



Investment Philosophy

Traditional Beta

The key pillar



$$\text{Expected Return} = \text{Risk Free Rate (cash)} + \text{Beta} + \text{Alpha}$$

- Alpha is a zero-sum game, so for the industry:

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1st pillar of portfolio theory:

- Equity market beta goes up through time

2nd pillar of portfolio theory:

- For the vast majority of investment portfolios equity market beta must be diversified

3rd pillar of portfolio theory:

- Bond market beta (duration) can be used as the sole diversifier to equity market beta

Not-So-Alternative Beta



Diversification

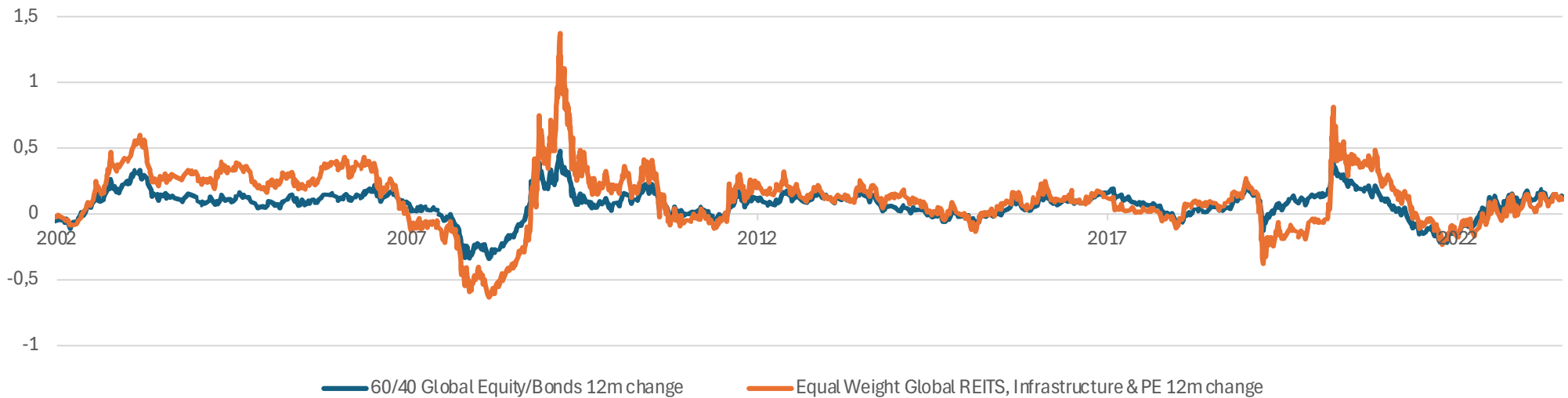
The three principals of alternative investing:

1. Cost
2. Liquidity
3. Correlation

Traditional 'alternative' betas fail on at least 2/3:

Property	liquidity & correlation
PE	liquidity, cost & correlation
Infrastructure	liquidity & correlation

60/40 vs Traditional Alternatives

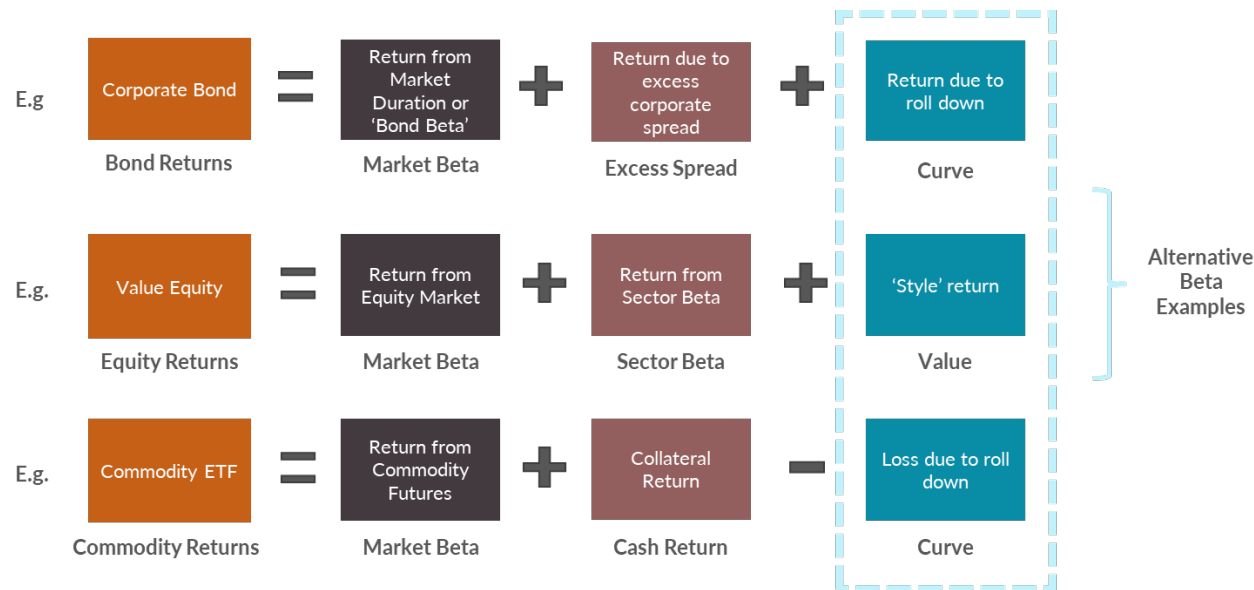


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Alternative Beta

Diversifiers

- Assumed negative correlation between equity and bond beta cannot be relied upon
- Numerous other sources of risk and return available to investors, look for those with:
 1. Persistence of return
 2. Low correlation



Screens:

1. Statistical
2. Fundamental

Constructing portfolios

Investment Axis

$$\text{Expected Return} = \text{Risk Free Rate (cash)} + \text{Traditional Beta} + \text{Alternative Betas}$$



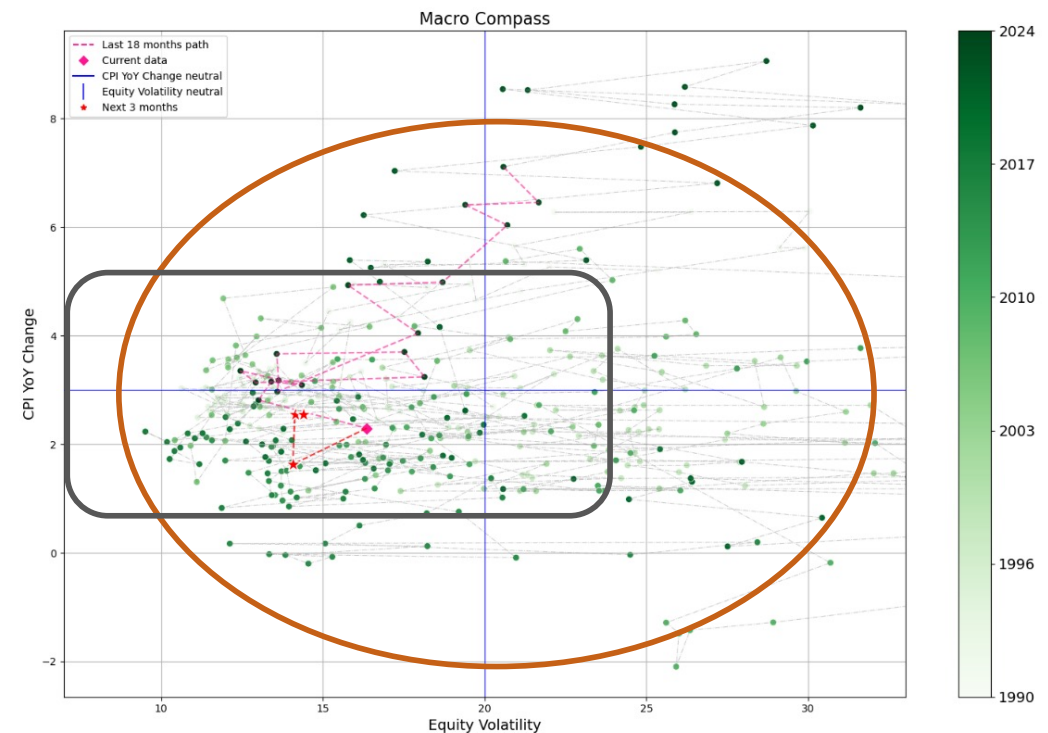
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Portfolios of equity beta have 2 common enemies:

- **Consumer price uncertainty**
- **Asset price uncertainty**

The actions of policy makers globally to quell asset price volatility have introduced real price instability which itself will eventually lead back to asset price instability

Construct all-weather portfolios that can perform across the cycle including the two instabilities that unsettle equity market beta



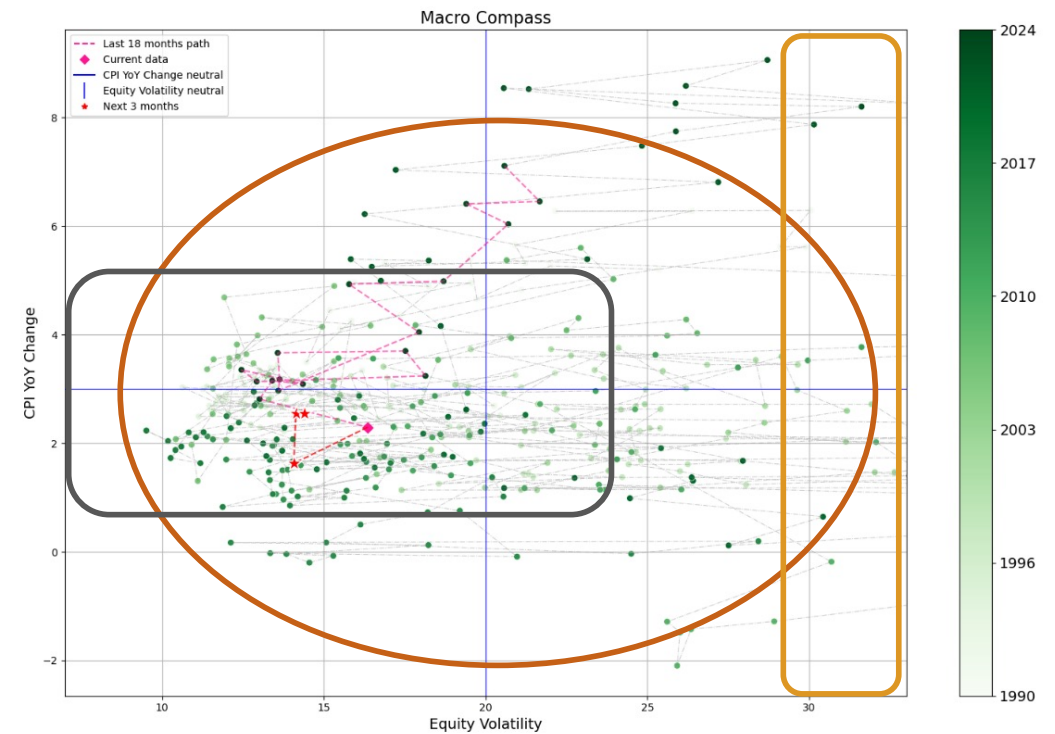
Anti-Beta

Protection

$$\text{Expected Return} = \text{Risk Free Rate (cash)} + \text{Traditional Beta} + \text{Alternative Betas} - \text{Protection}$$



- For periods of extreme price instability, some hedging may be required
- If equity market beta goes up through time then equity market beta hedges go down through time
- Therefore, they require targeted and active management in order to hedge efficiently



Summary

Liquid Alternatives



- ◆ Outcomes – giving investors the ability to achieve genuinely diversified risk and return outcomes
- ◆ Liquidity – highly liquid investments translating into genuine daily liquidity across solutions and funds
- ◆ Cost – highly competitive through use of derivatives and structuring of funds

Liquid Alternatives



Income Portfolio

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Process

- I. Identify Sovereign / SSA / IG Corp falling within investment guidelines of fund
- II. Allocate the majority of the portfolio in Sovereigns & SSAs
- III. Issuances must be BBB or above i.e. not simply IG
- IV. Names also screened on 1 year CDS spread
- V. Overall duration set to ~ 0.5 to mitigate rate sensitivity
- VI. Overall IG Corporate credit sensitivity ~ 0.5
- VII. UCITS concentration limits enforce single issuer diversification across the Fund

1YR GBP SONIA Swap Rate



iTraxx Main (IG) CDS Spread



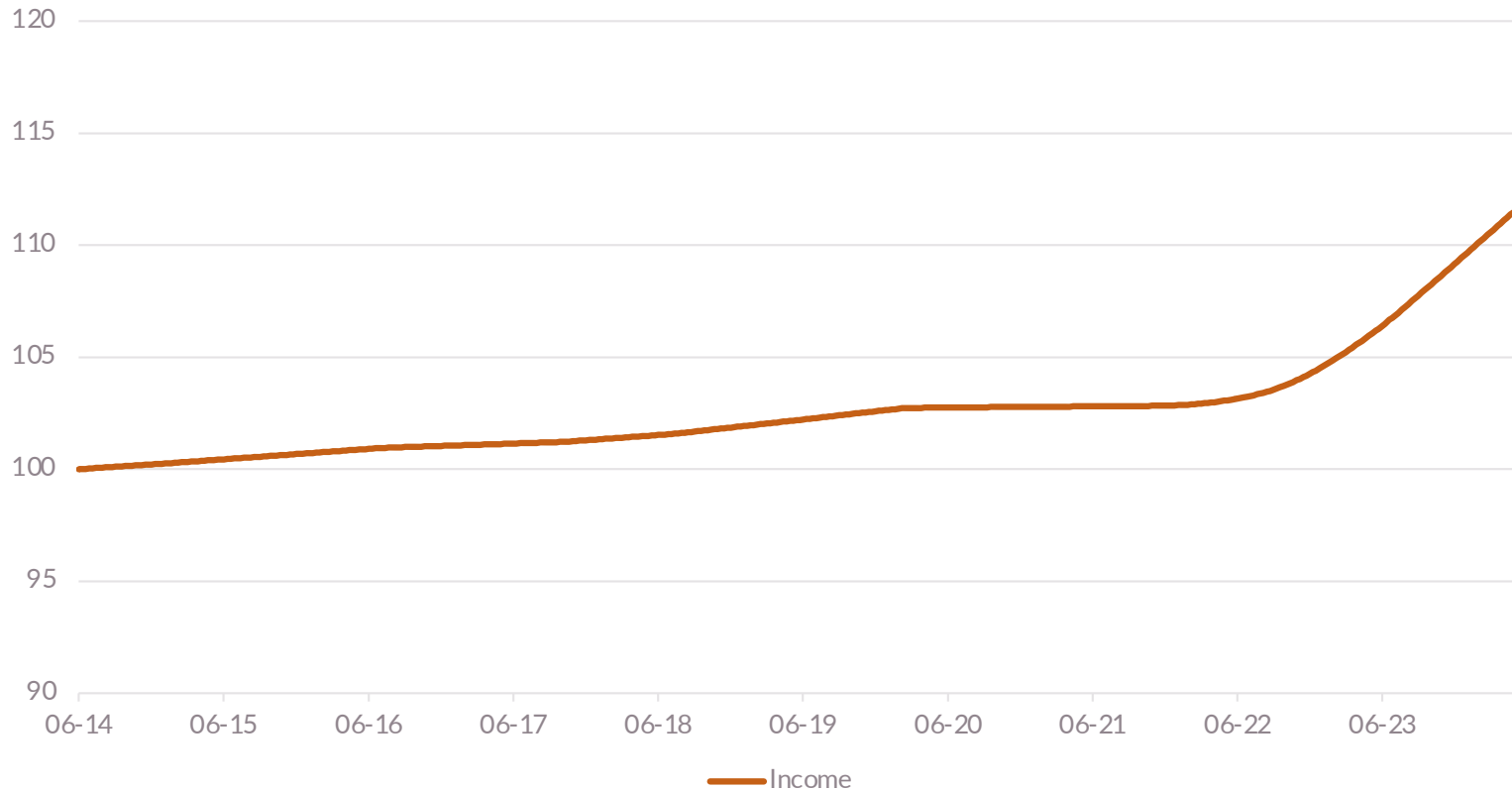
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Income Portfolio



Performance



10yr Summary Rturns ¹	
Annualised returns	1.1%
Average volatility	0.1%

Correlations ¹	
MSCI World Net Total Return Index	0.00
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	-0.01
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-0.02

- Assets providing a known yield
- Income bucket yield now material as yields have increased
- Known yields mean the portfolio should have reasonably defined expected returns at fund level

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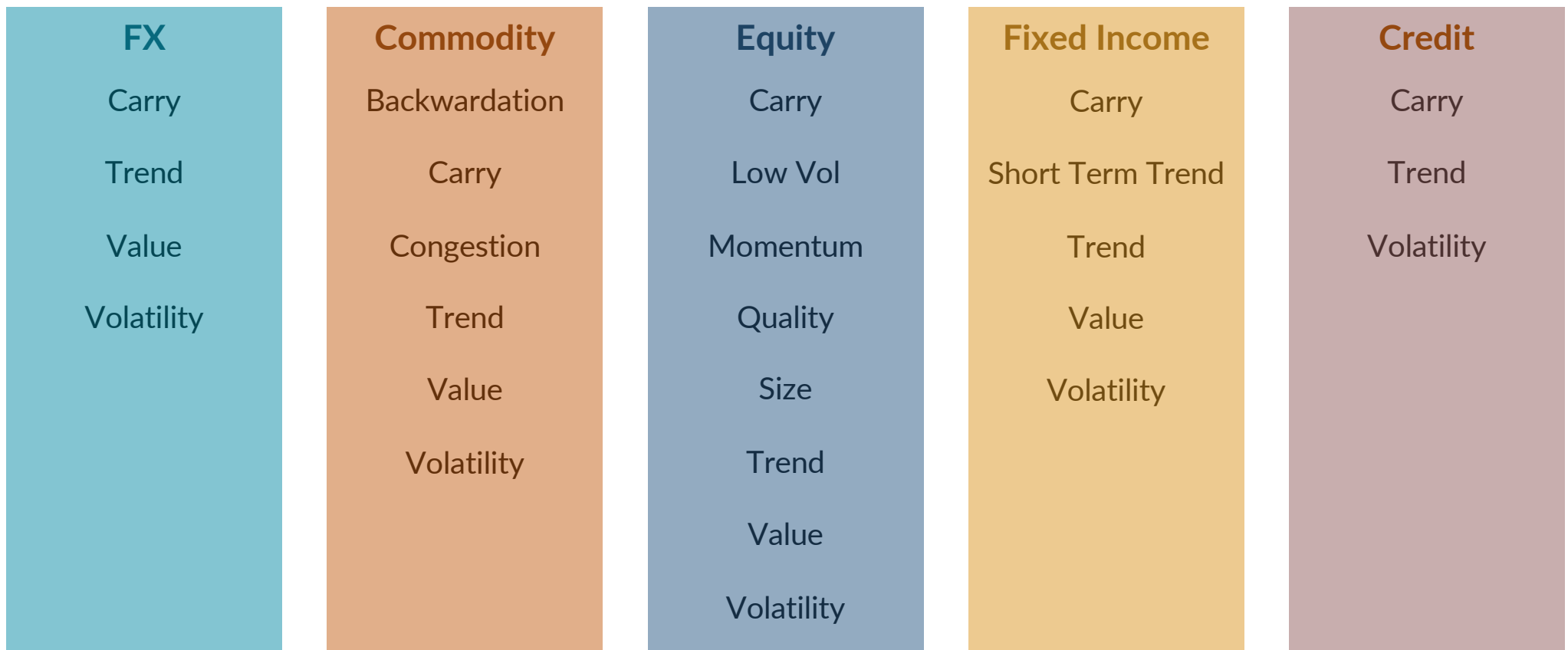


Diversifier & Protection Overlay

Diversifiers

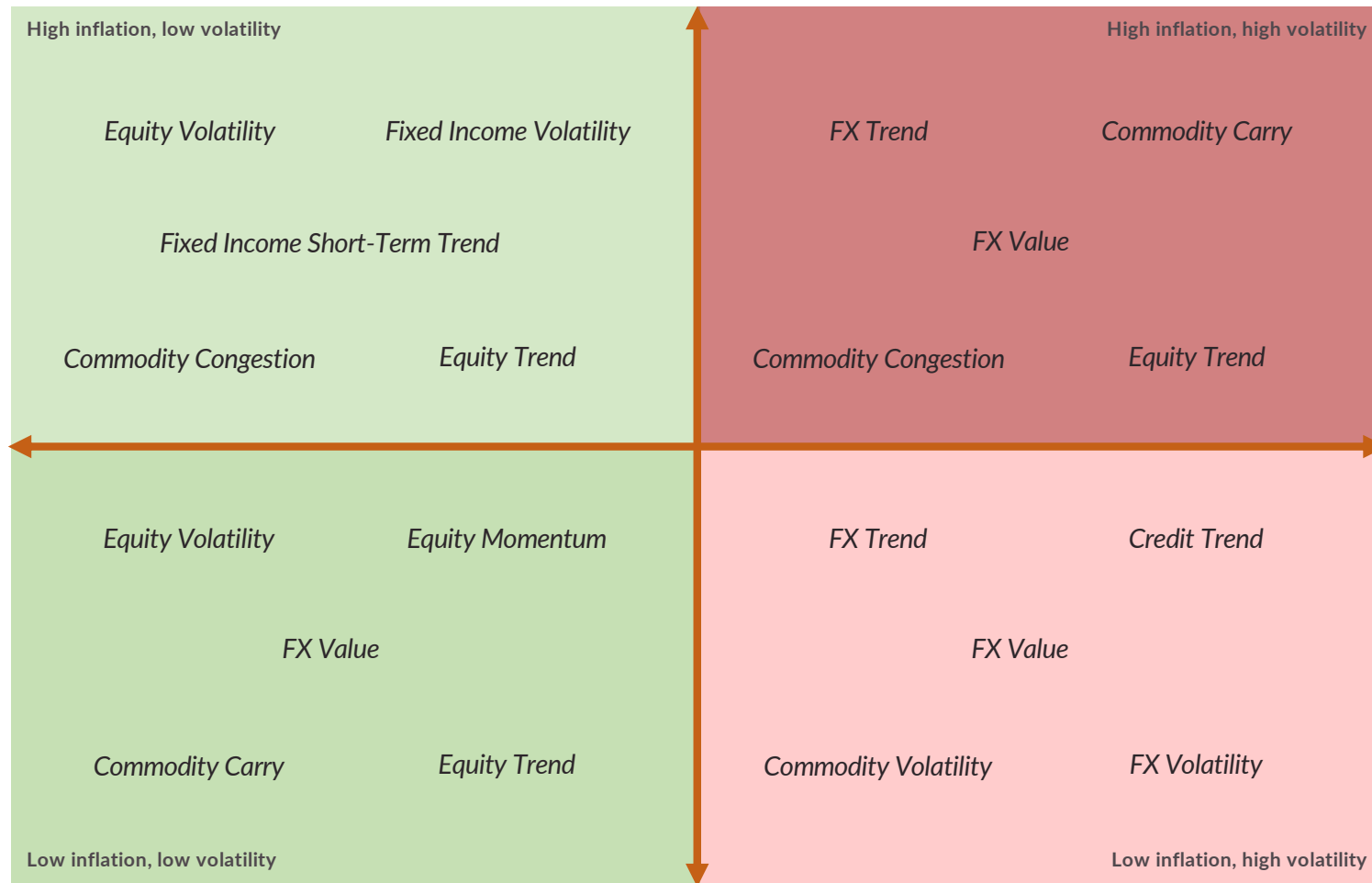
Our universe

- 26 factors across 5 asset classes, created by grouping and doing PCAs on over 4,000 strategies.



Diversifiers

True alternatives for a 60/40





Protection Portfolio

Protection Portfolio



Performance



10yr Summary Returns¹

Annualised returns	-3.26%
Average volatility	4.48%

Correlations¹

MSCI World Net Total Return Index	-0.89
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	0.00
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-0.26

- Max spend 2% pa
- Investments providing convexity in left tail events
- Utilising Fortem’s combined decades of derivatives expertise and experience to access in most efficient way
- Examples of protection strategies include rolling puts, credit default swaps

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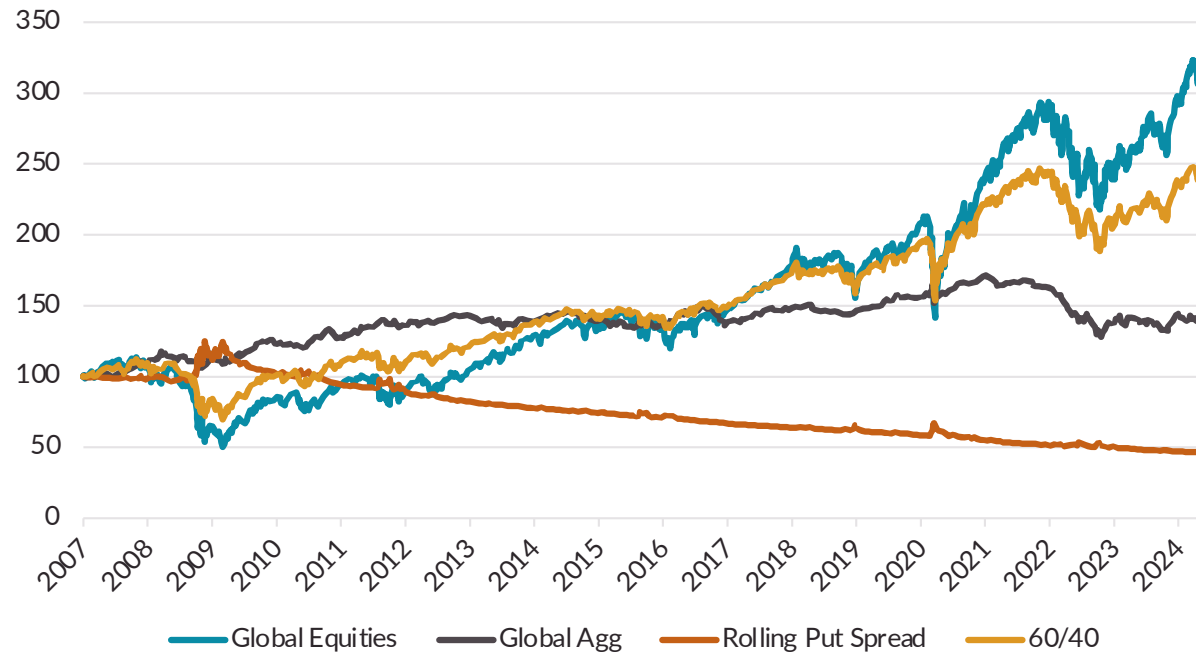
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Put Spreads

Performance



Put Spread vs Traditional Asset Classes



	60/40	Put Spread
Total Performance	151.47%	-53.73%
Annualised Performance	5.41%	-4.31%
Annualised Volatility	10.74%	7.76%
Return/Vol	0.50	-0.56
Max DD	-39.33%	-62.36%

	Global Equities	Global Agg	Rolling Put Spread	60/40
Global Equities	1.00	0.05	-0.84	0.98
Global Agg	0.05	1.00	0.03	0.31
Rolling Put Spread	0.98	0.31	1.00	-0.80
60/40	-0.84	0.03	-0.80	1.00

- The above is a rolling put spread index which continuously buys 90% delta puts.
- As outlined in our investment philosophy, if equity market beta goes up through time then equity market beta hedges go down through time. Therefore, they require targeted and active management to hedge efficiently

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