

A black and white photograph of two mountain goats standing on a dark, craggy rock face. The goat on the left is standing upright, facing slightly towards the camera, while the goat on the right is in a more crouched position, looking towards the left. The background is a dark, textured rock wall.

# CG Asset Management

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*Capital Gearing Trust – March 2025 Full Year Results*

June 2025

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## Overview

# Funds Summary

| Strategy                                                                                              | Fund                                                                  | ISIN         | Launched          | AUM <sup>6</sup> | Dealing Frequency | AMC Fee                    | TER   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| <b>Absolute Return</b><br><br>Long only investments in a portfolio of bonds, equities and commodities | Capital Gearing Trust                                                 | GB0001738615 | 1982 <sup>1</sup> | £885m            | Listed            | 0.41% <sup>3</sup>         | 0.55% |
|                                                                                                       | CG Absolute Return<br>(EUR Hedged, USD Hedged available)              | IE00BYQ69B30 | 2016              | £749m            | Daily             | 0.35%                      | 0.46% |
|                                                                                                       | Capital Gearing Portfolio<br>(P,V shares)                             | IE00BG5Q6F12 | 2001              | £233m            | Daily             | 0.75%                      | 0.87% |
| <b>Real Return</b><br><br>Long only investments in index linked bonds                                 | CG Real Return Fund<br>(GBP Hedged available)                         | IE0034304117 | 2004              | £227m            | Daily             | 0.30% / 0.20% <sup>4</sup> | 0.41% |
|                                                                                                       | CG Dollar Fund<br>(GBP Hedged, EUR Hedged and USD Unhedged available) | IE00B41GP767 | 2009              | £534m            | Daily             | 0.25% / 0.15% <sup>5</sup> | 0.37% |
|                                                                                                       | CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund                                          | IE000ZSVG218 | 2023              | £18m             | Daily             | 0.15%                      | 0.34% |

<sup>1</sup> Peter Spiller began managing Capital Gearing Trust in 1982; <sup>2</sup> Capital Gearing Trust is an Investment Trust listed on the London Stock Exchange, all other funds are Open Ended UCITS listed on the Dublin Stock Exchange;<sup>3</sup> Tiered fee structure, marginal rate is 0.3% above £500m; <sup>4</sup> 0.3% below £500m, 0.2% above; <sup>5</sup> 0.25% below £1,000, 0.15% above; <sup>6</sup> As of 31 March 2025

## Full Year Results 2025: Key Highlights

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NAV Total Return: +4.1%  
(CPI Return: 2.6%)



Share Price Total Return: +3.6%



Our Discount Control Policy ("DCP") has kept our shares trading close to NAV



All parts of the portfolio delivered a positive contribution, with the exception of the infrastructure holdings



The CGT Board have proposed an increased dividend of 102p per Ordinary share, representing a 30.8% increase



CGT remains defensively positioned, with material allocations to dry powder and index-linked bonds, while maintaining a cautious stance towards risk assets

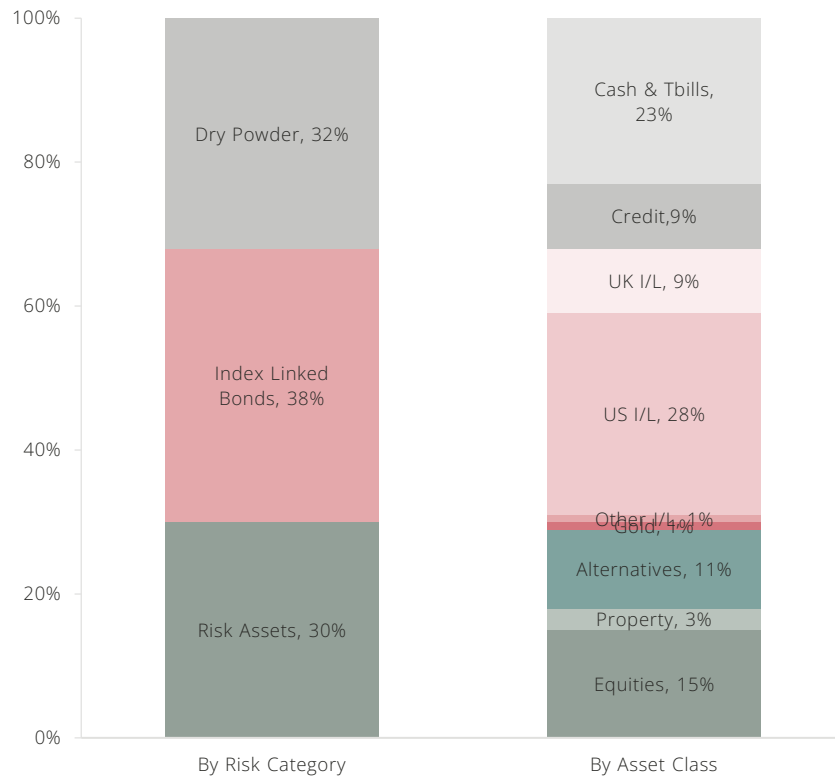
# *Positioning and Returns*

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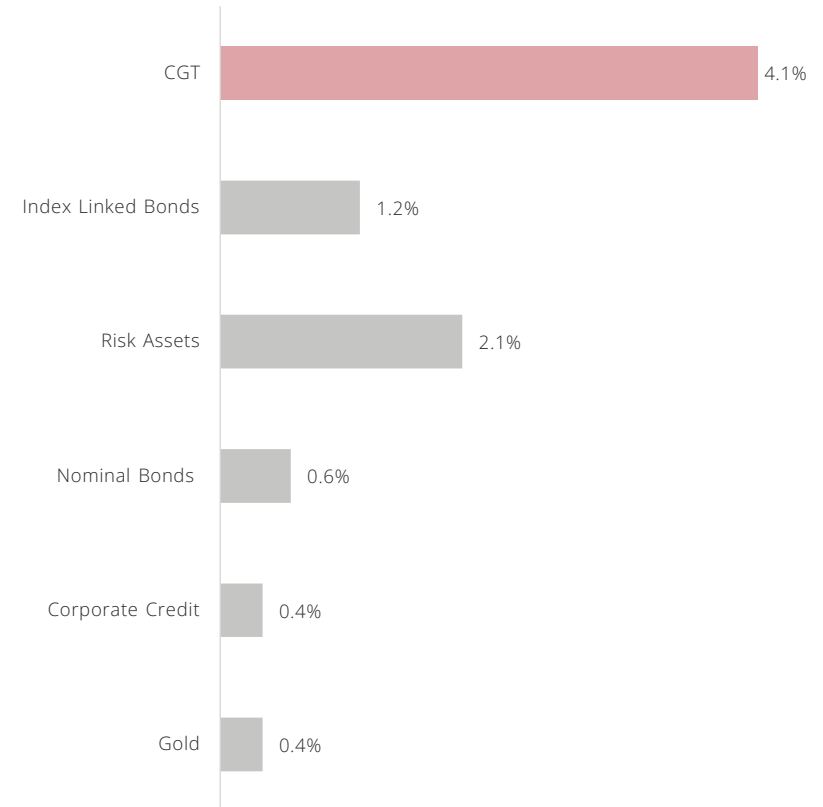


## Positioning is defensive, with a focus on inflation protection

CGT Asset Allocation March 2025



Contribution by Asset Class LTM March 2025



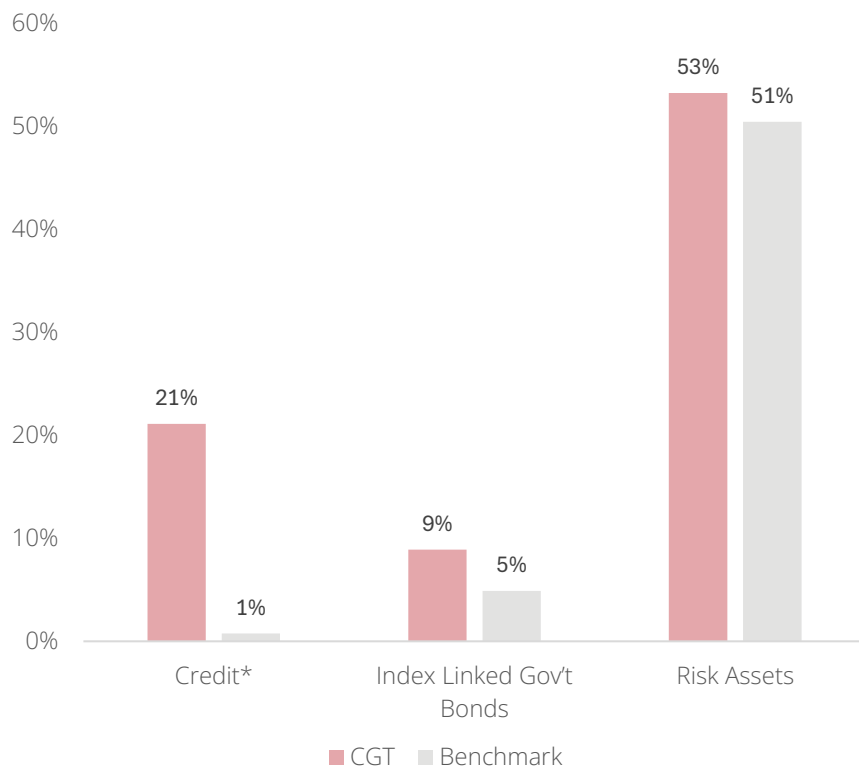
NAV performance net of fees

Source: CGAM, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust

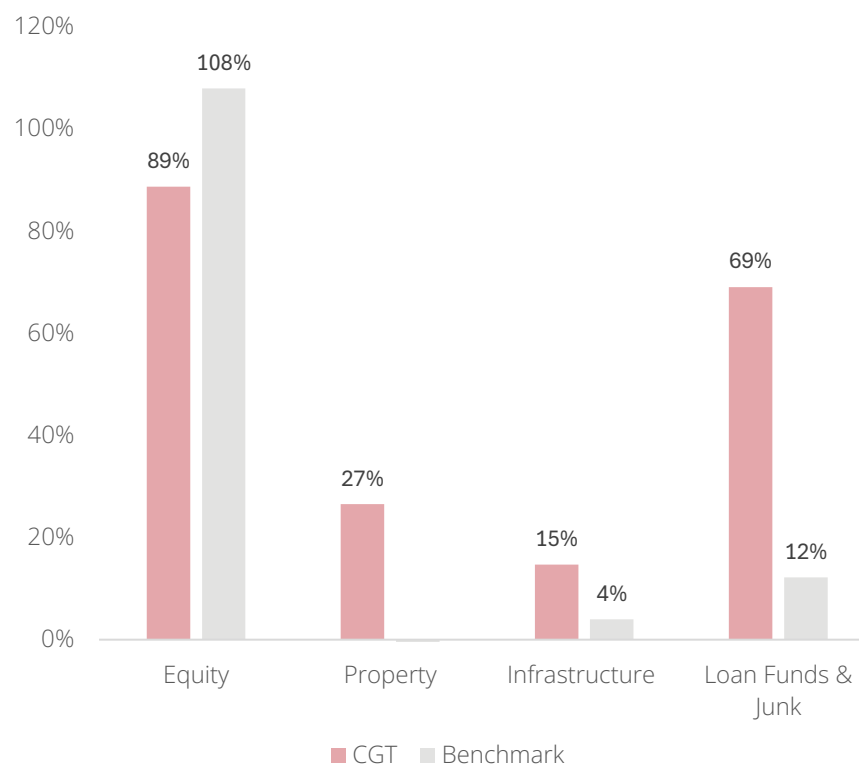
## Positioning and Returns

**We aim to ensure that each element of the portfolio contributes to the overall fund's performance**

5Y performance by Asset Class



5Y performance by risk sub-Asset Class



*\*Credit is a major component of dry powder*

## Both equity and bond portfolios have contributed to outperformance

CGT Risk Assets Returns Performance to March 2025<sup>1</sup>



CGT Bonds Only Returns Performance to March 2025<sup>1</sup>



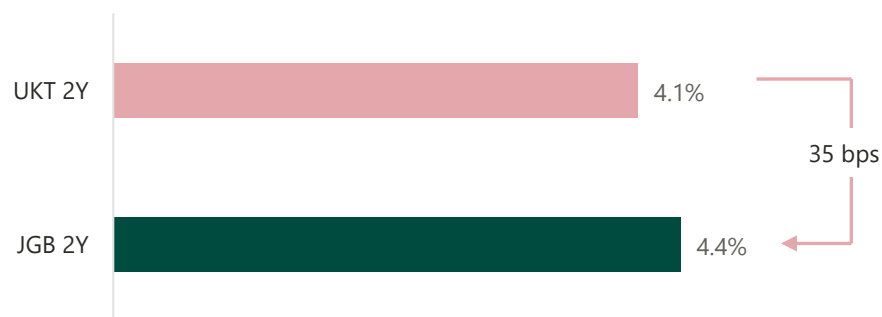
<sup>1</sup>Risk Assets include equities, property, alternatives and gold. Bonds include credit and sovereign bonds (excluding T-Bills and cash), start period reflects the longest period available for CGT under Bloomberg AIM  
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust

## Positioning and Returns

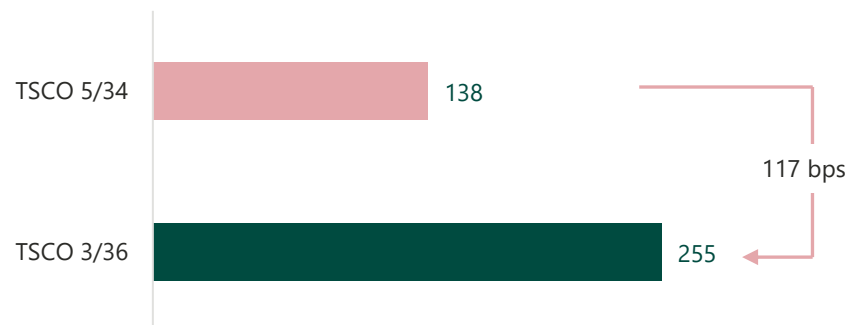
**We develop non-mainstream portfolios, seeking to generate consistent excess returns from all elements of the portfolio**

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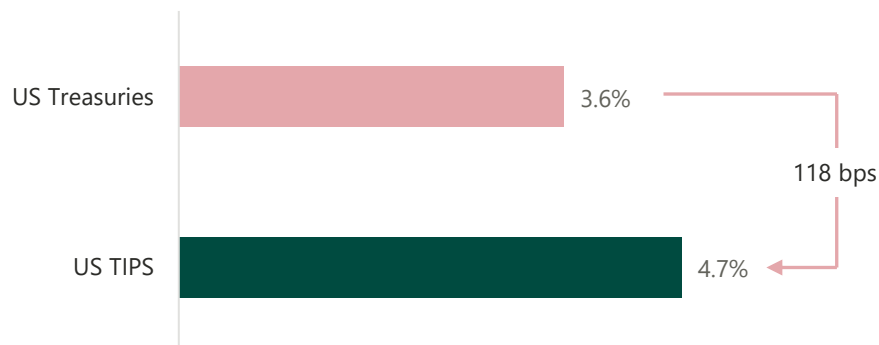
### Dry Powder – Hedged JGBs vs. UK Gilts (YTM %)



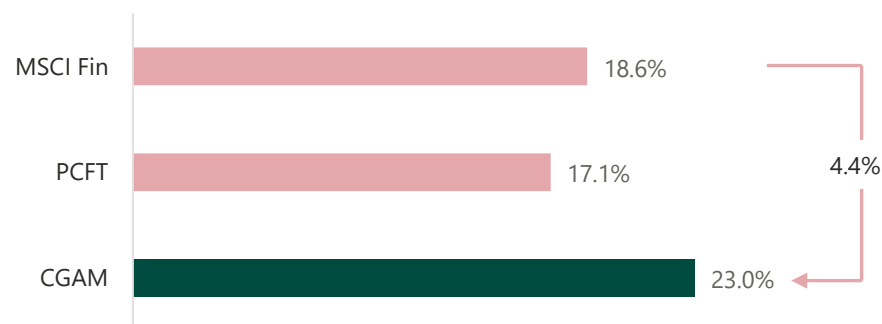
### Credit – Tesco Index-Linked vs. Nominal (Spread bps)



### Index Linked Bonds – TIPS vs. US Treasuries (% Return)

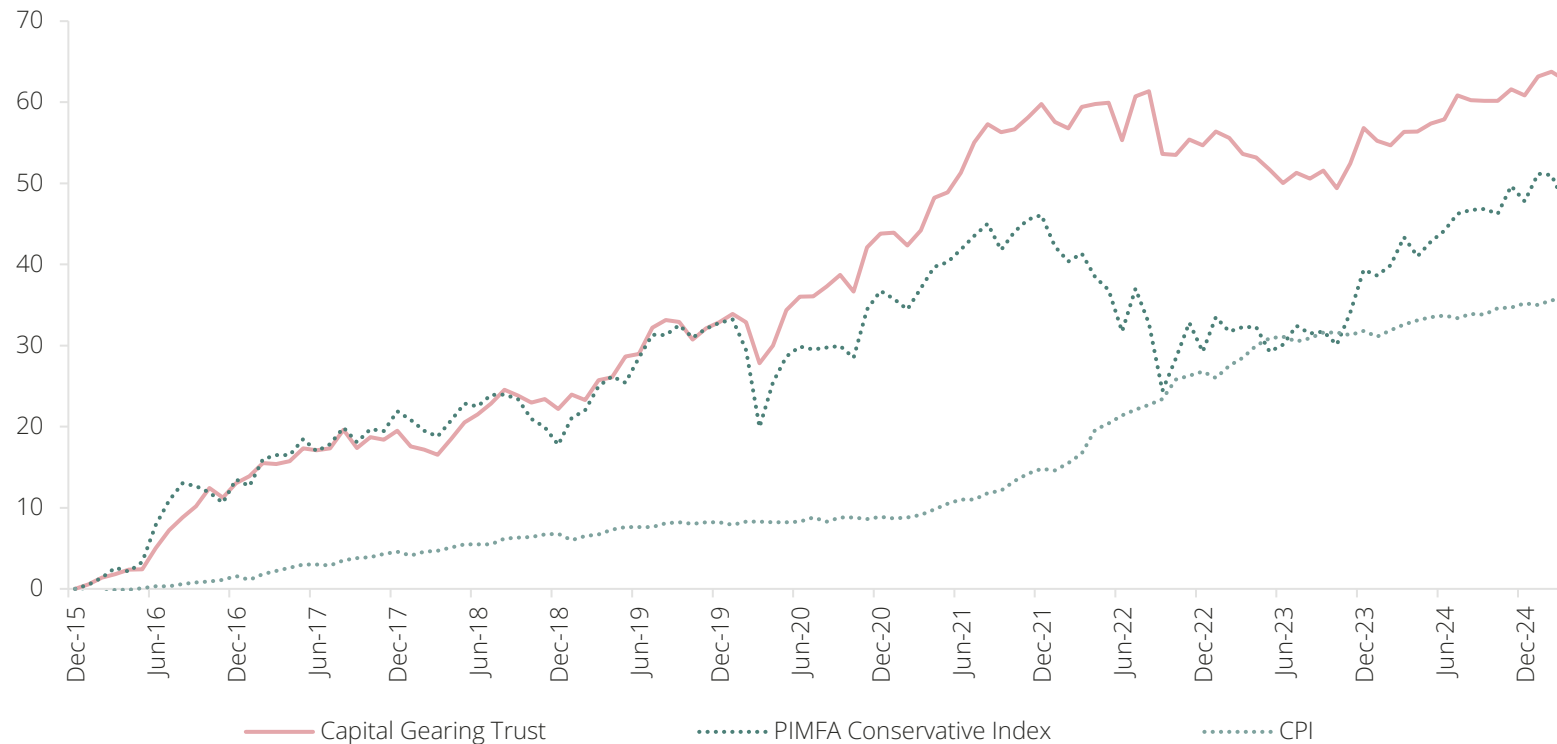


### Investment Trusts – Polar Capital Financials (% Return)



## CGT has outperformed comparators on an absolute and risk adjusted basis

### CGT vs. Comparators: Total Returns to March 2025<sup>1,2</sup>



1.The MSCI PIMFA (Private Investor Conservative Index) aims to represent the investment strategy of a UK private client adopting a conservative approach to their investment

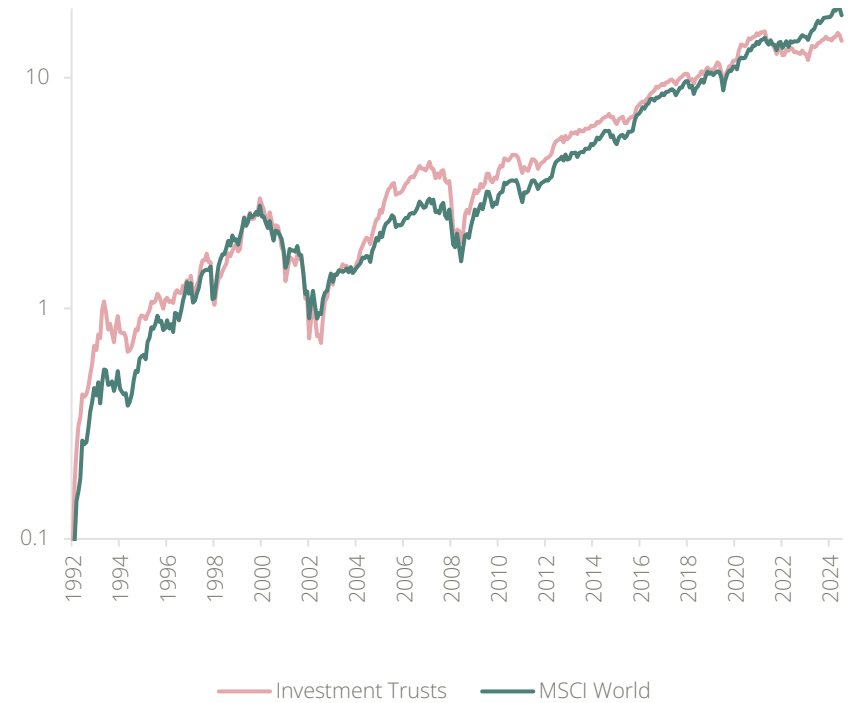
2.For comparability, the start period reflects the longest period available for CGT under which a Risk Asset and Bond attribution can be extracted from Bloomberg AIM

## The long term returns of the IT Index have been similar to the MSCI World

Investment Trust Index and MSCI World Total Returns (x)



Investment Trust Index and MSCI World TR (Log x)



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP

# *Outlook*

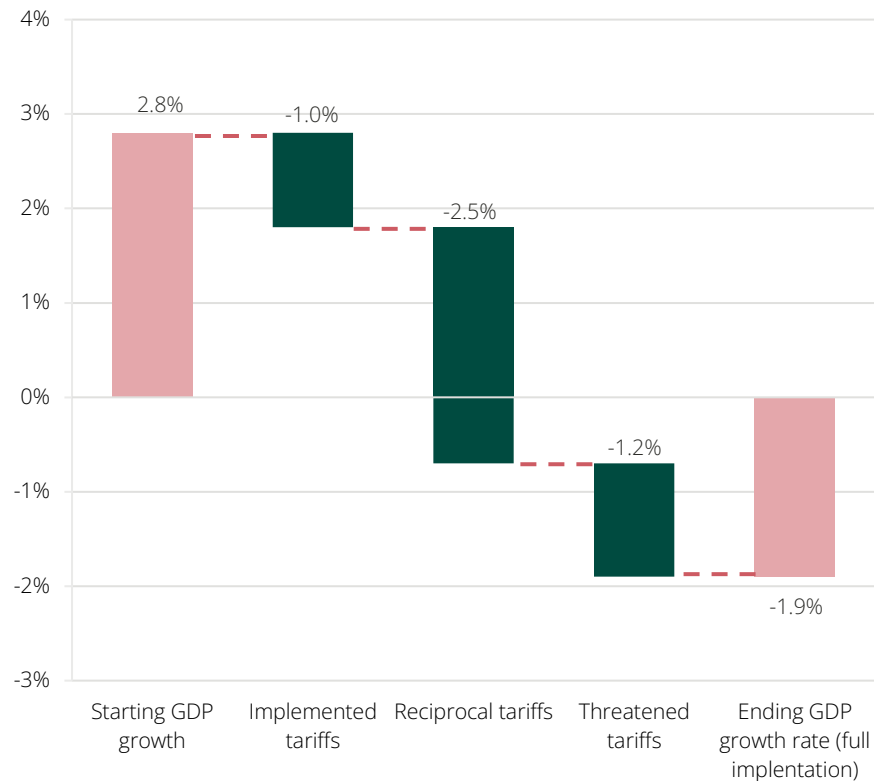
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## Outlook

**There is a wide range of outcomes to Trump tariffs, all of which will lower growth. However, official nowcasting shows more volatile economic performance**

Estimates of impact of Trump tariffs on US GDP growth



Atlanta Fed GDP Nowcast – since Trump's election (%)

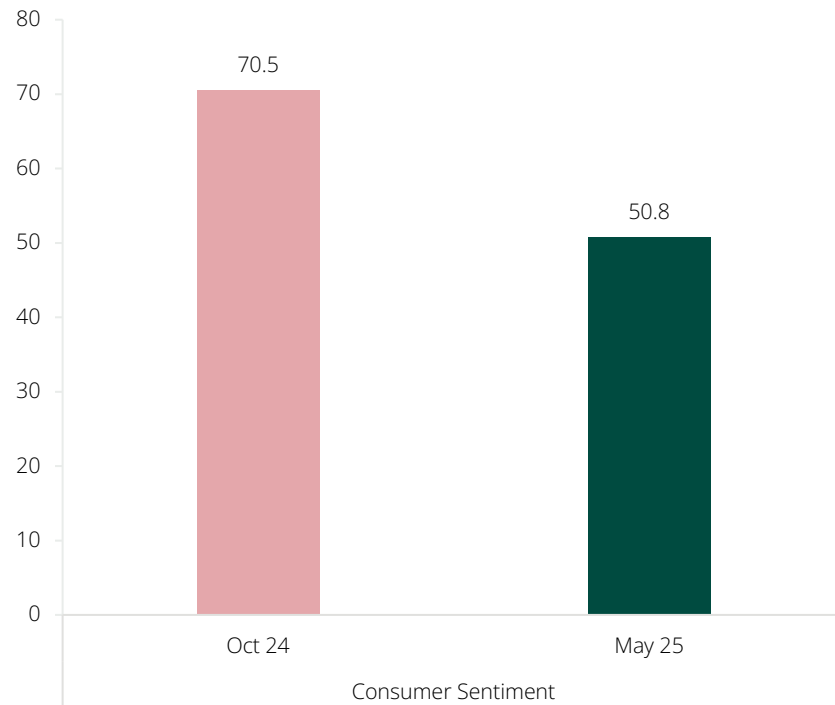


Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

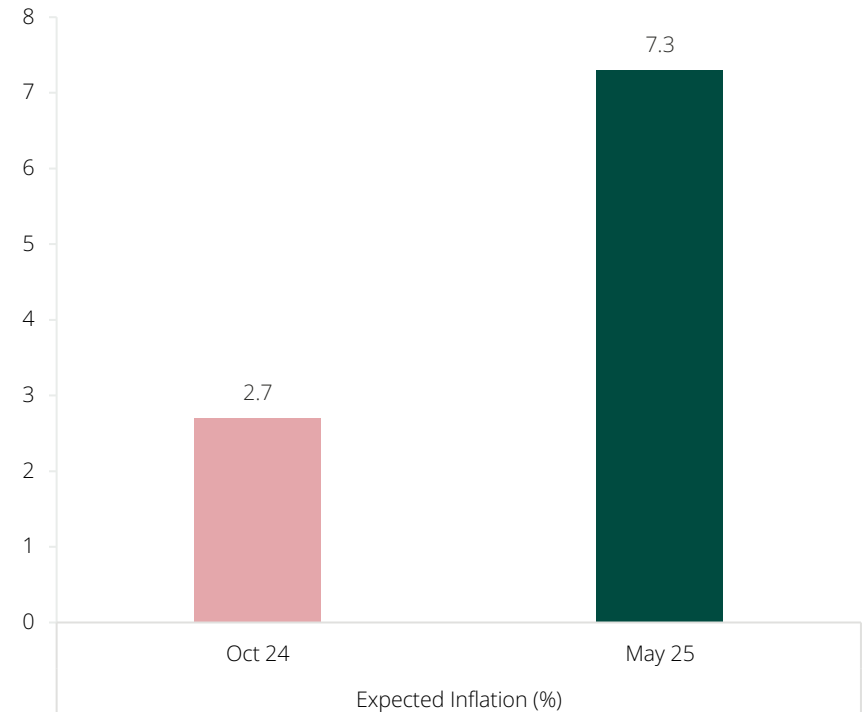
## Outlook

# Forward looking surveys indicate that US consumers expect weaker growth and considerably higher inflation

UMich Consumer Sentiment Survey



UMich Consumer Inflation Expectations – Next Year (%)

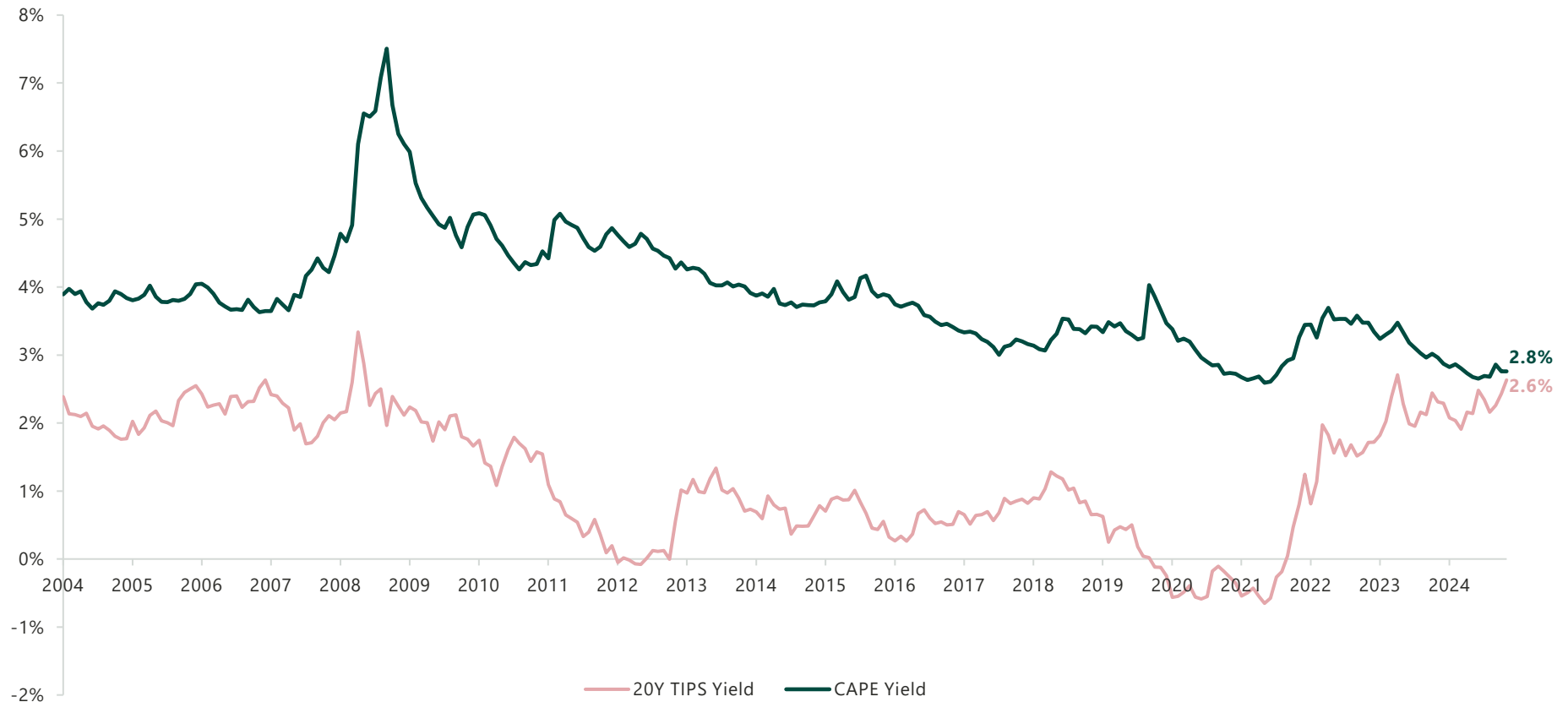


Source: Bloomberg Finance LP

## Outlook

**Meanwhile, US equity market valuations continue to appear stretched, particularly when compared with long-term US real yields...**

**S&P 500 CAPE Yield vs. 20Y TIPS Yield**



Sources: Bloomberg LP, Robert Shiller database.

## Outlook

**...and UK real yields look increasingly attractive relative to the US, without taking currency risk**

US 20Y vs. UK 20Y Real Yield



US 30Y Nominal Yield vs. DXY Index

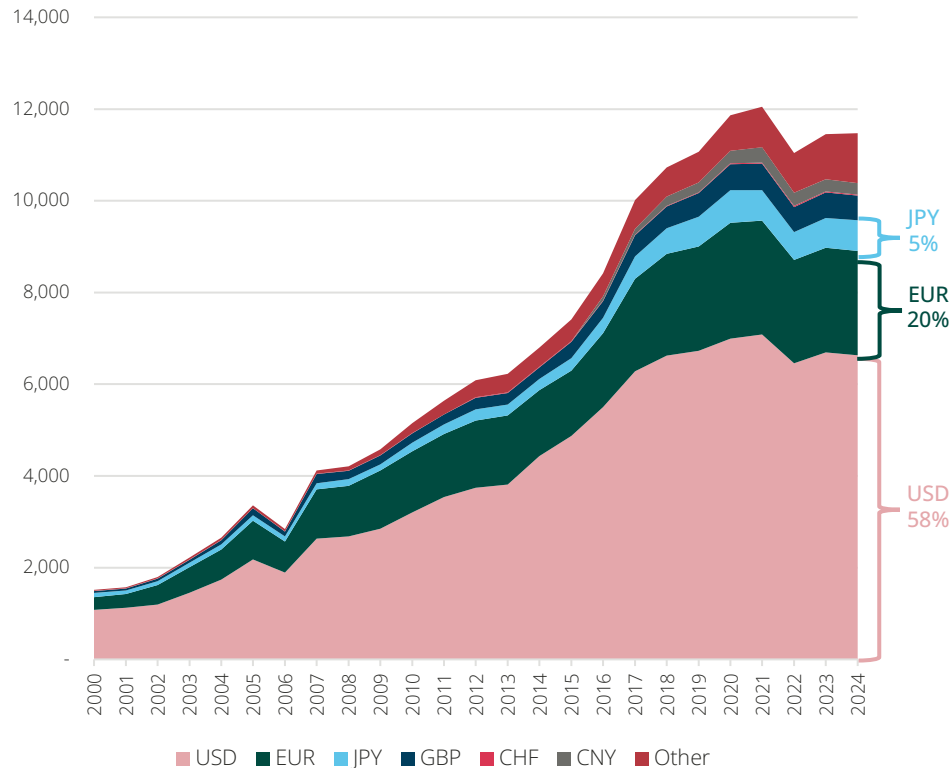


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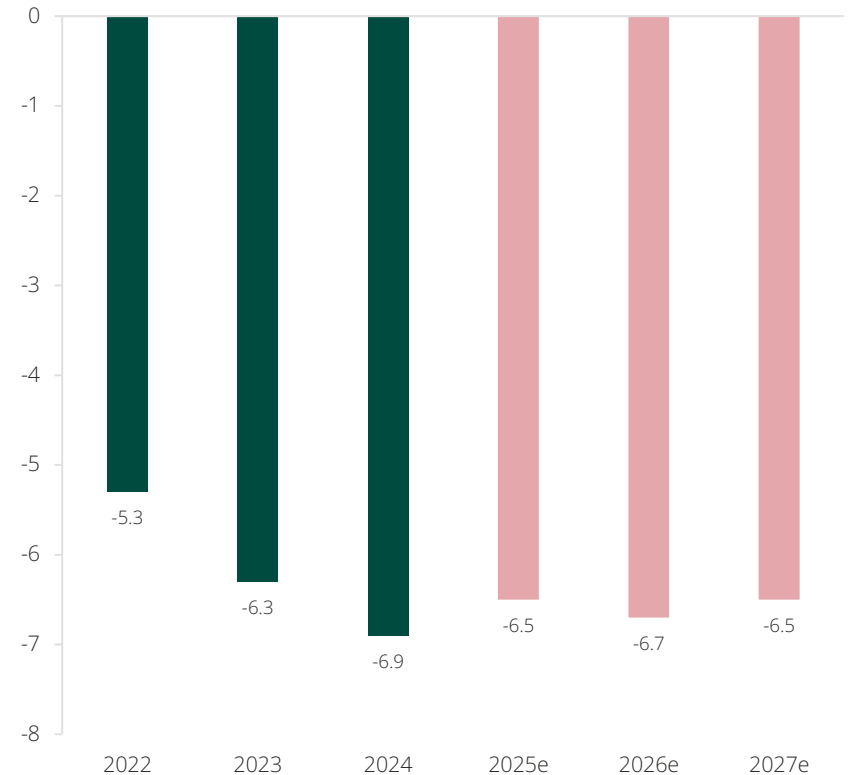
## Outlook

**While we expect to see the USD continue as global reserve currency, sustained issuance and elevated risk sentiment motivate us to hold ample dry powder.**

Aggregate currency holdings in official FX reserves (\$bn)



US Forecast Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)



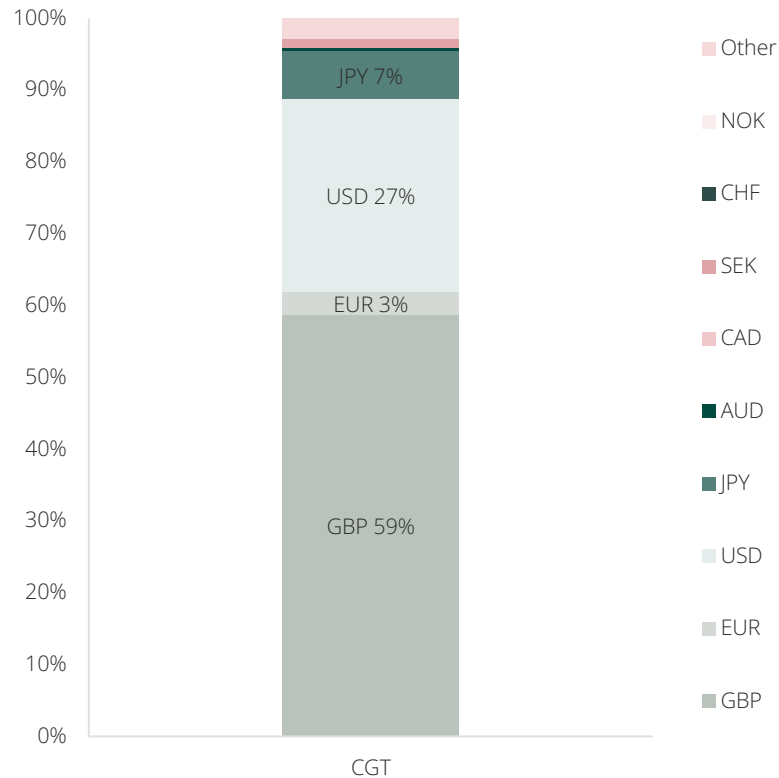
Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, IMF Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) dataset. "Other" includes a range of currencies, with the most significant being CAD (3%) and AUD (2%).

# *Appendix*

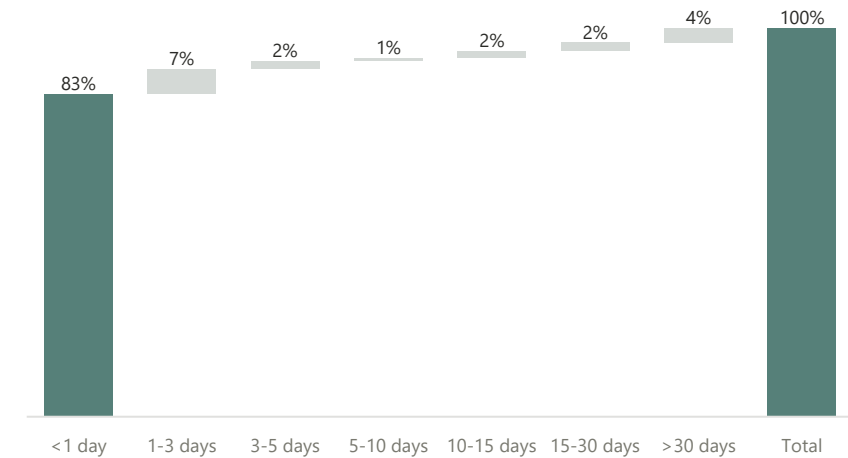
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# Duration, currency and liquidity are actively managed

## Currency Exposure<sup>1</sup>



## Time to Liquidation (days)<sup>2</sup>



## Duration and Yield<sup>3</sup>

|                                | Weight | Duration (Yrs) | Yield (%) | Rating <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Cash & Tbills                  | 23%    | 0.7            | 4.3       | A+                  |
| I/L Bonds                      | 38%    | 7.5            | 4.3/ 1.2  | AA                  |
| Corp. Bonds                    | 9%     | 2.5            | 6.6       | A-/BBB+             |
| Risk Assets (HY Credit)        | 1%     | 1.7            | 9.4       | BB/BB-              |
| Risk Assets (Div Yield Equity) | 29%    | n.a.           | 5.7       | n.a.                |
| CGT                            | 100%   | 4.6            | 4.9       |                     |

1. Currency exposure is estimated using CGAM analysis of Bloomberg, Numis and Company data

2. Assumes 25% average daily volume participation rate

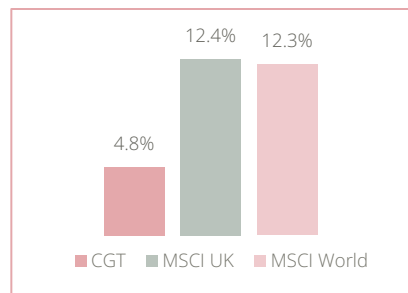
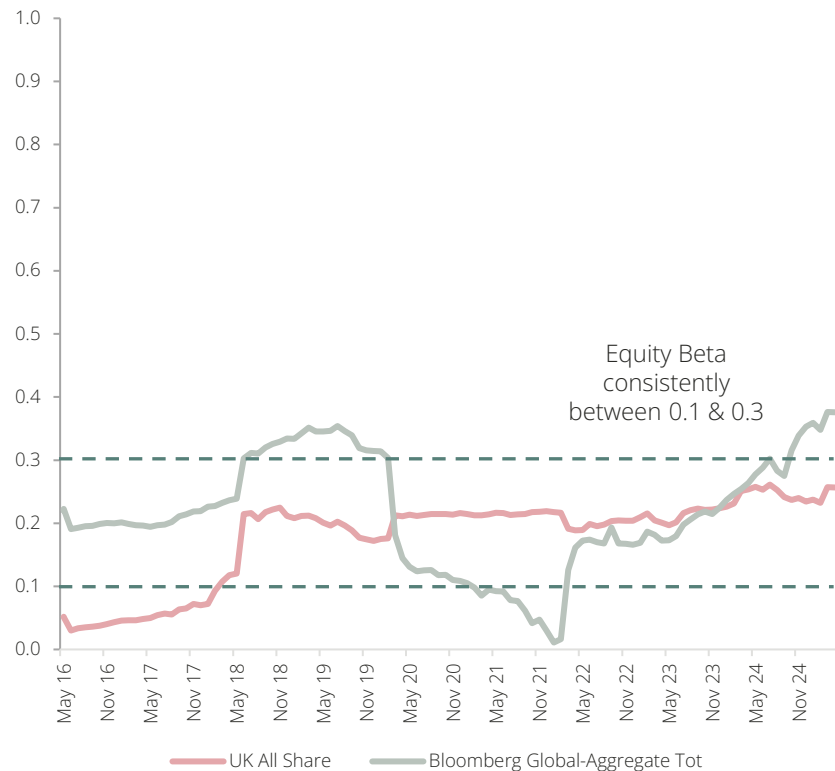
3. Duration refers to Option Adjusted Duration, Yield refers to the nominal yield to maturity for fixed income with real yield also shown for index-linked bonds. For equities, yield refers to dividend yield. Cash & Tbills includes bank deposits, hedged and unhedged government instruments. We display the 6-month UK Treasury Bill yield as a conservative representation of the yield on the underlying holdings in this bucket.

4. Ratings are sourced from Bloomberg and Moody's.

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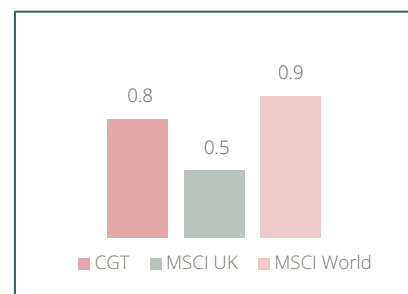
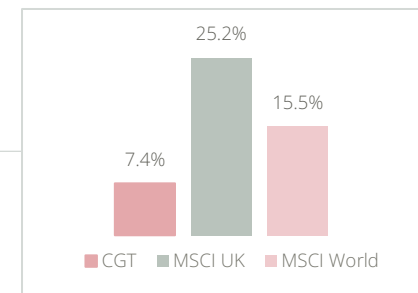
# Returns have come with low volatility, and low correlation to equity & bond markets, and excellent risk adjusted performance

## Sharpe Ratio & Volatility (%) vs. Major Indices



**Volatility**

**Drawdown**



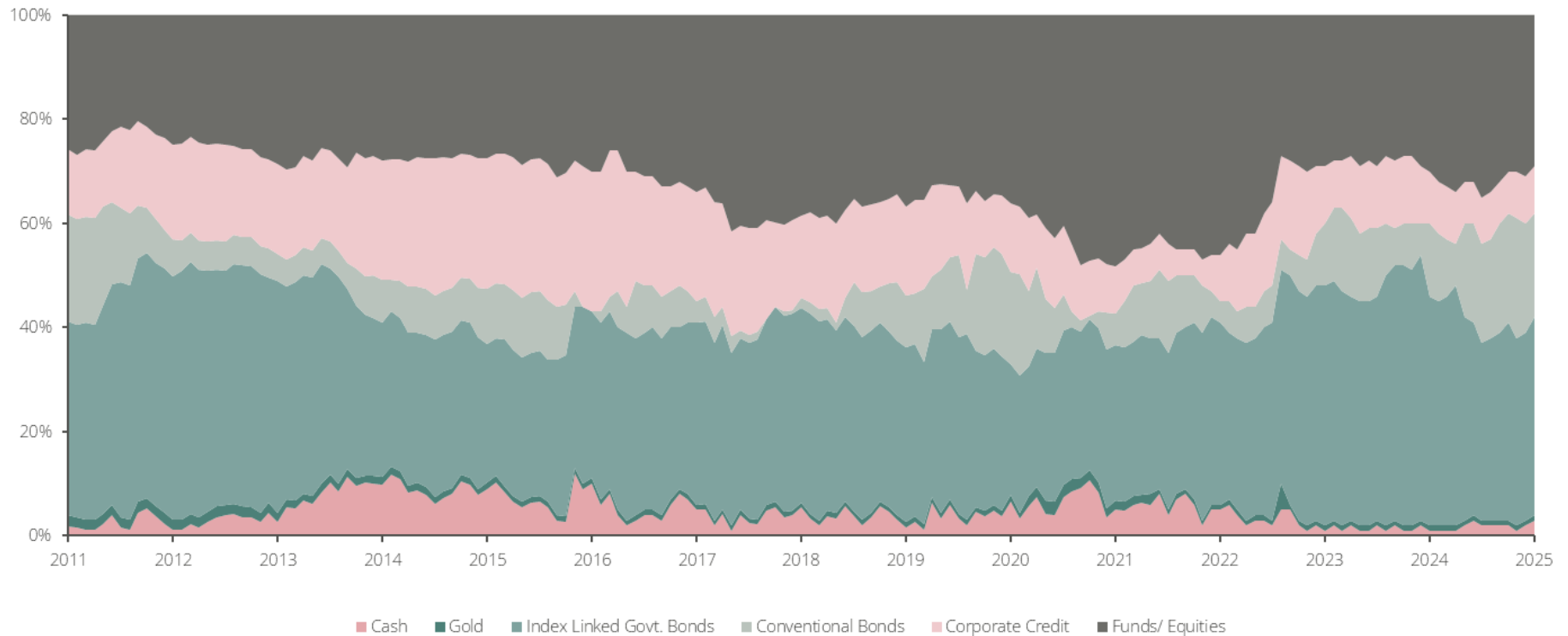
**Sharpe Ratio**

For comparability, the start period is taken from inception of the CG Absolute Return Fund.  
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P, risk statistics per Bloomberg standard definitions.

## Appendix

# Changes to asset allocation tend to be modest over the short term but can be fundamental over the long term

## CGT Asset Allocation – 2011 to 2025



Source: CGAM, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust.

## Appendix

# Top Equity and Bond Holdings as of 31/03/25

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### Top 10 Equity Holdings

| Asset                            | Weight |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| JPMorgan Japan ETF               | 2.6%   |
| Vanguard FTSE 100 ETF            | 1.9%   |
| North Atlantic Small Companies   | 1.9%   |
| Wisdomtree Physical Swiss Gold   | 1.2%   |
| PRS REIT                         | 1.2%   |
| iShares FTSE 250 ETF             | 1.1%   |
| International Public Partnership | 1.0%   |
| BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perp    | 1.0%   |
| HICL Infrastructure              | 0.9%   |
| 3I Infrastructure                | 0.8%   |
|                                  | <hr/>  |
|                                  | 13.8%  |

### Top 10 Bond Holdings

| Asset                  | Weight |
|------------------------|--------|
| JGB 0.60% 01/01/27     | 5.2%   |
| US I/L 0.125% 15/10/26 | 2.7%   |
| UK I/L 0.125% 22/03/29 | 2.4%   |
| US I/L 0.125% 15/04/26 | 2.4%   |
| JTDB 0.00% 20/06/25    | 2.3%   |
| JTDB 0.00% 20/11/25    | 2.3%   |
| US I/L 0.625% 15/01/26 | 2.3%   |
| JTDB 0.00% 20/05/25    | 2.2%   |
| US I/L 0.375% 15/01/27 | 2.1%   |
| US I/L 0.625% 15/07/32 | 1.8%   |
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|                        | 25.8%  |

Source: CGAM, Northern Trust.



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