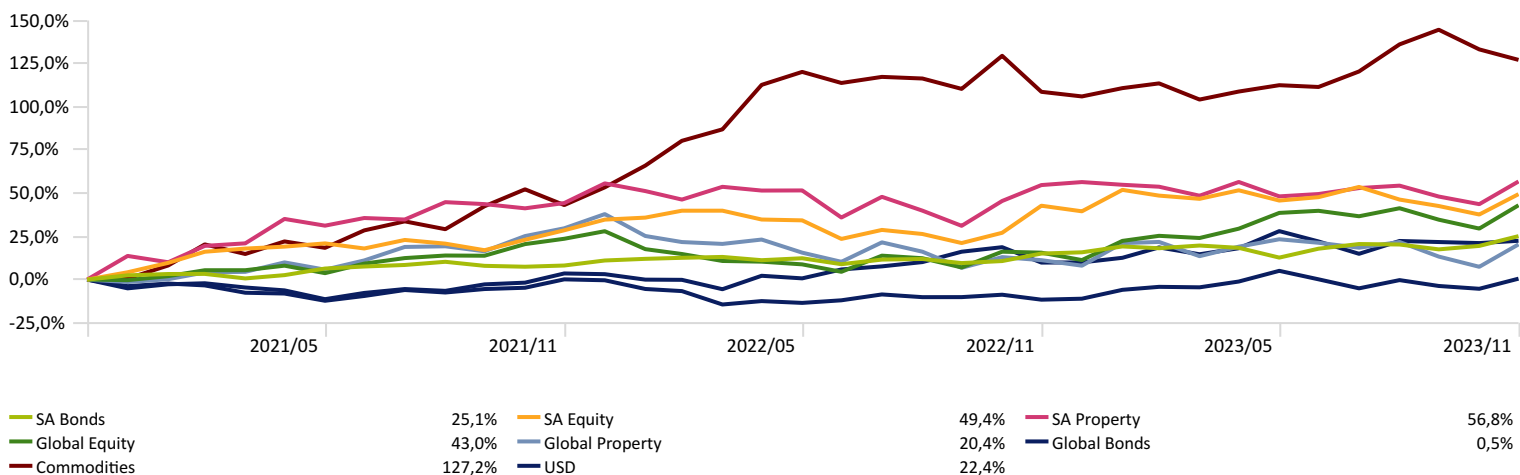


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## ASSET CLASS RETURNS in ZAR

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
SA Bonds	4,7	4,0	8,1	8,8	7,8
SA Equity	8,6	2,2	7,1	4,7	14,3
SA Property	9,1	1,6	0,2	1,4	16,2
Global Bonds	6,2	0,8	13,0	13,8	0,2
Global Equity	10,4	1,2	28,5	23,7	12,7
Global Property	12,1	-1,1	11,4	8,2	6,4
Commodities	-2,6	-3,8	10,3	8,9	31,5
USD	1,1	0,1	11,4	11,5	7,0

## 3 YEAR CUMULATIVE RETURNS in ZAR



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS in ZAR

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
Best	Glb Equity 52,6	Glb Property 34,5	Glb Property 36,6	SA Bonds 15,4	SA Equity 21,0	USD 16,2	Glb Equity 22,8	Glb Equity 22,2	Commodities 52,5	Commodities 34,3	Glb Equity 28,5
	Glb Property 27,2	SA Property 26,6	USD 33,9	SA Property 10,2	SA Property 17,2	Glb Bonds 14,8	Glb Property 20,6	Glb Bonds 14,7	Glb Property 41,3	USD 6,6	Glb Bonds 13,0
	USD 23,4	Glb Equity 14,6	Glb Equity 31,0	SA Equity 2,6	Glb Equity 12,3	Glb Property 10,7	Commodities 14,3	SA Bonds 8,7	SA Property 36,9	SA Bonds 4,3	Glb Property 12,4
	Commodities 21,9	Glb Bonds 11,1	Glb Bonds 29,7	Commodities -1,7	SA Bonds 10,2	SA Bonds 7,7	SA Equity 12,0	SA Equity 7,0	SA Equity 29,2	SA Equity 3,6	USD 11,4
	SA Equity 21,4	SA Equity 10,9	SA Property 8,0	Glb Equity -4,3	Glb Property -1,0	Glb Equity 4,4	SA Bonds 10,3	USD 5,0	Glb Equity 28,4	SA Property 0,5	Commodities 10,3
	Glb Bonds 20,2	USD 10,5	SA Equity 5,1	Glb Property -6,7	Glb Bonds -2,8	Commodities 0,1	Glb Bonds 3,9	Glb Property -3,3	USD 8,7	Glb Bonds -10,7	SA Bonds 8,1
	SA Property 8,4	SA Bonds 10,1	SA Bonds -3,9	Glb Bonds -9,9	Commodities -4,2	SA Equity -8,5	SA Property 1,9	Commodities -19,9	SA Bonds 8,4	Glb Equity -13,0	SA Equity 7,1
Worst	SA Bonds 0,6	Commodities -26,1	Commodities -10,1	USD -11,7	USD -9,5	SA Property -25,3	USD -2,8	SA Property -34,5	Glb Bonds 3,5	Glb Property -20,9	SA Property 0,2

## CURRENCIES VS. ZAR

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
EUR	4,3	0,6	13,9	18,1	3,8
USD	1,1	0,1	11,4	11,5	7,0
GBP	5,5	0,0	17,2	18,5	5,1
JPY	3,6	-1,4	-0,6	5,2	-4,8

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## SECTORAL RETURNS

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
JSE ALSI TR	8,6	2,2	7,1	4,7	14,3
Basic Materials	6,9	4,0	-11,6	-14,7	10,6
Consumer Goods	7,3	1,7	7,6	4,3	12,6
Consumer Services	5,6	-1,5	22,3	22,7	28,6
Financials	8,3	2,2	15,4	8,8	20,7
Health Care	5,9	2,0	20,6	18,6	15,5
Industrials	2,6	-1,3	16,5	9,4	10,5
Technology	19,2	7,0	21,4	29,7	0,4
Telecommunication	8,4	-12,6	-19,4	-25,4	7,7

### ALSI Contributors YTD (Approximate)

	Weight	Return	Contribution
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Dc	9,2	13,5	2,2
Naspers Ltd Class N	8,7	23,0	1,8
Gold Fields Ltd	2,9	67,6	1,4
Standard Bank Group Ltd	3,4	28,8	0,9
Firstrand Ltd	4,6	15,4	0,6
Sanlam Ltd	1,5	48,5	0,6
Prosus NV Ordinary Shares - Class N	3,3	17,4	0,5
Harmony Gold Mining Co Ltd	0,6	100,6	0,5
Mondi PLC	2,1	22,8	0,5
Bid Corp Ltd	1,9	28,2	0,4

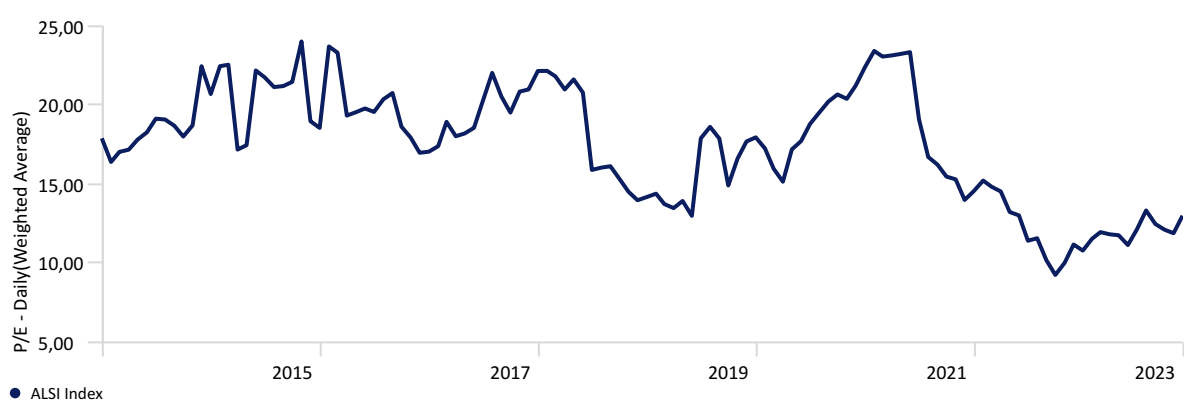
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	Weight	Return	Contribution
Anglo American PLC	9,7	-18,8	-2,0
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	1,6	-62,6	-1,5
Sibanye Stillwater Ltd Ordinary Shares	1,4	-51,2	-0,9
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Class A	1,3	-23,4	-0,9
MTN Group Ltd	3,2	-17,0	-0,7
Anglo American Platinum Ltd	0,7	-41,1	-0,4
Sasol, Ltd.	2,0	-16,7	-0,3
Northam Platinum Holdings Ltd	0,7	-31,1	-0,3
MultiChoice Group Ltd Ordinary Shares	0,4	-42,3	-0,2
Transaction Capital Ltd	0,1	-78,9	-0,2

### Current ALSI Metrics

P/E	11,2
P/B	1,6
P/EBITDA	7,0
P/Cash Flow	7,1
P/S	1,9
Debt/Capital	30,1

### Historical P/E



## MARKET CAP RETURNS

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
Small Caps	4,8	0,4	4,9	3,4	23,7
Mid Caps	5,3	0,8	1,7	-1,3	12,4
Top 40	9,1	1,9	7,5	5,1	14,4

## STYLE BASED RETURNS

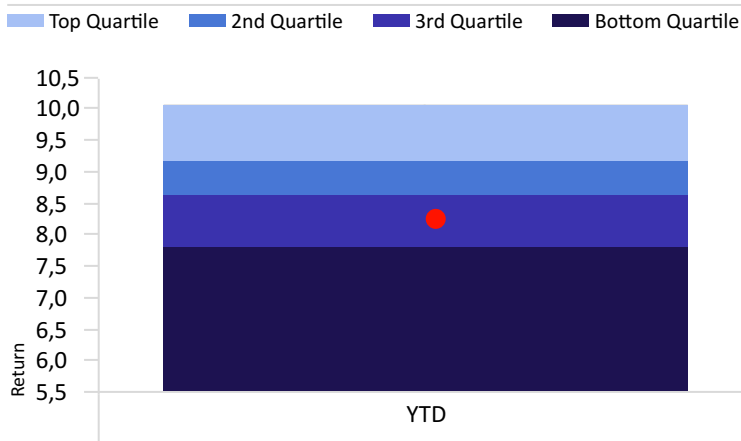
	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
JSE Growth	11,5	6,5	13,1	11,8	11,6
JSE Value	5,6	-1,9	0,0	-3,5	17,7

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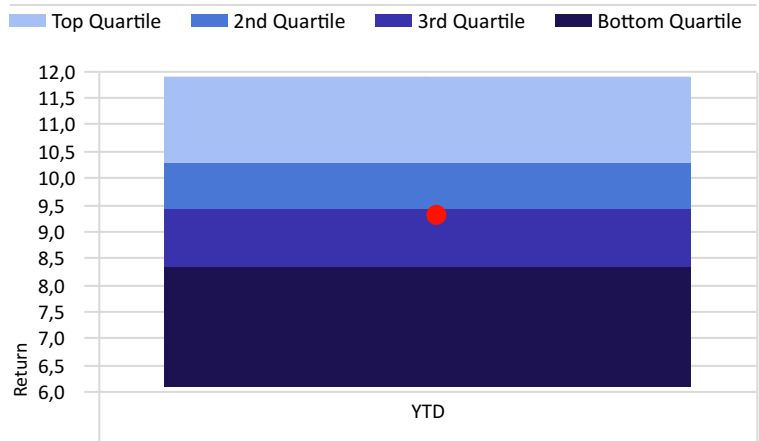
## CATEGORY AVERAGES in ZAR

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
(ASISA) SA MA Inc	1,9	2,5	8,3	8,9	7,1
(ASISA) SA MA Low EQ	4,6	2,0	9,3	9,1	8,5
(ASISA) SA MA Med EQ	5,8	1,7	9,4	8,7	9,5
(ASISA) SA MA High EQ	6,5	1,6	10,0	8,8	10,6
(ASISA) SA EQ General	7,6	1,8	5,0	2,4	12,6
(ASISA) SA RE General	8,6	1,2	-0,4	0,5	14,3
(ASISA) Glb MA Low EQ	5,5	1,1	16,2	16,6	6,6
(ASISA) Glb MA Flex	7,7	0,2	19,8	19,3	7,7
(ASISA) Glb MA High EQ	8,1	0,3	19,4	18,7	7,5
(ASISA) Glb EQ General	9,6	0,3	24,9	23,5	9,4

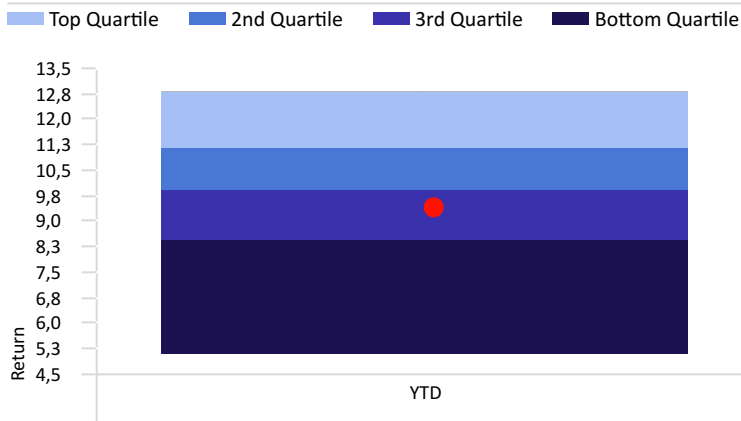
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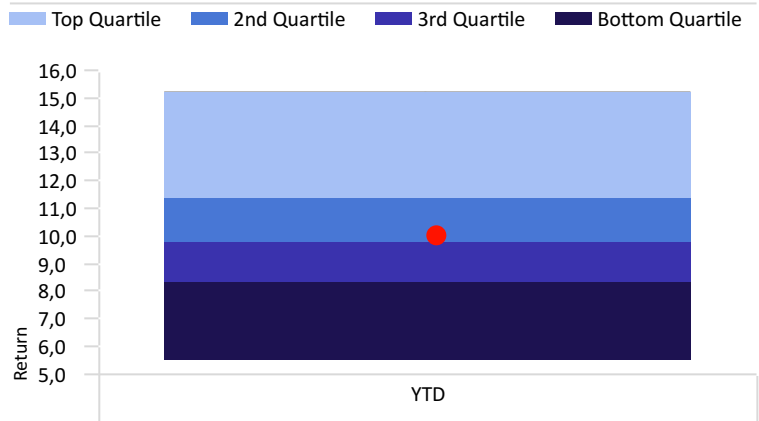
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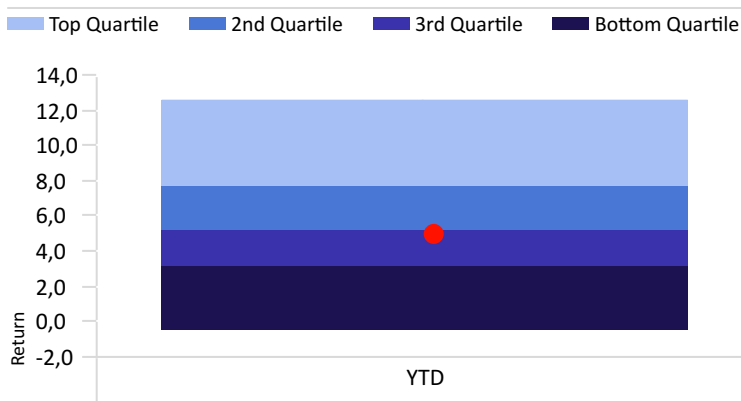
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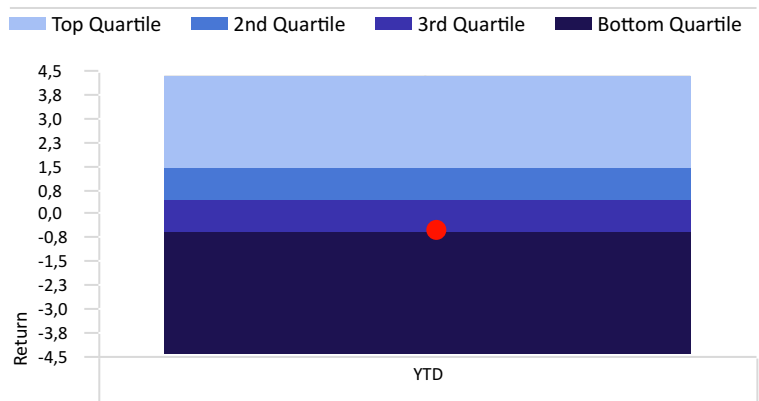
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### SA RE GENERAL



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## LOCAL COMMENTARY

After a challenging few months, the market stars aligned and kicked off a Santa Clause rally of epic proportions. In particular the latest US CPI and Core CPI prints which dropped to 3.2% and 4.0% respectively allayed fears of further Fed tightening. At the same time, weaker than expected jobs numbers indicated that tightness in the labour force is easing and should allow for disinflationary forces to remain intact.

From a performance perspective, local and global stocks and bonds rallied, and for the first time this year the breadth of the rally was broader than what we've seen throughout 2023. SA stocks and bonds delivered 8.6% and 4.7% respectively, while rate sensitive listed property gained 9.0%. An interesting point that perhaps reflects a shift in sentiment regarding rates globally is the fact that foreigners were net buyers of SA bonds for the first time since April. That said, the rand was marginally weaker during the month, losing roughly 1% against the US\$.

South Africa's annual consumer price inflation climbed to 5.9% in October from 5.4% in September, edging closer to the outside of the SA Reserve Bank's (SARB's) targeted band of 3% to 6%, marking a third consecutive increase. The figure was higher than economists expected, but dairy and egg sub-categories are the main contributors to higher inflation due to the outbreak of avian flu. Core inflation down to 4.4%. The MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) unanimously left SA's key interest rate unchanged at 8.25% for a third consecutive meeting, in line with economists' expectations. One should expect the downward trend in inflation to resume in November, with petrol inflation lowering the headline figure by just over 0.6%.

The Reserve Bank's gross domestic product outlook improved, with it forecasting 0.8% growth this year, up from 0.7%, and increased it to 1.2% next year.

The Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement presented by National Treasury was more constructive than the market had expected, with commitment to stabilise debt and to achieve a primary surplus over time, mainly through expenditure restraint.

Unsurprisingly, S&P Global Ratings kept SA's sovereign rating unchanged with a stable outlook at their most recent review. The stable outlook balances South Africa's credit strengths (including a credible central bank, deep capital markets and a flexible and actively trade currency) against its weaknesses (such as downside risks to public finances and debt and infrastructure issues). Ratings could be raised if the implementation of structural reforms is fast-tracked, resulting in structurally higher GDP growth and smaller public debt and contingent liabilities.

From a fixed income perspective, local bonds performed quite well thanks to the risk-on sentiment seen globally rather than any material changes to fundamental drivers. The belly of the curve rallied more than shorter and longer dated maturities. The market is now pricing in a 25bps cut by the MPC in by the end of the second quarter of 2024, followed by 2 further cuts in the subsequent two meetings in 2024.

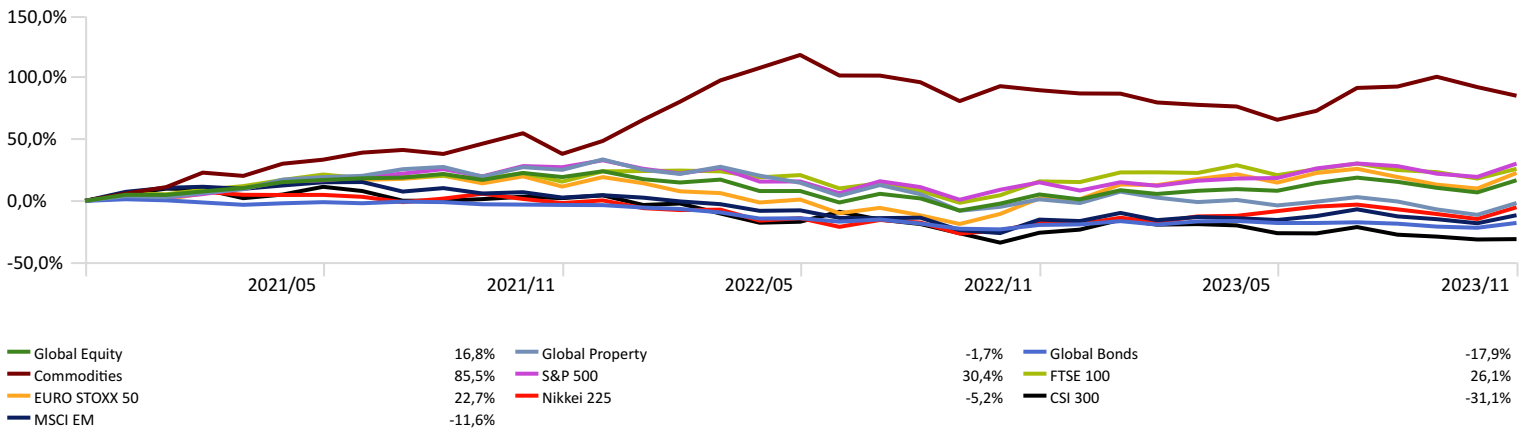
While local equities performed broadly in line with their global peers, there was a considerable divergence in returns from some of the heavyweights like Naspers and Sasol which returned +19.4% and -11.3% respectively. Naspers in particular benefited from a strong set of results from Tencent, allaying fears that China's downturn is firmly intact. Sasol on the other hand took strain thanks to a sharp drop in oil due to demand concerns while supply remains relatively high. Gold shares performed well as the dollar continued to weaken, supporting gold prices up to a high last seen in August 2020. Interest rate sensitives like banks and listed property performed well as expected with the likes of Standard Bank, FirstRand and Capitec gaining 9.5%, 9.7% and 18.5% respectively.

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## ASSET CLASS RETURNS in USD

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
Global Equity	9,2	1,1	15,4	11,0	5,3
Global Property	10,9	-1,2	0,0	-2,9	-0,6
Global Bonds	5,0	0,8	1,5	2,0	-6,4
Commodities	-3,6	-3,9	-1,0	-2,4	22,9
S&P 500	9,1	1,6	20,2	13,3	9,2
FTSE 100	6,7	0,8	9,3	8,8	8,0
EURO STOXX 50	11,5	2,8	21,1	20,1	7,1
Nikkei 225	11,2	1,8	16,8	15,4	-1,8
CSI 300	0,5	-4,9	-10,0	-7,0	-11,7
MSCI EM	8,0	1,1	5,7	4,2	-4,0

## 3 YEAR CUMULATIVE RETURNS in USD



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS IN USD

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
NASDAQ 100	36,9	31,5	31,1	31,1	29,3	20,9	3,0	-2,6	-2,6		
CSI 300	51,6	21,8	19,4	13,0	0,6	-2,2	-4,5	-2,6	-8,5	-9,9	
Nikkei 225	10,6	9,8	2,3	2,0	0,7	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,0	-14,9	
S&P 500	11,2	11,2	7,3	5,8	5,6	3,8	2,1	1,1	21,1	-15,4	
MSCI EM	37,3	33,0	32,3	28,1	28,1	25,6	22,5	21,1	18,4	7,4	
NASDAQ 100	0,0	-1,2	-4,7	-4,9	-7,9	-14,1	-14,6	-16,9	-21,9	-27,7	
NASDAQ 100	39,5	36,9	30,7	24,1	23,8	23,2	22,0	21,9	18,4	6,8	
NASDAQ 100	48,9	38,1	24,5	18,3	17,8	12,9	9,3	9,2	-7,9	-8,8	
Glb Property	30,0	28,2	27,5	17,3	14,0	7,6	9,3	9,2	-2,5	-4,7	
FTSE 100	-7,0	-16,2	-17,7	-17,7	-18,5	-19,1	-20,1	-25,8	-26,7	-32,4	
NASDAQ 100	47,0	20,2	19,1	17,4	16,8	9,3	5,7	1,5	1,0	-10,0	
S&P 500	31,5	21,8	19,4	13,0	0,6	-2,2	-4,5	-2,6	-8,5	-9,9	
Glb Property	30,0	28,2	27,5	17,3	14,0	7,6	9,3	9,2	-2,5	-4,7	
FTSE 100	-7,0	-16,2	-17,7	-17,7	-18,5	-19,1	-20,1	-25,8	-26,7	-32,4	
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S&P 500	31,5	21,8	19,4	13,0	0,6	-2,2	-4,5	-2,6	-8,5	-9,9	
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NASDAQ 100	47,0	20,2	19,1	17,4	16,8	9,3	5,7	1,5	1,0	-10,0	

## CURRENCIES vs. USD

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
EUR	3,2	0,5	2,2	6,0	-3,0
GBP	4,3	-0,1	5,2	6,3	-1,8
JPY	2,4	-1,5	-10,7	-5,6	-11,0
CNY	2,6	2,2	-2,5	0,2	-2,6

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## GLOBAL SECTORAL RETURNS

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
MSCI ACWI/Financials	10,1	4,2	9,2	6,6	8,8
MSCI ACWI/Health Care	5,7	-1,7	-0,7	-1,8	4,3
MSCI ACWI/Materials	8,9	0,5	5,2	2,4	4,5
MSCI ACWI/Real Estate	—	—	—	—	—
MSCI ACWI/Technology	13,6	5,2	44,5	33,2	10,7
MSCI ACWI/Industrials	10,3	0,2	13,4	11,1	5,6
MSCI ACWI/Cons Staples	4,4	-2,3	-0,3	-1,7	2,2
MSCI ACWI/Cons Discretionary	10,0	-0,8	23,2	14,4	-1,4
MSCI ACWI/Energy	0,9	-0,9	4,4	0,6	25,4

## MSCI ACWI Contributors YTD (Approximate)

	Weight	Return	Contribution
Microsoft Corp	4,0	59,4	2,1
Apple Inc	5,0	47,0	2,0
NVIDIA Corp	1,6	220,2	1,6
Amazon.com Inc	2,0	73,9	1,2
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	1,0	171,9	1,0
Tesla Inc	1,1	94,9	0,7
Alphabet Inc Class A	1,3	50,2	0,5
Alphabet Inc Class C	1,2	50,9	0,5
Eli Lilly and Co	0,7	63,1	0,4
Broadcom Inc	0,6	68,6	0,3

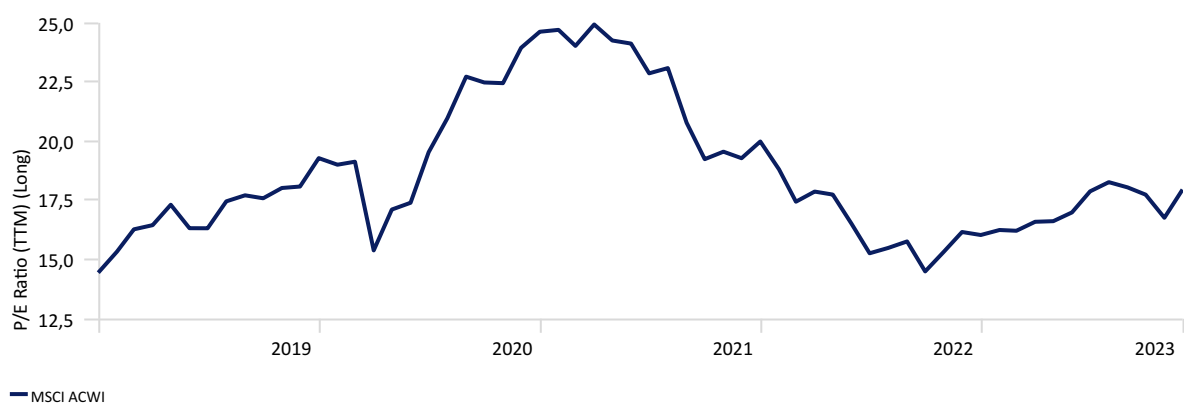
## MSCWI ACWI Detractors YTD (Approximate)

	Weight	Return	Contribution
Pfizer Inc	0,4	-37,8	-0,2
Chevron Corp	0,6	-16,8	-0,1
NextEra Energy Inc	0,3	-28,0	-0,1
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	0,3	-28,9	-0,1
Johnson & Johnson	0,8	-9,8	-0,1
Moderna Inc	0,1	-56,7	-0,1
CVS Health Corp	0,2	-24,7	-0,1
Charles Schwab Corp	0,2	-25,1	-0,1
The Estee Lauder Companies Inc Class A	0,1	-47,7	-0,1
AIA Group Ltd	0,2	-20,8	-0,1

## Current MSCI AC Metrics

P/E	17,8
P/B	3,0
P/EBITDA	23,1
P/Cash Flow	11,1
P/S	2,8
Debt/Capital	38,7

## Historical P/E



## MARKET CAP RETURNS

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
MSCI ACWI Small Cap	9,4	-2,1	7,3	4,0	2,9
MSCI ACWI Mid Cap	10,0	-0,2	8,0	5,0	2,5
MSCI ACWI Large Cap	9,1	1,9	18,2	13,3	6,3

## STYLE BASED RETURNS

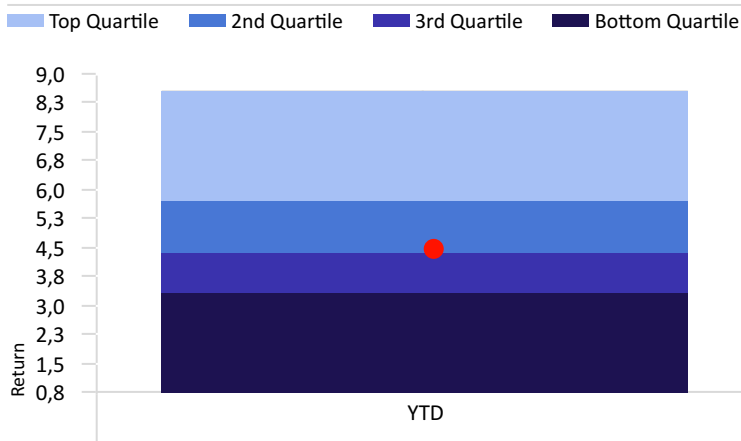
	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
MSCI ACWI Value	7,3	0,9	6,1	3,6	6,9
MSCI ACWI Growth	11,0	2,2	27,8	20,7	3,9

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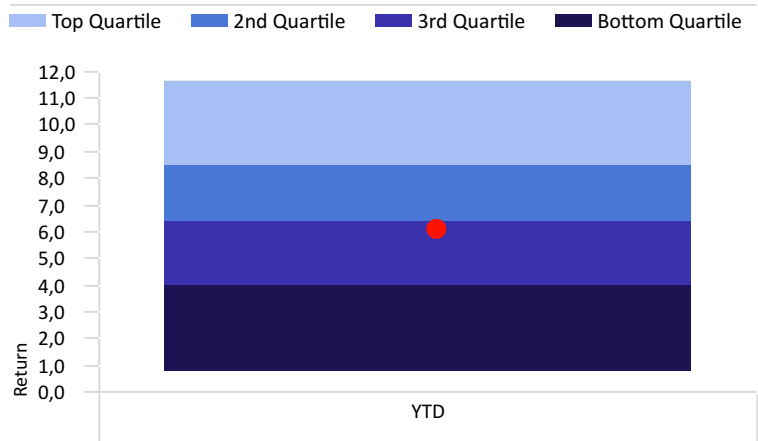
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	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	*3 Years
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(ASISA) Glb MA Flex	6,5	0,1	7,6	7,1	0,7
(ASISA) Glb MA High EQ	7,0	0,2	7,2	6,4	0,5
(ASISA) Glb EQ General	8,4	0,3	12,1	10,8	2,2
EAA USD Cautious Allocation	3,9	0,9	4,5	3,2	-1,0
EAA USD Moderate Allocation	5,7	0,6	6,2	4,8	0,1
EAA USD Flexible Allocation	5,6	0,7	6,3	4,6	0,6
EAA USD Diversified Bond - ST	1,4	1,6	4,2	4,7	0,6
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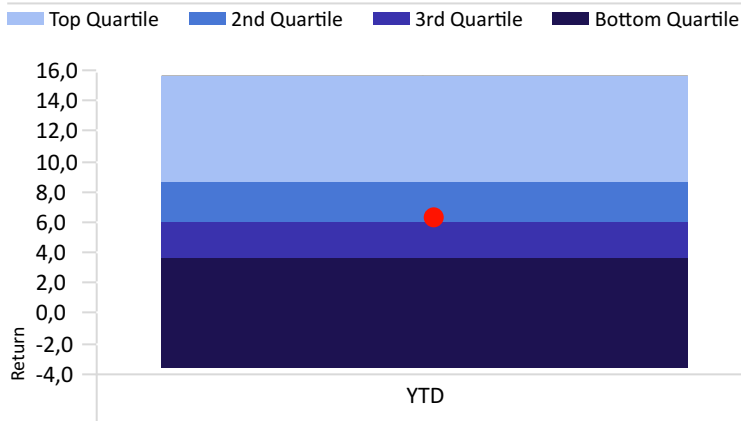
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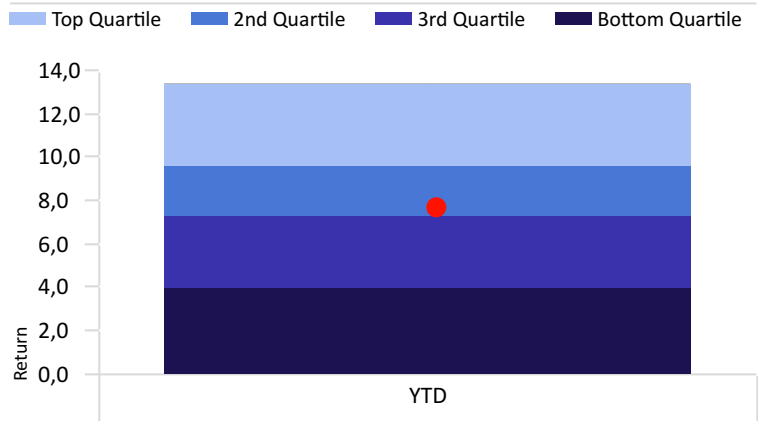
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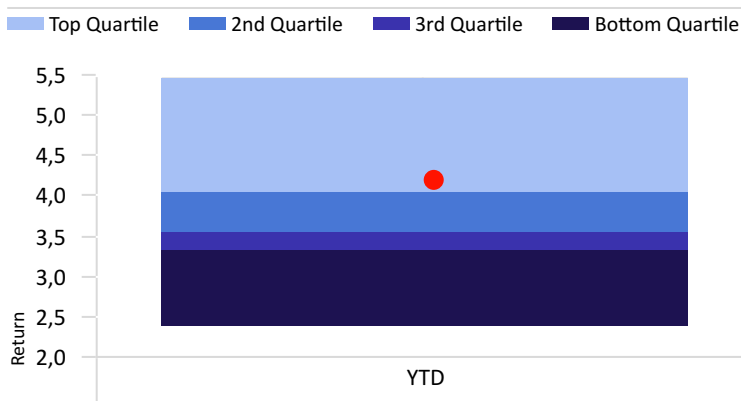
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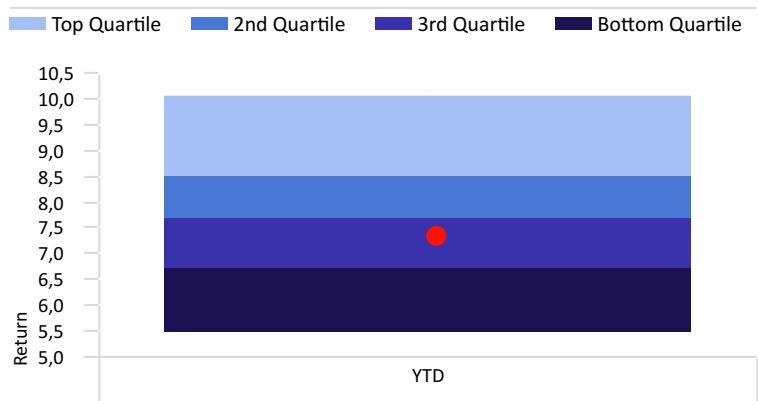
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### EAA USD DIVERSIFIED BOND - SHORT TERM



### EAA USD HIGH YIELD BOND



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## OFFSHORE COMMENTARY

Markets ended November on a positive footing due to tentative signs of economic moderation in the US and falling inflation across developed markets. Data releases broadly supported the view that central banks have reached the peak of their tightening cycles, aiding both equities and fixed income.

**Inflation and Monetary Policy:** The market reacted positively to the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) for October, which came in lower than anticipated. This drop in headline and core inflation was primarily driven by decreased energy and gasoline prices, alongside reduced travel costs and hotel rates.

**Economic Indicators:** While overall economic data remained strong, there were indications of a slowing US economy. Increases in initial and continuing jobless claims, a slight decline in retail spending, and mixed signals from the Empire State manufacturing survey pointed towards a cooling economic climate. The UK also reported a larger-than-expected decrease in inflation rates, potentially influencing the Monetary Policy Committee's approach to interest rates.

**European Economic Climate:** Eurostat's flash CPI release for November in Europe indicated a slowdown in both headline and core inflation rates, primarily due to lower energy costs. Despite this progress, the European Central Bank's meeting minutes indicated continued vigilance towards inflation risks.

**Asian Market Performance:** In Asia, particularly China, the macroeconomic data was more positive than expected, with a notable increase in retail sales. However, the housing market continued to be a drag on the Chinese economy.

**Global Geopolitical Developments:** The meeting between the leaders of China and the US concluded with several agreements, particularly in the areas of energy transition and climate change, hinting at potentially reduced tensions between the two global powers.

## Equities

Throughout November, major stock indexes, especially in the US, observed noticeable gains. The S&P 500 index in the US notably increased by 9.1%. A key highlight of the month was the performance of growth stocks, particularly in the technology sector, which exceeded that of their value-based counterparts on a global scale.

## Bonds

The bond market witnessed a downward trend in yields. The US 10-year Treasury yield, for instance, saw a decline to below 4.4% from its October peak of around 5%. In Europe, this trend was mirrored with a decrease in the German 10-year yield by approximately 20 basis points, and a slight tightening in the BTP-Bund spread, buoyed by a favorable update in Italian sovereign debt ratings.

## Commodities

Commodity prices saw a contraction from their highs in October. Notably, Brent crude oil prices dropped to \$80 per barrel, influenced by an increase in US supply and the non-compliance of OPEC+ members with their production quotas. Natural gas prices also decreased by 15%, a reflection of anticipated reduced demand due to factors like economic slowdown expectations, mild weather, and high storage levels in Europe.

**Equities and Fixed Income Outlook:** In the equities market, ongoing economic momentum, especially in the US, along with tight labour markets, fuelled investor optimism for a soft economic landing. In the fixed income market, hopes for future rate cuts led to a reversal of previous losses, particularly in core government bonds.

## Conclusion

November was a month that offered some respite to investors, with both bonds and equities recording gains. This was primarily due to data suggesting a possible end to the tightening cycle of most developed market central banks. While it might be premature for interest rate cuts, the likelihood of a halt in policy rate hikes presents an opportunity for core bonds to offer diversification in a potentially disinflationary recession scenario.



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