

# **BCI Boutiques on Wednesday**Laurium BCI Strategic Income Fund

November 2024

## **Laurium Capital at a Glance**





+16 year track record



**TOP TIER TEAM** 



20 YEARS

Average Investment Team Industry Experience



**R57 BN AUM** 



**DIVERSE TEAM** 



**OWNER MANAGED** 

Degrees, backgrounds, genders, perspectives



SA, AFRICA AND GLOBAL

Skills Across Regions And Asset Classes



**BOUTIQUE MINDSET** 

Nimble, Opportunistic, Flexible

## The Investment Team (Fixed Income Team)

## **LAURIUM** CAPITAL

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Analyst (Internship) The Three Most Important Factors Driving SA Fixed Income Markets



## **Fixed Income Process**

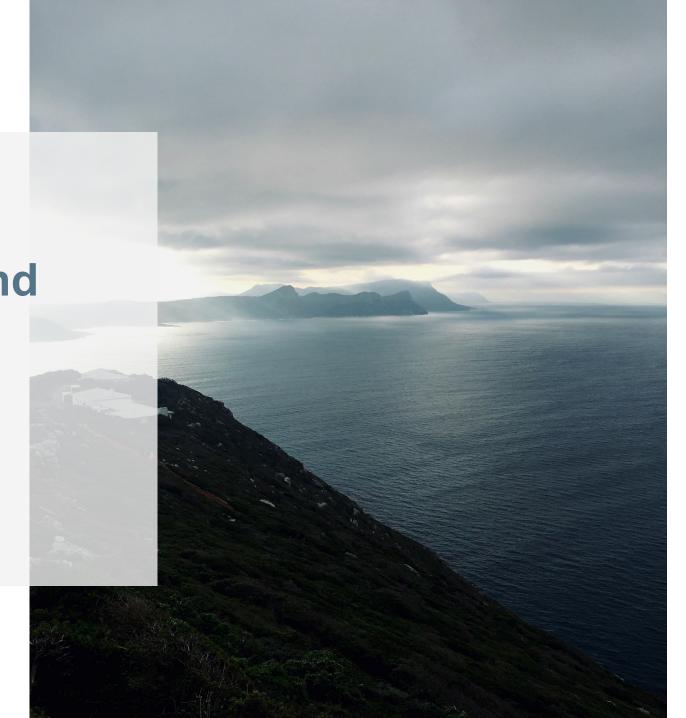
The Three Rs







Developed Market Bond Drivers

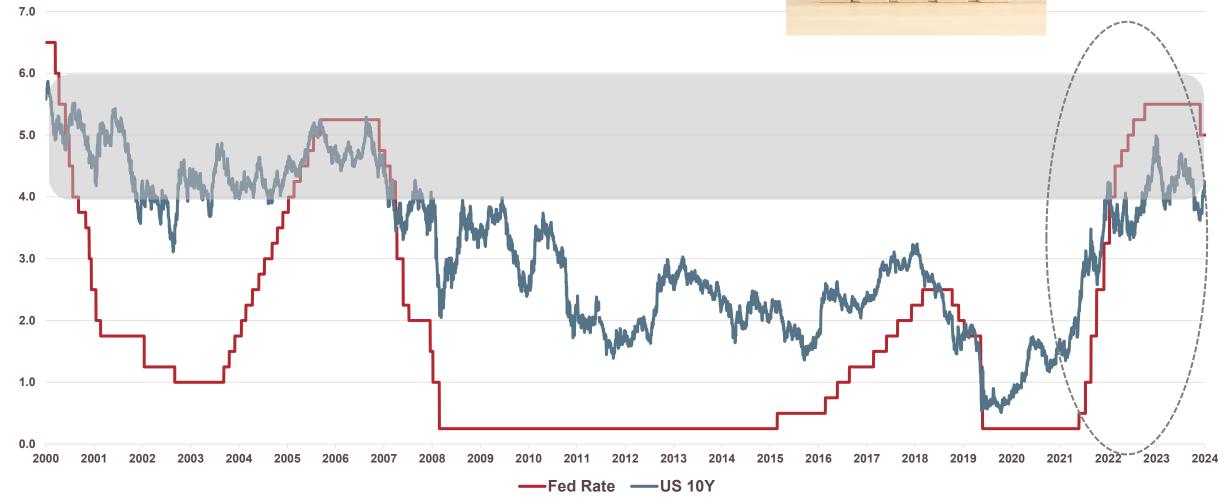


## **US Interest Rates and Bond Yields**

#### **Zooming out**





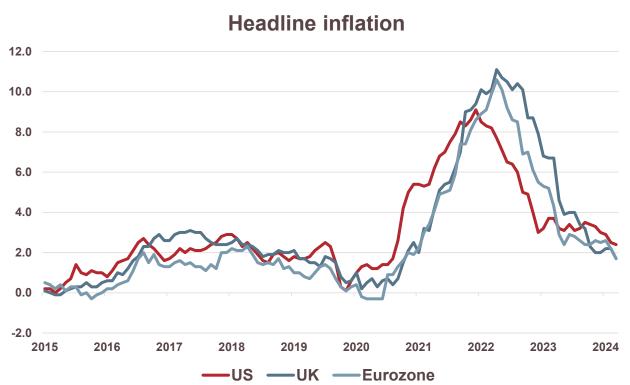


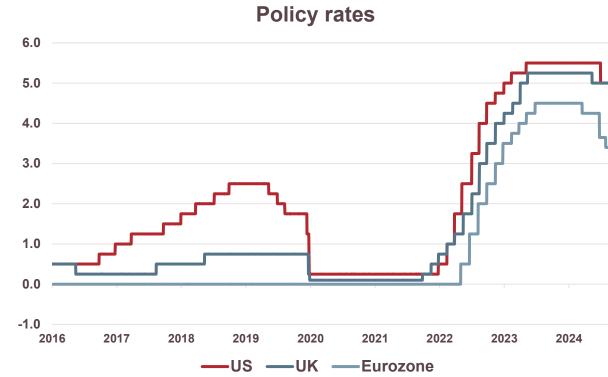
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## **Developed Market Inflation and Interest Rates**









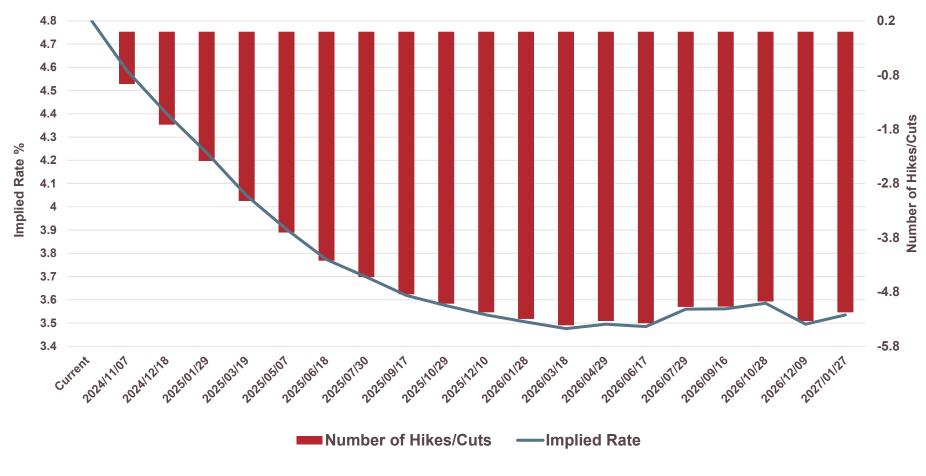
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#### **US Interest Rates**

#### **Shifting market expectations**







Source: Bloomberg

#### **US Interest Rates and Bond Yields**

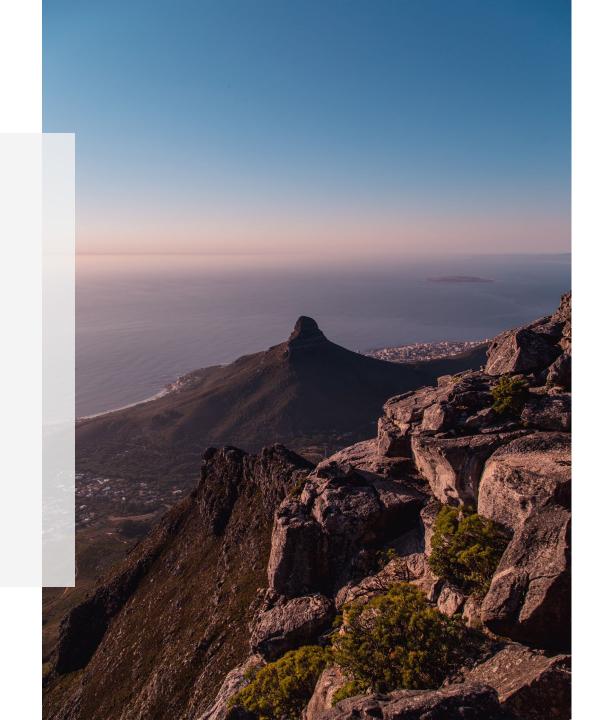
Where are we going to?



- What does neutral look like? Why is the Fed cutting rates?
- Terminal rate scenarios:
  - No landing: 4%
  - Soft landing: 3%
  - Hard landing: 2%
- Curve shape: when and how much does the market start to fret about the fiscal outlook?



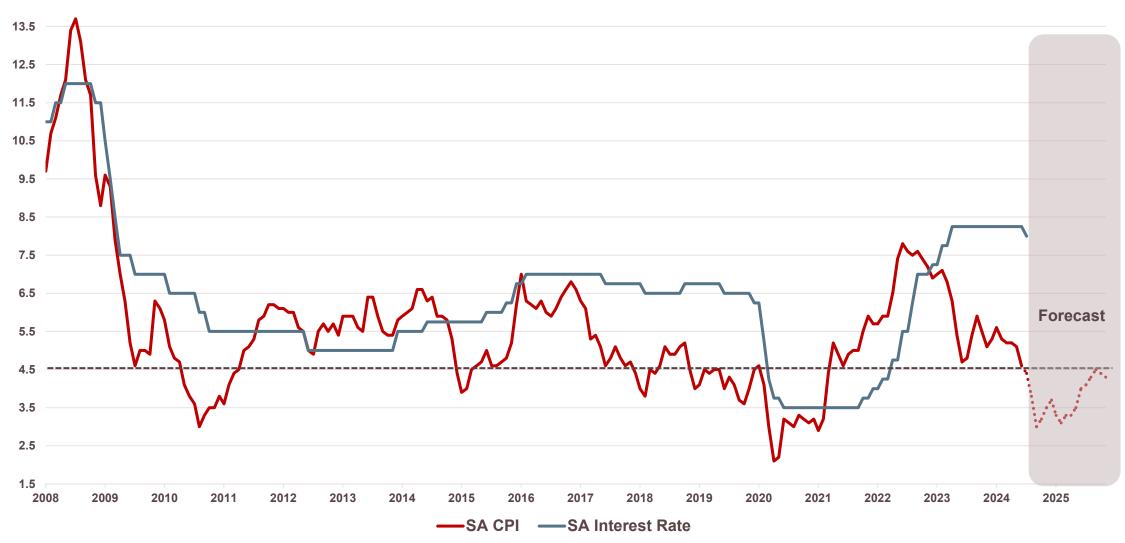
# **SA Interest Rates and Inflation**



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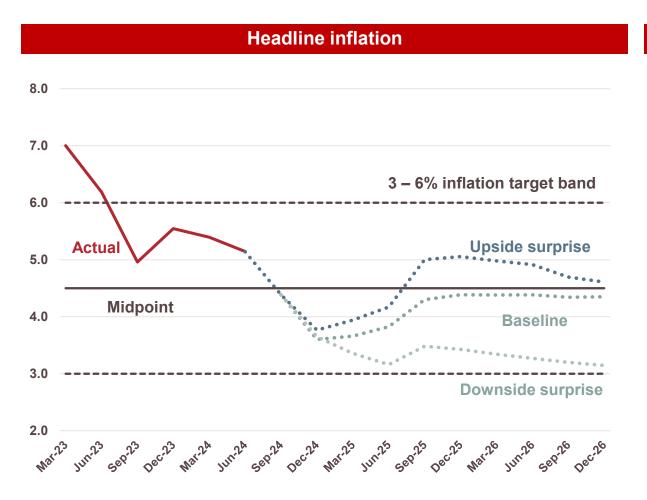


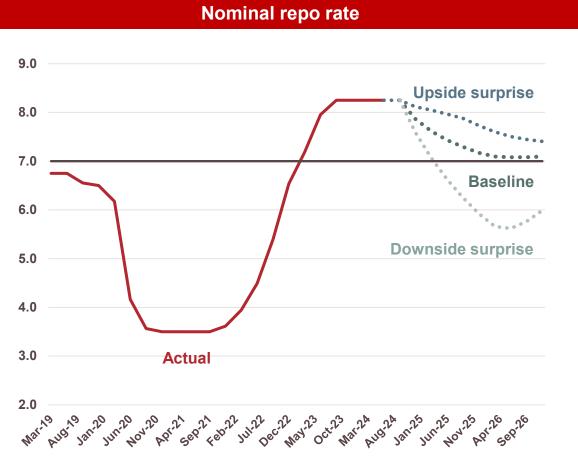


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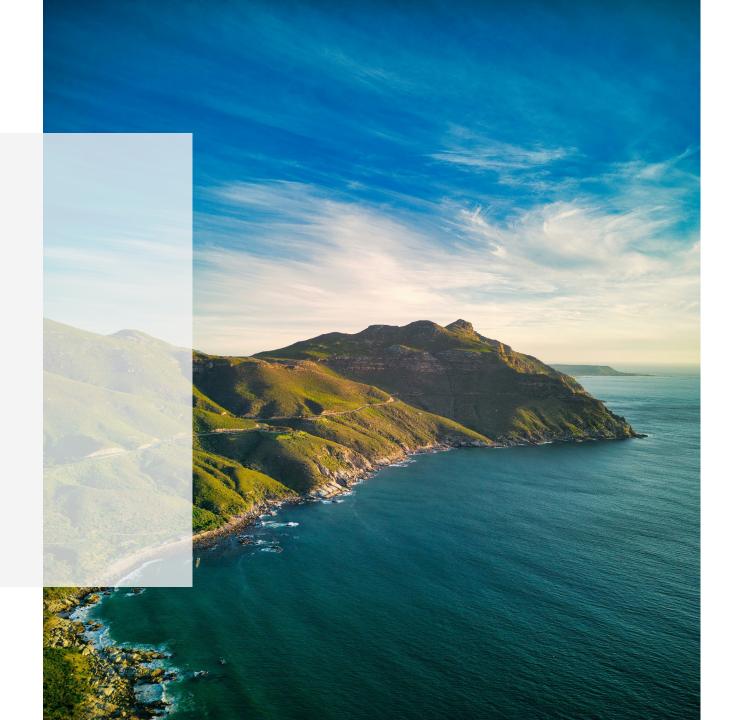
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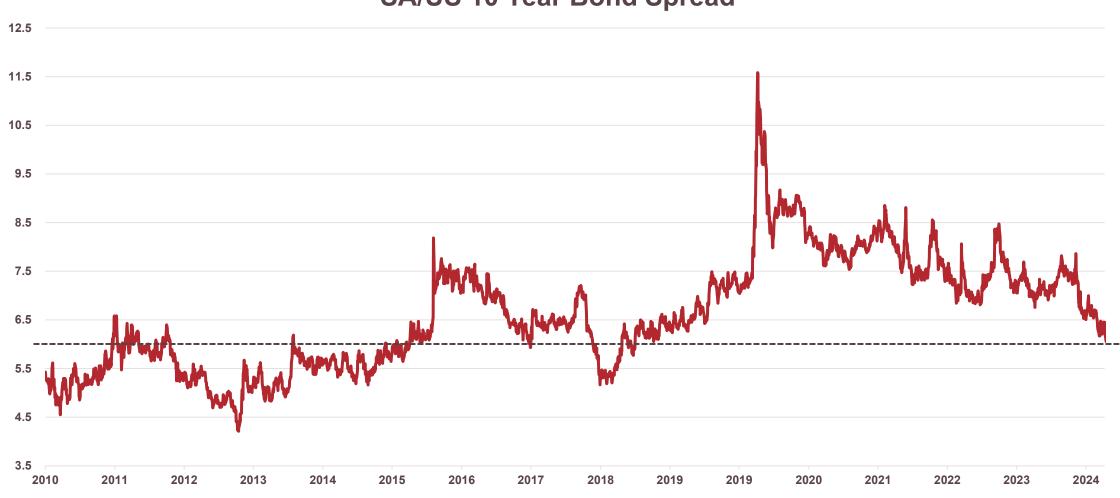


Source: SARB





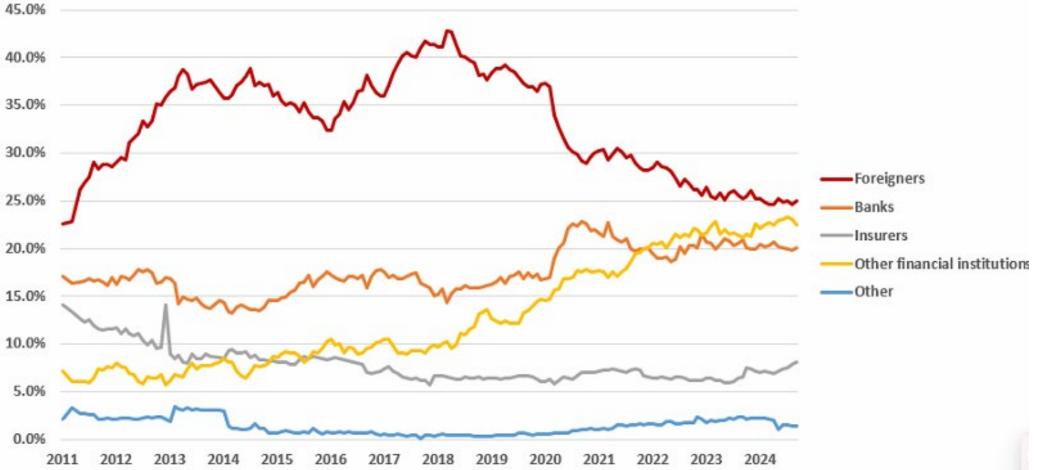
## **SA/US 10 Year Bond Spread**



Where are we going to? Foreign demand will be key to valuations





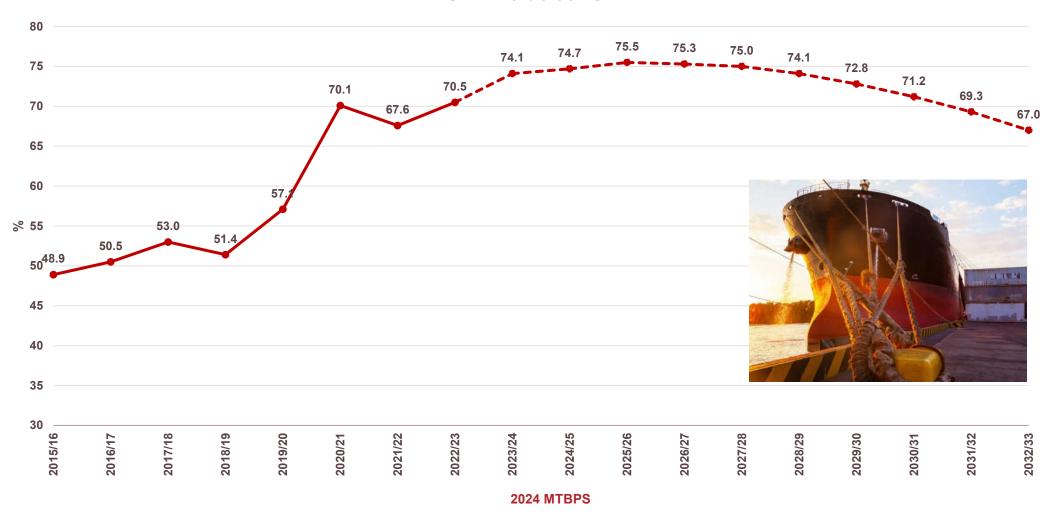


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Where are we going to? Fiscal Outlook will be key to valuations

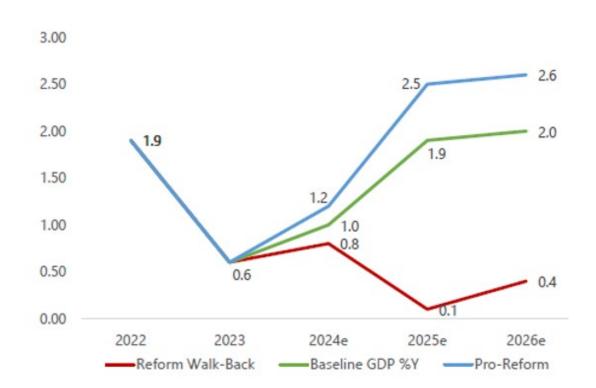
#### **SA Debt to GDP**





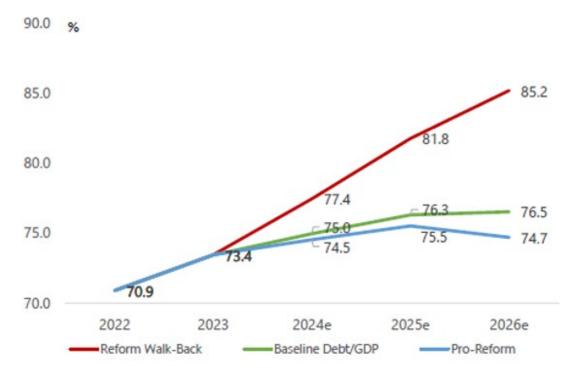
#### Where are we going to? SA Economic Growth will be key to valuations

## Range of GDP estimates depending on the policy drift adopted



Source: Stats SA, RMB Morgan Stanley Research forecasts (2026 is an indicative estimate for the purposes of this exercise).

## Gross government debt estimates depending on the policy drift



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## **GNU-phoria - what makes this time different?**

LAURIUM CAPITAL

- Clear reform plan and reform engine: Operation Vulindlela
  - Limited number of high impact priorities
  - Blueprint of Eskom shows success of including private sector
- Driven by **Presidency** ownership, buy-in
- GNU loosens constraints of ANC ideology, competition across Ministers/ries, checks and balances
- 2% growth rate: was seen as elusive, now the consensus view
- Risks to the growth outlook are to the upside

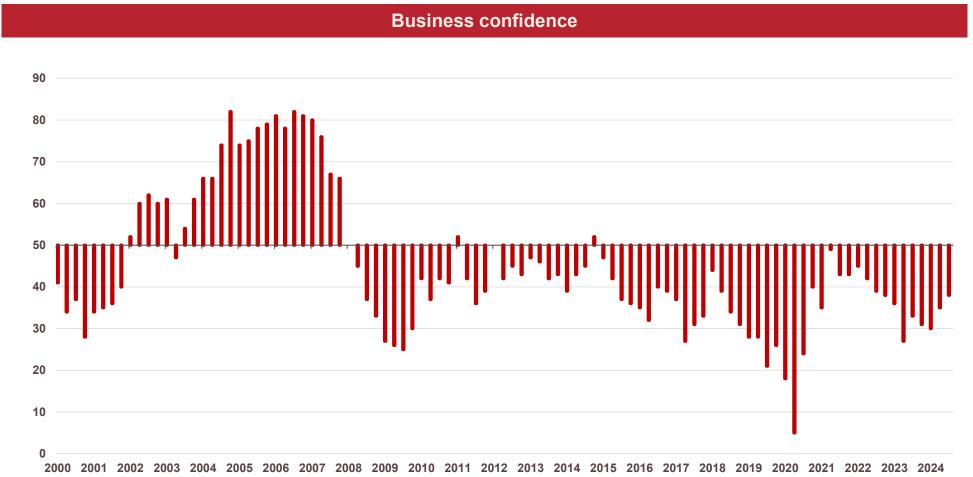


## What were the growth potholes?

SA businesses can't remember what confidence feels like





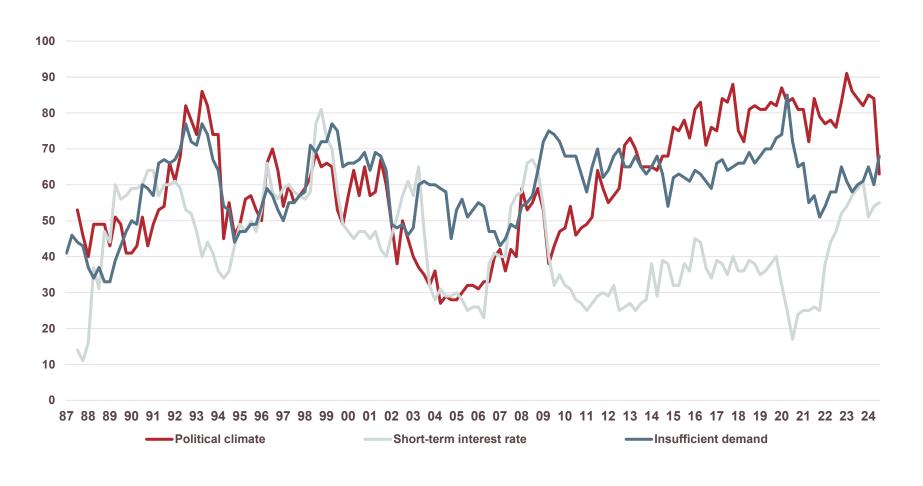


## **Barometer of political climate**

#### Persistent constraint to business confidence



#### % of firms regarding the current climate as a constraint to economic activity



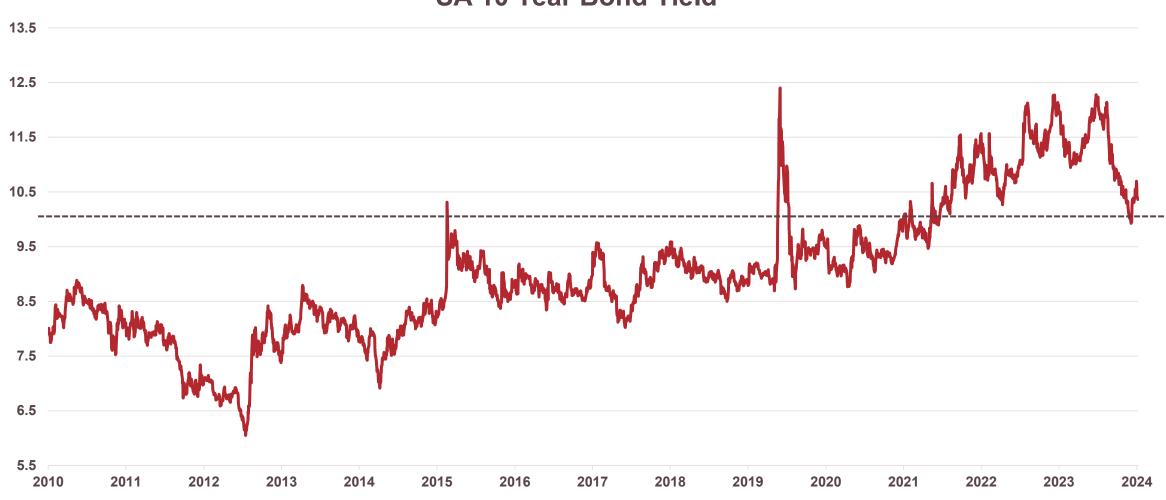


## SA 10-year yield



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Source: Bloomberg, Laurium

## SA 10-year yield





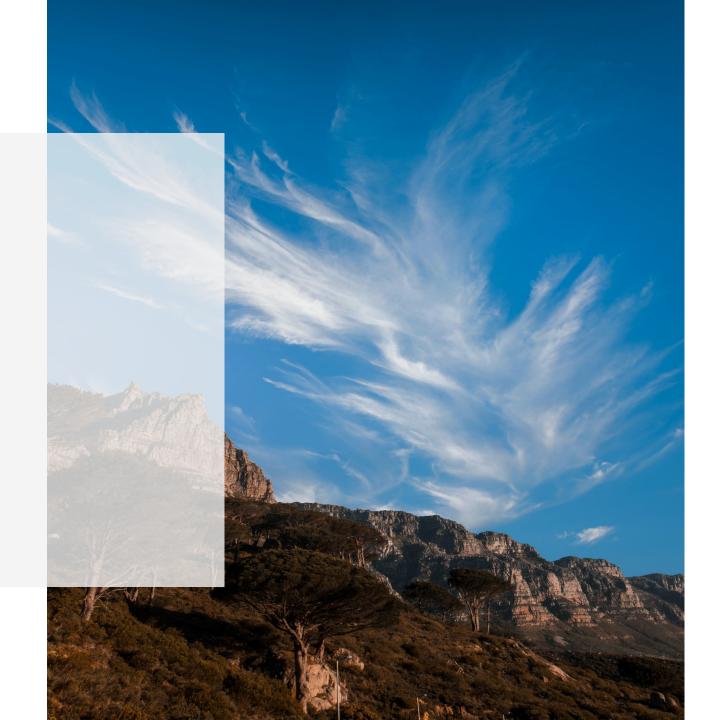
## High real yields on inflation linked bonds



#### **SA 10-year Inflation Linked Bond Yield**



# Performance and Positioning



## **Fund Overview**

#### **Laurium BCI Strategic Income Fund**

- Collective Investment Scheme. governed by CISCA
- Launch date 7 November 2014
- Regulation 28 Compliant, Multi-Income ASISA Fund
- ASISA category allows for Max 45% offshore

- Benchmark: STeFi Composite x 110%
- Low volatility, low risk
- 108/116 positive months (93%)
- Rolling positive quarters (97%)

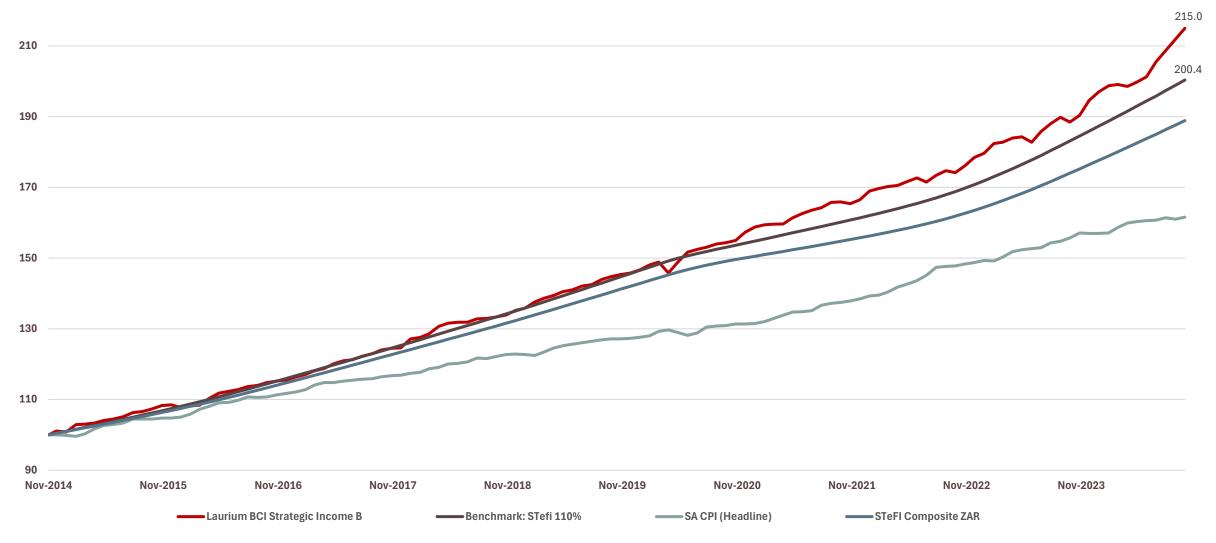
Year	Jan (%)	Feb (%)	Mar (%)	Apr (%)	May (%)	Jun (%)	Jul (%)	Aug (%)	Sep (%)	Oct (%)	Nov (%)	Dec (%)	YTD (%)
2015	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.2	-0.7	6.9
2016	0.4	0.2	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.8	8.0
2017	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.3	8.0	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.0	9.2
2018	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.5	6.8
2019	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	8.0
2020	1.0	0.6	-2.1	2.1	1.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.9	8.3
2021	0.4	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.7	1.5	6.4
2022	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.3	1.2	1.4	0.7	6.2
2023	1.6	0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.8	1.0	1.2	1.0	-0.7	1.0	2.2	1.3	9.7
2024	0.9	0.2	-0.3	0.6	0.7	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.5				9.1



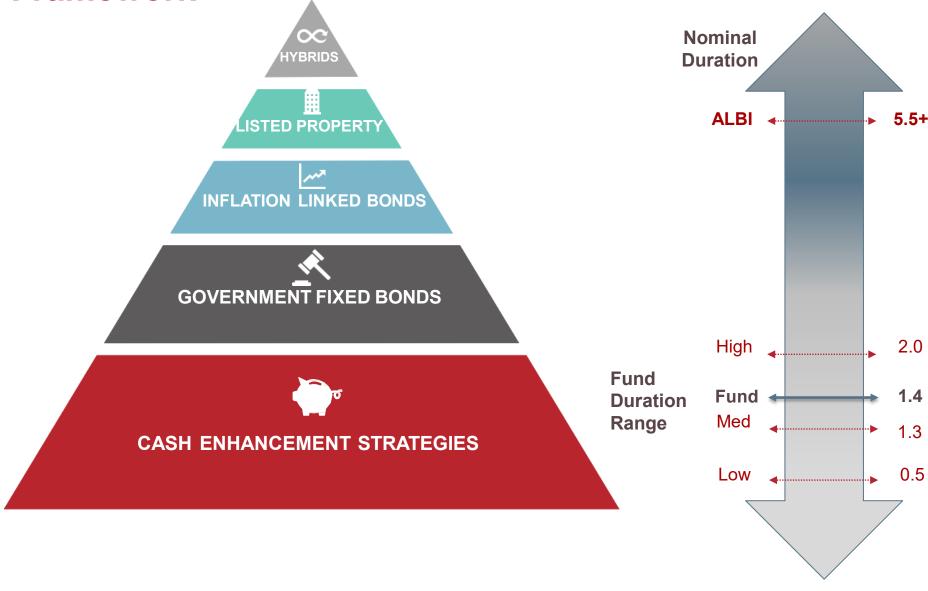
## **Fund Performance**

#### **Laurium BCI Strategic Income Fund**





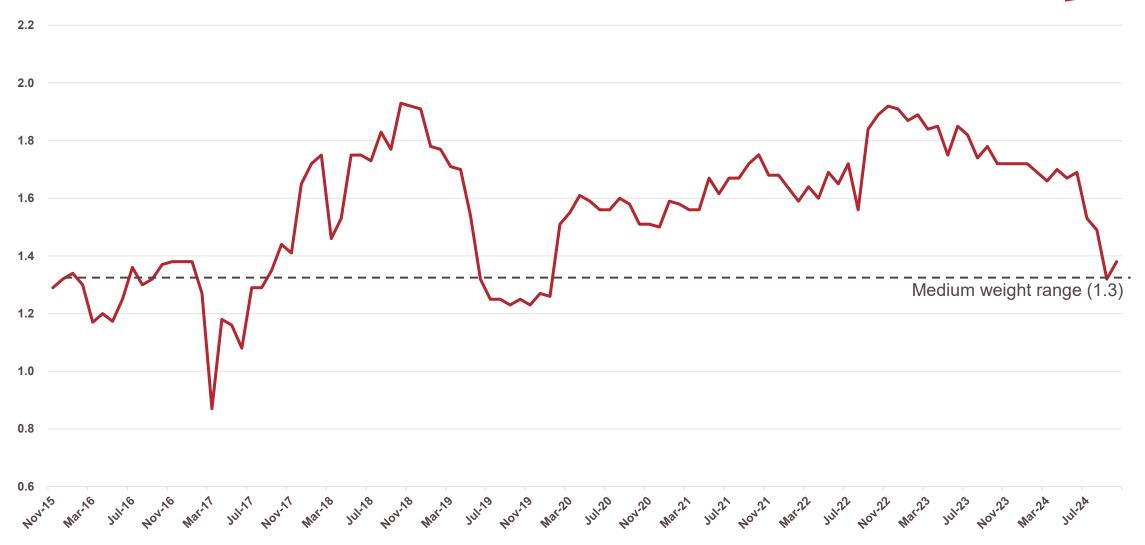
## **Asset Allocation Framework**



## Portfolio modified duration is actively managed



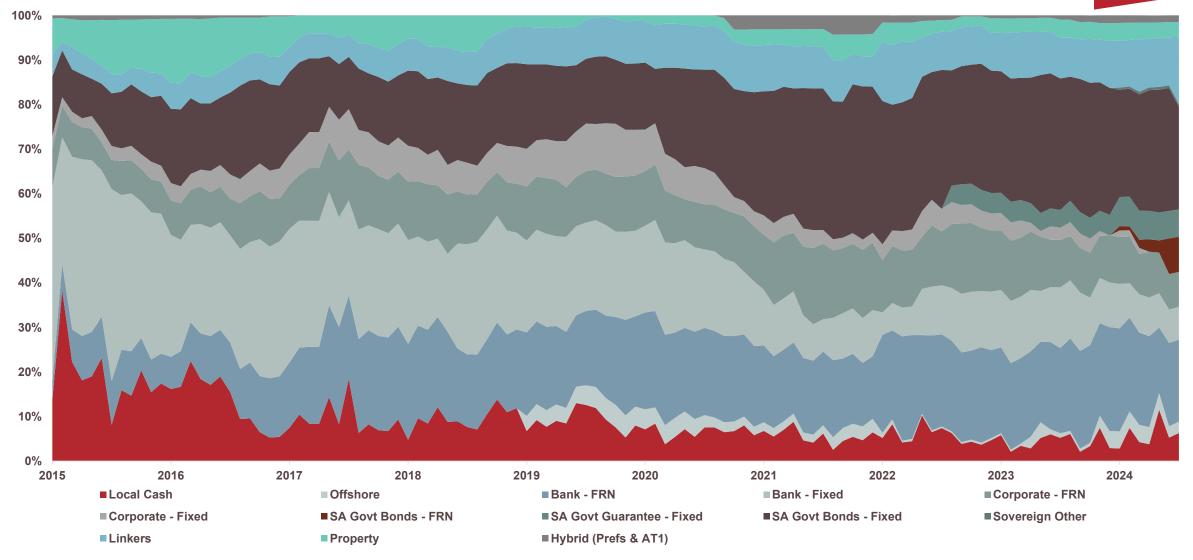
#### **Portfolio Nominal Duration History**



## **Laurium BCI Strategic Income Fund**

**Historical Asset Allocation up to October 2024** 





Source: Laurium 30

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