

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.

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CG Dollar Fund

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Overview



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Investment Objective



- To achieve **long-term capital appreciation and income growth** via long-only investment in US government inflation-linked bonds
- Simple low-cost approach, no gearing, no short selling
- The fund is actively managed, without reference to a benchmark

Fees and Structure



- Size: **£534m** (launched in May 2009)
- Management Fee: **0.25%** (<£1bn) / **0.15%** (>£1bn) | Total Expense Ratio: 0.37%
- Daily priced Irish UCITS
- Available in GBP hedged, EUR hedged and USD unhedged share classes

Investor Profile



The fund has a broad range of investors who typically exhibit the following characteristics:

- A long-term investment horizon
- An aversion to significant short-term losses
- A desire to generate returns that outpace inflation over the long term

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2001

Founded

Founded in 2001 by Peter Spiller, former Chief Investment Officer and Chief Strategist of Cazenove

£2.6bn

AUM

£2.6bn in assets under management

2

Strategies

Manages two strategies, absolute return and real return, across six funds

12

Employees

Team of 12, based in London

274x

Return

Low-cost offering, with fee reductions regularly reviewed

2

Down Years

Capital Gearing Trust ("CGT") has returned 274x since 1982, with only two down years

CGAM in partnership with our clients

What makes us different?

The firm's founding principles



What does that mean for our clients?

1. The client comes first
2. Don't be greedy
3. Have fun

In turn these principles mean that:

- We have and will close funds to **protect investors**
- We continuously strive to **lower fees**, even on closed funds
- We have **low staff turnover**

Employee owned



- Majority owned by an Employee Ownership Trust, which means we will remain independent
- All portfolio managers are significant shareholders in CGAM

The right incentives



- A significant majority of our own capital is invested in our funds
- Our interests are directly aligned with those of our clients

Funds Summary

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

¹ Peter Spiller began managing Capital Gearing Trust in 1982; ² 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;³ Tiered fee structure, marginal rate is 0.3% above £500m; ⁴ 0.3% below £500m, 0.2% above; ⁵ 0.25% below £1,000, 0.15% above; ⁶ As of 31 March 2025

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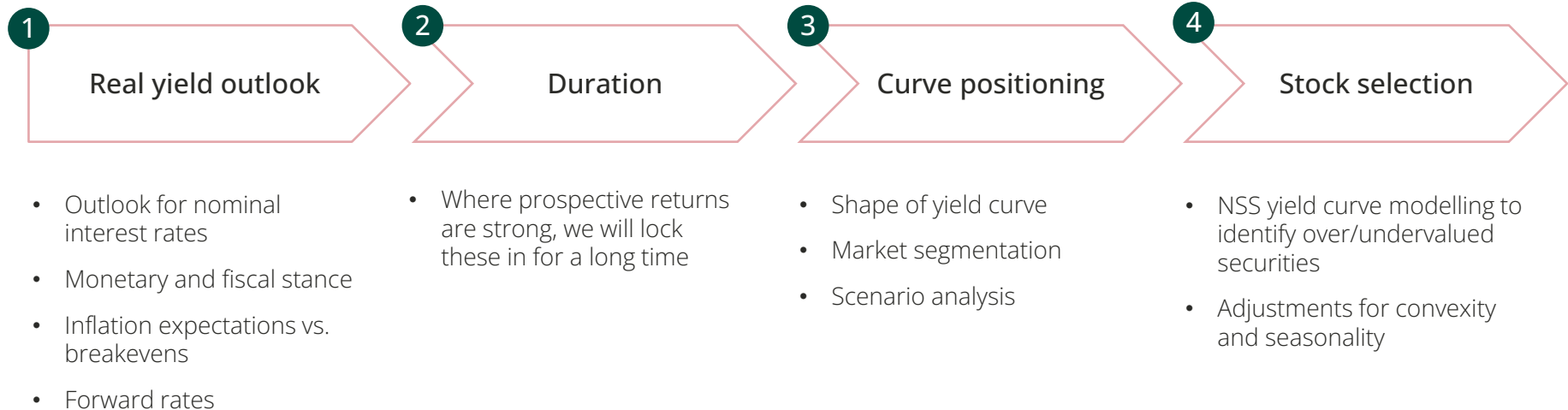
Chief Morale Officer

Investment Process

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CG Dollar Fund's positioning is decided via a top-down process



Investment Process

**US real yields are elevated relative to recent history and against most estimates of r^* .
This leads us to favour long duration**

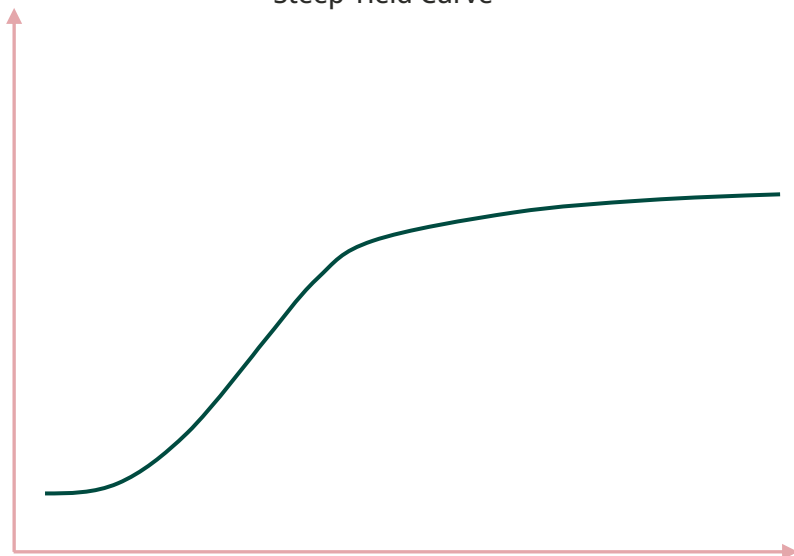
10Y US TIPS Yield history



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

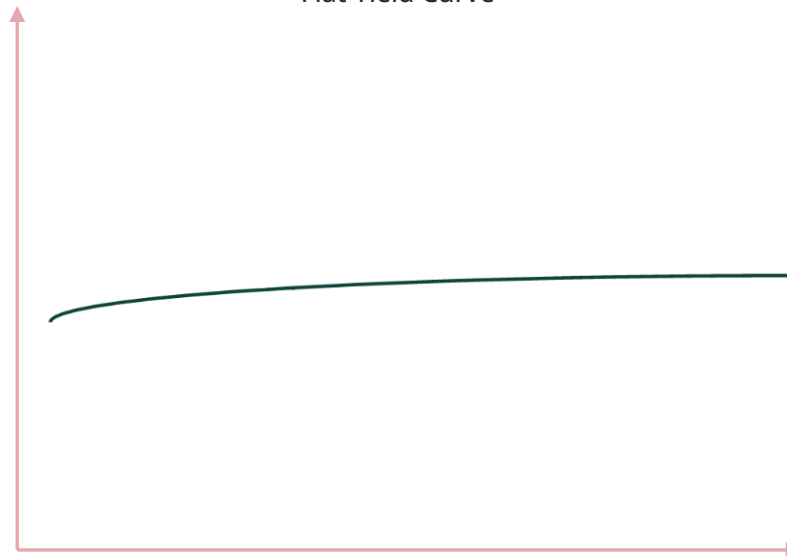
The shape of the yield curve, combined with our expectations, drives our curve positioning

Steep Yield Curve



- Roll down is a significant contributor to total return;
- Prefer 'belly' of the curve, where gradient is steepest.

Flat Yield Curve

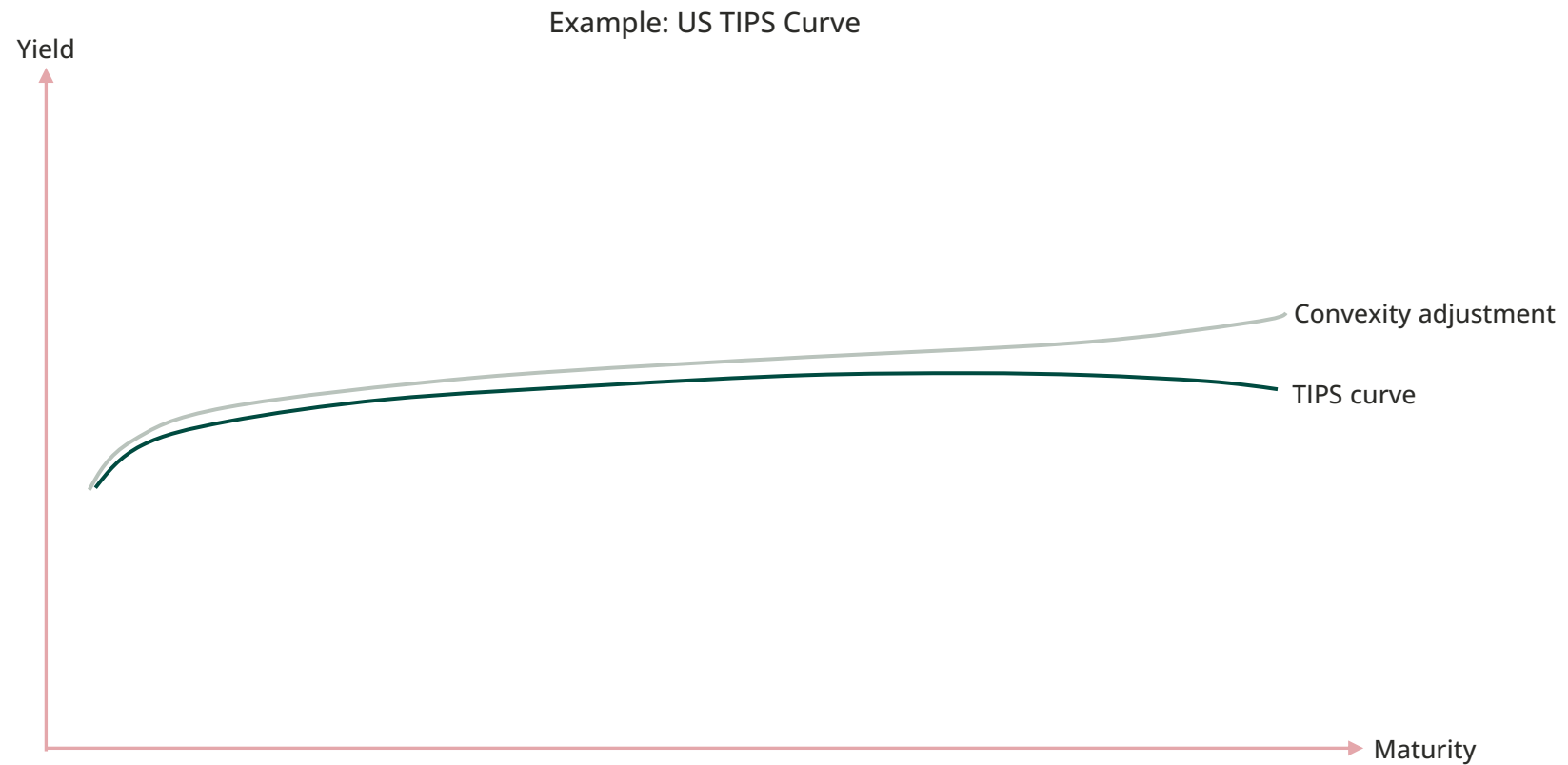


- No roll down, so favour convexity at long end;
- Prefer a barbell strategy, favouring front and long end of curve.

We use a Nelson Siegel Svensson formula to identify individual under and overpriced bonds

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}})}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}} + \beta_2 \left(\frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}})}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}} - e^{-\frac{\mu}{\tau_1}} \right) + \beta_3 \left(\frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}})}{\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}} - e^{-\frac{\mu}{\tau_2}} \right)$$

We then adjust our expected yields for the impact of convexity at longer durations



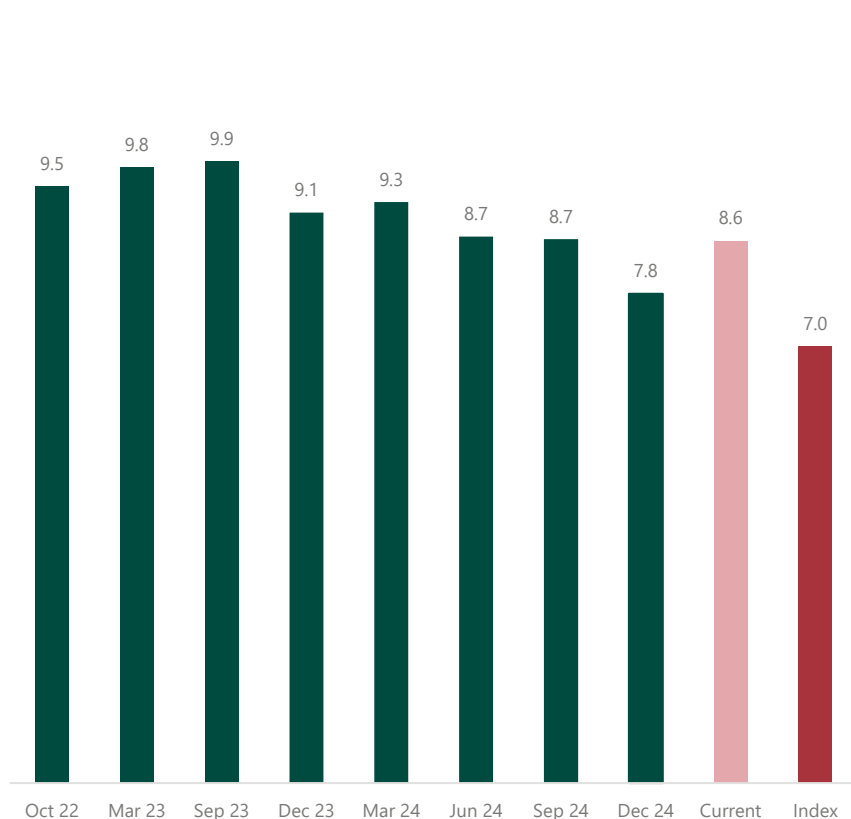
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Positioning and Returns

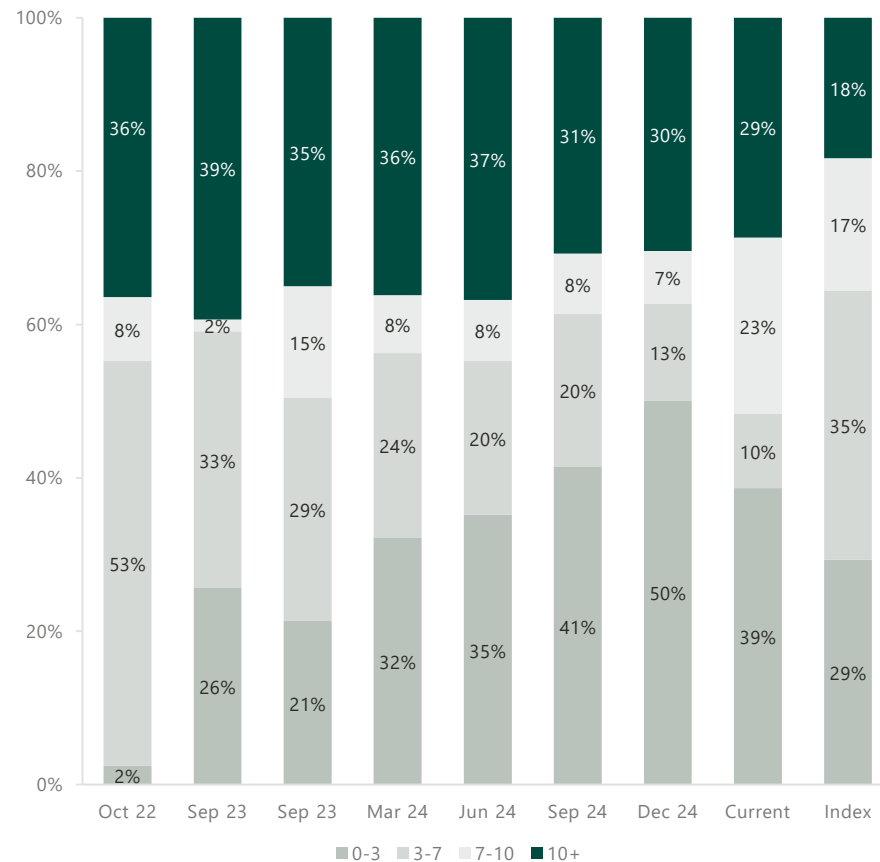


In response to the attractive yields on offer, the Dollar Fund's duration is longer than the index

Portfolio Duration (Years)



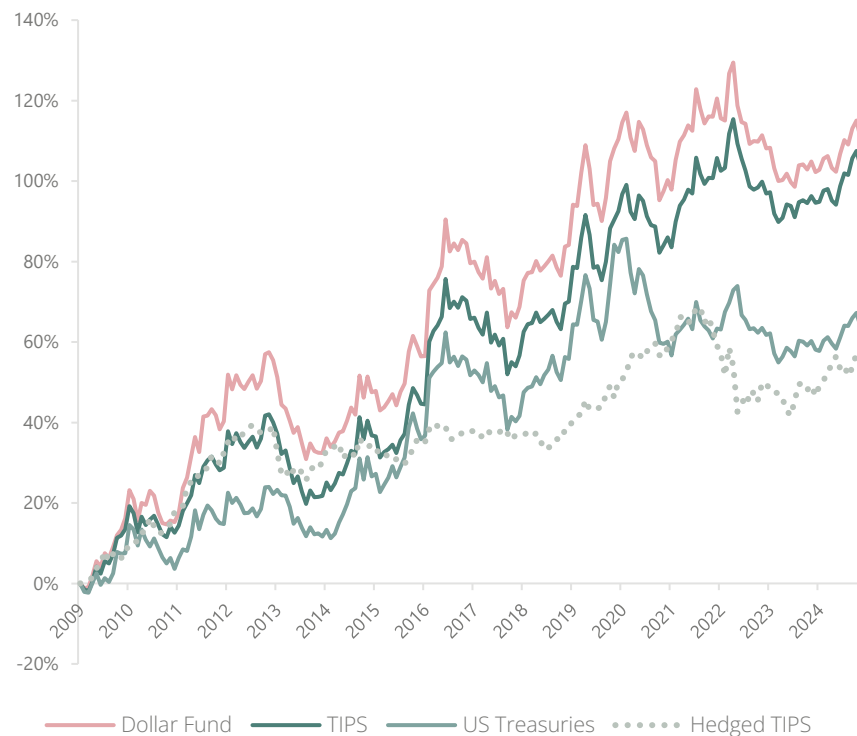
Portfolio Curve Positioning – By Maturity Bucket (Years)



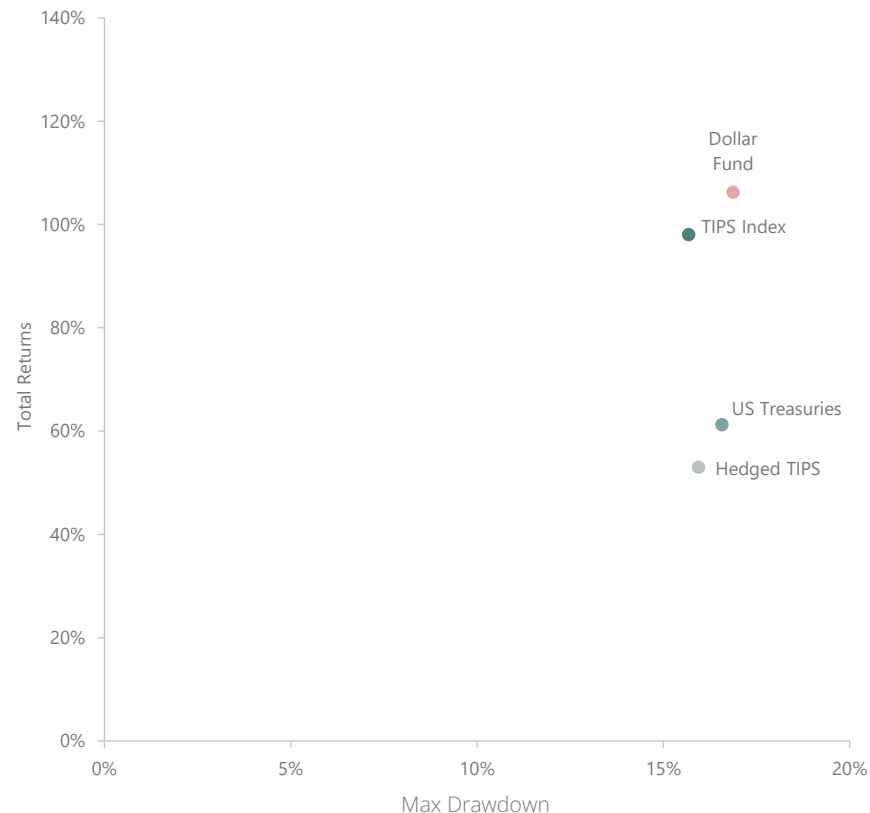
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust

CG Dollar Fund has outperformed its benchmark over its >10-year life

Fund Performance – Since Inception



Risk and Return – Since Inception



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust | Drawdown calculation based on month-end NAVs

Breakdown of holdings

Largest Bond Holdings		Credit ratings		Characteristics	
US I/L 1.375% 15/07/33	9.0%	AAA	0%	Number of bonds	32
US I/L 1.50% 15/02/53	8.3%	AA	100%	Yield to maturity (real)	1.5%
US I/L 1.125% 15/01/33	5.2%	A	0%	Average maturity	9.8 Yrs
US I/L 0.375% 15/07/27	5.1%	BBB	0%	Average coupon (real)	1.2%
US I/L 1.875% 15/07/34	4.7%	BB and below	0%	Composite rating	AA

Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Northern Trust.

Why index-linked?

The role of index-linked bonds in a multi-asset portfolio



Why index-linked?

Index-linked bonds are a fundamental component of a diversified portfolio

Inflation as greatest risk to investor wealth

Against which equities are only a partial hedge

Significant risk of inflation persistence

The historical record does not support a swift return to the target

Historic outperformance vs nominal bonds

Such outperformance is likely to persist into the future

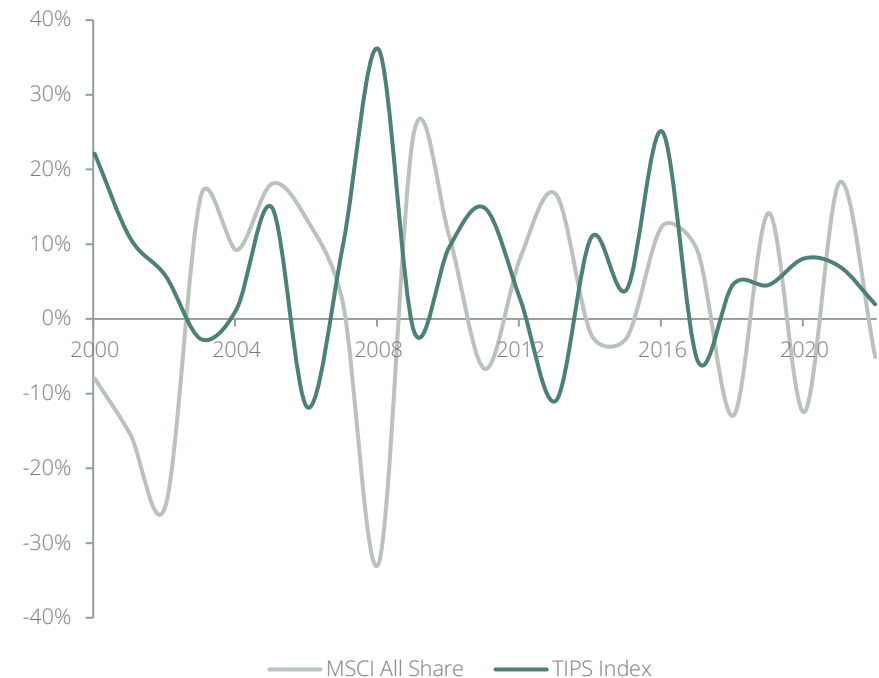
Negative correlation with risk assets

Index linked have historically proven to be a good hedge against a portfolio of risk assets

Protection against financial repression

Only asset that we believe is likely to deliver protection

Annual Returns % of UK Stocks and TIPS – unhedged in GBP (1998 – 2022)



Why index-linked?

Index-linked bonds have outperformed nominal bonds since the turn of the century. Why? Because the market systematically underestimates realised inflation

Index-Linked Bond – Total Returns (UK)



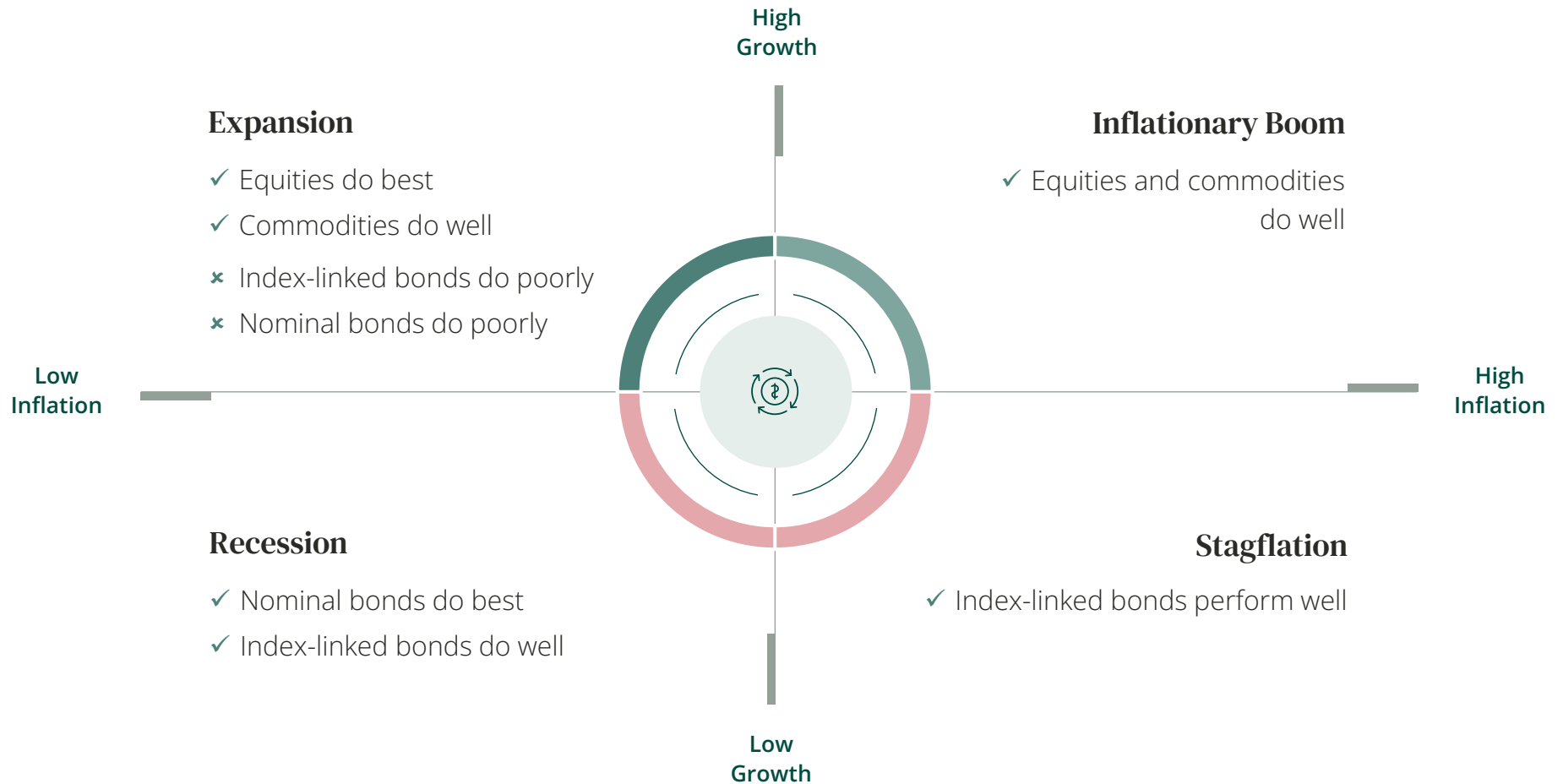
Index-Linked Bond – Total Returns (US)



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Why index-linked?

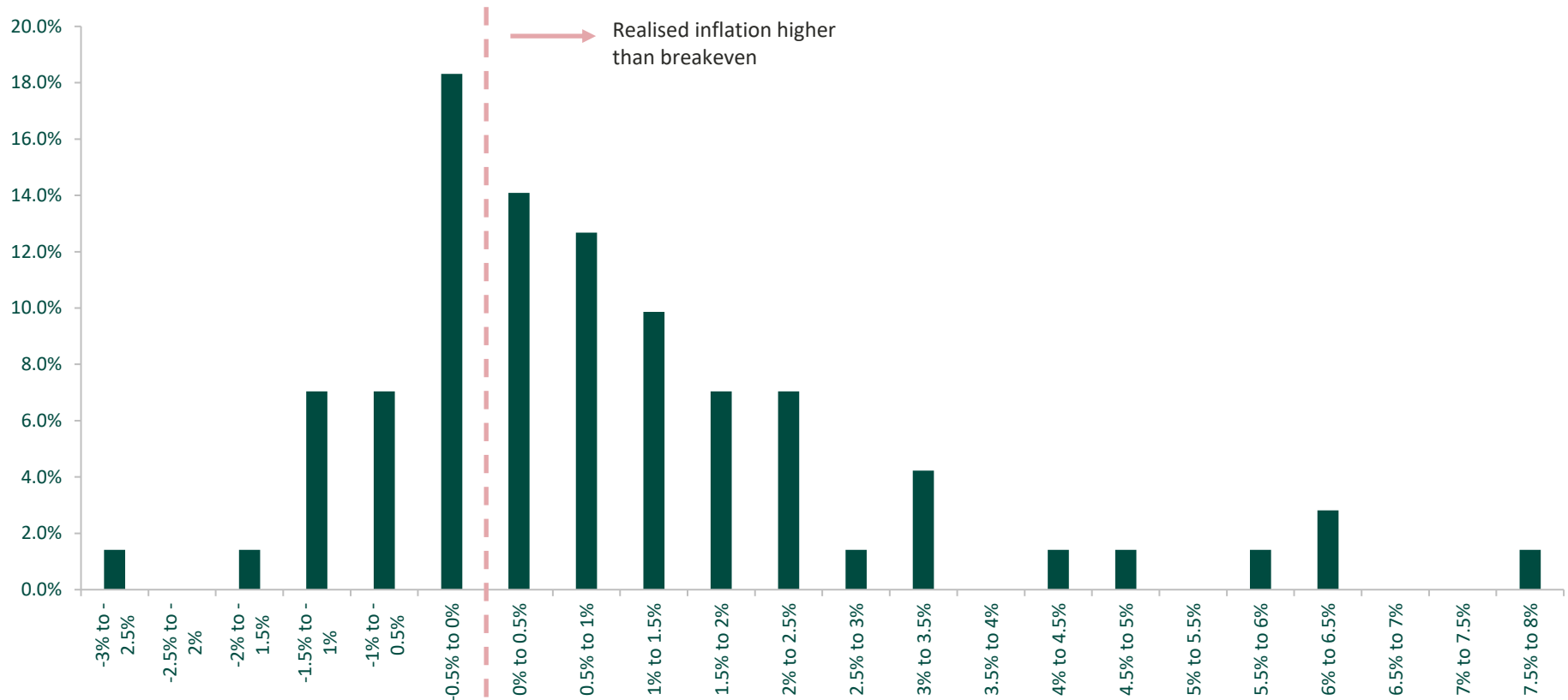
Index-linked bonds perform well in scenarios where equities do not, and are the most reliable portfolio protector against stagflation



Why index-linked?

As measured by realised inflation vs. breakevens, markets routinely underestimate inflation – by an average of 1% since 2004

Difference between 2Y Breakeven and subsequent realised inflation (% annualised)



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Investment Approach



The principles underpinning our investment approach

Be honest

No greenwashing, no PR-led initiatives, no jargon. We believe in an accurate presentation of our activities not a marketing campaign.

One firm, one rule

Our standards apply to all the funds we advise. We do not have ethical and by implication unethical funds.

Ethics, not mathematics

There is no formula that can be applied in a uniform way to every situation. We emphasise judgement over simplistic third party ESG scoring systems.

Don't disinvest, engage

When investors have the influence to effect change, it is most valuable to encourage positive transition rather than engage in blanket disinvestment.

Targeted

As a small firm, we must focus our efforts where they will have the most influence, rather than taking a generalist approach.

Governance

Investors have multiple direct mechanisms to influence governance, so we primarily focus on governance even when the ultimate objective consists of other priorities.

Integration, not separation

The entire team is collectively responsible for stewardship activities, with the ultimate responsibility lying with the chief executive. We do not have a standalone responsible investment team.

Act, with humility

Every action results in both intended and unintended consequences. Reflect deeply on the risk that good intentions can lead to unintended negative outcomes.

Considerations in the investment process

Direct Government Securities

A majority of the assets held by the funds are invested in direct holdings of securities issues by governments including bonds, bills and cash.

When investing, we consider indices compiled by a range of NGOs and require sovereigns, at a minimum, to achieve strong rankings in at least four out of five of these criteria. In addition to using third party indices, we also overlay our own subjective assessments which typically leads to material additional exclusions.

ESG Criteria Applied

Index	Criteria
World Bank governance effectiveness index	Top quartile
World press freedom index	Good or satisfactory
Global freedom score	Free rating
UN human development index	Very high human development rank
Net zero by 2050 statement	Statement of intent by 2050 or earlier

Resultant Investable Universe

United Kingdom	Japan
United States	Canada
Germany	Australia
Sweden	New Zealand
Denmark	

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