Positioning for Prosperity

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This time last year was bleak!

Brexit to be followed by Italeave. Czechout. Finish. Slovakout. Latervia. Byegium. Luxembye. Portugone. Donemark. Spaout. Oustria. Polend.

Only one country will probably stay.

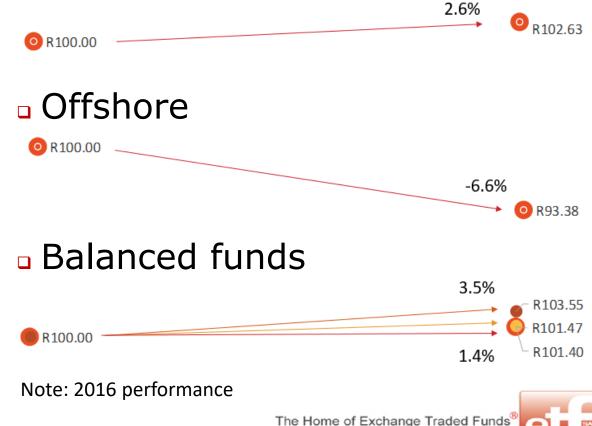
Remainia.

Some people wishing this year will just @#\$%!& end already.
#Nkandla #SpyTapes #Gordhan
#NoConfidence #SONA2016



Three years of flat markets

Equities



DEVICE

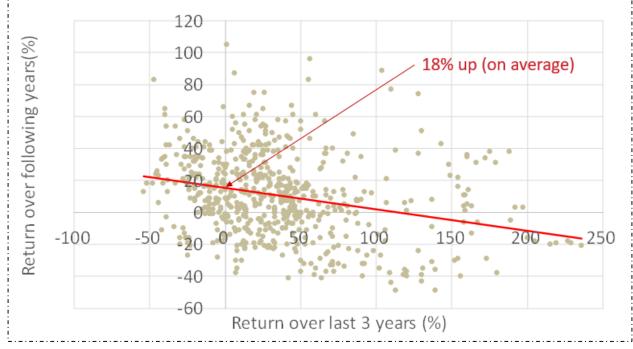


IS THE NEW



But we encouraged you to keep the faith





#StayInvested #KeepInvesting #InvestMore







SA equities: patience paid off with 21% return





2017 - the good



Global equities: "Trump effect" gathered pace, up 20%



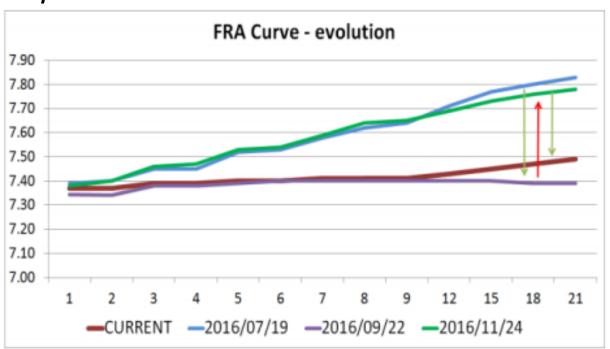






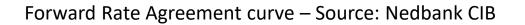
Interest rates: Surprised on the downside

Expectation was for further increases...



...but the SARB surprised us with a 25 bps cut in July-17





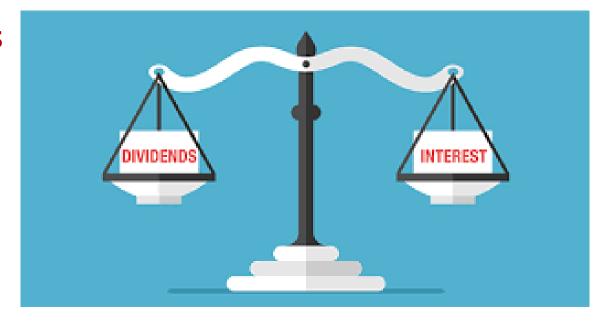


2017 - the bad



Sources of income – less interest, but more dividends

- Less interest
 - Bad for those living off savings
 - Hurt property & preference share ETFs
- More dividends
 - Shift focus in high income portfolios to dividends
 - Better for those in marginal tax bracket (20% DWT vs. 45% income tax rate)





2017 - the bad



Strong rand – good for inflation, bad for (some) investments





2017 - the bad



Politics driving Economics (almost) over the downgrade cliff









2017 – the ugly



State capture takes us to the brink...



...but the people have found their voices

...civil society have joined forces

...the judiciary is exercising its power

...parliament has found its backbone

Sunlight is the best disinfectant!



2017 – the ugly



Steinhoff - South Africa's Enron?





2017 – the ugly



Revenue shortfall - R50bn hole to be plugged

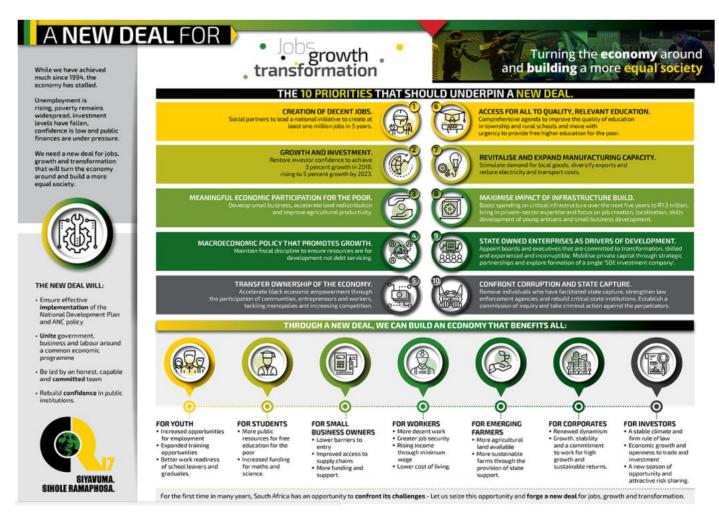
- Tax WILL increase
 - we just don't know what, and by how much
- Maximise tax savings before 28-Feb
 - Tax-free investments (R33k)
 - RA contributions (27.5%)
 - Lock in capital gains (R40k)



2018 – Riding the Waves



A New Deal for South Africa*

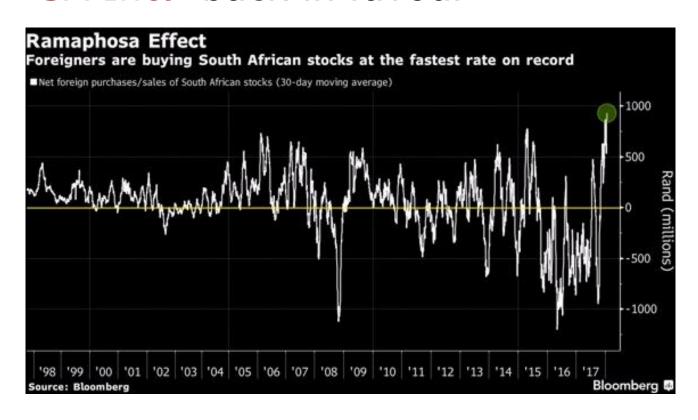


- Jobs
- Education
- Growth & investment
- Manufacturing
- Participation for poor
- Infrastructure
- Growth-friendly policies
- SOEs drivers of development
- Transfer ownership of economy
- Fight corruption & state capture

^{*} Cyril Ramaphosa's 10-point economic plan

Catching the "New Deal" Wave

"SA Inc." back in favour



- Foreigners buy local, not dual-listed shares
- Ashburton Mid Cap ETF (ASHMID)
- Mid Caps underperformed Top40 by almost 16% in 2017

Source: Bloomberg



Synchronised Global Growth

10 years after GFC

- Monetary stimulus
 - Asset price inflation
 - Economic growth
- Fiscal stimulus
 - Boost earnings
 - Business & Consumer confidence

Risk On!

IMF hails 'broadest' upsurge in global growth since 2010

Forecasts upgraded for 2017, 2018 and 2019, adding to positive mood ahead of Davos gathering

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The International Monetary Fund has hailed the "broadest synchronised global growth upsurge since 2010" as the global elite arrived at the World Economic Forum in <u>Davos</u> on Monday in ebullient mood.

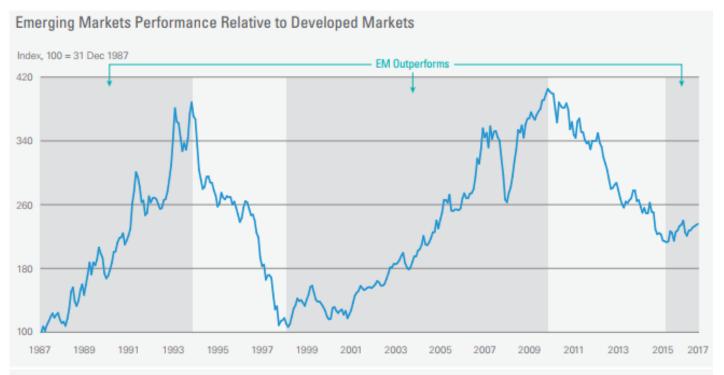
Consigning the troubles of the past decade to history, the fund's upgraded forecasts signalled the strongest global economic outlook since the start of 2010.

The optimism was matched by a jump in chief executives' confidence about their companies' prospects, detailed in an annual survey by PwC, the professional services company.

Source: FT.com



Riding the Risk-On Wave



As of 30 June 2017

Relative performance as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index divided by the MSCI World Total Return Index.

The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. This information is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any product or strategy managed by Lazard. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Source: MSCI

- Buy broad-based
 Emerging Markets
 yes, even as a South African!
- Satrix MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (STXEMG)
- Emerging markets underperformed China by almost 23% in 2017



Asset Prices – is it the 11th hour?







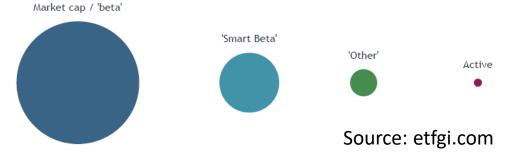
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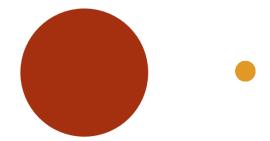
Surfing Smartly – Factors Find Favour

Smart beta – the shift from "passive" to "index" investing

Global shift



SA ready for lift-off



Some examples:

- NewFunds Equity Momentum ETF (NFEMOM)
- Satrix Quality ETF (STXQUA)
- Satrix Dividend ETF (STXDIV)
- CoreShares Global Dividend Aristocrats ETF (GLODIV)
 - listing on 22-Feb-18



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...after Mike



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