

A World of Opportunities...

Beyond the Magnificent 7

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Today's session will explore:

- ◆ Will the Magnificent 7 remain the driving force in global markets?
- ◆ Why now is the time to rethink your global exposure
- ◆ How volatility across “styles” has made Quality stocks more compelling than ever – Quality is on Sale!
- ◆ Where to find multiple opportunities – from Japan and Europe to the often-overlooked S&P493
- ◆ Why Global SMID Cap equities may be the hidden gems of global growth

Looking Beyond the Mag 7

- ◆ The Mag 7 has accounted for a disproportionate % of the MSCI World Index returns over the recent history
 - 22.5% of the Index accounting for 38% of the Index return over 1 year & 30% over 5 years
- ◆ Exceptional earnings growth has justified the returns... until now
 - Growth is moderating while Valuations are peaking – not a good combination
 - The extraordinary AI investments needs to show some Return on Investment

	EPS GROWTH 2025 / 2024	EPS GROWTH 2026 / 2025	P/E Current	P/E 3yr Average	Current vs 3yr Average
ALPHABET INC	23.3	8.2	21.4	20.4	105%
AMAZON.COM INC	20.7	14.3	25.6	47.6	54%
APPLE INC	21.4	7.8	31.7	27.6	115%
META PLATFORMS	18.1	6.3	19.7	21.0	94%
MICROSOFT CORP	14.5	17.1	32.0	29.5	108%
NVIDIA CORP	49.9	40.9	33.4	35.6	94%
TESLA INC	-	49.6	189.0	115.0	164%
AVERAGE (ex Tesla)	24.6	20.6	27.3	30.3	



Time to Rethink Your Global Exposure

Changes to consider:

- ◆ Allocate back to Active
- ◆ Buy Quality
- ◆ Position for greater market breadth
- ◆ Take Profit in the Magnificent 7
- ◆ Reduce exposure to Australian equities
- ◆ Look to Europe and Japan
- ◆ Allocate to Global SMID Cap equities

...Beware anyone who says: “This time it’s different”

Global Equities Today

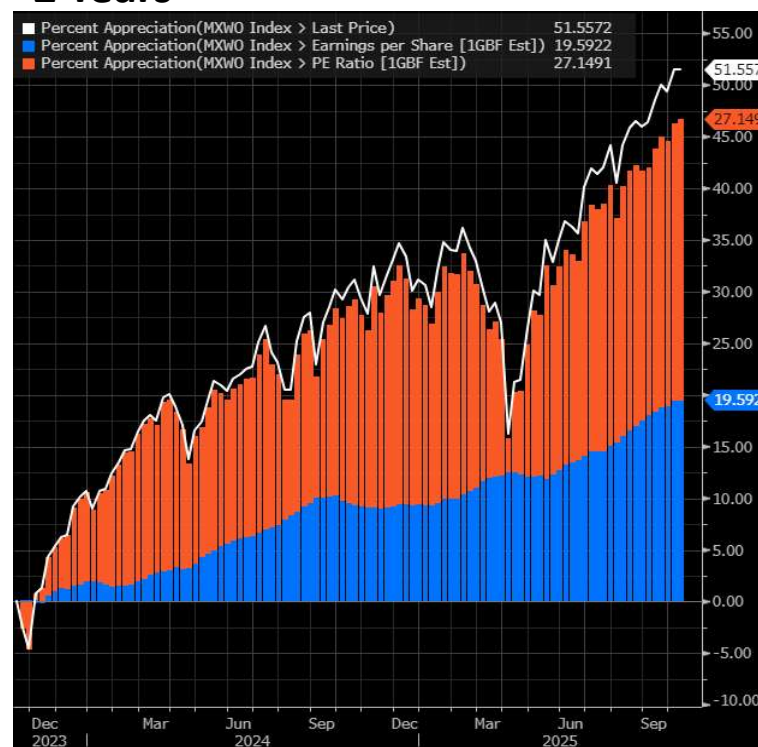
- ◆ Over 10 years, earnings (blue), has done most of the heavy lifting
- ◆ More recently, valuation expansion has accounted for >50% of returns
- ◆ Unless earnings re-accelerate into 2026, the Valuation “kick” could unwind

MSCI World Performance

10 Years



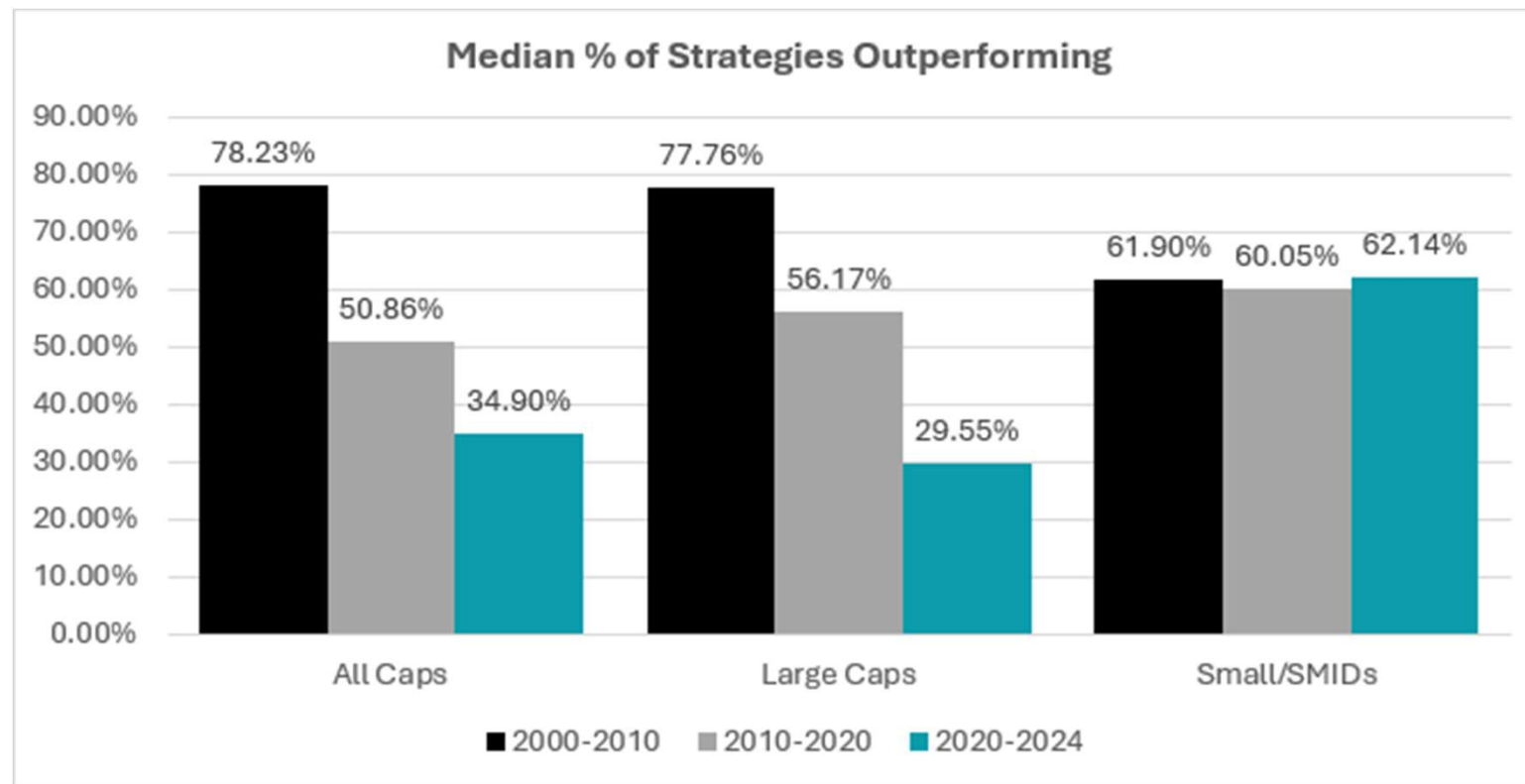
2 Years



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Active Management: Not Dead in Global SMID!

- ◆ Global Small/SMID Caps: +60% outperformed
- ◆ Large Caps/All Caps: only 30% outperformed
- ◆ Mag 7 dominating index returns = 28% of the MSCI World returns
- ◆ Strong “batting average” doesn’t generate alpha if Mag 7 positioning has been wrong

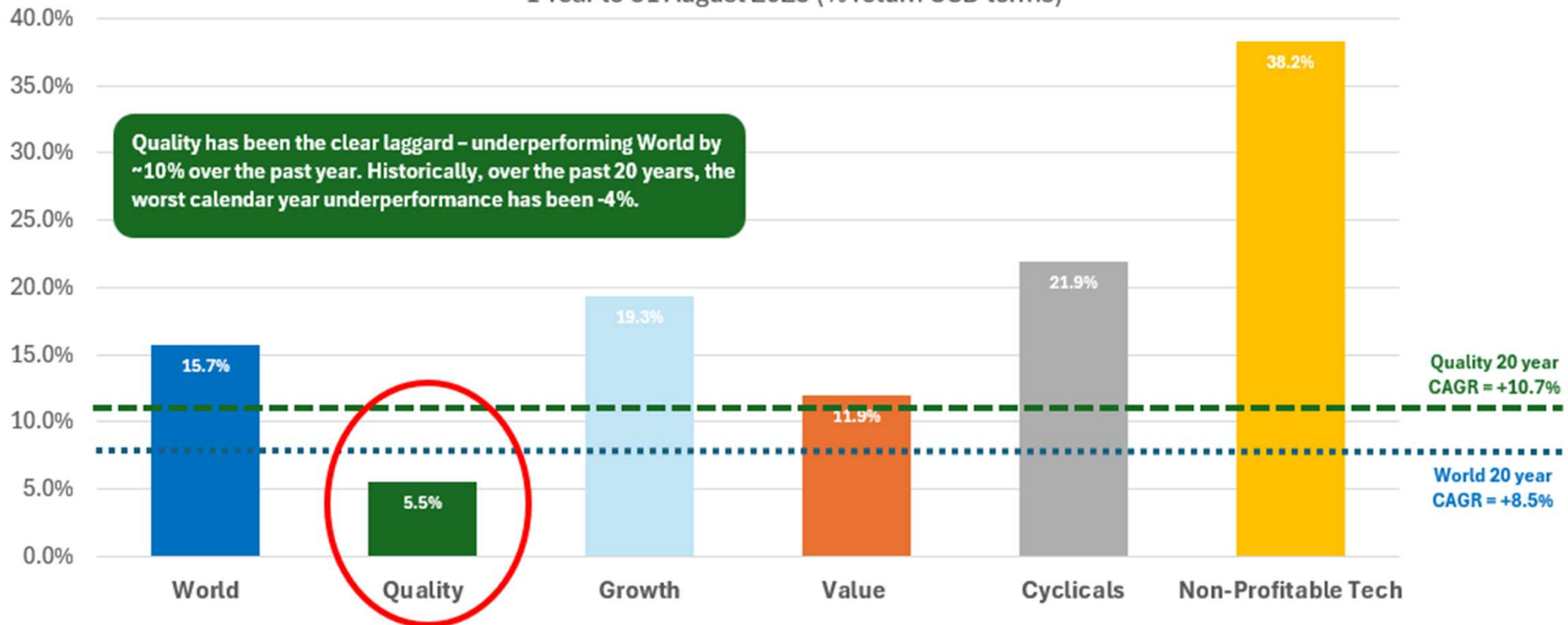


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Markets Rewarding “Junk” Over “Quality” (For Now)

Quality: A Rare and Significant Underperformer

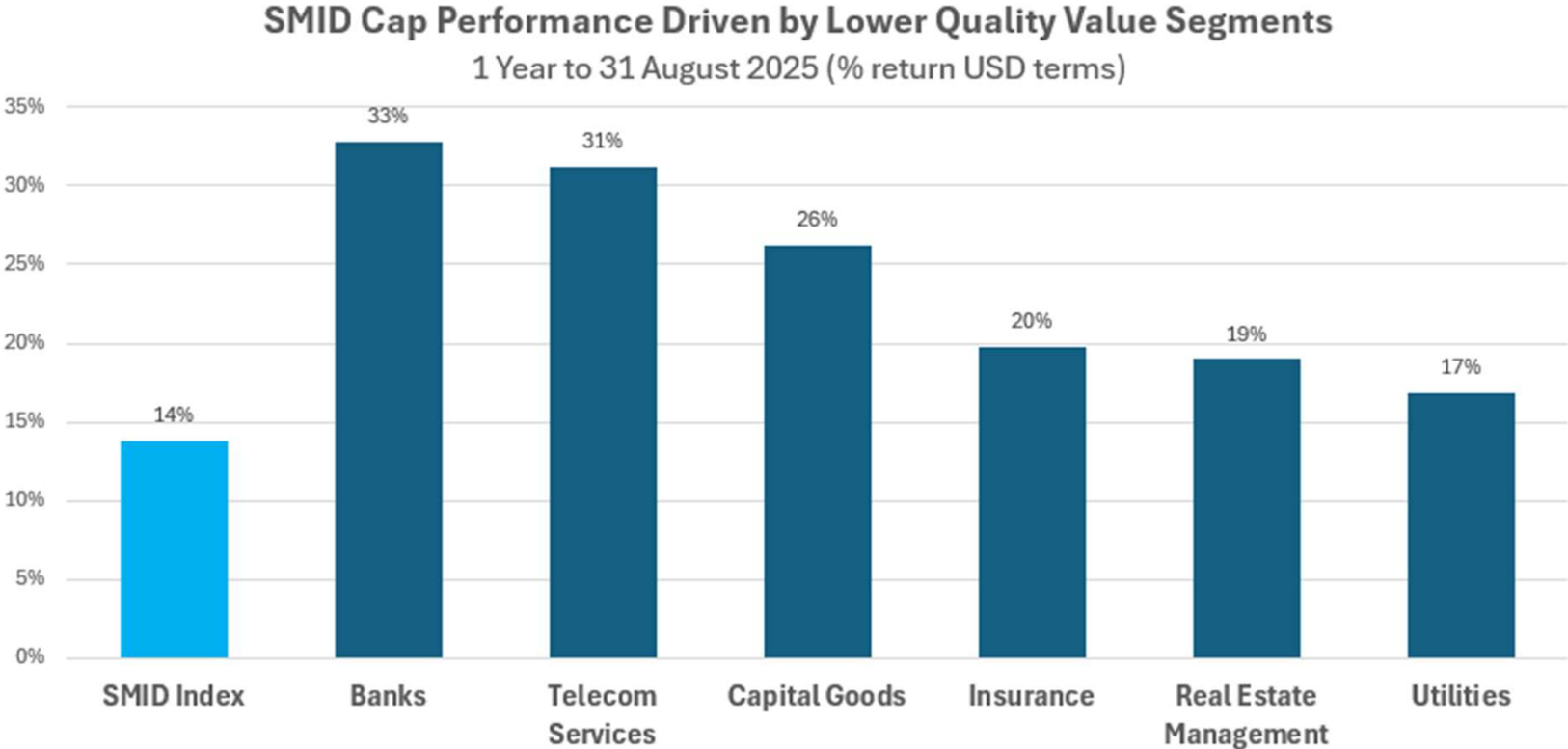
1 Year to 31 August 2025 (% return USD terms)



World = MSCI World Index; Quality = MSCI World Quality Index; Growth = MSCI World Growth Index; Value = MSCI World Value Index;
Cyclicals = MSCI World Cyclical Sectors Index; Non-Profitable Tech = Goldman Sachs Non-Profitable Tech basket

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Performance Skewed to Lower-Quality Value



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Buy Quality – Poised for a 1999-Like Rebound

High Quality Stocks' Underperformance is at 1999 Extremes



Source: Refinitiv, as of 10/7/2025. File #1077



Australian Equities: Hard Work

- ◆ Opportunity set is increasingly limited
- ◆ Growth is rare and expensive
- ◆ Opportunities to stub your toe are abundant
- ◆ Quality is crowded
- ◆ Sheer size of the Super Industry drives valuations higher
- ◆ “Tomorrow’s Heroes” are few and far between
- ◆ Banks & Mining stocks still dominate indices

"Yesterday's Heroes"



"Quality at any Price"



"Toe Stubbers"



"Growth at a Crazy Price"

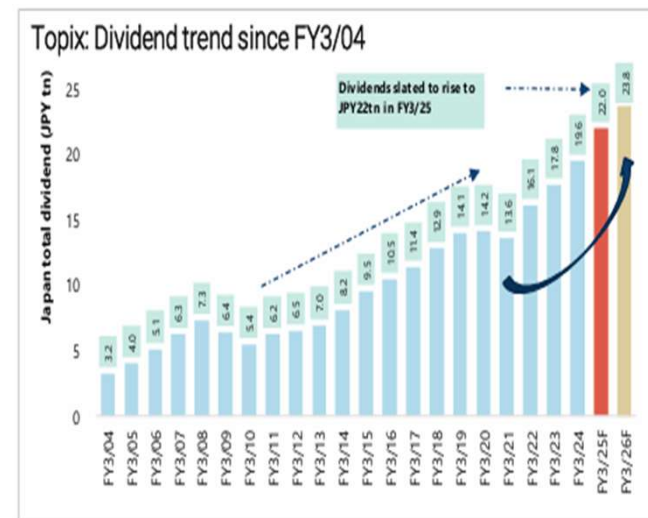
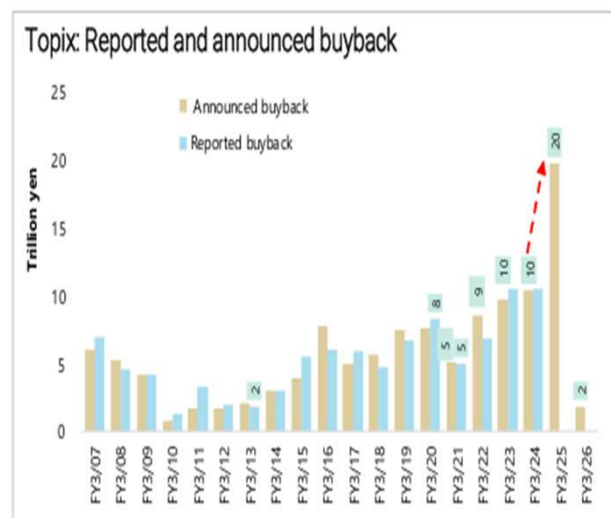
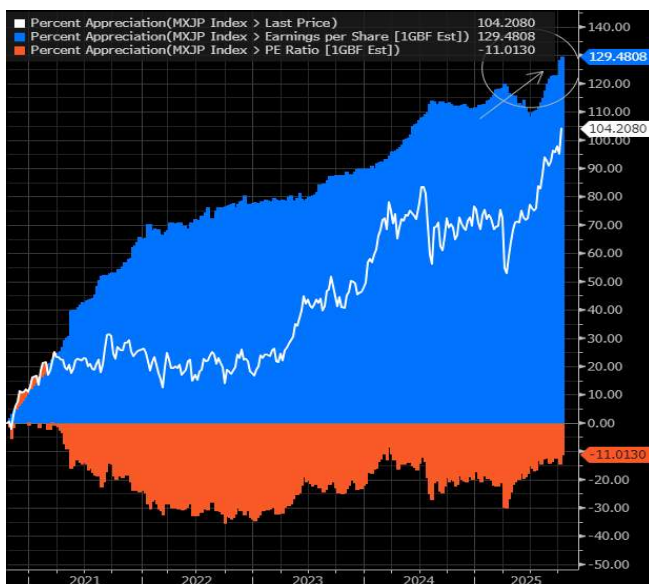


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Japanese Equities: the Comeback Kids

- ◆ Japanese equities are finally demonstrating strong absolute performance
- ◆ Earnings growth in recent years has been exceptional
- ◆ Valuations have not been the main driver of returns
- ◆ Under-owned by global investors
- ◆ Increasing focus on strong corporate governance measures – driving higher ROE and meaningful share buybacks
- ◆ Material dividend growth in recent years

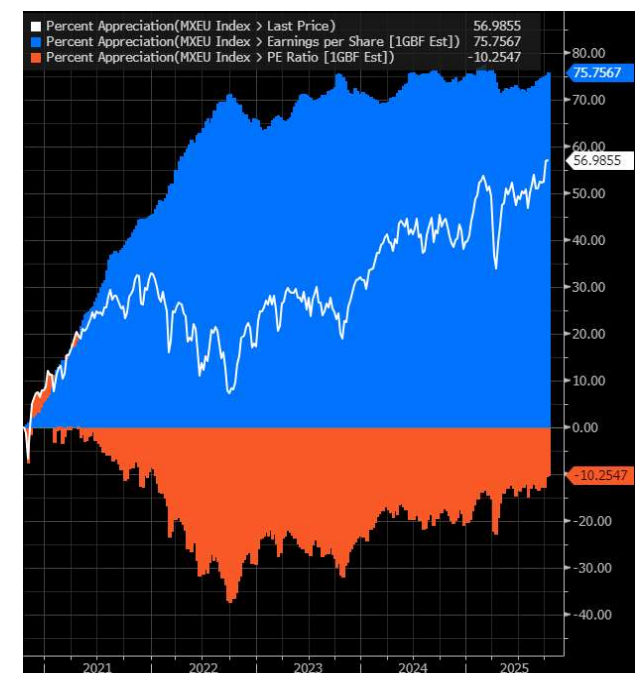
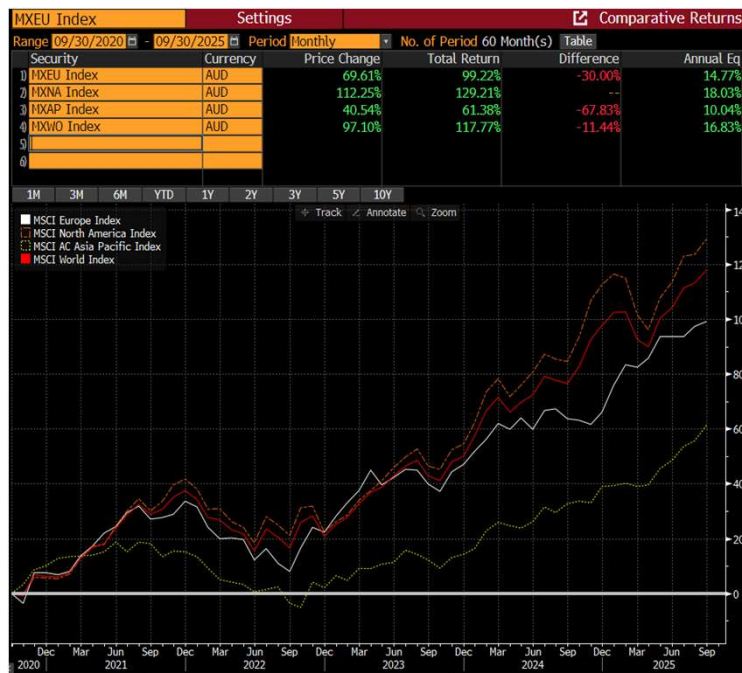


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European Equites: Zero to Hero

- ◆ European equities have done surprisingly well in the last 5 years, having lagged by ~6%p.a. from Sep 2015 – Sep 2020
- ◆ Strong earnings growth has been the predominant driver of returns in the last 5 years
- ◆ They are inexpensive: P/E of 15.3 vs 22.8 for US equities
- ◆ Solid EPS growth outlook : +10% for 2026 & 2027



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US Equities: Some Great Companies

- ◆ Don't forget the excellent businesses that live outside the Mag 7 in the S&P493
- ◆ Account for ~65% of the US equity market.
- ◆ Trade at a 10 P/E point discount to the Mag 7 (21x vs 31x)
- ◆ 64 names have outperformed the Mag 7 over the past 5 years

Outperformed Mag 7 Over Past 5 Years

ARISTA

Amphenol®

BOOT BARN

 BROADCOM®

 Clean Harbors®

ORACLE®

EAT•N

Lilly

 DICK'S
SPORTING GOODS

 LPL Financial

Grown EPS In At Least 9 Out of 10 Years

 ADP®

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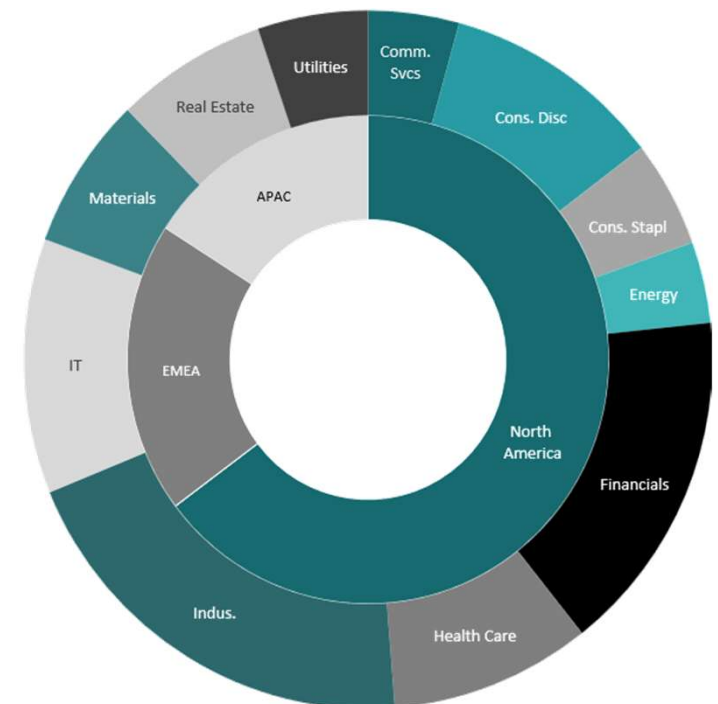
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What Are Global SMID Caps & Why Should You Care?

- ◆ “Growth” alternative to Large Cap Growth, Emerging Markets & Australian Small Caps
- ◆ Less Valuation risk than Large Cap Growth
- ◆ Less Absolute Risk than Emerging Markets
- ◆ Better opportunity set than Australian Small Caps
- ◆ Should outgrow the broader market in 2026
- ◆ Diversification by Sector & Geography
- ◆ Strong argument for 30% upside over two years

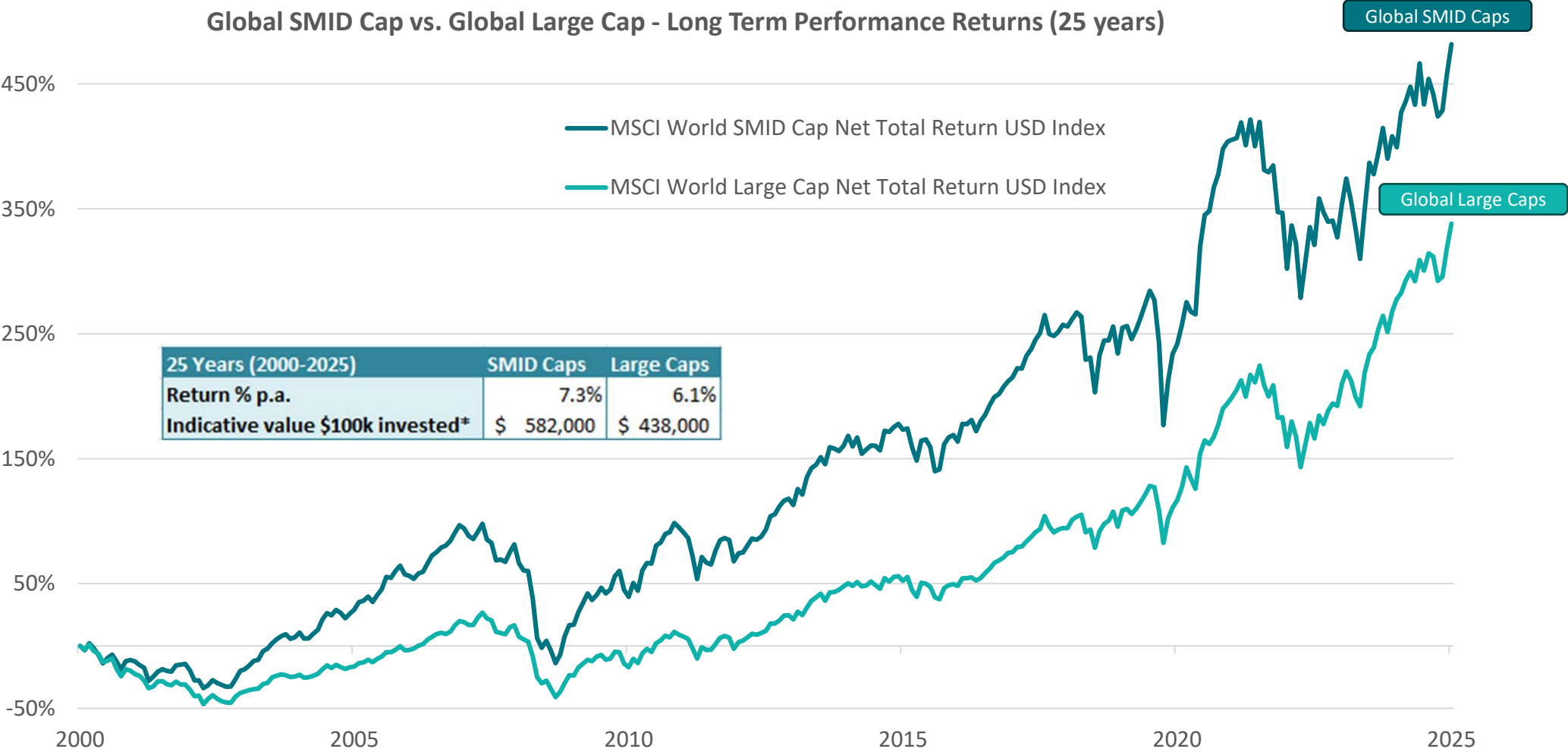
Index characteristics

- ▶ Bottom 28% of the MSCI DM countries
- ▶ 4,616 listed stocks across 23 DM countries
- ▶ Market cap range: USD 143m to ~72 billion (average ~USD 4.4 billion)



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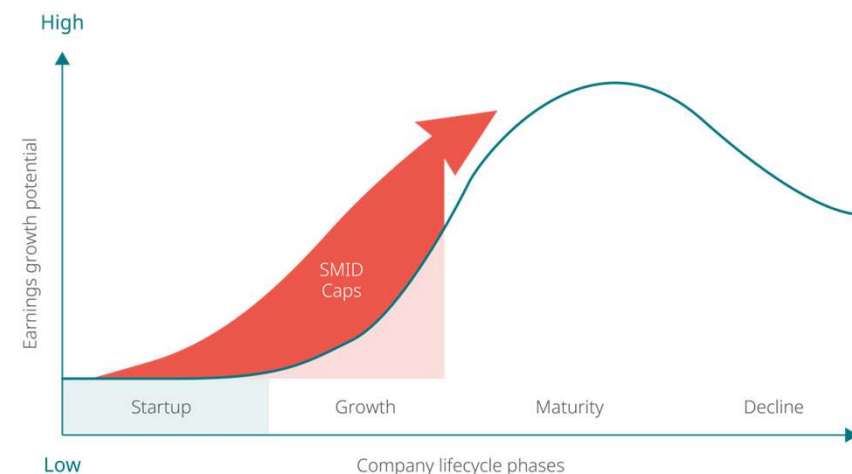
Long Term Outperformance



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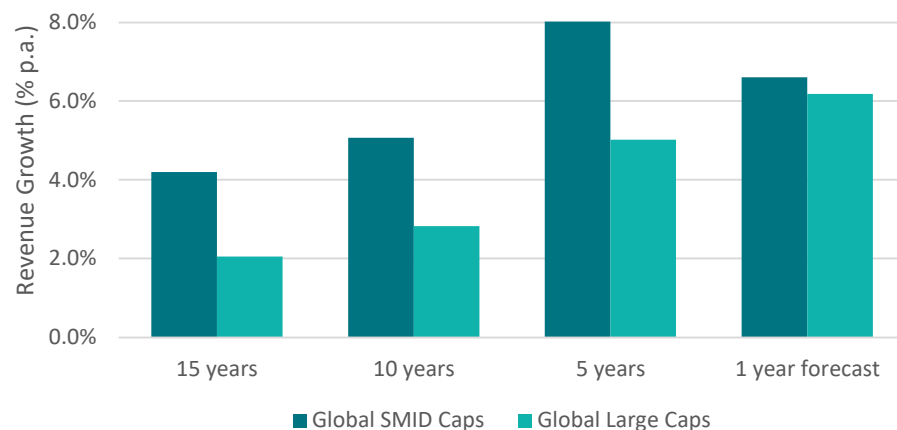
Higher Growth Potential

- ◆ Longer growth runway
- ◆ Agility & innovation
- ◆ Entrepreneurial drive
- ◆ Compounding effect

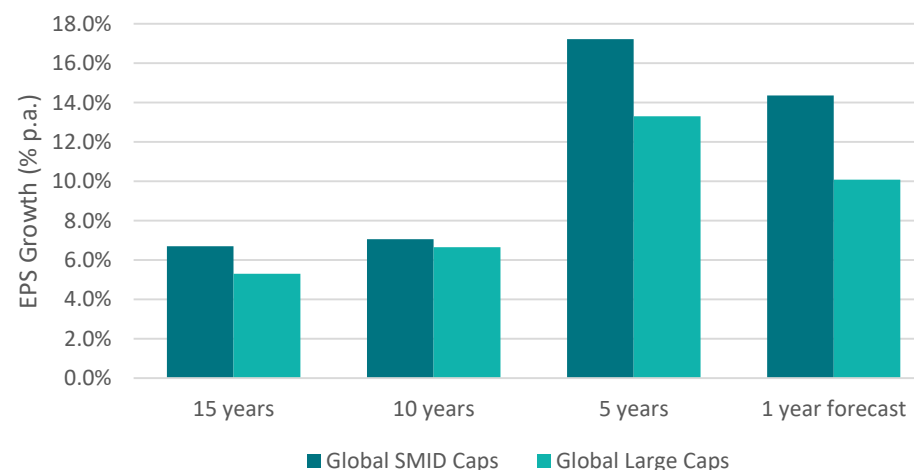


Revenue & earnings growth has exceeded Large Caps over the long term

Revenue Growth Comparison



EPS Growth Comparison

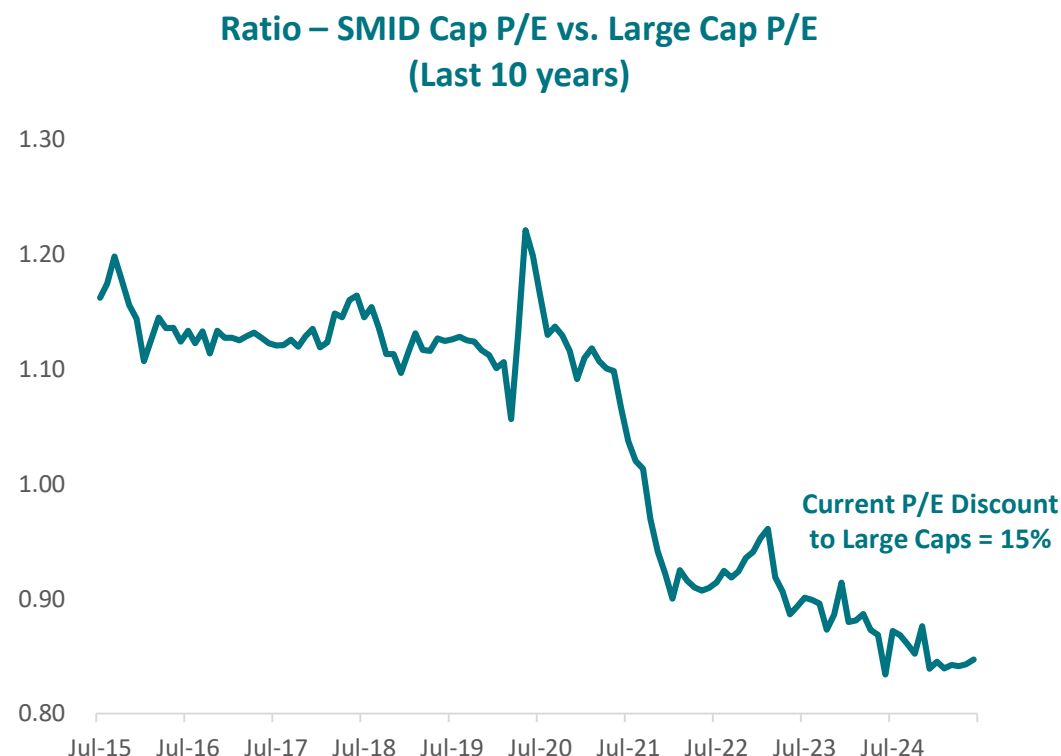
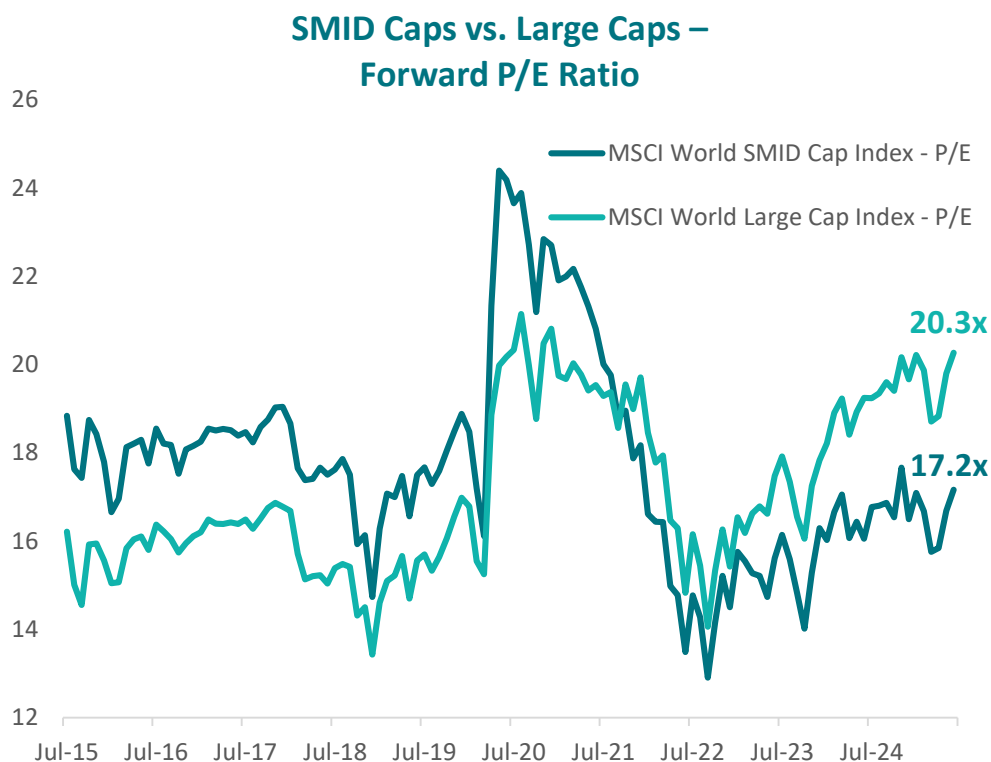


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Attractive Valuations

We believe the Global SMID Cap valuation contraction unlocks a favourable entry point:

- ◆ Significantly lagged Large Caps over past 5-7 years, driving a material valuation anomaly
- ◆ Underperformance driven by sentiment/multiple, not earnings
- ◆ 15% discount to that of the MSCI World Large Cap Index; 39% compared to the MSCI World Large Cap Growth Index



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The Best Companies You've Never Heard of...

- ◆ Return on capital: 26%
- ◆ Net Debt / EBITDA: -0.07
- ◆ 5-Year Sales CAGR: 11%
- ◆ 5-year Net Income CAGR: 16%
- ◆ EPS Growth 2025-2027: 27%
- ◆ Market Cap: USD \$25bn
- ◆ Free Cash Flow Yield: 4%
- ◆ P/E: 24 x

High Quality

amadeus

 **Broadridge**

 **monotaro.id**
Industrial & Office Supply, All Genuine Quality

High Return on Capital

 **AutoTrader**

MSCI 

HOYA

Strong Balance Sheet

 **CHECK POINT**

TERADYNE

jack henry

Attractive Valuation

 **Couche-Tard**

GTT
Expert in LNG

cencora

Growth

 **Houlihan Lokey**

 **paylocity**

Veeva

Traditional Quality

 **TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO**

 **BJ's**
WHOLESALE CLUB

 **Service Corporation
International**

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Bell Global SMID Strategy

Best Relative Performers — Ending August 2025

1 Year



3 Years



5 Years



Since Inception



Why Now Is a Good Time to Invest

Potential Catalysts For Global SMID Caps:



Declining interest rates



Easing geopolitical tension & tariff clarity



Uptick in M&A activity



Improved macro visibility



Superior earnings growth of SMID caps



Rotation out of crowded mega-caps



Increasing institutional allocation to SMID caps



Valuation re-rating opportunity

Questions?



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