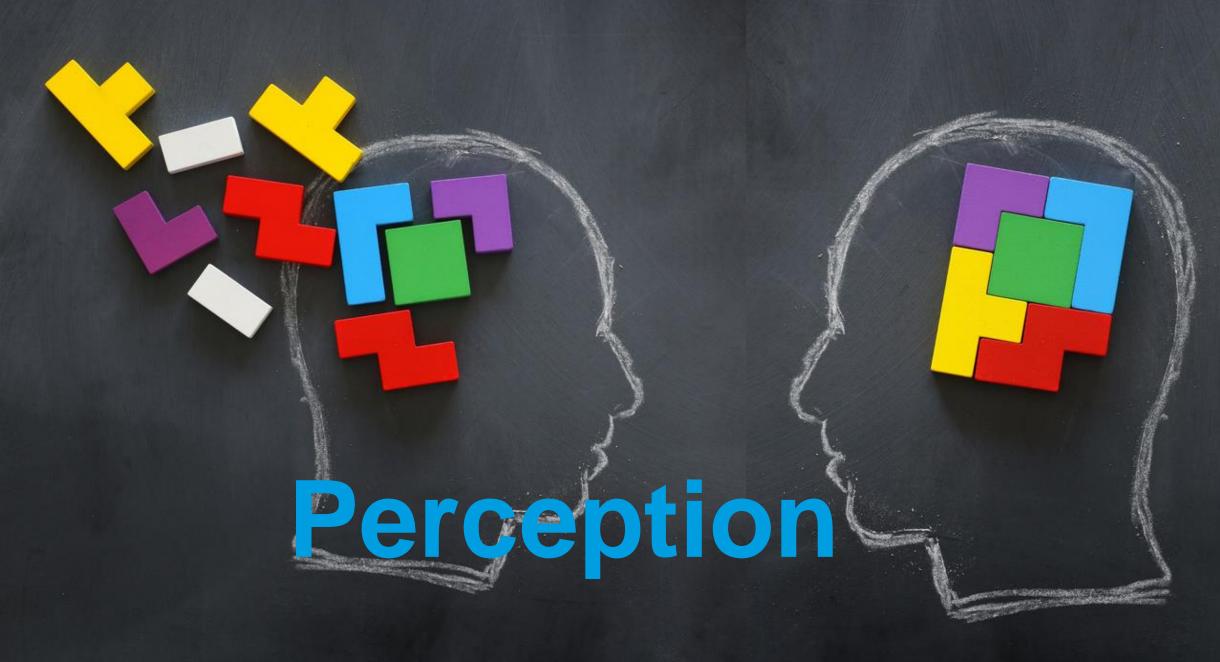


# Asset manager briefing European strategic research update

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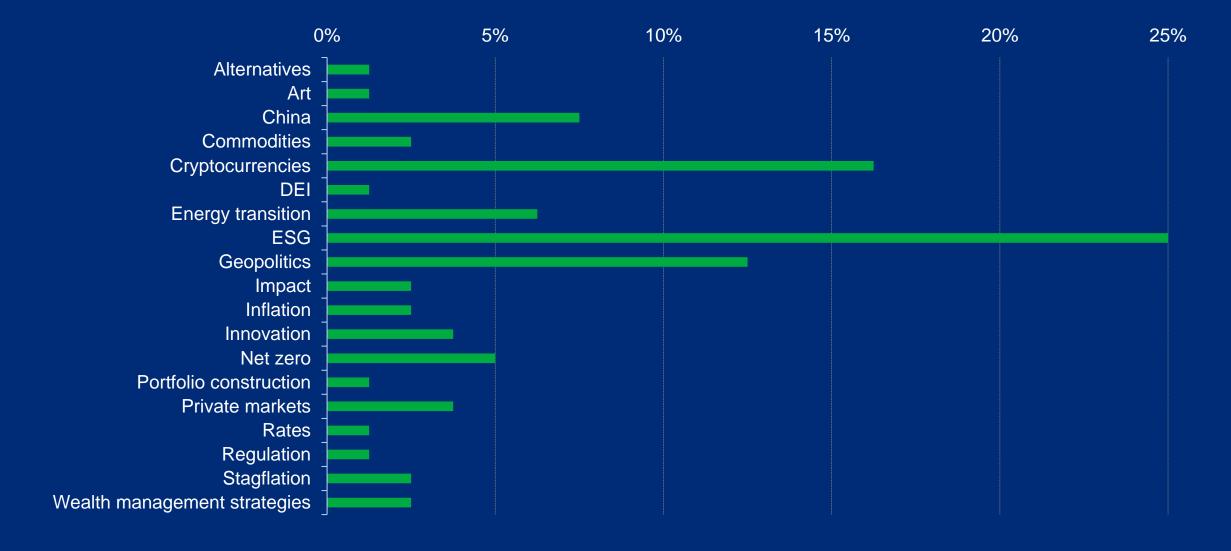
# **Themes 2022**



# Feedback across the European regions

Climate Stagflation Inflation **Impact** change Growth Thematic De-**ESG** globalization expectations investing Private Crypto Energy Low yield currencies markets transition

## What our consultants would like more material on ...





## What we don't know

#### How or when the conflict will end

Treaty with ceded territories like Crimea?

Prolonged conflict ending in annexation?

Russian regime change?



#### Full scale and impact of sanctions

 With Ukraine and Russia being significant mineral, energy and commodity producers, there will be complex and unpredictable effects on many businesses and markets.

#### **Financial market linkages**

- Exclusion from SWIFT IS unprecedented for such a large economy and commodity producer.
- Knock-on effects of asset seizures?

### Policy response by the West

 Will central banks pause from rate hikes and QE unwind?



# Themes and opportunities 2022

# Changing of the guard

Policy pathway, Asian century, the future of finance, inequality street



## **Position for transition**

The grey, the green and the in-between, the age of engagement & implement with intent



## **Modern diversification**

Looking beyond traditional asset classes, and accessing innovation





# Reference portfolio: four main pillars

## Sustainability

- Climate
- ESG
- Impact



#### **Future**

- Cryptocurrencies
- Technology
- Healthcare





## Challenges

- Low yield
- Inflation
- Volatility

## **Opportunities**

- Private markets
- Emerging markets/China
- Resource transition







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