

# Stability Through Diversification

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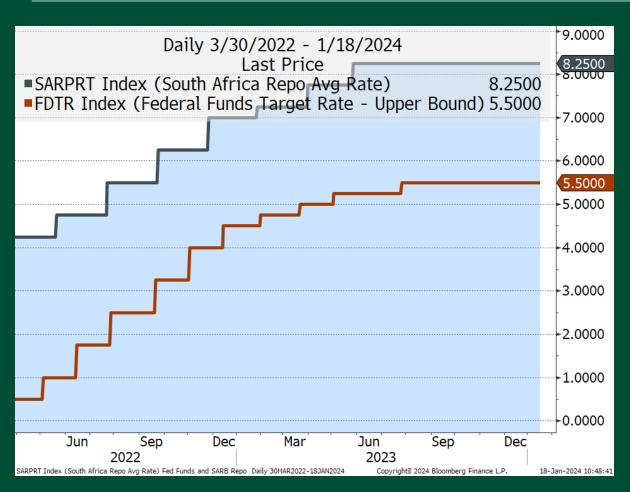
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# 2023 The year FED hiked until something broke.....and then hiked some





#### The Largest Bank Failures in US History

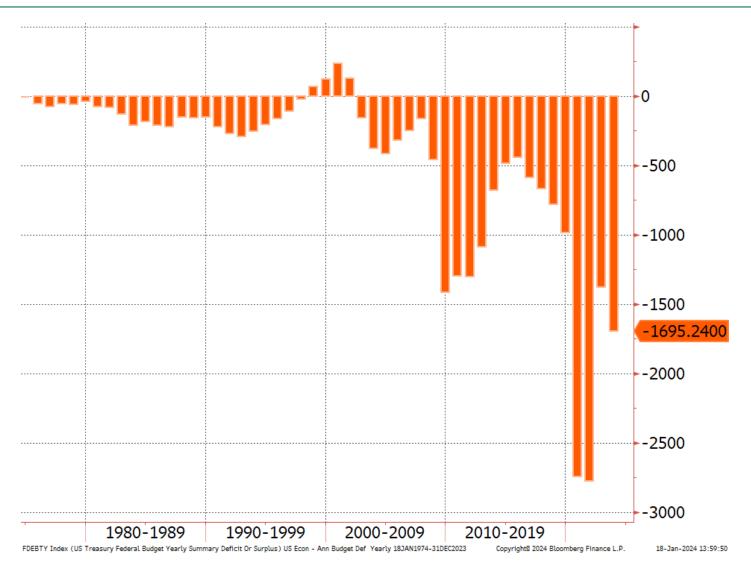
Bank name	Bank failure date	Assets*
Washington Mutual Bank	Sept. 25, 2008	\$307 billion
First Republic Bank	May 1, 2023	\$212 billion**
Silicon Valley Bank	March 10, 2023	\$209 billion**
Signature Bank	March 12, 2023	\$110 billion**
IndyMac Bank, F.S.B.	July 11, 2008	\$31 billion
Colonial Bank	Aug. 14, 2009	\$26 billion
First Republic Bank-Dallas, N.A.	July 29, 1998	\$17 billion



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# Massive fiscal stimulus was enough to offset the monetary tightening Increasing Divergence between Spending and Revenue. What happens in a recession?





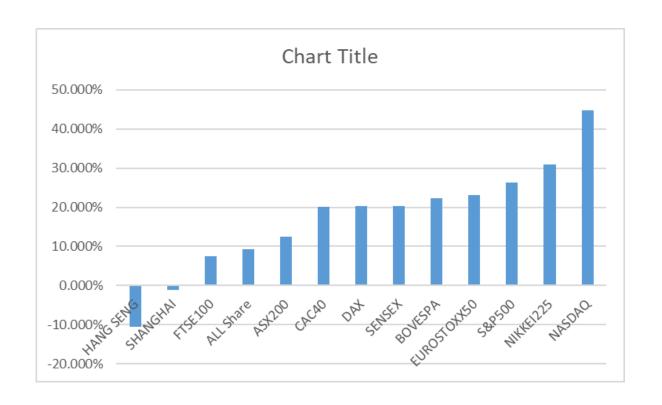


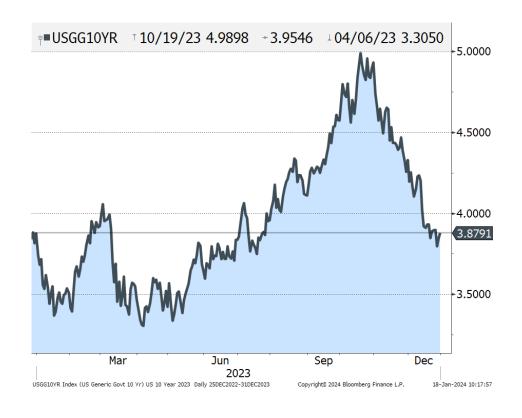
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# The much predicted Recession never arrived Stocks Recovered their 2022 losses, Bond Yields almost unchanged









### Protecting capital is the first step to growing capital

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#### 2023 was a year of recovery for global markets



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#### 2 Year Returns: Global Equities back to square one - where to from here?

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#### Performance attribution/contribution

### **Sector contribution to 31 December 2023**



	JSE equities %	JSE property %	Bonds %	Cash %	Other Assets %	Foreign assets %
3 months	0.9	0.6	2.0	0.2	0.5	0.0
1 year	2.4	1.0	3.1	0.7	1.0	3.2
Average weight*	11%	3%	27%	11%	5%	43%

#### **Contributors**

- SA Equities
- SA Bonds and Property
- Standard Bank

#### **Detractors**

- Global equity
- Naspers/Prosus



<sup>\* 1</sup> year

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#### **Performance to 31 December 2023**

	A Units <sup>1</sup>	Inflation <sup>2</sup>	Peer mean <sup>3</sup>
	%	%	%
1 year	10.7	5.6	11.1
3 years p.a.	7.5	6.2	8.5
10 years p.a.	7.6	5.2	6.9
15 years p.a.	9.3	5.3	8.1

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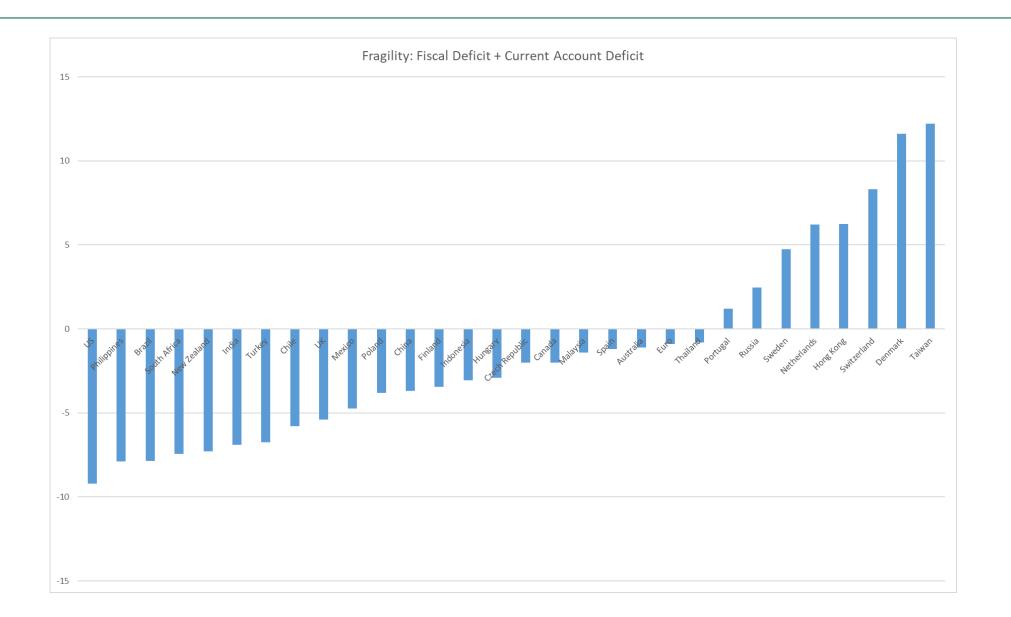
Note 1: Daily linked total return (capital & income) based on unit price (3pm valuations). Returns in percent net of service fees and fund expenses

Note 2: Source: Stats SA (estimated for December 2023)

Note 3: Morningstar South African MA - Low Equity Category

# Massive imbalances in the Global Economy The US boom is on shaky foundations



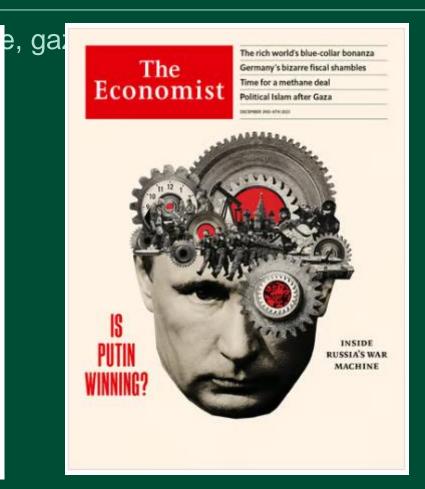


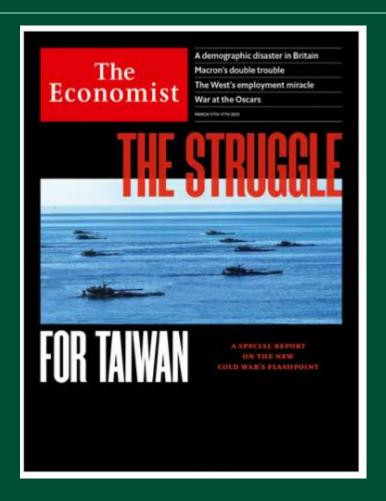
### Geopolitical Risks abound

### How long can the markets ignore deglobalization?









#### The market is very optimistic on inflation and rates

# What if rates don't come down as expected?





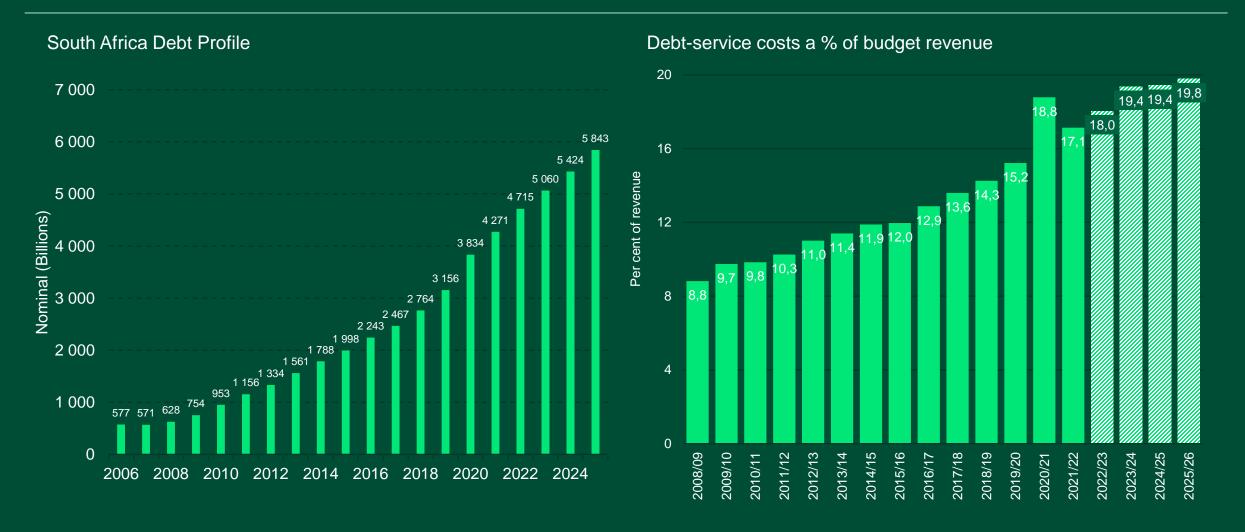


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#### SA's Upcoming February Budget will be another challenging one

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#### How much will we rely on our reserves?



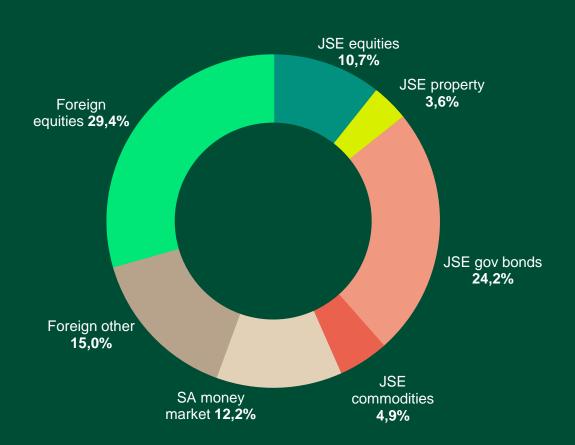


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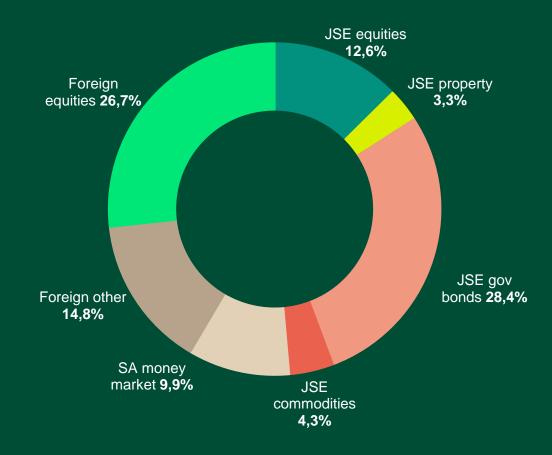
#### **Asset allocation – diversified for stability**



#### 31 December 2023



#### **31 December 2022**



31 December 2023 Total equity holding = 40%

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#### Balance wins



- Global asset prices elevated after the Q4 rally
- Lower inflation allows room for rate cuts, but will it be enough?
- Political and Geopolitics risk will remain elevated
- SA economy structurally challenged
- SA Bonds reasonable value, short term Inflation Linked Bonds attractive
- Physical gold is an attractive diversifier
- Diversification ensures STABLE inflation beating outcomes





# Thank you.

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#### South African ILB's look attractive

#### "Real" yields above 4%



