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Headwinds, Tailwinds & Opportunities An Uncertain Future

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AGENDA

2001 to 2022—Growth Years

Tailwinds

Headwinds

Changing Markets, Products, Investors

Opportunities

Future Areas of Focus





2001 TO 2022—GROWTH YEARS



2012 TO 2022: OVERVIEW

- Decade of unprecedented global equity growth created strong tailwinds establishing unprecedented industry growth in:
 - AUM
 - Products
 - Products
 - Strategies
 - Participants
 - Regulatory Oversight
- **2022 created even stronger headwinds forcing industry to:**
 - Re-evaluate products
 - Consolidate products
 - Seek alternatives
 - Focus on ESG



PAST DECADES-2001 TO 2021: INDUSTRY VIEW

- Unprecedented growth in industry
- Longest and strongest equity market run in history, despite GFC and Covid
- **Global Aum**
 - \$112 trillion, 7% average annual growth rate (2001-2021)
 - 2021 with: 12% growth rate | Positive net asset flow of 4.4% or \$4.4 trillion
- **Tailwinds of**
 - Historical low interest rates
 - Unprecedented government expansionary policies
 - Investors taking high risk
 - Tripling of S&P 500



PAST DECADES-2001 TO 2021: FIRM VIEW

- **Continually expanding global markets required firms to:**
 - AUM
 - Products
 - Products
 - Strategies
- **Unprecedented revenue growth from inflow:**
 - \$50 billion 2005-2021 *but...*
- **Increasing revenue pressures**
 - Shifting assets into passive
 - 2005-2021—\$10 billion revenue from active
 - Dependence on market performance for increasing revenue—\$110 billion
 - 2005-2021: main driver of firms' revenue growth





TAILWINDS AND HEADWINDS



TAILWINDS-2021: PROFITABILITY

- **Asset Management Industry still one of the most profitable businesses globally**
 - 36% (2020)
 - 38% (2021)
- **Primarily supported by AUM increasing higher (17%) than costs (15%)**



TAILWINDS V. HEADWINDS

- **2021: Legacy Products**
- **Majority of AUM are in legacy funds and ETFs, creating historic compounding effect on returns**
- **Innovation, costly and less successful**
 - 80% of all new ETFs, 60% of all new mutual funds closed within 3 years
 - Limited performance record v. legacy funds
 - High expenses requiring manager fee waivers v. legacy funds



TAILWINDS V. HEADWINDS

- **Passive continues to surge over active**
 - Difficult to beat a rising market
 - 2003 to 2021—passive growth exceeded active 4x over
 - More pressure on active to deliver value
- **Alternative boom—retailization of alternatives**
 - PE
 - Hedge
 - Real Estate
 - Retailization Of Alternatives
 - Interval funds and tender offer fund of PE funds
 - Vanguard offering PE fund with 14 year lockup





CHANGING MARKETS, PRODUCTS, INVESTORS



ACTIVE V. PASSIVE

- **PASSIVE | Highly concentrated among 10 firms**
 - 75% of new inflows past 10 years
- **ACTIVE | Less concentrated, more fragmented**
 - 33.33% of new inflow went to top 10
 - Strong performance, alpha, and value pricing wins over time
 - Boutique big differentiator
- **Still, 75% of globally managed assets are active**



SOURCE OF CAPITAL

- Retail—2021 | 6.6% of global inflows
- Institutional—2021 | 2.8% of global inflows **WHY?**
- **Technology has lowered costs and increased access to retail investors**
 - SMA
 - Model indexing
 - Investment analysis tools
 - Robo advisers
 - Fractional shares
 - Digital distribution (Ali-Baba)
- **Global wealth shift to Asia-Pacific**
 - Burgeoning Middle Class
 - APAC economies quadrupled in 20 years





OPPORTUNITIES



WHAT TO DO NOW FOR FUTURE TURBULENCE

- Inflationary economies
- Rising interest rates
- Global trade model contracting
- Aggressive regulators
- Politicizing asset management
- Old ways of designing products, managing assets, and distribution may not work under new uncertainties



HOW TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW

- 20 Years of positive growth and expansion will be forced to change to address the new headwinds and/or grow
- Competition with increased technology, investor changing priorities, asset growth moving to APAC, retail being king





FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS



FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS | TECHNOLOGY

▪ Direct Indexing

- Low cost
- Addresses investor priorities
- Inexpensive
- Investor focus
- Enhances 1:1 advisor-client relationship
- Easily specialized/differentiate

▪ Tokenization of Assets

- Connects financial and material market
- Bypasses middle man
- Additional asset class
- Gives retail investor access to pieces of illiquid asset as tradeable tokens



FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS | ALTERNATIVES

- **Room for growth**
 - AUM
 - Products
- **High fees**
- **Locks up investors**
- **Additional assets class allocation**
- **Acquisition opportunities**
 - 2021 | 50% M&A activity included alternative manager
- **Infinite flexibility in designing strategies and specialization**



FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS | SUSTAINABLE INVESTING

- **All roads lead to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050**
- **Asset manager firms and products need to adapt**
 - Investors demanding
 - Regulators requiring
 - Politicians forcing firms to specialize
- **Asset managers will be the new “Captains of Capital” to raise assets to fund sustainable products**
 - \$100–\$150 Trillion in capital to meet net-zero pledge
 - Much front loaded
- **New area of products, strategies, and differentiators**





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Growth & Profit

Past 20 years
have given the
industry
tremendous
growth and profit



Headwind

Next 5+ years
will require the
industry to
address
significant
headwind



Survivors & Expanders Will Focus On

Specialization
Technology
Change in investor makeup
Alternatives
Decarbonization





One of the most profitable industries with some of the most creative minds will fly through the headwinds with only a few bumps, and will come out in a stronger position than when it entered.

