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2024 National Elections:

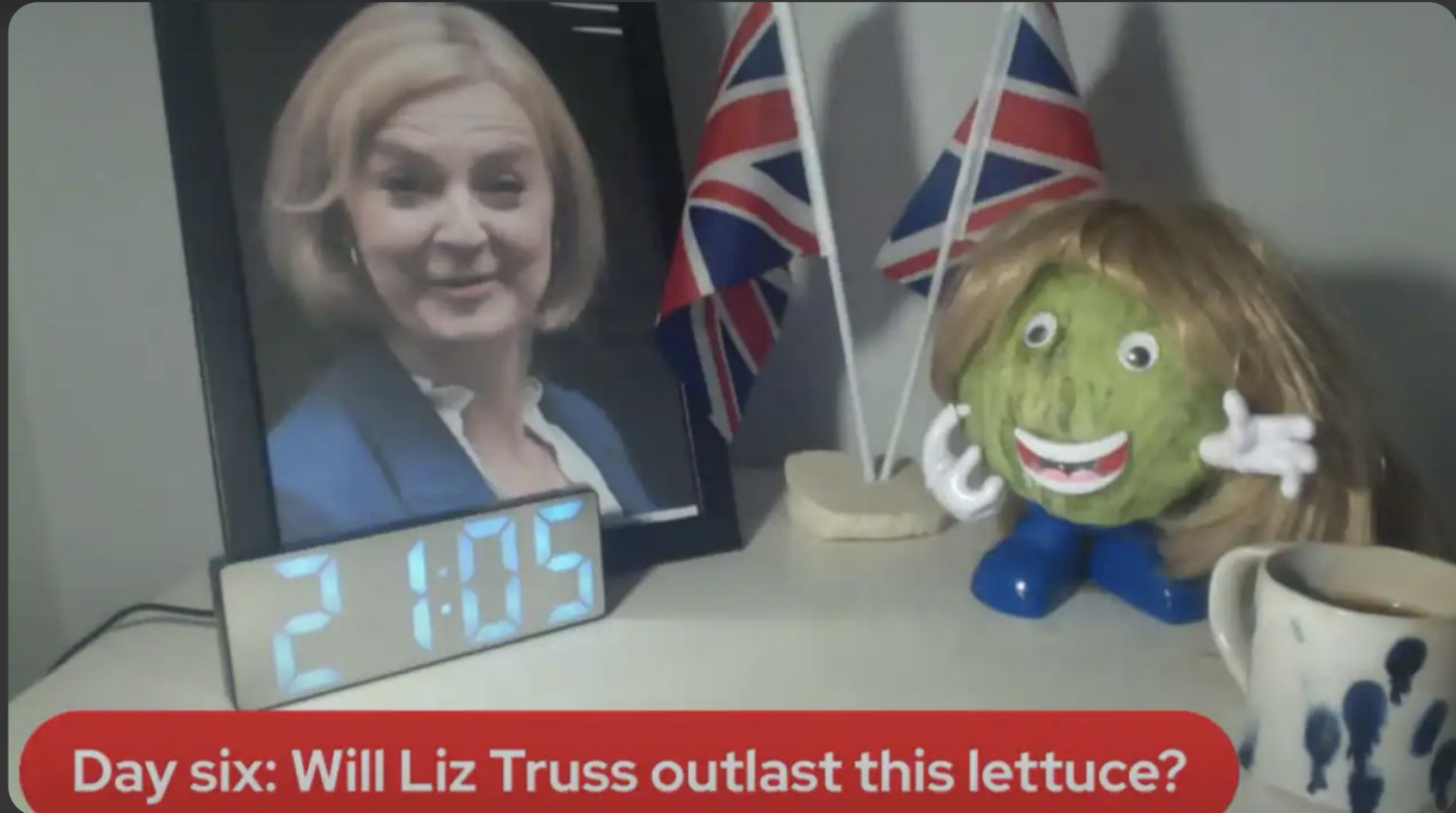
# Should we Consider Investment Risk Like Argentinians or British?

Rob Spanjaard | CIO  
Simon Sylvester | CEO & PM

April 2024



# When Developed Economies Propose Bad Policy



Day six: Will Liz Truss outlast this lettuce?

# The Lettuce Is No Match for These EM Leaders



# But Success Stories Generate Great Returns

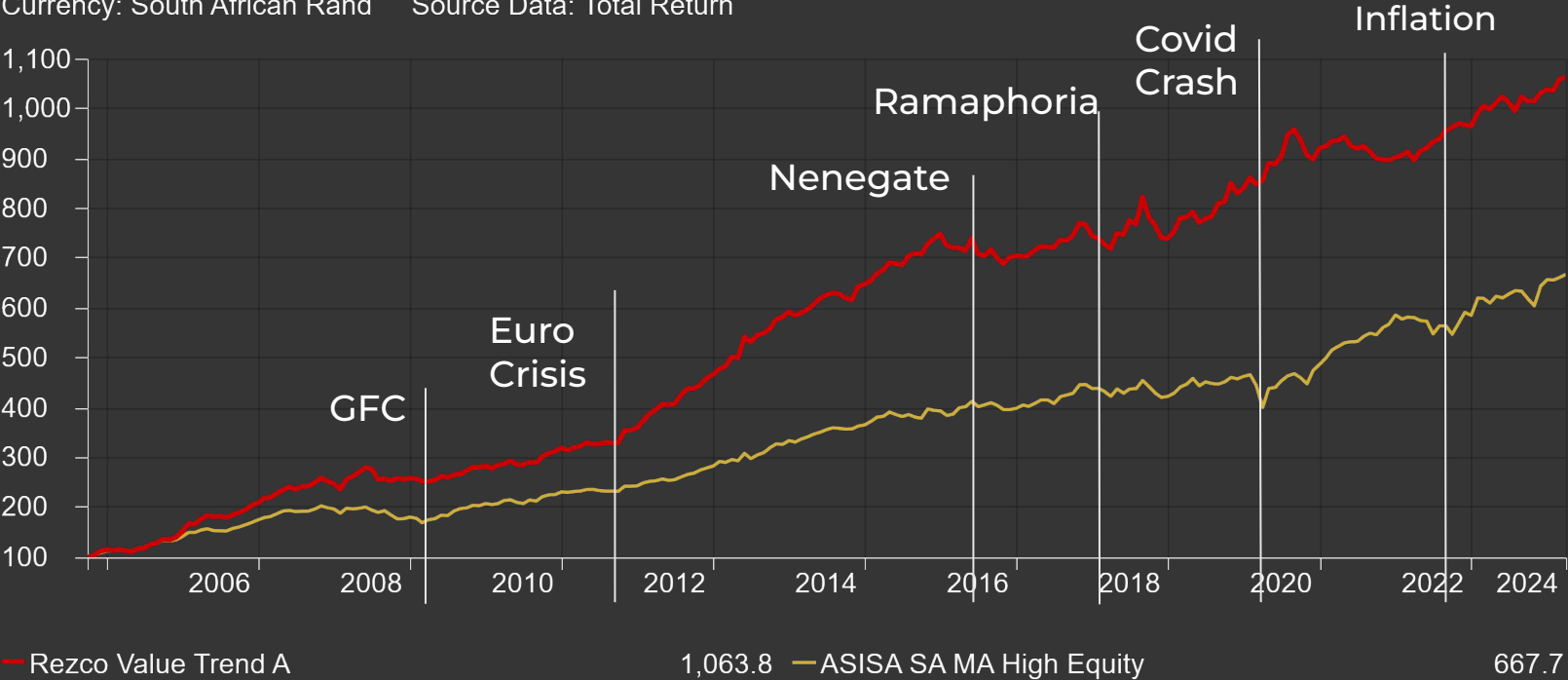


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# Rezco Value Trend Through Risk Events

Time Period: Since Common Inception (01/10/2004) to 31/03/2024

Currency: South African Rand    Source Data: Total Return



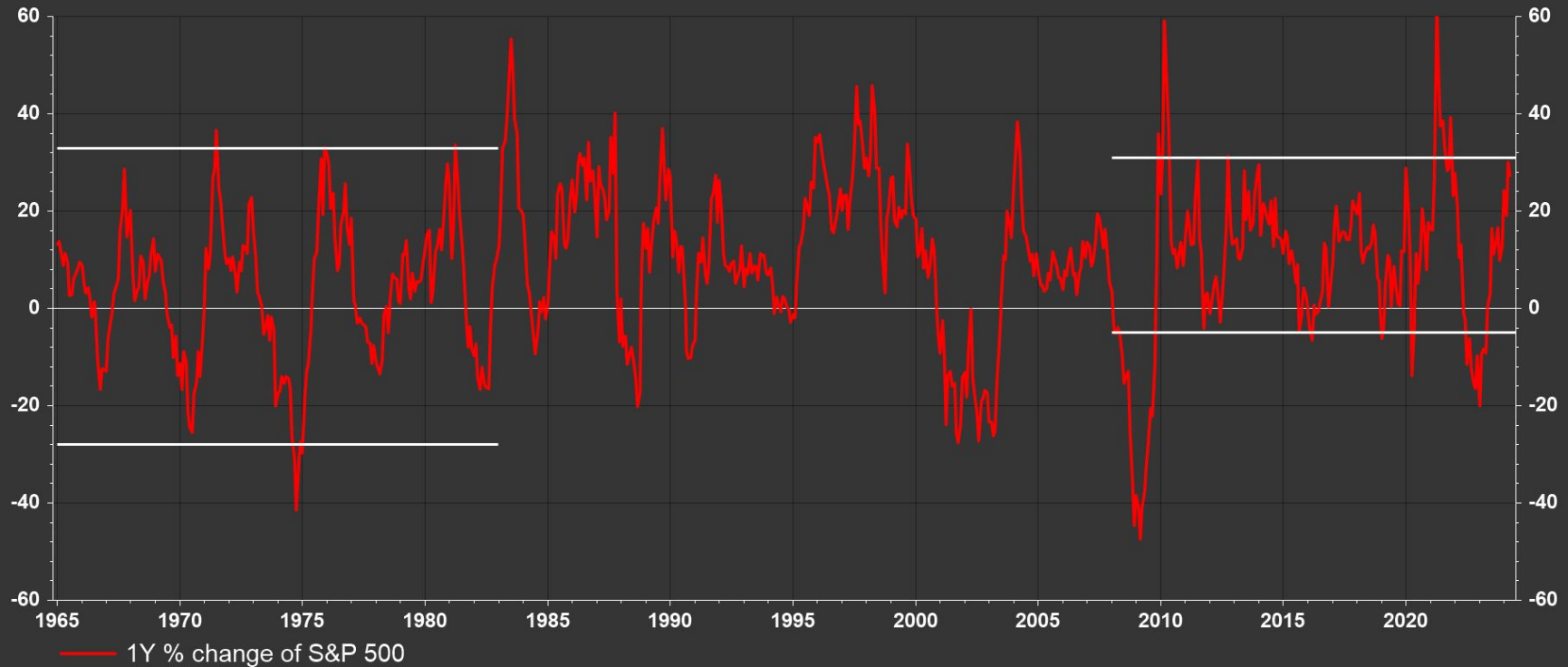
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# Global Macro: Back to the 1970's

S&P 500 annual rolling returns

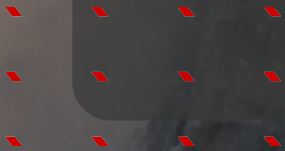
Updated: 23/04/2024



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# SA Elections - Digging into the Details



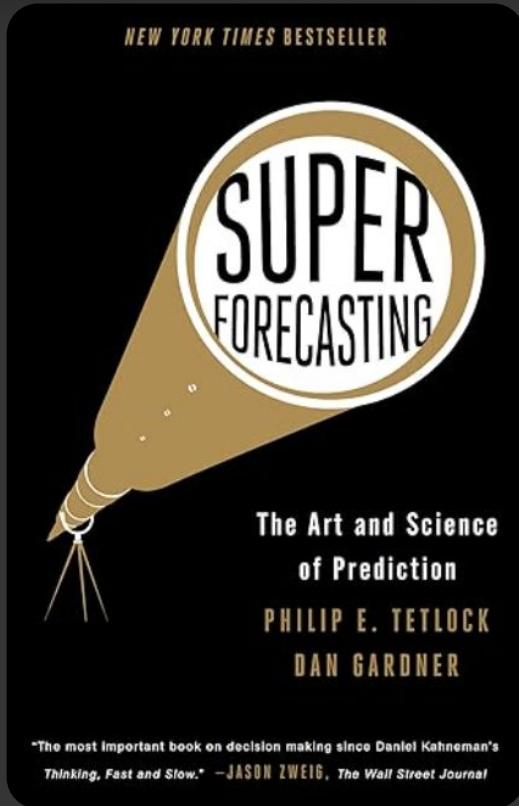
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# Superforecasting Mindset



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 year2021By-election date24 Apr 2024

Western Cape - Leading Party per Voting District

PA

SUPPORT

45.33%

VOTES

3,248

WARDS

2

ANC

SUPPORT

20.14%

VOTES

1,443

WARDS

1

CE

SUPPORT

16.87%

VOTES

1,209

WARDS

1

CE

PA

No By-Election

No Result

South AfricaWestern Cape

24 Apr 2024 Ward By-elections

News

Timetable

Voting stations

Candidates

Results

Councillors

By-election activity

By-election activity	Date
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
Cut-off date: For contestants to comply re candidate lists and candidates	2024-04-05 17:00:00
Cut-off date: Compilation of lists of parties and candidates who will contest the elections	2024-04-06 00:00:00
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 Visitations (Reg 28C 1) and Special votes at Presiding Officer (Reg 28C 2)	2024-04-23 00:00:00
Special Votes Home Visitations and Special votes at VS	2024-04-23 17:00:00
Election Day	2024-04-24 00:00:00

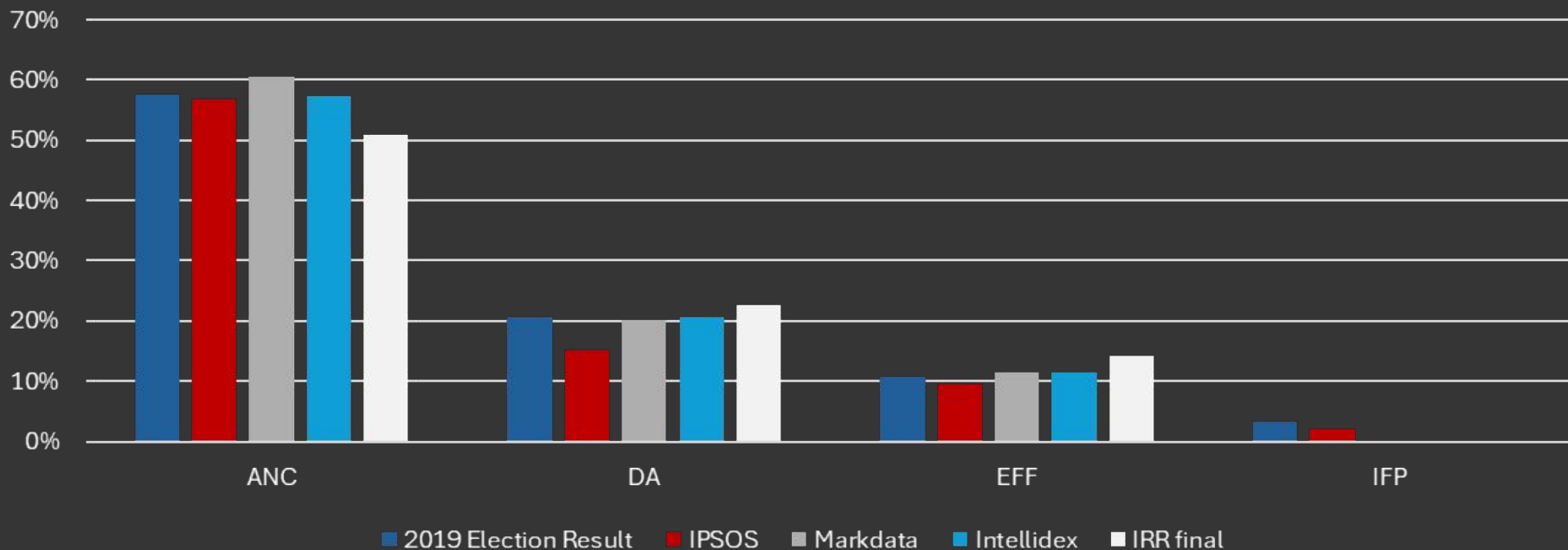
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# The State of Play Coming into the SA National Elections

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DA	22%	20,8%	21,7%	20%	22.5%	20,5%	27%	20%	20%	25%	20%
EFF	6,4%	10,8%	10,3%	18%	11%	19,6%	10%	15,5%	12,5%	11%	11%
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?

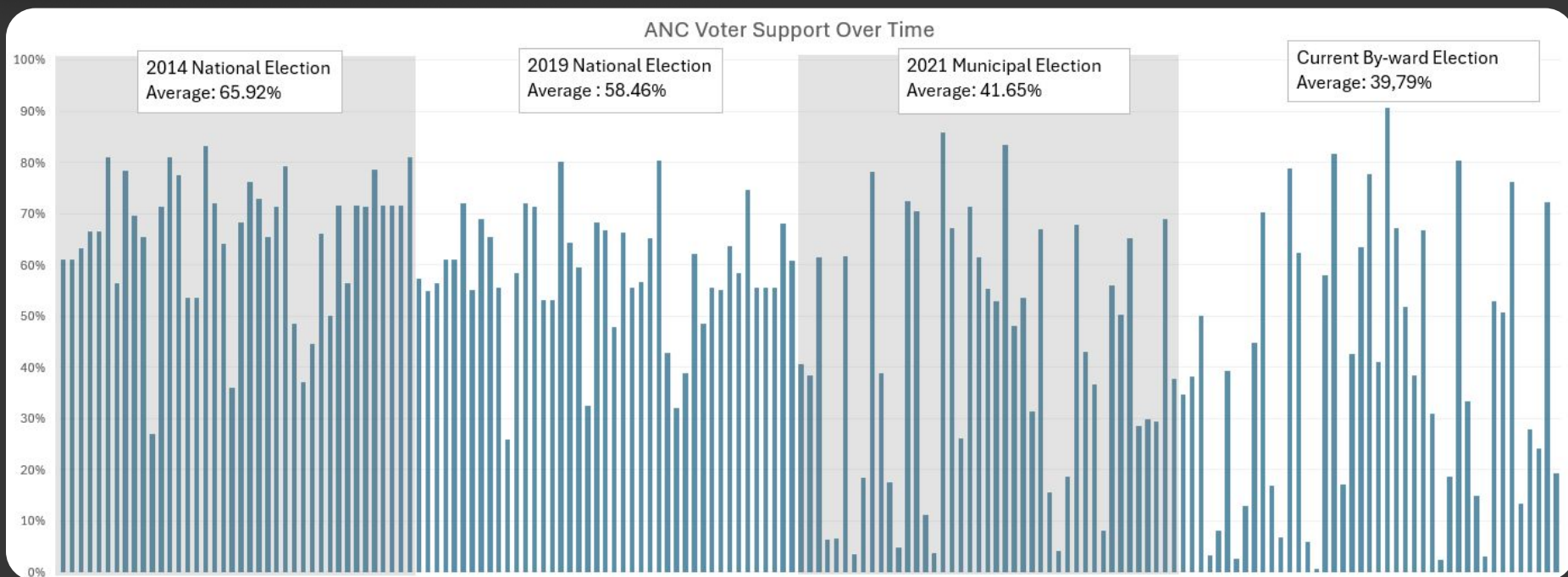
The 2019 polls vs the actual election outcome



Source: IEC, IPSOS and Businesstech

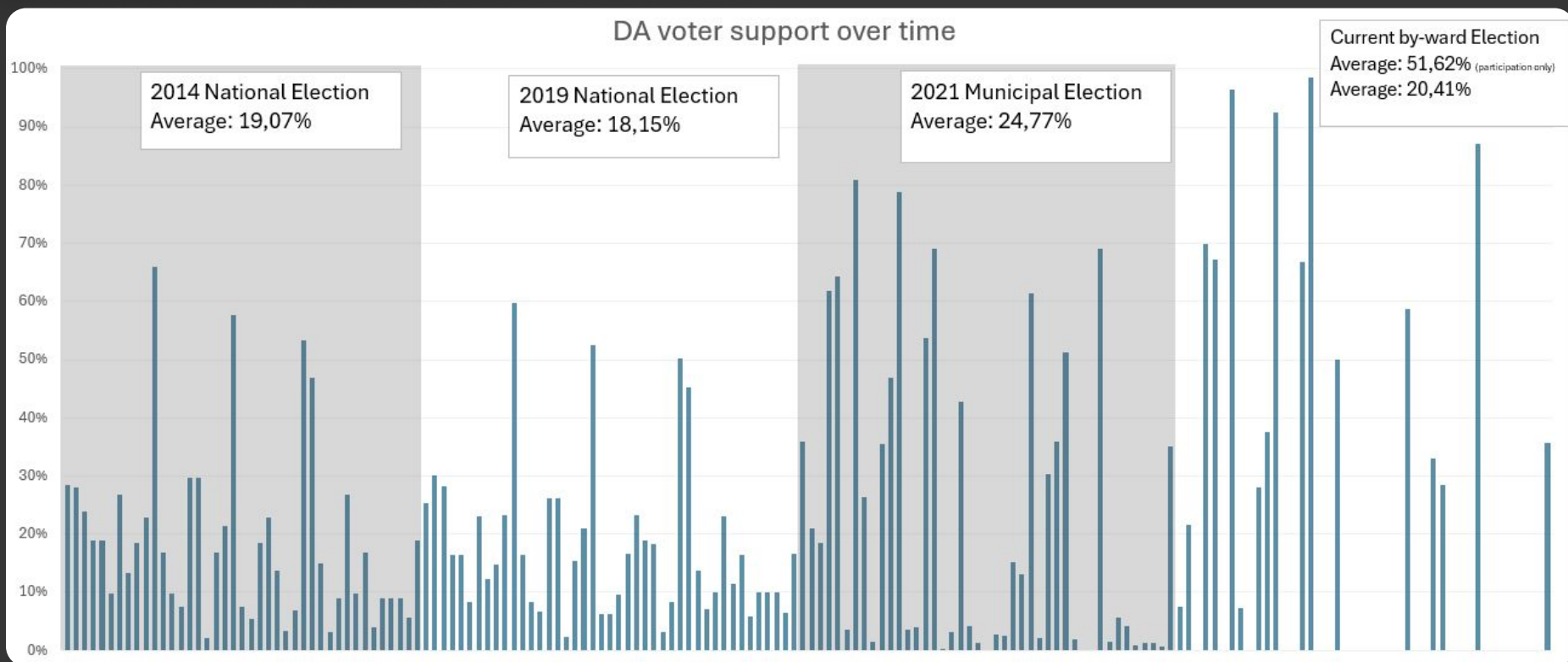
# What the Polls Are Not Looking At?

Ward data insight: ANC have a lot of gaps

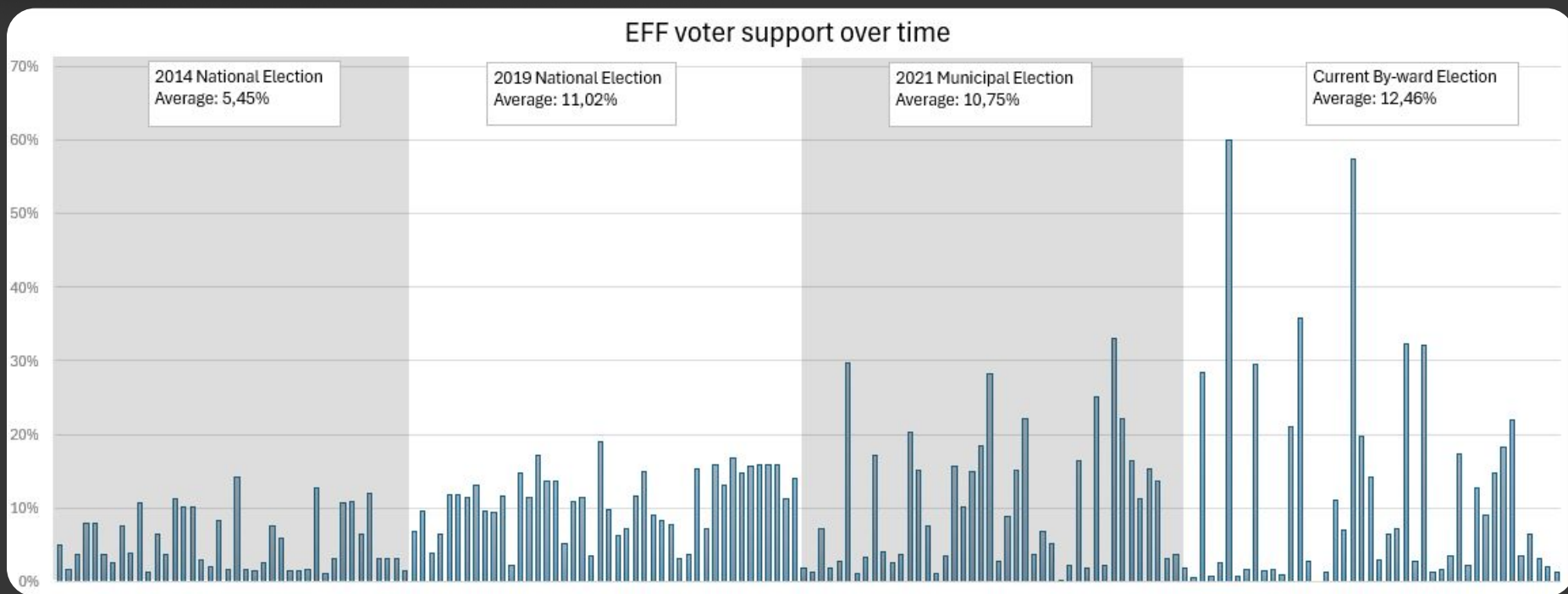




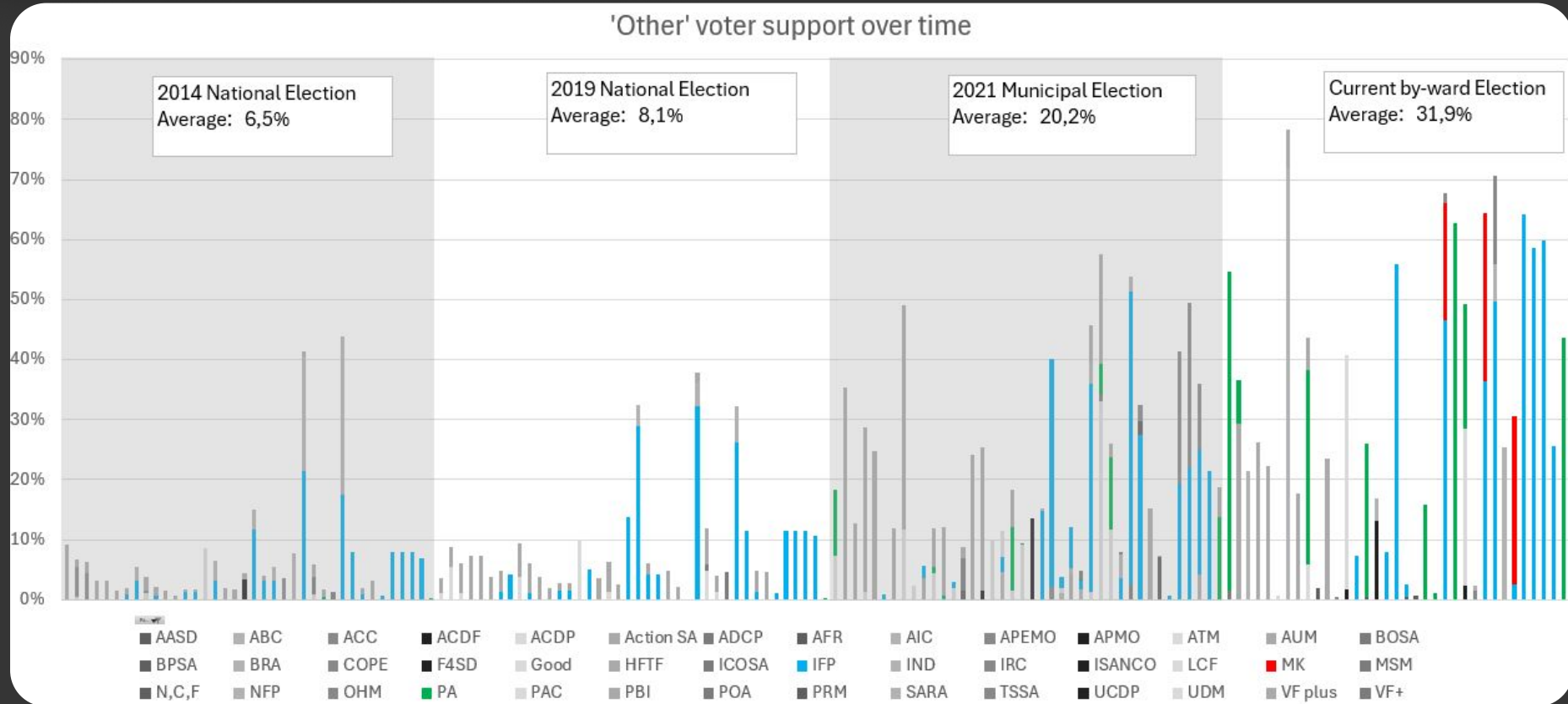
# DA Are Getting Weaker



# EFF Are Not Broadening Out



# Ignore the “Popcorn Parties” at Your Peril



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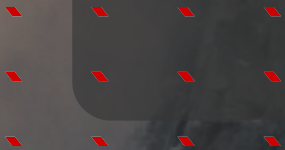


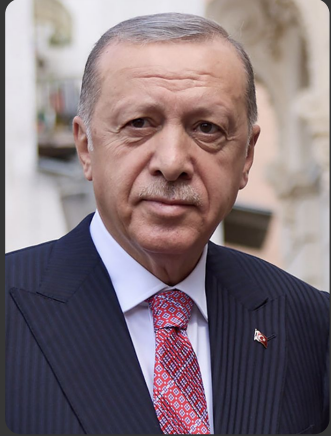
# Funds Positioning (Target)

	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>
<b>SA Short Duration</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>54%</b>		
<b>SA Long Duration</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>		
<b>Global Short Duration</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>		<b>69%</b>
<b>Global Long Duration</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>		<b>7%</b>
<b>Direct Offshore</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>35%</b>		
ZAR Currency Hedge	-11%		-10%		



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





The Wrong  
Strong Man



The Right  
Strong Man



The One & Only  
Strong Man



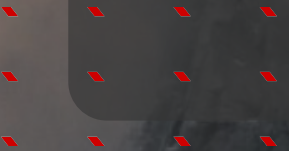
The Departing  
Strong Men



The Strong  
Consensus Man



# 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

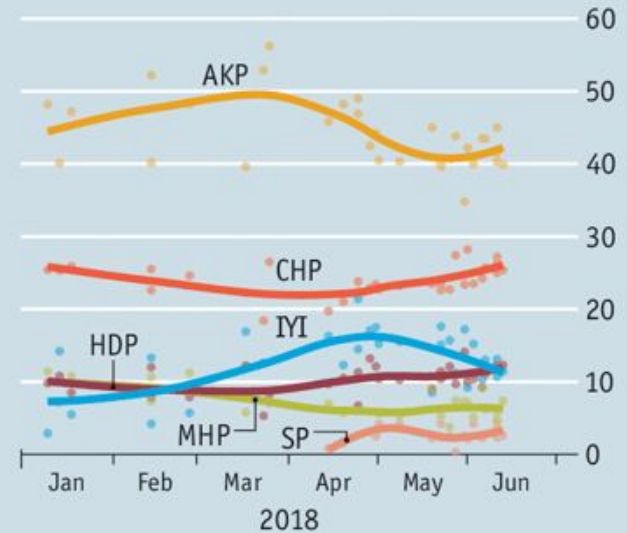


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### Closing in

Turkey, parliamentary election polling  
Selected parties, %

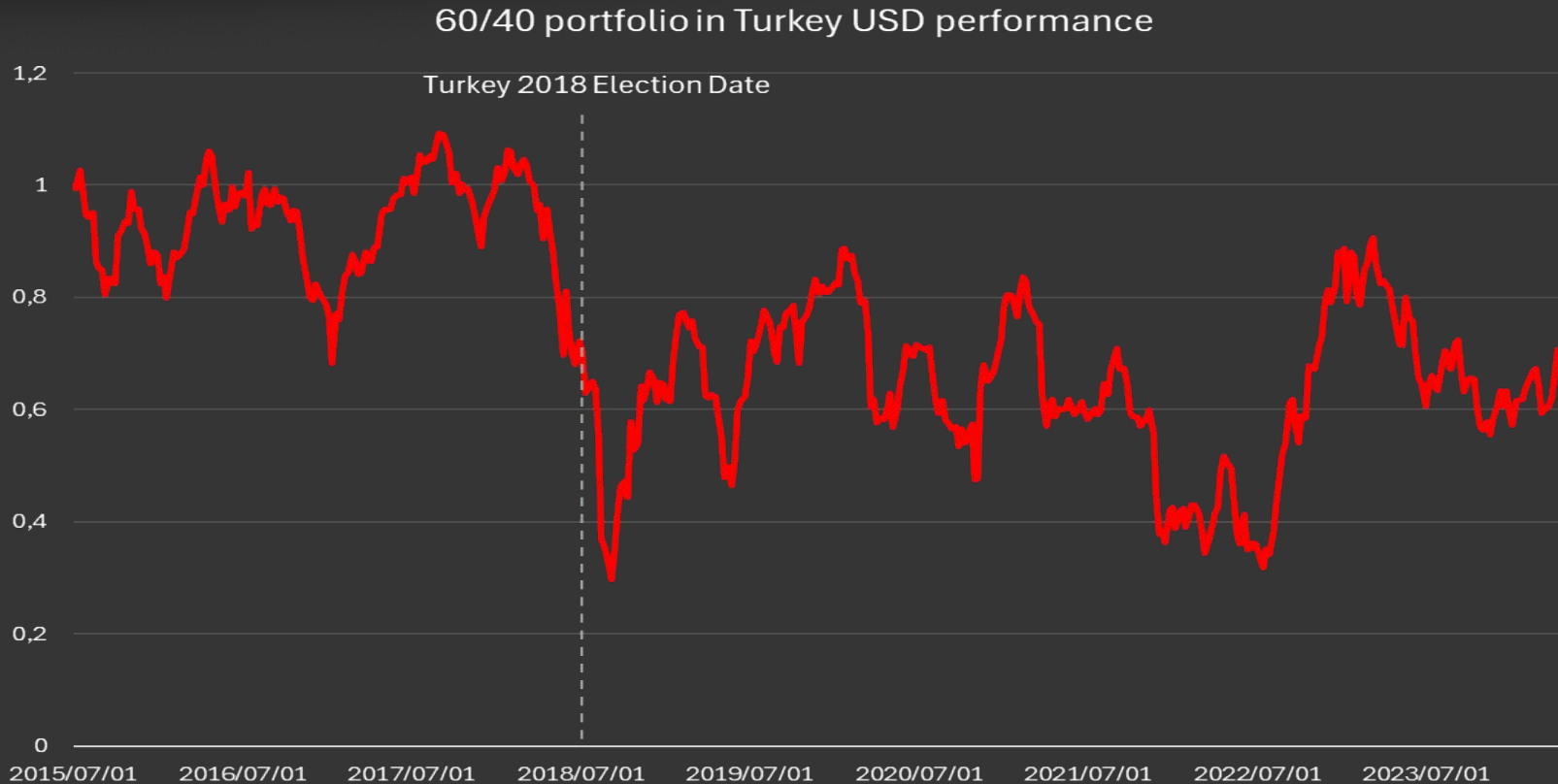


Source: National polls

Economist.com



# Bad Political Outcome and Policy Resulted in Massive Losses



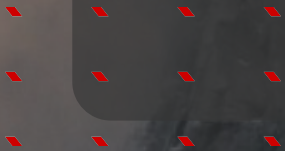
Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Construction: 60% of the portfolios holdings are MSCI Turkey (USD) & 40% is FTSE Turkey Treasury Bond Index (USD)

# Cheap Can Always Get Cheaper





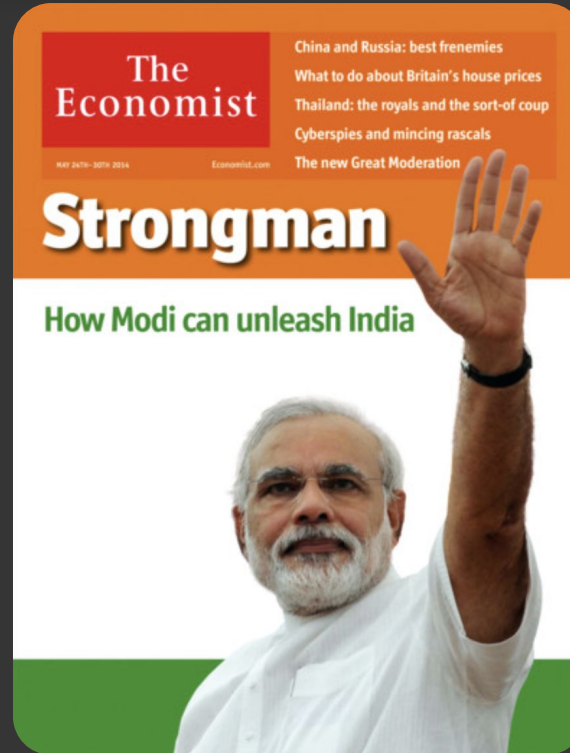
# India - The Right Strong Man



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May 2014

Feb 2015



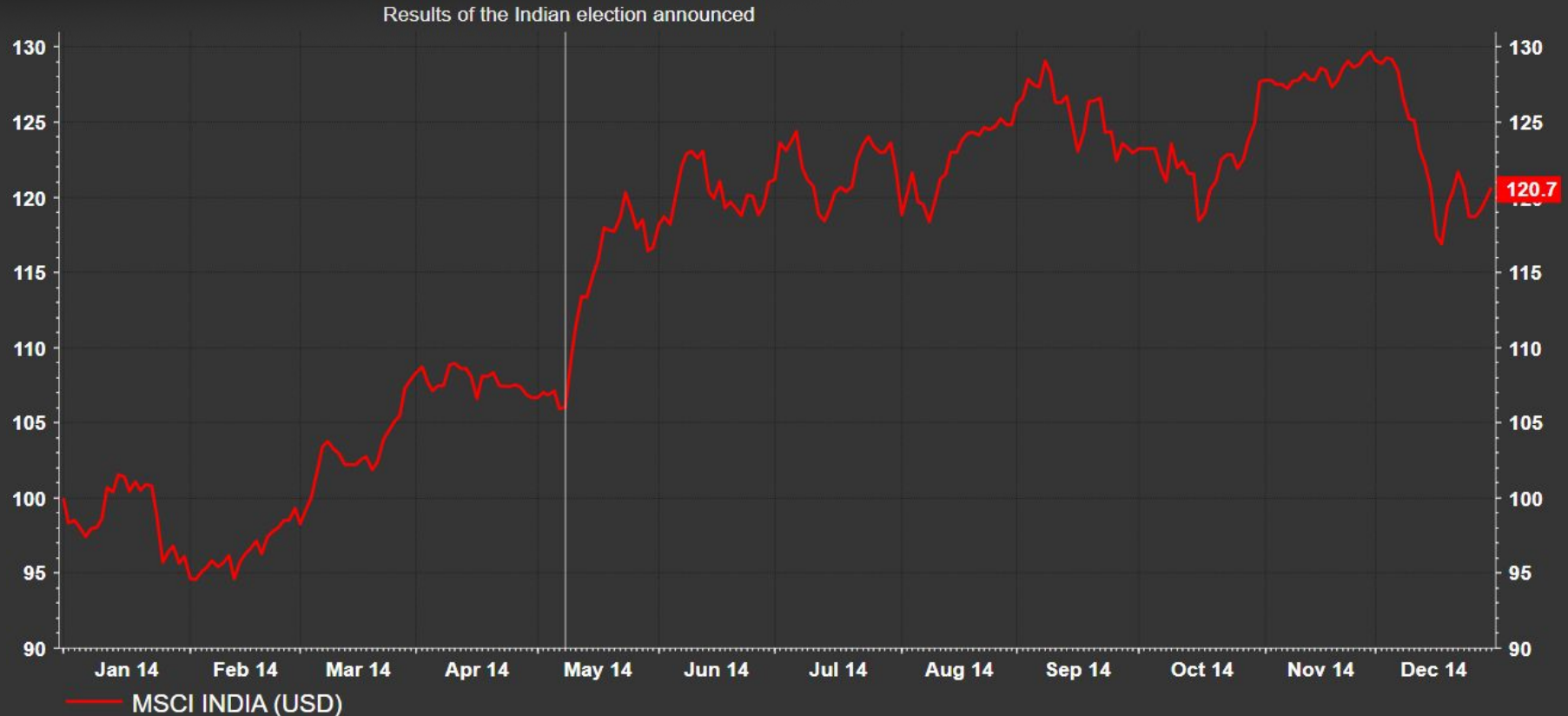
# Structural Reform Takes Time



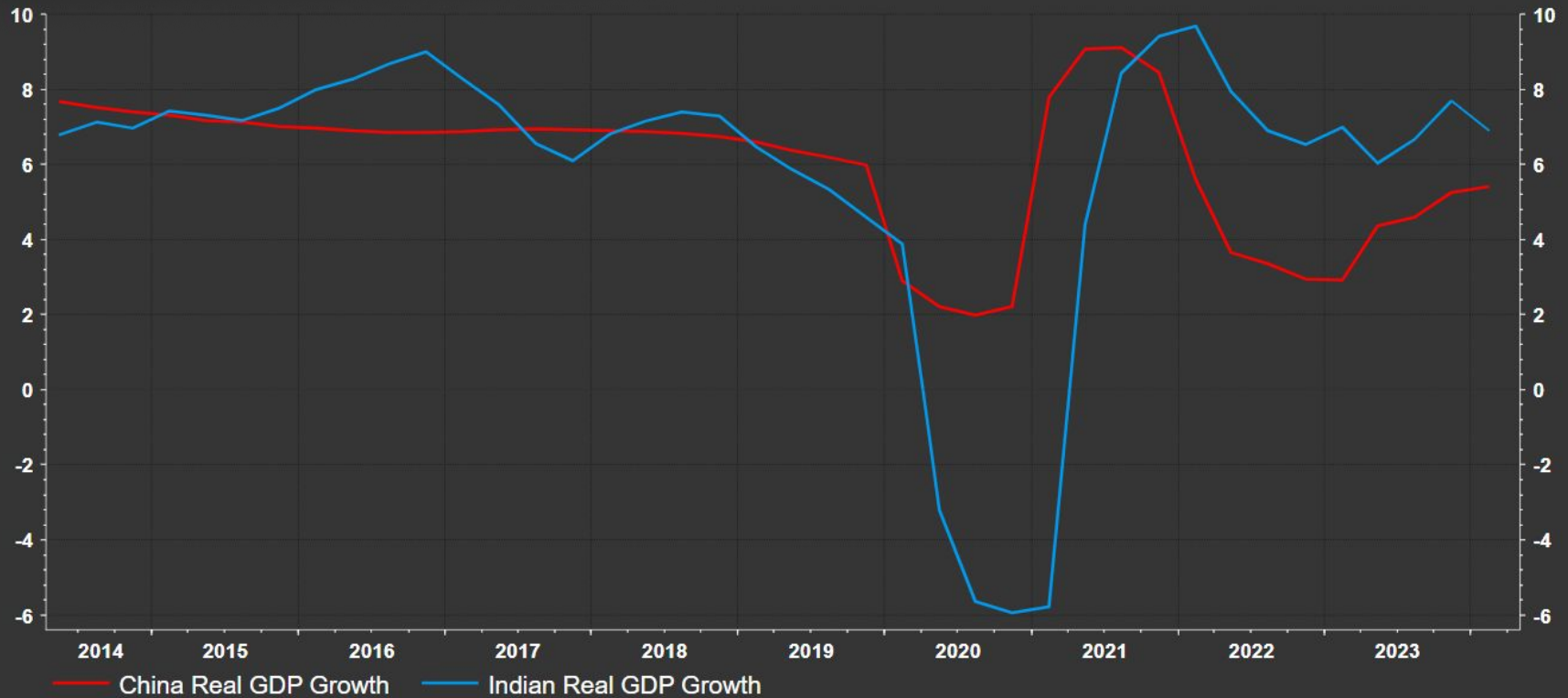
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# Sentiment Pop but Real Returns Require Results



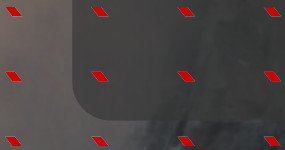
# India vs China GDP Growth



Source: LSEG Datastream / Rezco



# 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

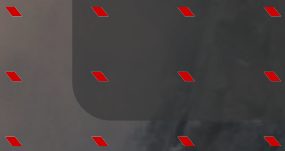


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# Mexico - The Departing Strong Men



# 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

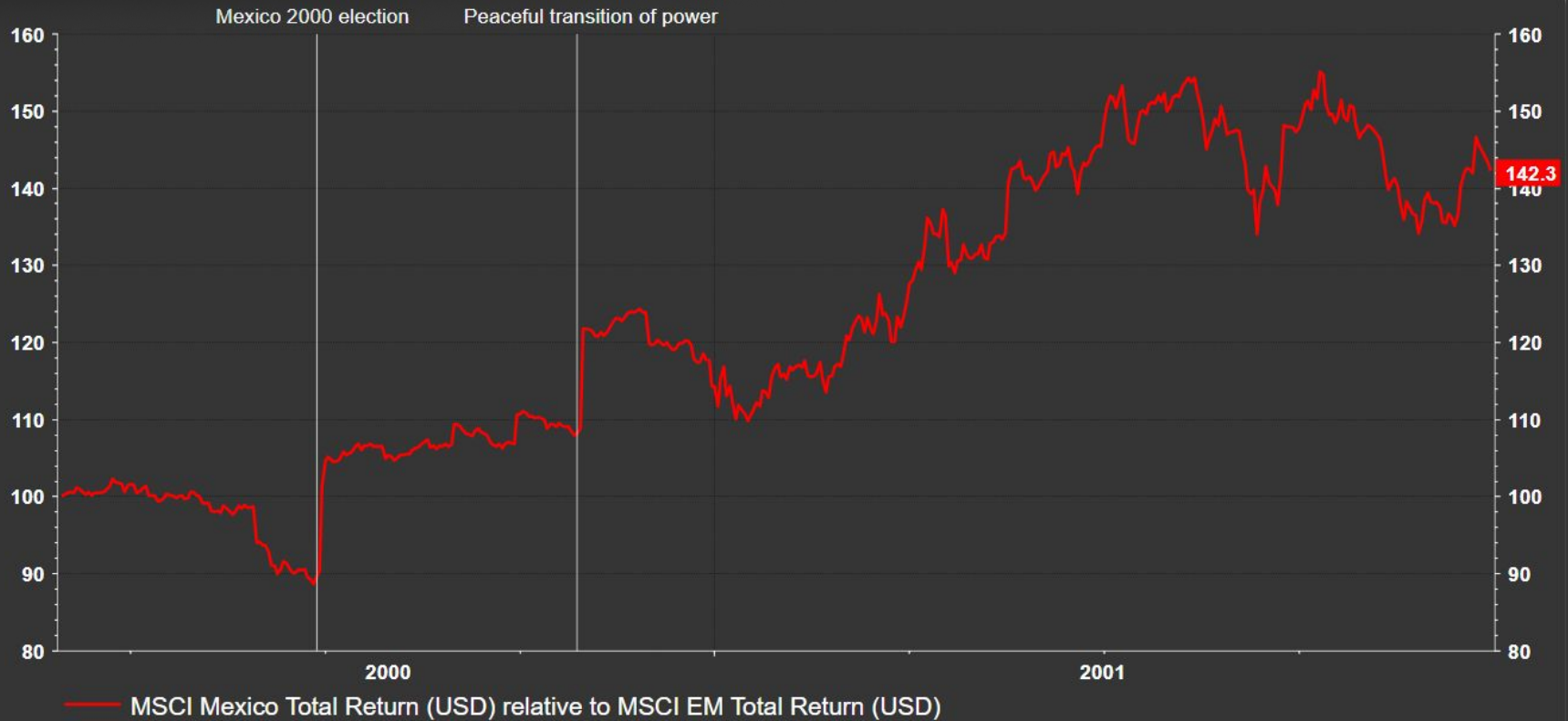
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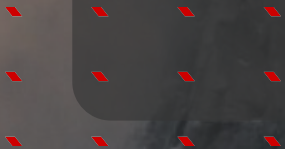
# When Risk Is Priced In, Resolution Rallies Equity



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# South Africa - The Strong Consensus Man





# SONA 2018: Ramaphosa Peaked with a Speech



South Africa

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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



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



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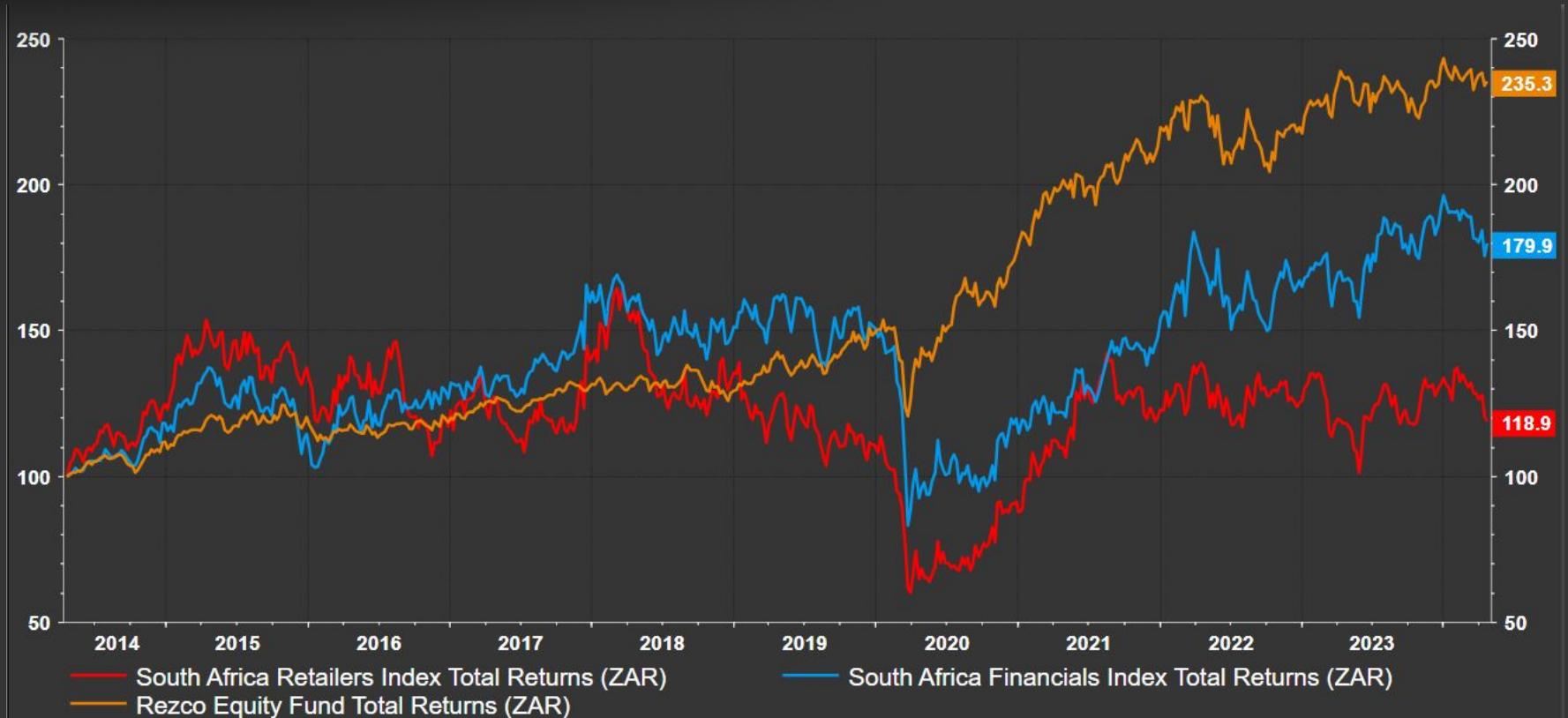
# Bad Policy and Execution Has Had a Cost



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# Navigating Risk and Reward

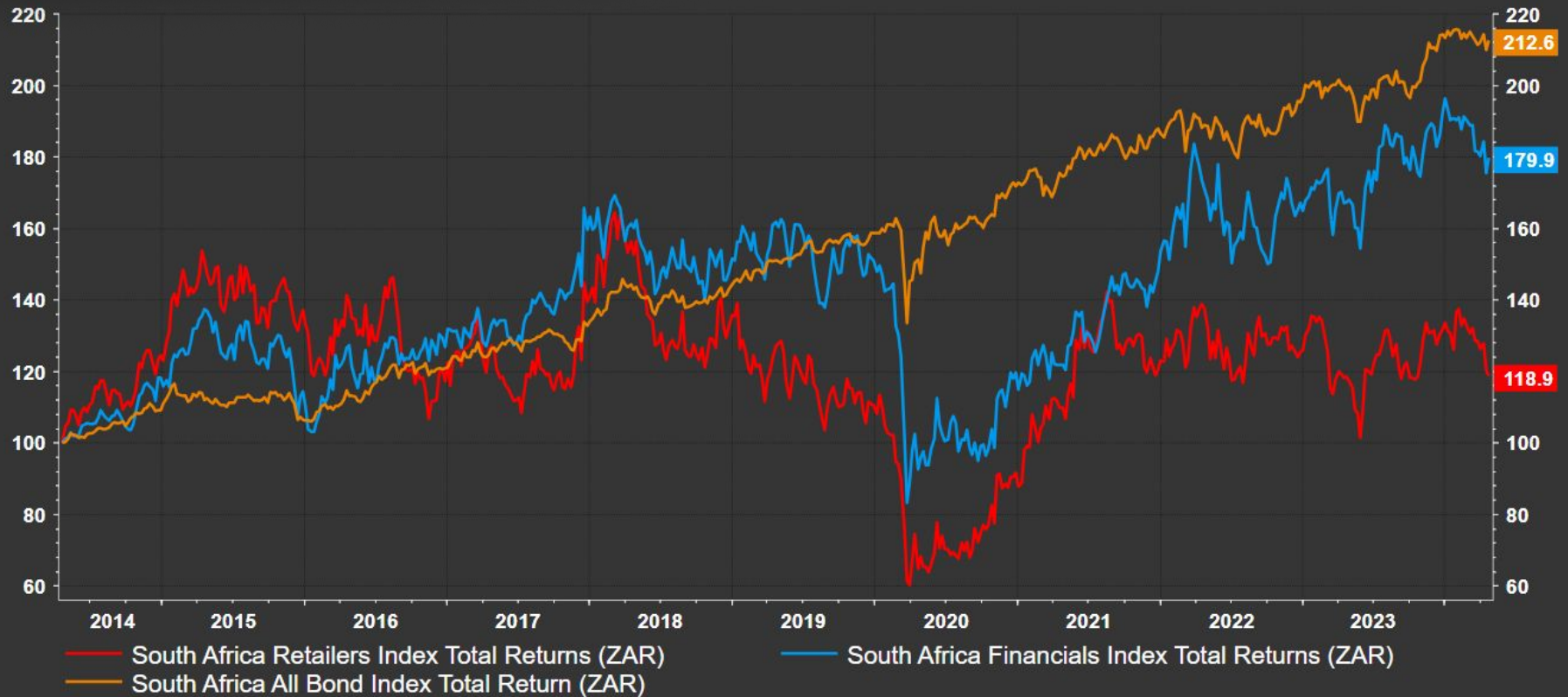
Opportunity to be flexible



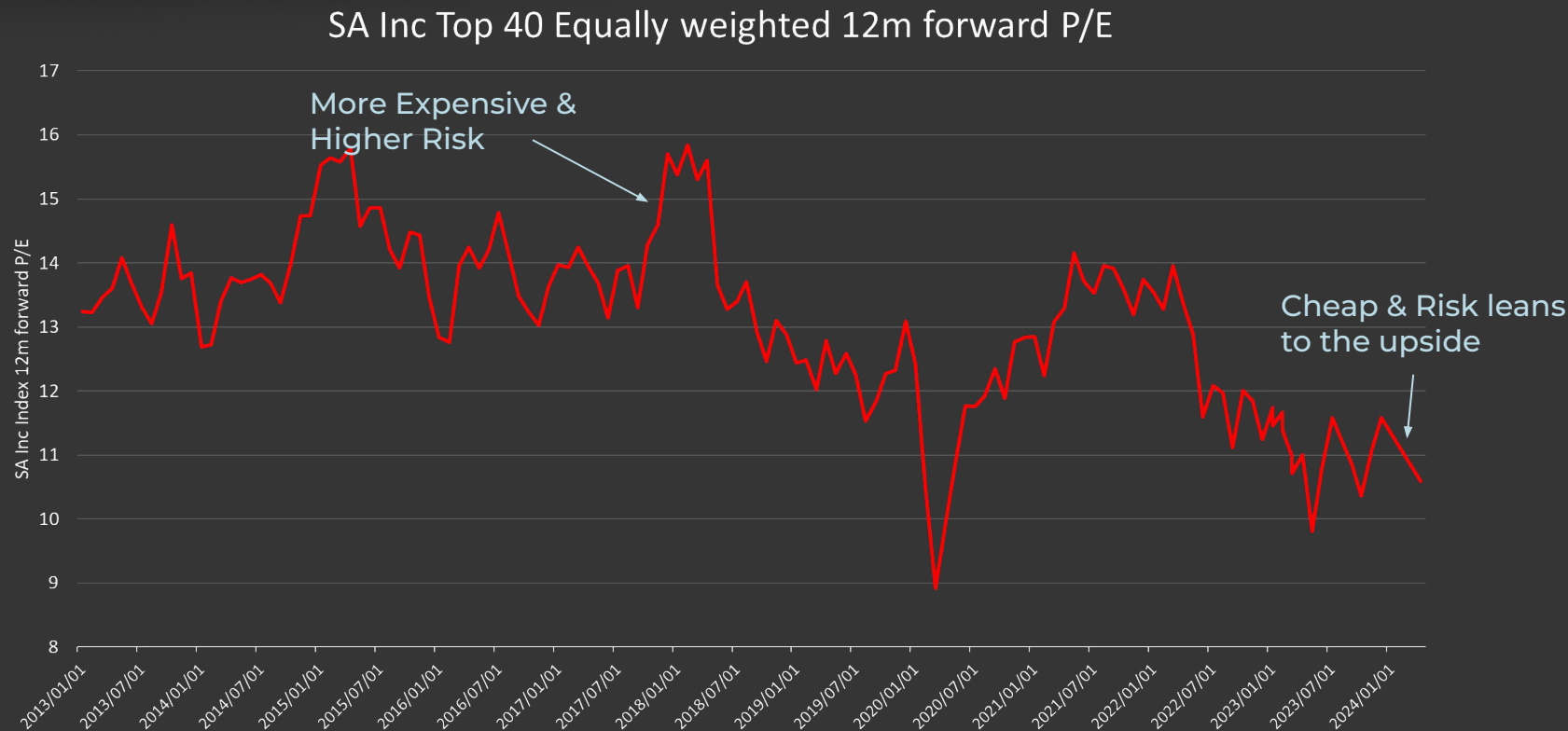
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# Is the Answer Simply Fixed Income?

The Turkey scenario serves as a warning



# Valuations Going into the Risk Event Are Important



Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Construction: Equally weighted consensus forward P/E's 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

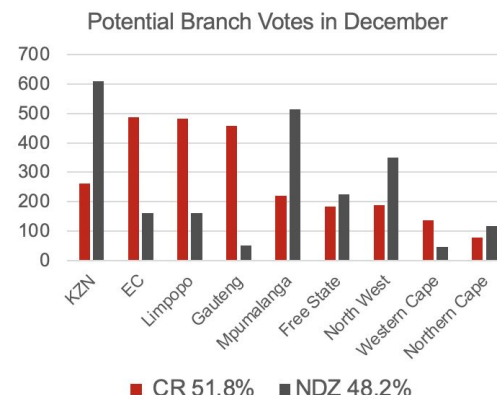
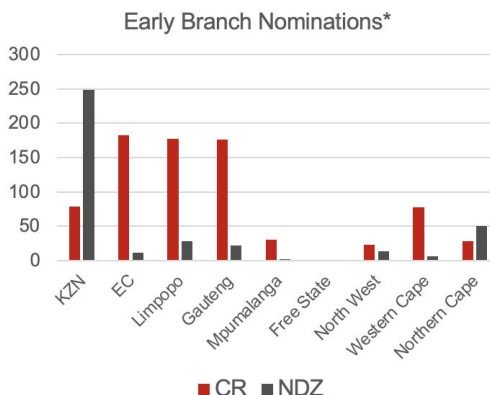
Bad time to take SA risk: Positioned to protect capital in USD

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

Currency: South African Rand Source Data: Total Return



Source: Morningstar Direct



# 2012: Cheap Equity; Euro Debt Crisis

Good time to take risk

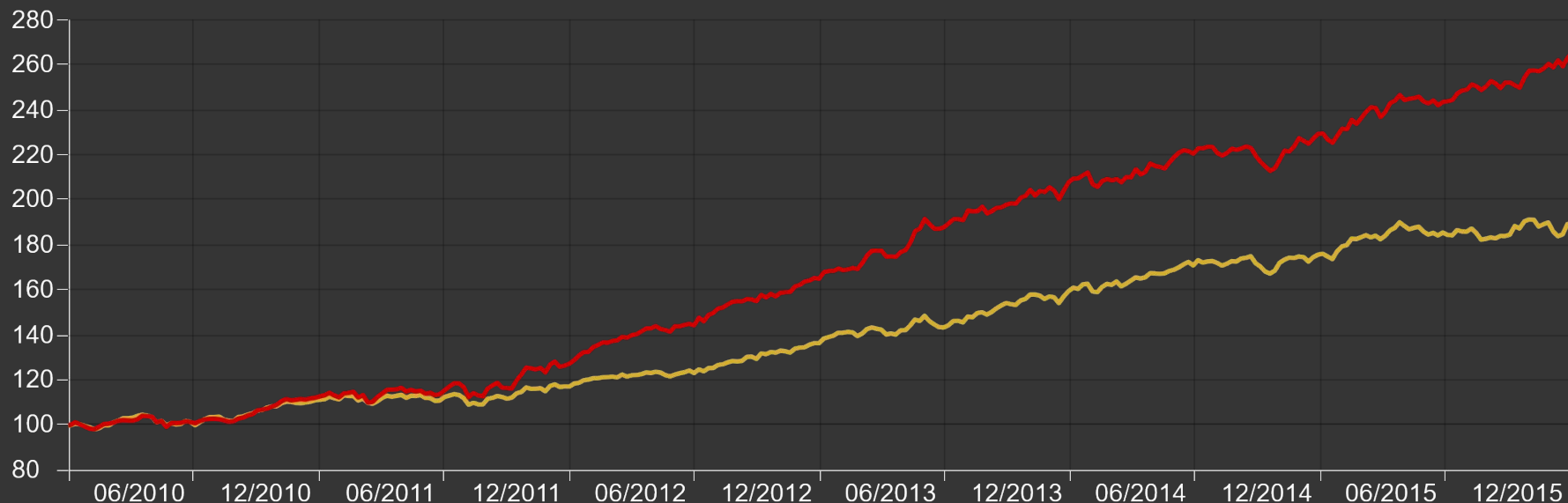


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# Value Trend Through the European Debt Crisis

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

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— Rezco Value Trend A

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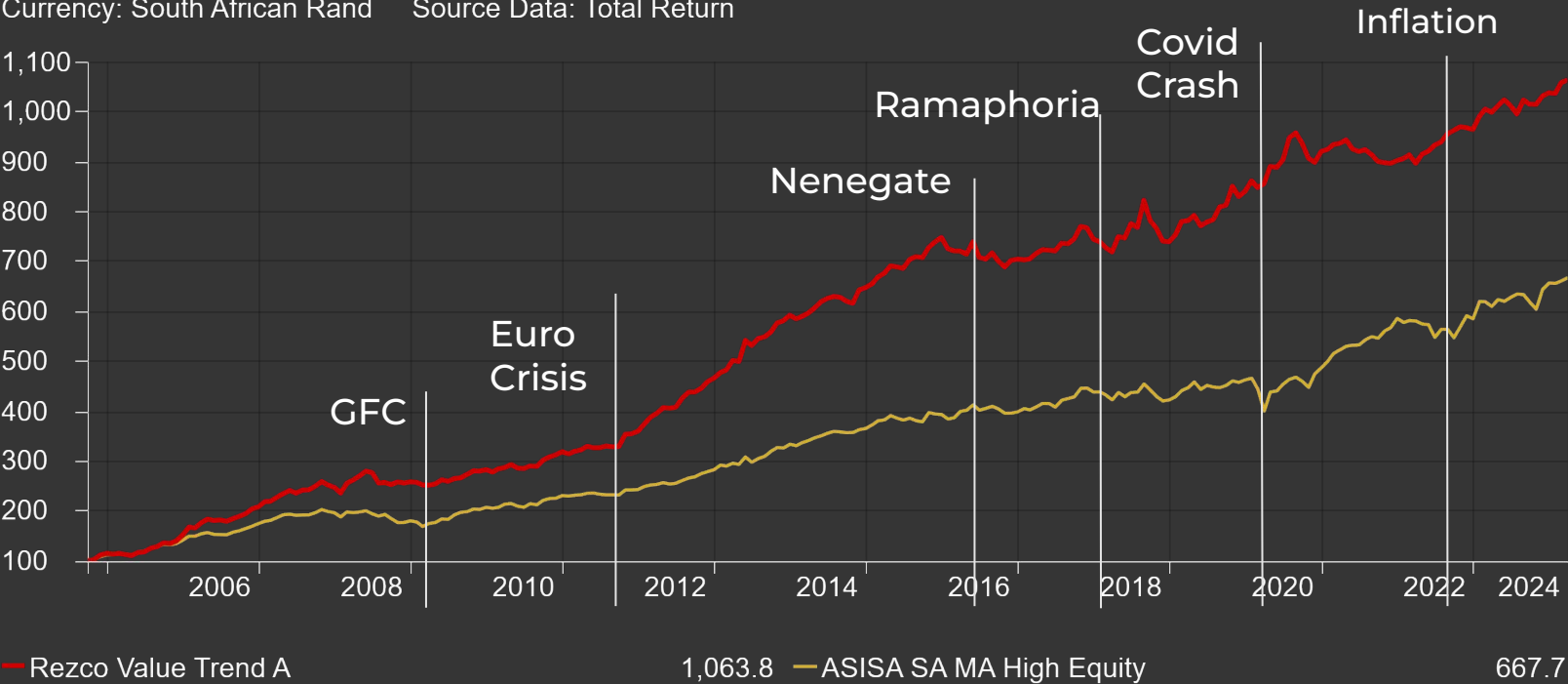
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# Rezco Value Trend Since Inception

Track record of taking risk and avoiding risk

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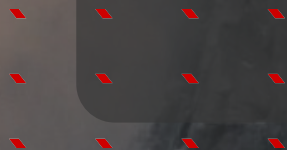
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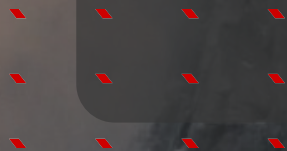


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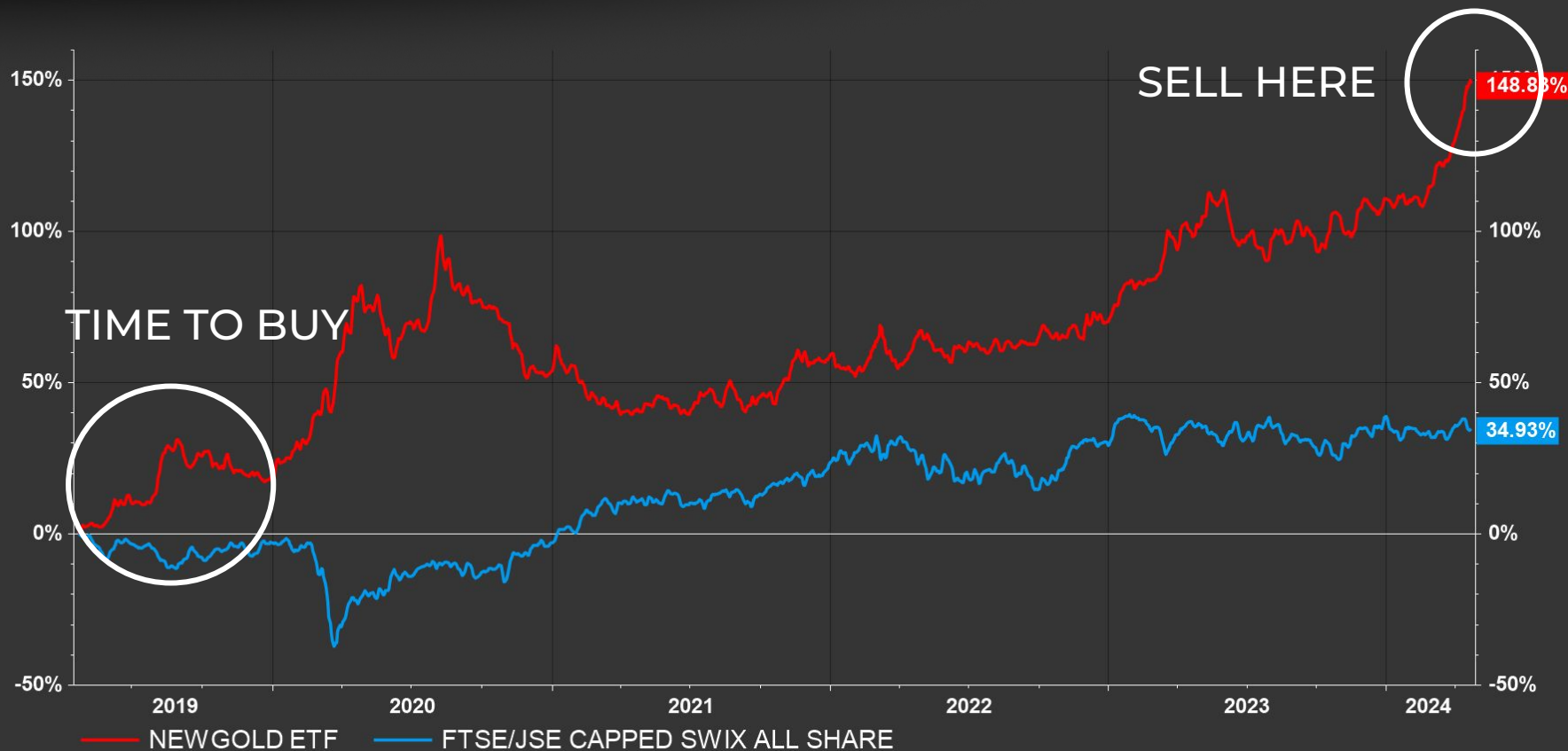




# Gold

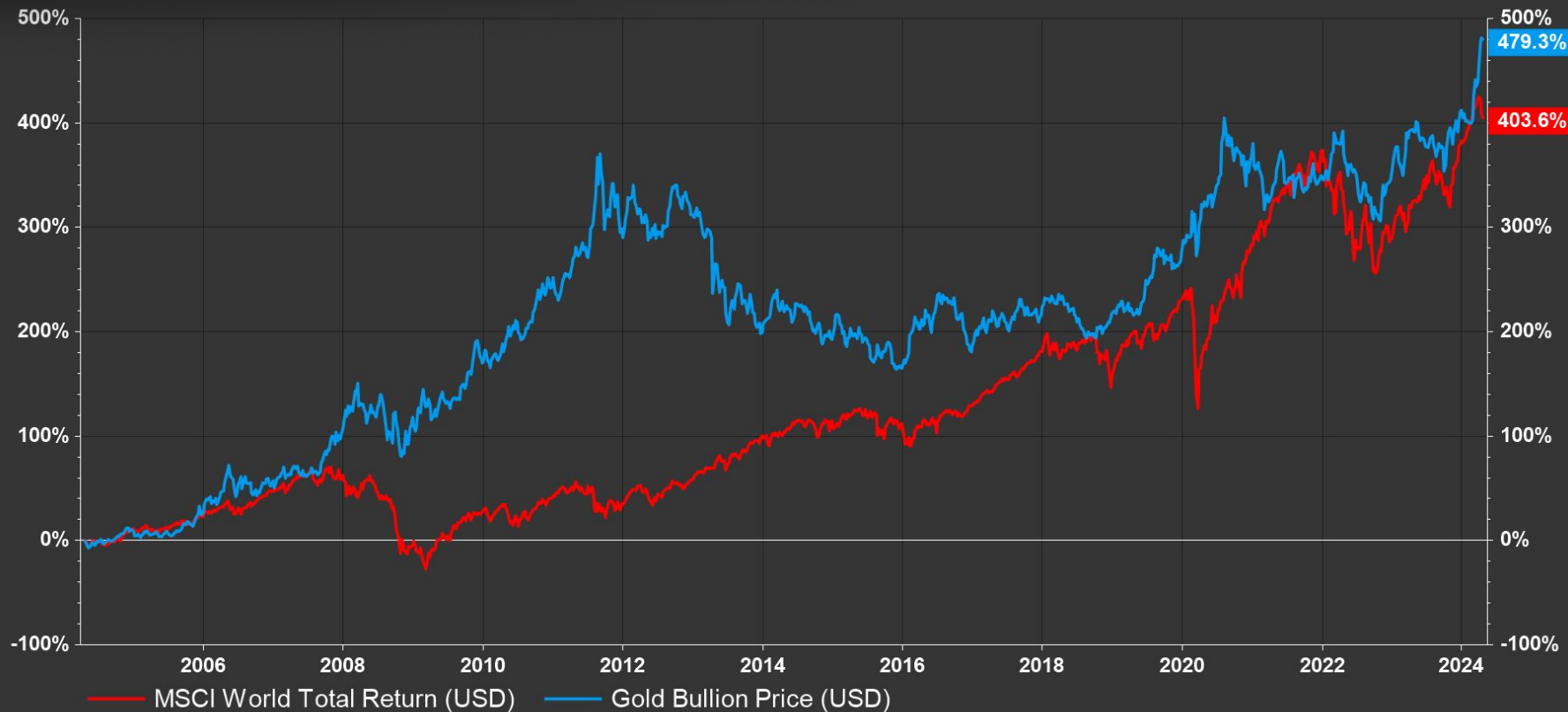


# Physical Gold ETF in ZAR vs. the JSE SWIX (Time to Exit for Equity Fund)





# Gold vs MSCI (20 Years)



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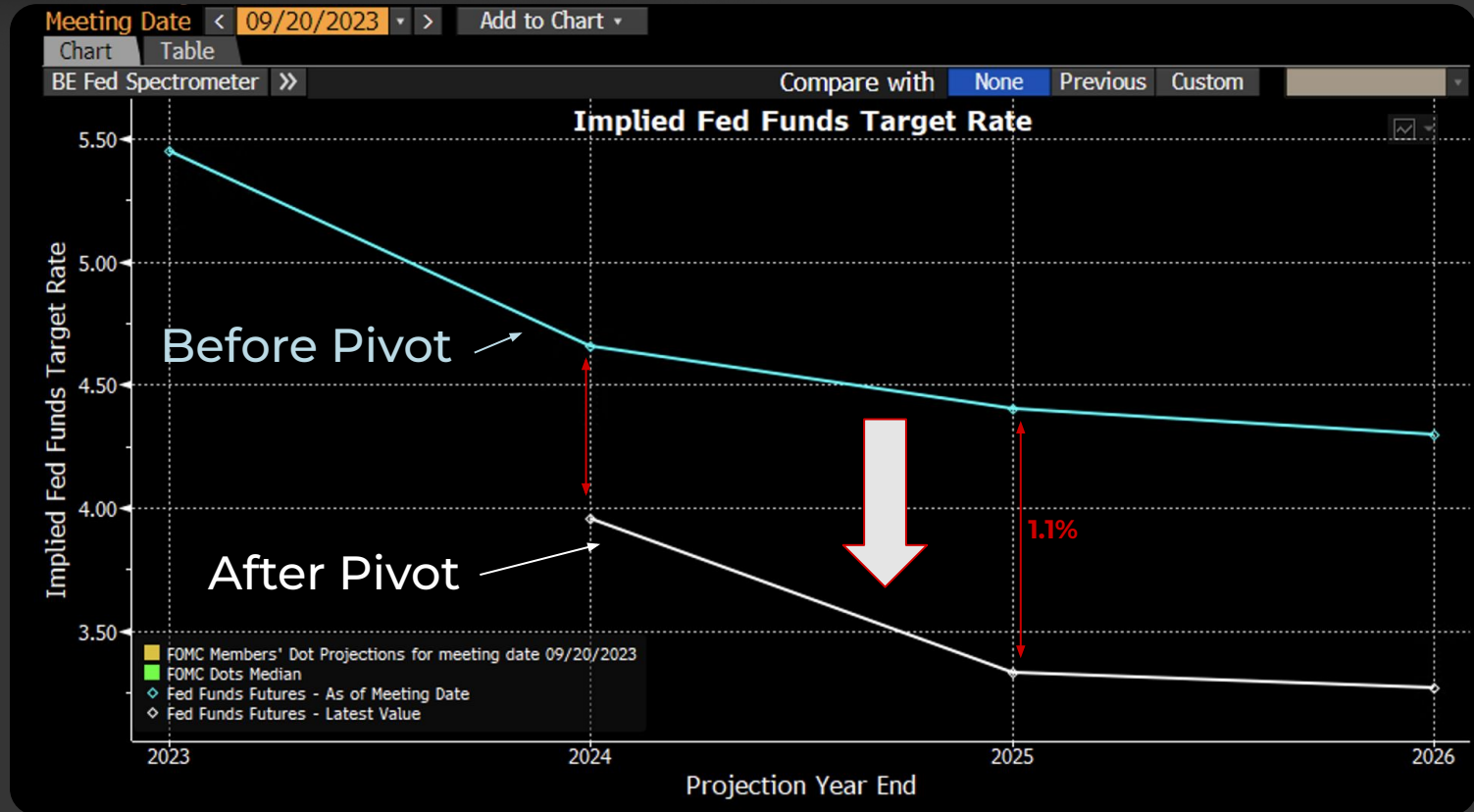
# Global Macro

## The Great Fed Pivot: 2.0



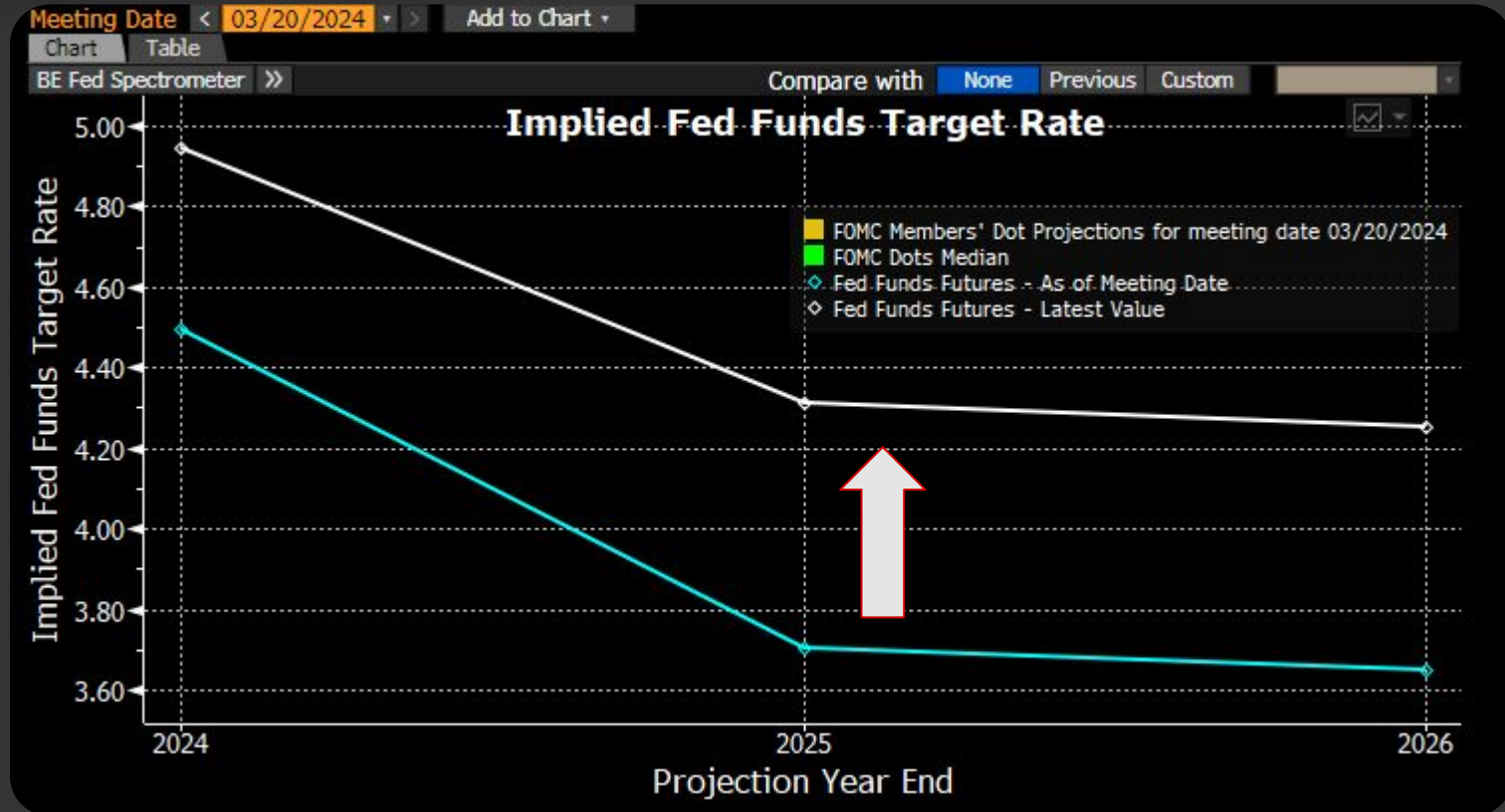
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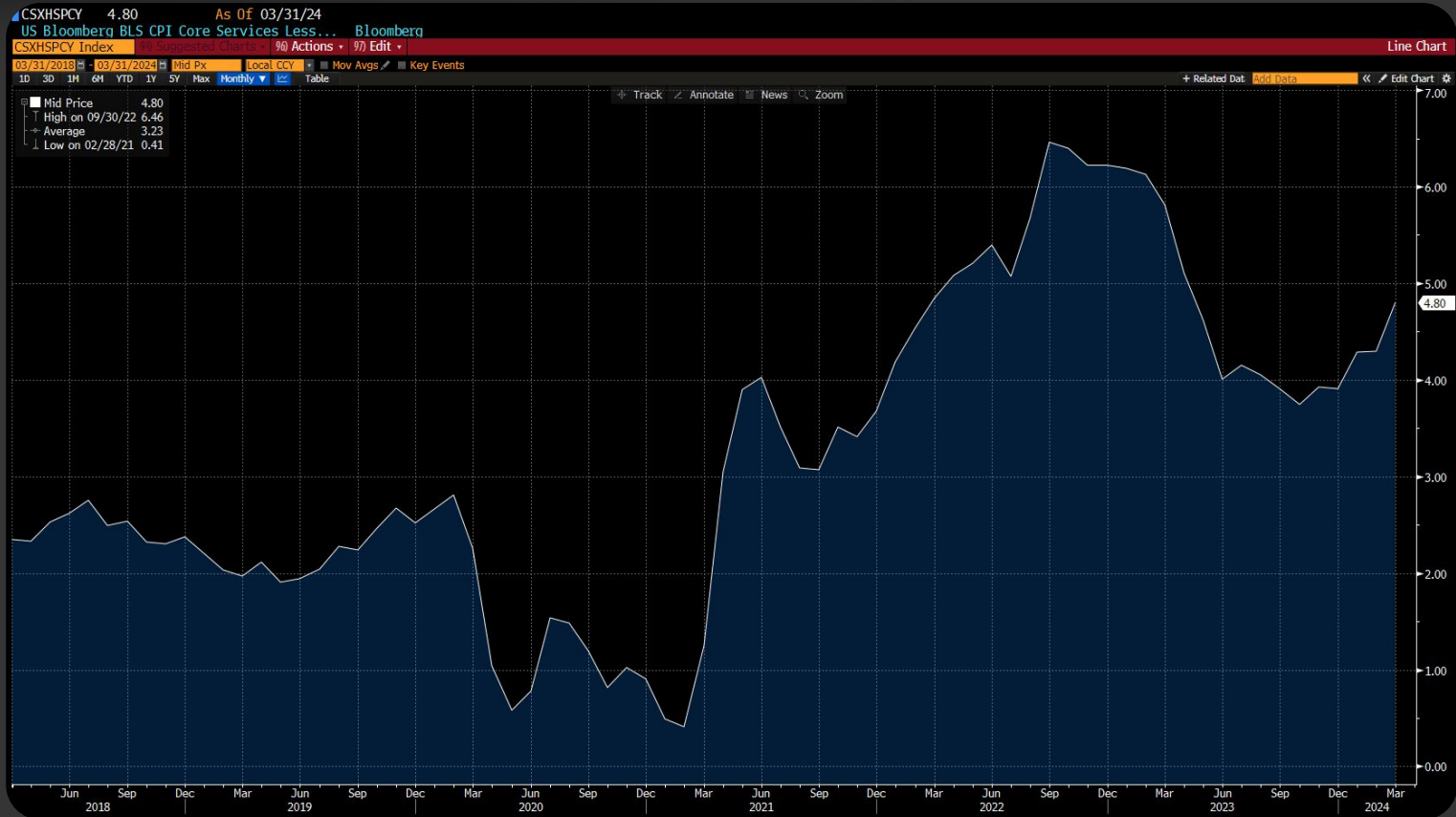
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## Apr 24



# 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

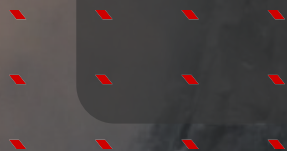


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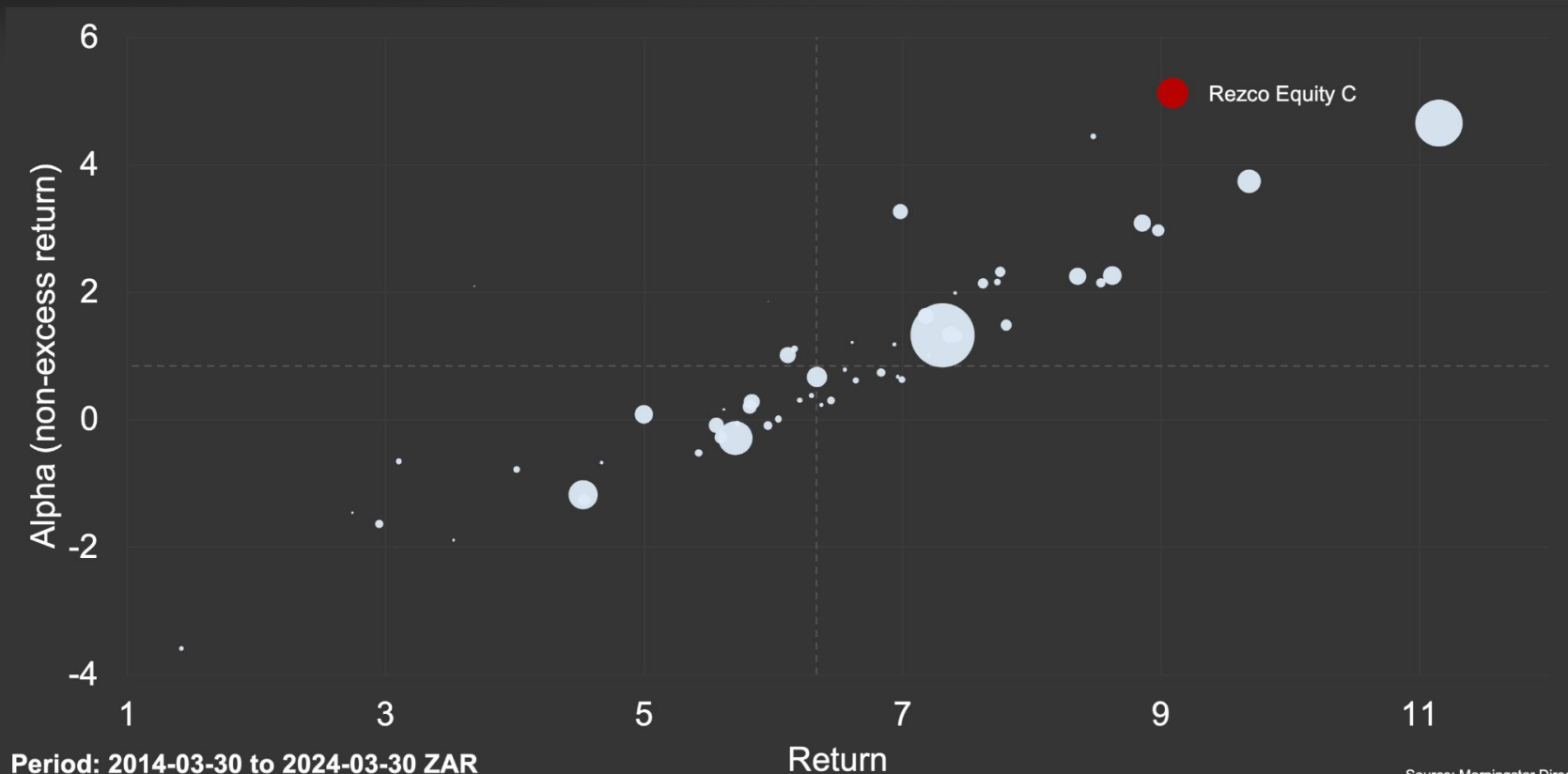


# Wrapping up



# Risk Managed SA Equity Building Block

Time to manage risk well



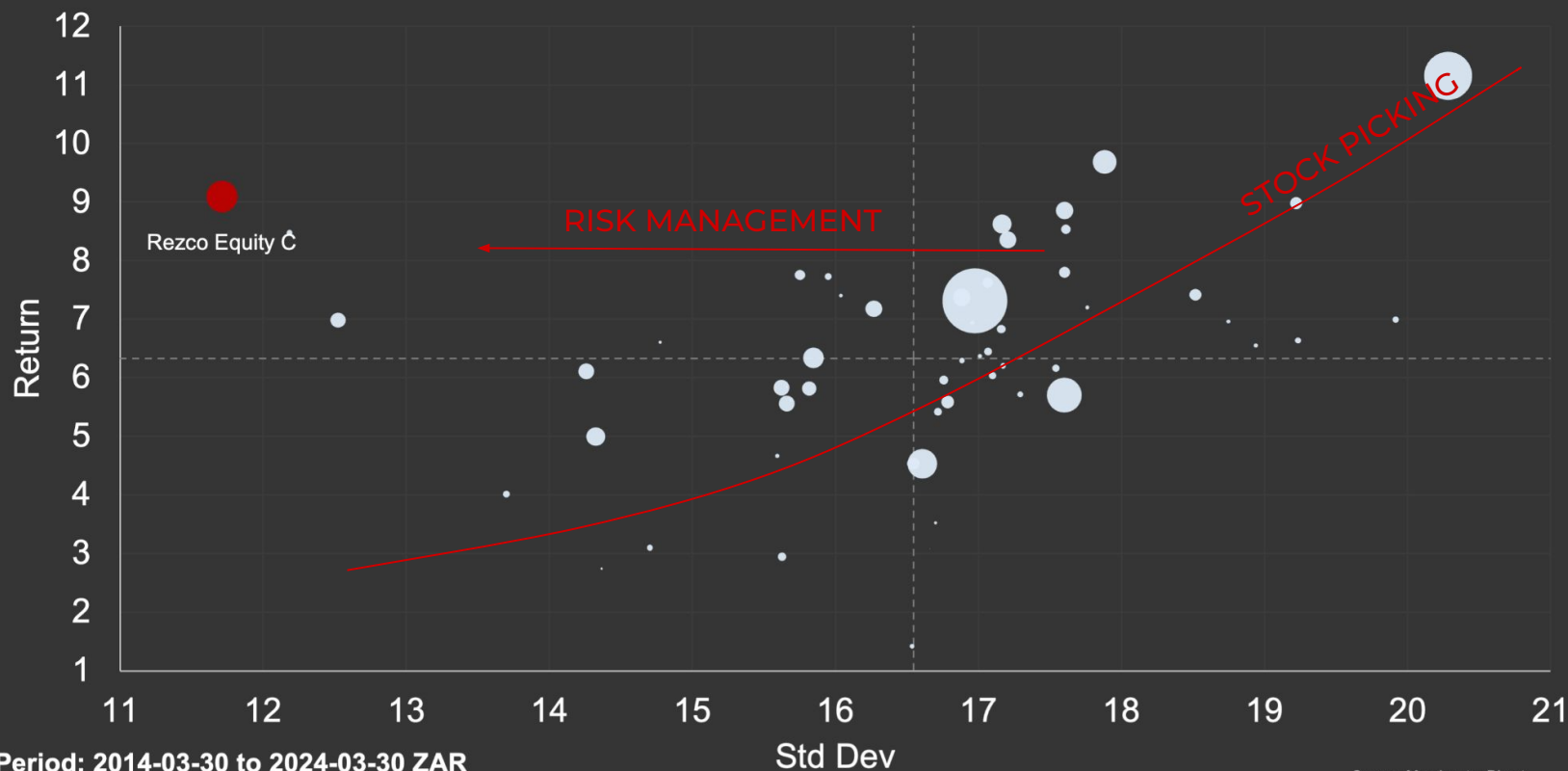
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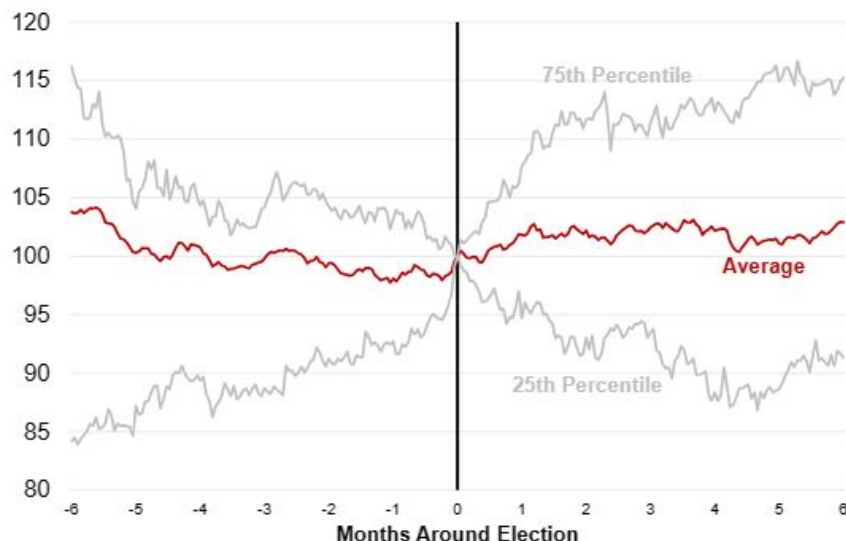
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# How Global Investors See EM Elections

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

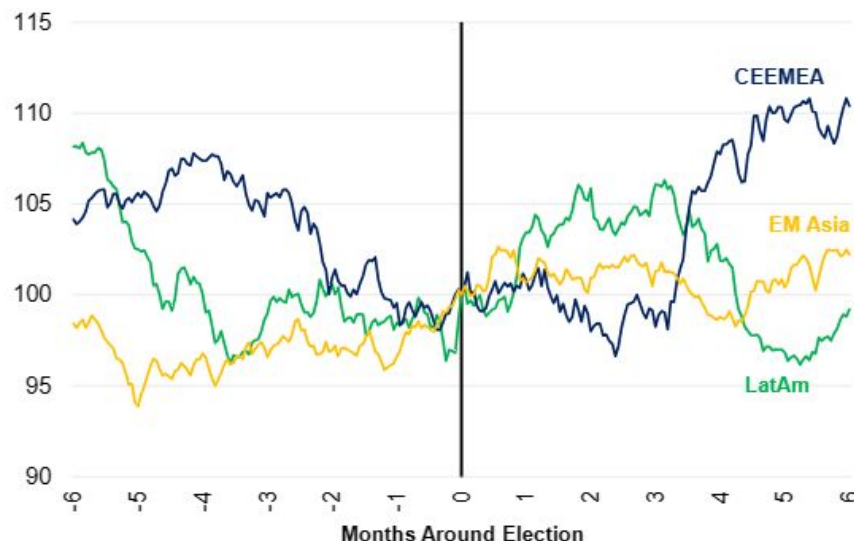


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Note: Data includes ~50 elections dating back to the 1980s (see Appendix). Excludes elections in volatile global market environments (TMT, GFC, Covid).

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



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