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# Agenda



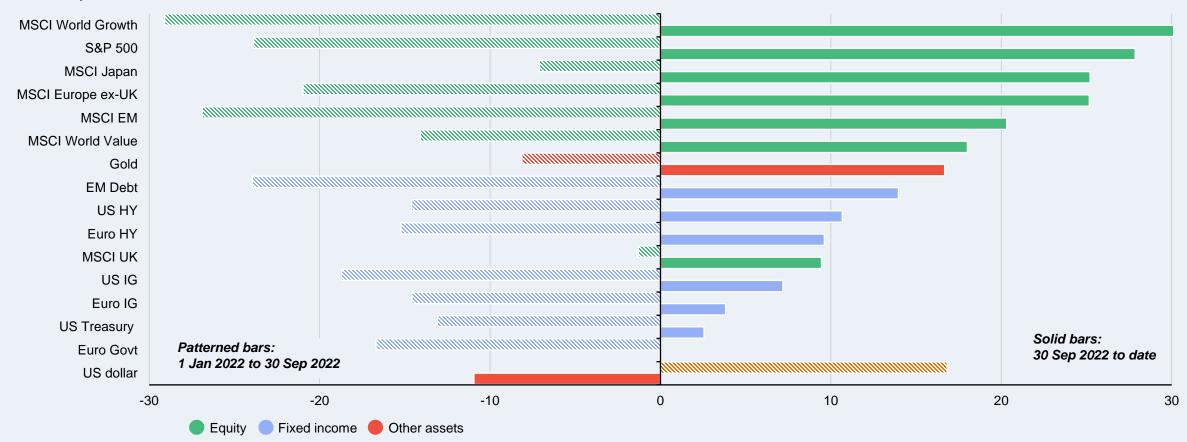




## Both bond and stock markets are optimistic again

#### **Selected public and private market returns**

%, total return



Source: Bloomberg, ICE BofA, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, MSCI, Refinitiv Datastream, S&P Global, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Equity returns are total returns and are shown in local currency, with the exception of EM which is in US dollars. Bloomberg Barclays Aggregates used for US Treasury, Euro Govt, US IG and Euro IG. Euro HY: ICE BofA Euro Developed Markets Non-Financial High Yield Constrained; US HY: ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained; EM Debt: JPM EMBI Global Diversified; US dollar: DXY index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Data as of 17 July 2023.

## **Economic data have been resilient**

### **Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)**



## The energy crisis has eased...

# **EU** natural gas inventories % of capacity 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30

May '22

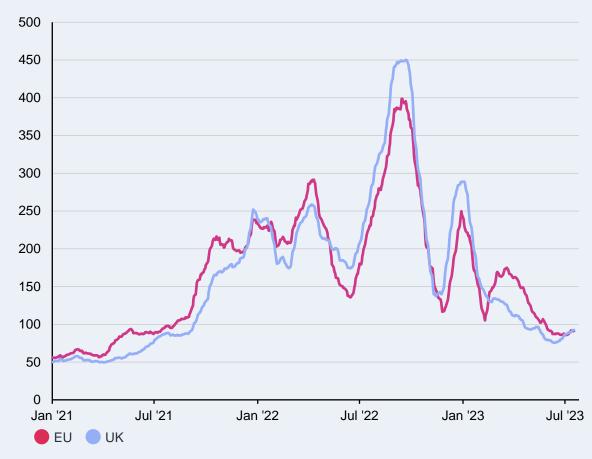
Sep '22

Jan '23

May '23

#### **EU and UK electricity prices**

EUR/GBP per MWh, 30-day moving average



Source: (Left) Bloomberg, Gas Infrastructure Europe, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Right) APX UK, Refinitiv Datastream, TTF, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. UK price is the EPX daily fixing half hour 0730 – 0800 price, EU price is the Netherlands base load first day futures price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.

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May '21

Sep '21

Range, prior 10 years 🛑 Actual

Jan '22

# ... and consumers are more optimistic

#### **UK consumer confidence and services sector**

Index level (LHS); index level, three-month moving average (RHS)



# Government fiscal policy is supporting demand

#### **Public sector investment**

% change year on year, three-year moving average



#### **Public sector wage growth**

% change year on year



Source: (Left) Deutsche Bundesbank, INE, INSEE, ISTAT, OECD, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Chart shows a smoothed measure of government gross fixed capital formation. Forecast is OECD. Eurozone is GDP-weighted average of France, Germany, Italy and Spain. (Right) BLS, Eurostat, ONS, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.

## But will resilient activity coincide with falling inflation?

### **Proportion of firms struggling to find workers**





#### **Core inflation**

% change year on year



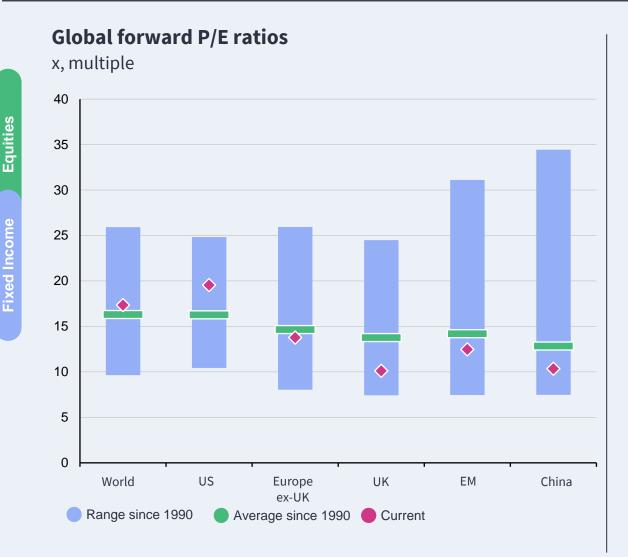
Source: (Left) CBI, DG ECFIN, National Federation of Independent Business, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Right) BLS, Eurostat, ONS, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Core inflation excludes food and energy in the US, and food, energy, alcohol and tobacco in the eurozone and the UK. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data 11 as of 17 July 2023.

## The UK is not the only bond market looking forward to rate cuts

Market expectations for central bank policy rates

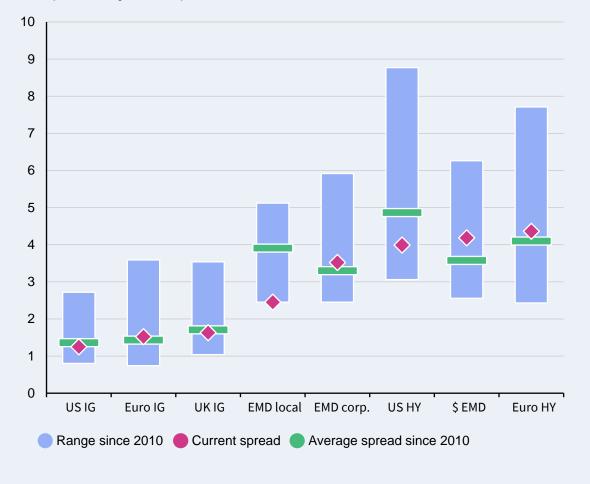


# We still believe it will take a recession to get rid of inflation, which neither equities nor credit seem braced for



#### Fixed income spreads

%, option-adjusted spread



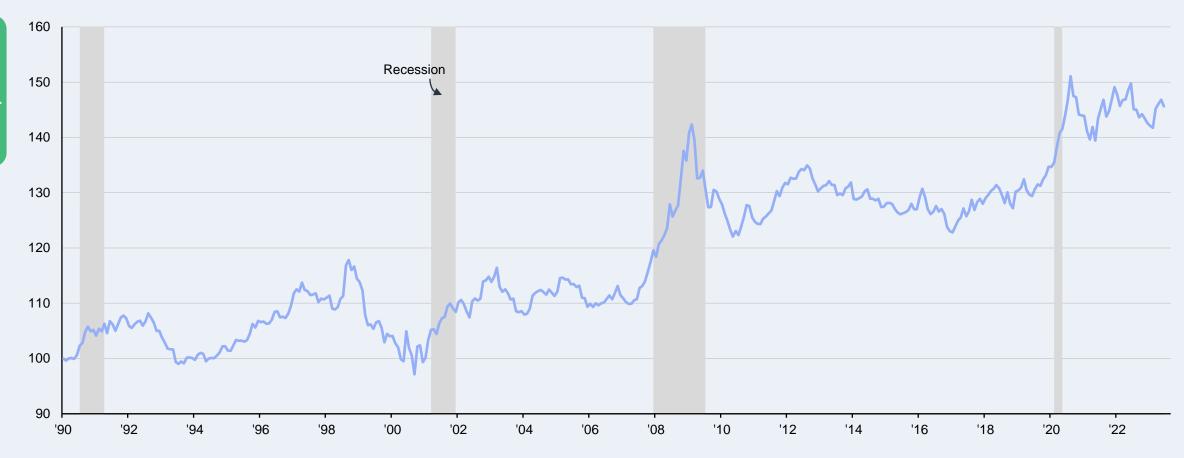
Source: (Left) IBES, MSCI, Refinitiv Datastream, S&P Global, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Forward P/E ratio is price to 12-month forward earnings. MSCI indices are used for all regions/countries (due to data availability), except for the US, which is represented by the S&P 500. Range and average for China is since 1996, due to data availability. (Right) Bloomberg Barclays, ICE BofA, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Euro IG: Bloomberg Barclays Euro Agg. – Corporate; US HY: ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained; EM Debt: J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified; Euro HY: ICE BofA Euro Developed Markets Non-Financial High Yield Constrained; US IG: Bloomberg Barclays US Agg. Corporate – Investment Grade; UK IG: Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Agg. – Corporates; EMD local: J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified; EMD corporate: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets – UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.



## **Focusing on quality**

#### S&P 500 Quality/S&P 500 relative performance

Relative total return index level, rebased to 100 in January 1990



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management Quantitative Beta Solutions, S&P Global, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. S&P 500 Quality index is the top quartile quality stocks in the S&P 500 determined by JPMAM Quantitative Beta Strategies based on measures of profitability, financial risk and earnings quality. Periods of "recession" are defined using US National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) business cycle dates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.

## **Focusing on dividends**

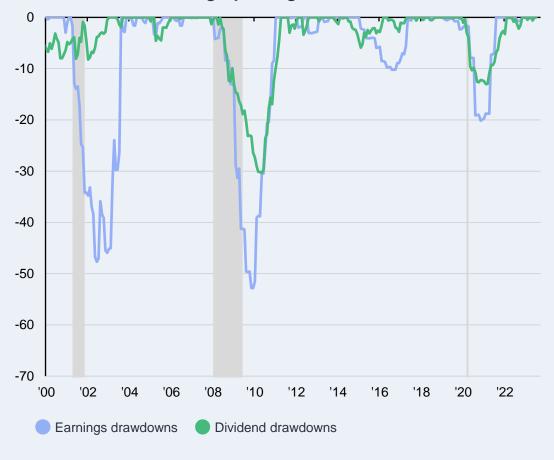
#### **Dividend payout ratios**

%, three-month moving average



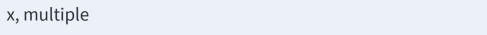
#### MSCI World earnings and dividend drawdowns

% drawdown from rolling 2-year high



## And being careful with concentration

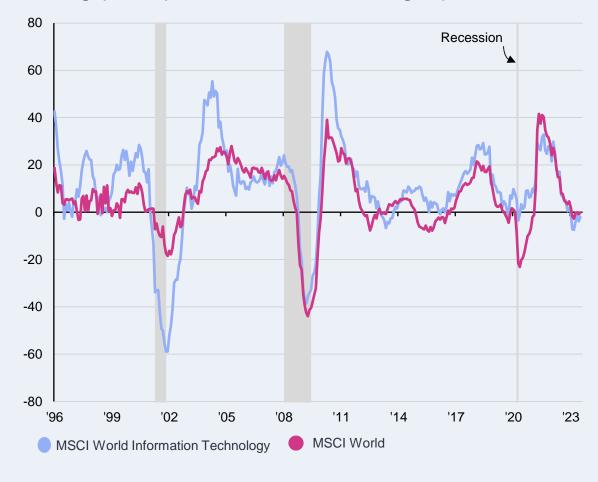
#### Forward P/E ratio of the S&P 500 top 10 vs. the rest





#### MSCI World IT sector and broad index earnings

% change year on year, 12-month forward earnings expectations



Source: (Left) FactSet, S&P Global, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The top 10 stocks are based on the 10 largest index constituents at the start of each month. (Right) MSCI, Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Periods of "recession" are defined using US National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) business cycle dates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.



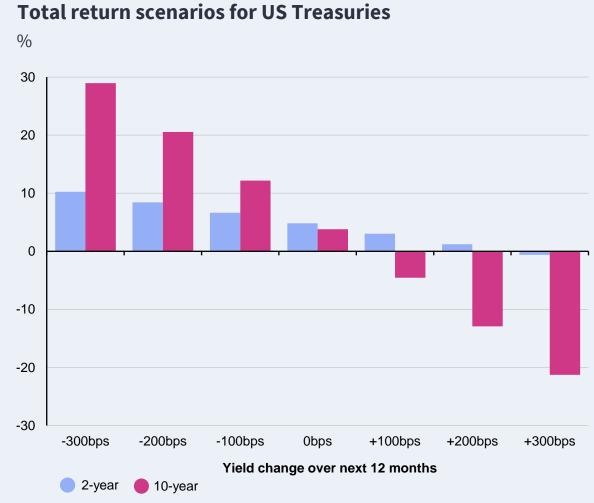
## Bonds should diversify if a recession leads to disinflation

Eurozone sov.

debt crisis



Global financial crisis



Source: (Left) Refinitiv Datastream, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are shown over the period when MSCI World was falling in local currency terms. Tech bubble: 24 Mar '00 to 21 Sep '01; Global financial crisis: 13 Jul '07 to 9 Mar '09; Eurozone sovereign debt crisis: 18 Feb '11 to 3 Oct '11; Covid-19: 19 Feb '20 to 23 Mar '20. (Right) Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Chart indicates the calculated total return achieved by purchasing US Treasuries at the current yield and selling in 12 months' time given various changes in yield. For illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets - UK. Data as of 17 July 2023.

Covid-19

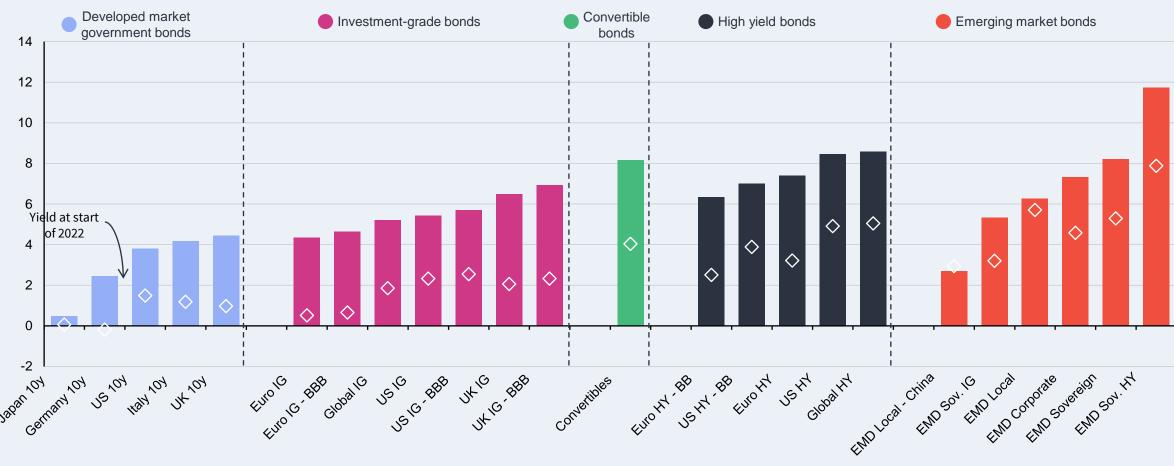
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Tech bubble

Germany UK

## Be wary of chasing higher yields

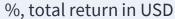
#### Fixed income yields

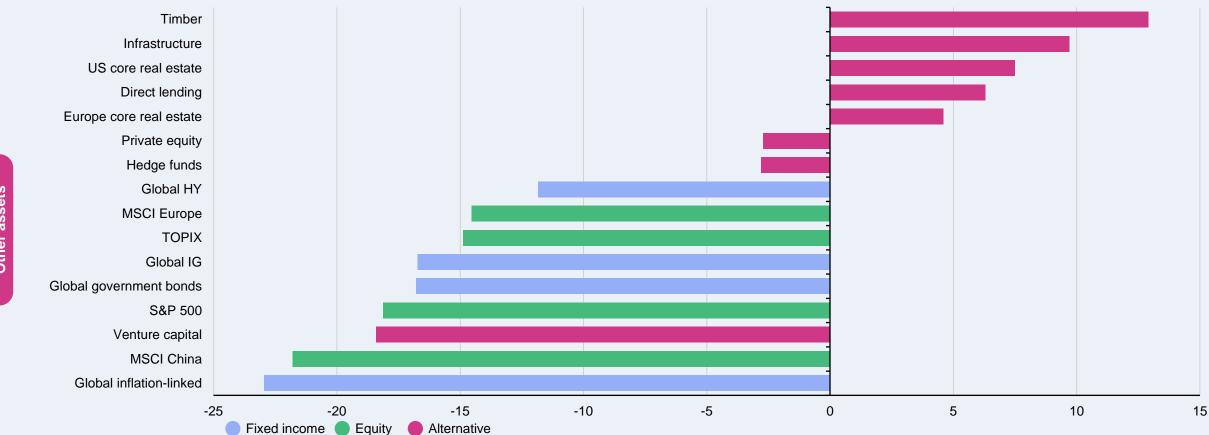


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## Alts are also required for inflation diversification

#### Selected public and private market returns in 2022





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#### **LOW CARBON ENERGY**

Renewables, electrification, CCS, sustainable transport & construction



#### **FOOD & WATER**

Sustainable agriculture, water management, reforestation, green infrastructure



#### **LABOUR**

Automation, artificial intelligence, healthcare

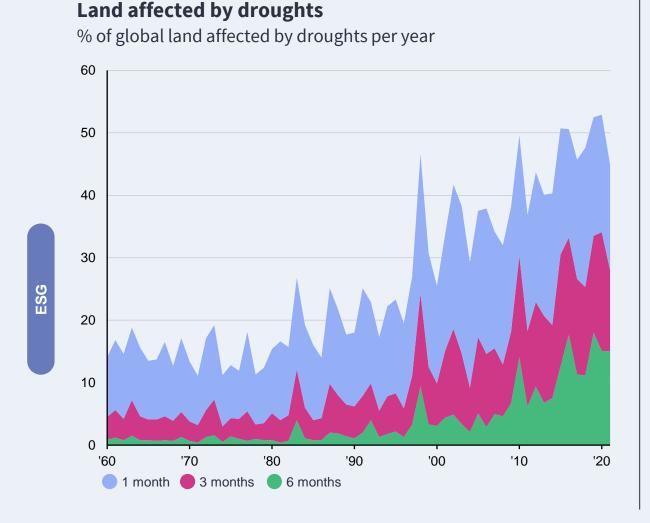


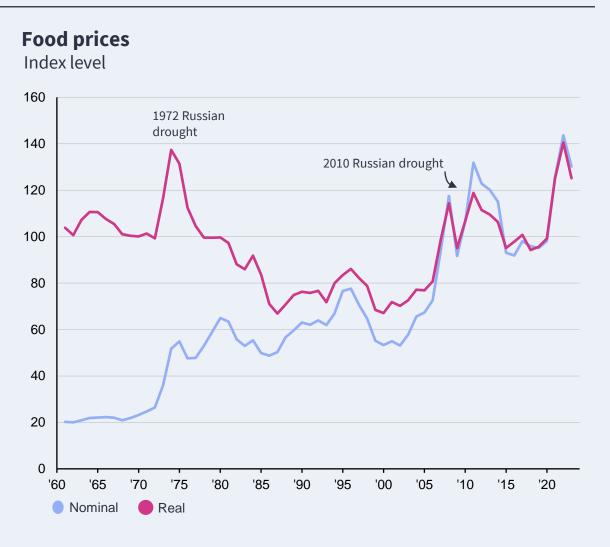
#### **MATERIALS**

EM, commodities, metals processors and recyclers, miners

## FROM ABUNDANCE TO SCARCITY

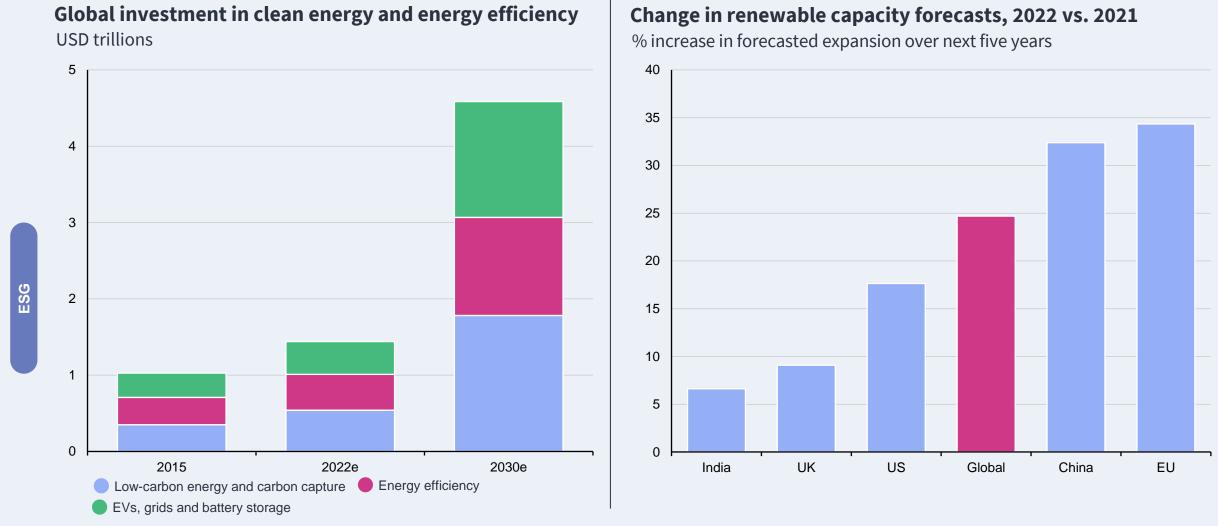
## **Expect more frequent bouts of climate-related inflation**





Source: (Left) Global Standardised Precipitation-Evapotranspiration Index Database, 2021. Beguería, S et al., The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: 2022 Report, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Right) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Guide to the Markets - UK*. Data as of 17 July 2023.

## Massive investment is needed for the energy transition

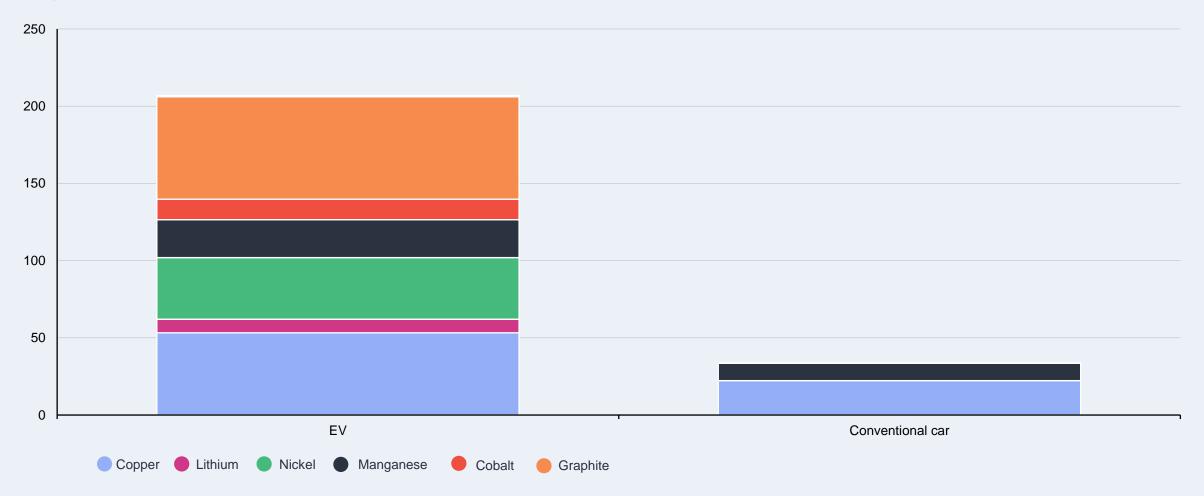


Source: (Left) IEA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Data is from the IEA's World Energy Investment 2022 report. 2030e is based on the IEA's net zero by 2050 scenario. (Right) IEA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Chart shows percentage increase in forecasted renewables capacity expansion from the IEA's 2021 Renewables report to the 2022 report. *Guide to the Markets - UK*. Data as of 17 July 2023.

# The energy transition requires huge amounts of 'green' minerals

#### Mineral content of electric vehicles and conventional cars

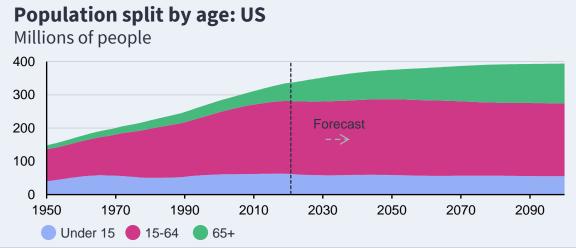
Kilograms per vehicle

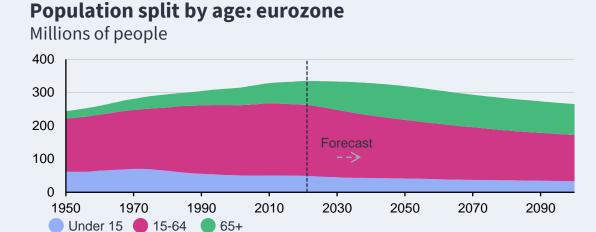


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## Labour scarcity will also be an issue in coming decades

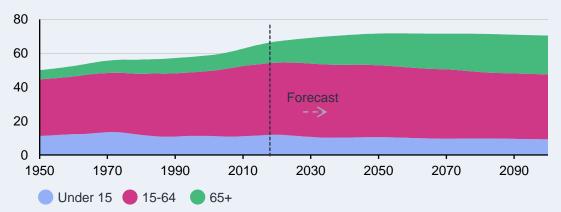






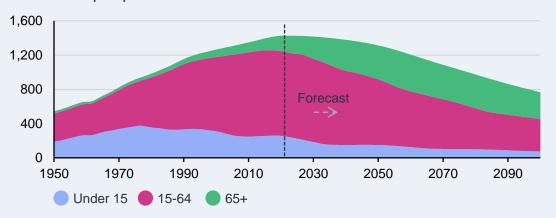
## Population split by age: UK

Millions of people



#### Population split by age: China

Millions of people



## **Summary**



Markets are hopeful Goldilocks is on her way back. This seems too good to be true



Which may create volatility in risk markets in H2. Focus on quality, income and avoid concentration



...but alts are required for true diversification



Economic weakness is - unfortunately - needed to get rid of inflation



Core bonds can diversify against recession risk that brings disinflation...



This will be a very different decade, we are in a new economic regime



## **Summary views for the next 12 months**

**CENTRAL** 

Moderating inflation, pausing central banks, mild recessions

Government bond yields range bound, challenging environment for stocks with elevated volatility and muted total returns

DOWNSIDE	
Disinflationary recession scenario	Sticky inflation prevents CBs from riding to the rescue
Government bonds the best diversifiers, equities under pressure with Growth outperforming Value	Bond yields higher, real assets outperform, high valuation stocks hit hardest

**UPSIDE** 

Goldilocks: Growth remains resilient while inflation cools

Best scenario for risk assets

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