

### **ABSA** and **NewFunds** in **ETFs**

First Listing	2004
Assets under Management	R29 billion
No. of Funds	15
	1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup> Platinum Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup> Non-Market Cap Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup> Multi-Asset Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup> Shari'ah Fund
Innovator in ETFs	1st Risk-Controlled Fund



#### **Index Funds: A Brief Evolution**

- Market Capitalisation indices, sold on the basis of:
  - Cost: Much cheaper than active funds
  - Performance: Deliver the average performance of market participants,
    therefore outperform >50% of managers
- Investors are happy with low cost
- Less happy with average return
  - Pressure on product providers to deliver excess return (alpha)
  - The rise of smart beta

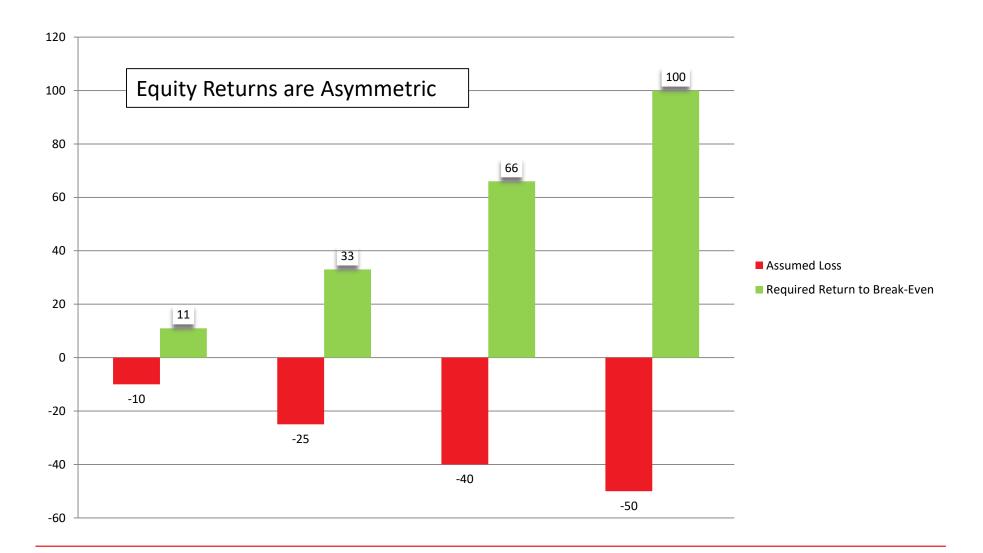


#### Macro-Factors to Consider

- Global markets at all-time highs despite lack of global growth
- QE (money printing) has distorted the value of assets
  - absence of yield in riskless assets
  - growth assets, like equities, become difficult to value
- Risk management is always valuable
  - But particularly **now**



# **The Value of Risk Management**



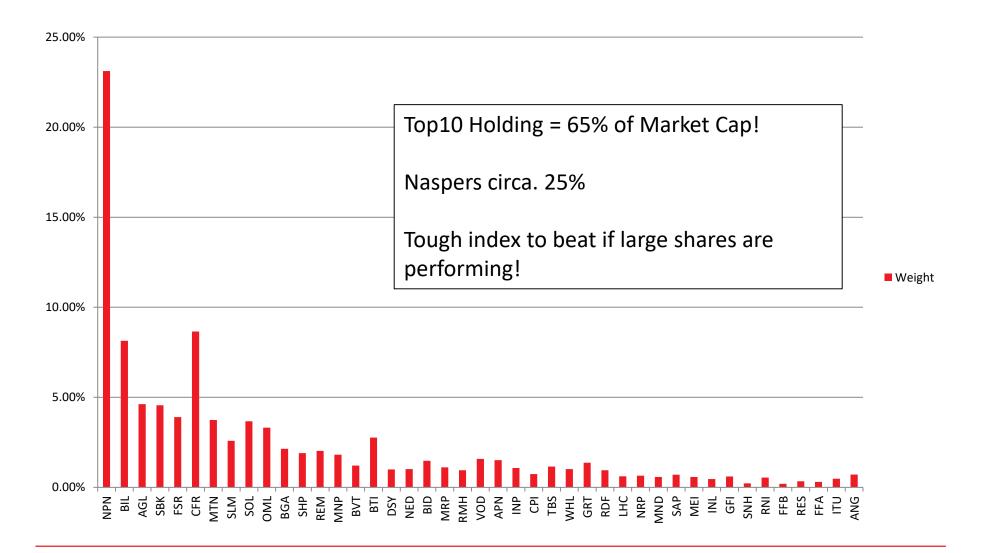


# **Concentration in Large Stocks**

Index	Top 10 Holdings
S&P 500	20%
Eurostoxx50	37%
FTSE100	43%

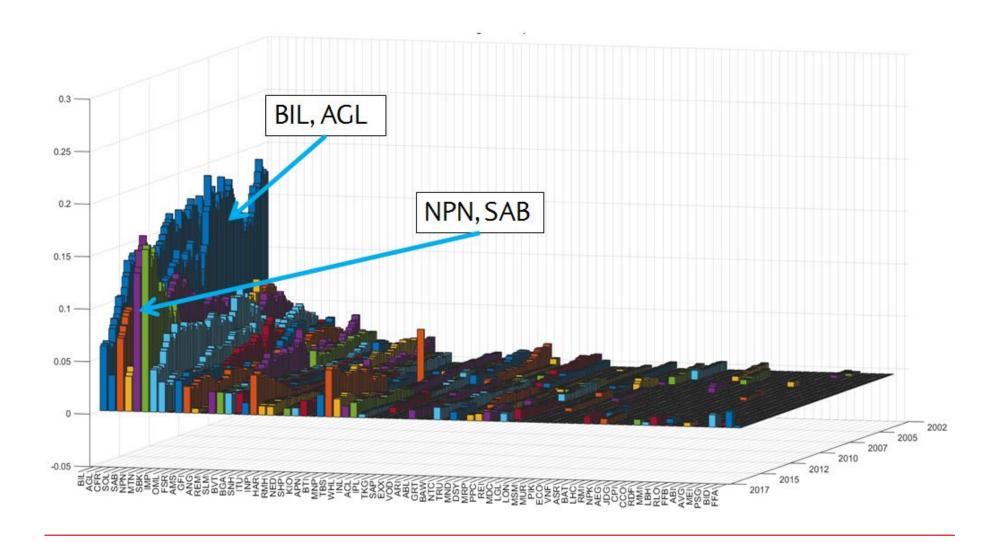


### **Concentration in Top 40**



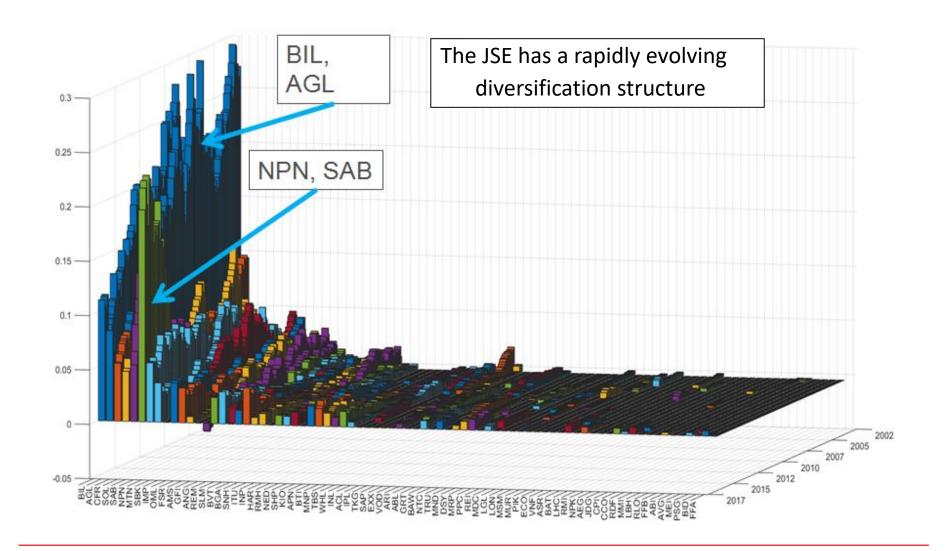


# **Concentration for Top40**



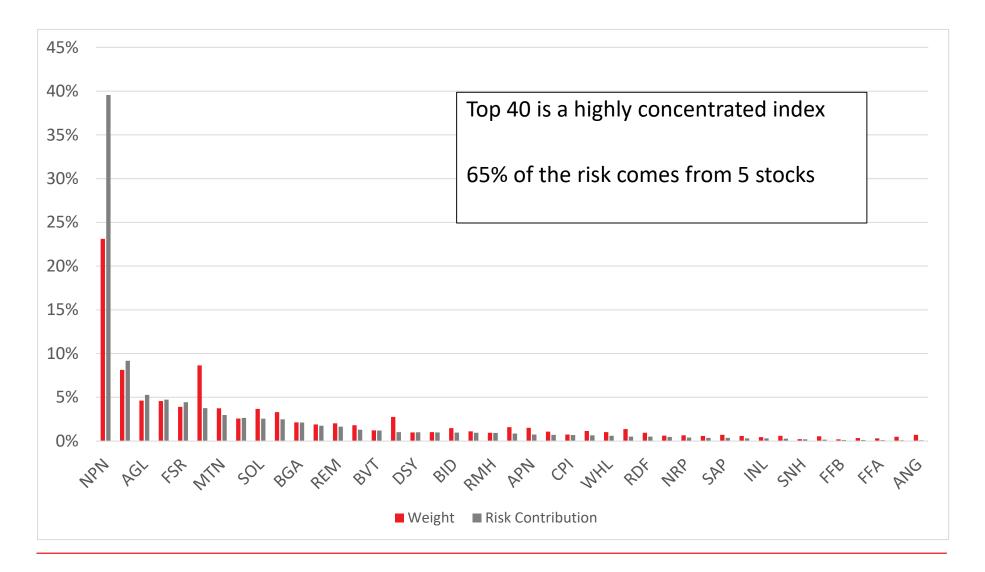


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### The ABSA NewFunds Philosophy

Risk management is a vitally important part of portfolio construction

 South African market is very concentrated – indices are dominated by a few shares

- Even more concentrated from a volatility perspective
- To reduce risk, manage volatility



# Thank you