

# **Capital market assumptions with climate risks**

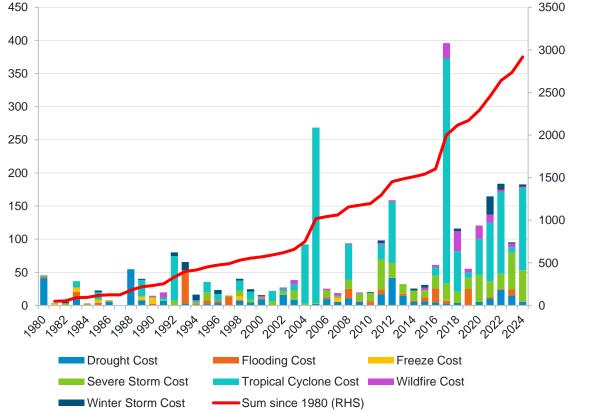
Framework overview and outcomes

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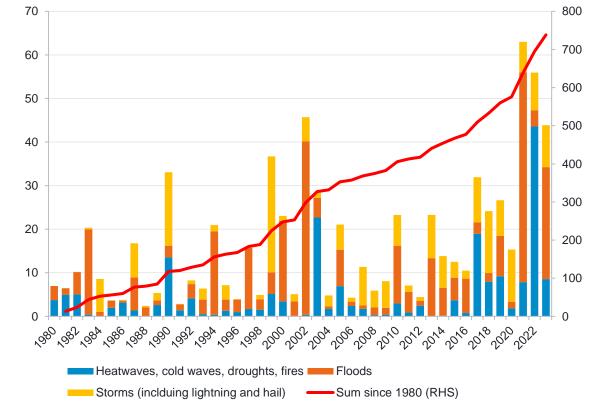
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#### Economic damage due to climate change is already substantial and increasing



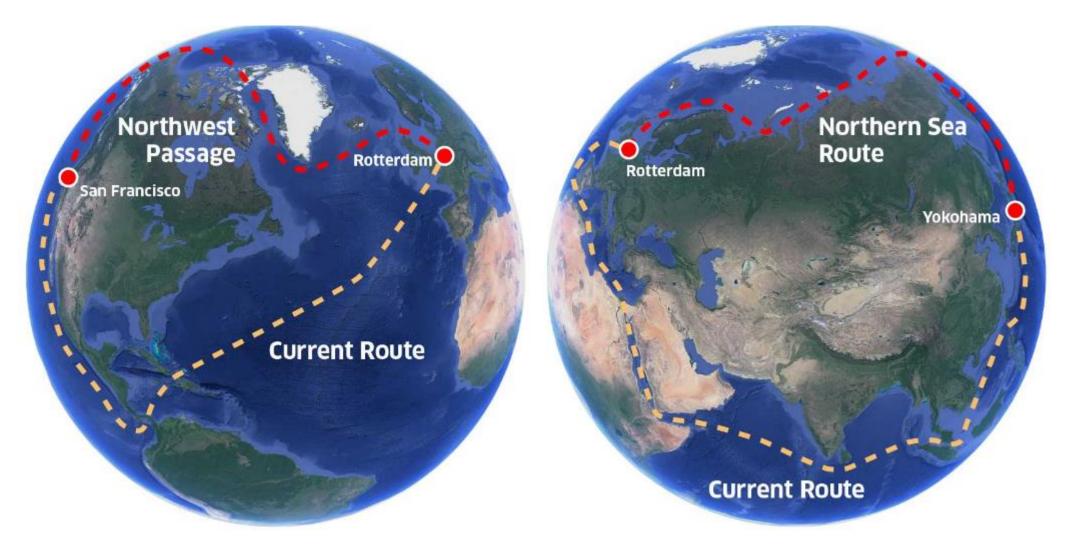
Economic losses due to climate disasters in US (\$, billion) Economic losses due to climate disasters in EU (€, billion)



Source: National Centres for Environmental Information, European Environment Agency, Fidelity International. For illustrative purposes only



#### Climate change is contributing to shape the new geopolitical landscape



Source: Royal Geographical Society



#### Several uncertainties make modelling climate change challenging

#### **Multi-dimensional problem**

- **Multiple risks**: climate, economic, financial + compounding
- Multiple actors: public sector, private sector, households

#### Many uncertainties...

- Uncharted territory with rising temperatures
- Energy transition
- Fiscal, policy, firms, households' reaction functions
- Lack of **historical data**

Climate risks might not be priced in (correctly) today

#### Fundamental questions and assumptions...

- Will policy makers implement effective measures to fully achieve Net Zero by 2050?
- If transition is delayed, will measures be implemented before the 10-year horizon used for SAA purposes?
- Will investors **price in climate disasters** that will potentially happen in the long term (even beyond 2050, if no action is taken)?



Climate risks will likely affect the risk/return efficient frontier



## **NGFS** phase 5 climate scenarios

From an 'orderly transition' to a 'fragmented world'

Category	Scenario	Policy ambition	I I Policy reaction	Technology change	Carbon dioxide removal	Regional policy variation
Orderly	Low demand	1.1°C	Immediate	Fast change	Medium use	Medium variation
	Net Zero 2050	1.4°C	Immediate	Fast change	Medium-high use	Medium variation
	Below 2°C	1.8°C	Immediate and smooth	Moderate change	Medium use	Low variation
Disorderly	Delayed Transition	1.7°C	Delayed	Slow/fast change	Medium use	High variation
Hot House	Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)	2.3°C	NDCs	Slow change	Low use	Medium variation
	Current policies	3.0°C	None-current policies	Slow change	Low use	Low variation
Too-little-too-late	Fragmented world	2.4°C	Delayed and fragmented	Slow/fragmented change	Low/medium use	High variation
		Physical risk	Transition risk			

Lower macrofinancial risk

Moderate macrofinancial risk

Higher macrofinancial risk



Source: NGFS, November 2024.

### Our approach to modelling climate change impact on asset prices

Leveraging bottom-up and top-down information

#### **Qualitative inputs**

- 1. Corporate action
- 2. Technology innovation
- 3. Policy action
- What is the probability of each climate scenario?

Macro-financial Fidelity CMA model

#### Climate-aware capital market assumptions

#### Quantitative inputs

- 1. GDP growth
- 2. Inflation rate
- 3. Policy rate
- What is the impact on the economy?





Source: Fidelity International. For illustrative purposes only.

Understanding the transition to net-zero through its 'enablers'

Corporate action	Technological change	Policy action	
14%	20/30%	23%	
of companies in our coverage that have	of world's energy comes from low-carbon energy	of world's of global GH emissions covered b	

С committed to targets aligned to achieve net zero by 2050

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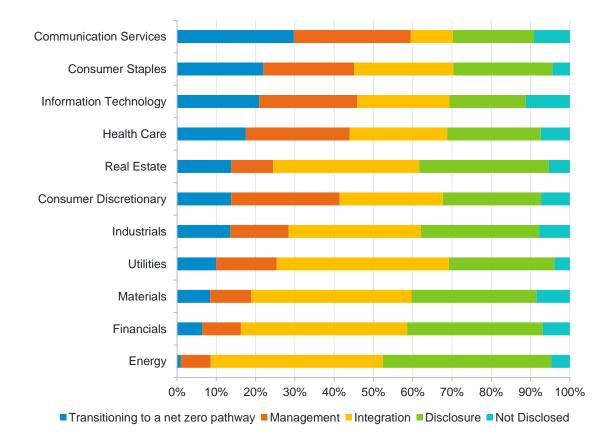
HG by carbon pricing initiatives

Given current information, the disorderly transition/fragmented world are the most likely scenarios. 

Source: Fidelity International, UNFCCC, World Bank. For illustrative purposes only.

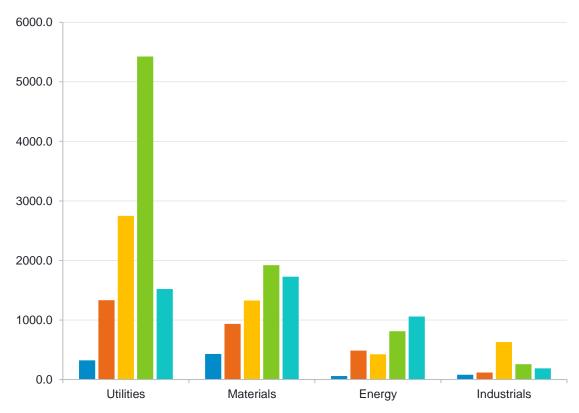


## **Fidelity Climate Ratings for Global DM equities**



#### Fidelity Climate Ratings by sector

#### Top GHG emitter sectors (Scope 1&2 GHG per sales)



Transitioning to a net zero pathway Management Integration Disclosure Not Disclosed



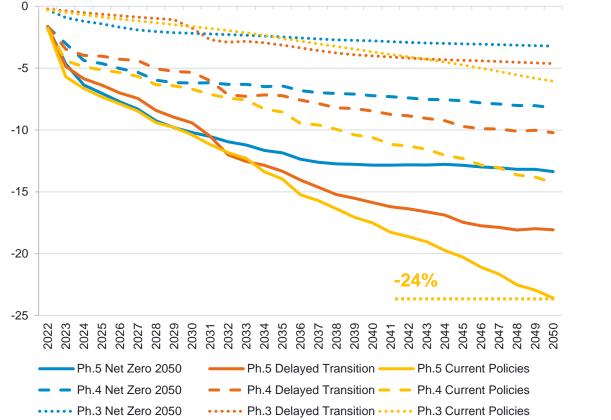
## From climate risks to financial risks

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Climate risks	Economic drivers	Financial drivers		
Transition risk Policy, regulation, technology, consumer preferences Physical risk Chronic (temperature, precipitation, sea level) and acute (heatwaves, floods, wildfires)	Temperatures Carbon price Inflation GDP growth Policy rate	Yield curve Credit spread Default losses Earnings Valuations Risk/return CMA		

Source: Fidelity International, 2025. For illustrative purposes only. \*NGFS modelling includes integrated assessment models (IAMs), Kalkuhl & Wenz (KW) damage function, and National Institute Global Econometric Model (NiGEM).

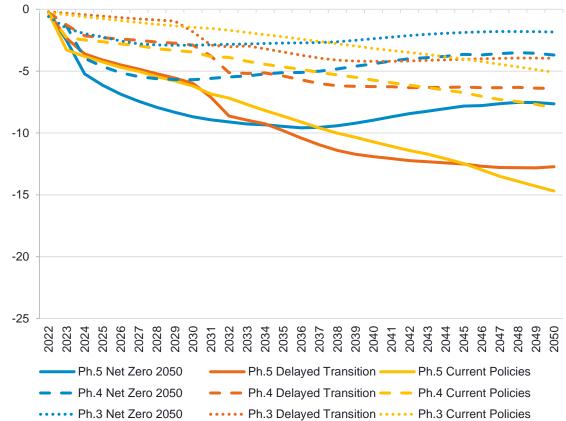


### Climate change will likely strongly impact economic growth



GDP, World (% deviation from baseline, 99th pct acute risks)

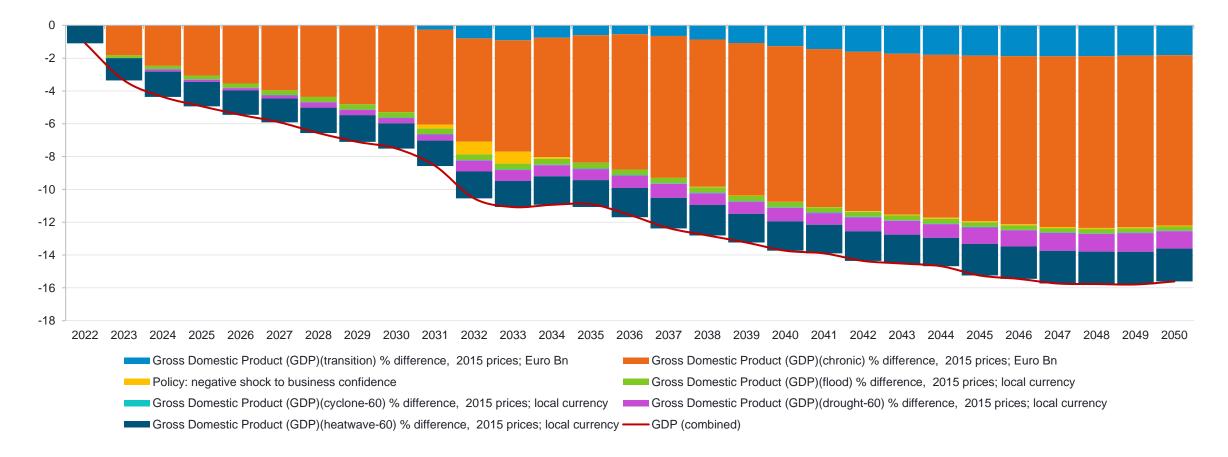
GDP, U.S. (% deviation from baseline, 99th pct acute risks)



Source: NGFS, Fidelity International, 2025. For illustrative purposes only.



### GDP impact (Delayed Transition, Spain) due to climate change

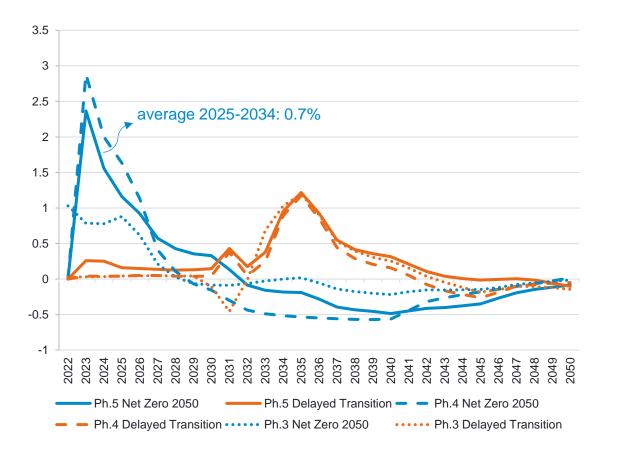


#### GDP % deviation from baseline, Spain, 60<sup>th</sup> percentile acute risks, phase V

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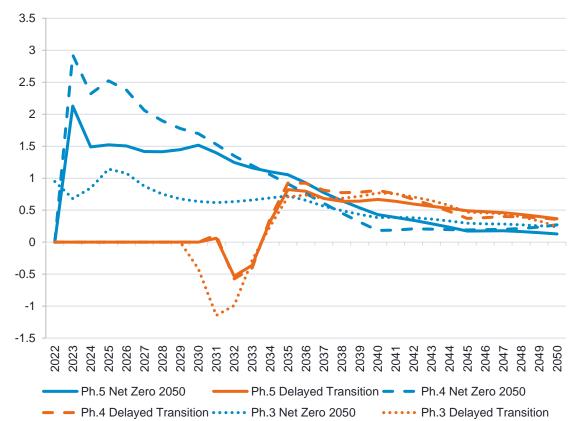


### Macroeconomic impact of climate change



#### Inflation, United States (deviation from baseline)

#### **Policy Rate, United States**





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### Impact of climate change on the economy and asset returns



In all scenarios, there is a negative effect on **GDP growth.** Impact is higher in the long-term if no action is taken.

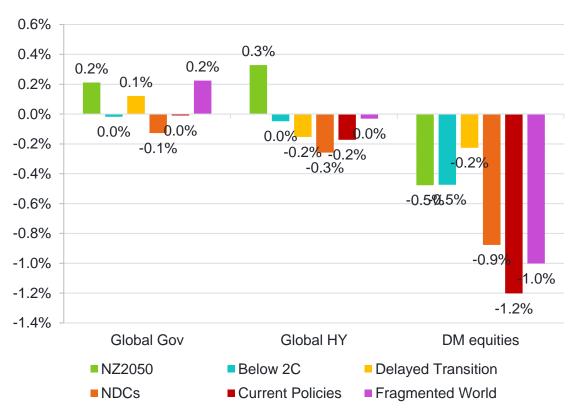


**Inflation rate** will likely rise globally primarily due to introduction/increase of carbon pricing initiatives.



**Policy rates** will also likely be affected in the short/medium term as a response to GDP and inflation shocks.

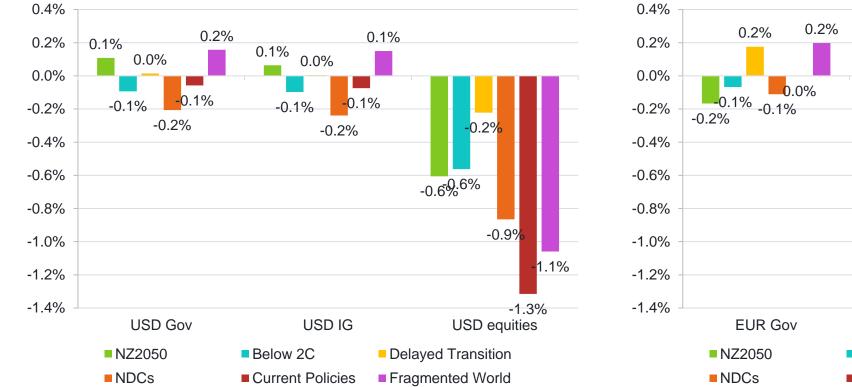
## USD 10-year annualised real return deltas compared to baseline



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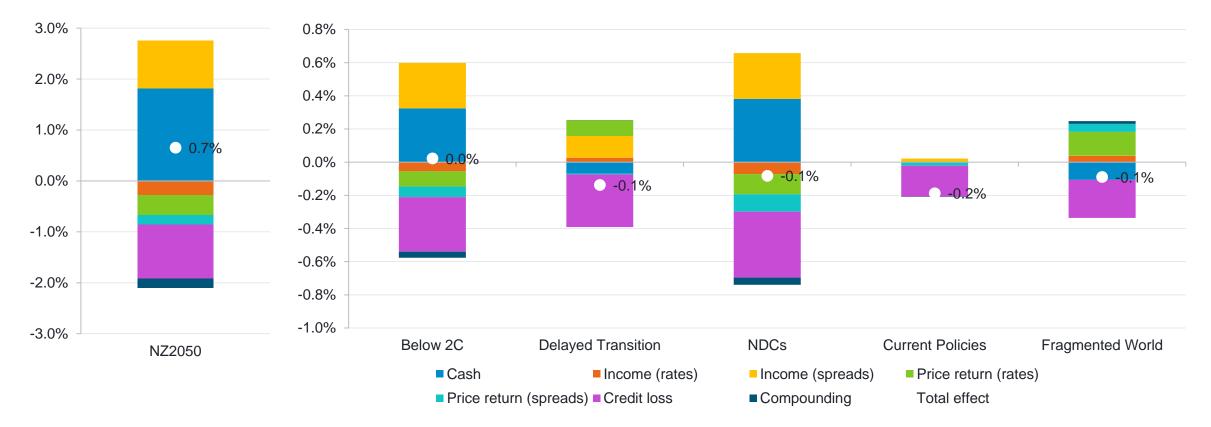
#### EUR 10-year ann. real return deltas compared to baseline

0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.0% -0.1%0% -0.3% -0.6% 0.7% -0.8% -0.9% EUR IG EMU equities Below 2C Delayed Transition Current Policies Fragmented World

Source: Fidelity International, 2025. Assumptions are USD and EUR denominated, based on proprietary CMA modelling. Baseline refers to Fidelity's climate-agnostic baseline. For illustrative purposes only.



### Price and income returns tend to offset each other in most scenarios

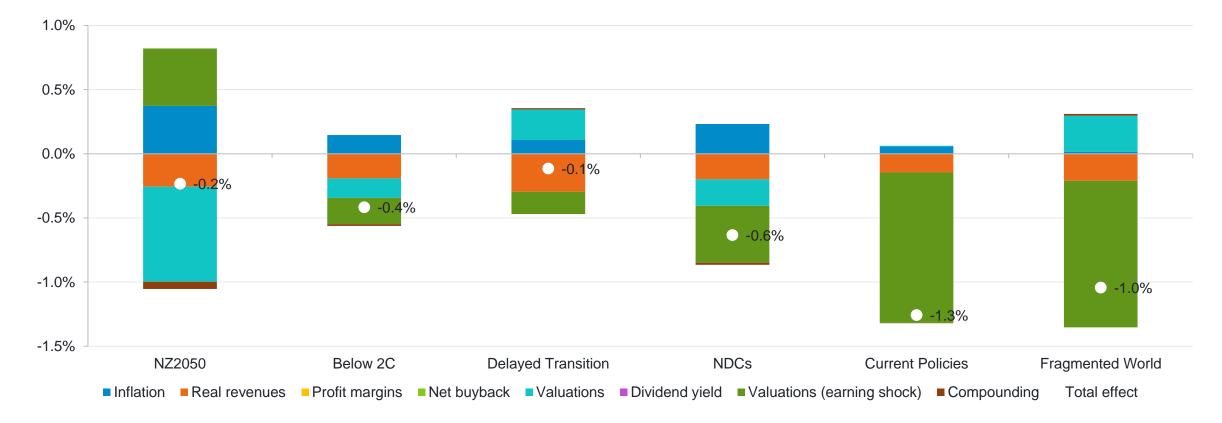


#### US HY 10Y ann. expected returns deviations from baseline

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### Valuations and real cash flows drive equity returns down

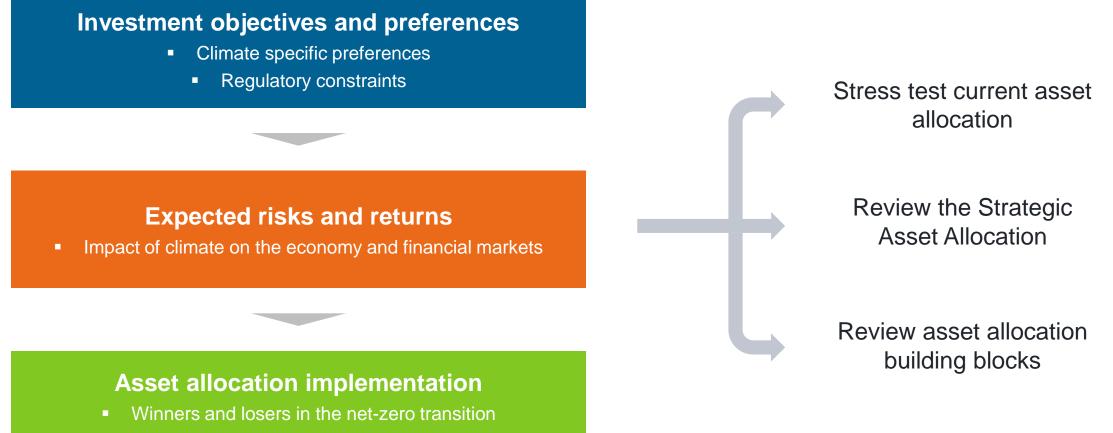


#### US equities 10Y annualised expected returns deviation from baseline

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### The impact of climate change on the portfolio construction process

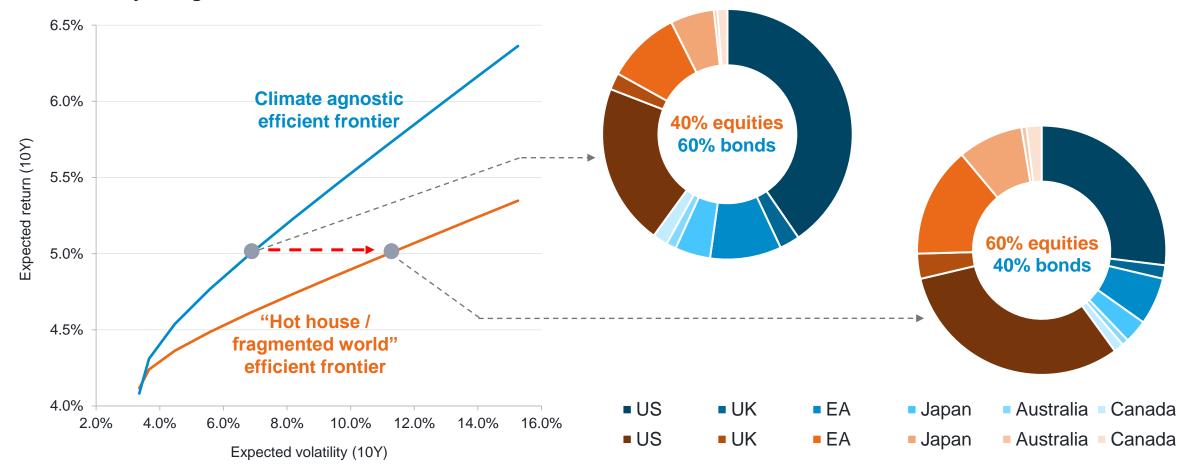


Impact investing

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### Climate risks will likely flatten the risk/return efficient frontier

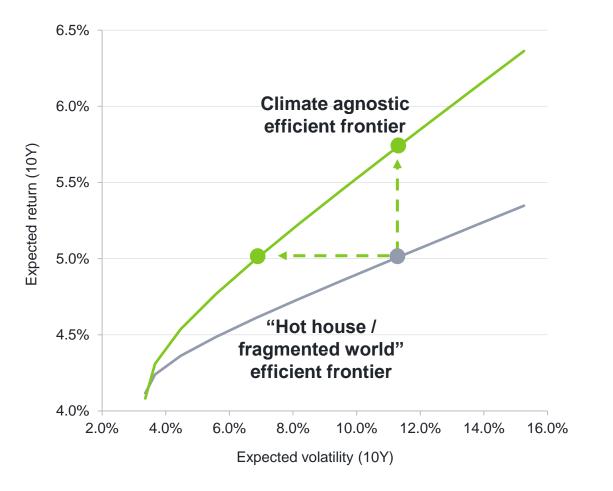


Scenario analysis: agnostic vs climate-aware efficient frontier for a 5% return asset allocation

Source: Fidelity International, 2025. Efficient frontier built using 10-year expected risk and return of global equities and global aggregate bonds. For illustrative purposes only.



### Multi asset investing in a world with climate risks





- 2 Active strategies to exploit opportunities
- 3 Active strategies to manage evolving risks

#### 4 Private assets

Source: Fidelity International, 2025. Efficient frontier built using 10-year expected risk and return of global equities and global aggregate bonds. For illustrative purposes only.



#### Conclusions

- Climate risks are likely to be underestimated by investors today.
- Given current information, a delayed/disorderly transition is the most likely scenario.
- Transition and physical risks will continue to affect our economies, in particular inflation, GDP growth and policy rate as a result.
- Fixed income markets are likely to be less affected by climate change as price impact is balanced by higher income. In the Delayed Transition and Fragmented World scenarios the timing of policy action is crucial.
- Equities exhibit a greater sensitivity to climate change given their perpetual cash flow nature. This will be the result of physical risk which will likely be priced in by markets over the medium term.
- Climate change risks will likely contribute to keep the risk/return efficient frontier flatter than before.
- Diversification across and within assets plus an active portfolio management approach are crucial.



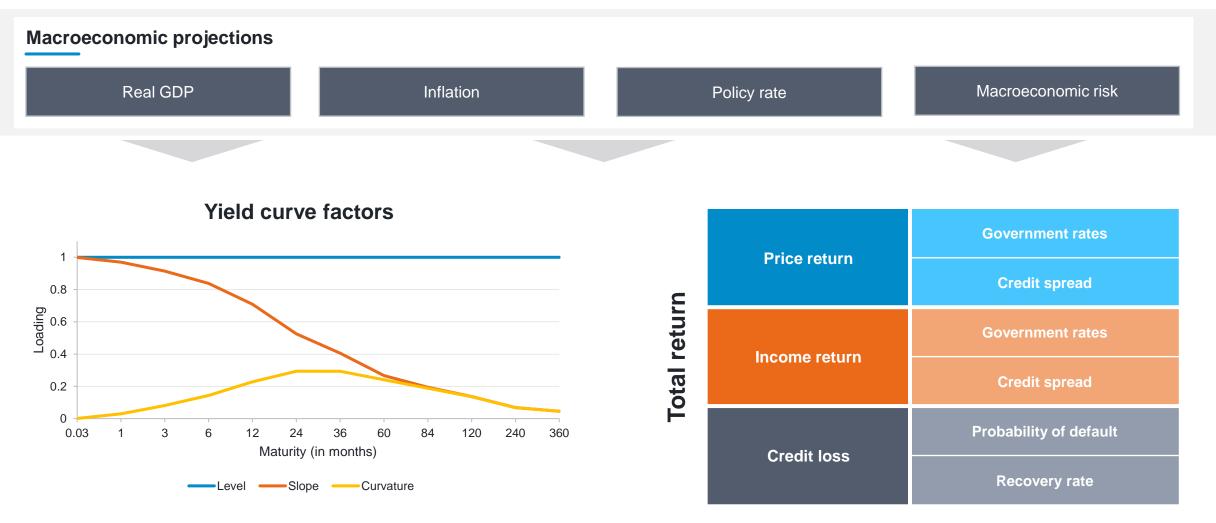


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## Methodology overview – fixed income

Forward-looking macroeconomic views combined with econometric modelling

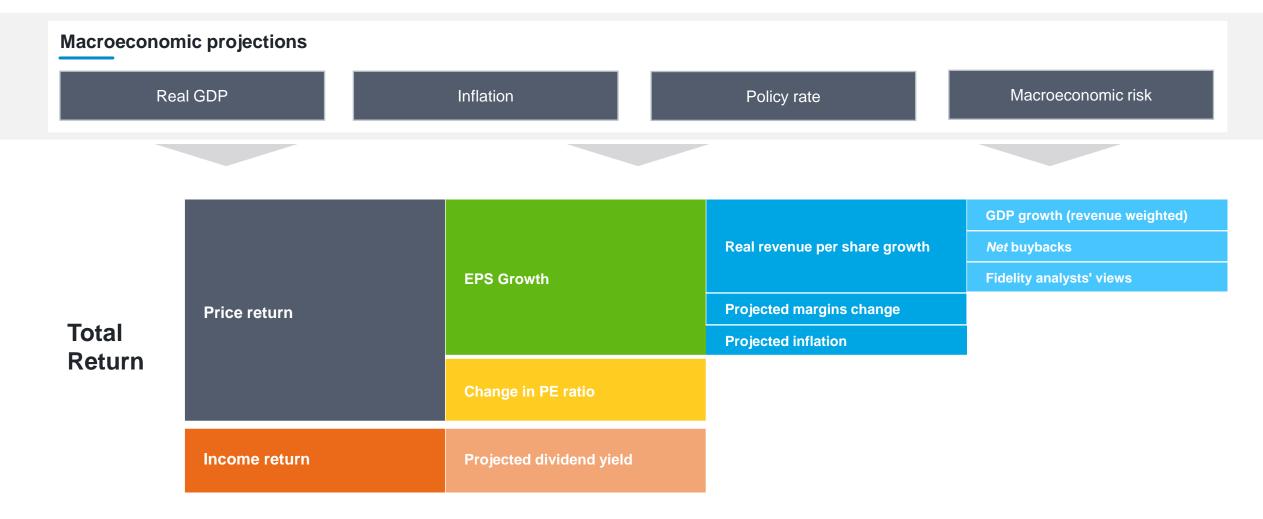


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## Methodology overview – equity

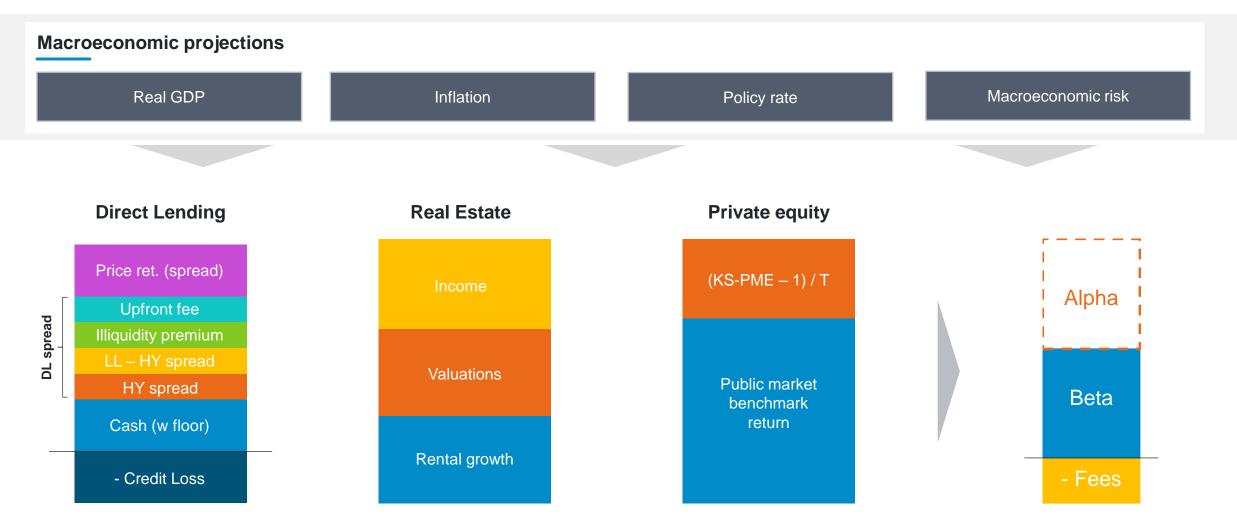
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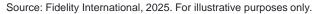




### **Methodology overview – private assets**

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