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2026 Half-Year Update

July 2026

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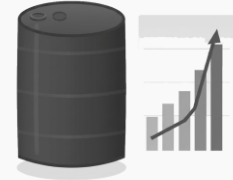
Precious Metals Sell-Off

Gold, Platinum & Silver
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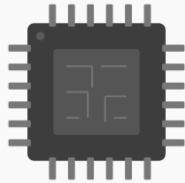
Oil Price Shock

Iran conflict drives
energy volatility



Chip Stocks In Focus

Computer hardware
reshaping markets



Data Center Buildout

Infrastructure investment
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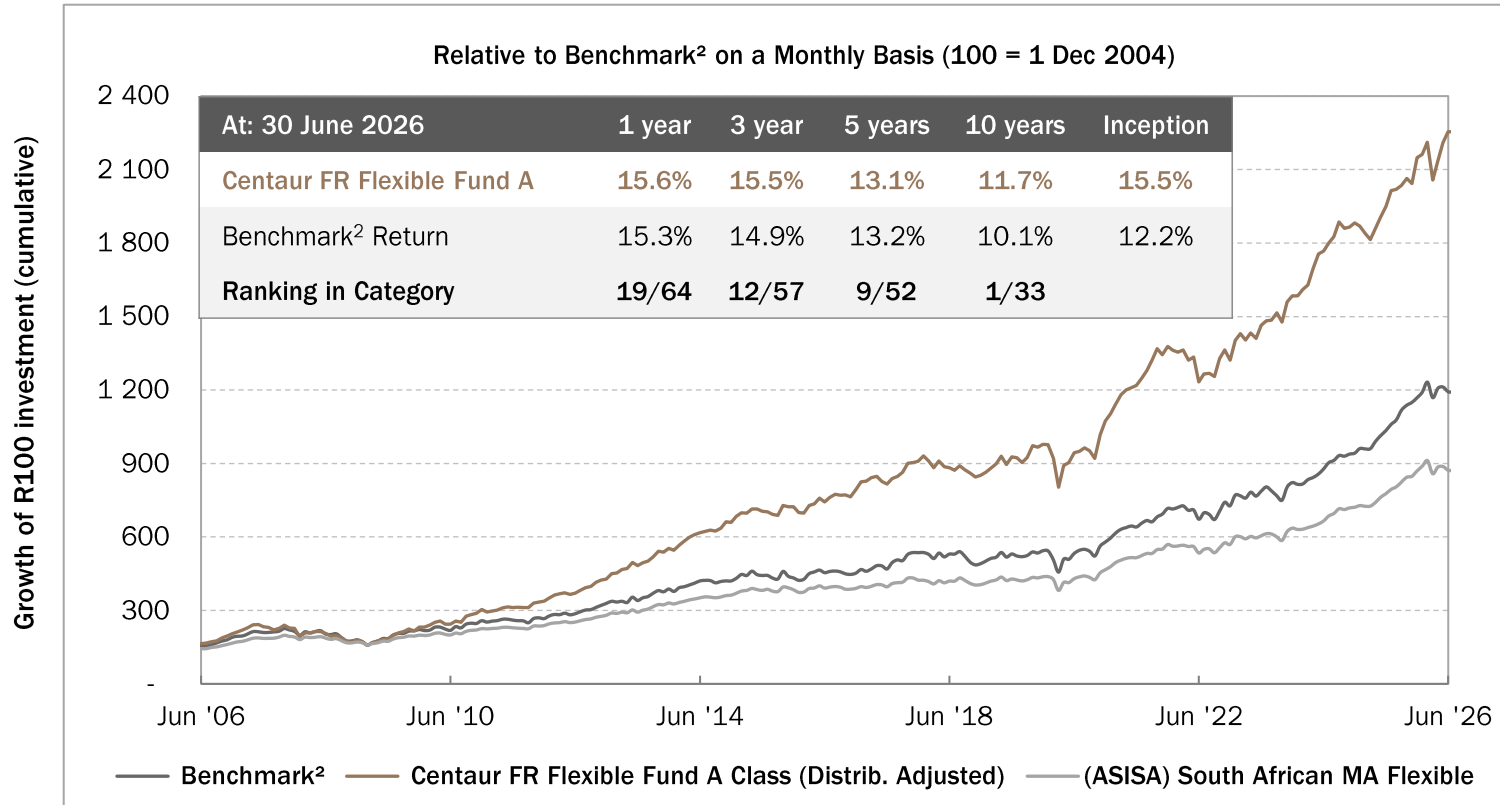


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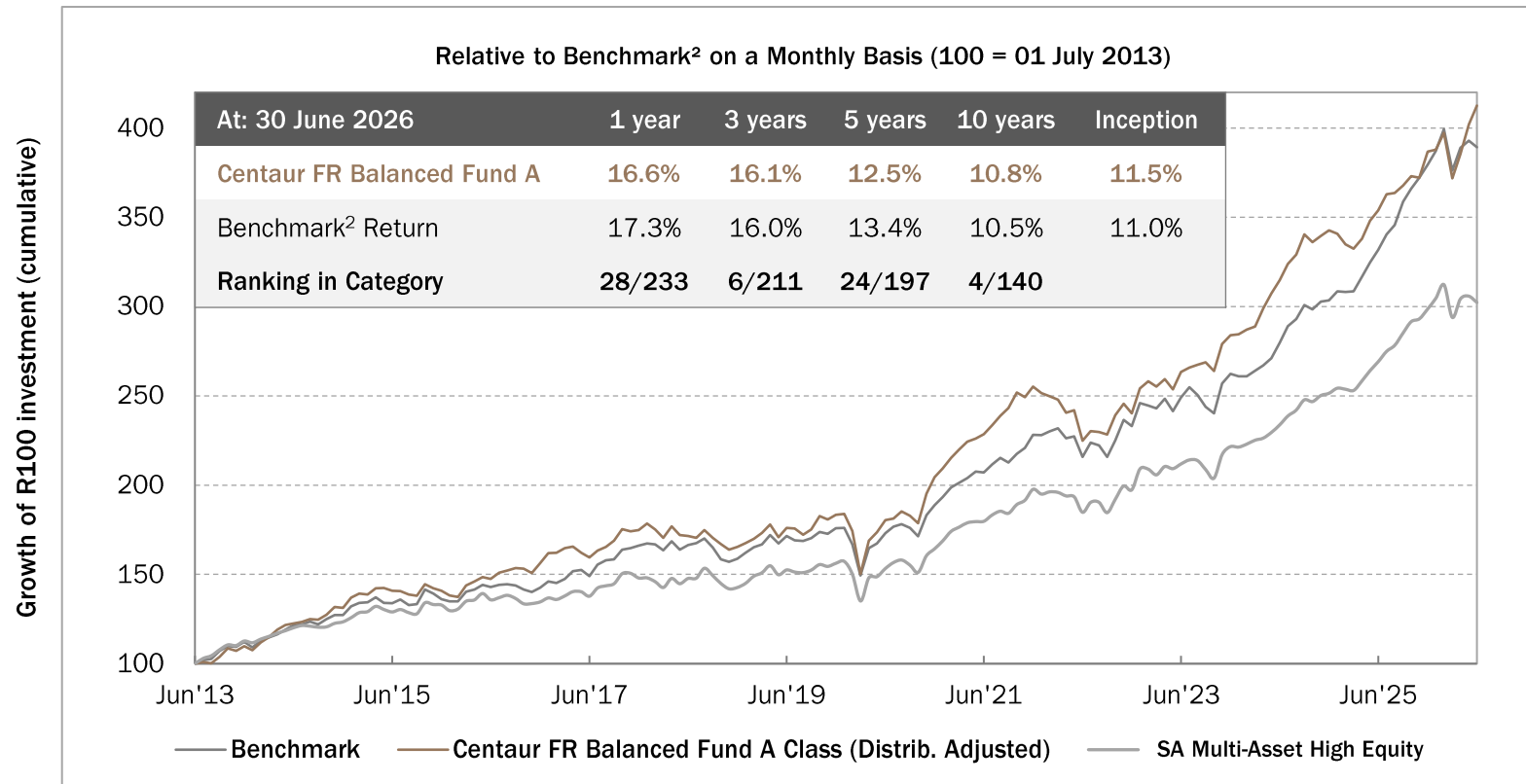
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Centaur FR Flexible Fund A – Performance Since Inception¹



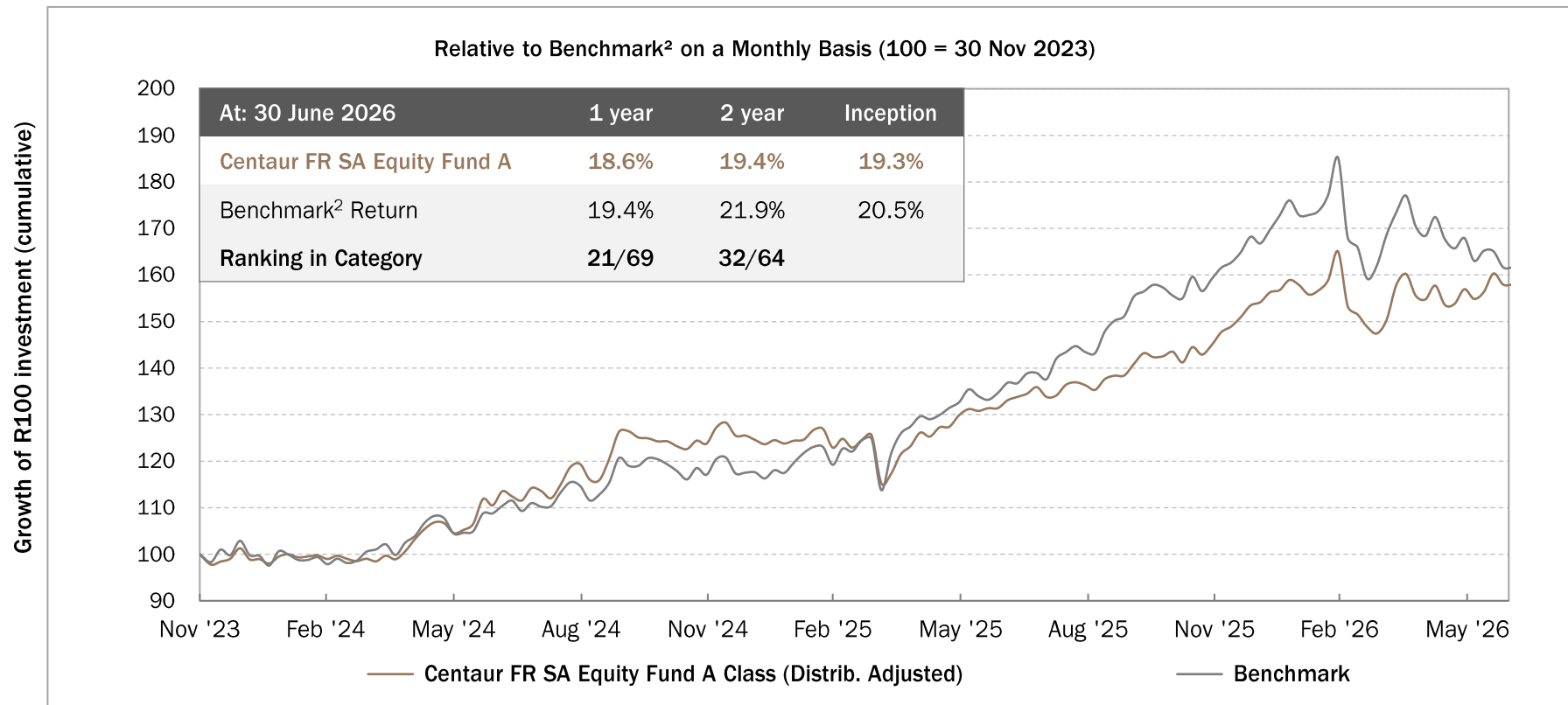
Source: Apex, Moneymate and Centaur, at 30 June 2026. ¹Inception Date: 01 Dec'04. ²Benchmark Composite of 50% FTSE JSE Capped All Share Index (J303T), 30% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure Index (MSDMTUN) and 20% SteFI FundRock Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("FR") is a registered Manager of the FundRock Collective Investments Scheme, approved in terms of the Collective Investments Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002. Collective Investment Schemes in securities are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go up or down and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The full details and basis of the awards are available from the Manager. A schedule of fees, charges, maximum commissions, and rankings is available on request. Investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated by taking actual initial fees and ongoing fees into account for amount shown with income reinvested on reinvestment dates. Annualised return is weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured. Highest and lowest calendar year performance for A class since inception (31 December 2024): High 46.7 Low -20.3.

Centaur FR Balanced Fund A – Performance Since Inception¹



Source: Apex, Moneymate and Centaur, 30 June 2026. ¹Inception: 1 July 2013. ²Benchmark: 25% FTSE JSE All Bond Index (ALBTR), 40% FTSE JSE Capped All Share Index (J303T), 24% Morningstar Developed Markets Target Market Exposure Index (MSDMTMUN) and 11% SteFI, calculated over a rolling 2-year period. FundRock Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("FR") is a registered Manager of the FundRock Collective Investments Scheme, approved in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002. Collective Investment Schemes in securities are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go up or down and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. A schedule of fees, charges, maximum commissions, and rankings is available on request. The full details and basis of the awards are available from the Manager. Investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated by taking actual initial fees and ongoing fees into account for amount shown with income reinvested on reinvestment dates. Annualised return is weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured. Highest and lowest calendar year performance for since inception: High 24.8% Low -5.8%.

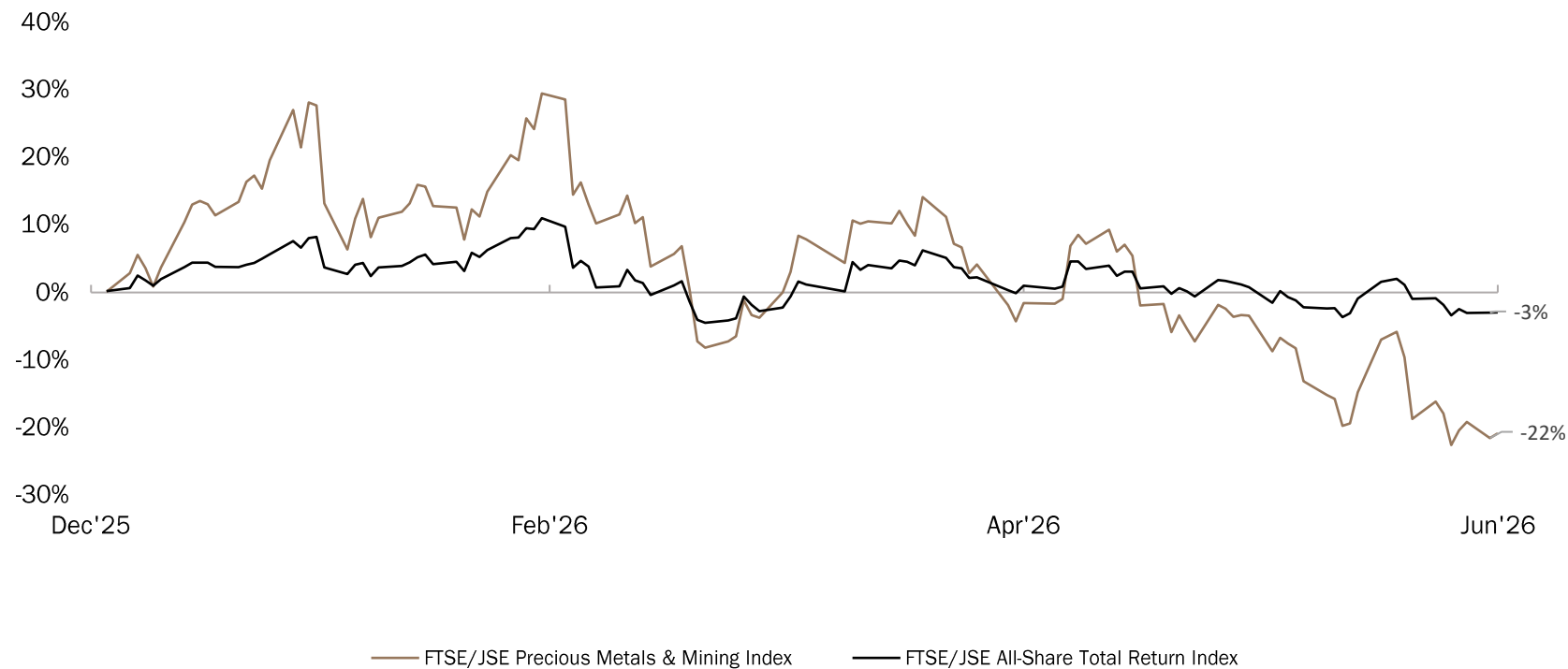
Centaur FR SA Equity Fund A – Performance Since Inception¹



Source: Apex, Moneymate and Centaur, at 30 June 2026. ¹Inception Date: 30 Nov'23. ²Benchmark: FTSE JSE Capped All Share Index (J303T). FundRock Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("FR") is a registered Manager of the FundRock Collective Investments Scheme, approved in terms of the Collective Investments Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002. Collective Investment Schemes in securities are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go up or down and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The full details and basis of the awards are available from the Manager. A schedule of fees, charges, maximum commissions, and rankings is available on request. Investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated by taking actual initial fees and ongoing fees into account for amount shown with income reinvested on reinvestment dates. Annualised return is weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured. Highest and lowest calendar year performance since inception: High 23.6 Low 23.6.

Local Market Drivers Are Turning

JSE Index Total Returns in 2026



SA Macro-Economic Outlook Looks More Constructive

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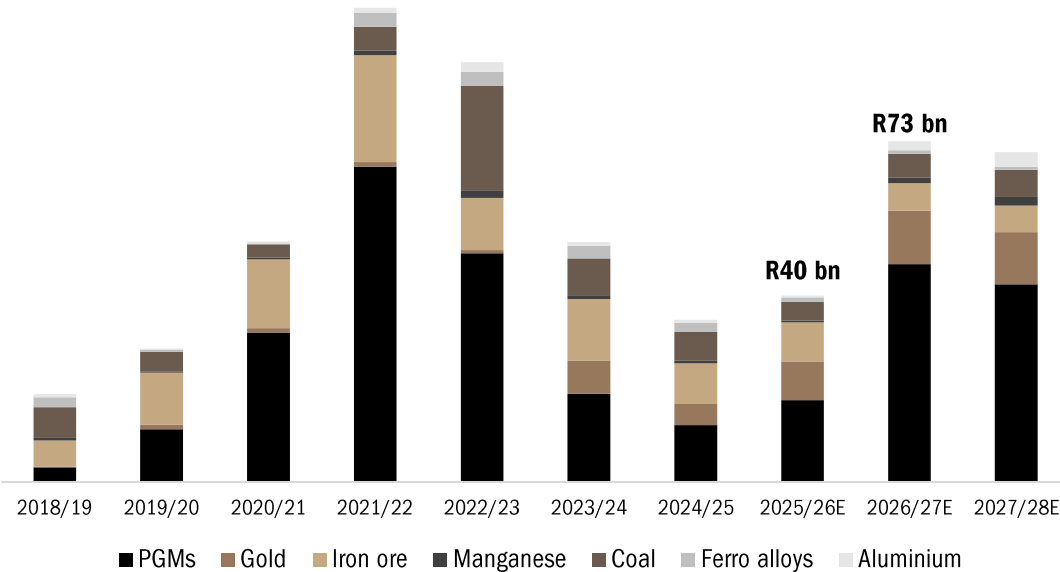
- Strong fiscal position
- Rate cuts should eventually resume
- Valuations remain attractive
- Oil and fertilizer prices back to pre-war levels

▼ BEAR

- Political succession uncertainty
- Low consumer and investor confidence
- Weak municipalities dragging on growth
- Exposed to global shocks

Precious Metals – Improved Fiscal Position

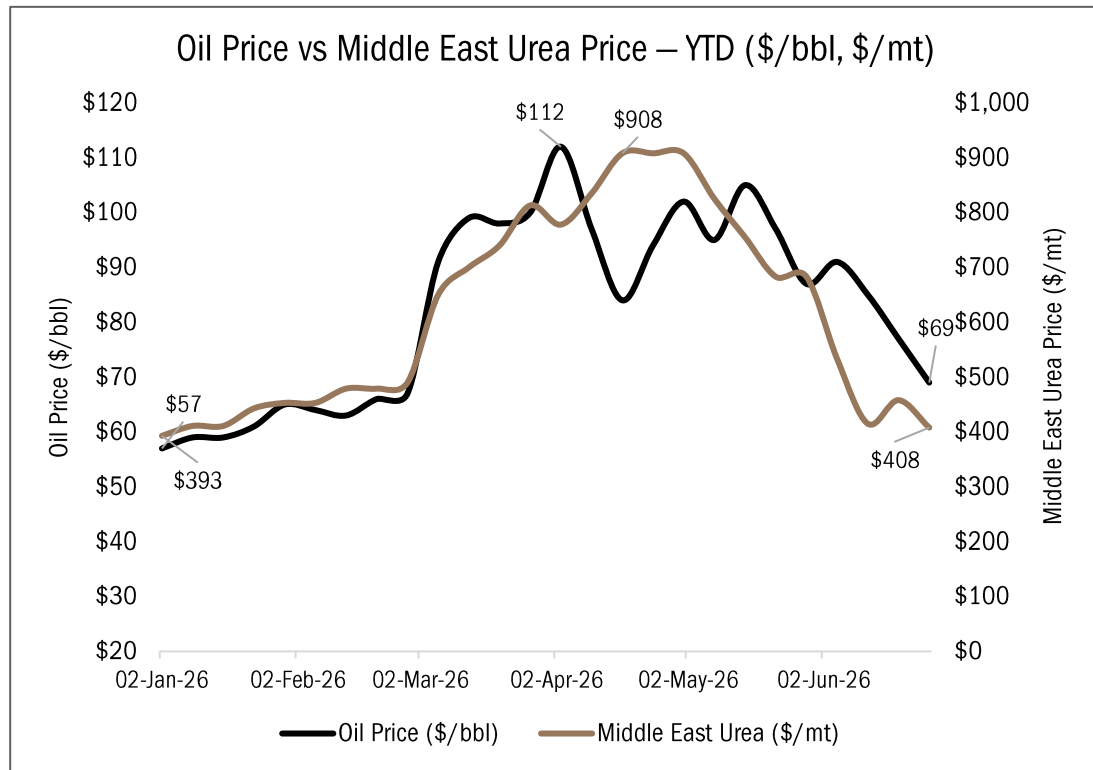
SA cash tax & state royalties paid (Rm): June-26 spot prices



- Higher commodity prices add R33bn in mining tax and royalties at spot.
- Windfall taxes support fiscal consolidation, more stable debt path, and funded temporary fuel levy relief (R17bn).
- Supports trade balance and stronger rand.

Source: National Treasury, company sources, RMB Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Energy Prices Back To Pre-Middle Eastern Conflict Levels

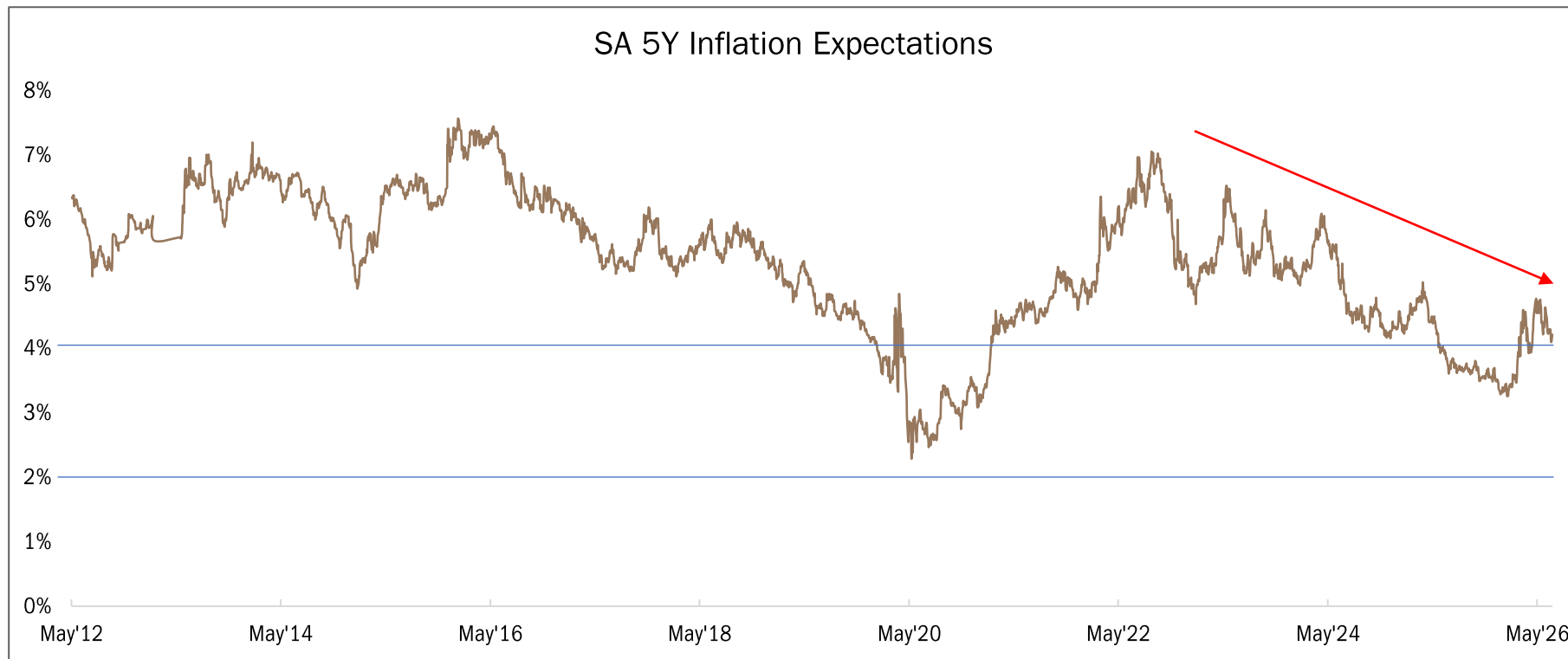


Source: Bloomberg, 30 June '26

Middle Eastern tensions easing:

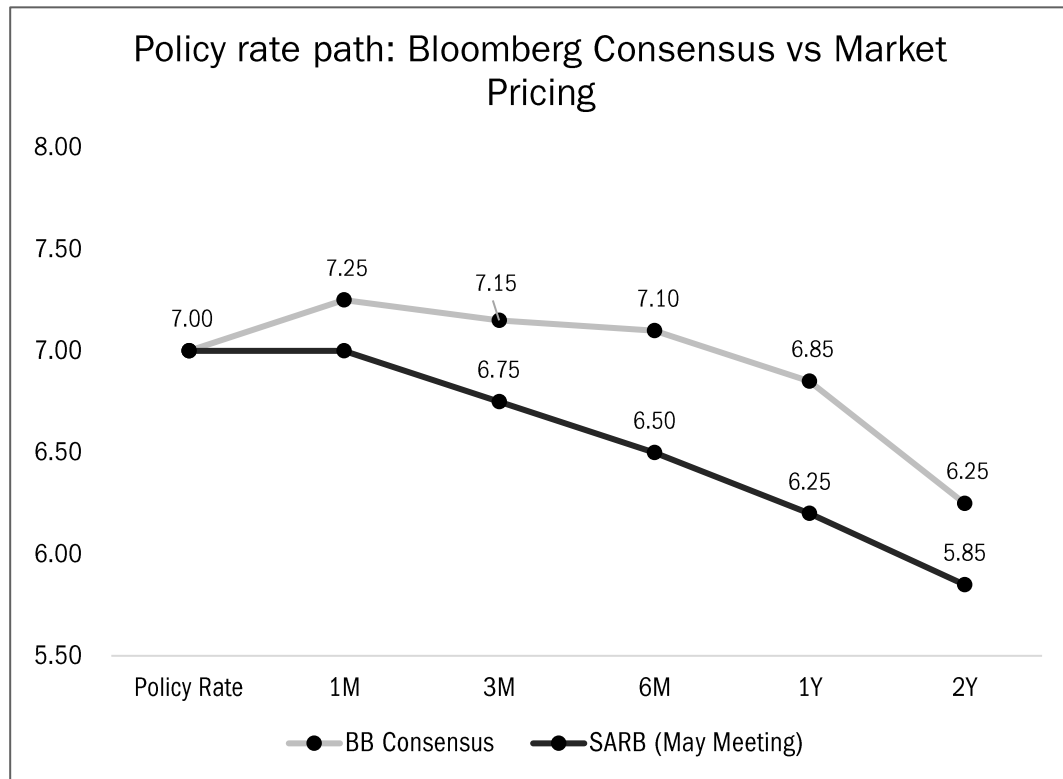
- Ships resuming transit through Strait of Hormuz rapidly.
- Scenario where eventual oil surplus larger than before.
- Lower oil eases CPI headwind.

Long-term Inflation Expectations Moderating



Source: Bloomberg, 30 June '26

SA Interest Rate Outlook



Source: Bloomberg, 30 June '26

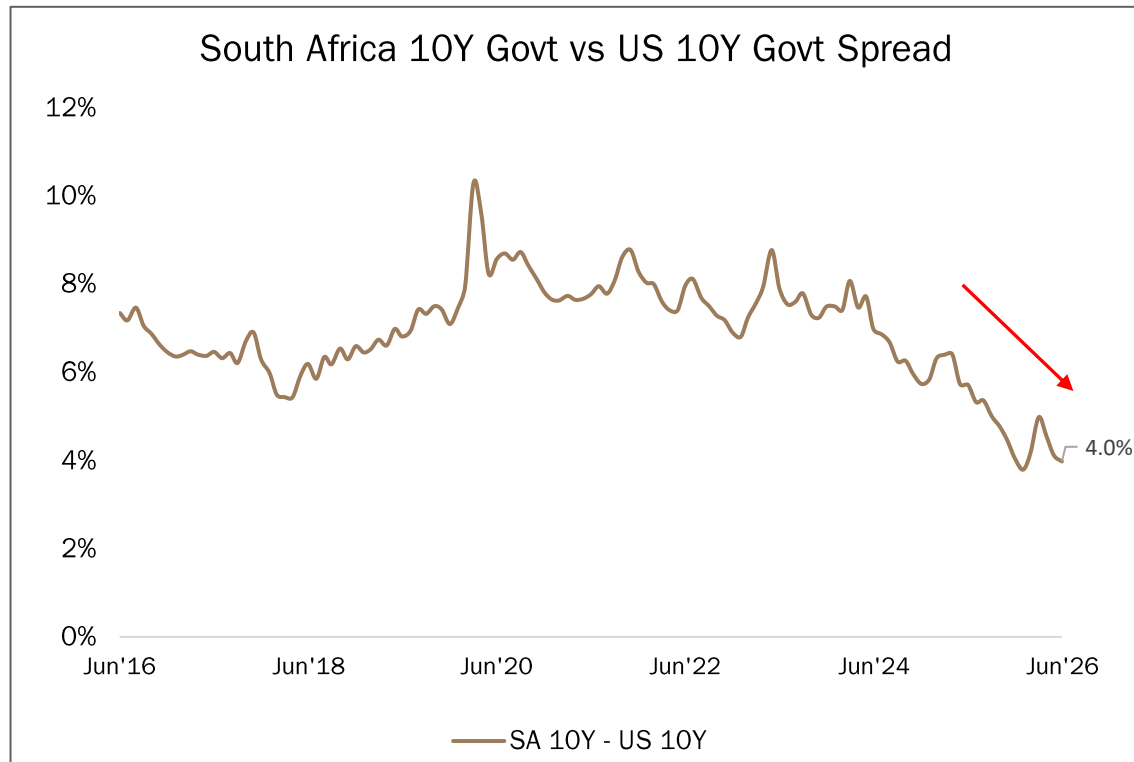
Backdrop:

- Net 75bps rate cuts expected by end of next year.

Should lead to:

- Increased consumer discretionary income.
- Lower discount rates = Valuation uplift for SA equities.
- Lower government funding as bond rates fall.
- Corporate earnings boosted as financing costs fall.

What About Our Bond Market?

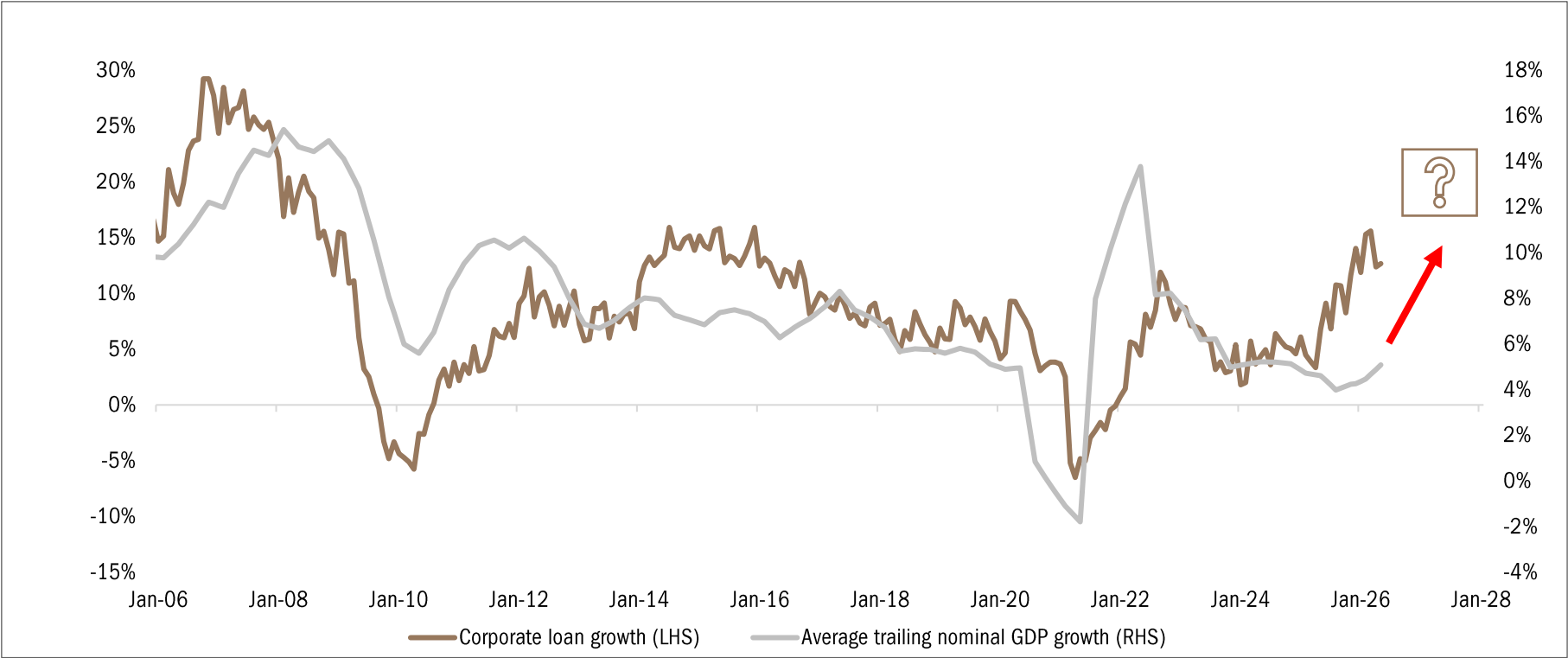


Source: Bloomberg, 30 June '26

SA yields have performed better despite energy shock/risk off driven by:

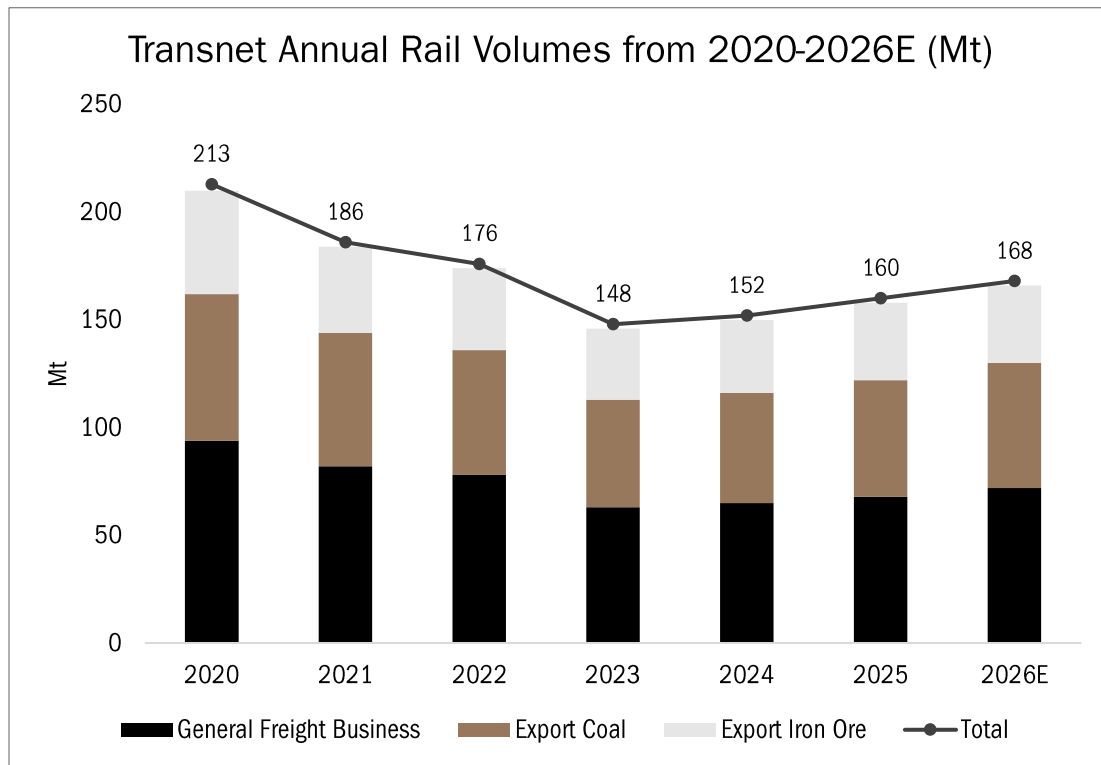
- Fiscal consolidation and stabilizing debt trajectory.
- SARB's credible 3% inflation target.
- Deteriorating US fiscal condition.

SA GDP Growth Prospects?



Source: Bloomberg, SARB

Transnet Still Has Room For Further Improvement

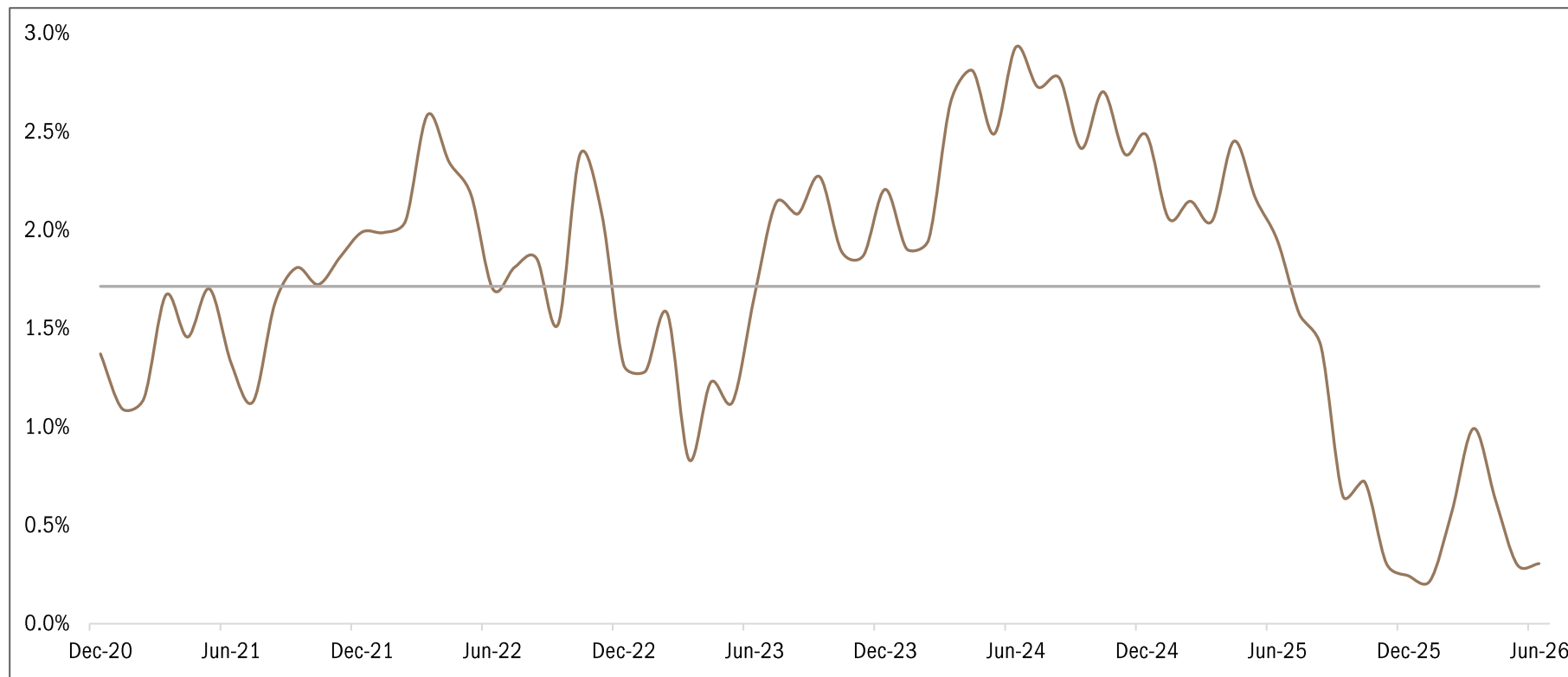


Source: Standard Bank Research, Transnet, 28 February '26

Transnet recovery on track:

- 250Mt capacity – significant scope for improvement remains.
- Volumes rising off a low base.
- Significant structural GDP growth enabler.

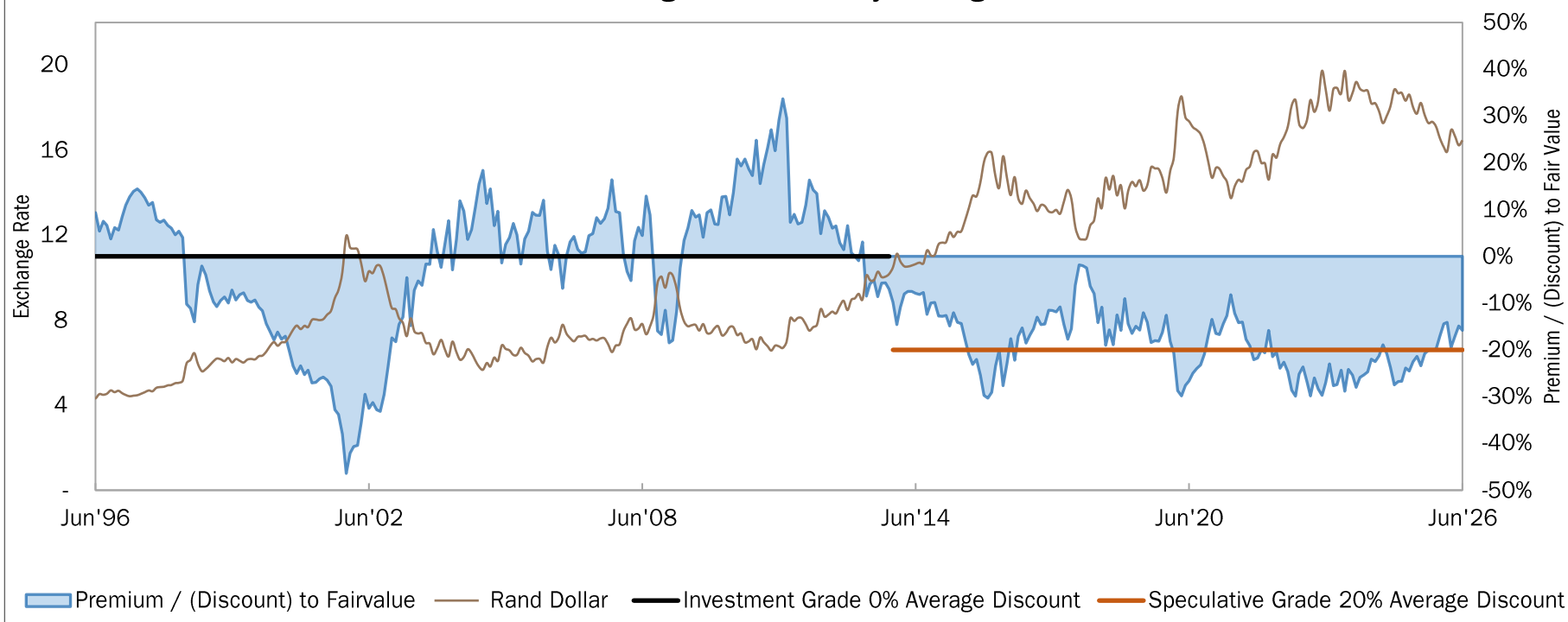
Spread Between SA 10-Year Bond Yield And SA Inc. Earnings Yield



Source: Bloomberg, Centaur Asset Management, 30 June 26'

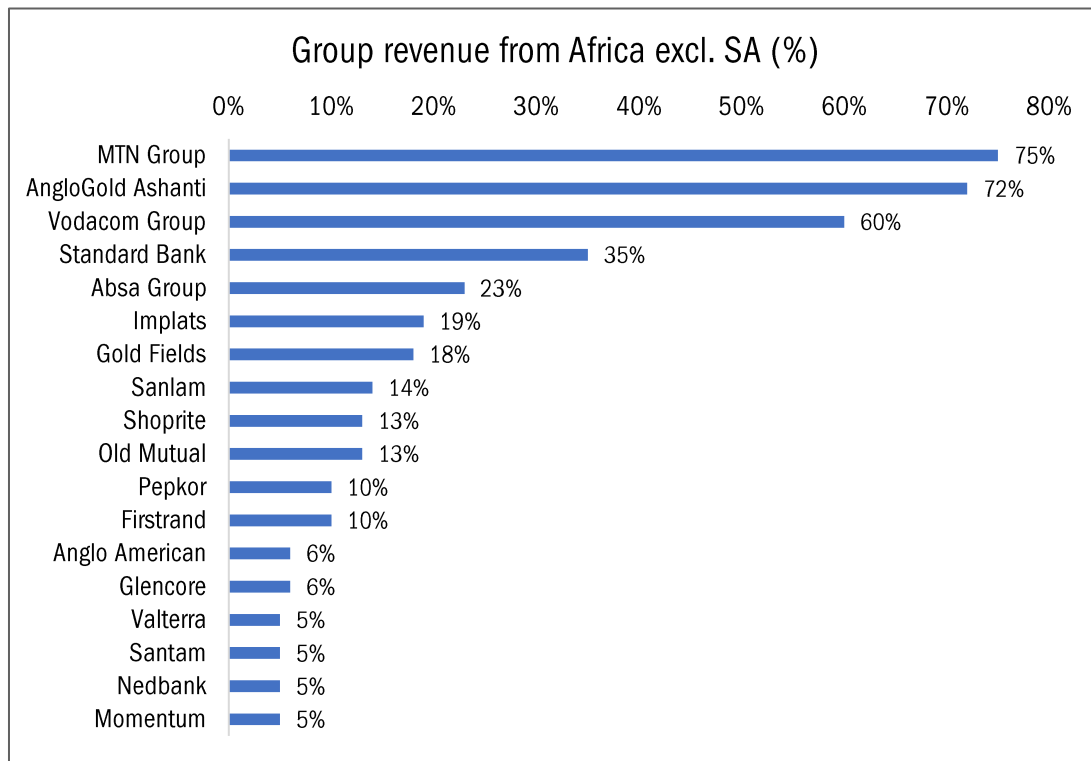
Rand Purchase Power Parity

S&P Long Term Currency Ratings Rand



Source: Bloomberg, 30 June 26

Africa – Both An Opportunity And A Risk For SA Companies



Source: Company Data

Ghana weighing local control of Gold Fields' biggest mine

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Nigeria threatens retaliation as migrant tensions put South Africa in spotlight



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The fog is lifting – SA Inc. bull market back on track

- Supply-driven inflation has most likely peaked = lower interest rates.
- Underlying demand for SA assets evident.
- Structural reform continues – albeit at a slow pace.

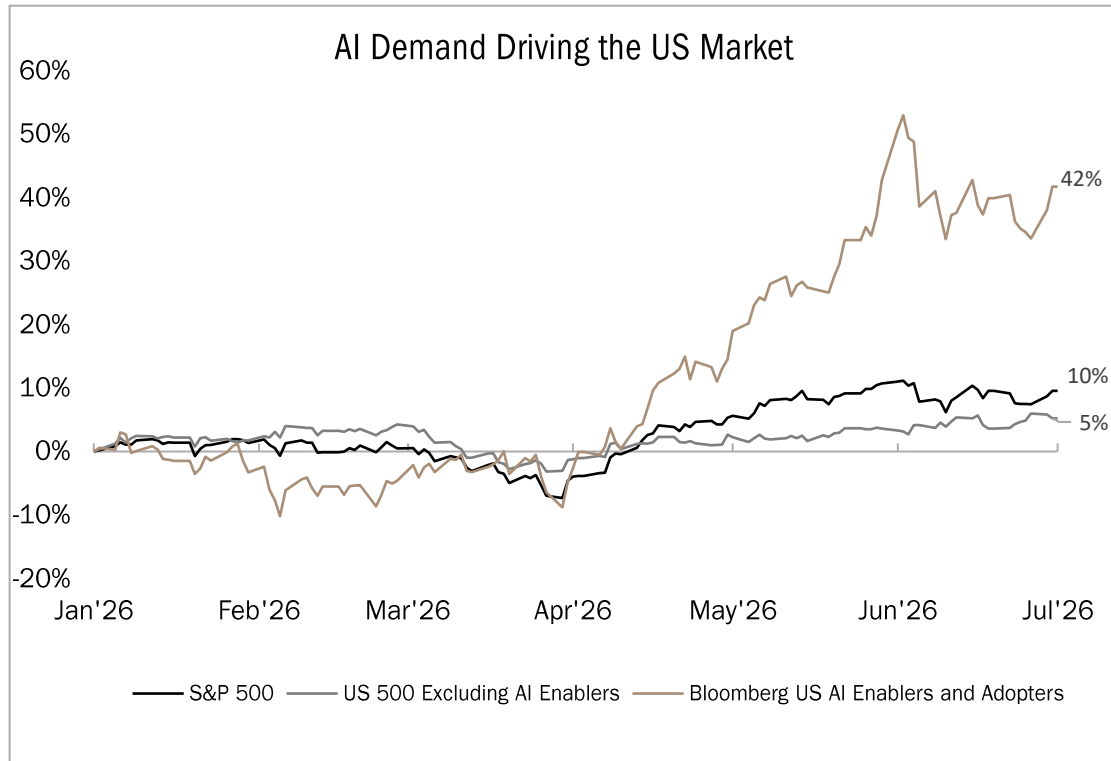
Investment Positioning

- Continue to overweight SA Inc. relative to global rand hedges & cyclical resources.
- Stick to Dynamic Value Creation framework.
- Favor self-help stories, including capital returns via buybacks and dividends, absent any clear growth.

Local Themes – Centaur Flexible Fund Allocations



● Overweight ● Underweight



- Claude released transformative new tools earlier 2026.
- Demand for AI tools rocketed – causing a rush to buildout.
- This AI infrastructure trade trumped all other risks i.e., oil.
- US returns have since been driven by a few AI infra stocks.
- Will ebb/flow but the AI theme will broaden out over time

Top AI Offshore Holdings – Centaur Flexible Fund

AI Enablers



(On-prem AI hardware)



(Powering AI)



Microsoft

(AI Cloud/Applications)

11% of NAV

AI Adopters



(Credit models)



(Network efficiency)

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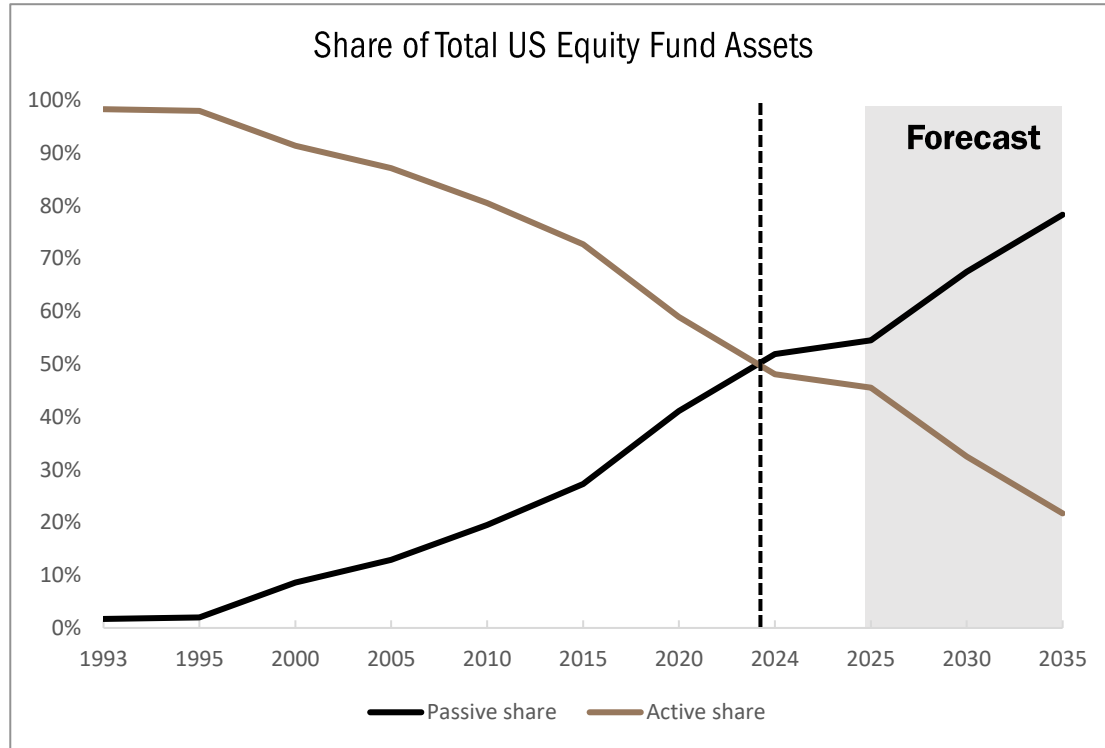
(Agentic rollout)

Trip.com

(Cost optimization)

9% of NAV

But AI is just the Match... Market Mechanics are the Fuel



Source: Morningstar

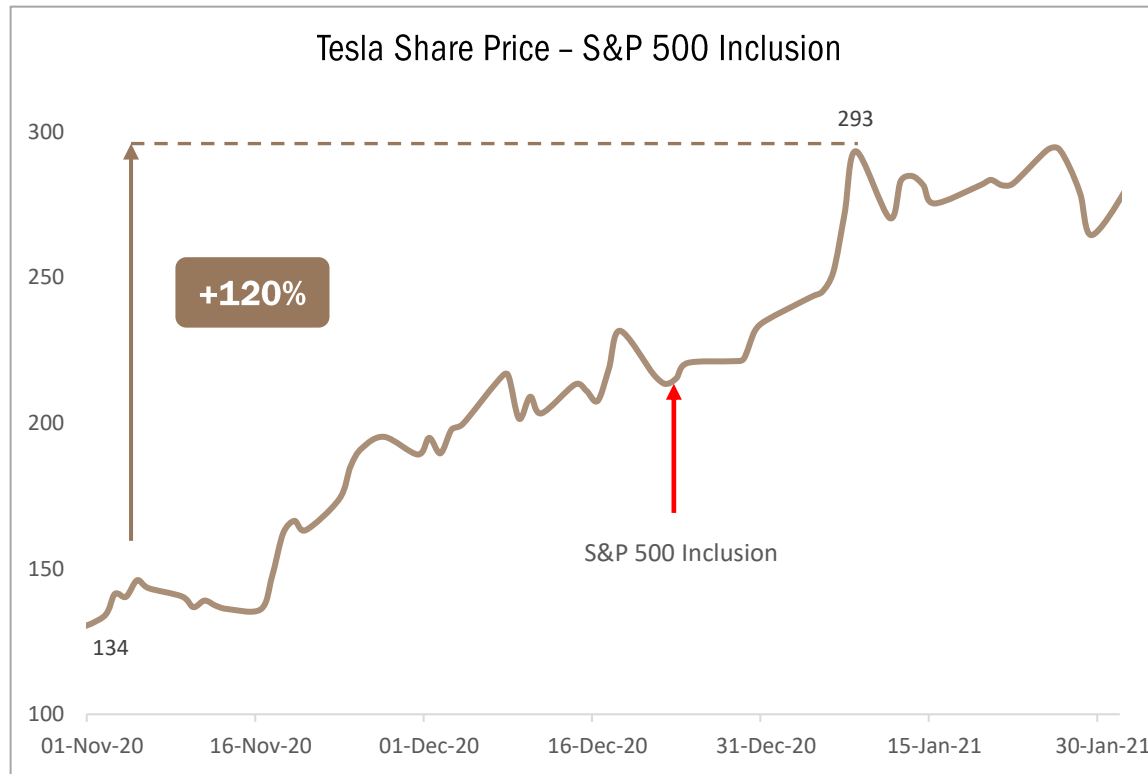
- **Passive revolution:** Gone from 5% to 60% of US Equity Fund assets over past 30yrs.
- **Old world – Clocks:** News/fundamentals drives price toward fair value.
- **Today - Flock of Starlings:** Investors all following each other = momentum + price-insensitive.

Creating a Reflexive Cycle...And Game Of Musical Chairs...



- A trigger sets off a reflexive cycle.
- Magnitude of moves becomes disconnected from fundamentals.
- Most trading = funds that buy more when prices rise and sell when prices fall.

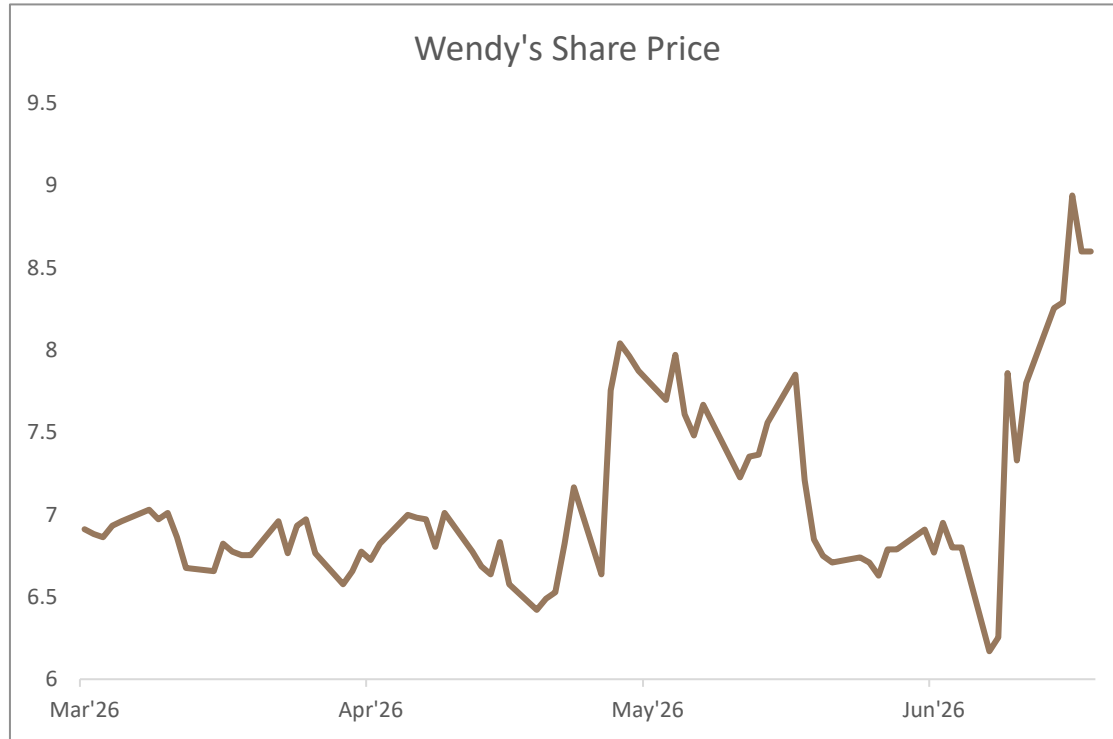
Example 1 – The Index Effect



- Investors understand that passive moves markets.
- Rumors fly – TSLA goes into S&P
- S&P incl announced Nov'20.
- TSLA stock up 120% in 9 weeks.
- No change in business fundamentals - market just anticipating index inflows.

Source: Bloomberg

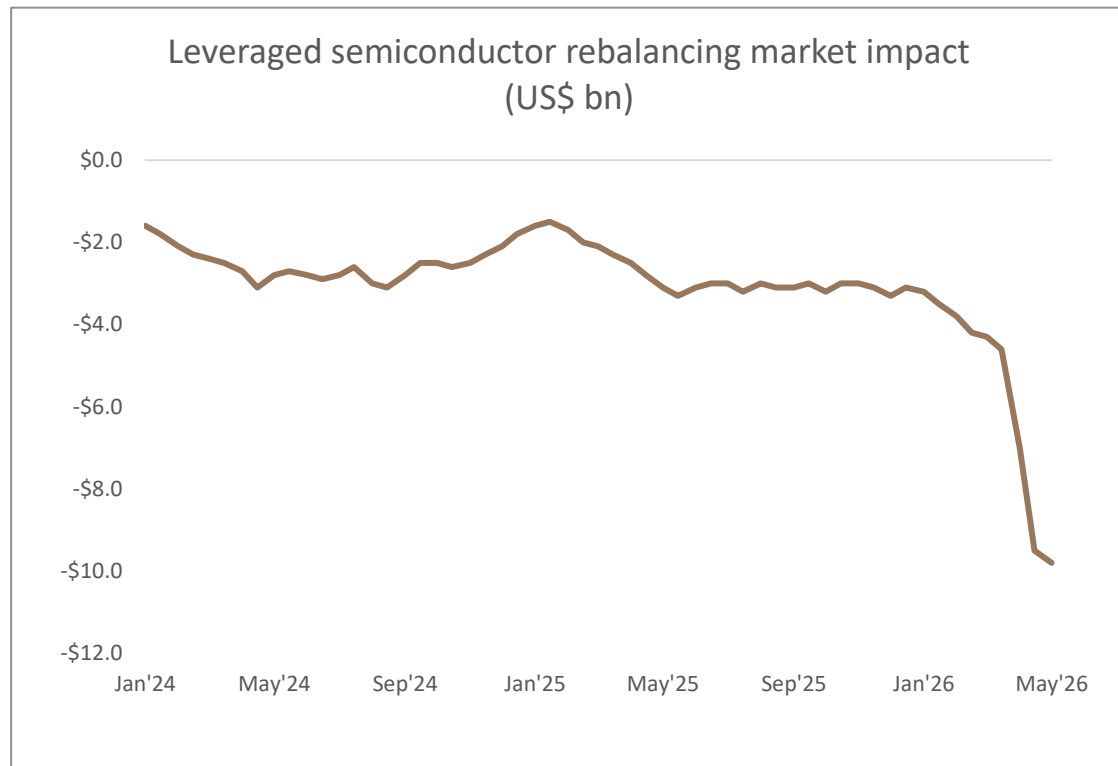
Example 2 – The Retail Investor Effect



- Wendy's is an embattled US fast food company.
- News of a CFO change.
- WallStreetBets post - "We need to save Wendy's".
- Retail buying spiked to 50x Wendy's 20-day avg.
- = Stock pops 25%.

Source: Bloomberg

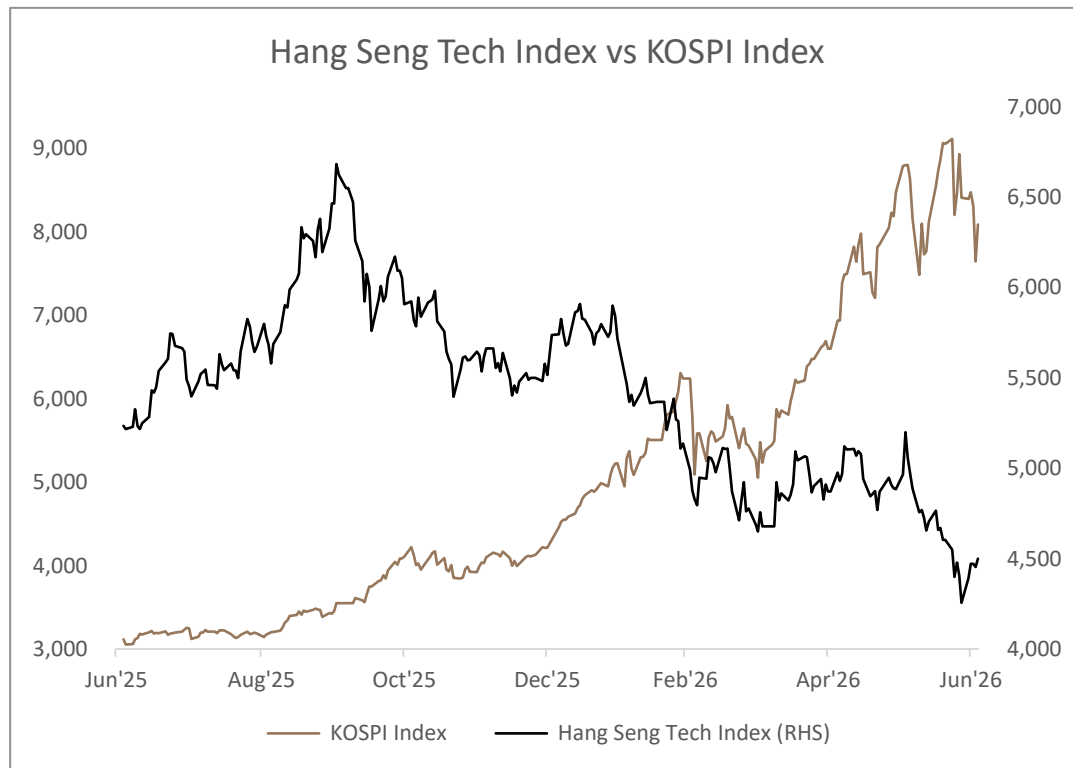
Example 3 - The Leverage Effect



Source: JP Morgan, May 2026

- Semis ETF AUM has grown significantly over 5yrs i.e. become a major buyer of semi stocks.
- These ETFs employ leverage which amplify share price moves.
- The effect = \$1 of capital moves a share by \$5.

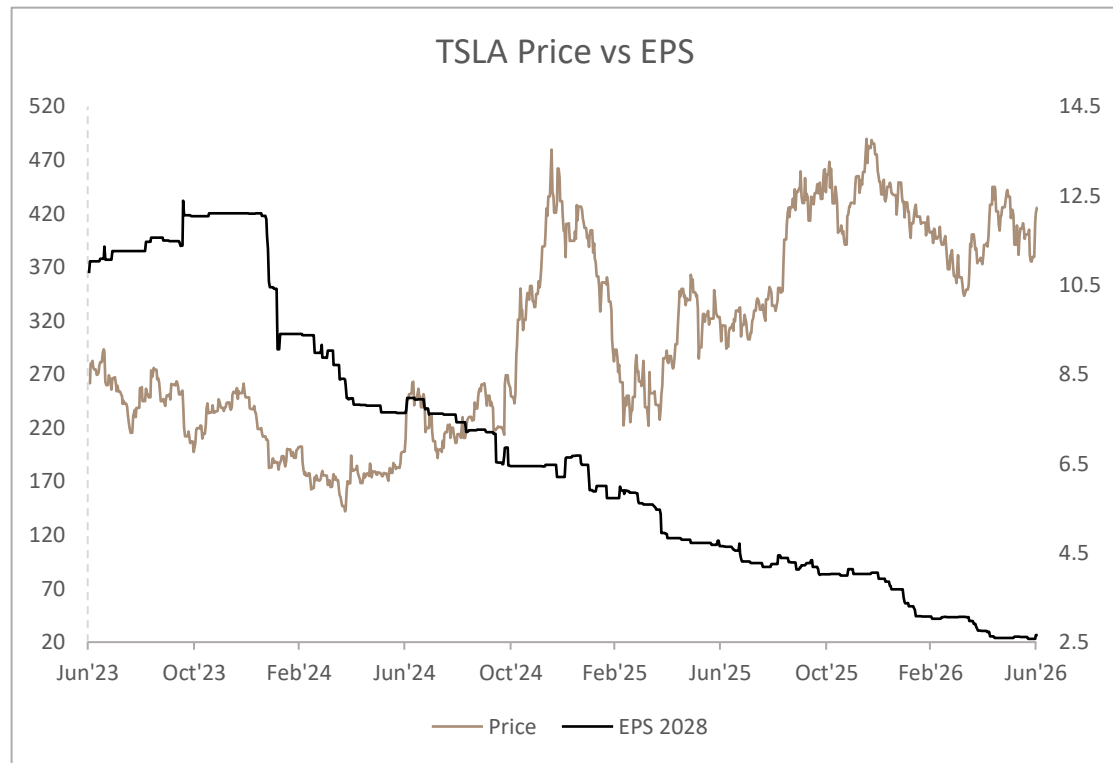
Example 4 – The Flow of Capital Effect



Source: Bloomberg

- Not always a clear trigger
- China Tech suddenly peaked Sep/Oct 2025.
- Zoom out – cycle was in motion
 - China tech funded Asian Semis
- Index weights keep changing.
- Retail investors sell.
- Short China momentum play.

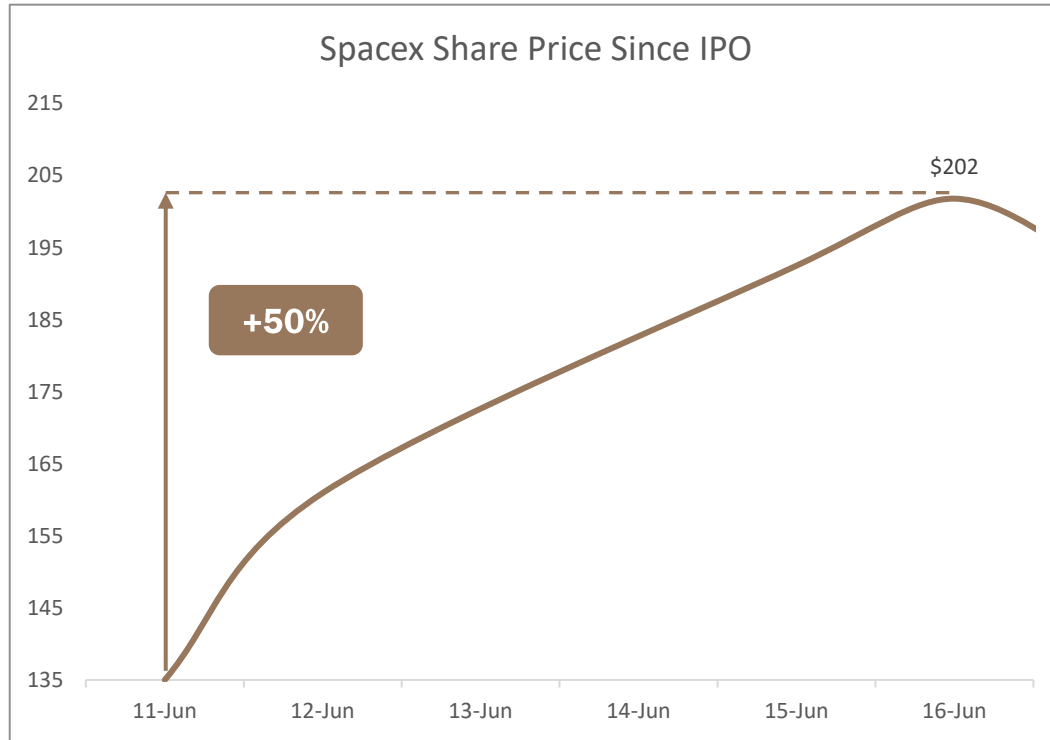
Example 5 – The Narrative Effect



Source: Bloomberg

- Don't fight the FED (or narratives)
- E.g. Tesla went from a car maker to a “tech” company.
- Stock keeps rising.
- Yet Tesla's long-term EPS expectations have fallen 70%.
- Narrative can trump fundamentals for a long time.

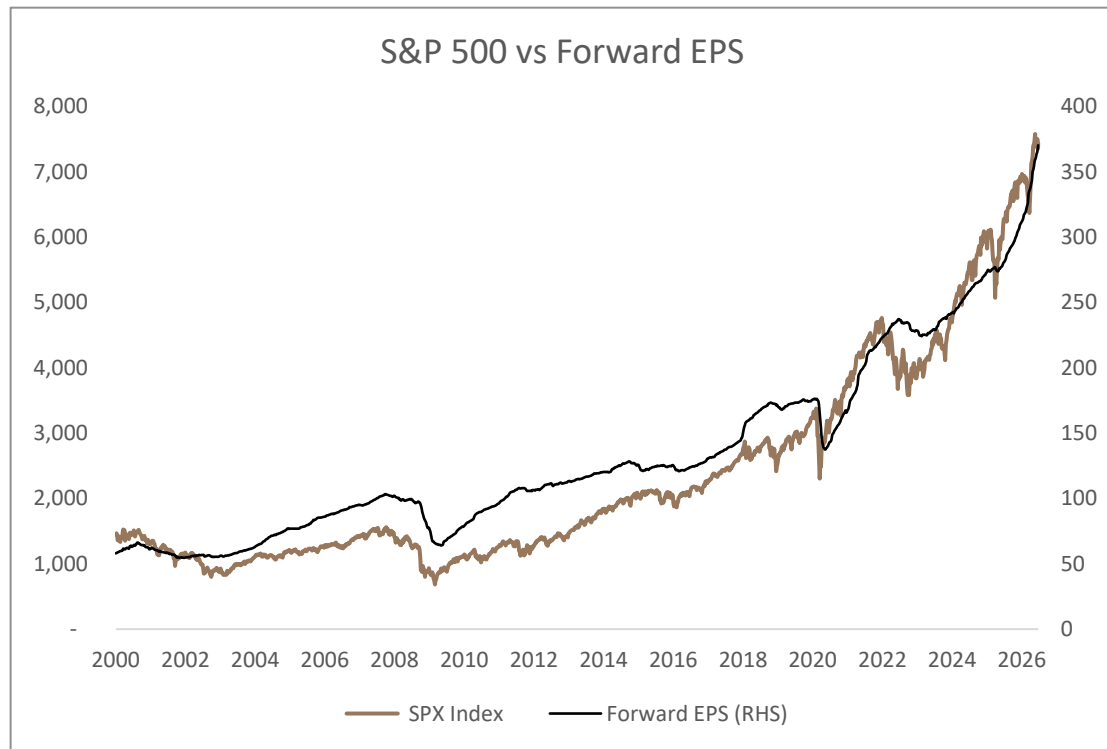
Putting It All Together – Making The Game Work For You



Source: Bloomberg

- Musk created the perfect set-up for SpaceX IPO:
- Allowed 30-35% retail participation vs 5-10%.
- Index rules relaxed – passive funds forced to buy within 24hrs.
- Limited the IPO shares available.
- = SpaceX pops 50% in 5 days.

The Implications Of A Technically-Driven Market?



Source: Bloomberg

- Fundamentals still matter – stocks follow EPS over time.

BUT in the interim:

- Expect wilder price swings.
- Stage your Entry Better.
- Ride Winners Longer.
- Cut Losers Sooner.
- Time is your Edge.

...Opportunity Abounds

Company	P/E	EPS Growth
 Uber	20x	+30%
 Microsoft	19x	+20%
 nu	14x	+30%
 Tencent 腾讯	12x	+15%
 Trip.com	9x	+15%

Volatility = Time to go shopping!

- Many fast growing/high quality businesses are now trading at a discount to the market.
- We do understand shares will overshoot on the down.
- But the risk-reward is getting extreme!

Source: Bloomberg

Offshore Outlook

- Markets have been narrowly driven by a few AI beneficiaries.
- Despite near-term uncertainties around potential excess compute capacity, we are optimistic about AI long-term.
- Share price moves are also being increasingly exaggerated by mechanical/technical factors.
- Our approach has evolved to consider mechanical factors alongside deep fundamental research.
- We are using the rising volatility to increase our exposure to great companies offering exceptional value.

Conclusion

SA Valuation tailwind (rates/discount)

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SA self-help reform continues

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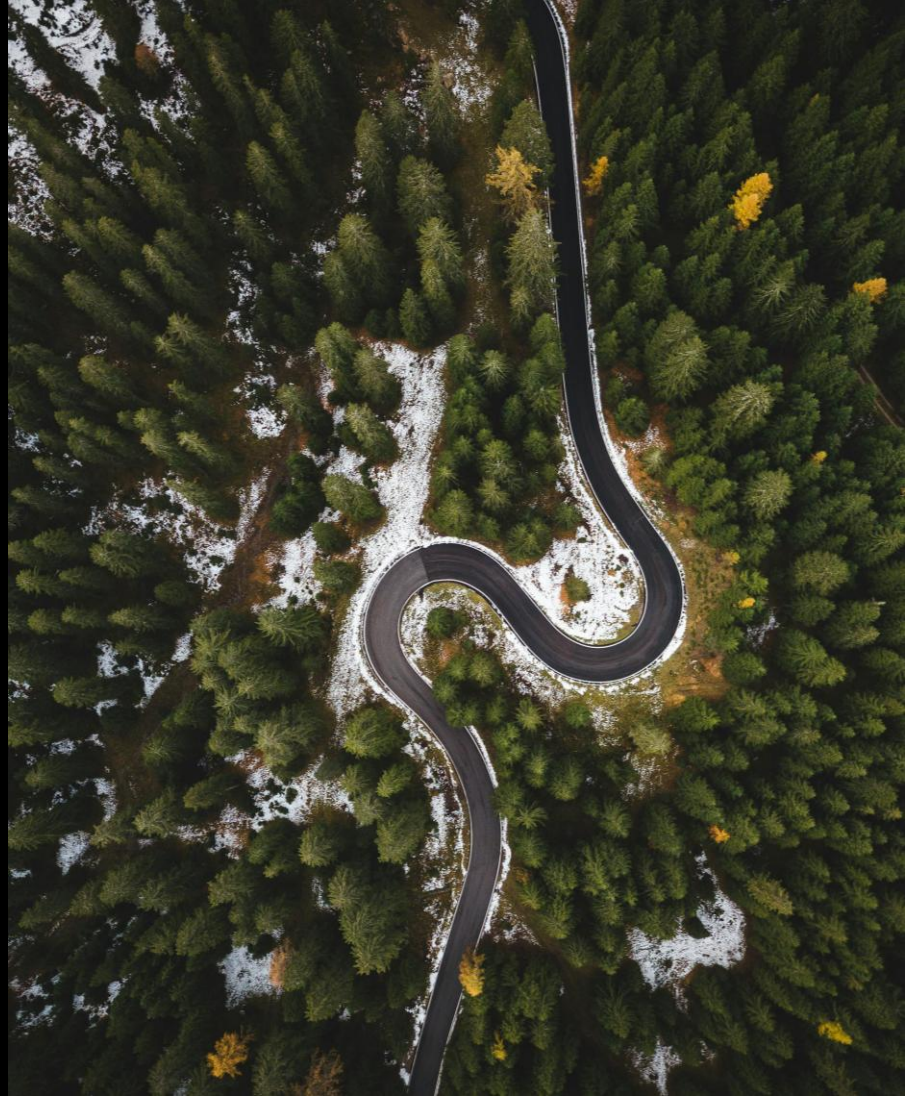
Offshore stock picks

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Centaur's edge (repeatable stock-picking)

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Positive long-term outcome for clients



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