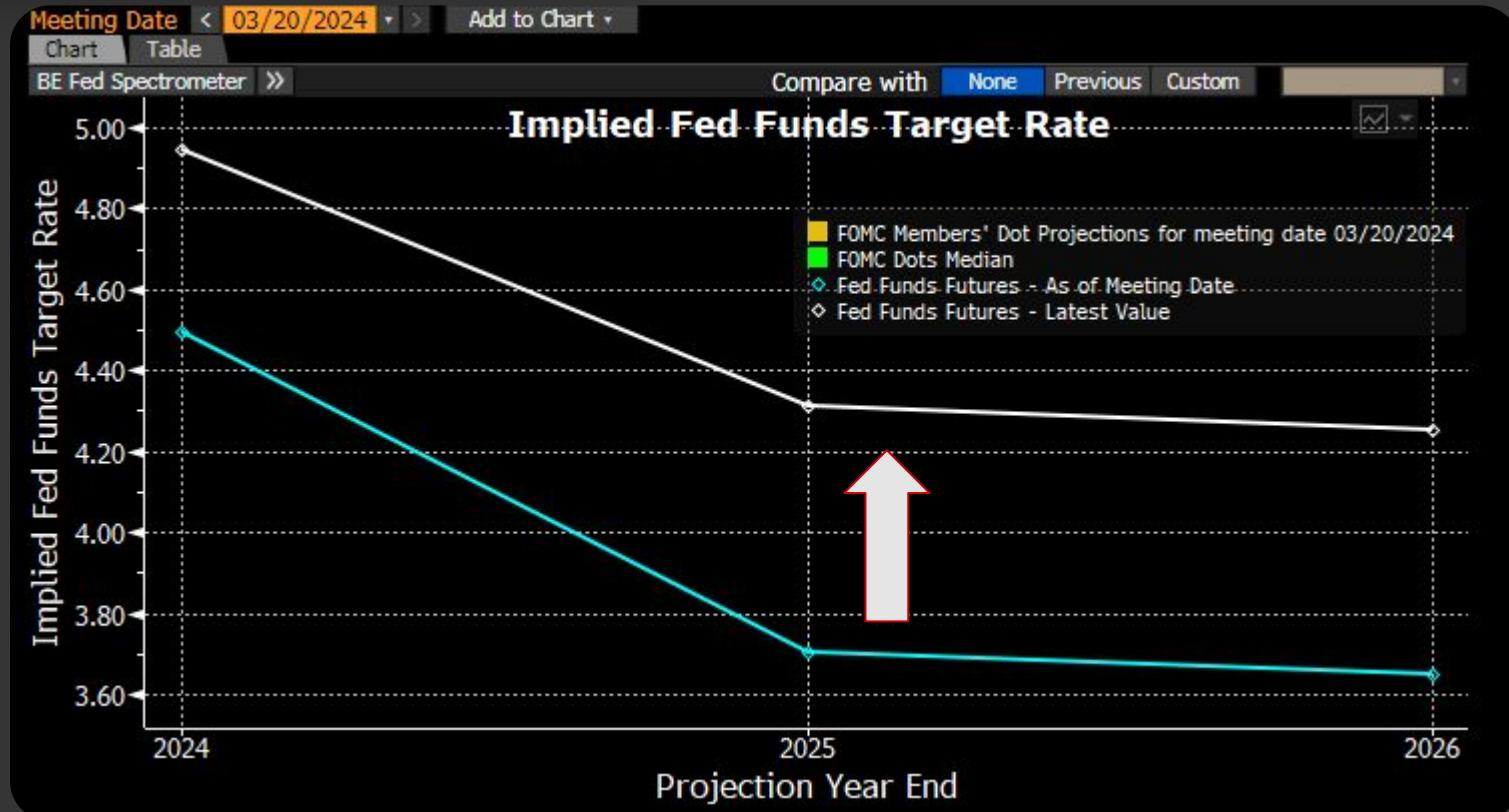
# Market Expectations of Fed Rates

## Dec 23



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## Apr 24



# Super-Core Inflation: The Problem?

Previously the Fed made it very clear that this key



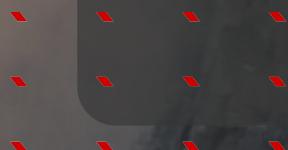
# Market Is Expensive Relative to Interest Rates

MSCI USA 12m fwd P/E vs. 5-year US real yield inverted



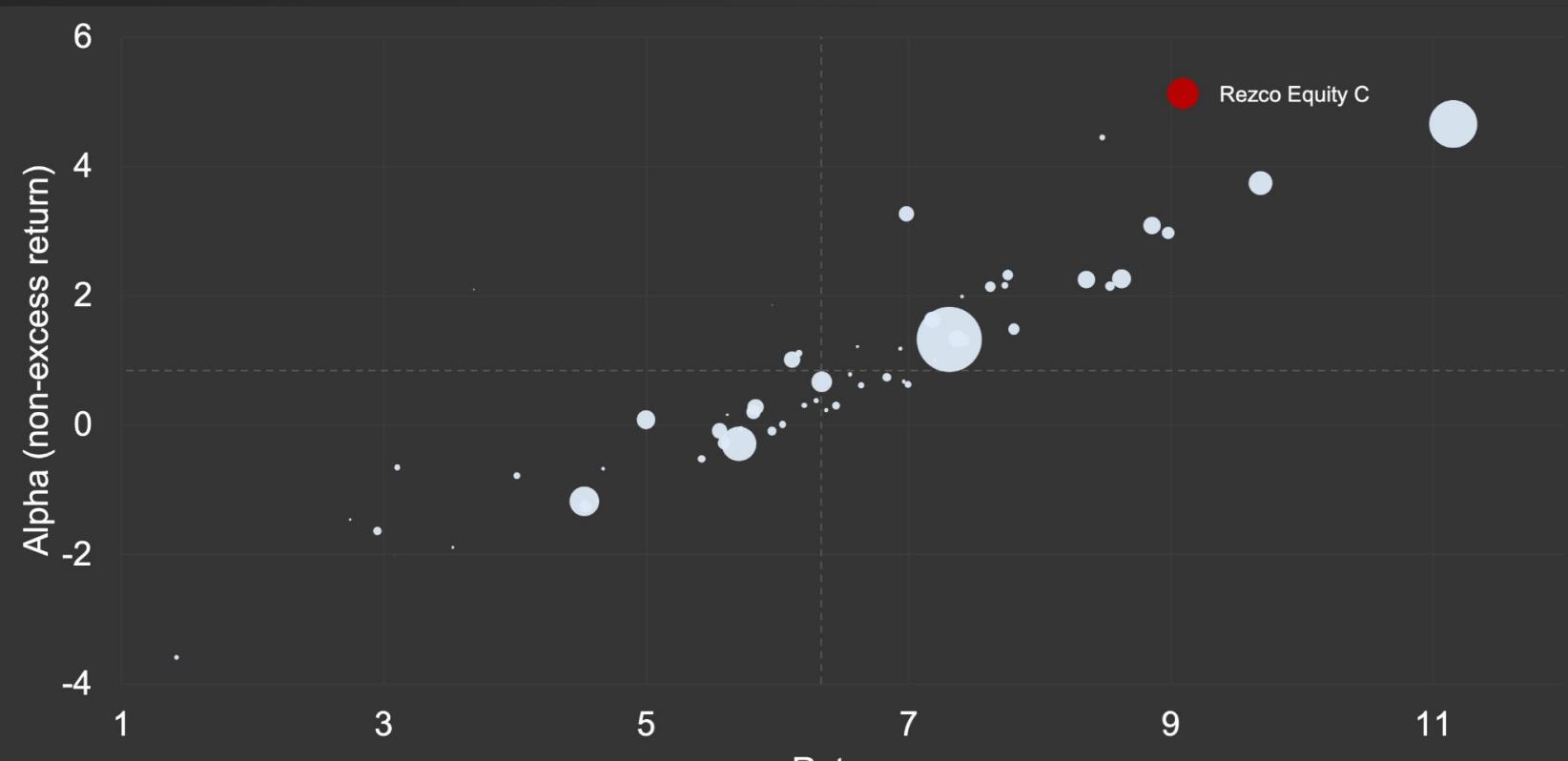
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Wrapping up



# Risk Managed SA Equity Building Block

Time to manage risk well



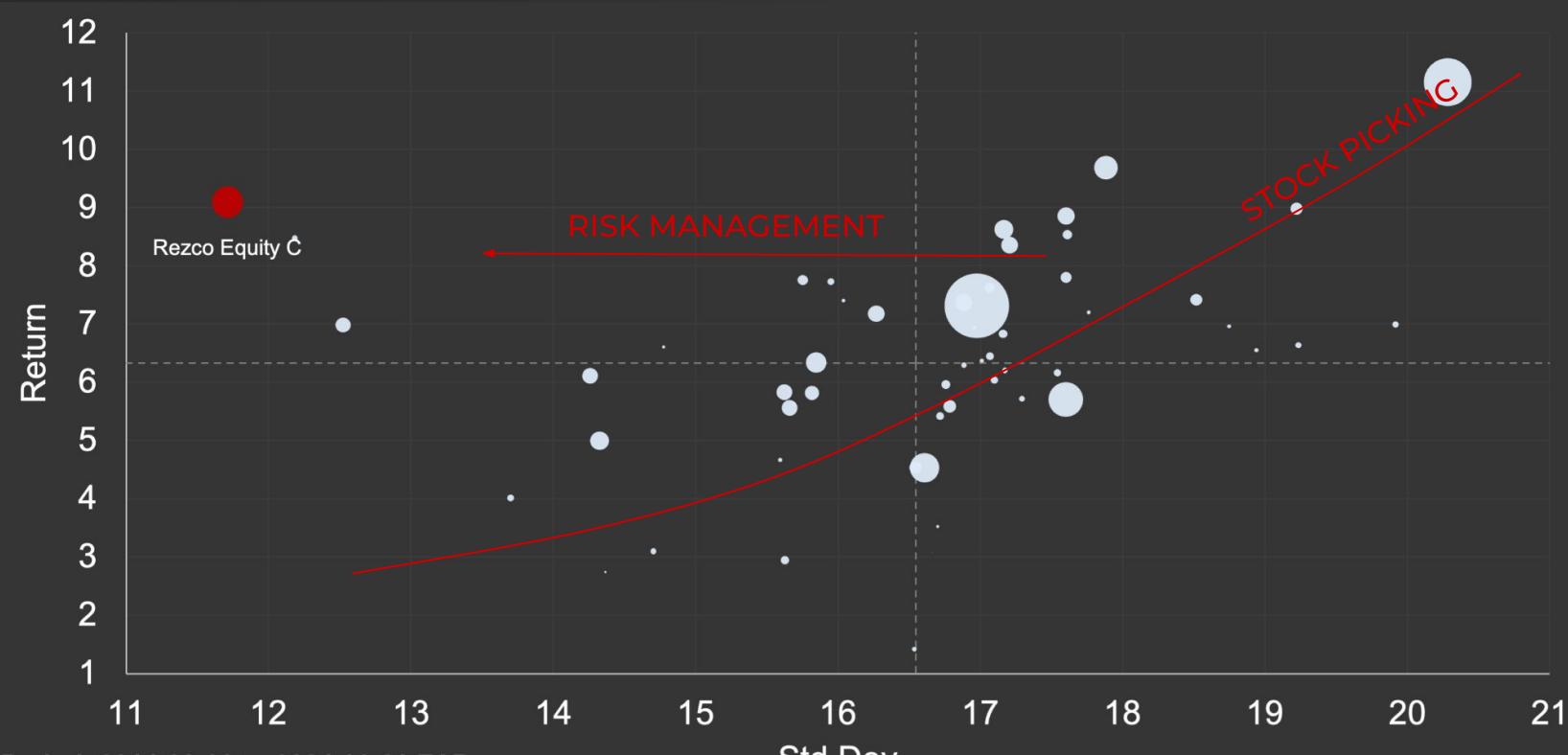
Period: 2014-03-30 to 2024-03-30 ZAR

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# How Global Investors See EM Elections

Figure 8. Equity Market Perf Around EM Elections (USD)

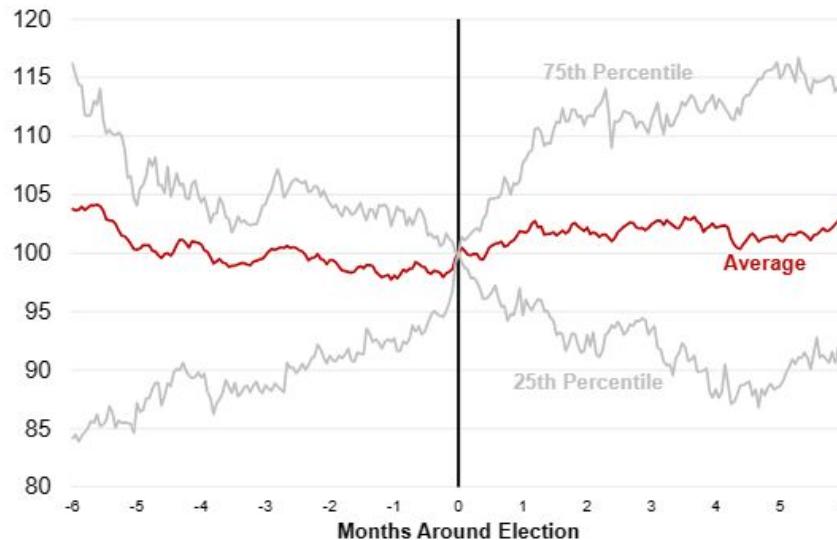
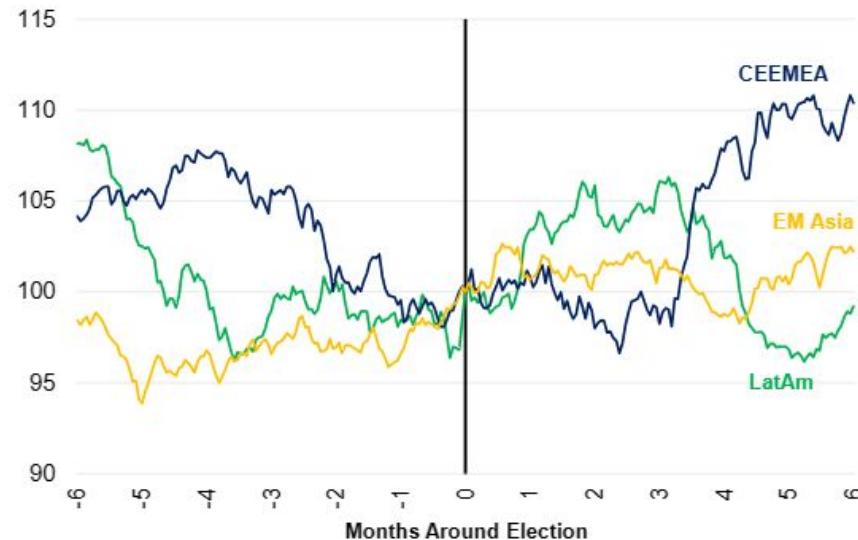


Figure 9. Avg. Perf Around Elections by EM Region (USD)



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