How to XXXX up an investment portfolio (and your business)

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Asset under management +R70bn







Is it possible to lose on purpose?

If not,

is it possible to win on purpose?



Markets are made up of other professional players, not amateurs

To beat an index you have to either:

- Be better than the other pros (after fees)
 - Take risks & get lucky

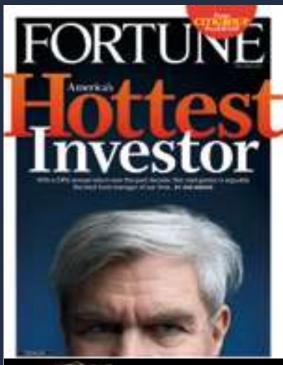


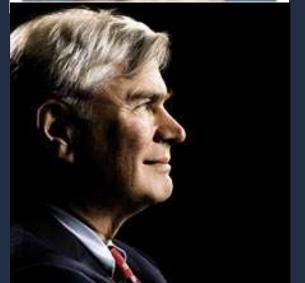
You only ever lose money on good ideas

Nobody ever invests in a bad idea



Incredible outperformance – CGM Focus Fund





THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Best Stock Fund of the Decade: CGM Focus

By Eleanor Laise; Dec. 31, 2009



10yrs (2000 – 2009):

CGM Focus: +419%

S&P500: -9%



The curse of outperformance





Average investment return:

+18% /yr

Average investor return:

-11% /yr





Fund Return Investor Return

The longer the time period, the greater the **DIFFERENCE** between fund return and investor return. It all boils down to investor's repeatedly mistiming their purchases and sales



\$51,633



The curse of high tracking error





Reuters

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-funds-natixis... ▼

Venerable Boston mutual fund shuts doors after 48 years

Heebner to Shutter Capital Growth Management After Three Decades

CGM Funds to liquidate

mutualfundobserver.com



The Behaviour Gap

5.6%

Annualized return growth of \$100,000 \$300,072

Balanced portfolio

2.5%

\$165,145

Average balanced fund investor



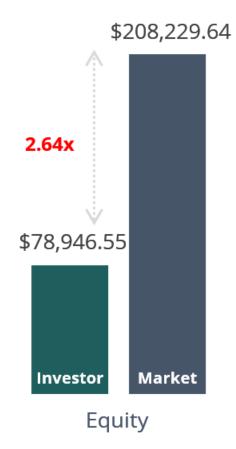
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What \$10,000 Would Look Like For The Average Investor

Over a period of 30-years

Value of \$10K compounded at S&P500 average annual return of 10.65%

Value of \$10K compounded at average equity investor return of 7.13%



Value of \$10K compounded at Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond index average annual return of 5.29%

Value of \$10K compounded at average bond investor return of 0.34%





Why did a good performer "fail"?

- High conviction portfolio: < 25 stocks
- Benchmark agnostic
- Large emphasis on macro themes and opportunities
- High turnover: 3X turnover

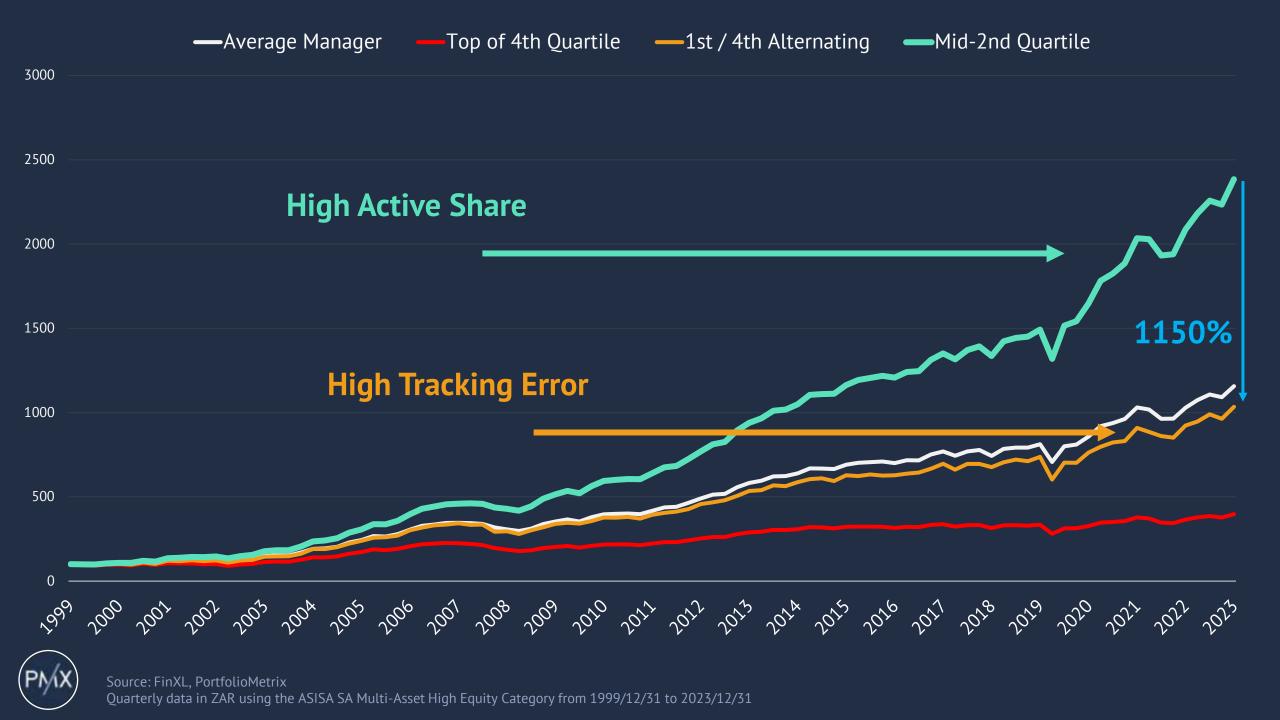
= high tracking error

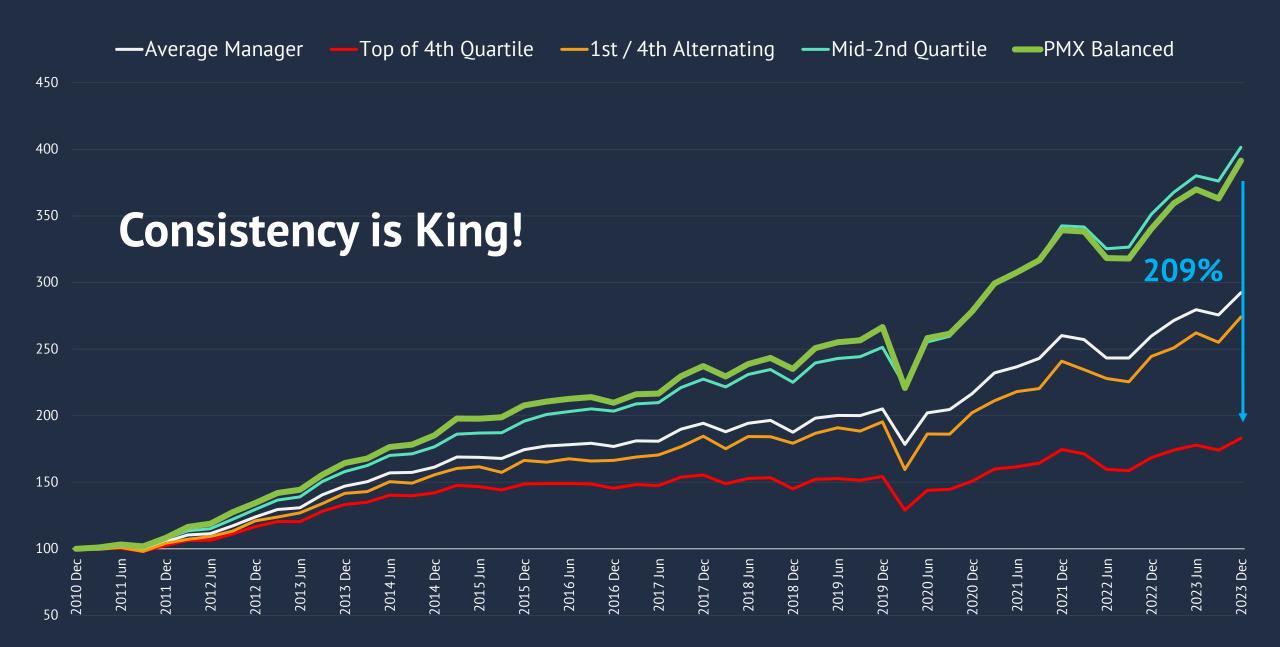
Statistically the probability of failure was eventually predictable













Peer group analysis

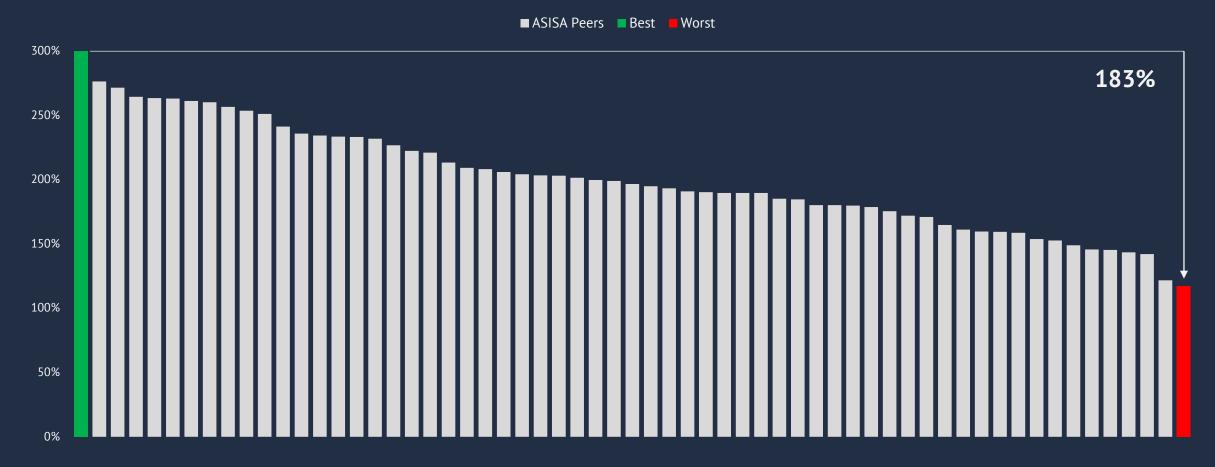






Wide dispersion in returns

Cumulative Returns of ASISA SA MA High Equity Category





Quartile performance is unevenly distributed





Most funds are not "average" performers





It's rare to be a 2nd quartile performer





Worst performer wasn't always bad





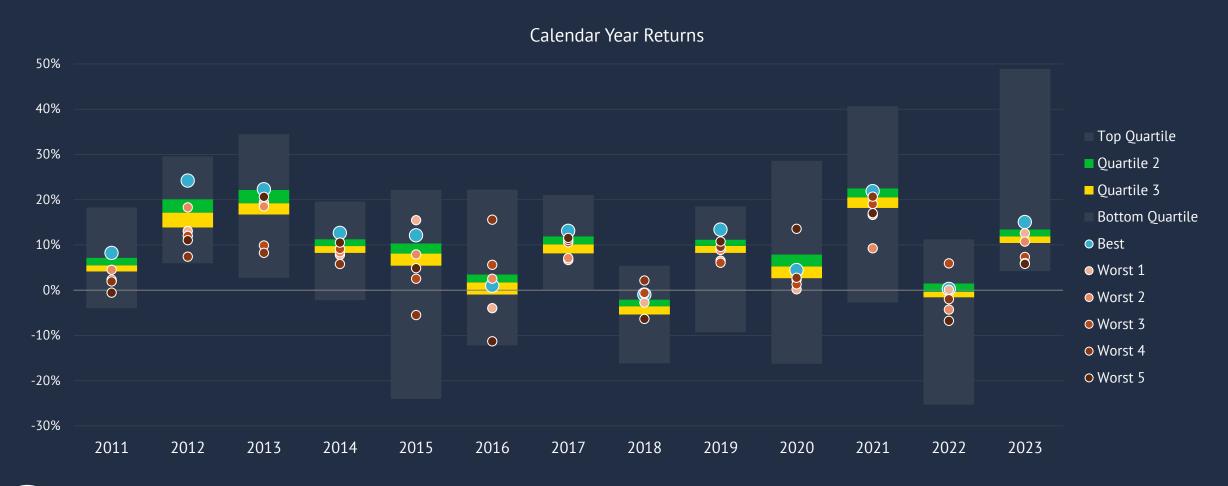
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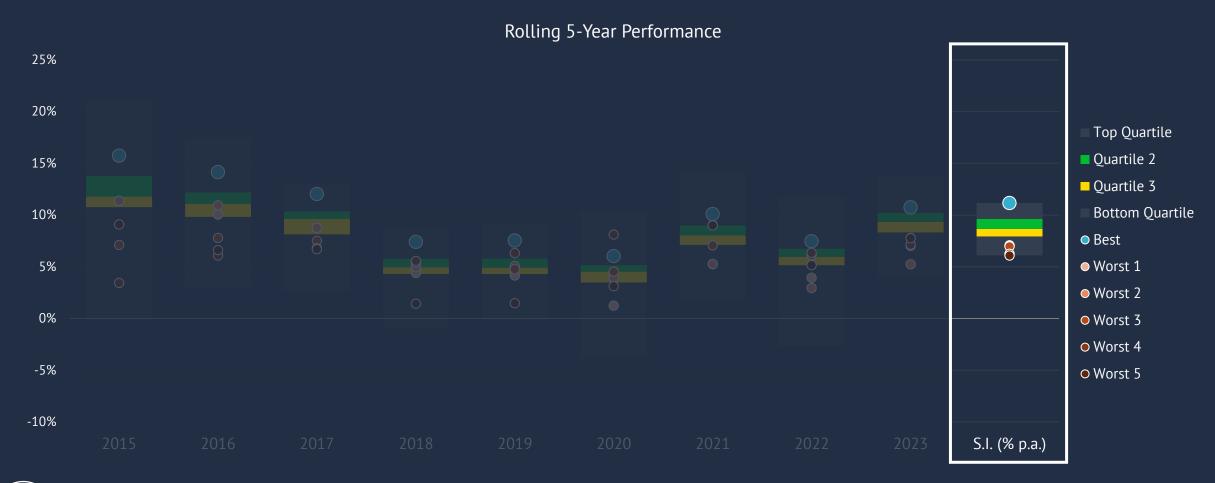














Cumulative performance

Consistency leads to peer beating returns

Cumulative Returns of ASISA SA MA High Equity Category





Anatomy of outperformance

How to compound consistency

- Win by not losing
- Intentional risk tilts and sizing
- Diversify away single factor risks
- Focus on what matters risk.

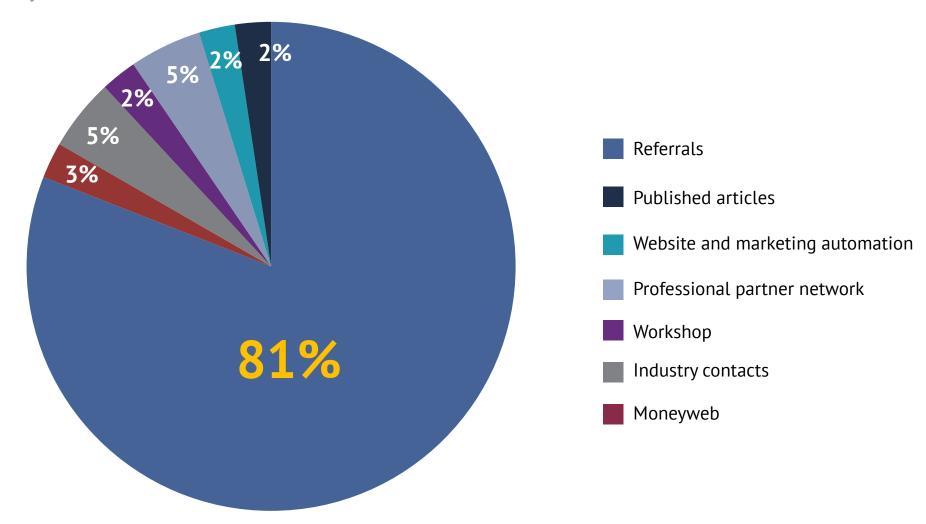


Relative Returns and Investor Utility (Happiness)

Do relative returns matter?

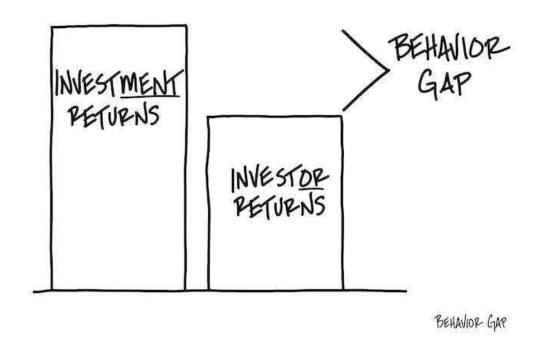
Referrals are a result of happy clients

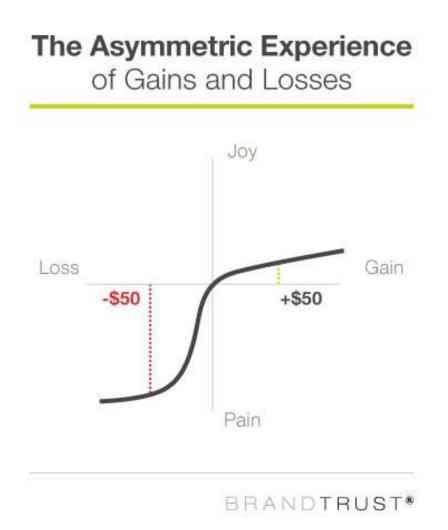
Large majority of advisers' new clients from referrals



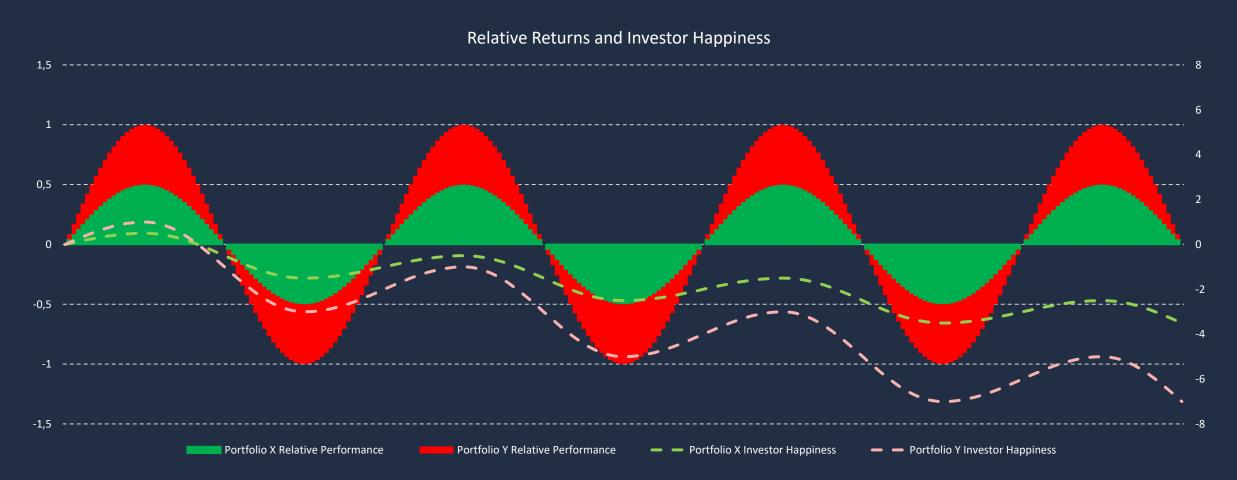


Source: PortfolioMetrix

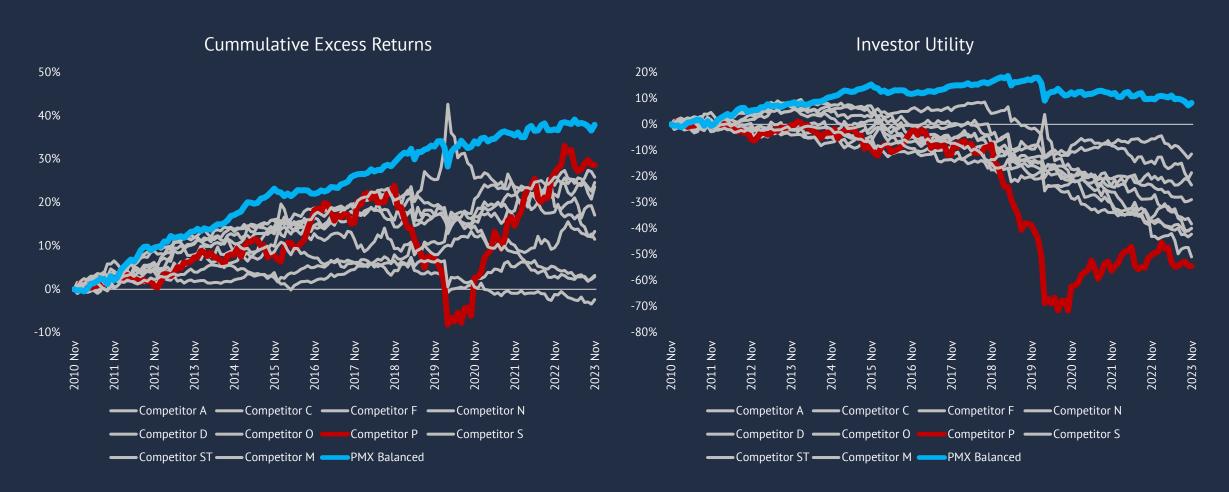






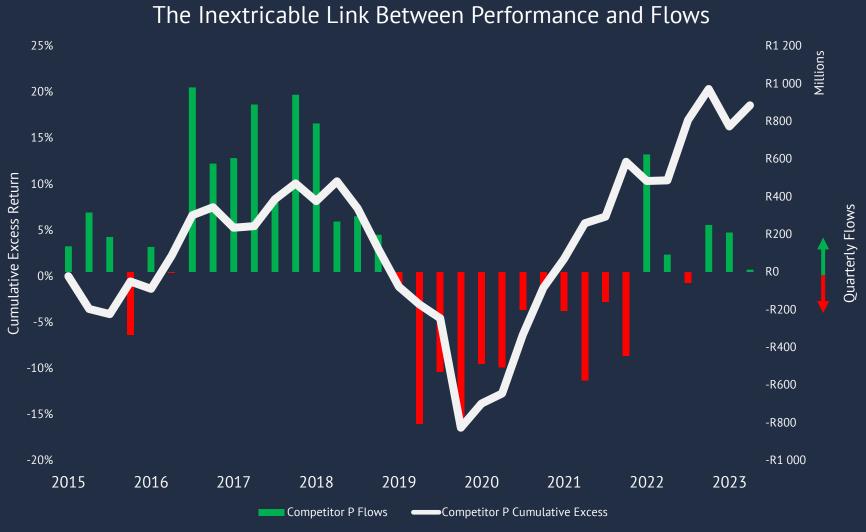














The link between performance and investor happiness

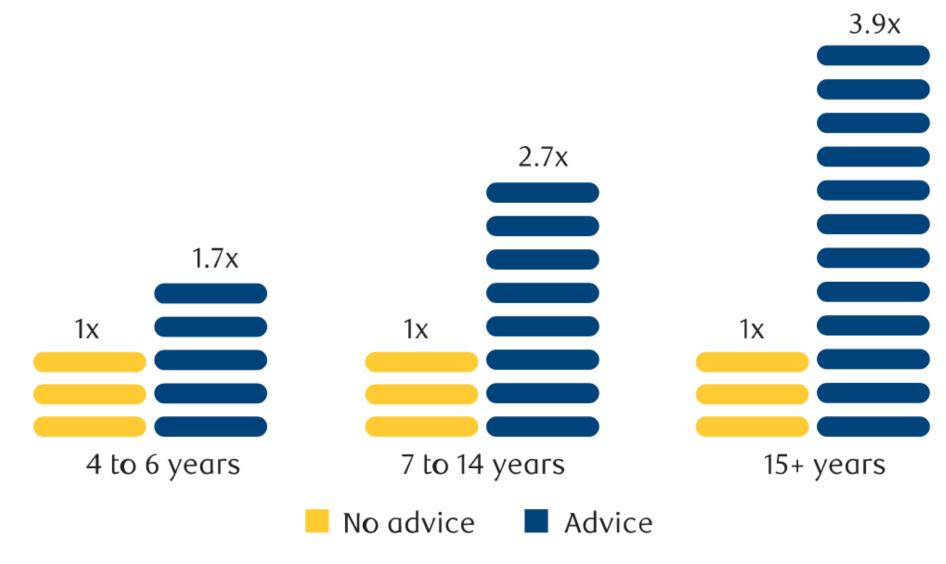


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The Value of Advice





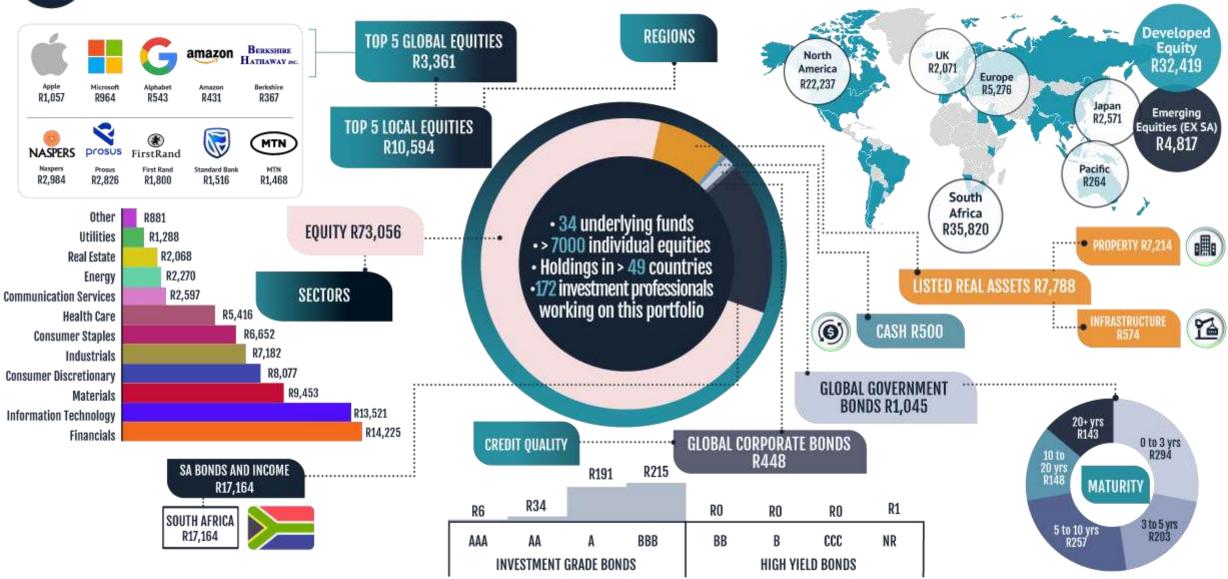
Source: RBC; CIRANO institute 2016; value of advice over 15yrs



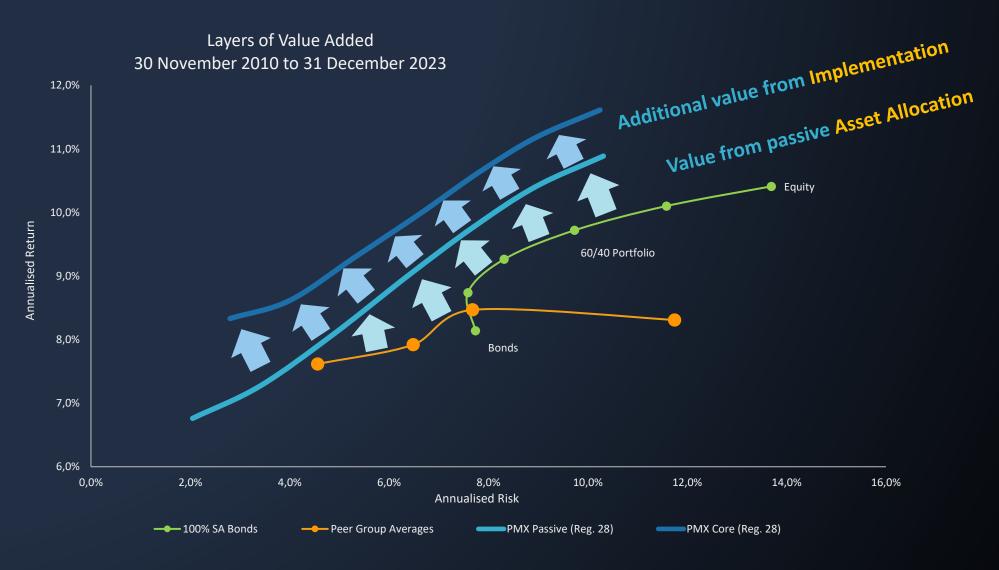




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Layers of added investment value



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