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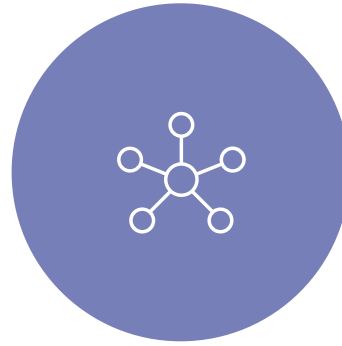
“It’s the kind of investment that should lie at the core of a well-balanced ISA or DIY pension portfolio.”
Jeff Prestridge, Mail on Sunday, February 25, 2024



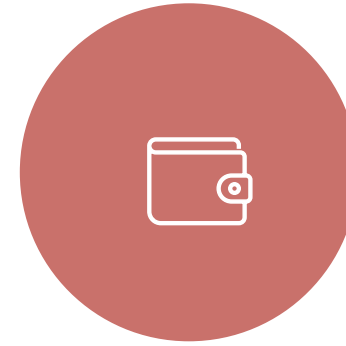
A quick recap on the approach



Conviction



Diversification



Competitive costs



Exclusive access



Dividend growth

Performance

Absolute returns	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception*
Total Shareholder Return	+2.8%	+13.6%	+11.5%	+9.6%
NAV Total Return**	+3.3%	+13.5%	+11.2%	+9.5%
NAV ex. Non-Core**	+3.3%	+13.5%	+11.3%	+9.7%

Relative returns NAV ex Non-Core outperformance versus:	YTD	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception*
Index benchmark	-6.9%	-2.2%	-1.4%	-1.0%
MSCI ACWI equal weighted	-9.2%	+4.6%	+3.9%	+4.0%
AIC Global Sector	-4.8%	-0.4%	+2.5%	-1.0%
AIC Global Sector (adjusted for survivorship bias)	-4.6%	+0.4%	+3.7%	+1.4%
Wider peer group	-4.4%	+1.1%	+1.6%	+1.2%

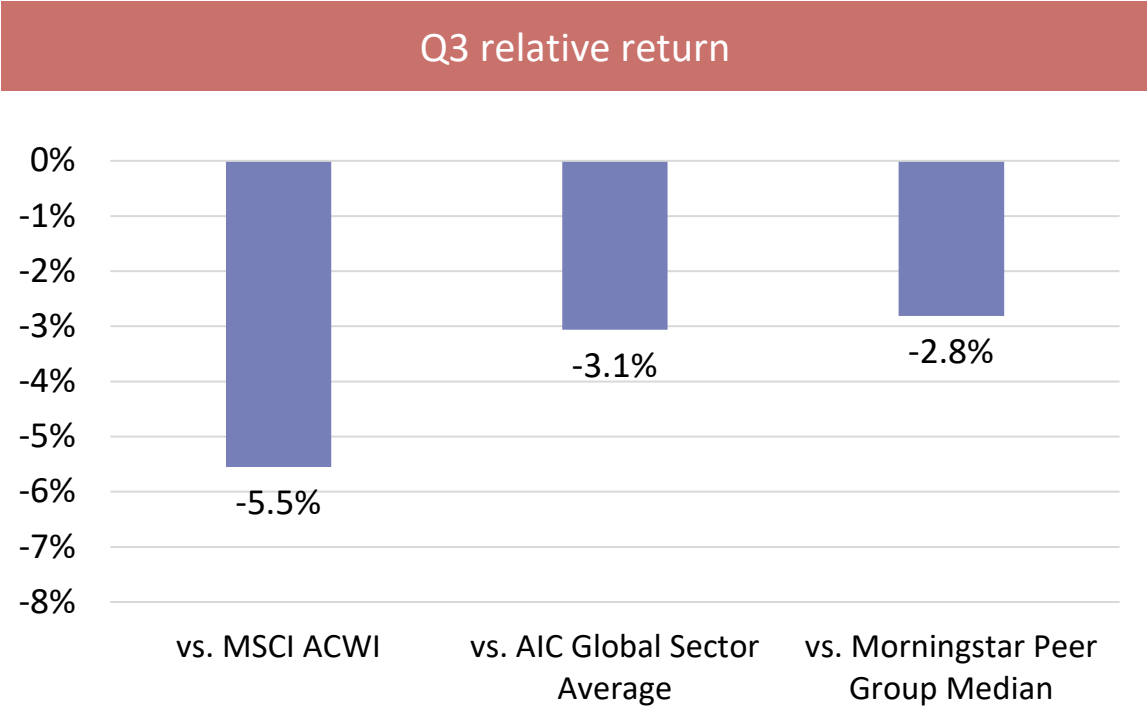
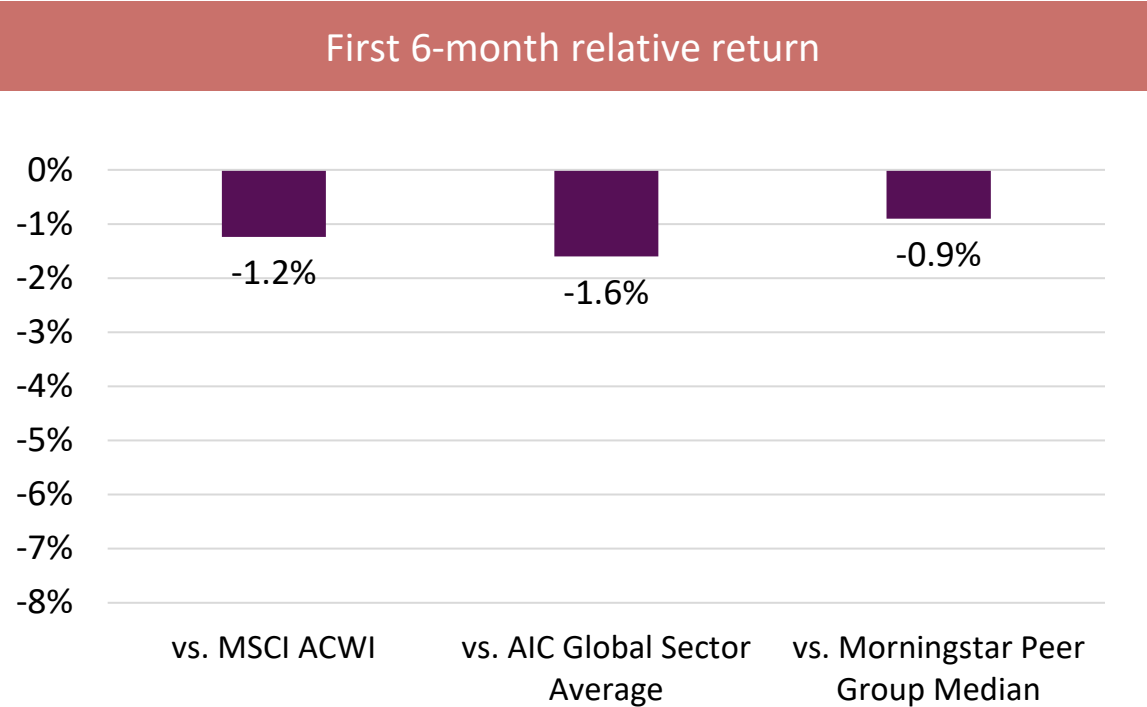
Discrete annual performance	30 Sep 24 – 30 Sep 25	30 Sep 23 – 30 Sep 24	30 Sep 22 – 30 Sep 23	30 Sep 21 – 30 Sep 22	30 Sep 20 – 30 Sep 21
Total Shareholder Return	+8.1%	+17.5%	+15.4%	-7.0%	+26.5%
MSCI ACWI NDR	+16.8%	+19.9%	+10.5%	-4.2%	+22.2%

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Source: Morningstar, Juniper, WTW. Notes: All data is provided as of 30 September 2025. *WTW appointment date, 1st April 2017. **NAV and NAV (excluding Non-Core Assets) Total Return figures are based on NAV including income with debt at fair value. Non-Core Assets consist of assets the Company held previously including mineral rights and a number of private equity holdings. All performance figures for periods over a year are annualised. The index benchmark shown is the MSCI ACWI Net Dividends Reinvested. Source: Investment Performance data is provided by Juniper Partners Limited, Morningstar and MSCI Inc; NAV and NAV (excluding Non-Core Assets) Total Returns are after all manager fees (including WTW's fees) and allow for any tax reclaims when they are achieved. The investment trust peer group is the AIC Global Sector Average NAV Total Return (Global Sector as defined by the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) at the end of the period referred to) and the wider peer group total return is for the Morningstar universe of UK retail global equity funds (open ended and closed ended) with returns after fees. All figures may be subject to rounding differences.

2025 has been a tough year in relative terms

Still outperformed both peer groups* over 3 years, 5 years and since inception



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*We have had to adjust the AIC Global Sector Average for survivorship bias for the 3 year, 5 year and since inception periods.

Performance attribution year to date

Stronger performers

DaltonInvestments



Metropolis Capital

Weaker performers



Company	Average portfolio weight (%)	Attribution Effect (%)
Top 5		
Apple	0.1	0.6
Safran	1.0	0.3
NRG	0.5	0.2
Fuji Media	0.4	0.2
Prudential	0.4	0.2
Bottom 5		
Diageo	1.5	-0.7
NVIDIA	1.5	-0.6
Broadcom	0.1	-0.4
Salesforce	1.0	-0.4
ICON	0.3	-0.3

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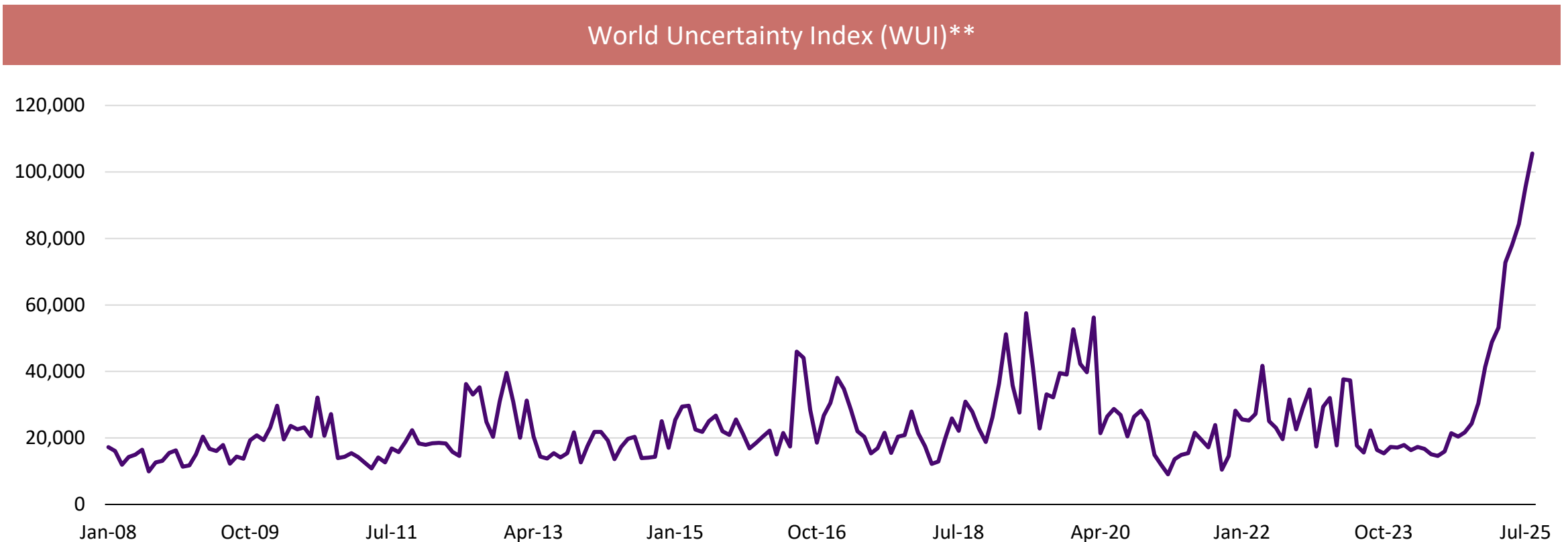
Source: Factset, WTW. Red indicates an underweight position, black an overweight.

Estimated attribution metrics calculated using the Brinson methodology using period end rebalancing. Figures may be subject to rounding.

Data as of 30 September 2025.

Uncertainty is extremely high...

GDP weighted averages - January 2008 to August 2025



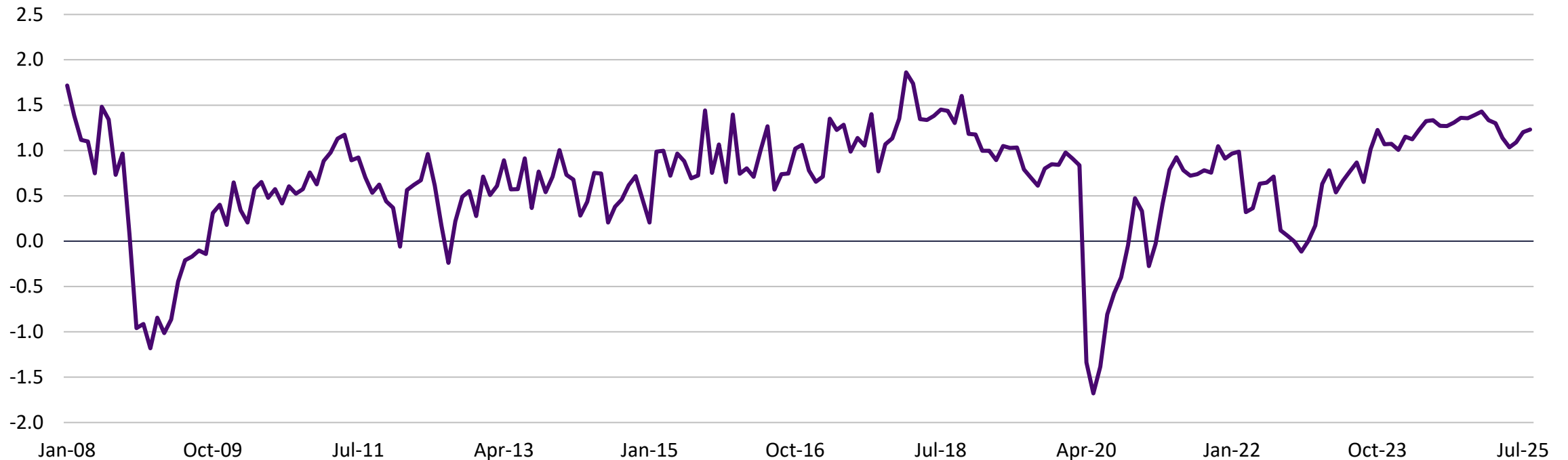
Source: <https://worlduncertaintyindex.com/> data as of end August 2025, accessed 30 September 2025.

*The WUI is computed by counting the percent of word “uncertain” (or its variant) in the Economist Intelligence Unit country reports. The WUI is then rescaled by multiplying by 1,000,000. A higher number means higher uncertainty and vice versa. For example, an index of 200 corresponds to the word uncertainty accounting for 0.02 percent of all words, which—given the EIU reports are on average about 10,000 words long—means about 2 words per report.

...but sentiment is positive...

GDP weighted averages - January 2008 to August 2025

World Sentiment Index (WSI)*

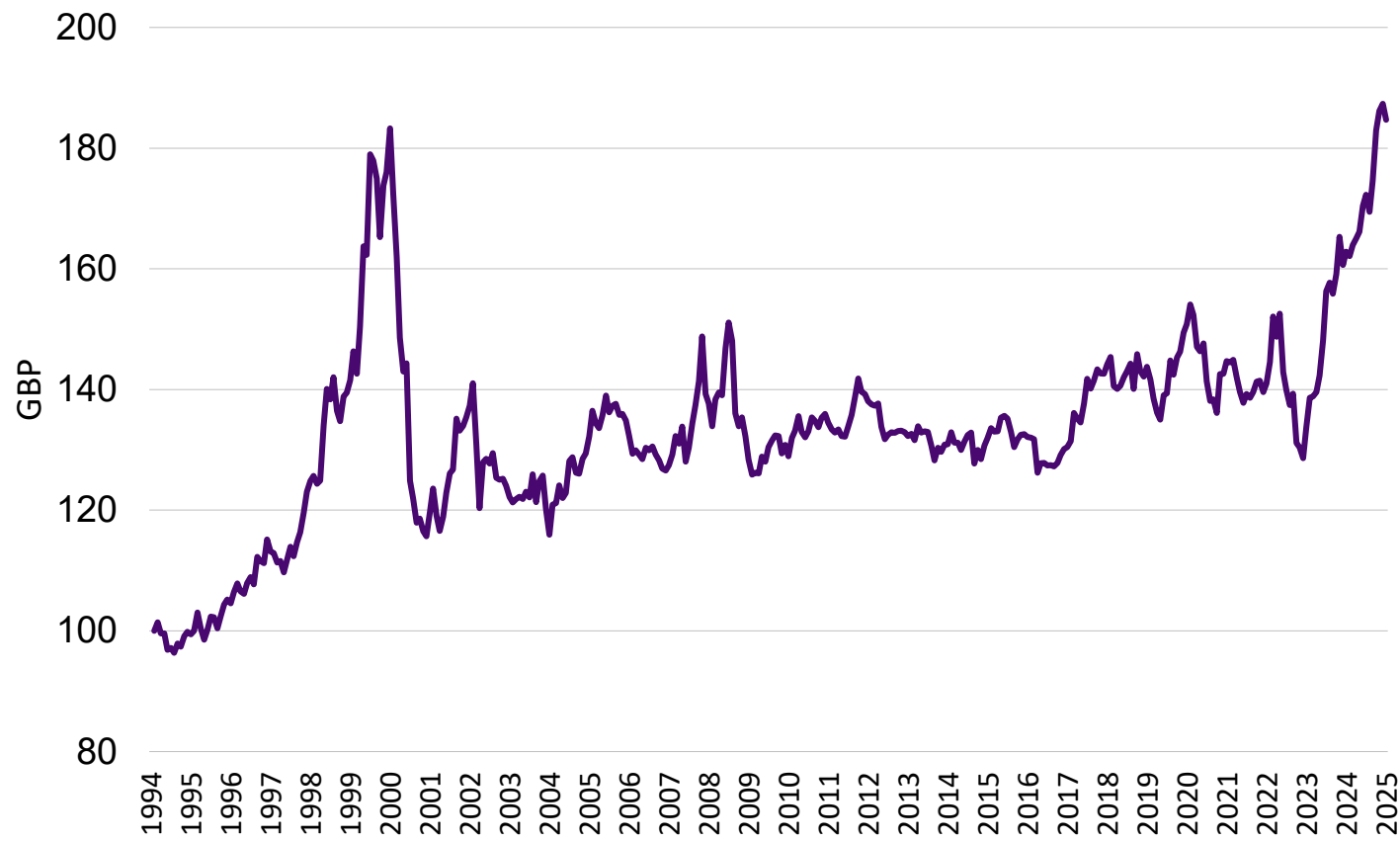


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*The WSI quantifies the overall sentiment by considering the occurrence of positive and negative words in the Economist Intelligence Unit country reports. Each word in the text is assigned a sentiment score based on a predefined lexicon. The total positive score is obtained by summing the scores of all positive words in the text, while the total negative score is derived from summing the scores of all negative words. To normalize the sentiment score, the difference between the positive and negative scores is divided by the total number of words in the text and rescaled by multiplying by 1,000.

...and momentum in markets is accelerating...

S&P 500 Momentum vs S&P 500



Source: S&P Global Inc., WTW, as of August 2025.

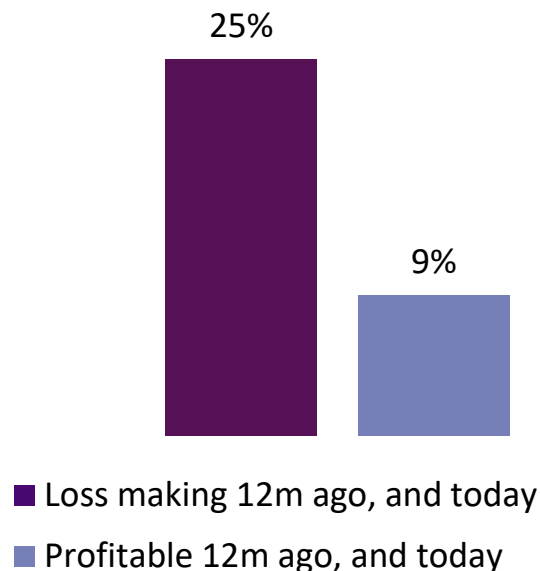
...and loss-making companies have been the biggest winners!

YTD market-cap weighted return performance MSCI ACWI in GBP

 IONQ 37%

 rigetti 82%

 OKLO 389%



 salesforce -34%

 KEYENCE -15%

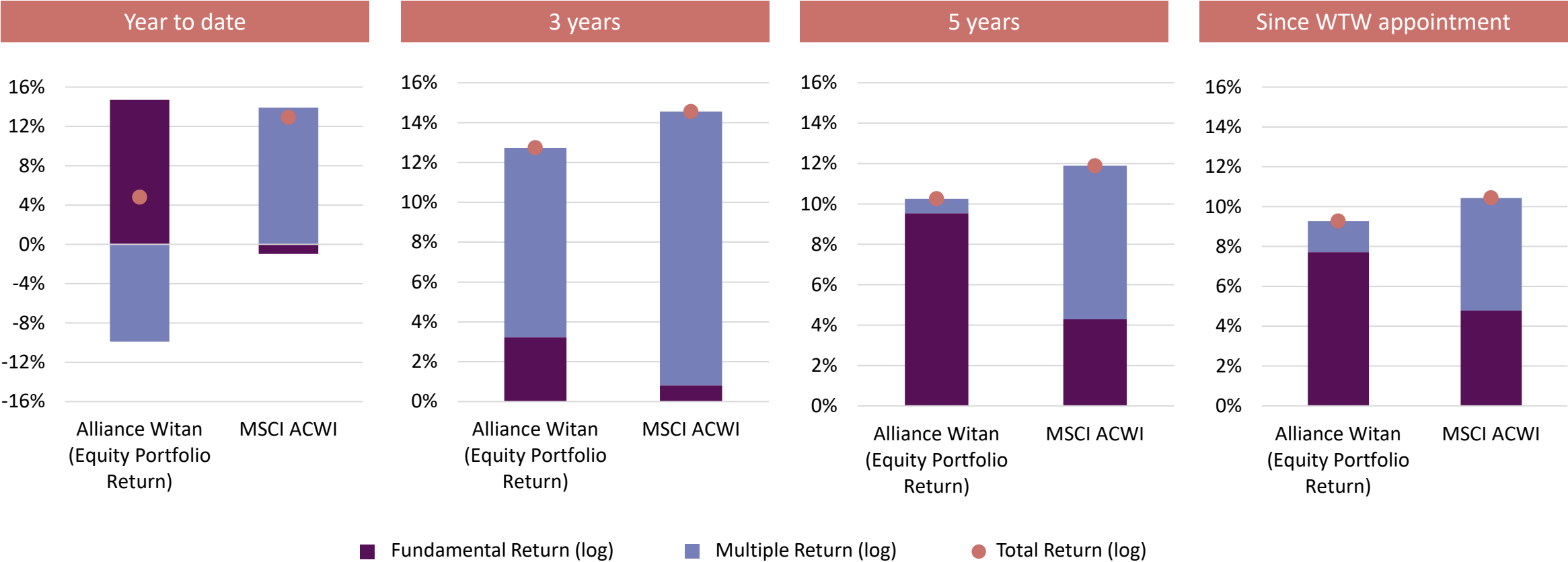
 everest™ -9%

Past performance does not predict future returns.

Source: Factset and WTW. Total returns year to date as at 30 September 2025 in GBP.

But ultimately fundamentals drive share prices

Components of gross returns



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Source: FactSet, MSCI, WTW. Data from 30 April 2017, when WTW was appointed, to 30 September 2025 based on Price to Book. Equity portfolio log return gross of fees, which excludes the impact of gearing on returns and cost of gearing. The Ongoing Charges Ratio for 2024 was 0.56%.

Top active weights

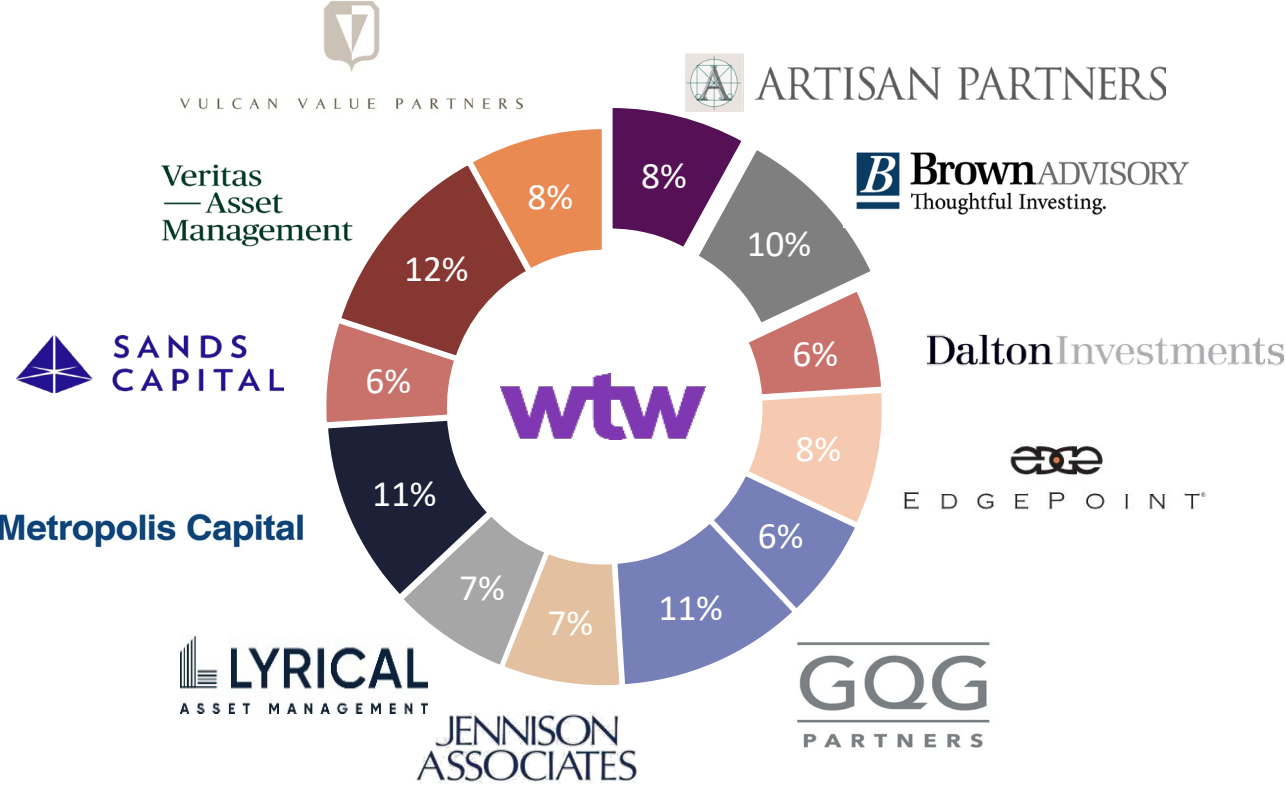
						
Country of Listing	United States	United States	United States	United Kingdom	United States	United States
Sector	Information Technology	Information Technology	Information Technology	Consumer Staples	Financials	Financials
Number of stock pickers	0	2	0	3	4	4
Relative position to the MSCI ACWI	-4.2%	-4.2%	-1.6%	+1.6%	+1.5%	+1.4%
						
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Sector	Financials	Consumer Discretionary	Financials	Consumer Staples	Financials	Financials
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Relative position to the MSCI ACWI	+1.4%	-1.4%	+1.1%	+1.1%	1.0%	-1.0%

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Source: WTW, FactSet. Data as of 30 September 2025

Latest manager line-up: Diversified by style

Giving investors access to the world’s best stock pickers¹



Manager	Style
Artisan	Global value with US bias
Brown	Global quality growth
Dalton	Japan all cap value and engagement
EdgePoint	All cap quality and value
GQG	Quality growth at reasonable price
Jennison	Seeking exceptional growth
Lyrical	US value with quality tilt
Metropolis	Quality and value
Sands	High quality long term structural growth
Veritas	Thematic and quality
Vulcan	Capital preservation quality and value

¹ As rated by WTW. Subject to rounding and change. Approximate allocation of the Company’s equity portfolio as of 30 September 2025.
Source: WTW, Juniper Partners Limited. GQG comprises a global portfolio and an Emerging Markets portfolio. Witan legacy assets, which make up less than 3% of the total portfolio, are excluded above.

Introducing Artisan Partners



Dan O'Keefe

Lead Portfolio
Manager

Experience: 30+ years



Mike McKinnon

CFA
Portfolio Manager

Experience: 20+ years



ARTISAN PARTNERS

- Independent, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- \$175 billion of assets under management.
- Concentrated, US-biased version of the standard Global Value strategy
- Analyst team of 3 divides stock coverage by regions rather than sectors

Approach

- Identify companies with 'quality' business models, financial strength and shareholder-oriented management, where temporary headwinds or controversy create a material discount to the company's intrinsic value

Introducing Brown Advisory



Mick Dillon
CFA Global Equity Fund
Manager

Experience: 25+ years



Bertie Thomson
CFA Global Equity Fund
Manager

Experience: 20+ years



- Independent company with key offices in Baltimore and London
- \$162bn of assets under management
- Working group of 8 analysts, 4 dedicated to the strategy full time (based in London) and a further 4 shared across Brown (based in Baltimore)

Approach

- Find companies with high and sustainable returns on invested capital
- Look for quality companies that provide exceptional value to their customers, which supports consistently strong financial performance
- Look for an investment to have a number of different moats

Outlook

We believe the portfolio is well positioned to deliver strong long-term performance.



Macro risks remain elevated, uncertainty is high and some 'speculative' stocks are doing very well.



Alliance Witan's latent value, rooted in resilient fundamentals and long-term growth drivers, positions it to outperform as market dislocations normalise.



Diversification and disciplined risk management continue to be vital in navigating macro and sector-specific headwinds.



Alliance Witan remains structurally advantaged to deliver strong performance through its adaptive, high-conviction approach.

Metropolis Capital

What makes Metropolis distinctive?



Manager
tenure

35-year business and investment partnership

Unique
background

Business founders, builders, buyers and investors

Style

Private Equity style due diligence
Long-term: invest like owners, low turnover

Contributors



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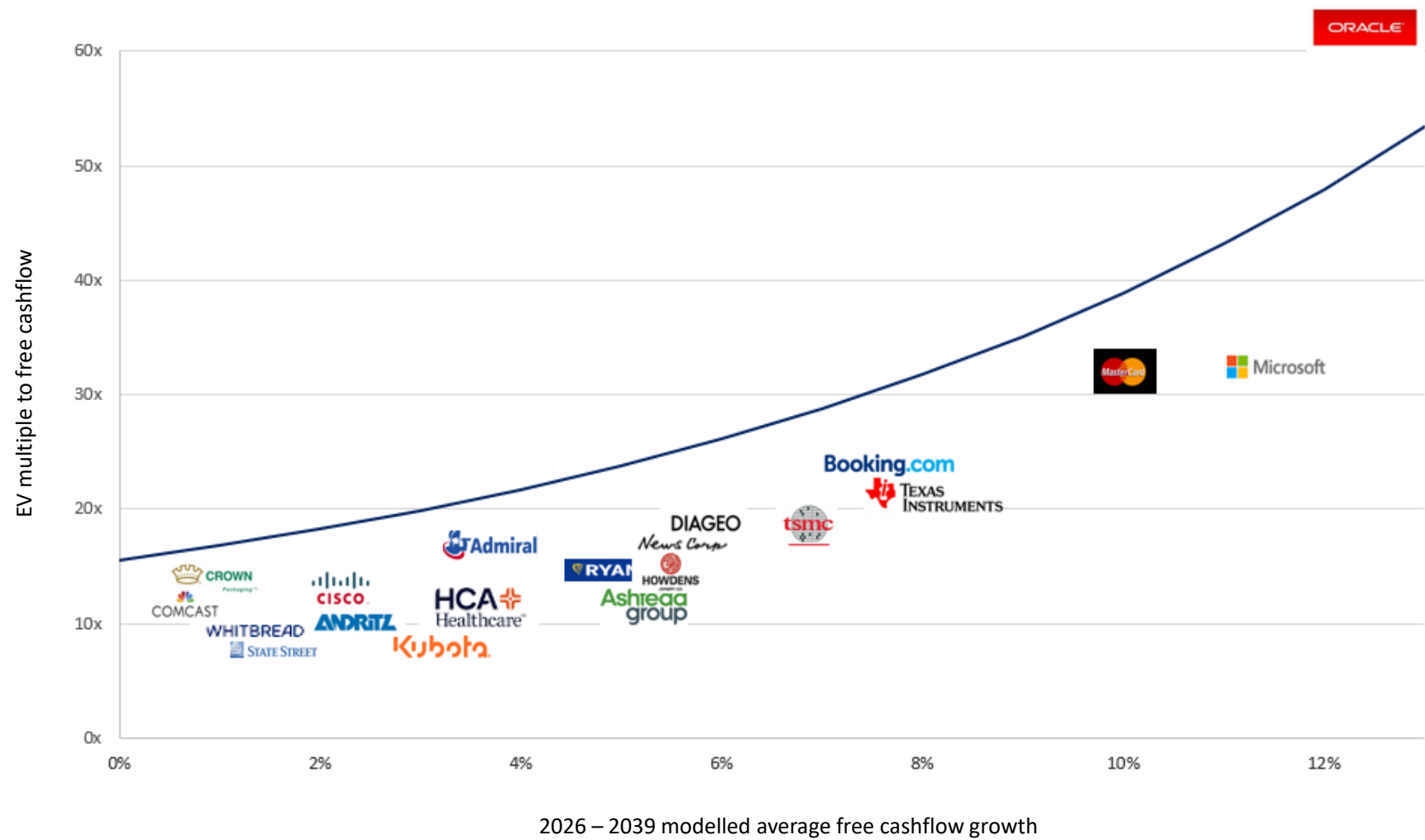


Our approach identifies mispriced opportunities across a broad universe of potential companies

Golden nuggets in muddy waters	High quality companies in industries with generally poor economics	HCA HealthcareCROWNANDRITZ AdmiralRYANAIR WHITBREADTD SYNnex
Cyclical market leaders	High quality companies in sectors which are out of favour	KubotaNews Corp tsmcAshtead groupHOWDENS JEWELLERY CO.
“Unbelieved” growth	High quality growth companies where our assessment of growth is different to the market	mastercard. TEXAS INSTRUMENTSMicrosoft Booking.com
Punished slower growth	High quality companies where growth investors are switching out of the stock as growth decelerates	CISCO STATE STREETCOMCAST DIAGEO

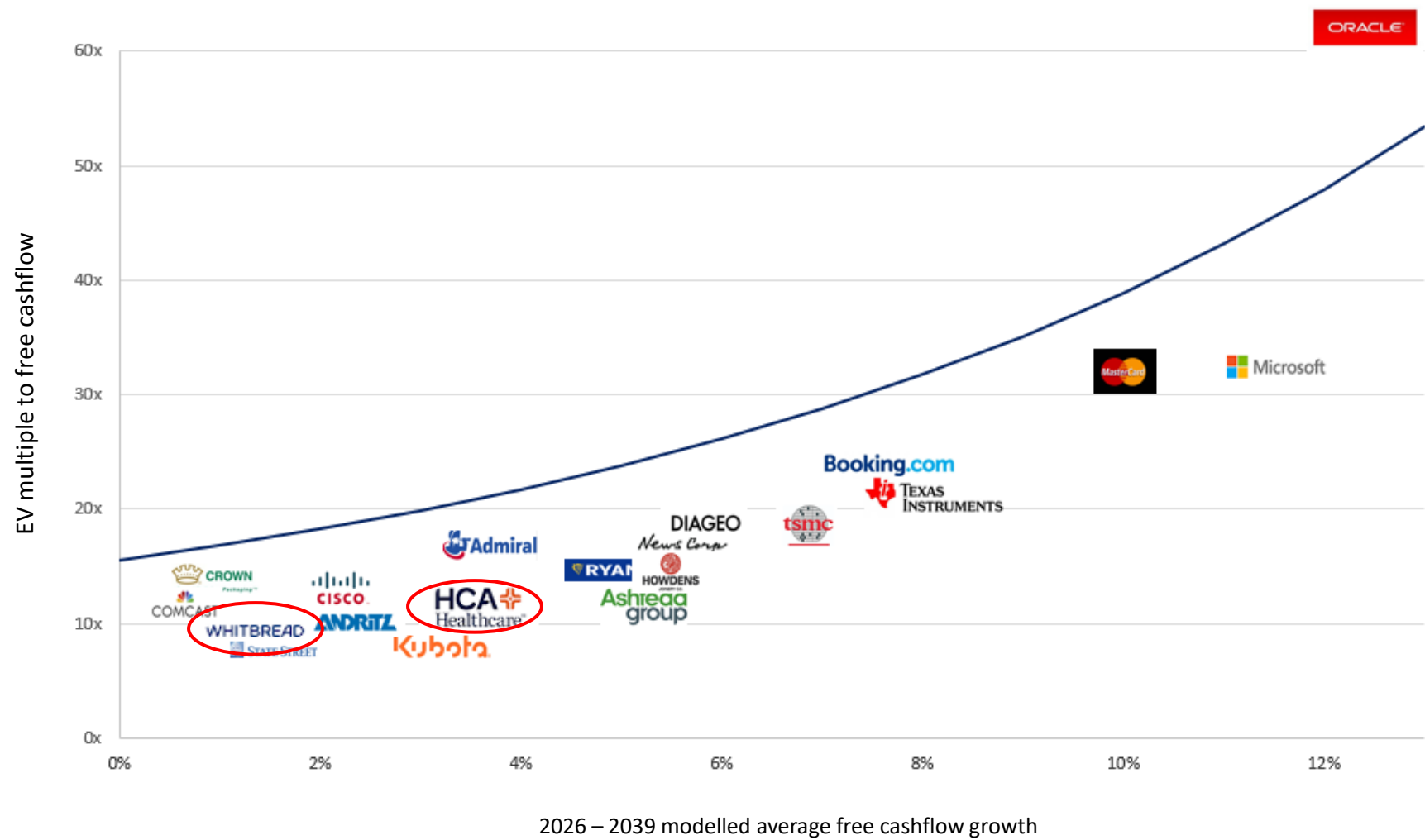
Source: Holdings of the Alliance Witan - Metropolis Valuefund portfolio as of 31/08/2025.

Value – Growth relationship



Source: Metropolis Capital models for free cashflow; S&P CapIQ pricing 31/03/2025.

Value – Growth relationship



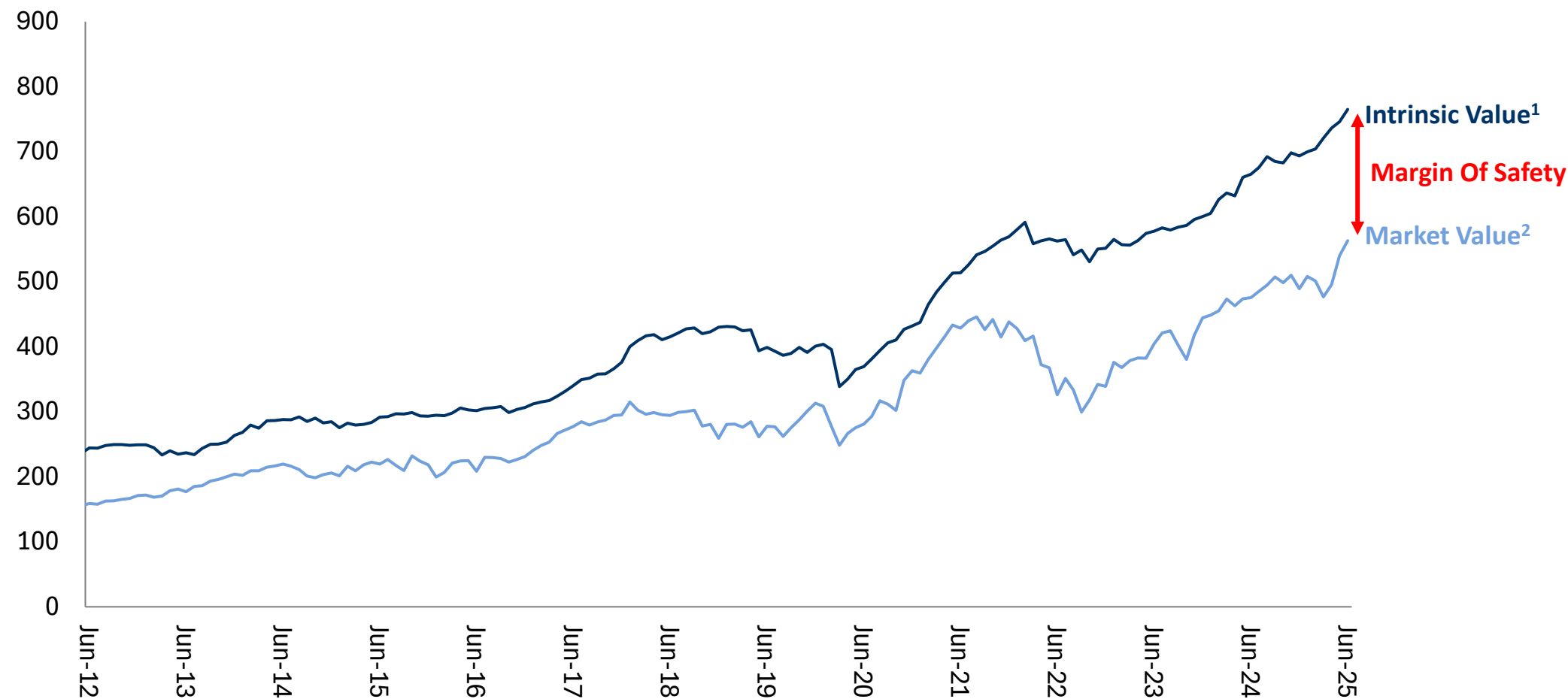
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Intrinsic value versus market value over time



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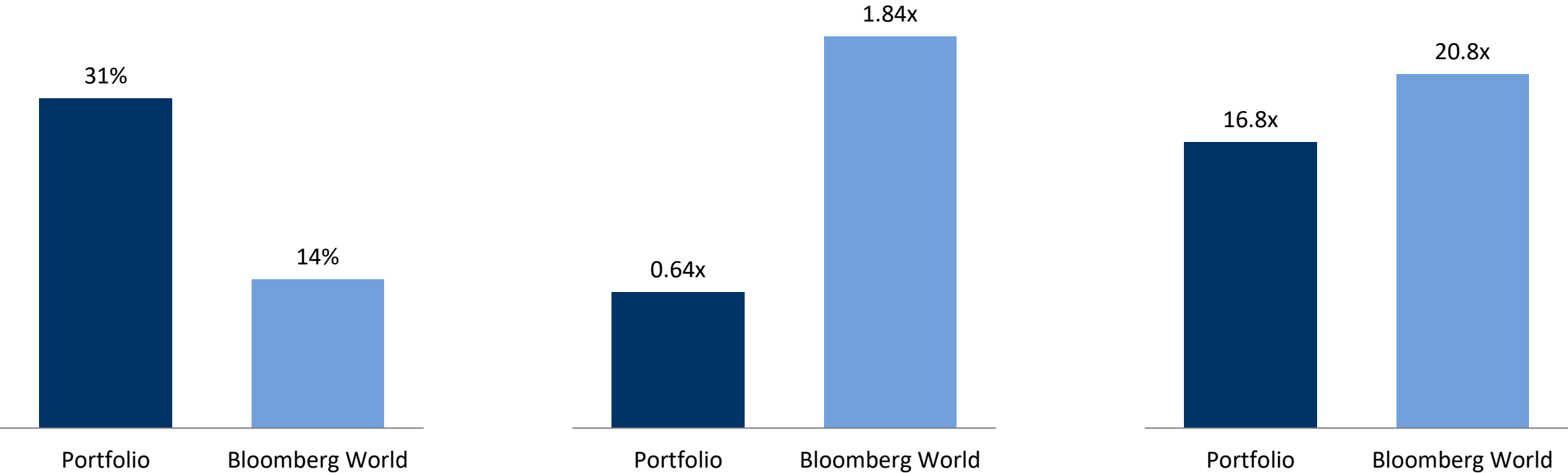
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Relative to the market: A high ROE, modest net debt and lower PE

ROE

Net debt : EBITDA

PE



Sources: Metropolis Capital; S&P CapIQ; Net debt: EBITDA excl. State Street; ROE excl. Booking; Bloomberg World Large & Mid Cap Index data: Bloomberg. The Metropolis Valuefund strategy is represented by the holdings of the MI Metropolis Valuefund. Data as at 30/06/2025.
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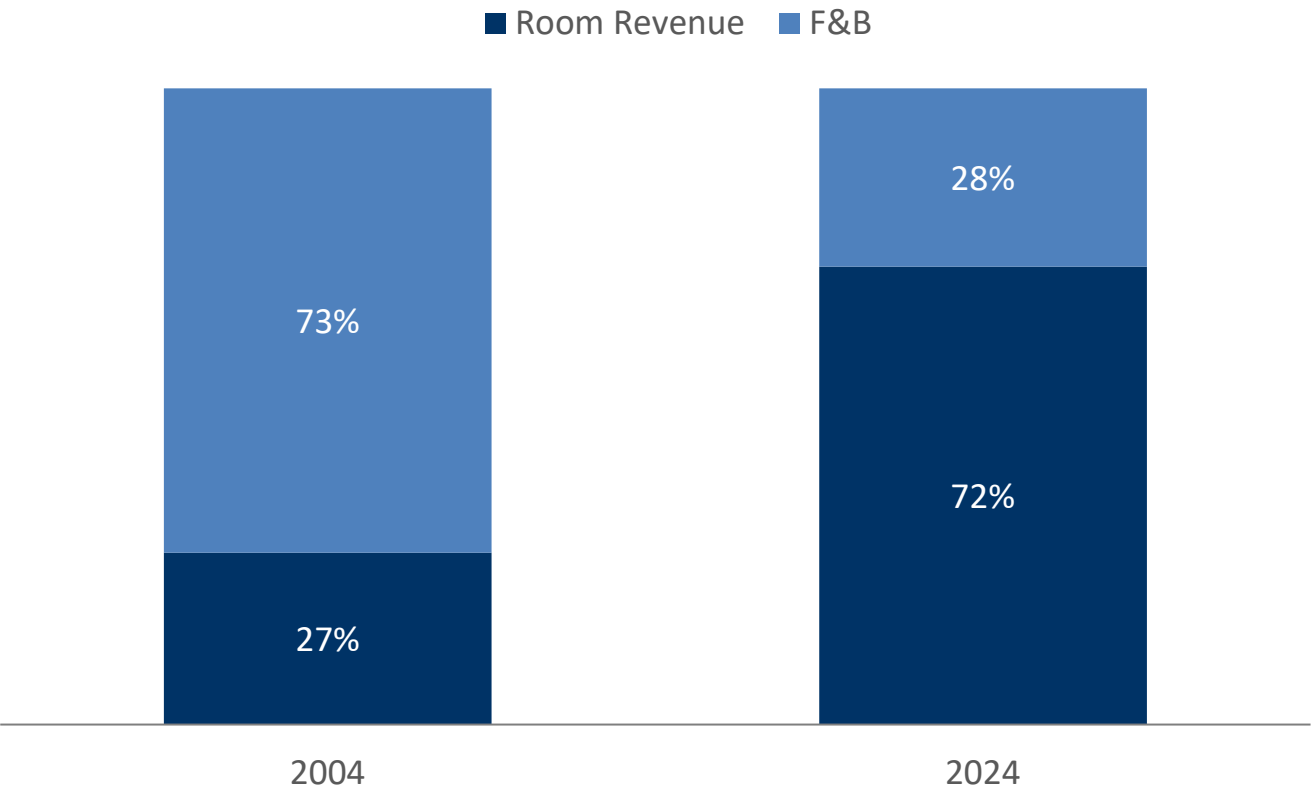
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Premier Inn – revenue split

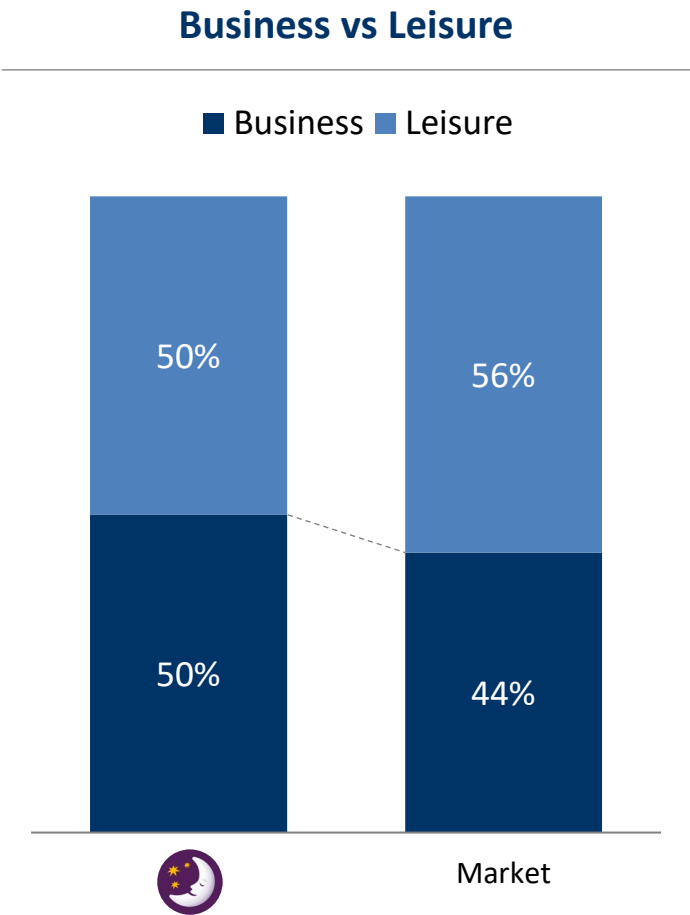
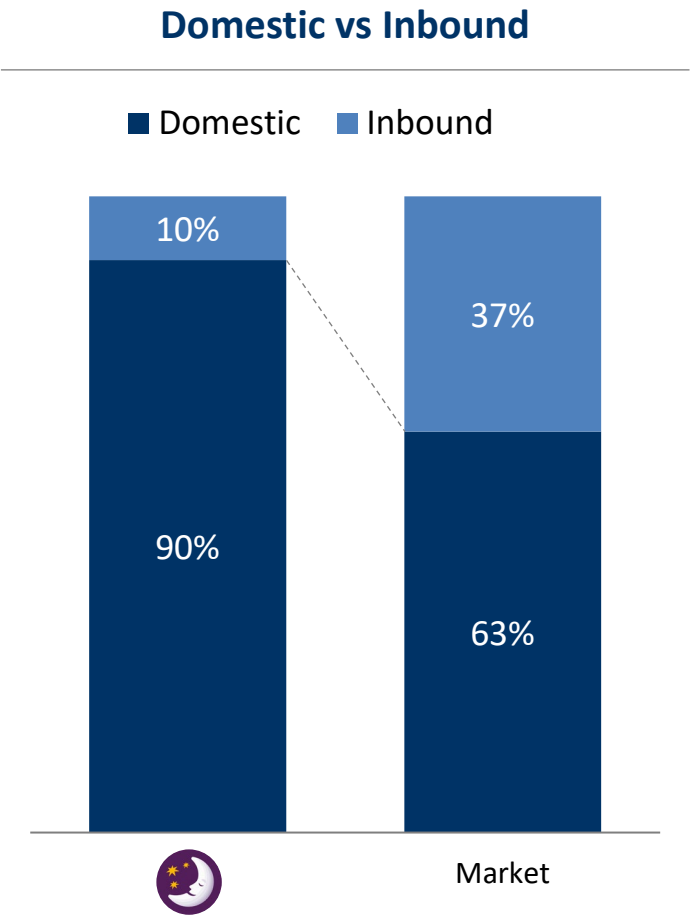
Primarily a hotel business

Premier Inn UK Revenue Split



Source: Metropolis Capital analysis.

Premier Inn skews to domestic travel and business travel



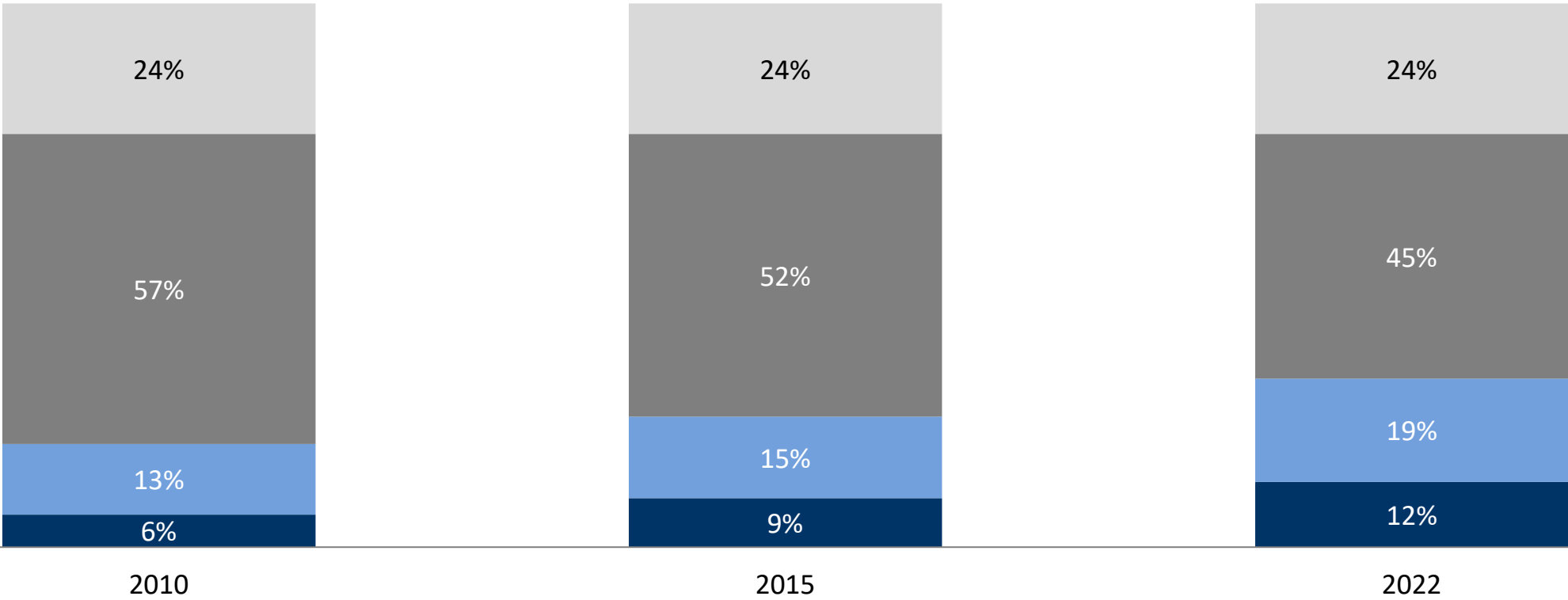
Source: H1 2025 company results presentation.

Premier Inn – market share

Premier Inn has consistently grown market share at the expense of independent hotels

Total UK Hotel Rooms Market Share

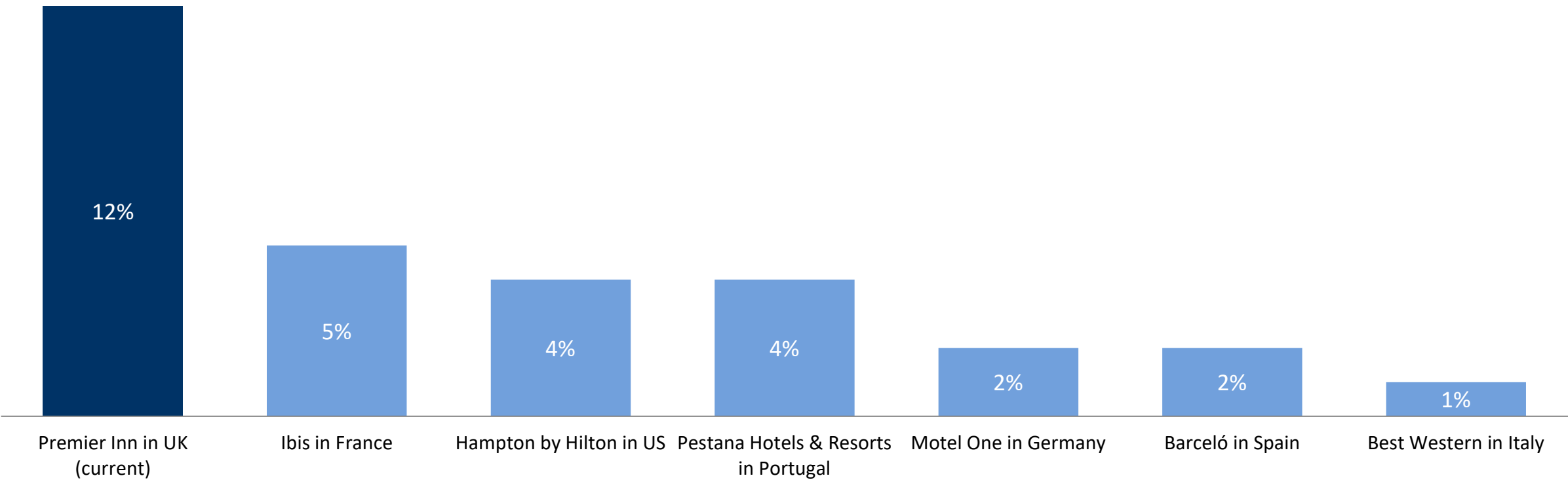
■ Premier Inn ■ Budget branded excluding PI ■ Independent ■ UK branded non-budget



Source: FY 2024 company results presentation.

Premier Inn UK has the largest single brand share of a national market

Largest hotel brand’s market share of rooms by country (2022)



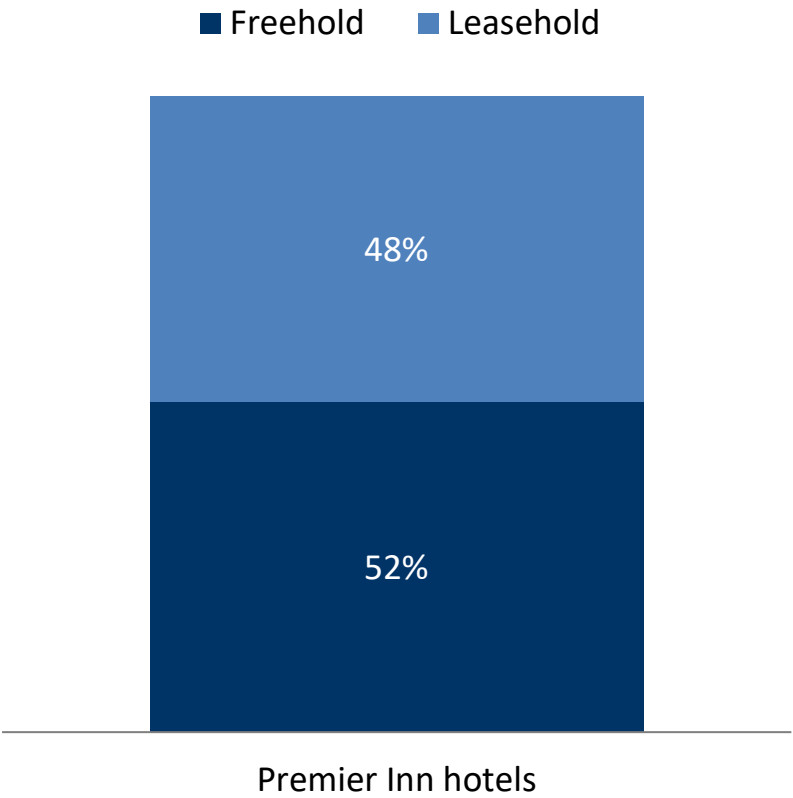
Source: Bernstein April 2023, Company reports, STR, Horwath, Bernstein analysis.

Unique business model



Premier Inn - property backed balance sheet

Just over half of the estate is freehold



Premier Inn - direct distribution

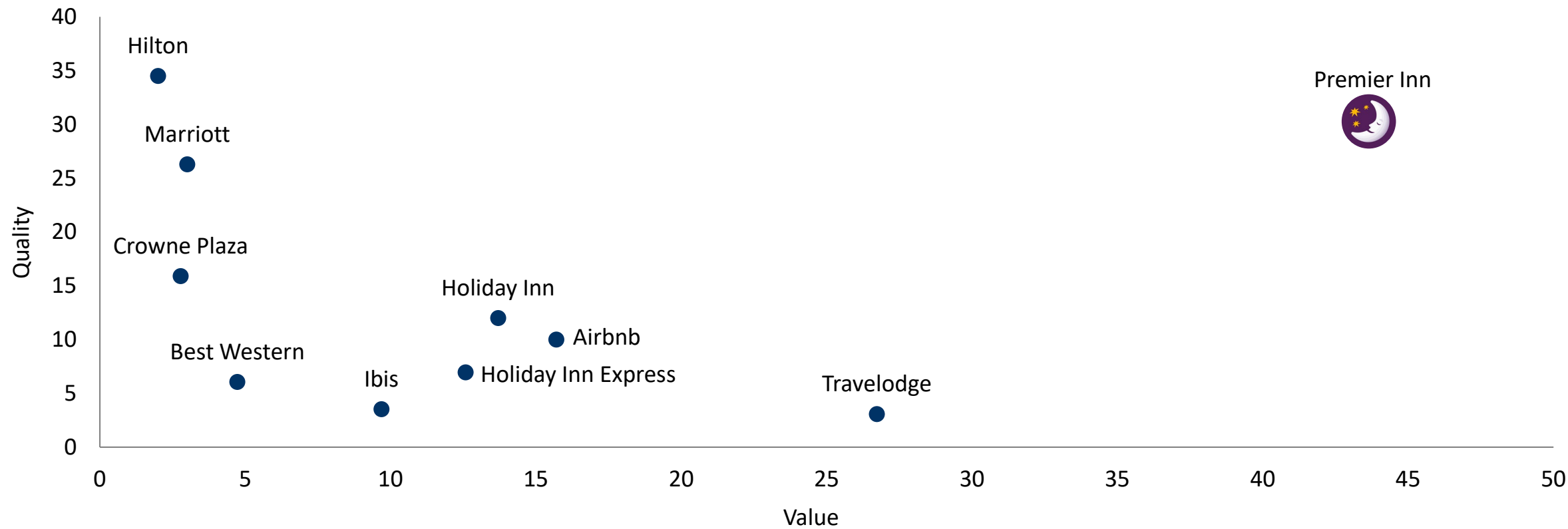
99% of bookings are made direct with Premier Inn – a big cost saving

	Premier Inn	Independent
 Gross Room Revenue	£100	£100
 % OTA Distribution	<1%	70%
 OTA Take Rate %	12%	20%
 OTA Take	10p	£14

Source: Metropolis Capital analysis.

Uniquely Premier Inn’s brand rates highly for both value and quality

YouGov BrandIndex¹

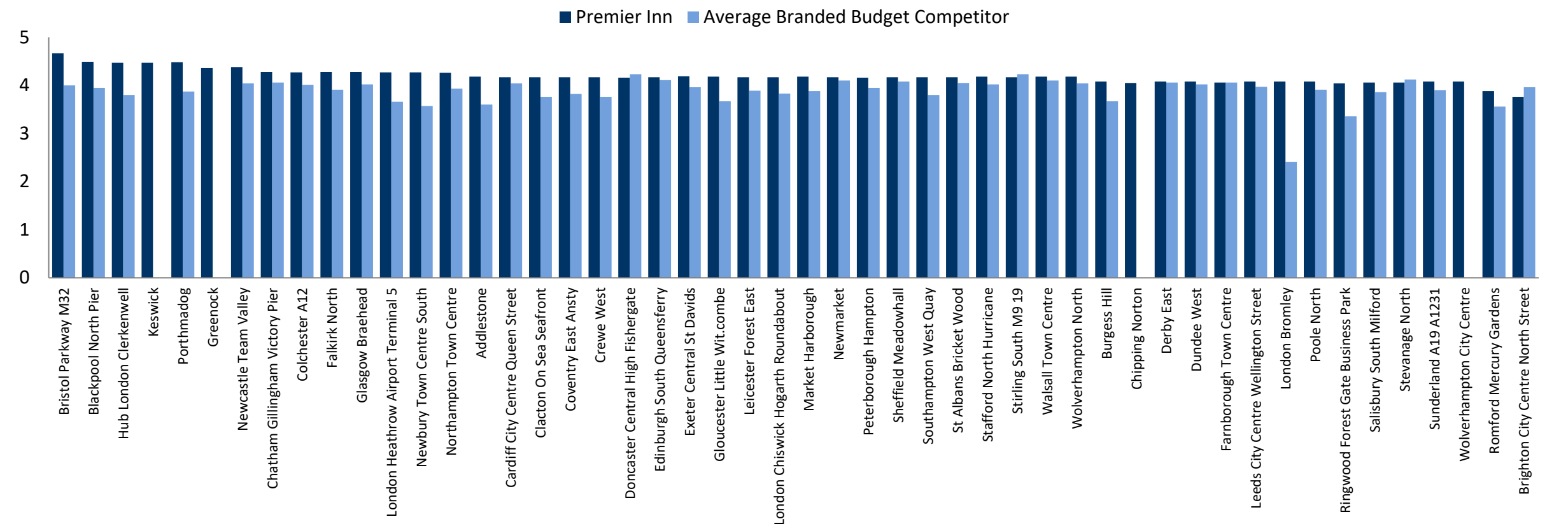


¹ YouGov BrandIndex Quality & Value Scores as at 27/02/2025 based on a nationally representative 52-week moving average. Source: FY 2025 company results presentation.

Premier Inn – customer ratings

Premier Inn UK hotels mostly have higher ratings than an average of local budget branded competition

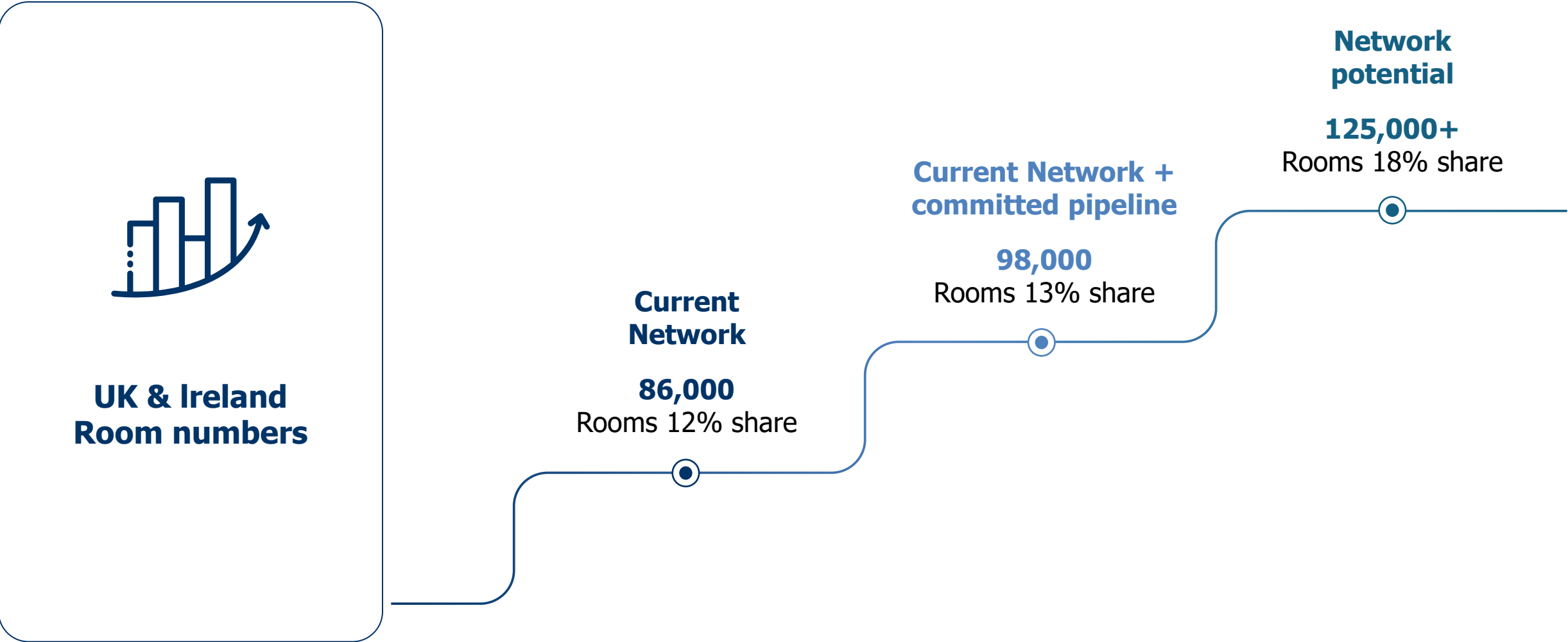
PI UK Google Ratings Vs Branded Budget Competition Average Within 15 Minute Drive¹



¹ Random sample of 50 Premier Inn hotels conducted in August 2024.
Note: IR commented on London Romford and Brighton City Centre “guest feedback is around the hotels being a bit "tired" versus other Premier Inn hotels these guests have stayed in. Both of these sites are currently operating our older room format "ID3" and are in the pipeline to be upgraded to our latest room format "ID5" in the next 18 months”.
Source: Metropolis Capital analysis.

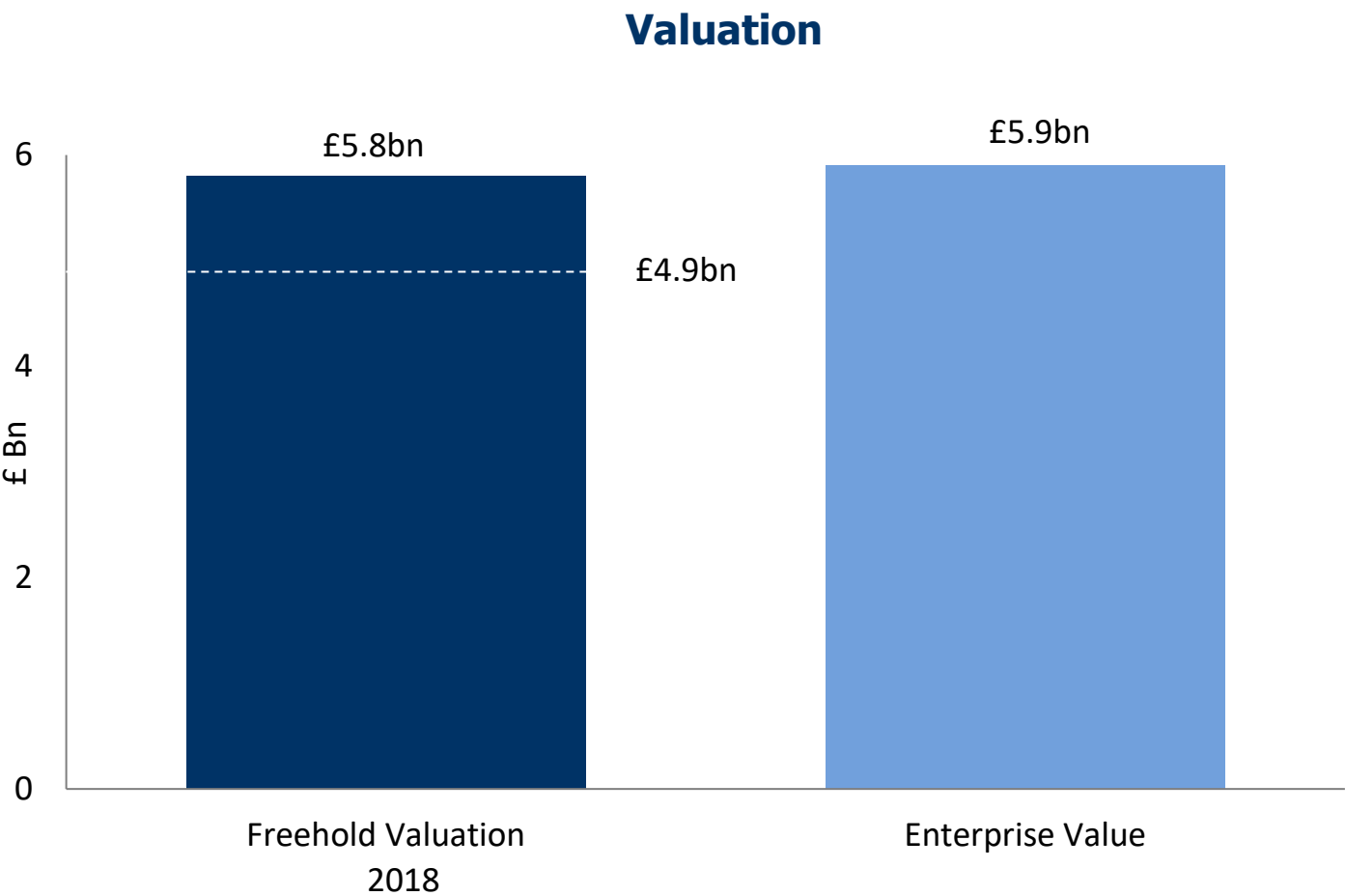
Premier Inn – UK growth opportunity

Management believe they can grow to 125,000 rooms in the UK from current 86k



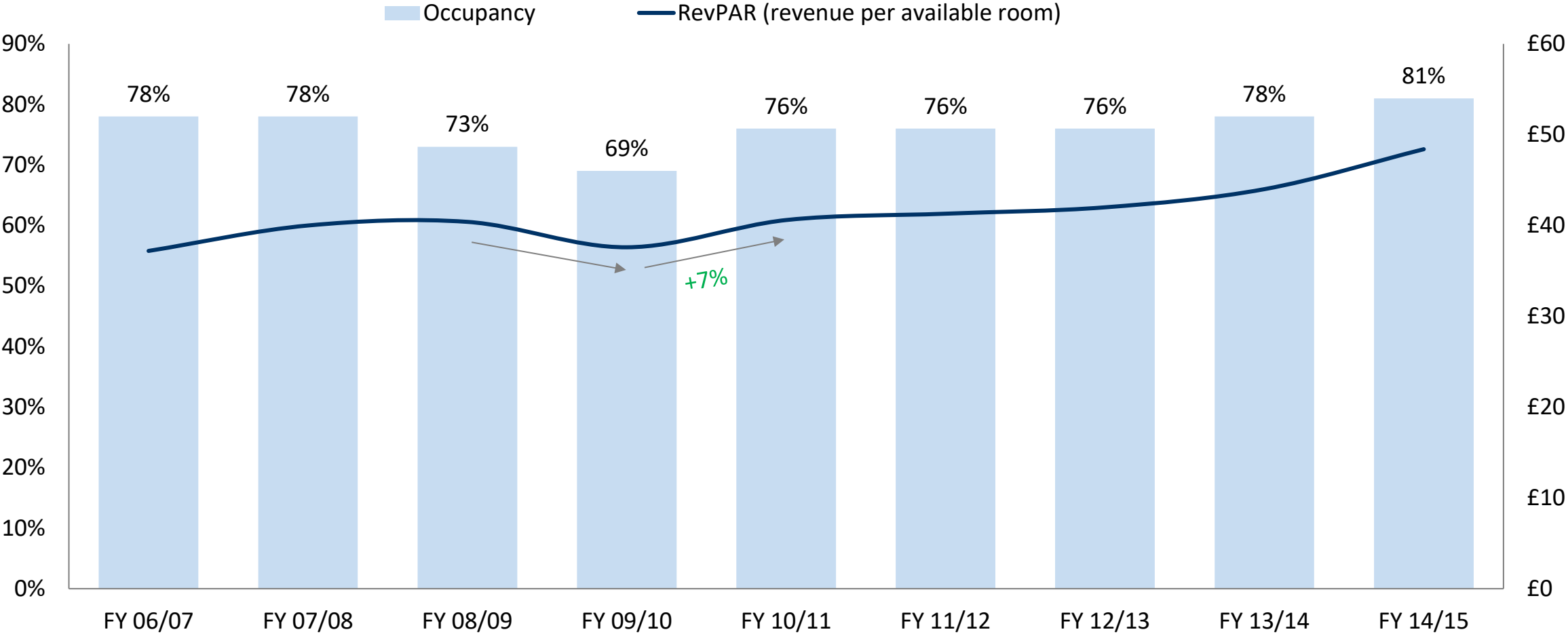
Source: FY 2025 company results presentation.

Trading on a multiple of normalized free cashflow of c.11x with property values backing the majority of its Enterprise Value



Source: FY 2025 company results presentation.

Premier Inn performs steadily and even in the GFC only suffered a mild downturn



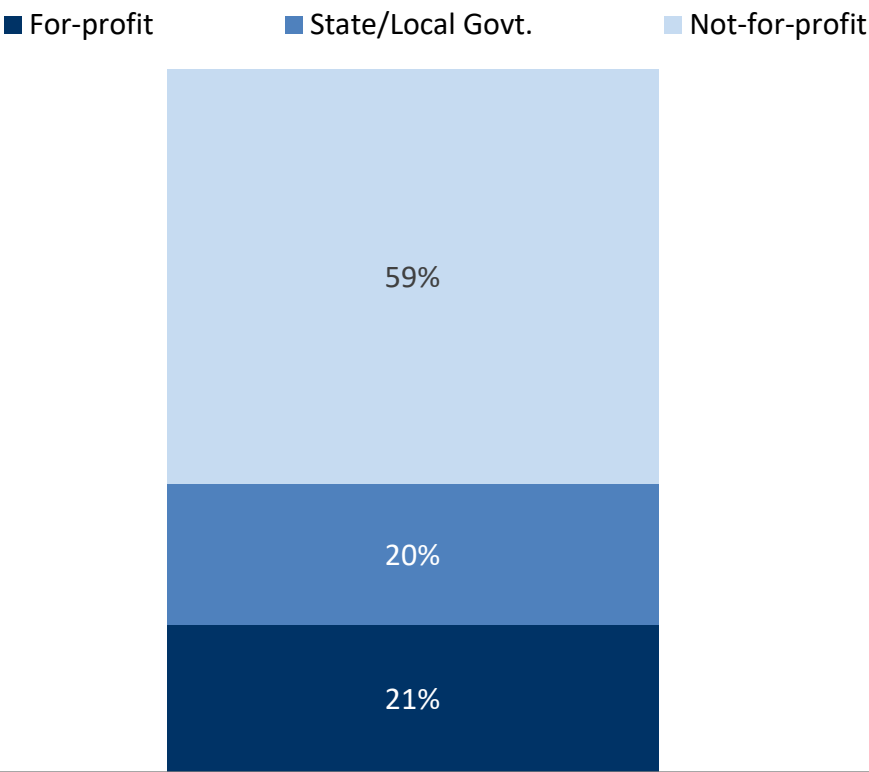
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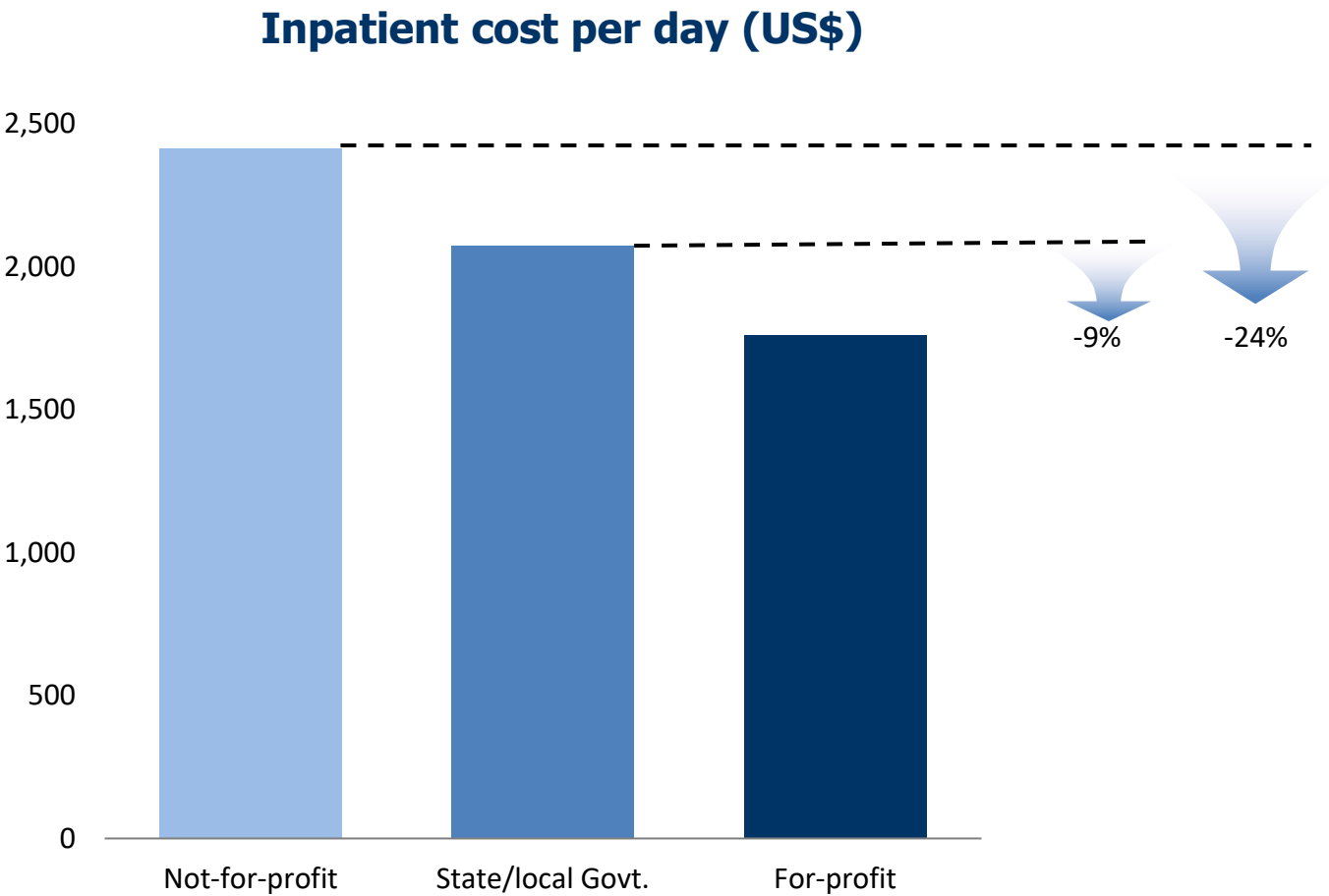


79% of hospitals in the U.S. are non-profit

Breakdown of U.S. hospitals by ownership type (%)



For-profit hospitals have a significant cost advantage compared to non-profit



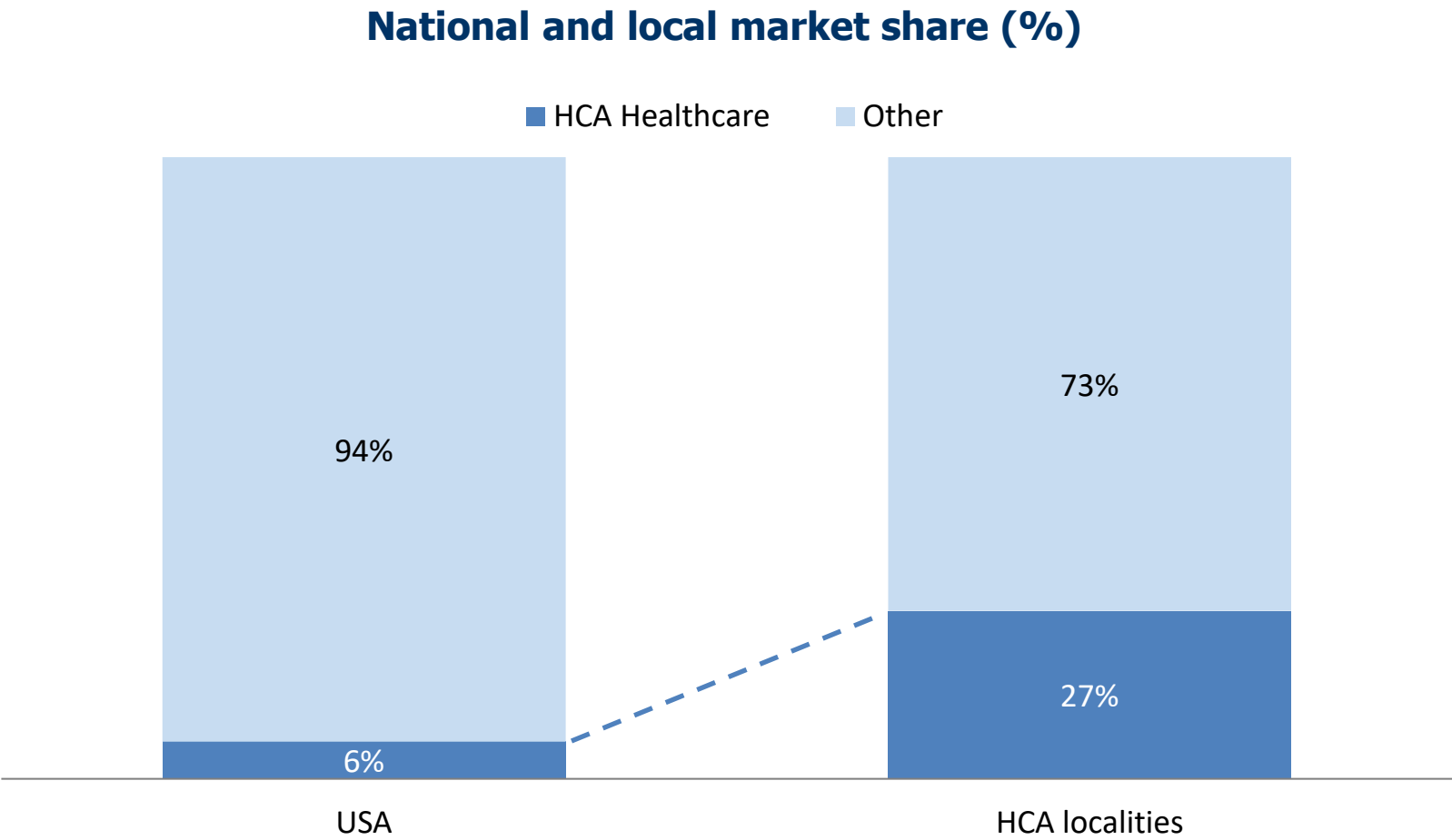
HCA - hospital locations

HCA owns and operates 191 hospitals in the United States (and 8 in UK)



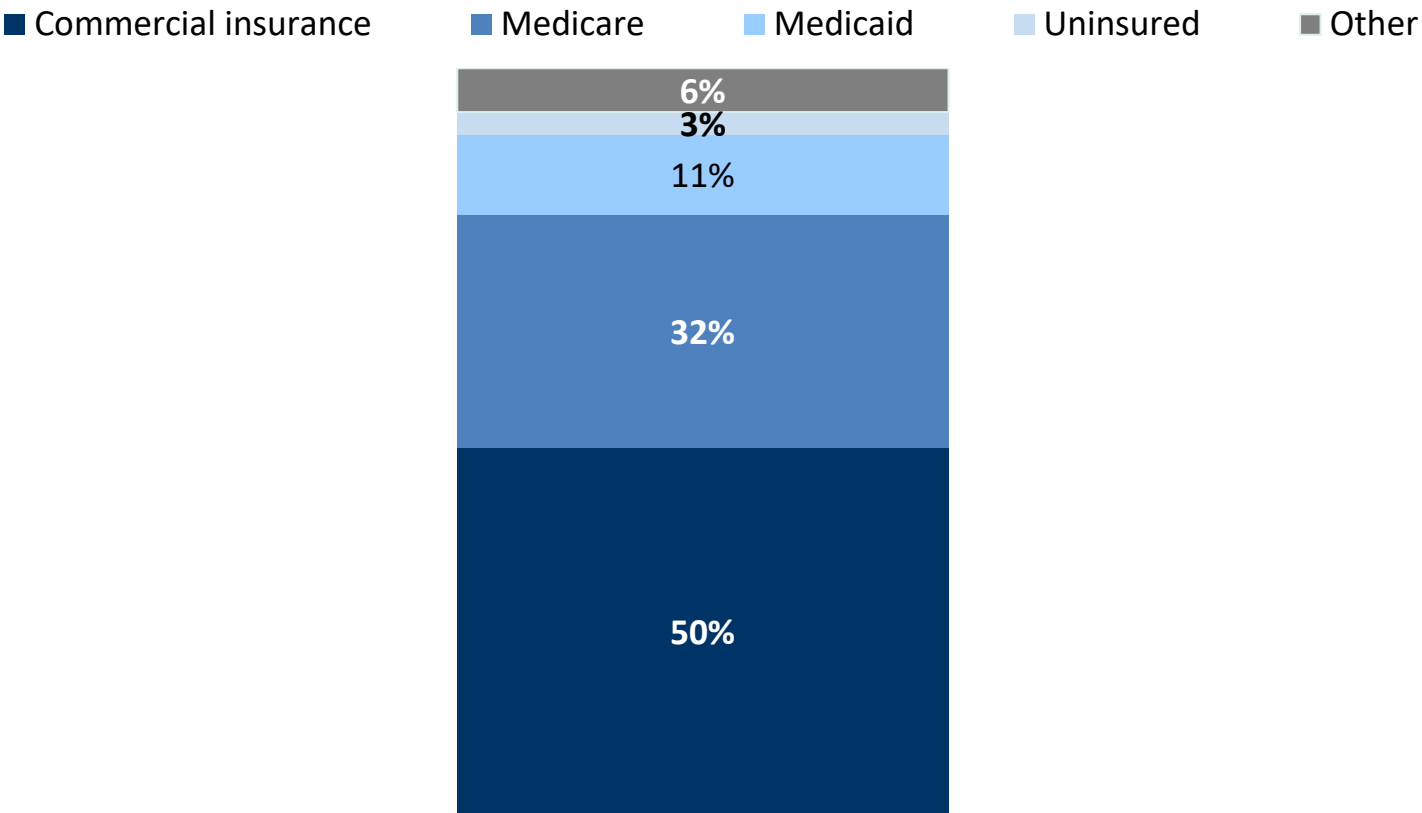
¹ Hospital locations as of Dec. 31, 2023. Source: 2024 DEF14A.

HCA has a low national market share, but is the largest player in most of its localities

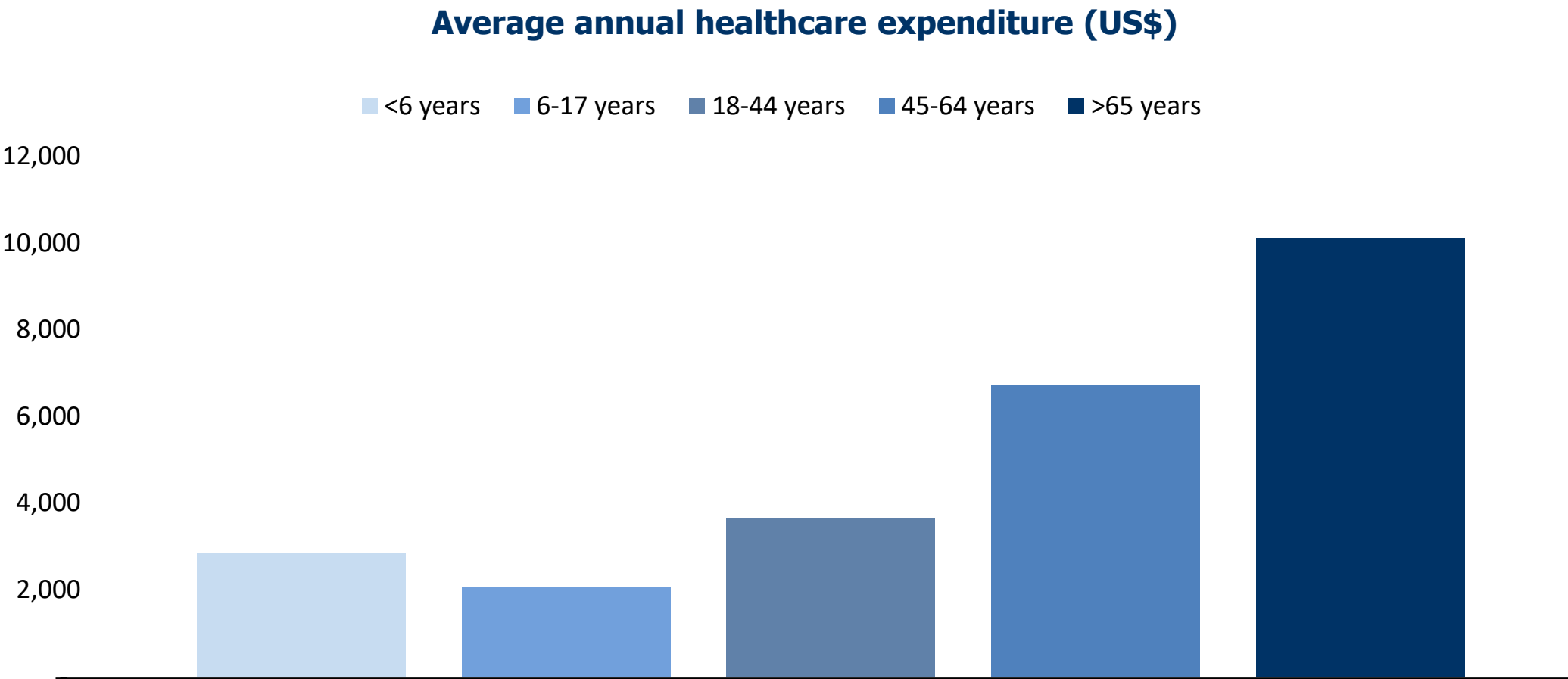


HCA's revenue is evenly split between commercial and government payers

Split in payer type 2024 (%)

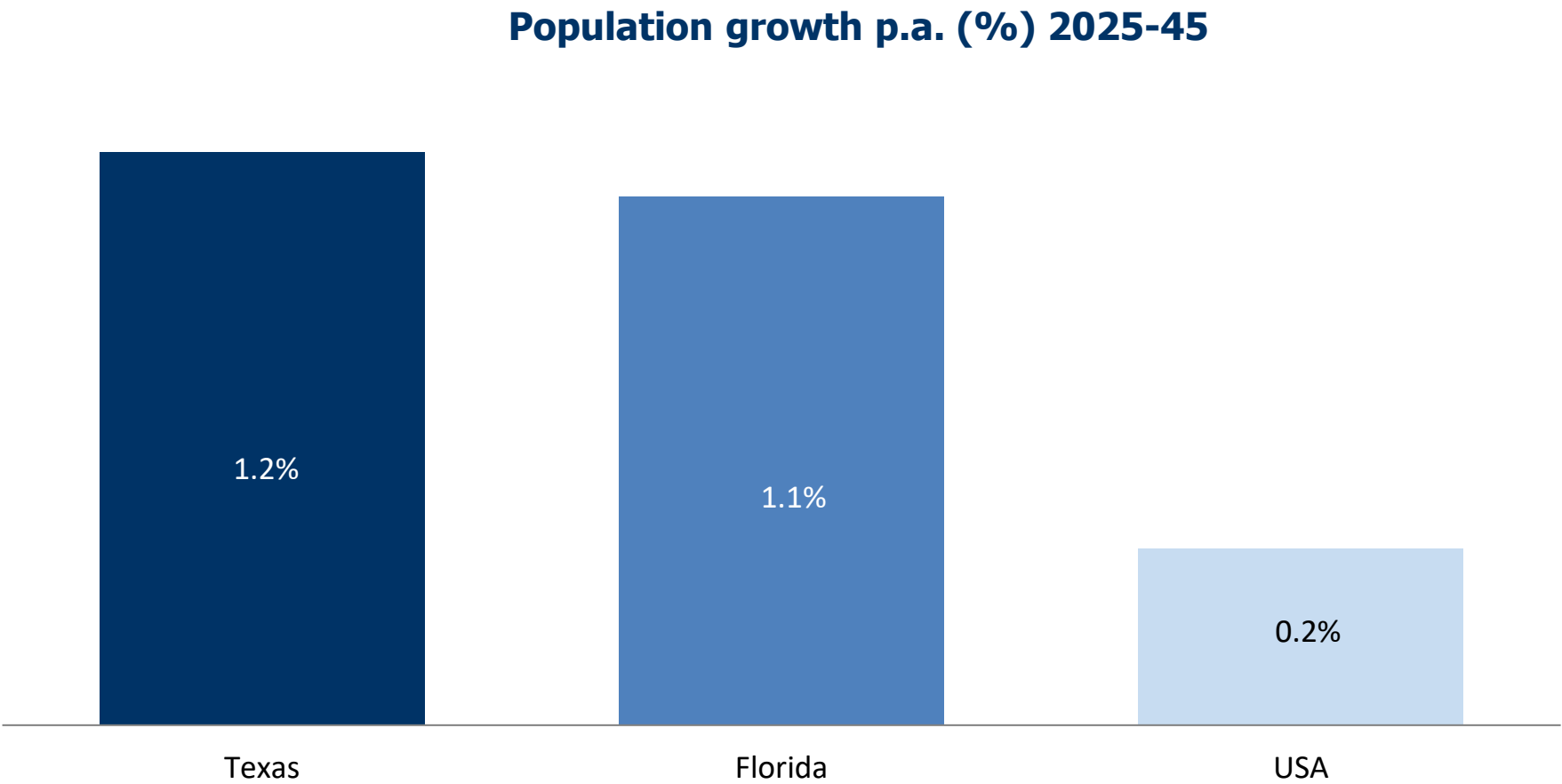


Healthcare benefits from an ageing population



Source: CDC.

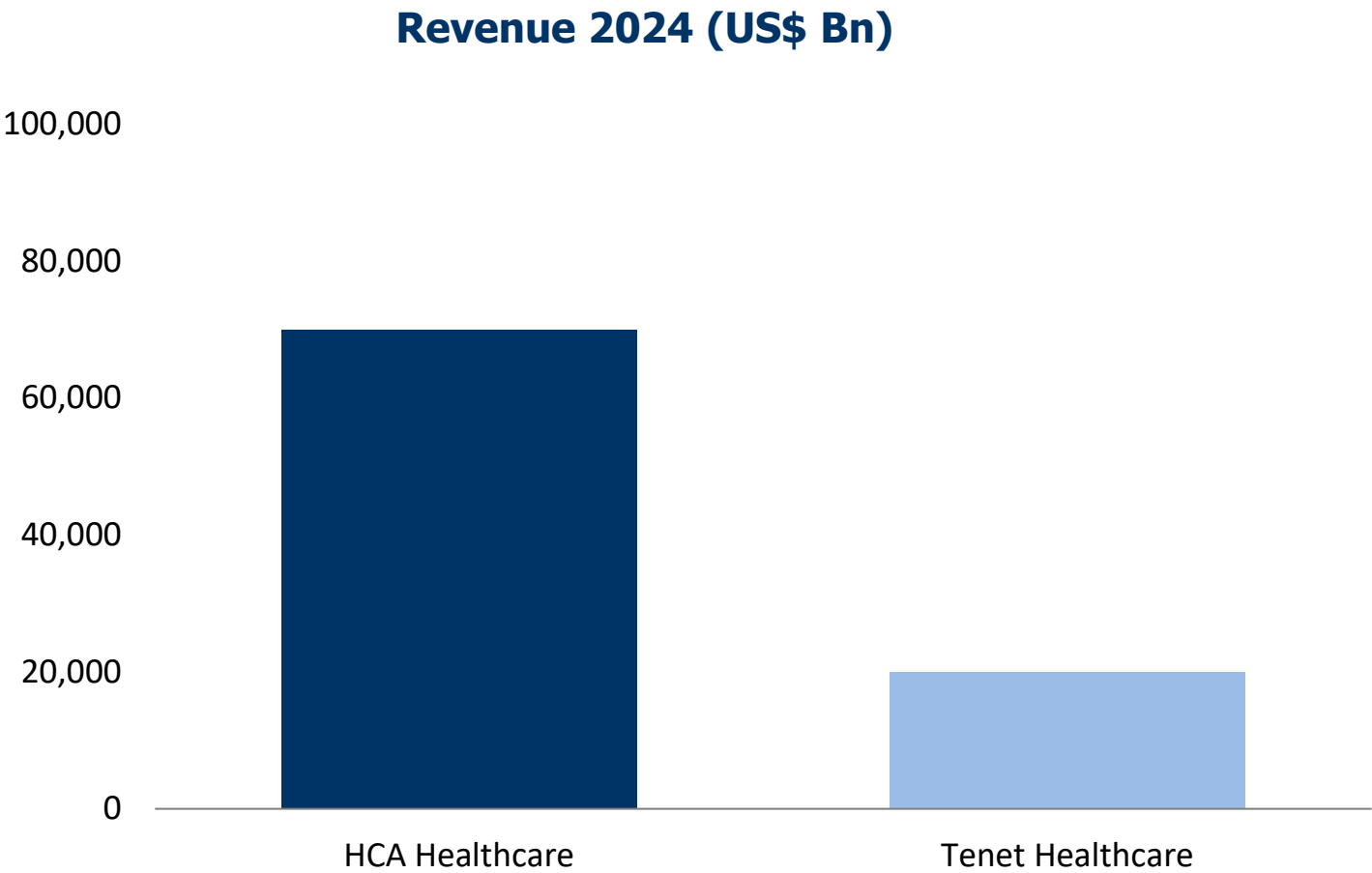
Texas and Florida’s combined populations are forecast to grow from 48m to 66m by 2045



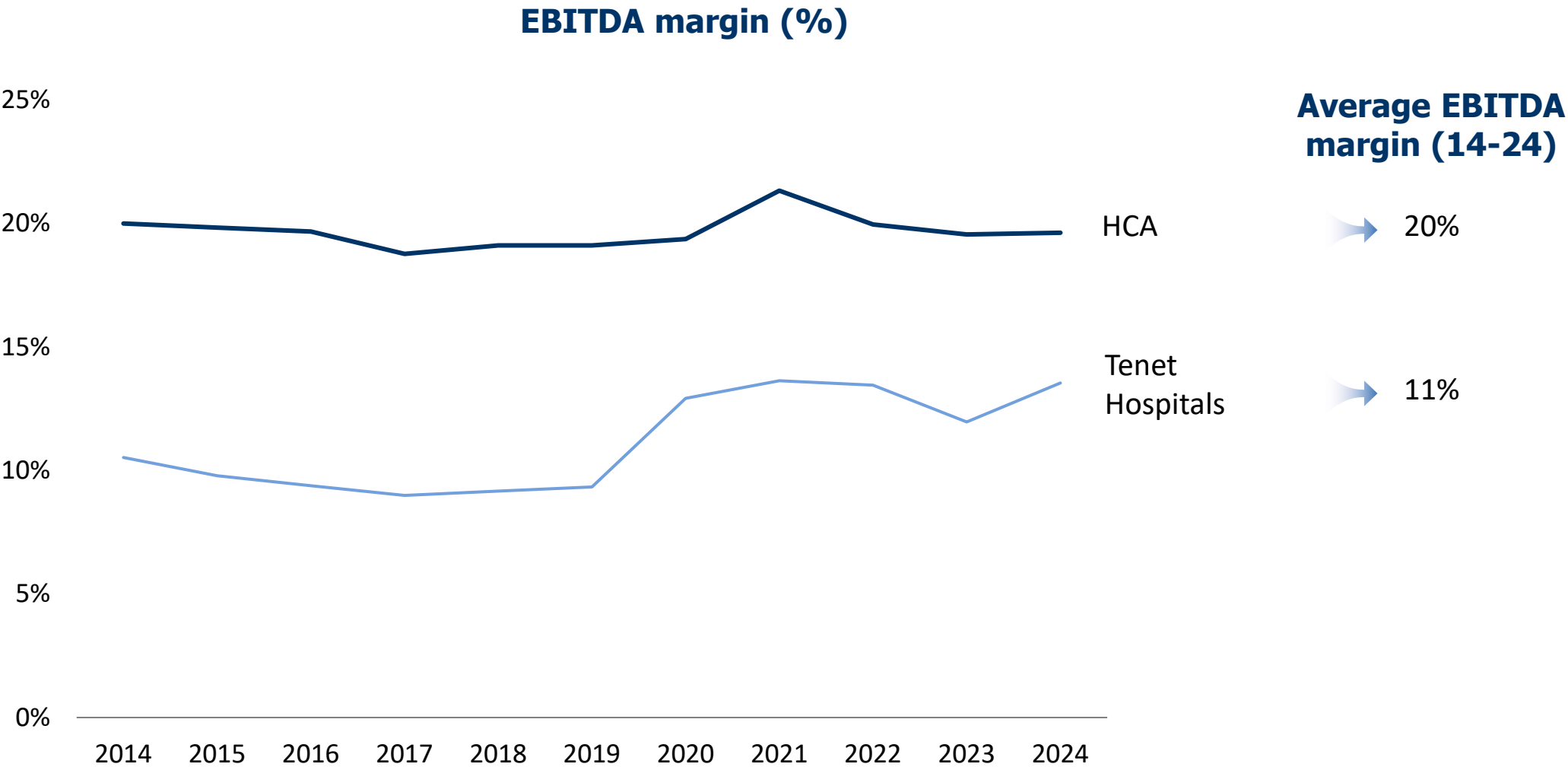
Source: U.S. consensus, Texas Demographic Center, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

HCA - scale advantage

HCA has 3.4x larger revenue than its nearest for-profit competitor



Source: S&P CapIQ.



Potential changes to US healthcare funding create buying opportunities

“The Big Beautiful Bill”



Reduction of Medicaid
funding

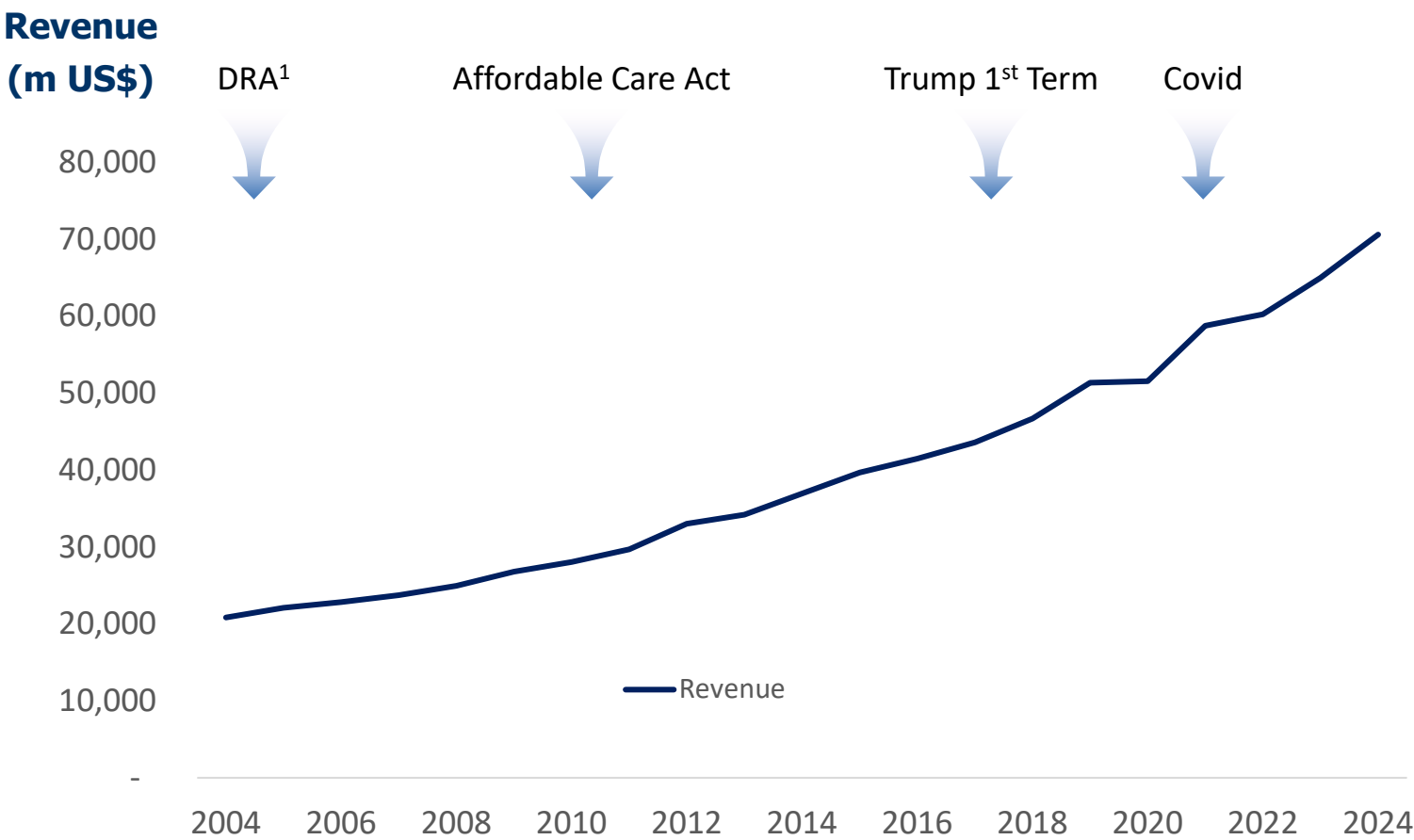
Trump rollback of Obamacare



Expiration of ACA (Affordable Care Act)
Insurance Exchange Subsidies

HCA - revenue & profit growth

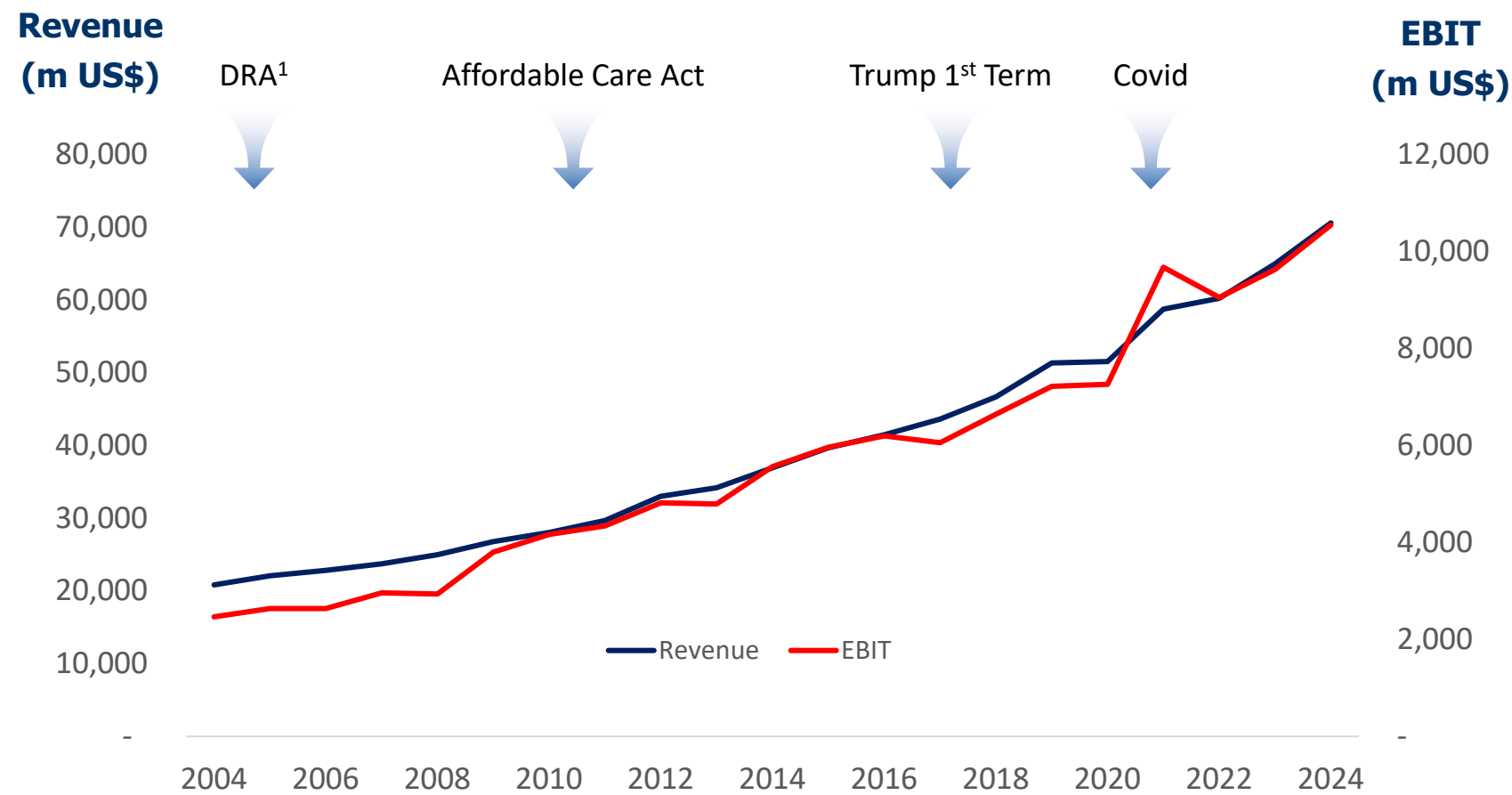
HCA has grown its revenue consistently



¹ The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) was a budget reconciliation bill signed into law in February 2006 that aimed to reduce federal and state spending, primarily by modifying the Medicaid program. Source: S&P CapIQ.

HCA - revenue & profit growth

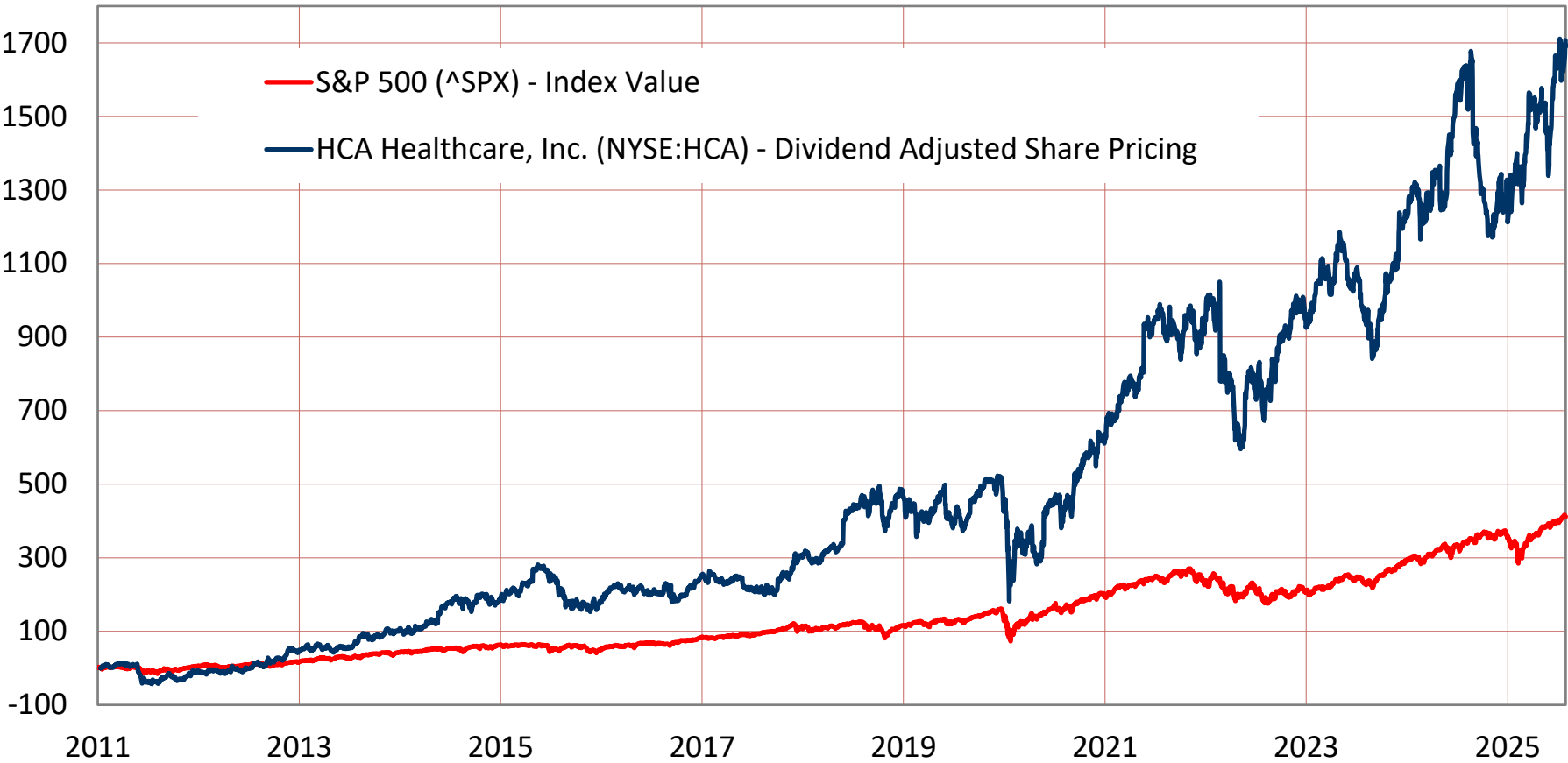
HCA has grown its revenue consistently, and profits



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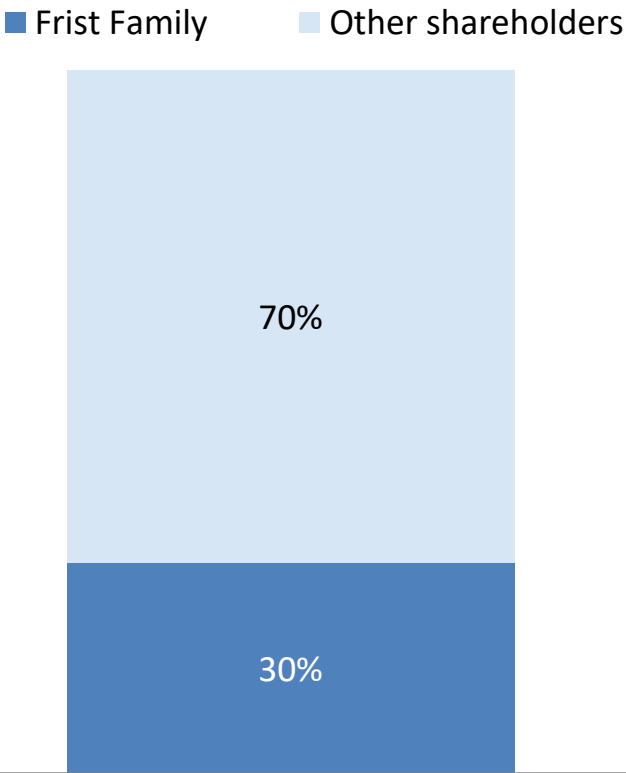
HCA - shareholder returns

HCA share price performance

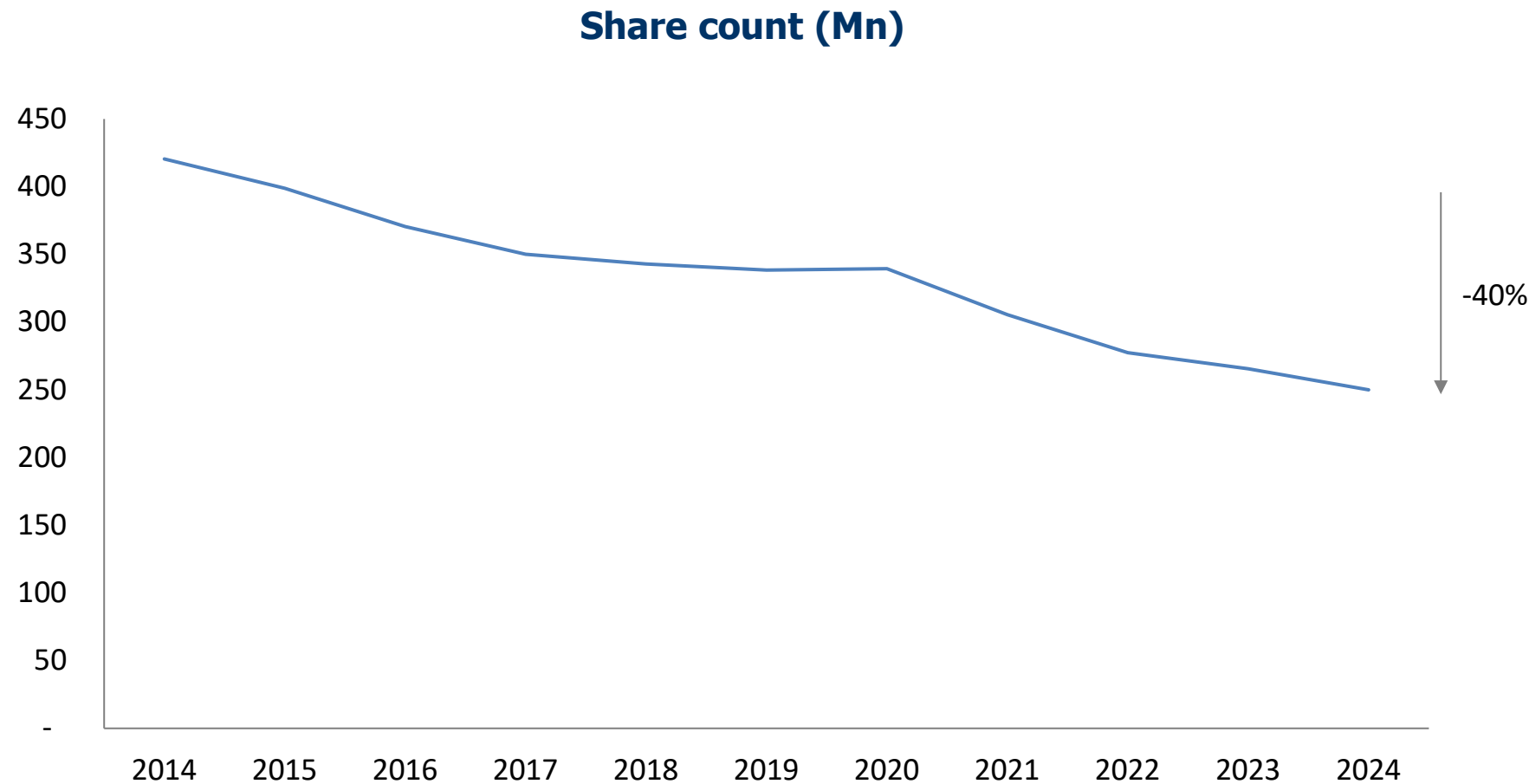


The founding Frist family retain a c.30% shareholding, CEO Sam Hazen owns \$540m of stock

Company shareholding (%)



HCA has consistently bought back its shares



HCA - a high-quality undervalued business

Leading player in a secular
growth sector

High margins, excellent
track record

Strong
balance sheet



Trading on a P/E of c.12x



VULCAN
VALUE
PARTNERS



ALLIANCE WITAN AUTUMN INVESTOR FORUM
October 9th, 2025

C.T. Fitzpatrick, CFA
Founder, Chairman, Chief Investment Officer



VULCAN VALUE PARTNERS

- 43 total employees based in Birmingham, Alabama
- 14 members of the research team
- 21 employee owners
- ~\$6.5B Current Assets Under Management
- We are value investors, but we do not look for cheap stocks. Instead, we focus on finding value stable businesses with identifiable, sustainable competitive advantages that we would want to own on the rare occasion that they become discounted.



ALLIANCE TRUST PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

- Double-digit returns from Jan 1st, 2024 through August 31st, 2025
- Key Contributors:
 - Microsoft Corp.
 - Amazon.com Inc.
- Key Detractors:
 - LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE
 - Skyworks Solutions Inc.

ALLIANCE TRUST PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

12 HOLDINGS



COMPANY	WEIGHT
Microsoft Corp.	14.6%
Everest Group Ltd.	10.4%
Amazon.com Inc.	10.2%
Alphabet Inc.	8.9%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	8.6%
CoStar Group Inc.	8.3%
TransDigm Group Inc.	7.8%
Salesforce Inc.	6.7%
CBRE Group Inc.	6.4%
Ares Management Corp.	5.9%
Mastercard Inc.	5.8%
Visa Inc.	5.5%

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

SINCE JANUARY 2024



NAMES PURCHASED

Live Nation Entertainment Inc.

LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE

CoStar Group Inc.

Everest Group Ltd.

Ares Management Corp.

UnitedHealth Group Inc.

NAMES EXITED

Live Nation Entertainment Inc.

LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE

General Electric Co.

KKR & Co. Inc.

Skyworks Solutions Inc.

Carlyle Group Inc.



PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

- Portfolio P/V remains attractive at approx. 70%, despite double-digit returns
- Increased Exposure with respect to:
 - Insurance
 - Healthcare
- Decreased Exposure with respect to:
 - Payments
 - Alternative Asset Managers
 - Aerospace
- Given our bottom-up investment process, we do not invest with a thematic objective; however, certain themes may naturally emerge within the portfolio

EVEREST GROUP LTD.



- Bermuda based Reinsurance and Insurance Company
- Insurance is more management dependent than most businesses
- A good management team can create tremendous value, and a bad management team can destroy significant value
- Underwriting discipline is a key differentiator

EVEREST GROUP LTD.



- Companies with underwriting profits have no economic cost for their insurance liabilities
- Everest Group has produced underwriting profits on average over many years
- The company maintains a strong balance sheet and writes aggressively during hard markets when pricing is attractive compared to risks and pulls back during soft markets when pricing is low compared to risks
- Everest Group has a history of repurchasing its stock at attractive price to value ratios

MASTERCARD INC.



- One of the leading payments companies in the world
- Competition is rational, compete on innovation not price
- Attractive free cash flow, high returns on capital, intelligent capital allocation
- Grows faster than nominal global GDP

MASTERCARD INC.



- Bought in November of 2008, after the collapse of Lehman Brothers
- Max weight in the portfolio was 18% in May of 2019
- Min weight in the portfolio was 5.4% in April of 2014
- We size according to discount, the lower the price to value ratio the higher the weight in the portfolio
- Price and value per share have compounded at attractive double-digit rates over our approx. 17 year holding period

RECENT EVENTS, MARKET OUTLOOK, & OPPORTUNITIES



- Vulcan's starting point is value stability
- Stock price volatility = opportunity
- Liberation Day & Tariff Tantrum
 - Market volatility increased meaningfully
 - Sharp stock price declines for value stable companies created buying opportunities
 - Tariff announcements created continued volatility



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Annual performance	31 Dec 23 – 31 Dec 24	31 Dec 22 – 31 Dec 23	31 Dec 21 – 31 Dec 22	31 Dec 20 – 31 Dec 21	31 Dec 19 – 31 Dec 20
Total Shareholder Return	+14.3%	+20.2%	-5.8%	+16.5%	+9.4%
MSCI ACWI NDR	+19.6%	+15.3%	-8.1%	+19.6%	+12.7%

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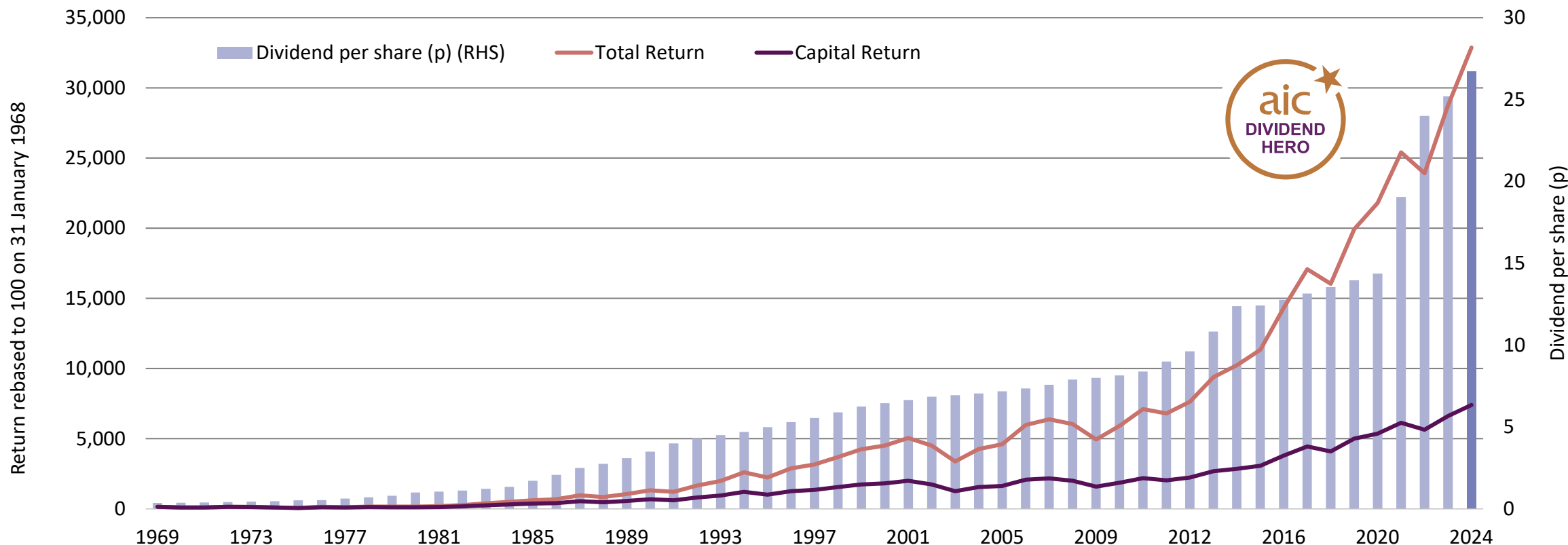
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Appendix

58th year-on-year increase in dividend

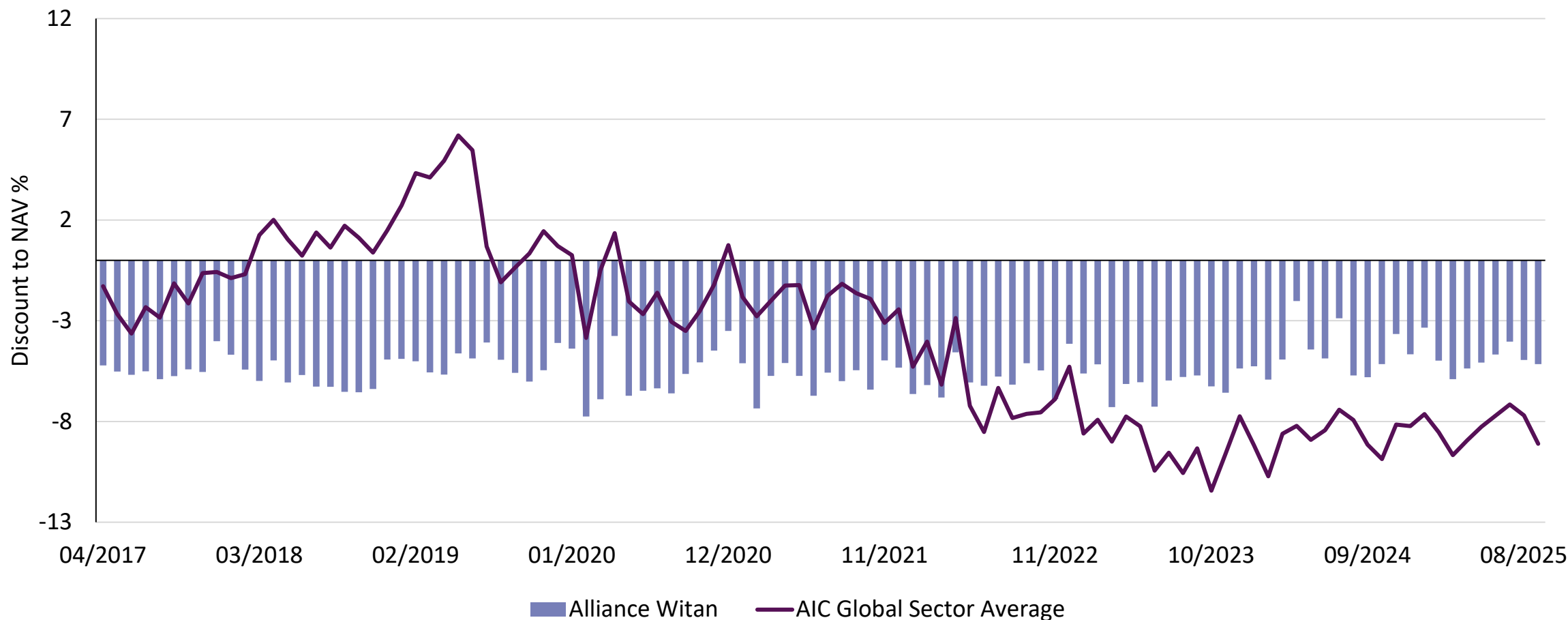
- Total dividend 26.7p per ordinary share for 2024, a 6% increase on the previous year
- Strongest five-year annualised dividend growth rate of all 'AIC dividend heroes' (13.9%)*



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Source: Alliance Witan and WTW. Data as of 31 December 2024 unless otherwise stated. Total Shareholder Return is the sum of the change in the share price plus dividend income reinvested whereas Capital Return excludes the impact of dividends reinvested. *AIC/Morningstar correct as of 13th March 2025

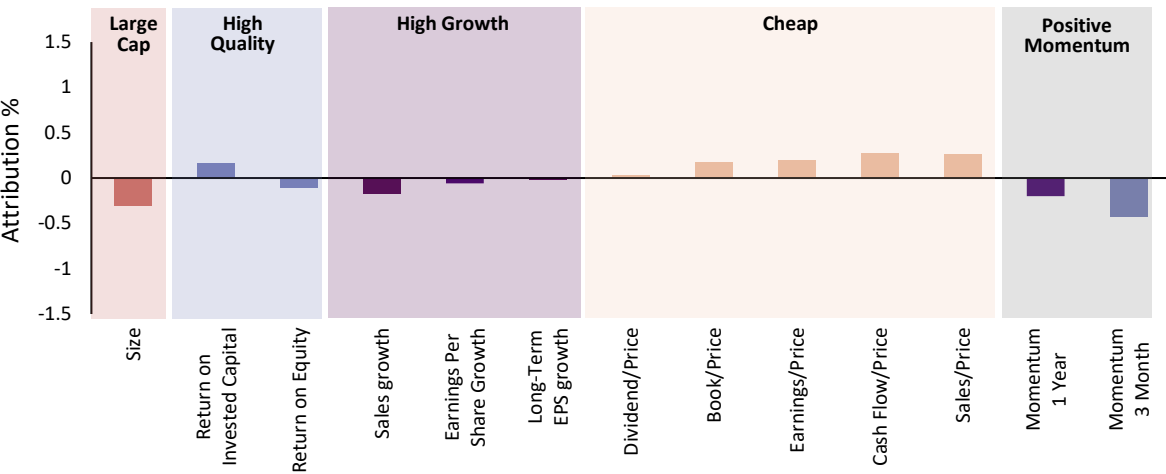
Discount to NAV has been stable and lower than average



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Sector, geography and style exposures kept broadly neutral

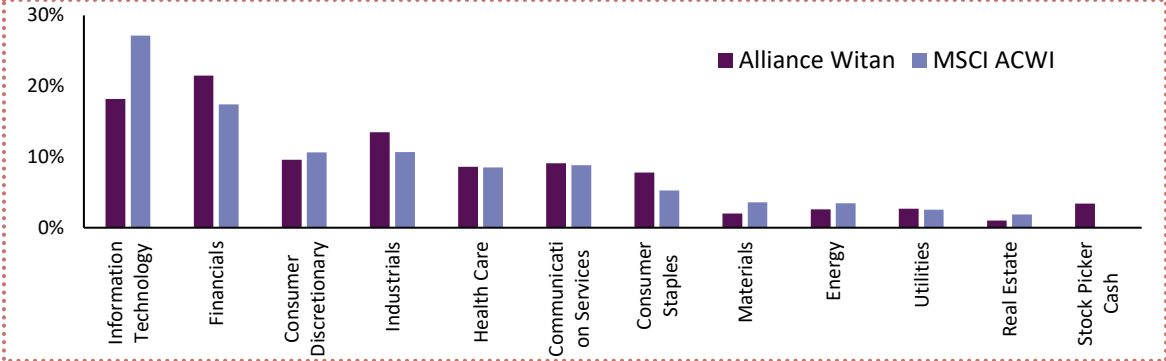
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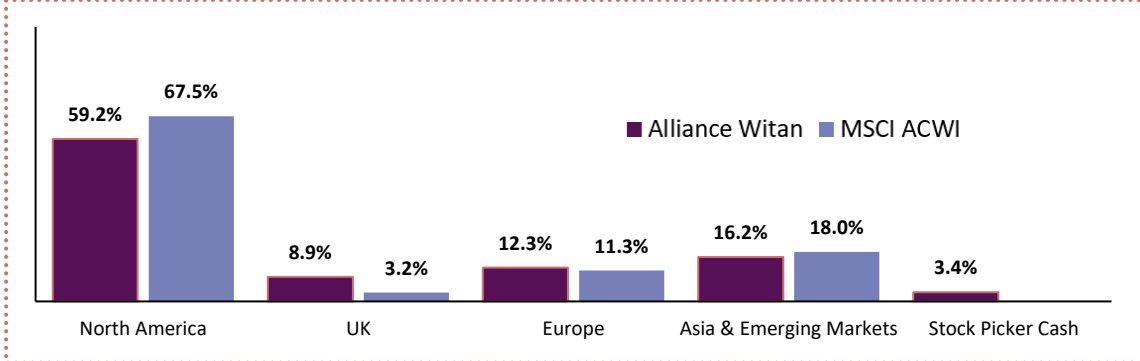
Characteristics

Active risk (tracking error)	3.8%
Standard deviation	11.4%
Beta	0.80
Holdings	228
Active money	73%

Weight by sector

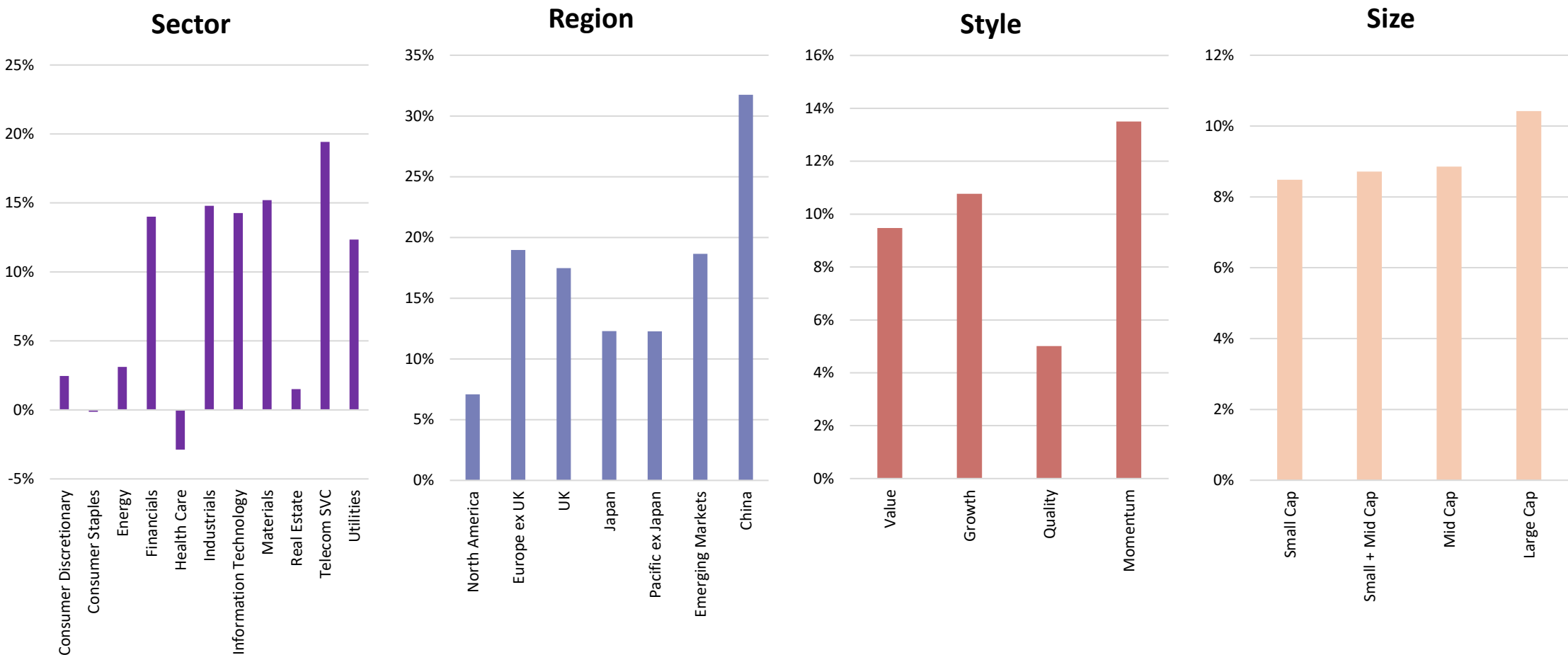


Weight by region



Source: WTW, Factset, Juniper Partners Limited, MSCI Inc. Data as of 30 September 2025

What has driven markets year to date?



Source: MSCI Inc. Total returns shown in GBP (data provided “as is”) as of 30 September 2025.

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