## Quarterly Charities Update

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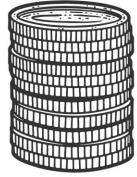
## Update on the new Code of <sub>O3</sub> Fundraising Practice

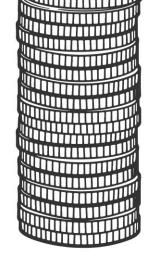
Hannah Lyons, Partner at Bates Wells

#### Trump, Tariffs and Turmoil 04

Tom Holbrook, Portfolio Manager and Maisie Hobbs, Portfolio Manager at Cazenove Capital









# General Charities update



## Charity SORP

- Will apply from periods starting on/after 1 January 2026
- Draft was issues on 28 March
- Consultation period ends 20 June
- Final version expected Autumn 2025
- Implementation 1 January 2026



## Three Tier reporting

Tier 1: Income up to £500,000.

Tier 2: Income between £500,000 and £15 million.

Tier 3: Income over £15 million.

Each tier has different levels of disclosure requirements, with Tier 3 requiring the most detailed reporting.

SORP itself is then drafted to make it easier to identify the different tier requirements



## Trustees Report

#### Impact reporting

- Alignment with objectives
- Indicators of success and societal impact
- Linking the narrative and the numbers

#### Volunteers

Role and impact

#### Sustainability

- Environmental and social contributions
- ESG reporting for Tier Three
- Further reporting for large companies



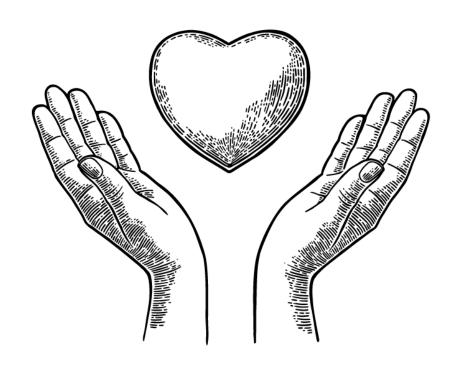
## Other changes

- Cash flow statement removed for charities with income under £15 million
- Natural classification of costs on the face of the SOFA for charities in Tier One
- Disclosure of legal powers used to remove capital restrictions or amend purposes of a restricted fund
- Requirement to state where a charity has designated funds that the trustees can remove the designation
- Clarification that KMP costs include employers NIC



## Revenue recognition - overview

- Changes has been driven by increased alignment with IFRS 15
- Greater emphasis of contractual vs non contractual income
- Move from entitlement-probabilitymeasurability to performance obligation model (where applicable)
- Clearer distinction between donations, grants and contracts
- Emphasis on when control of resources passes to the charity



## Donations, legacies and grants

- Non-exchange transactions freely given, donor does not receive something of equal value in return
- Need to consider substance of the arrangements
- Income recognised when:
  - Probable
  - Measurable
  - No further performance obligation

- Performance-related grants: Recognise when conditions met
- Legacy income: some further clarity (life) interest, subsequent events)
- Donated goods

- Must be recognised as stock if donated for distribution.
- Exemption for valuation is available for charities that receive donated goods for resale, but not for distribution.

## Contractual income

- Key question is there a contact or a customer?
- Income recognised based on delivery of performance obligations - will come to five step model shortly
- Need to split contracts if multiple obligations... are there distinct goods/services being provided, or is it a "bundle" which cannot be separated
- Normally unrestricted, but SORP does allow it to be restricted if the contract states this.



## Five step model

Identify the contract

Identify performance obligations

Determine the transaction price

Allocate the transaction price

Recognise revenue as and when performance obligations are met

### Transition

- Full retrospective
- Modified retrospective;
  - No restatement of comparatives
  - Only applies to contracts not completed by initial application date
  - o Cumulative effect of initial application treated as an adjustment to opening reserves
- Implication
  - Need to review all current contracts and income streams
  - Potential need for better income tracking systems where there is significant income from contracts and/or customers – use the five step model
  - Impact on reserves and timing of income especially if you have bank covenants
  - Governance and audit committees: more scrutiny on assumptions
  - Staff training and policy updates
  - Update income recognition policies in SoFA and notes

## Leasing

- Changes
  - For lessors not very much
  - For lessees:
    - All leases on balance sheet
    - Liability for future payments
    - Asset representing the right to use leased items
    - Finance costs and depreciation instead of rental expenditure



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## Accounting for leases as a leesee

- Lease liability
- Present value of future minimum lease payments
- Discounted using the rate inherent in the lease?
- Discounted using the incremental borrowing rate?
- Discounted using the obtainable borrowing rate?
- Discounted using the deposit rate?

#### Right of use asset

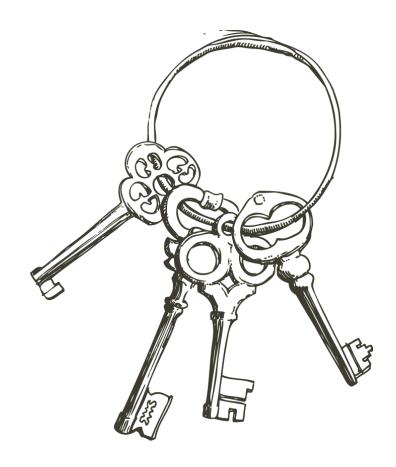
- Lease liability
- Advance lease payments

#### **Exceptions**

- Short-term leases
- Low value assets

## First year adoption

- No restatement of comparatives
- Lease liability based on remaining lease payments
- Right of use asset adjusted for accrued or deferred lease payments
- Adjustment to opening reserves lease incentives
- Accounting policy wordings



## Latest from the Charity Commission

- **Social media** Palestinian Refugee Project
- **Responsible management of charity funds** East London Mosque Trust
- Charity Times' Annual Conference keynote speech from Charity Commission Chief Executive David Holdsworth
- **Updated guidance** on finding and recruiting trustees (CC30)
- Final judgement in the Kids Company enquiry

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## Other news

- CFG Annual Conference Thursday 26 June
- New fundraising code to come into effect November 2025 as you'll hear about shortly...





## Update on the new Code of Fundraising Practice

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#### Fundraising Regulator

Voluntary, independent, non-statutory

Funded by levy on charities with annual fundraising expenditure of £100,000 or more

Smaller organisations can register to demonstrate commitment to the Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice



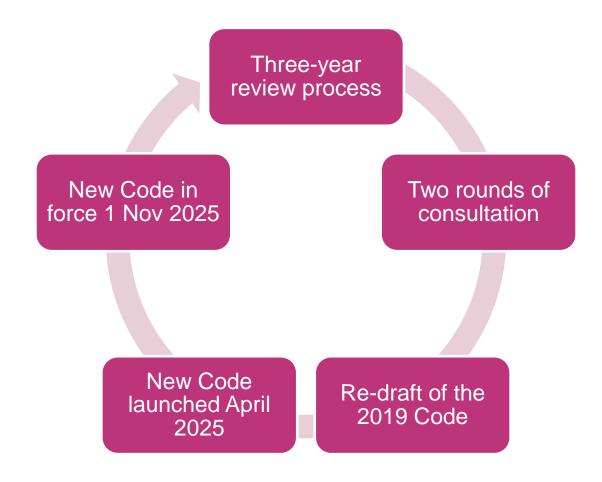


#### Fundraising Regulator's powers

- Set and promote standards of fundraising practice (the Code of Fundraising Practice) in the charitable sector
- Investigate cases where fundraising practices have led to significant public concern. All investigations are made public, regardless of whether a complaint is upheld
- Adjudicate complaints from the public about fundraising practice, where these cannot be resolved by the charities themselves
- Operate a Fundraising Preference Service to enable individuals to manage their contact with charities
- Where poor fundraising practice is judged to have taken place, recommend best practice guidance and take proportionate remedial action
- Has launched a new self-reporting regime



#### Journey to the new Code





#### What's not changed?

#### Structure - three parts:

- Standards that apply to all fundraising
- Standards that apply to working with others
- Standards which apply to all fundraising methods

#### Fundraising Principles - Fundraising activity must be:

- Legal
- Open
- Honest
- Respectful

Most of the content is the same or similar

Status of the Code and who it applies to



#### What has changed? (I)

#### 45% shorter than current Code:

- Consolidation and stream-lining of Code provisions
- Sign-posting to legislation, codes and and guidance where not lead regulator

### Move to a 'principles-based' approach:

- Less prescriptive
- More flexible
- Proportionate
- Future-proof



#### What has changed (II)

#### **New Code sections:**

- **Protecting fundraisers** section 2.1.2: "You must take reasonable steps to protect fundraisers from harm and harassment while fundraising..."
- **Engaging constructively** section 2.1.3: "You must respond constructively and within an appropriate timeframe to any enquiries you may receive from [the Fundraising Regulator]..."
- Unstaffed collections sections 7.5.1 and 7.5.2

#### **Amended Code sections:**

- Changes to provisions on paying fundraisers section 2.4
- Standalone section on fundraising platforms section 9
- Data protection and direct marketing section 8



#### New Code Support Guides

Three new Code Support Guides to help meet the Code in key areas:

#### 1. Documenting your fundraising decisions

 Making reasonable decisions, record keeping, complaint learnings, managing conflicts

#### 2. Due Diligence and fundraising

- Assessing risks associated with fundraising activities
- Due diligence on donors and fundraising partners/ suppliers

#### 3. Monitoring Fundraising Partners

- Agreements with fundraising partners and sub-contracting provisions
- Approaches to monitoring and training
- Complaints handling



#### A shift in regulatory approach?



GREATER NEED TO
INTERPRET THE CODE
RULES AND HOW THEY
APPLY TO YOUR
ORGANISATION E.G.
WHAT IS APPROPRIATE,
REASONABLE AND
PROPORTIONATE IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES? SMALL
VS LARGE
ORGANISATION, RISK
PROFILE OF ACTIVITY
ETC.



NEED TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE WHY YOU THINK FUNDRAISING IS IN-LINE WITH THE CODE, JUSTIFY DECISIONS MADE, AND SHOW THE FUNDRAISING REGULATOR YOUR RECORDS OF THAT DECISION.



FOCUS ON THE
'GOVERNANCE OF
FUNDRAISING' –
APPROVALS AT RIGHT
LEVEL AND
DOCUMENTING
DECISIONS IN MEETING
MINUTES, POLICIES,
PROCEDURES, LIAS, RISK
ASSESSMENTS ETC.



HAVE REFERENCE TO LAW, OTHER REGULATORY CODES, FUNDRAISING REGULATOR, CIOF AND CHARITY COMMISSION GUIDANCE ETC. TAKE ADVICE IF NEEDED.



## Example: How to interpret and comply with the Code

#### **Rule 2.2.2**

"You must carry out <u>appropriate</u> due diligence <u>proportionate</u> to the size and nature of the donation, on the potential donor before accepting a donation"

What is appropriate and/or proportionate in the circumstances?:

- Size and nature of the donation in relation to normal fundraising activity.
- Type of donation small cash donation or large and/or unusual form?
- Type of donor are there any reputation risks to consider?
- Record process in a due diligence/ acceptance and refusal of donation policy
- Have regard to Code Support Guides and other sector guidance CIOF and Charity Commission.



#### How to prepare for the new Code (I)

Familiarise yourself with the new Code and support guides – Section 1 + others

Raise awareness – trustees and key stakeholders

Training on new Code for relevant staff and suppliers



#### How to prepare for the new Code (II)

Update policies and procedures and training

Review contracts with partners, agencies and suppliers

Consider how you will demonstrate compliance and record fundraising decisions.





## **Any questions?**





## Thank you



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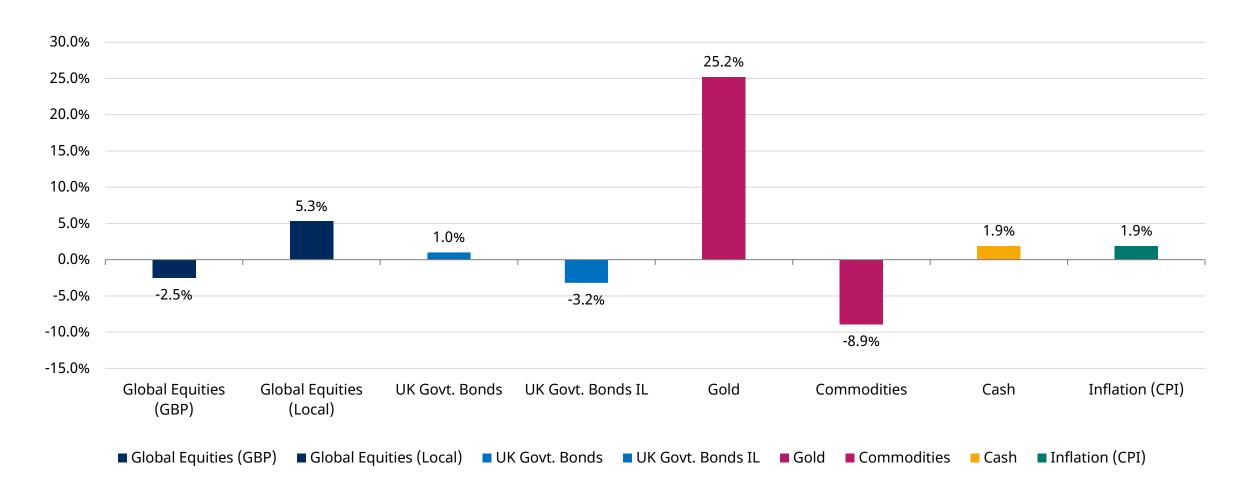
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#### Asset class performance

#### 2025 to date...



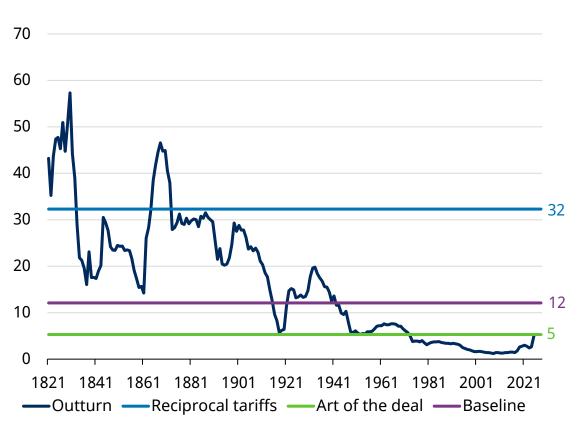
Source: Cazenove Capital. Total return, in GBP net of fees to 31st May 2025. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.



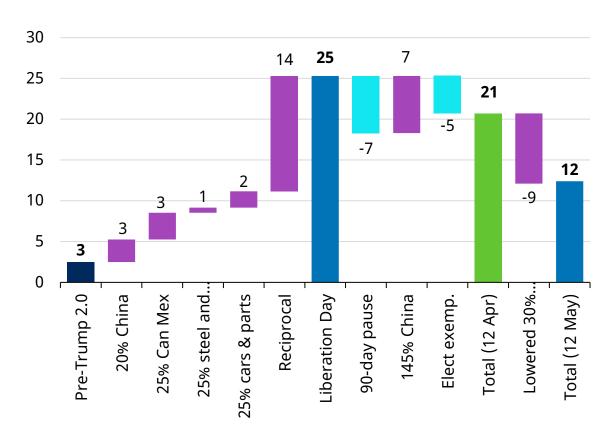
#### Uncertainty about final tariff rates may drag on activity

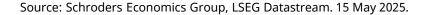
Rule of thumb -10% increase in the US tariff rate add 1% to CPI, knocks 0.5% off GDP

#### **US effective tariff rate (%)**



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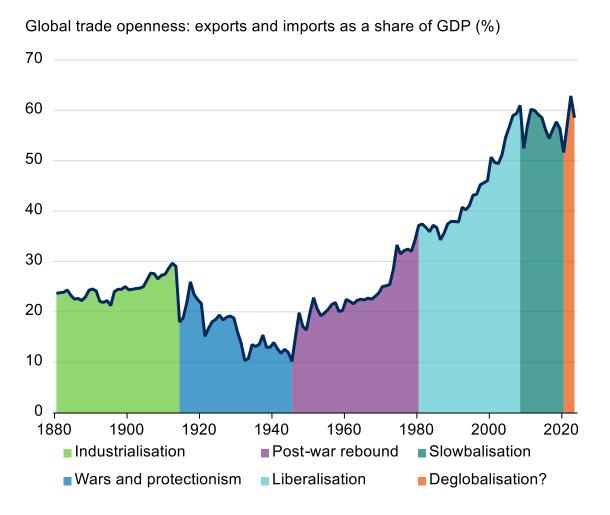


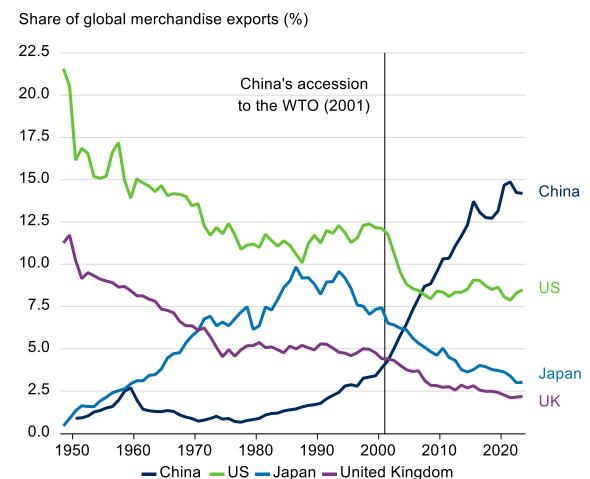




#### Will Trump 2.0 put deglobalisation in motion?

#### Global trade openness has increased by nearly 50% since World War II





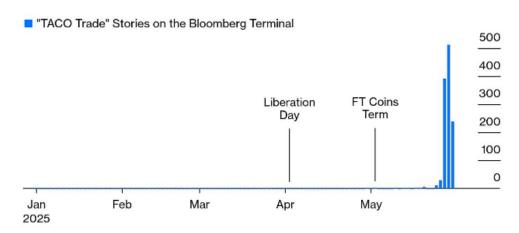
Source: Schroders Economics Group, Macrobond. 10 April 2025.



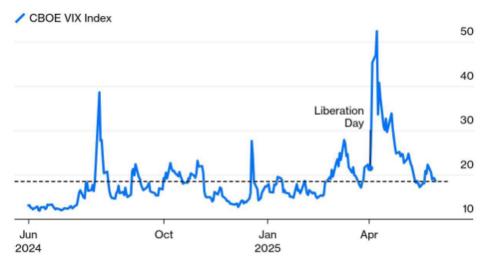
#### **TACOs Take Off**

#### In markets, 2025 is the story of threats made and then rescinded

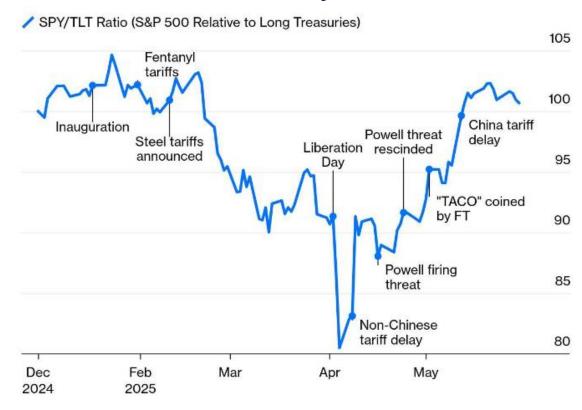
#### **TACO Trade Stories on the Bloomberg Terminal**



#### **Crisis? What Crisis?**



#### **Five Months in TACO Territory**



Source: Bloomberg News Trends. The S&P500 relative to Treasuries is normalised at 100 as of 31st December 2024



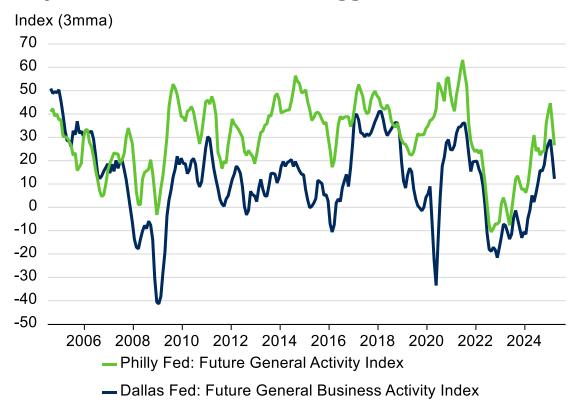
# Soft data indicates moderating growth expectations

Uncertainty and impact on confidence could lead to a downward spiral

#### Is manufacturing activity headed for a slump?



#### **Corporate confidence looks sluggish**

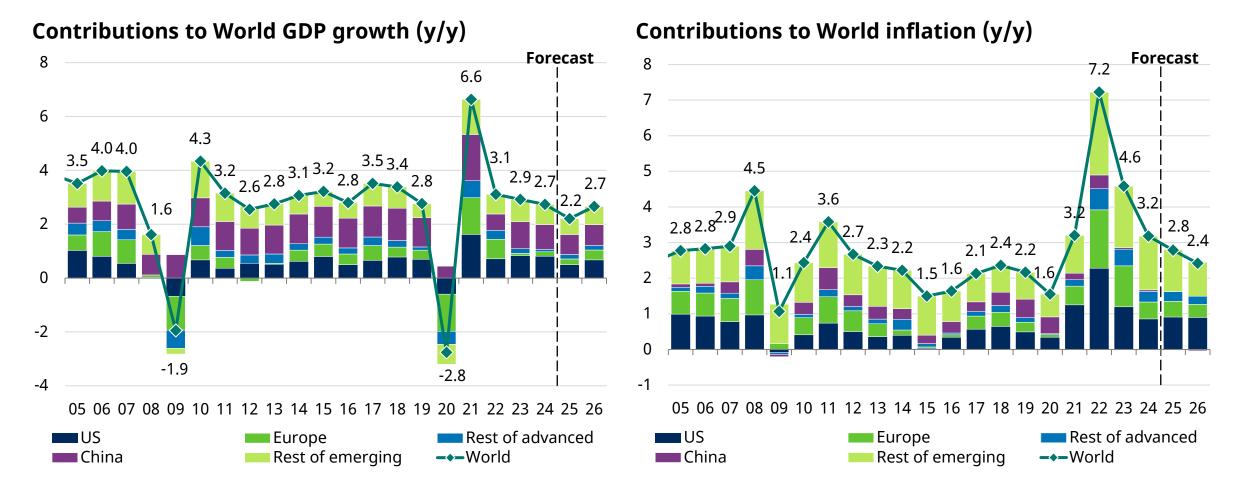


Source: Schroders, Macrobond, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and Philadelphia, 10 April 2025.



# Tariff de-escalation makes a global recession unlikely

Growth set to be a bit softer in 2025, inflation still slowly trending down

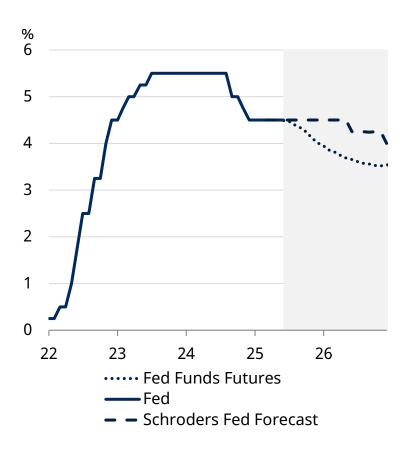




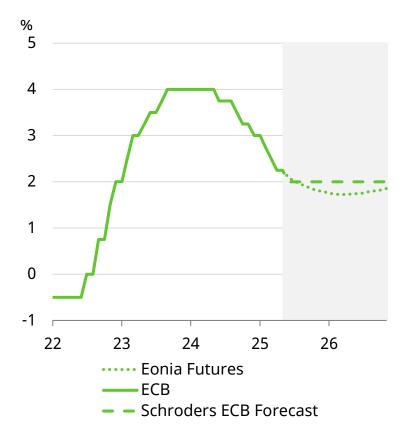
# Markets continue to expect rate cuts in 2025

### Market pricing for Fed and BoE seems optimistic, ECB in line with our forecast

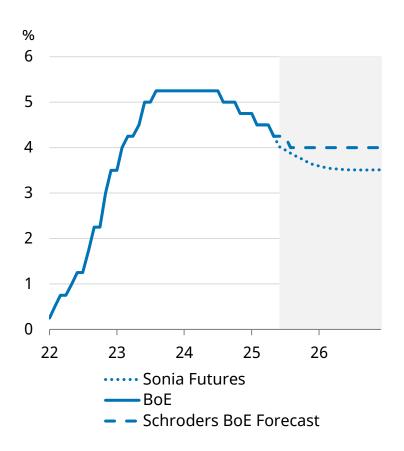
#### **US** interest rates forecast vs market

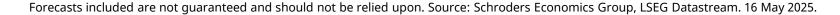


#### EZ interest rates forecast vs market



#### **UK** interest rates forecast vs market



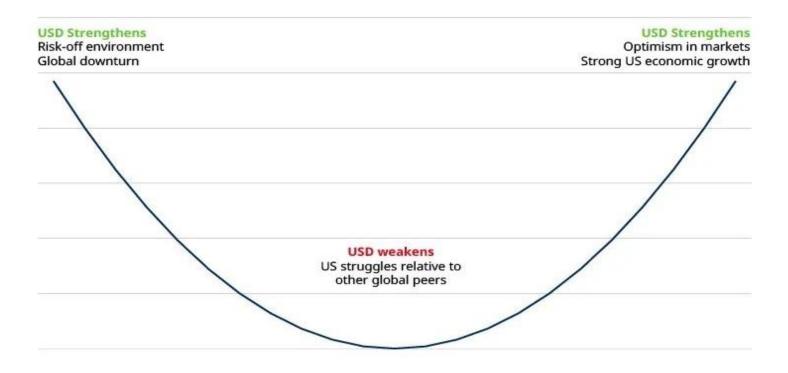




### Is the "Dollar Smile" still intact?

### The shift in global trade has raised concerns of a Dollar Frown

#### The Dollar Smile



Source: The dollar smile is an economic theory that describes the relationship between the value of the US dollar and the economic conditions of the United States. It suggests that the value of the dollar tends to increase when the economy is either very strong or very weak, forming a "smile" shape when plotted on a graph.

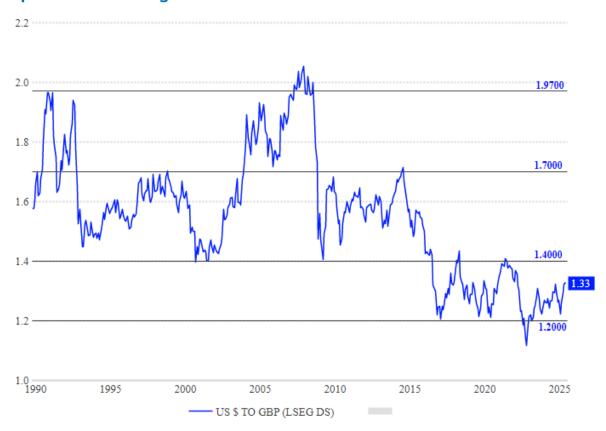
# However, the Dollar has already moved significantly

### DXY in line with 2023 lows and close to long term averages

The Dollar is now just 4% above its long-term average (on a trade weighted basket basis)



GBP/USD is 17% below its pre-2016 average but is already above its post-Brexit average



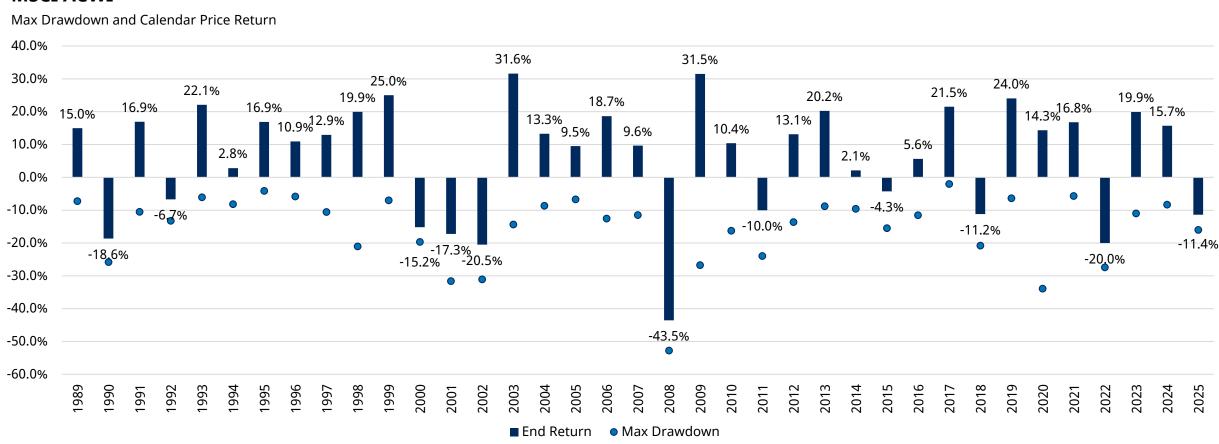
Source: Cazenove, Bloomberg. As of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. The DXY, or the U.S. Dollar Index, measures the value of the United States dollar (USD) against a basket of six major foreign currencies.



# Yearly Performance vs. largest sell-off

#### Drawdowns of more than 10% are not uncommon

#### **MSCI ACWI**



Source: Cazenove Capital. LSEG Datastream, as at 7 April 2025.



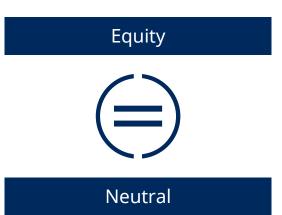


### Investment views – equities



#### **Investment positioning**

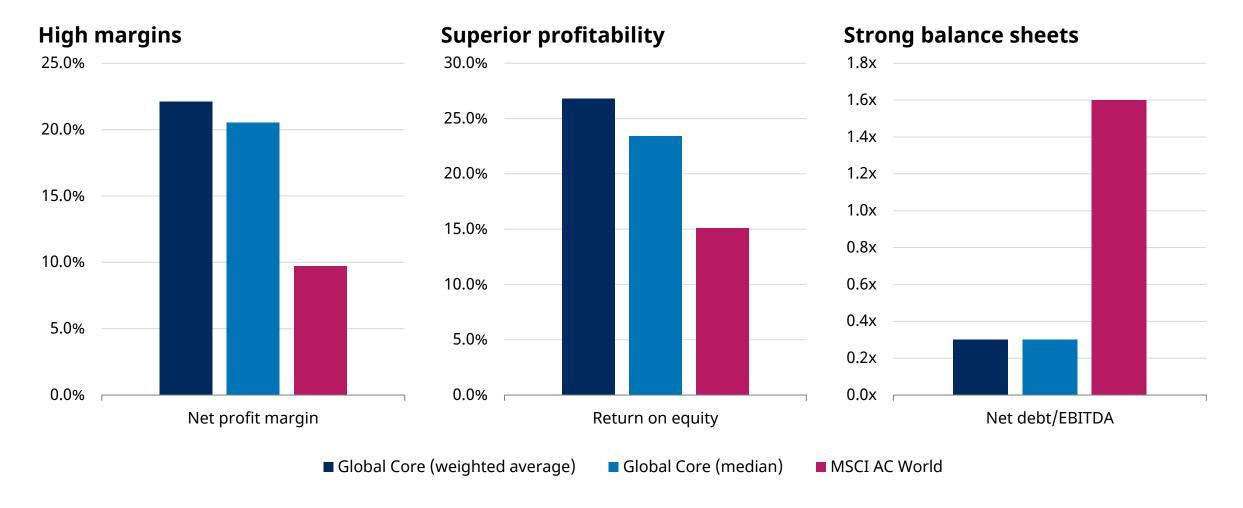
- Equities have benefitted from financial conditions and robust earnings, but tariffs will now likely weigh on growth, supporting a downgrade to neutral
- Significant market moves leave valuations looking cheap (particularly ex-US) whilst sentiment has also shifted to 'fear' levels
- We would be prepared to top up underweight positions if we saw further weakness





# There's value in quality

Focus on profitable companies which can allocate capital sensibly

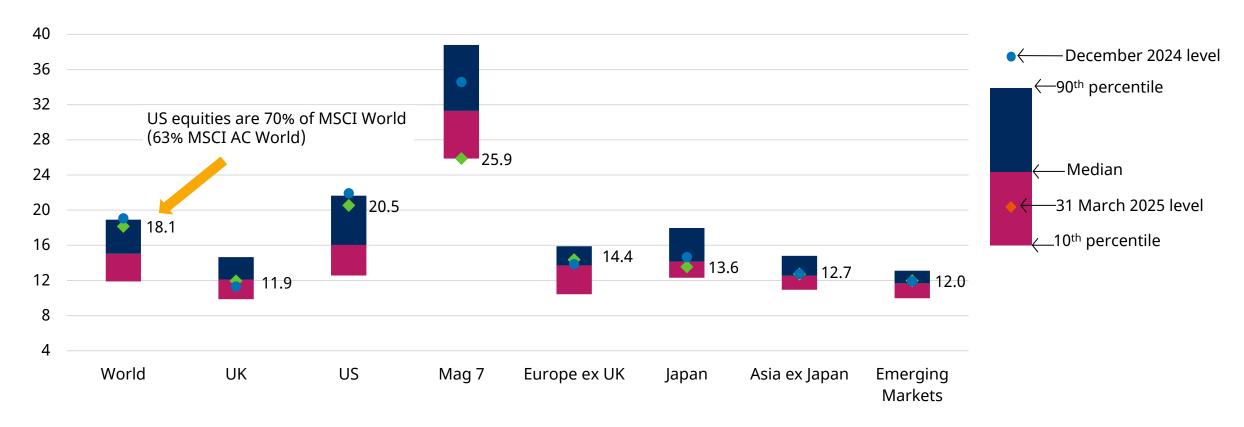




# Equity valuations are at historic averages outside of the US

### And most regions became cheaper outside of Europe and the UK

#### **12m Forward Price to Earnings**



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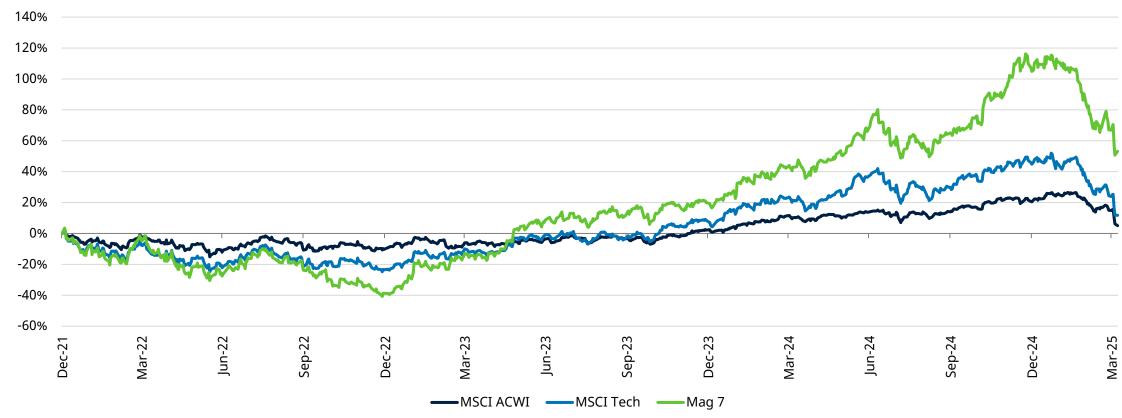
Source: Cazenove Capital, LSEG DataStream, Bloomberg. 31 March 2025. Mag 7 = A group of large technology companies and include Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla. Chart uses 15 years of price to earnings data.



# Adding to technology

### Recent sell-off provides a buying opportunity

### **Tech performance since Covid (Dec 21)**



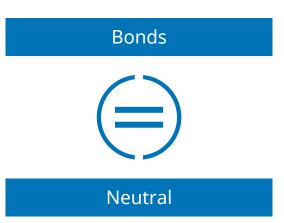


### Investment views – bonds



#### **Investment positioning**

- Neutral on fixed income with a preference for asset backed securities and a slight bias to shorter dated bonds
- Overweight government bonds for diversification, albeit recognising the risk of higher inflation and government debt levels
- Corporate credit spreads were looking more attractive, and this led us to opportunistically add to high yield credit

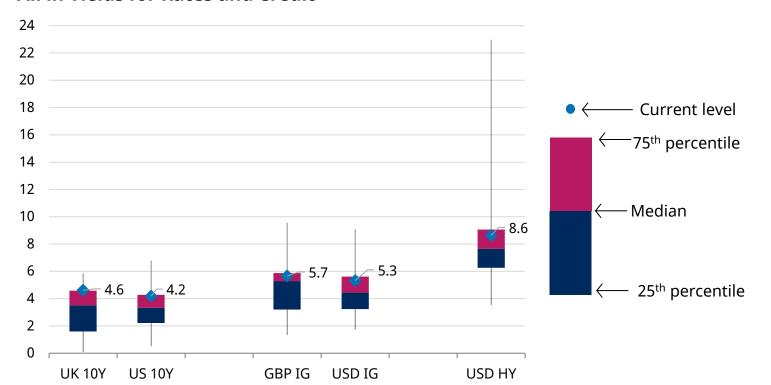




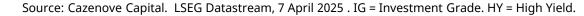
# An improving environment for bonds

### Bonds yields offer attractive yields as well as ballast to equity volatility

#### All in Yields for Rates and Credit







### Investment views – alternatives



#### **Investment positioning**

- Less supportive environment for alternatives given elevated yields,
   but gold and commodities continue to look attractive
- Select opportunities in equity long/short and trend following given diversification characteristics
- Long dated revenue streams and income characteristics remain attractive in certain parts of the market

Alternatives

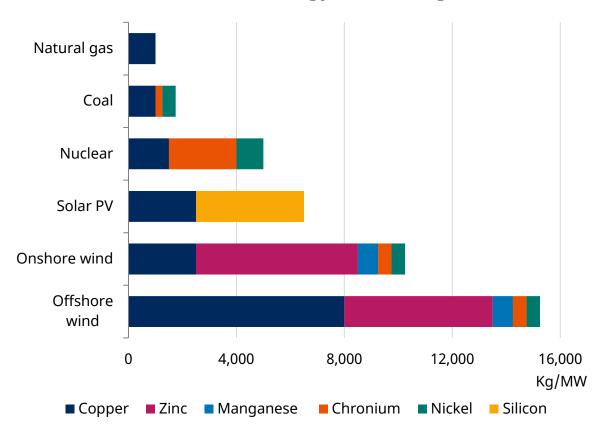
Underweight



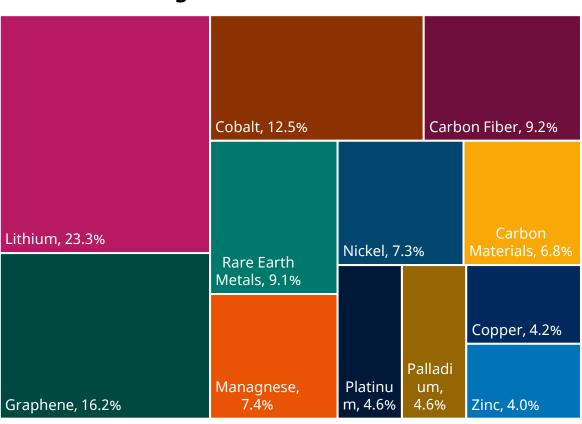
# Longer term opportunities in commodity markets

### The transition to renewable energy may support commodity prices

#### Minerals used in Clean Energy Technologies



#### Forecast annual growth 2021-2029



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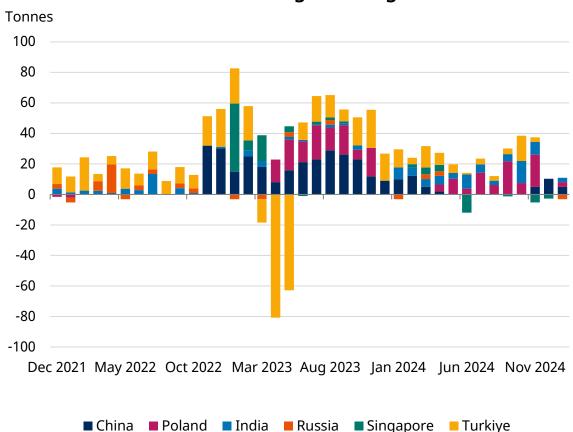
Source: VanEck, Cazenove, Lucintel, Business Research Insights, Grandview Research, Fortune, Statista, Visual Capitalist.



### Gold continues to shine

### Liquidity conditions and demand remain favourable and may have more room to grow

#### Central banks have been adding to their gold reserves



#### Gold continues to break all time highs



Source: World Gold Council. Schroders Economics Group. 31 March 2025.



### **Private Assets**

### Multiple portfolio benefits are driving global adoption

















Broader opportunity set

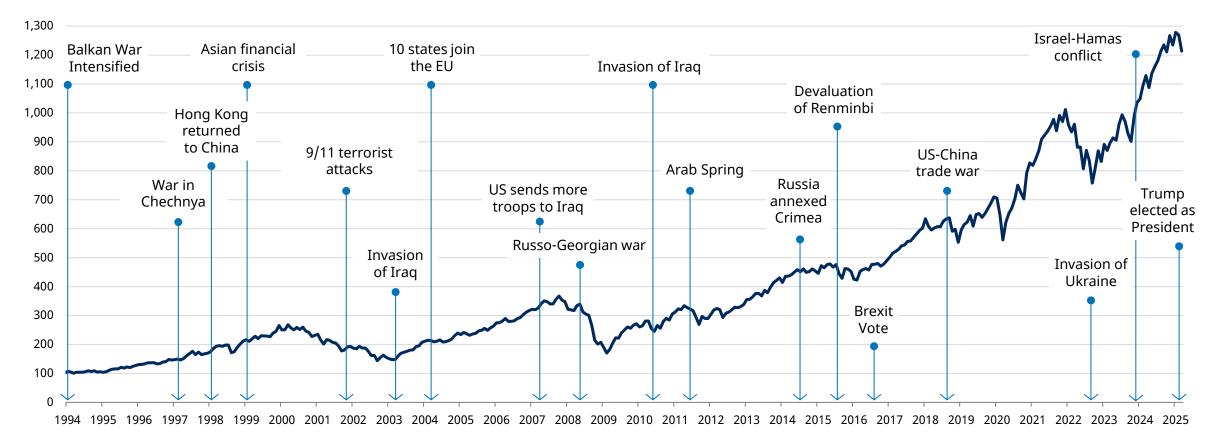
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# Geopolitical risk is at the highest level in decades

But equities have delivered impressive long-term returns despite geopolitical shocks

#### **Total return of MSCI World Index indexed to 100 (\$)**



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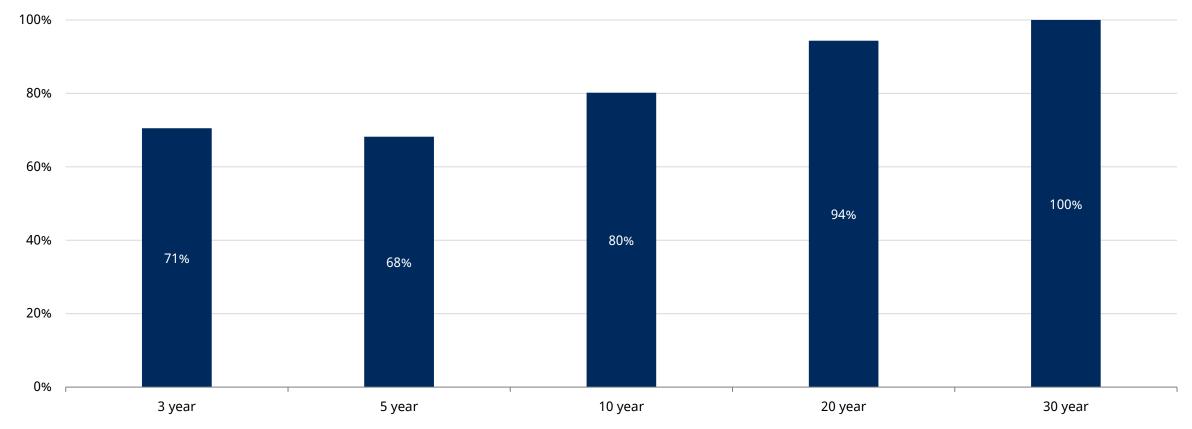
Source: Cazenove Capital, LSEG Datastream.



# Performance of the traditional UK Growth portfolio

The traditional portfolio has outperformed in every 30-year period since 1985

Frequency of UK 65:35 Portfolio beats vs. CPI + 4.0% since 1985 over rolling periods



Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Values and incomes can rise as well as fall. Source: Refinitiv. Data to end August 2023.



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**Emerging markets:** There are additional risks associated with investment in emerging and developing markets. These include: higher volatility of markets; systems and standards affecting trading, settlement, registration and custody of securities all possibly lower than in developed markets; lack of liquidity in markets and exchanges leading to lower marketability of securities and greater price fluctuation; significant currency volatility, possibly resulting in adoption of exchange controls; lower shareholder protection or information to investors provided from the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards.

**Unregulated collective investment schemes:** Unregulated collective investment schemes and other non-mainstream pooled investments (NMPIs) are unlikely to offer a level of investor protection equivalent to that available for UK regulated investments. Such schemes may deal infrequently and may limit redemption, meaning, investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

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