



# What a year it has been...

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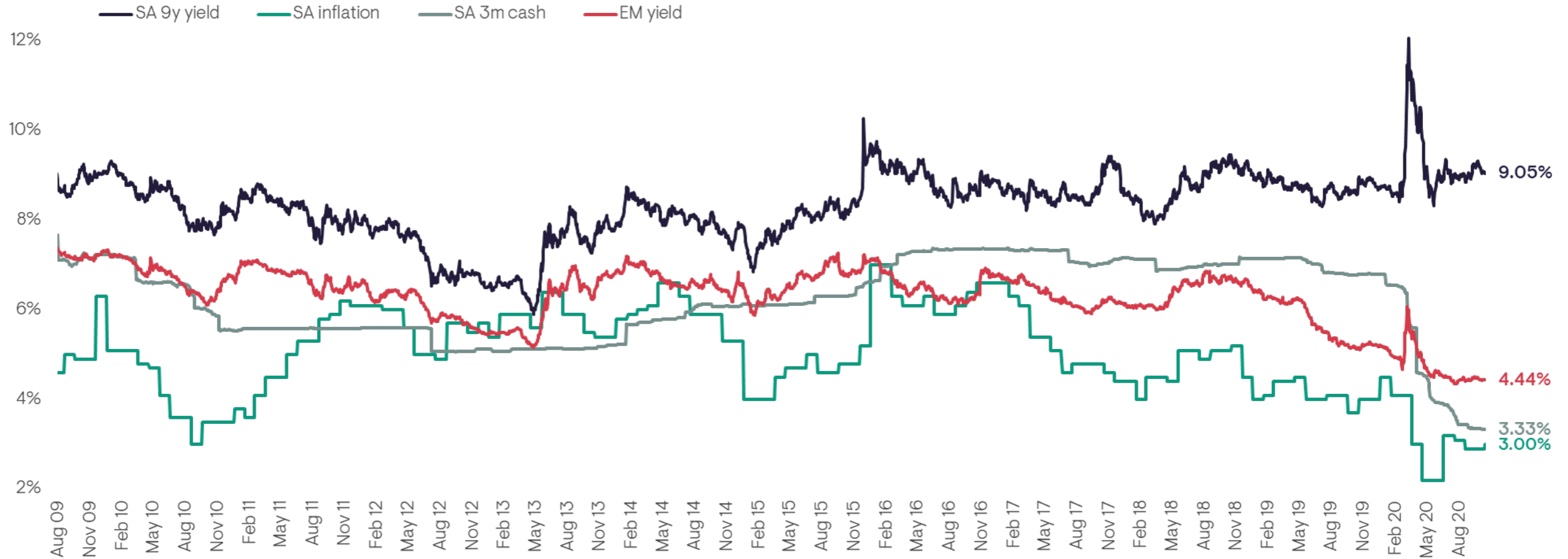
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# What a year it has been ...

... Pandemic => bonds worst month ever => SARB intervenes => bonds bounce back (sport still cancelled)

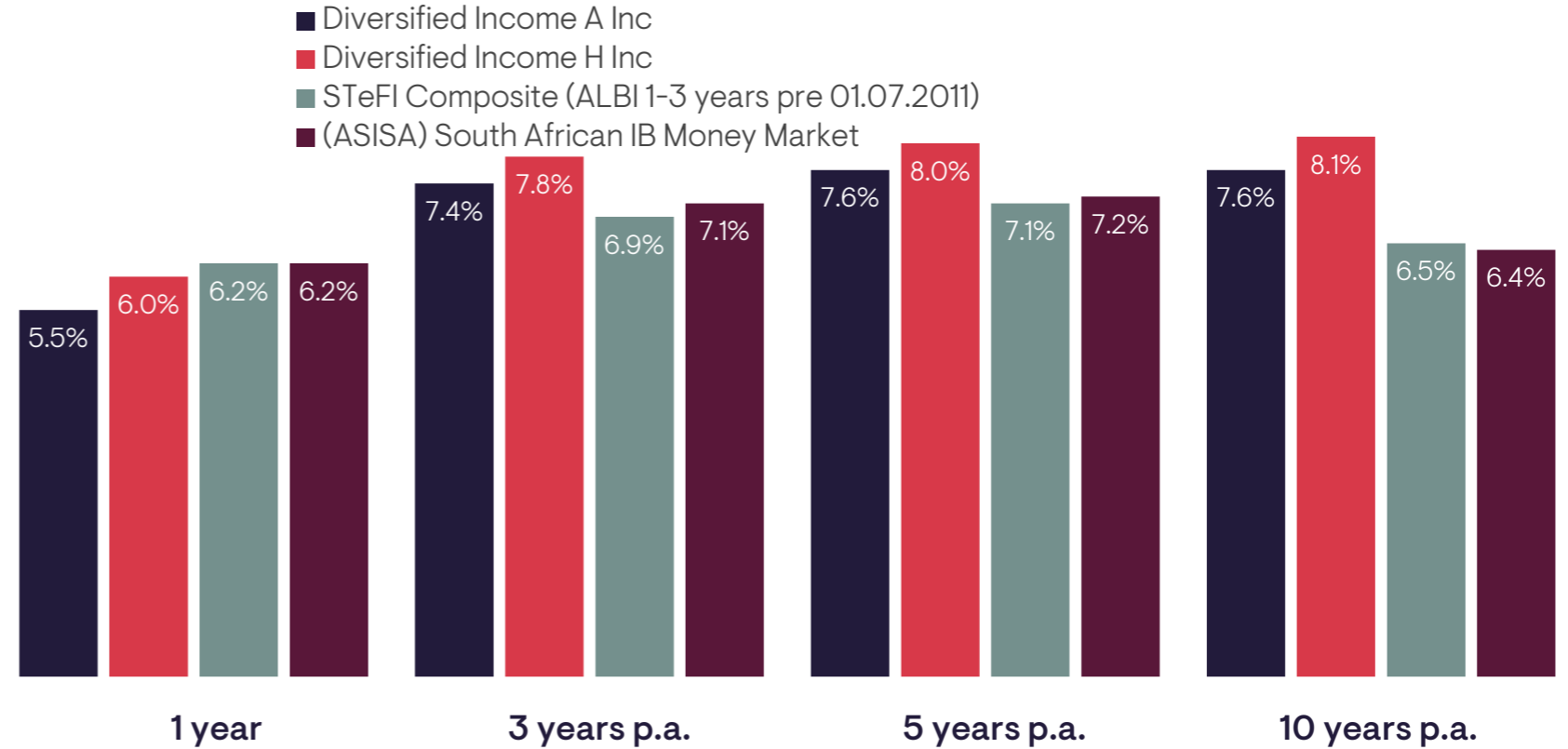


That was traumatic, it's all back to normal, right?



# Ninety One Diversified Income Fund

Annualised performance in ZAR as at 30 September 2020



	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.
Diversified Income A	5.5%	7.4%	7.6%	7.6%
Diversified Income H	6.0%	7.8%	8.0%	8.1%
STeFI Composite (ALBI 1-3 years pre 01.07.2011)	6.2%	6.9%	7.1%	6.5%
(ASISA) South African IB Money Market	6.2%	7.1%	7.2%	6.4%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

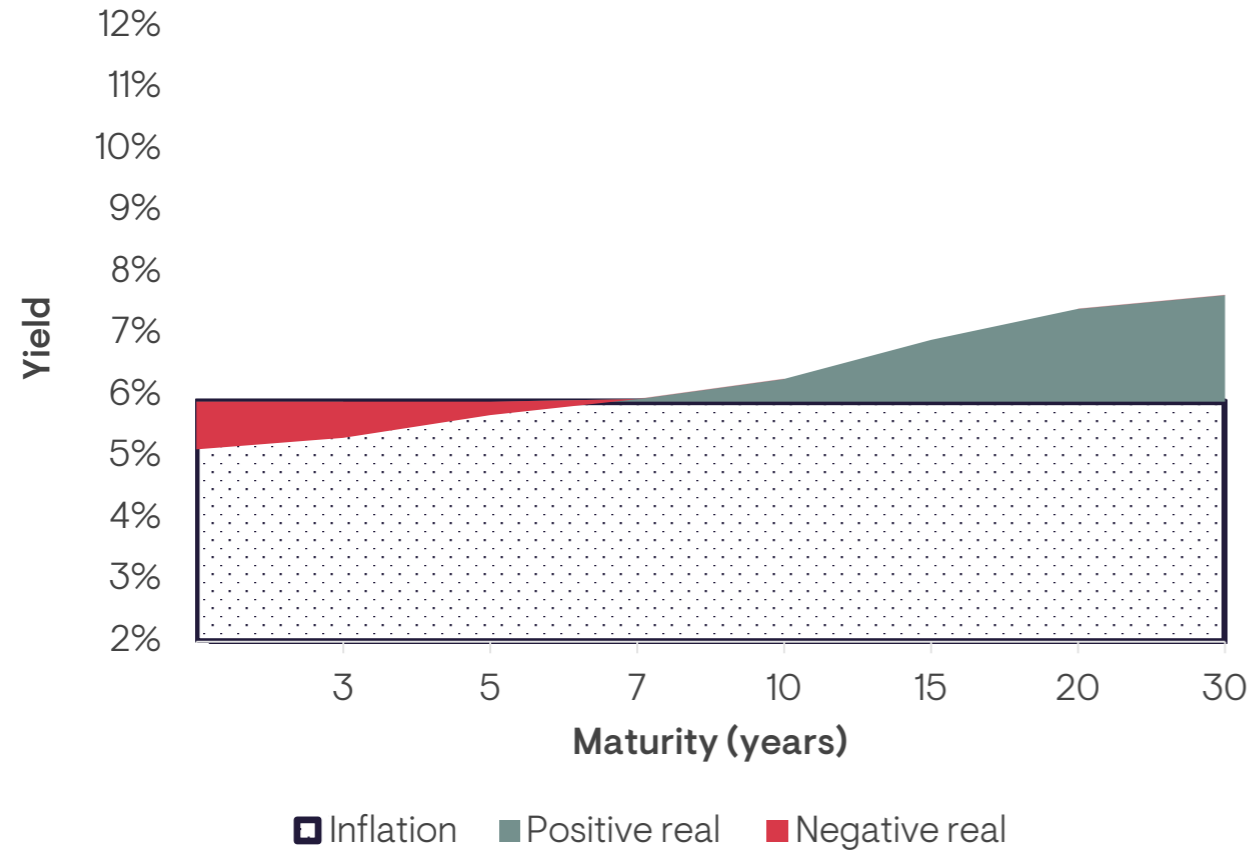
Source: Morningstar, dates to 30 September 2020, performance figures above are based on lump sum investment, NAV based, inclusive of all annual management fees but excluding any initial charges, gross income reinvested, fees are not applicable to market indices, where funds have an international allocation this is subject to dividend withholding tax, in South African Rand. The Fund's benchmark is to the end of the previous month end. \* Since Inception simulation date 01.09.08. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Individual investor's performance may vary depending on actual investment dates. Highest and Lowest returns are those achieved during any rolling 12 months over the period specified. A Class: Jul 12: 12.8% and Jan 14: 4.1%; H Class: Jul 12: 13.4% and Jan 14: 4.5%.



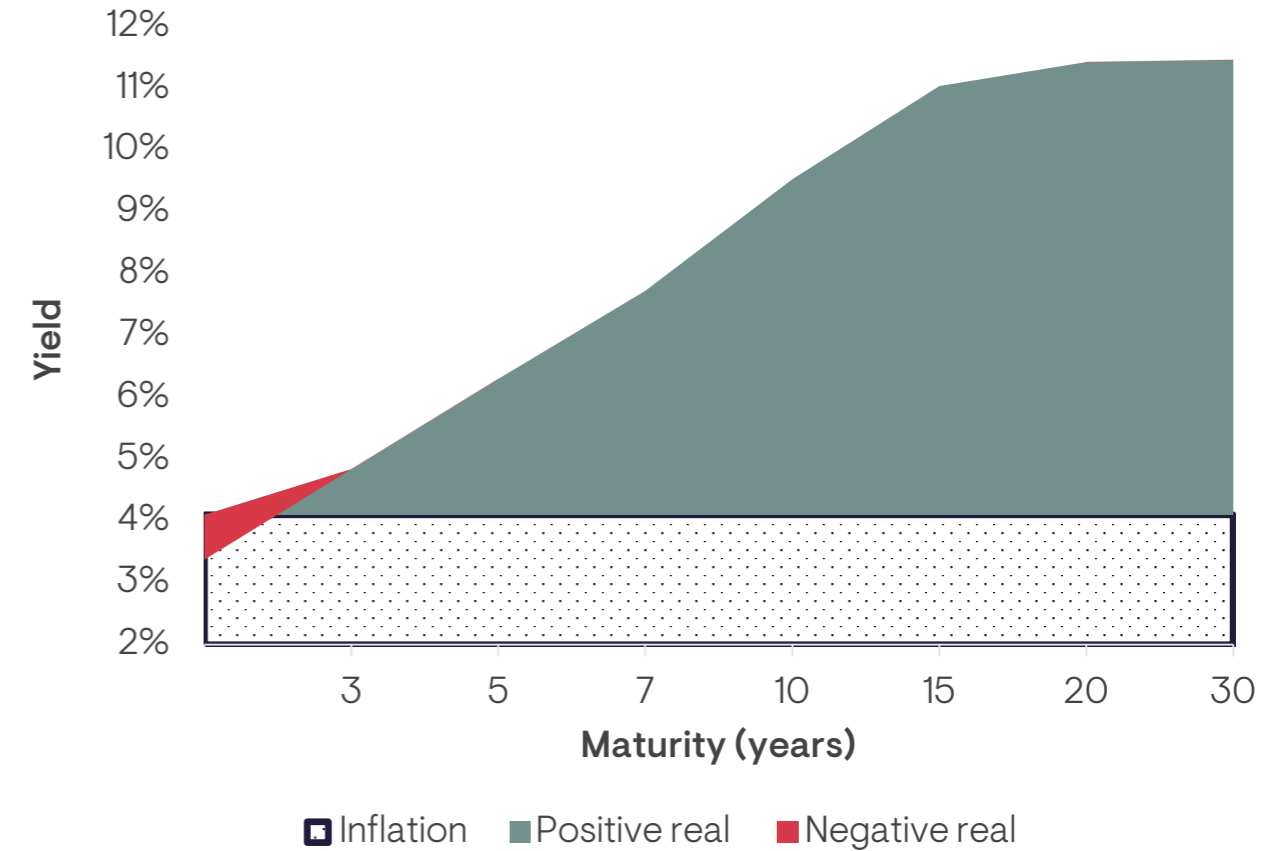
# If you're looking for inflation beating income, 2013...

... when the Fed was last doing QE, was arguably a riskier time than now

### Yield curve in the middle of 2013



### Yield curve now

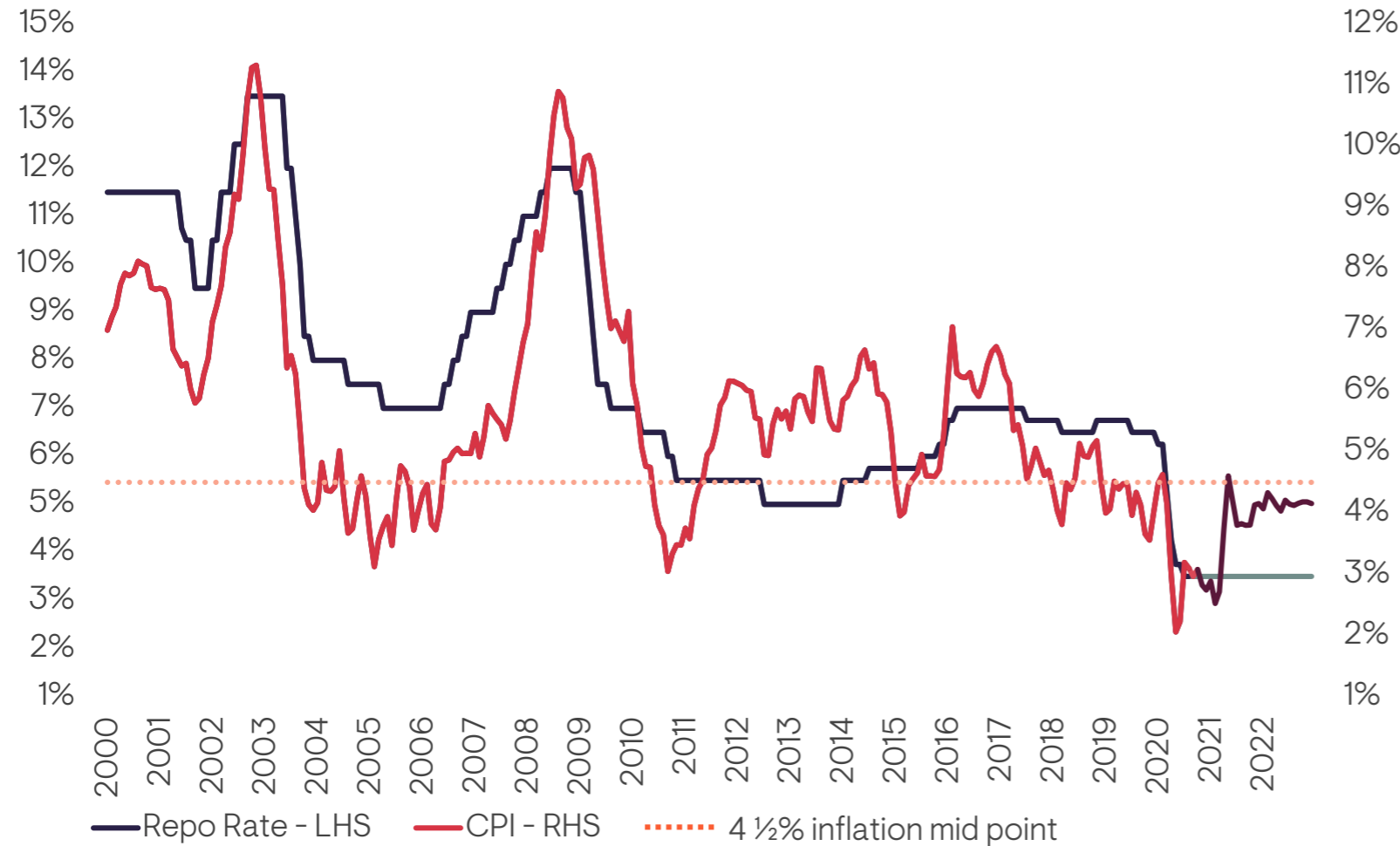


Is inflation a problem for the future?



# Rates lower for longer...

Inflation is subdued under most scenarios



## 2020 inflation scenarios

		Rand							
		16.4	17.4	17.9	18.4	18.9	19.4	19.9	20.4
Oil price	22.4	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%
	27.4	2.2%	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%
	32.4	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
	37.4	2.6%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%
	42.4	2.7%	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%
	47.4	2.9%	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%
	52.4	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%
	57.4	3.2%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%	4.8%
62.4	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%	4.8%	5.0%	

## 2021 inflation scenarios

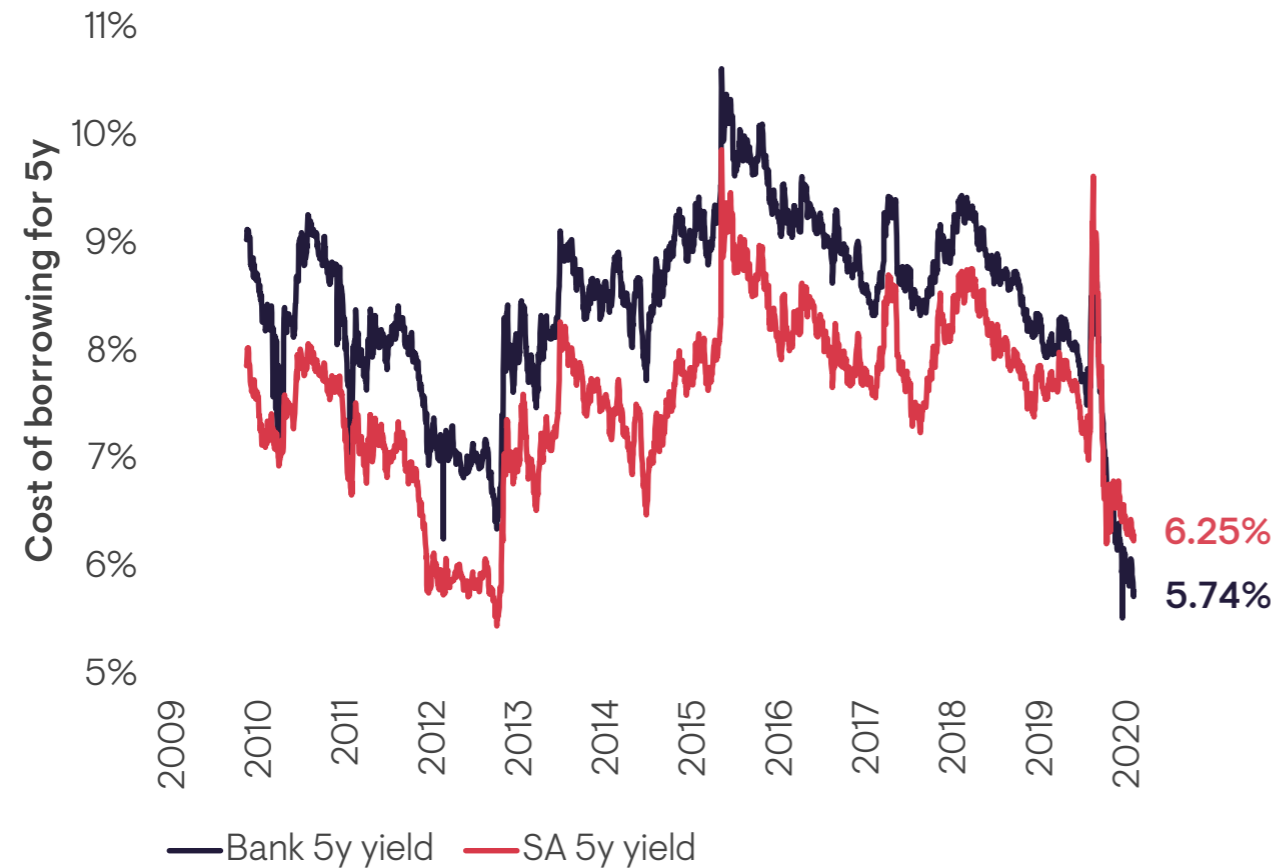
		Rand							
		15.5	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	19.0	19.5	20.0
Oil price	24.2	2.6%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%
	29.2	2.8%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.7%	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%
	34.2	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%
	39.2	3.2%	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%	5.0%
	44.2	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%
	49.2	3.6%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%
	54.2	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%	5.8%
	59.2	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%	4.9%	5.2%	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%
64.2	4.3%	4.7%	4.9%	5.2%	5.4%	5.8%	6.1%	6.3%	

But is inflation the only risk for the local bond investor?

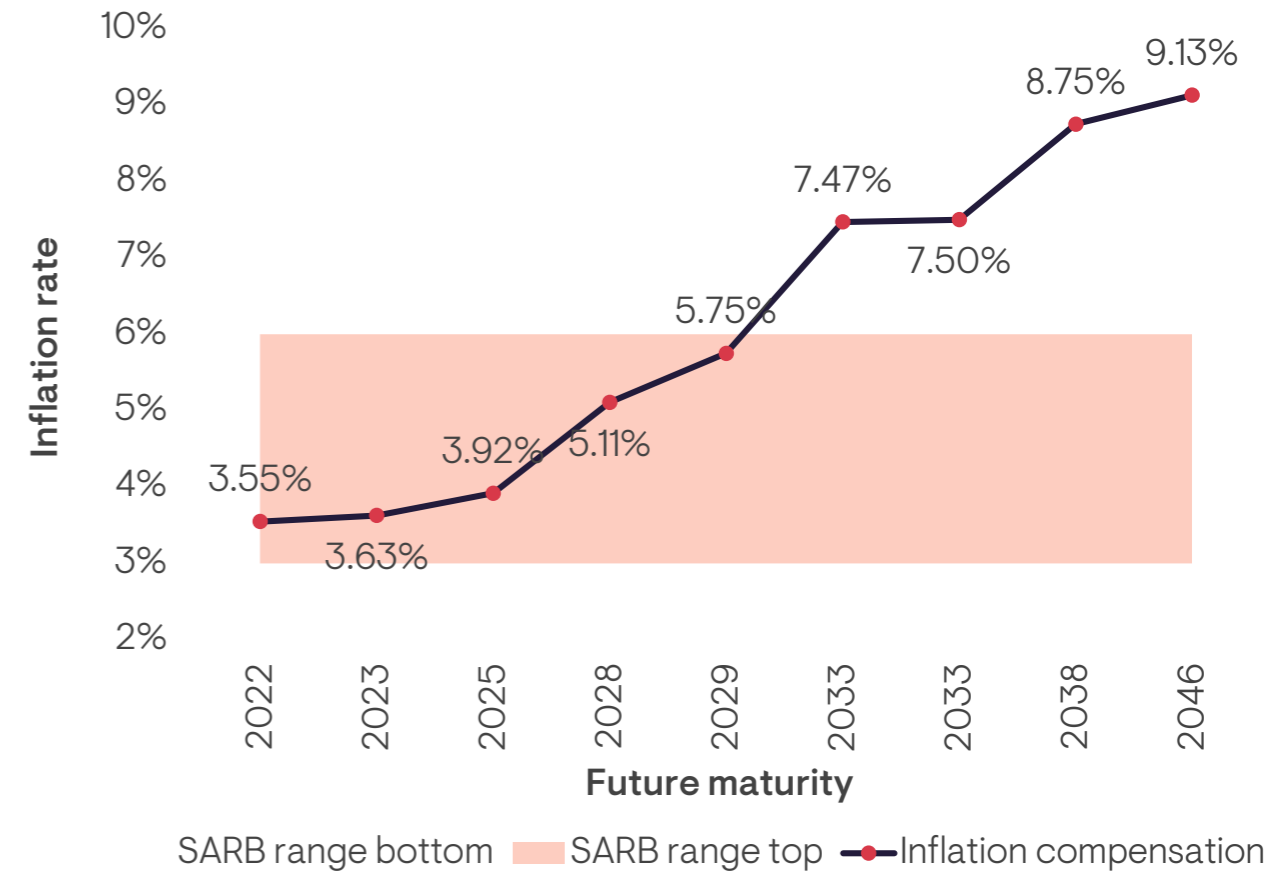
# There are signs of stress out there...

...with the government borrowing rates higher than banks, and future inflation pricing at 9%

Government and banks borrowing costs over time



Inflation compensation priced into the bond market

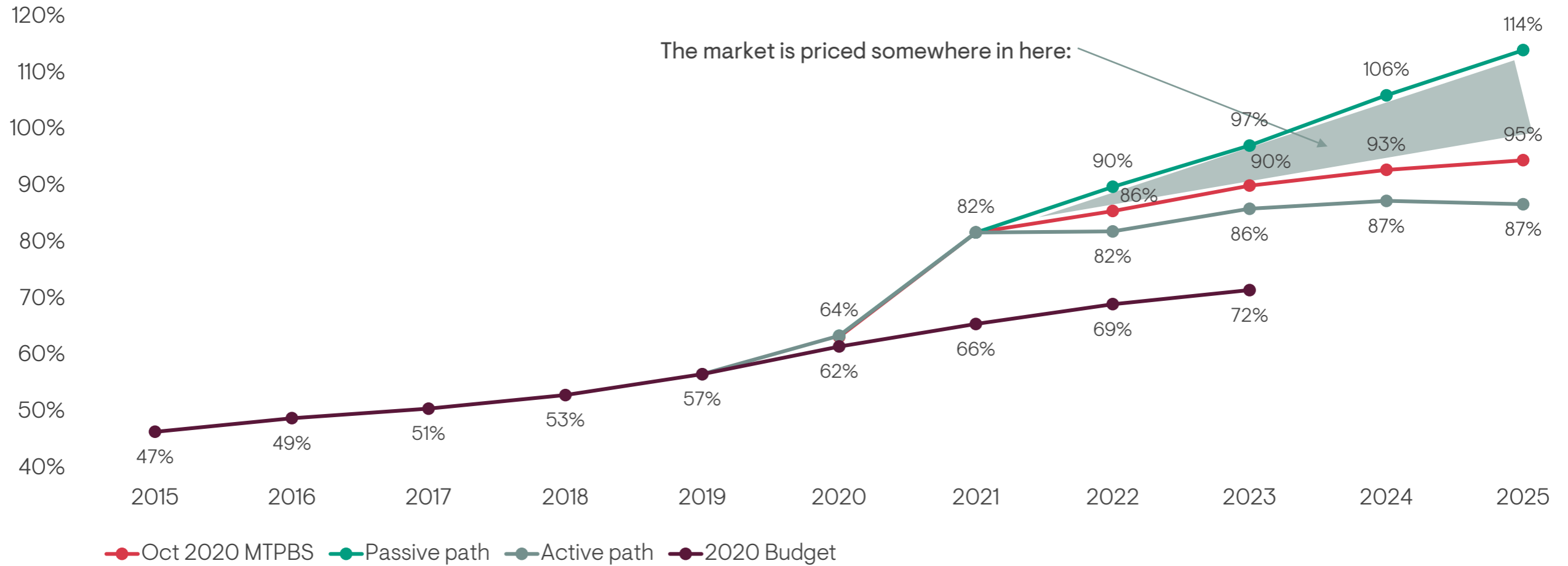


Is this market concern warranted?

# The fiscus is very vulnerable...

...with the market pricing somewhere between the “passive” and “active” path

## Gross debt to GDP

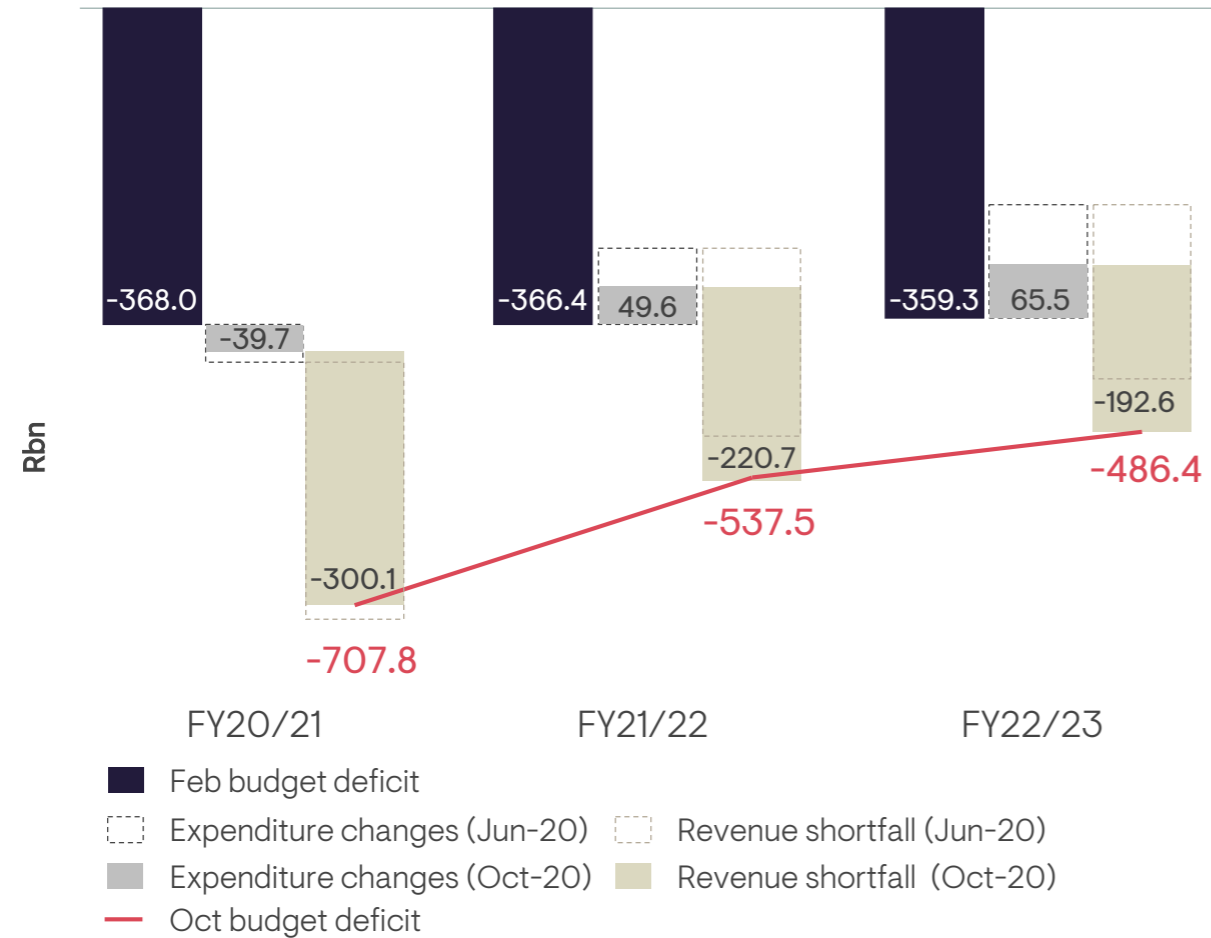


Is there a way to earn this yield and keep the risks manageable?

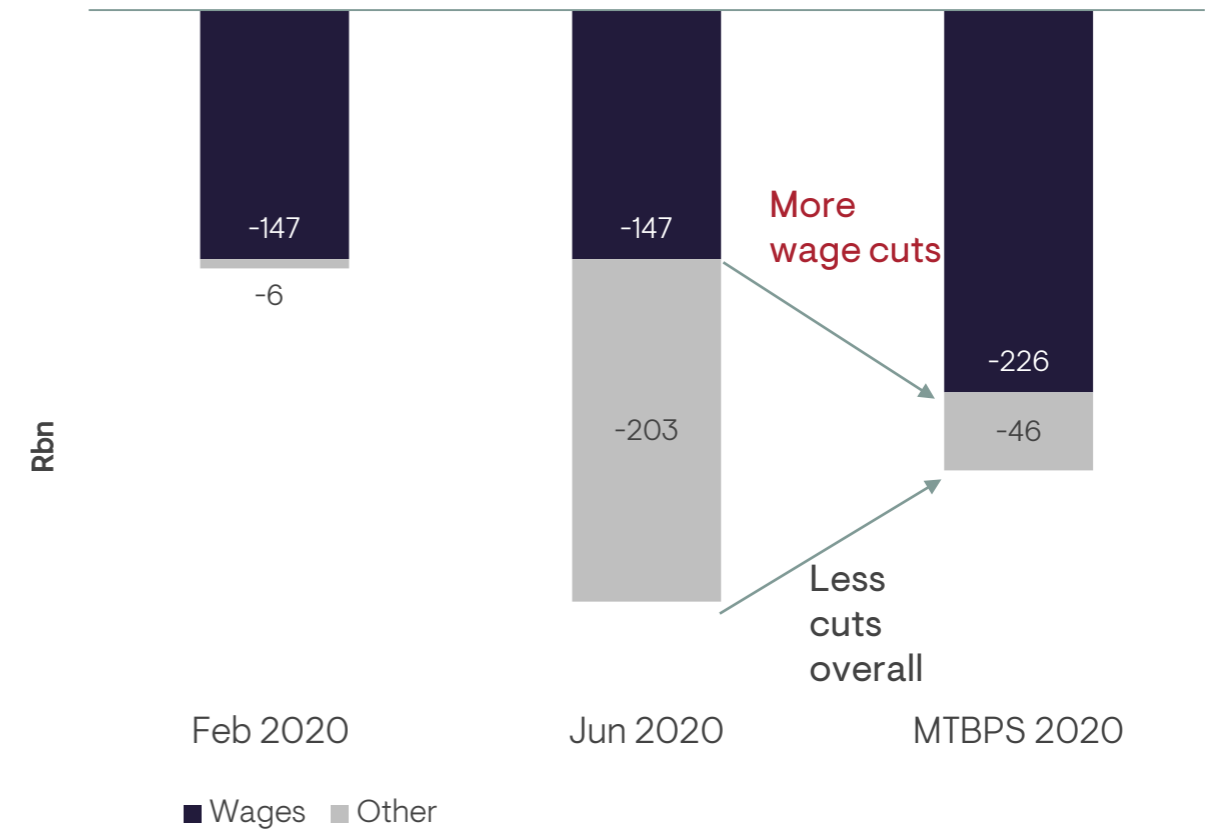


# MTBPS: worse numbers, better mix

Fiscal deficit changes: Feb => June => October



Planned expenditure cuts: Feb => June => October



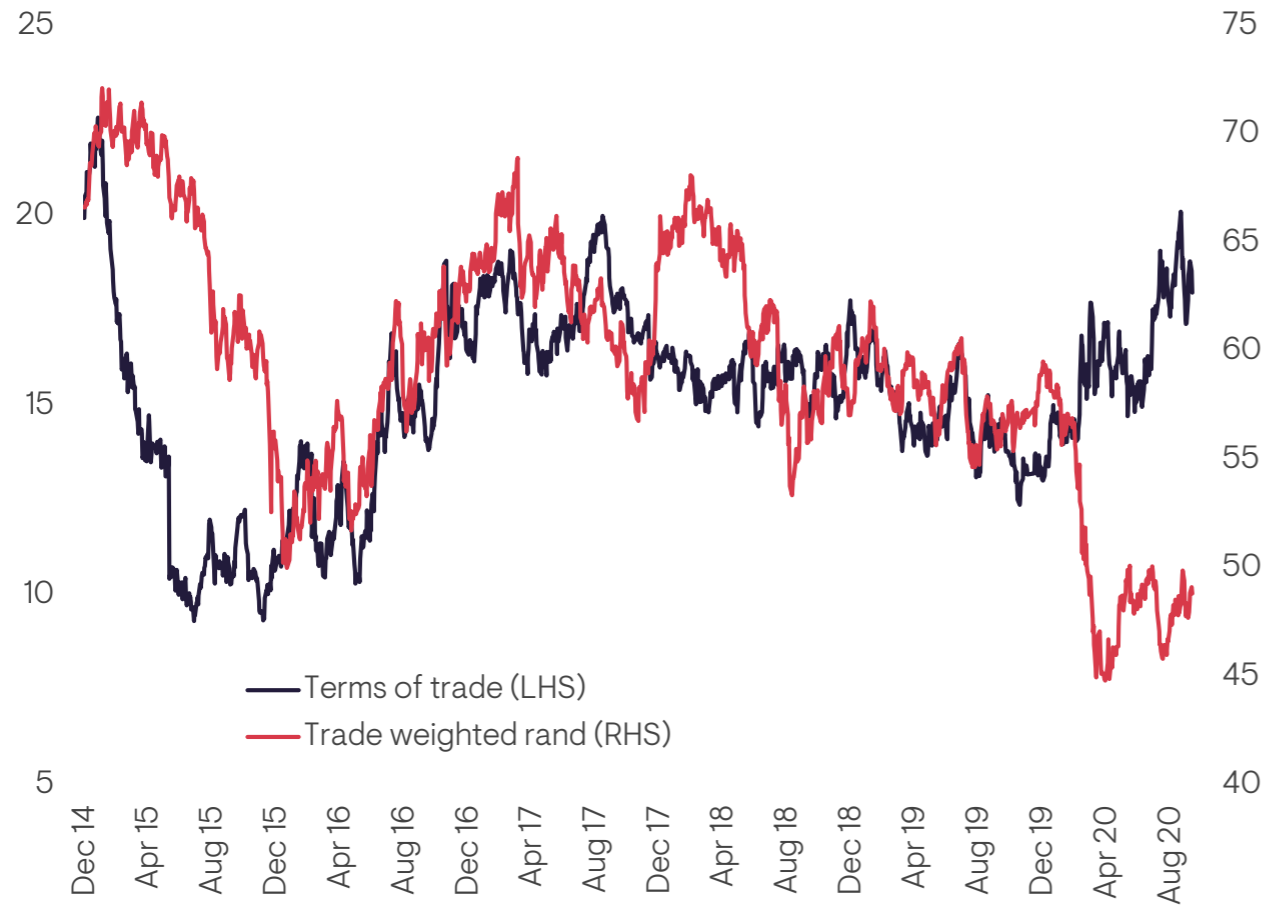
It's all about wages



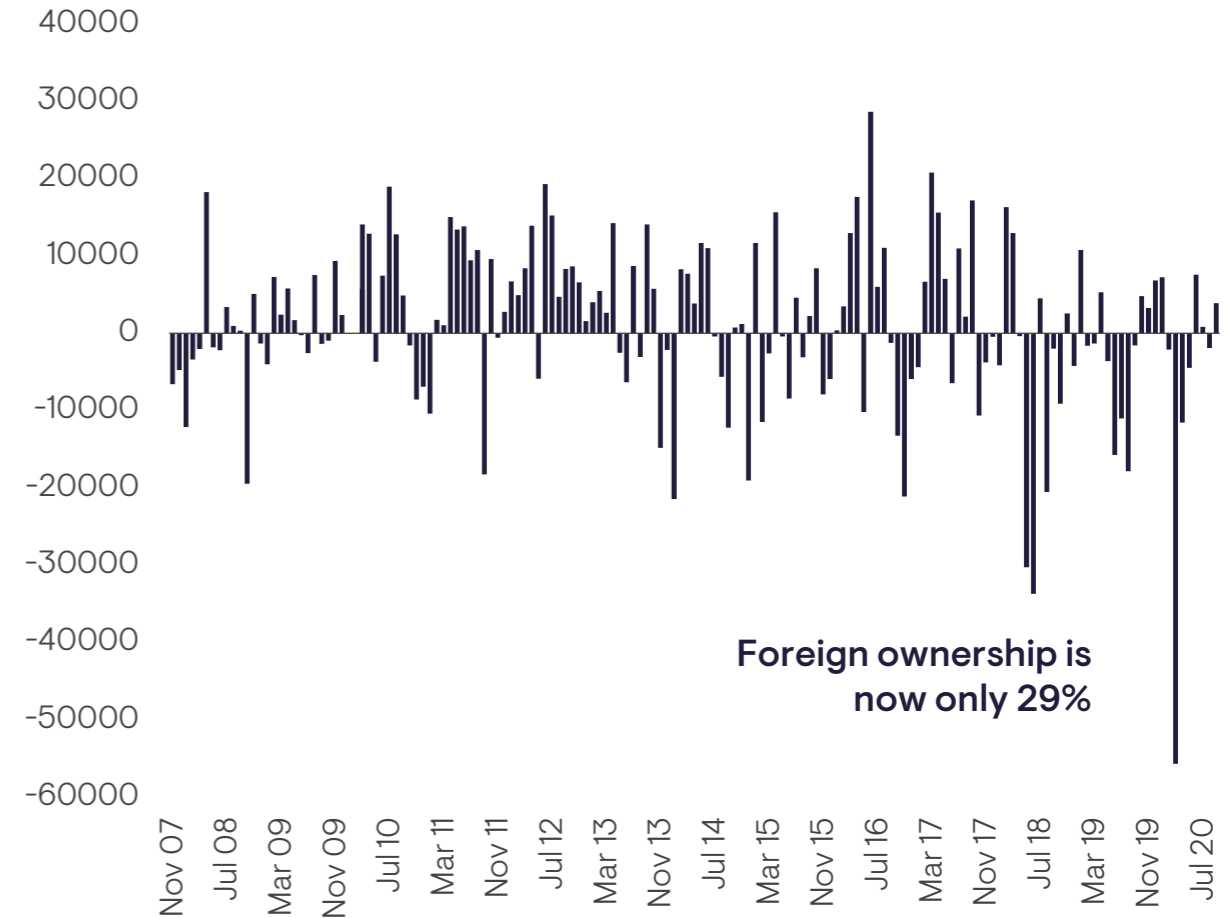
# You can't be too bearish the rand

It's a battle between current and capital accounts

Current account will be improving...



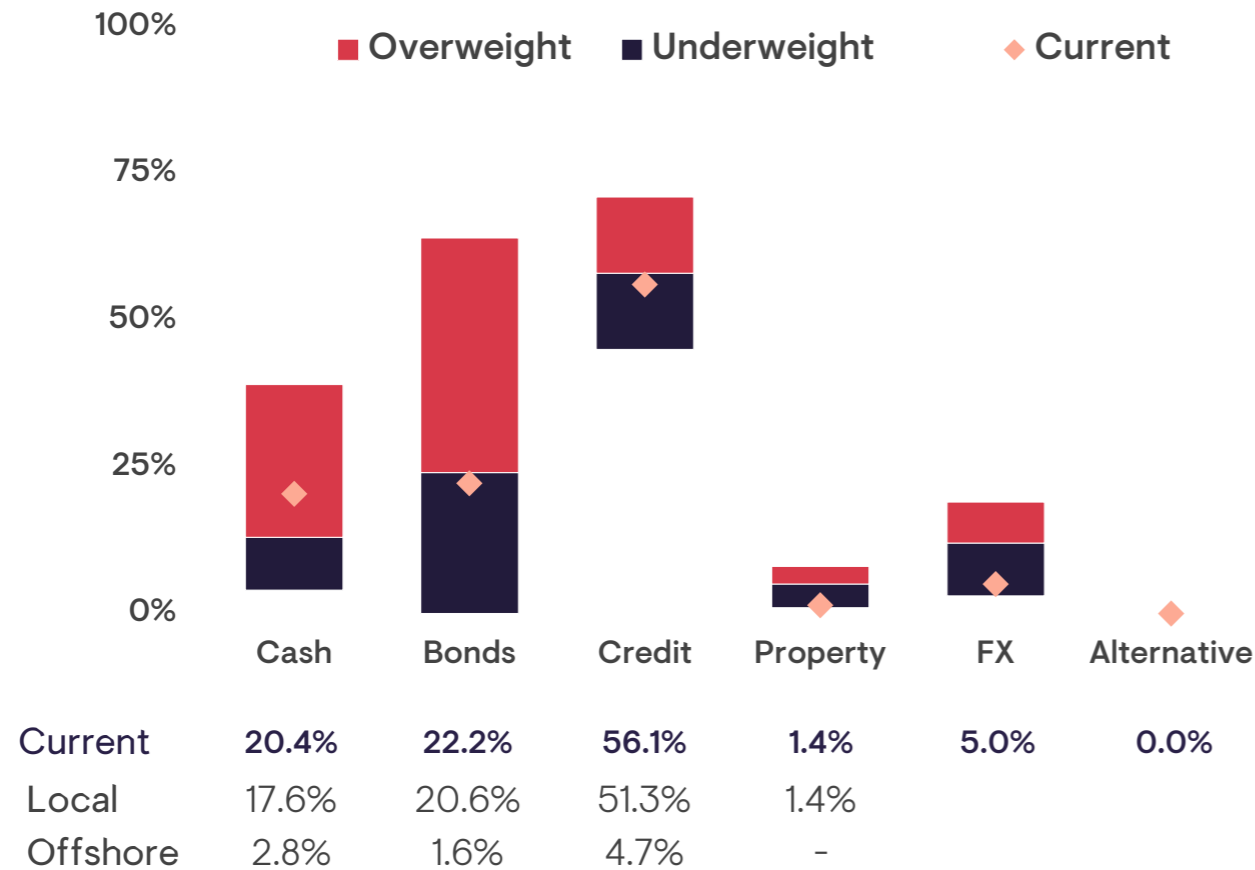
... foreign flows won't



Which means a small offshore allocation to help mitigate the fiscal risk

# Ninety One Diversified Income Fund

Current positioning: Still defensive, measured duration and underweight property



- No growth, no inflation: cash rates will remain low
- Fiscal better than feared: expenditure targets are (too) ambitious
- Reforms, execution risk, same story...
- Global central banks are supporting fiscal stimulation
- **VOLATILITY** is the game in town

	Duration		Exposure	Yield*
Nominal	1.19	USD	2.1%	6.50%
ILBs	0.21	EUR	1.3%	
		EM	1.6%	
<b>Years</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>FX</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	

| Positioned to participate and protect



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