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# Overview Funds Summary

Strategy	Fund	Launched	AUM <sup>6</sup>	Dealing Frequency	AMC Fee	TER
Absolute Return Long only investments in a portfolio of bonds, equities and commodities	Capital Gearing Trust	1982 <sup>1</sup>	£957m	Listed	0.39% <sup>3</sup>	0.47%
	CG Absolute Return (EUR Hedged, USD Hedged available)	2016	£893m	Daily	0.35%	0.45%
	Capital Gearing Portfolio (P,V shares)	2001	£272m	Daily	0.75%	0.84%
<b>Real Return</b> Long only investments in index linked bonds	Real Return Fund (GBP Hedged available)	2004	£404m	Daily	0.30% / 0.20%4	0.39%
	Dollar Fund (GBP Hedged, Non RDR, EUR Hedged and USD Unhedged available)	2009	£607m	Daily	0.25% / 0.15% <sup>5</sup>	0.35%
	CG UK Index-Linked Bond Fund	2023	£13m	Daily	0.15%	0.24%

<sup>1</sup> Peter Spiller began managing Capital Gearing Trust in 1982; <sup>2</sup> 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;<sup>3</sup> Tiered fee structure, marginal rate is 0.3% above £500m; <sup>4</sup> 0.3% below £500m, 0.2% above; <sup>5</sup> 0.25% below £1,000, 0.15% above; <sup>6</sup> As at 30 September 2024

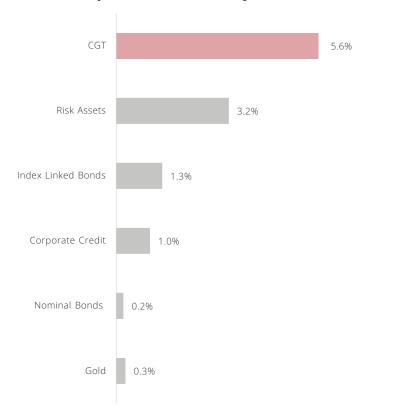


# **Positioning and Returns**

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# The portfolio performed defensively through a volatile period



#### Contribution by Asset Class LTM September 2024<sup>1</sup>

CGT Asset Allocation September 2024



1) Performance net of fees Source: CGAM, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust



CGT Risk Assets Returns Performance to September 2024<sup>1</sup>

### Both equity and bond portfolios have contributed to performance

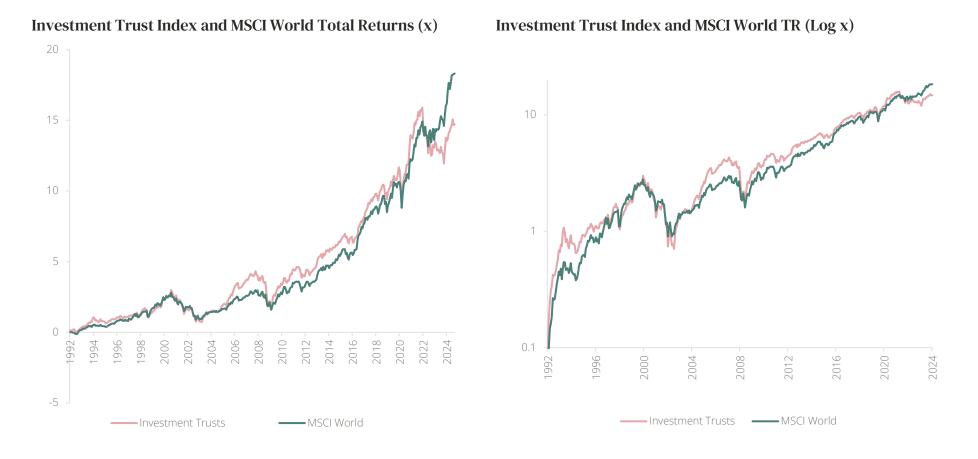


CGT Bonds Only Returns Performance to September 2024<sup>1</sup>

1.Risk Assets include equities, property, alternatives and gold. Bonds include credit and sovereign bonds (excluding T-Bills and cash), start period reflects the longest period available for CGT under Bloomberg AIM Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Northern Trust



## The long term returns of the IT Index have been similar to the MSCI World



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP



#### **Investment Trusts**

### Discount are still attractive...





Alternative assets exclude 3i



### ...with catalysts at multiple levels to narrow them

#### Reversal of macro factors

- Fixed income allocations are better balanced
- Multi-asset outflows have largely slowed
- Cost disclosure changes will help at the margin



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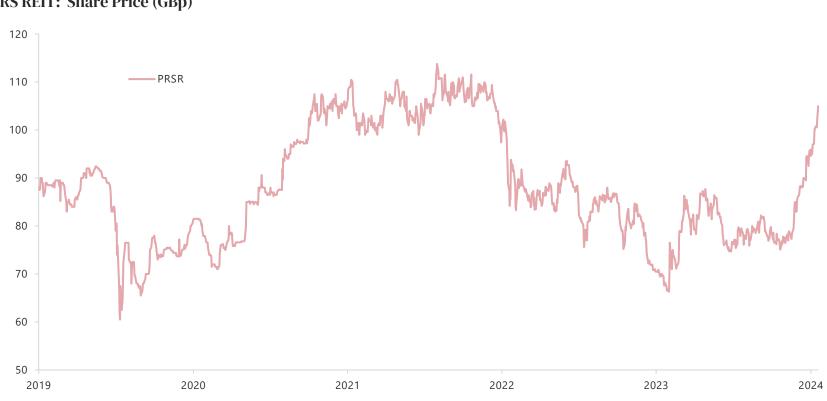
## ...with catalysts at multiple levels to narrow them

Reversal of macro factors	Record return of capital	Engagement leading to constructive outcomes	
• Fixed income allocations are better balanced	<ul> <li>C.£15bn returned through buybacks, wind downs and M&amp;A in the last 18m</li> </ul>	Governance has improved     over the years	
<ul> <li>Multi-asset outflows have</li></ul>	<ul> <li>45 corporate actions, and</li></ul>	<ul> <li>The emergence of more</li></ul>	
largely slowed	counting	value players has helped	
<ul> <li>Cost disclosure changes will</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Returns are being pulled</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Boards are more willing to</li></ul>	
help at the margin	up by their bootstraps	engage, especially with us	



#### **Investment Trusts**

# We have increased our special situations and activist positions



**PRS REIT: Share Price (GBp)** 

1. Net asset values are reported on a weekly basis for BHMG Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.



# Outlook

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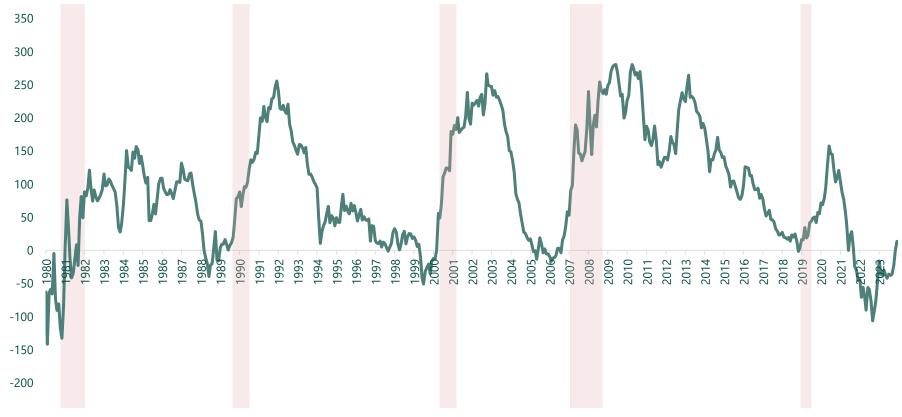


## Paul the Psychic Octopus was one of the breakout stars of the 2010 world cup





# Is the yield curve the psychic octopus of the financial world?

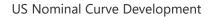


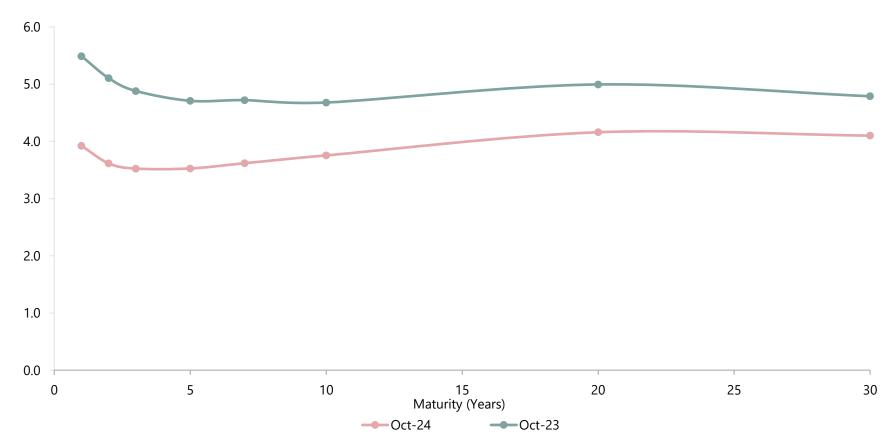
#### US 2Y/10Y Spread (shaded areas denote recessions)

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.



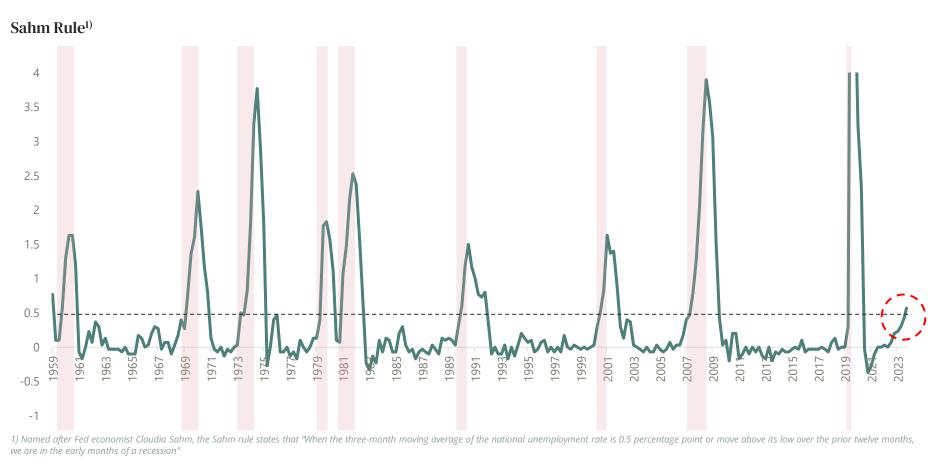
### The curve is dis-inverting, with just the tip of the tentacle left to uncurl







### The dis-inversion and the Sahm Rule are moving with spooky synchronicity



Source: BLS, Claudia Sahm, Bloomberg Financce LP



### The Sahm Rule is a heuristic and not a fundamental law!

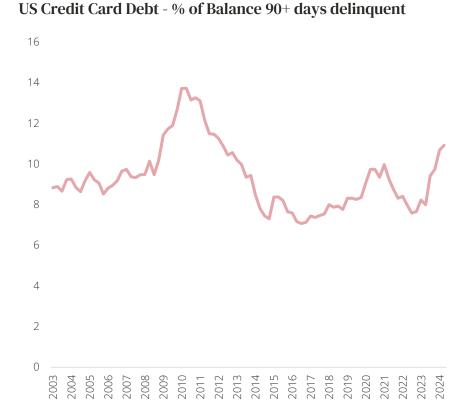


"The Sahm rule is an empirical regularity. It's not a proposition; it's not a law of nature."

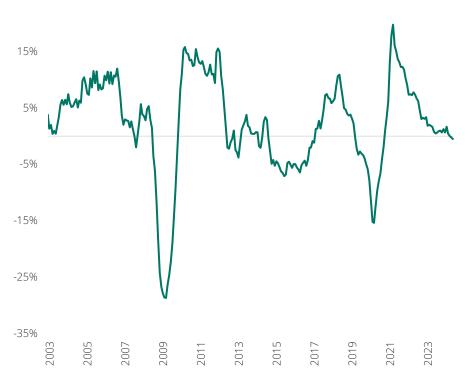
Claudia Sahm



# US consumer is struggling and US corporates are showing caution







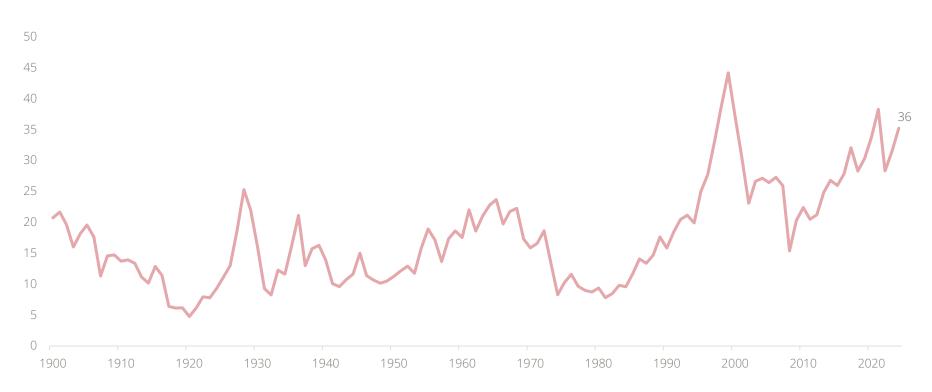
Source: New York Fed, US Census Bureau, Bloomberg



#### MACRO BACKDROP

### Today CAPE sits at its 97 percentile against a backdrop of tech mania – sound familiar?

US Stock Market - CAPE Ratio

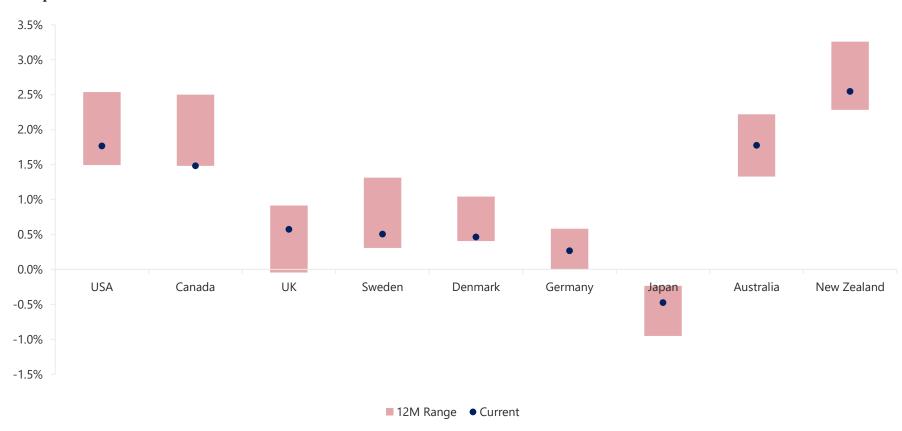


Source: Princeton University Press, Robert J. Shiller



#### MACRO BACKDROP

### Index-linked bond markets are offering risk-free returns well ahead of inflation



#### **Developed Government Bond 10 Year Real Yields**

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.



#### **Outlook**

# We are excited about medium term returns despite our defensive positioning







