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# **Expertise in Global Equities** DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence



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Active Asset Manager



Sustainable Actor

Research Driven



An independent active asset manager part of a Group with its origins in 1871



Performance-driven active management, centralized in Brussels



Sustained dedication to **responsible investments** since 2001. Active ownership and ESG across asset classes and themes



**Proprietary** fundamental and quantitative research provided by inhouse credit, equity, ESG and SRI analyst teams



Experienced management teams supported by in-house buy side research team



**Client-driven**, creating long-term partnerships with our customers with an international network of 8 local offices across Europe

# Why focus on AI?

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Generative AI is not a replacement for human creativity, but rather a tool that can augment and enhance it.

#### Sam Altman





It's the most transformative innovation any of us will see in our lifetimes.

**Bill gates** 



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It's a renaissance, it is a golden age. We are now solving problems with ML/AI that were in the realm of science fiction.

**Jeff Bezos** 





### **O1** Investing in AI: We're

### not late to the game

Good risk/reward thanks to reasonable valuations and excellent business models



Already strong use cases today

Several use cases today, disrupting multi-trillion dollar industries

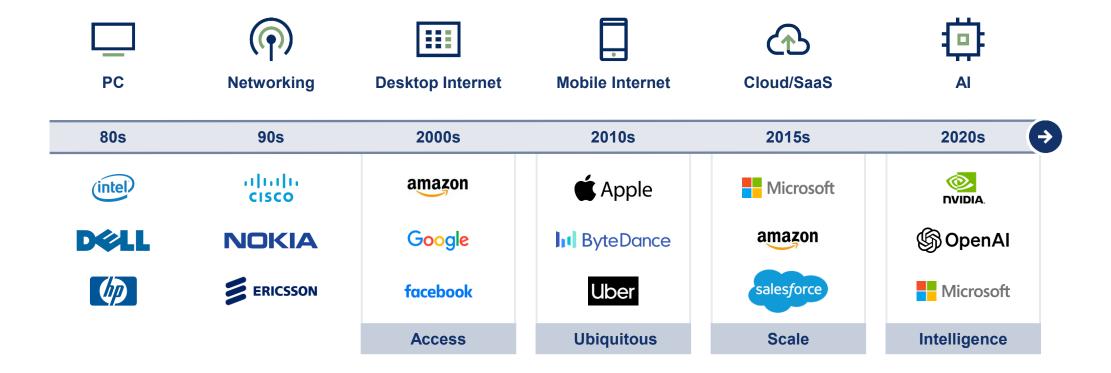


Al will only become better

LLM technology is nascent, expanding quickly in other fields = free optionality

### The beginning of a new supercycle: AI

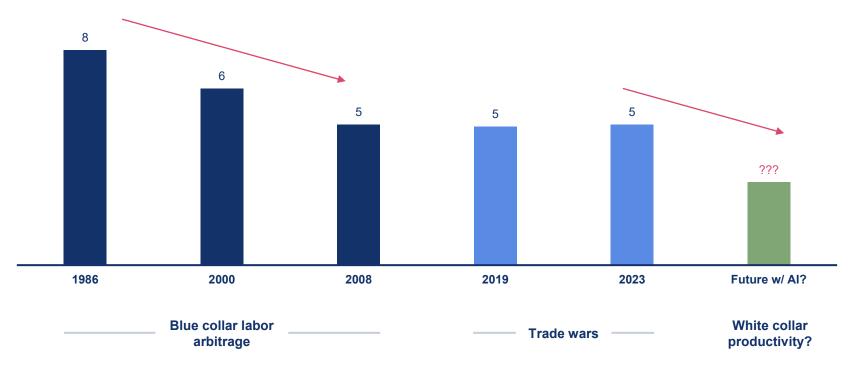
Previous supercycles had material impact on markets, with clear winners and losers.





# AI can potentially be a tailwind for the economy

#### S&P 500 Number of Employees per \$1 million of Revenue (Inflation Adjusted)



### AI is getting better, smarter... and faster

#### Midjourney generations over time: "a hyper-realistic image of Harry Potter"

Source: Midjourney, 2023



V1, February 2022

V2, April 2022





V4, November 2022 V5, March 2023 V5.1. March 2023



V5.2, June 2023

V6, December 2023

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### AI converging with other technologies and solving real big problems

#### Energy and emissions

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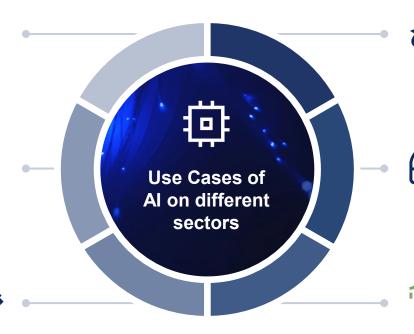
Nuclear Fusion In 2022, DeepMind held plasma in a Tokamak longar than had been possible before, making a breakthrough in Fusion

#### Pharma & Drug Discorvery

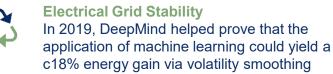
Protein Folding In 2022, it was announced that the predictions of over 200 million proteins would be released as an Open Source dataset

#### Batteries, Chips, EVs, Quantum

Material Science In 2023 DeepMind's AI tool GNoME finds 2.2m of new crystals, including 380,000 stable materials that could power future technologies



#### **Renewables & Emissions**



#### **Content Creation**

Music Generation In 2023, working with YouTue, DeepMind's Lyria model was launched to help creators and singer songwriters

#### Airlines, Crops, Logistics

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Weather Forecassting In 2023, the company's state-of-the-art model delivered 10-day weather predictions at unprecedent accuracy in under one minute

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Actively Managed

No benchmark hugging



Al Enablers & Adopters

Major AI trends that empower consumers and enterprises



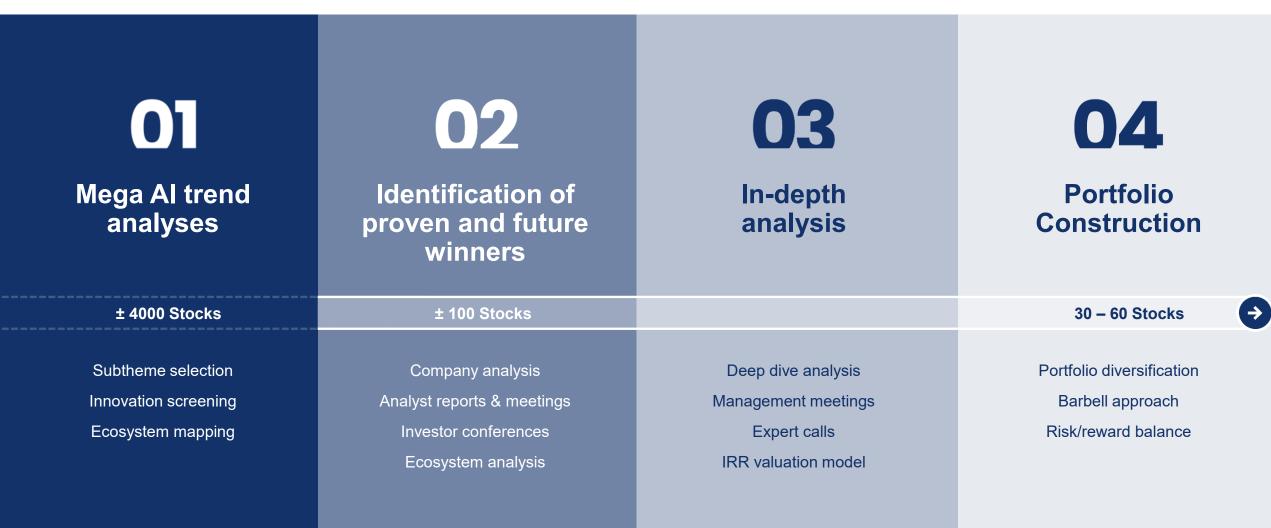
Companies best positioned for value creation on AI trends



#### Barbell Approach

Diversification on technology adoption and end-markets

## % Investment process overview





# Ol AI Mega Trends

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Step #1: Zoom out – Identify Al Mega Trends





01 A mix of Enablers & Adopters



#### **Enablers**

Pick-and-shovels for AI

- Differentiated IP
- Scaled infrastructure or platform

Examples: chip designers / manufacturers, cloud providers



Outsized beneficiaries of AI

Al expand their TAM and/or improves their competitive advantage

Examples: software and internet companies



# Ol AI Mega Trends

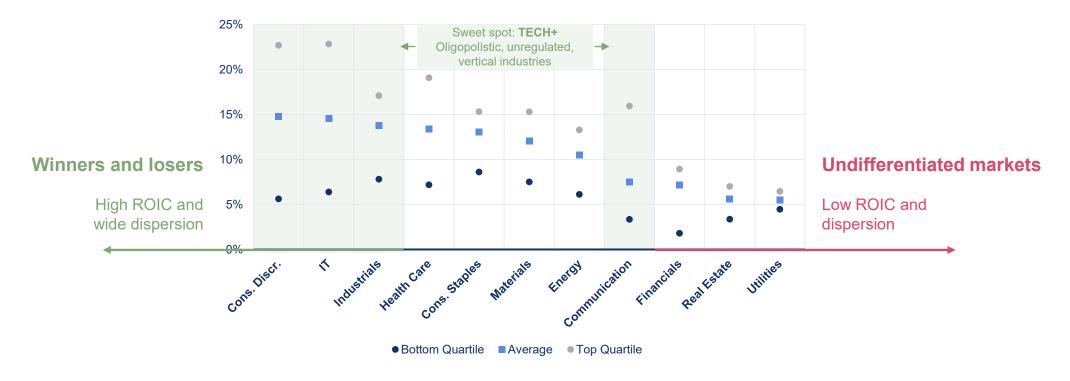
Step #2: Zoom in – Identify How Value Is Created and Accrued

 $\mathbf{M}$ **Proof of Concept** TAM S-Curve stage and speed Accelerating or enabling new business models? of adoption? **Market Power** Winners & losers Network effects, Switching Favors incumbents or costs, Scale, IP, etc.? disrupters?



# Only a subset of companies will capture the AI value

#### 5-year Average Return on Capital



Source: DPAM, Bloomberg.

# 02 Pillars of Proven Winners

**Reasonable valuation** Secular growth Free cash flow yield Large addressable market Growing market share Don't overpay **Differentiated Products Good ESG credentials** Unique and premium Good corporate citizen Mission critical Sustainable solutions Proven Winner Managed by excellent people **Resilient Business** Culture and incentives Recurring revenue Solid balance sheet Good capital allocation **High Profitability Strong Business Model** High (incremental) ROIC Competitive advantages Solid cash conversion Attractive industry structure

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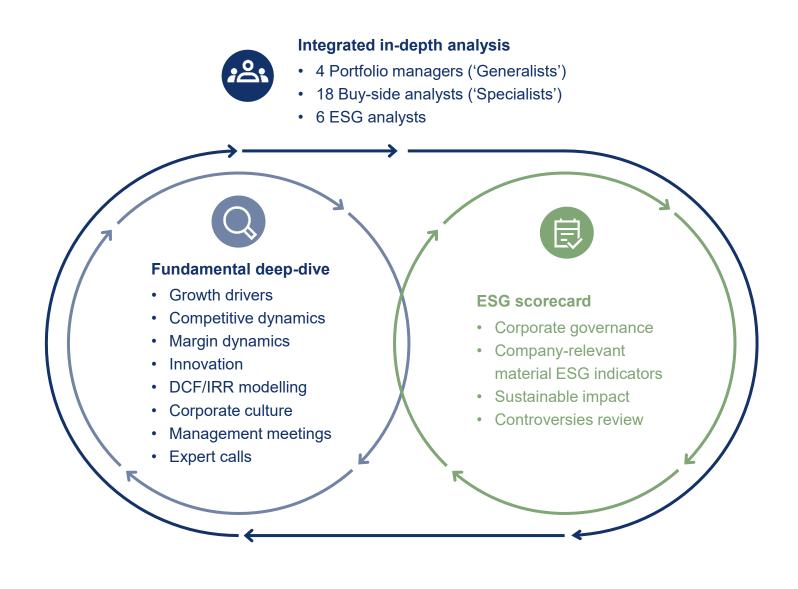
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Features of Future Winners

**Reasonable valuation** Secular growth Large addressable market Earnings power in 5 year Early in the S-curve Appropriate mature multiple **Innovative products Good ESG credentials** Superior solutions Good corporate citizen R&D driven Sustainable solutions Future Winner Managed by excellent people **Strong Business Model** Competitive advantages Founders, built to scale Culture and incentives Attractive industry structure **Scalable business Excellent Unit Economics** Efficient sales motion Reinvesting profits for growth Free cash flow positive Asset-light

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In-depth analysis



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### **Portfolio** Construction

30-60 stocks



High active share, 30-60 stocks



Risk management on company and portfolio level



Well-diversified across AI sub-themes



Quality companies with different growth profiles



Balanced between cyclical and defensive exposures.



Fundamental diversification with uncorrelated growth drivers

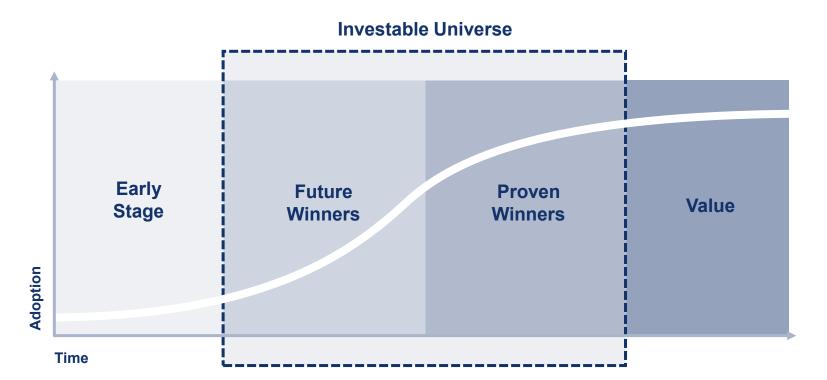
Risk/return balance



Fully invested (5% cash maximum), no hedging

### Barbell approach

Unique combination of proven and future winners





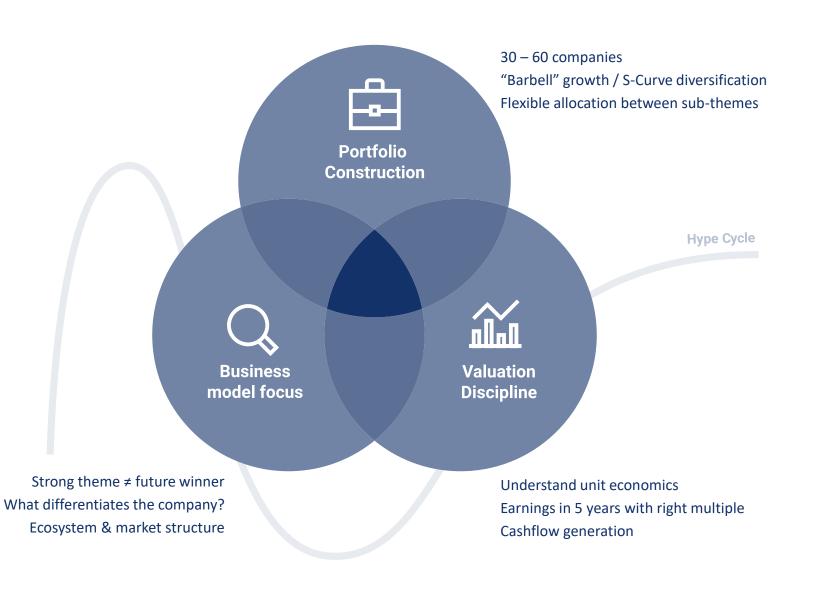
### **Our barbell approach in action**

Turning processes safer and more efficient



### DPAM "secret sauce"

Avoiding the hype cycle



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### SFDR Article

Company-wide integration: DPAM SFDR positioning

Our 20 yrs SRI experience allows for structured, credible SFDR alignment

The fund promotes a combination of environmental and social characteristics and invests partly in assets with a sustainable investment objective as defined by SFDR. More product-specific ESG information can be found on https://www.funds.dpaminvestments.com.

### SFDR Positioning:

Linking existing processes with regulatory concepts & frameworks

**Responsible investment** 

**Transition • Sustainable • Impact investment** 

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ESG integration	Active ownership	Basic negative screening	Normative Screening	Negative Behaviour Screening	Extensive negative screening	Positive screening Best in class	Sustainability Themes	Impact Framework
Inclusion in investment decisions (PAI)	Influencing behaviour	Exclusions based on activity	Compliance with global standards	Exclusion of severe controversial behaviour (min. social & gov. safeguards)	Extensive exclusions based on activity	Best in class, best approach Scorecards (PAI)	In-Depth Qualitative Analysis	GIIN based proprietary impact
							Antiala Qu	Article
		Others		Article 8			Article 8+	

### Benchmark



**MSCI World Net Return Index** 



Actively managed fund, the portfolio manager does not aim to replicate the performance of a benchmark.



**The benchmark** is used to compare performance. The selection and weighting of the assets in the fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the composition of the benchmark.

### Risks

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#### Capital risk

Exchange risk

Market risk



**Concentration** risk

Liquidity risk



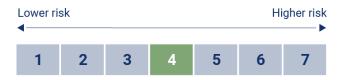
**Derivative** risk



Sustainability risk

DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence is a sub-fund of DPAM L under Luxembourg law

#### Summary risk indicator (SRI)



SRI calculated according to PRIIPs (EU) N° 1286/2014 regulation

We refer to the **prospectus and KID PRIIPS** for more explanation and a complete overview of the risks.





### **Portfolio Management**

Equities Artificial Intelligence



Dries Dury, CFA Fund manager Industry: 17 Years DPAM: 12 Years Dries joined DPAM in 2013 as a fund manager for the EMU equity high dividend yield strategy and later became a fund manager for international and sustainable equities. He began his career as a research analyst at the National Bank of Belgium before moving to Bank Degroof as a sell-side real estate equity analyst. He holds a master's degree in Economic Sciences from the University of Ghent and is a CFA Charterholder.



Tom Demaecker, CFA Fund manager Industry: 11 Years DPAM: 11 Years

Tom joined DPAM in 2016 as a buy-side analyst for the US consumer sector, later progressing to fund manager for international and sustainable equities. He initially started his career at Bank Degroof as a portfolio manager in private banking. He holds a master's degree in Economic Sciences from the University of Ghent and is a CFA Charterholder.



Aurélien Duval, CFA

Fund manager Industry: 11 Years DPAM: 2 Years Aurélien joined DPAM in 2022 as a fund manager for its global sustainable equity and multi-thematic strategies. He embarked on his career in 2012 as a senior audit associate at PwC, and subsequently held positions such as investment fund product manager and investment strategist at CBC Banque, as well as a quantitative multi-assets portfolio manager and equity fund manager at KBC Asset Management. He earned a master's degree in Business Engineering from the Louvain School of Management and is a CFA Charterholder.



#### **Humberto Nardiello**

Fund manager Industry: 14 Years DPAM: 2 Years Humberto joined DPAM in 2022 as a buy-side equity analyst for European and small & mid-cap equities, later advancing to fund manager for international and sustainable equities. Prior to this, he served as an equity analyst for Lanx Capital and senior equity analyst for Opportunity Asset Management. He holds a master's degree in Economic Sciences from IBMEC and has participated in the Value Investing Program at Columbia University.





Johan Van Geeteruyen CIO Fundamental Equity, Member of the Management Board

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Bert Talloen, CFA Financials 28 '11

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Team Leader # Years of experience 07 '19





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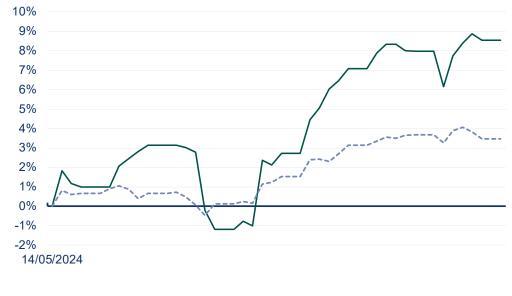
### Portfolio



Source: DPAM, June 2024.

## **%** Performance since inception

(i) Past performance does not predict future returns



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--- MSCI World Net Return

Source: Bloomberg, MSCI, DPAM Performance (F-class) until 30.06.2024 \*2024 performance starting from May 14, the inception of the strategy

## **%** Comparison key metrics

	DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence	MSCI World
'23 Return on Equity	30%	14%
'23 Net Income Margin	28%	11%
R&D / Sales	16%	11%
Capex / Sales	9%	6%
'19 - '25 EPS Growth	23%	8%
'25 PE ratio	29.4x	17.7x
'23 Net debt to EBITDA ratio	-0.2x	1.6x
'25 FCF/EV	3.2%	4.2%

Source: DPAM, Bloomberg estimates, 30.06.2024 All figures are weighted average For certain metrics (capex/sales, net debt /ebitda, FCF/EV) Financials are excluded.

# **%** Exposure per sector

	DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence	MSCI World
Information Technology	62%	23%
Communication Services	16%	8%
Consumer Discretionary	11%	11%
Industrials	8%	11%
Health Care	2%	15%
Financials	0%	2%
Materials	0%	7%
Consumer Staples	0%	12%
Energy, Real Estate, Utilities	0%	5%

Source: DPAM, Bloomberg, June 2024.

## **%** Distribution per market cap

	DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence	MSCI World
< €10bn	0%	3%
€10bn - €30bn	5%	14%
€30bn - €100bn	38%	42%
>€200bn	56%	41%

## **%** Growth classification

	DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence
1. Slow & Steady (0-10)	6%
2. Mighty Mature (10-12)	6%
3. Compounding Cash Cows (13-15)	48%
4. Generational Growth (16-18)	20%
5. Fast & Furious (19+)	13%
6. Hypergrowth (25+)	6%

Classification based on estimated annual mid-term EPS growth

Source: DPAM, Bloomberg, June 2024.

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## **Investing in AI: We're not too late**

4 key reasons for a good risk/reward



#### Large and expanding investment universe

Investment opportunities go from big tech, to semiconductors, software, industrials, to internet and data companies



#### Incumbents will benefit most

Al requires a lot of capital, data, best engineers and a wide distribution network.

No "concept" stocks



#### Other secular trends as a tailwind

Even without AI, these investments are underpinned by trends like 5G, EV and especially the cloud.

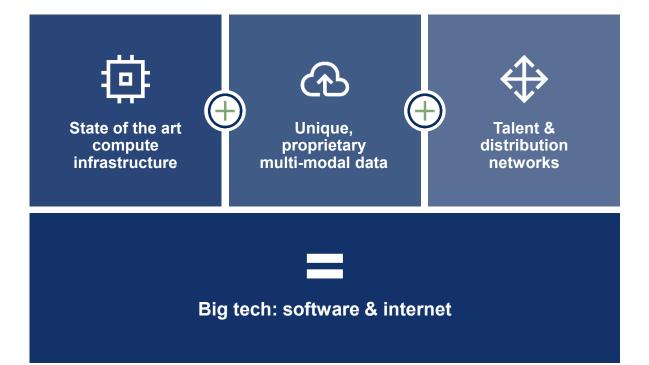


#### Valuations are reasonable

Companies have outstanding business models, often active as a monopolist or oligopolist

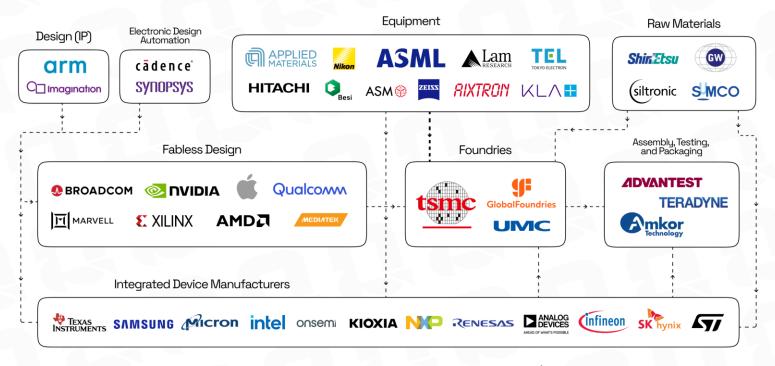
Valuations are in line with 5- year average, similar to the market

Incumbents will benefit most



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#### The Semiconductor Value Chain



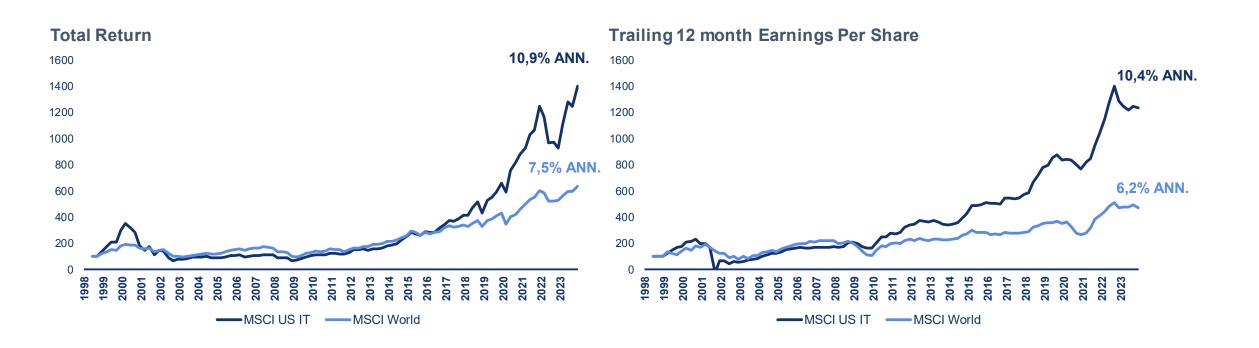
Note: The exact flows might differ between companies (subsidiaries, hybrid business models, etc) | Created by Quartr\_App y

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#### **%** Performances are driven by fundamentals

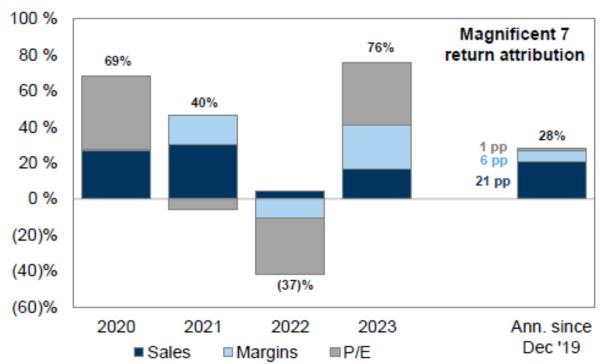
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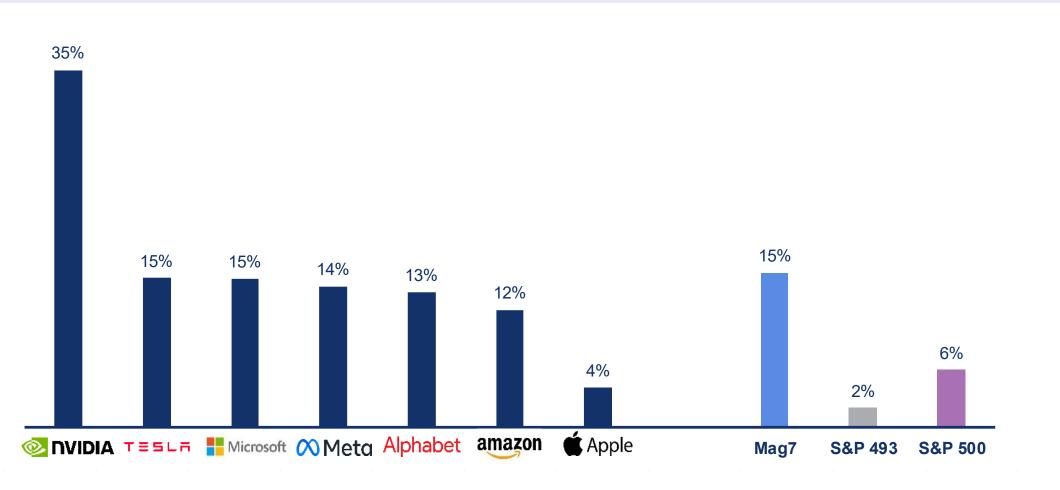
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Exhibit 4: Sales growth drove the bulk of Magnificent 7 returns since 2019 as of February 1, 2024



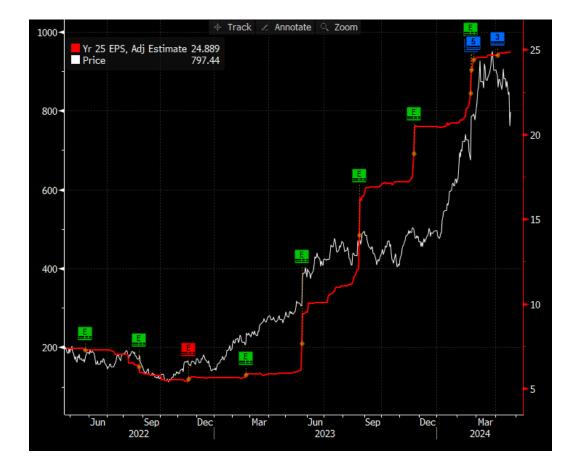
## **%** Mag 7 outlook better vs the rest of the market

Next 3-year Sales Growth Expectations



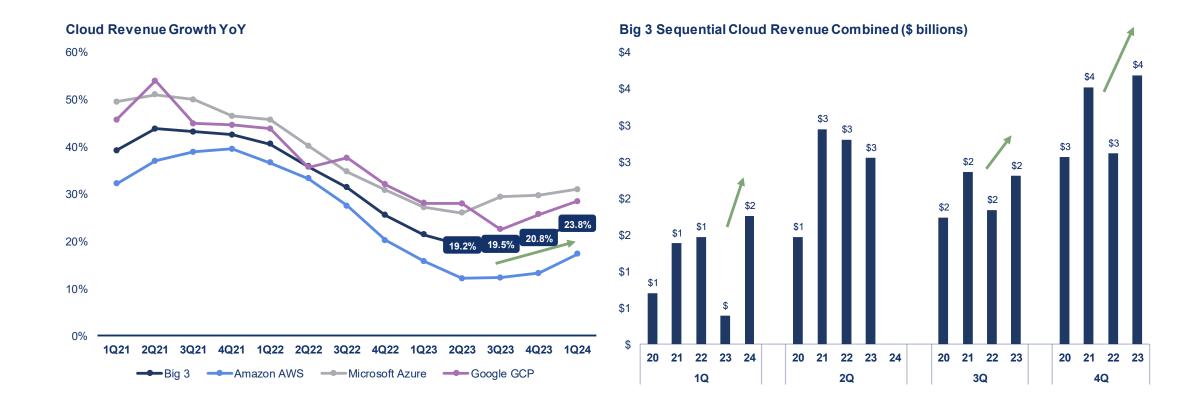
## **%** Nvidia: Stock price has followed earnings

Stock AND earnings per share up ~4x over the last couple of years



**Blue skies for Cloud** 

Revenue growth is accelerating again for Microsoft, Amazon and Google

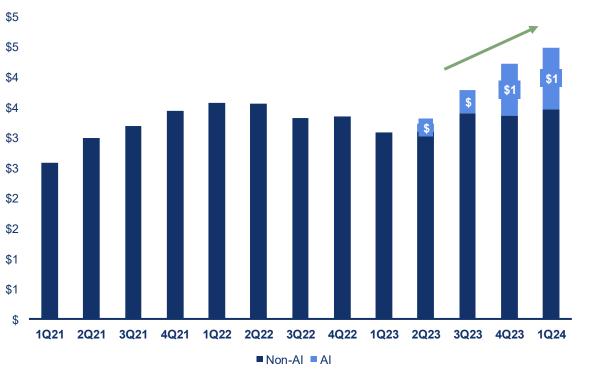


## **%** Blue skies for Cloud

Margins getting healthier + AI becoming more and more important

**Big 3 Cloud Operating Margin Combined** 30% 25% 24.2% 21.3% 20% 19.6% 18.3% 15% 10% 5% 0% 1Q21 2Q21 3Q21 4Q21 1Q22 2Q22 3Q22 4Q22 1Q23 2Q23 3Q23 4Q23 1Q24

#### Microsoft Azure Incremental Revenue Contribution (\$ Billions)



## Adoption intent only getting higher (cont'd)

Al transitioning from concept to products



## **%** Valuation in line with 5Y average

12m fwd P/E range over 5Y

#### 80 70 Price / Earnings (12m fwd) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 DPAM AI NVIDIA ALPHABET META APPLE AMAZON TSMC ASML INTUIT INC MICROSOFT SALESFORCE SCHNEIDER EL. **MSCI WORLD** APPLIED MAT. ▲ 12m fwd P/E Average fwd P/E 5Y - Min - Max

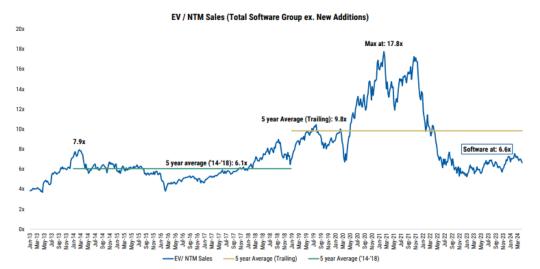
Source: Bloomberg and DPAM analysis, 30.06.2024

## **%** Valuations very reasonable

Bubble? Late to the game? We are still in the early days

#### Software

**Exhibit 1:** Overall Software Coverage Group Trading at 33% Below the Trailing 5-Year Average...



#### Internet

Exhibit 1: LTM EV/EBITDA multiples are 1%/7% above the 5/10 year averages...

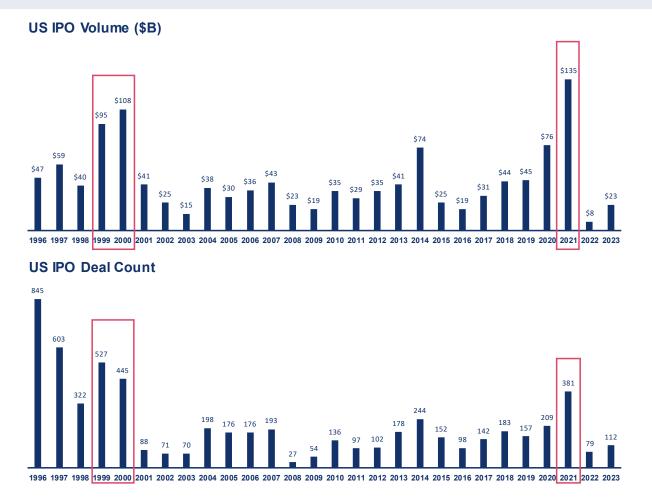


Source: Compustat, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research Note: Internet = Broadline Retail, Interactive Media & Services, Entertainment. As of March 17, 2023, Internet & Direct Marketing Retail has been discontinued and has been replaced with Broadline Retail.

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, FactSet, Company data

## % IPO market still subdued

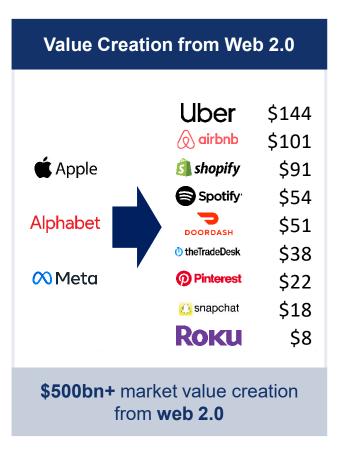
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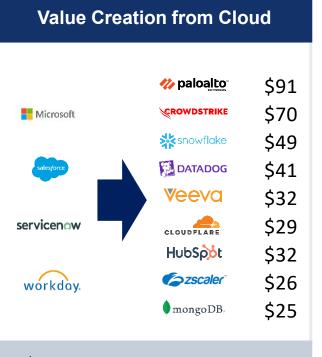


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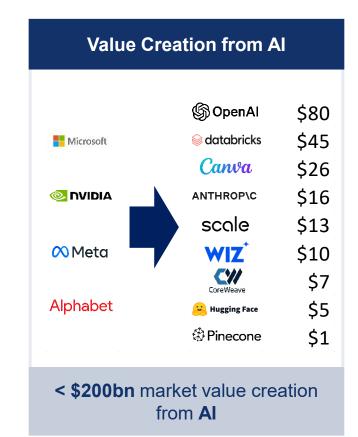
## **%** Yet to emerge new mega caps

Bubble? Late to the game? We are still in the early days





\$400bn+ market value creation from Cloud





2 examples amongst many

#### Al boosts developer productivity

- Software development is a USD 2 trillion + market.
- GenAl helps developers to write code up to 50% faster, with less errors.
- Global developer shortage

#### Customer Service automation

- Contact centers is a USD 300 billion business
- Customer service extremely important for customer satisfaction, but at a large cost.
- Problems solved by AI in 35 languages, 24/7, 2 minutes to resolution (vs 11 min previously)





# And the future is here

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Source: Github.



# And the future is here

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## GitHub Copilot

#### **Total Addressable Market**

- 25M prof. developers x \$100,000 wage = \$2,500 billion software development
- **10%** productivity gain
- = 250bn productivity gains(≈ GDP Portugal ≈ Revenue Google)

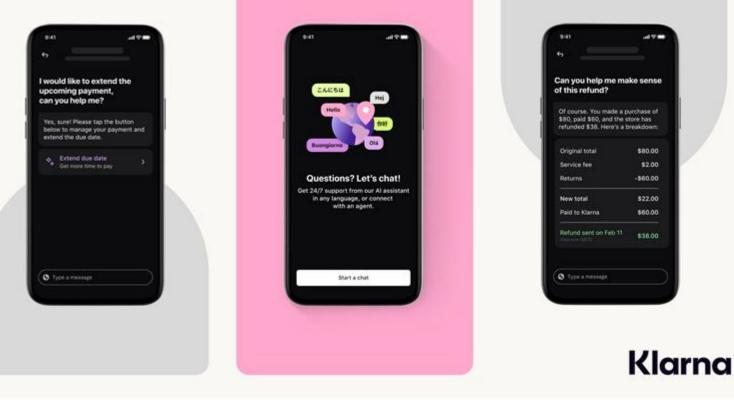
Source: Github, DPAM calculations



# And the future is here

#### Contact center automation

- **2.3 million conversations**, 2/3 of Klarna's customer service chats
- 700 full-time agents, equivalent
- Customer satisfaction score on par with humans
- 25% drop in repeat inquiries, because more effective
- Resolved 5x faster. <2 mins vs 11 mins before
- 23 markets, 24/7 and 35 languages
- Will drive a **\$40 million USD extra profit** for Klarna in 2024



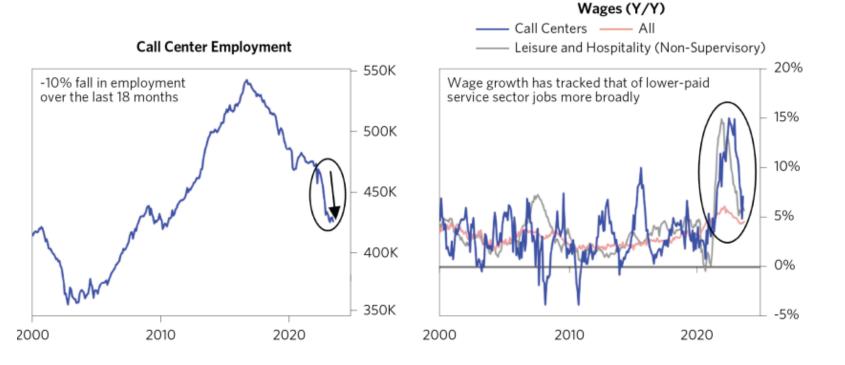
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#### And the future is here

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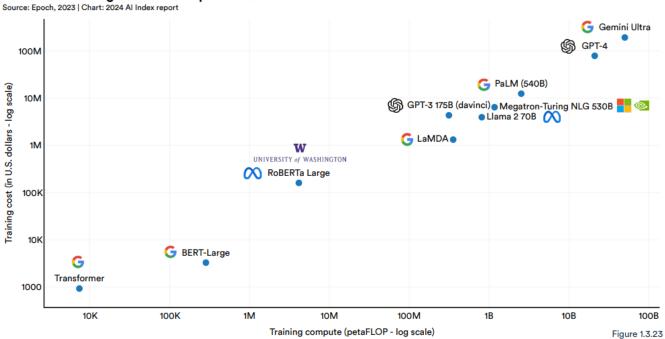


Source: Bridgewater.

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## **%** We haven't reached the end of model scaling



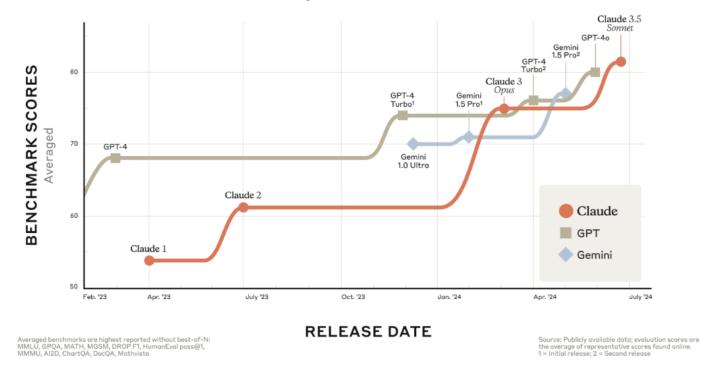
Estimated training cost and compute of select AI models

## **Or other forms of improving models**



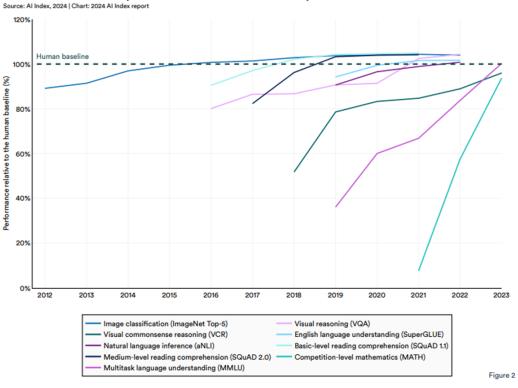
## **%** Capabilities of AI models are increasing fast

#### AI model release and capabilities timeline



## **%** AI isn't better than humans at everything... yet

#### Select AI Index technical performance benchmarks vs. human performance







#### We tend to overestimate the effect of a technology in the short run and underestimate the effect in the long run.

Amara's Law

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#### Don't think linearly

 1986 Forecast GSM adoption by 2000 from Mickinsey: 900k
 Actual adoption in 2001: 109m

 "it's too expensive"
 "I was wrong"

 "It's a bubble that will soon explode"
 "I was an idiot"

 "has only limited use for limited amount of people"
 "I missed the investment opportunity"

Source: McKinsey, DPAM.

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#### Personal Virtual Assistants



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## Autonomous Driving



Source: GTC Nvidia, 2024

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#### Humanoid Robots

# INTRODUCING HUMANOID ROBOTS

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Why Strategy Highlights Portfolio Characteristics Outlook & Positioning

Appendix

## **%** AI favors incumbents or disrupters?

Al favours incumbents, especially the big tech

Incumbents	Disrupters						
Data	Creative						
Distribution and audience	Risk-on						
Low cost of capital	Fast						
Slow and risk averse	No "tech-debt"						



"Al is not this separate thing. It is intrinsically bound up with the cloud. Well, for one thing, you **need a data strategy** for Al to work for you at all." – Andy Jassy.

Edge Computing

Cloud

Computing

"The idea that you could overlay the physical world with things from the digital world could greatly **enhance people's communication, people's connection**." – Tim Cook.



Chip Complexity "A **new computing era** has begun. Companies worldwide are transitioning from general-purpose to accelerated computing and GenAl." – Jensen Huang.



"Now with natural language, you ultimately in some sense have arrived at that point where it's not about us understanding computers, but **computers understanding us**." – Satya Nadella.



Cyber Security "Ransomware attacks are increasing in frequency and severity (...) There is also some evidence that the adversaries are beginning to leverage GenAl as a tool to make **attacks more sophisticated**." – Nikesh Arora.

"We have a Silicon shortage right now, that will transition to a voltage step down transformer shortage in about a year. In order for everything to go sustainable, to go electric, you **need to triple electricity output**." – Elon Musk.

AI Mega Trends

#### AI Stack

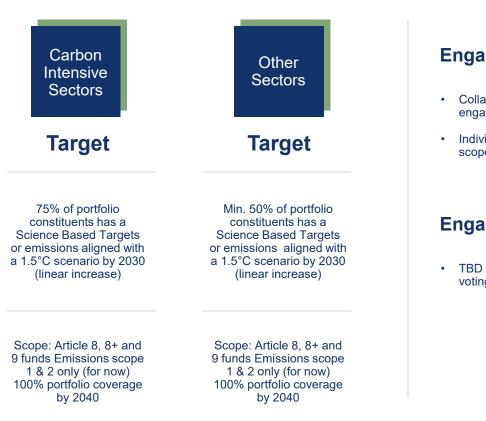
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273 signatures with USD 61.3 trillion in AUM



#### How we align net zero & risk exposure impact

Science based Targets portfolio coverage approach

#### Engagement until 2025

- Collaborative: annual collaborative engagement via 'CDP SBT campaign.'
- Individual: focus on TCFD assessment scope.

#### **Engagement post 2025**

 TBD (more focus on escalation; voting/resolutions/statements/divestment)



Invested position in: NEWGEMS Sustainable, US Dividend Sustainable

#### Example of engagement Major controversy at Activision

A group of Activision Blizzard

shareholders and more than 800

employees called for the resignation of

he was aware of sexual misconduct

of power while hiding it from the board.

Share- and stakeholders also called for board directors Brian Kelly and Robert

Morgado to step down.

CEO Bobby Kotick after it was revealed

allegations at the company and purposefully

fought to keep accused people in a position

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DPAM RISG performs **detailed assessment** of the case via its formal Controversial Activities Assessment Process. **Outcome: agreement on eligibility** in case **company takes strong mitigating measures after engagement** due to significant impact risks of

- mitigating measures after engagement due to significant impact risks of controversy:
- **Operational risk:** 3 main developers were fired. Possible repercussions on talent retention and acquisition.
- Financial risk: main sponsors abolished contract with Activision due to allegations. More to follow in case company does not take appropriate action
- Reputational: Controversy did not appear to have hurt game use. Main bloggers and game advocates did stage some (online) protests.
- $\rightarrow$  Engagement letter prepared

The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing filed a lawsuit against Activision Blizzard for paying women less, gender discrimination and sexual harassment. The suit says women were assigned lower-level jobs, promoted at slower rates than men, and fired or forced to quit at higher frequencies than men. The lawsuit alleges that the company's executives and human-resources personnel knew of the harassment and failed to prevent such conduct, instead retaliating against women who complained. The company said the lawsuit includes distorted, and in many cases false, descriptions of its past, and that it strives to pay all employees fairly.

#### Note: Activision is;

- UN GC compliant
- Not within scope of exclusion policy
- No significant other controversies (level 4 or 5)
- $\rightarrow~$  Internal assessment by PMs and RICC



- Discussion on Responsible Investment Steering Group
- consulting extra-financial data provider Sustainalytics

zero-tolerance harassment policy2. Increase the percentage of women and non-binary people in

measures:

- our workforce by 50% and will invest \$250 million to accelerate opportunities for diverse talent 3. Based on employee feedback, waiving required arbitration of
  - waiving required arbitration of sexual harassment and discrimination claims
     Increased visibility on pay equity

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5. Regular progress updates and

**Company announces remediation** 

Launching a new company-wide

significant cut in CEO pay until diversity targets are reached

Microsoft announced intention to purchase AB. We reached out to MSFT to understand how they mitigate human capital risk due to the acquisition. We received positive feedback, reassuring the potential risks.

#### ACTIVISION

#### This proxy season

- Voted to oust the CEO, and two board members due to close involvement in controversy. Voted against the pay practices.
- Risks seem manageable:
  - Operational risk: largest, due to employer reputation impact
  - Financial risk: limited, investments offset by lower management remuneration
  - Reputational risk: no big impact to game use.

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**NEWGEMS** Sustainable

**Example of engagement** Continuous push for better working conditions

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- DPAM RISG performs **detailed assessment** of the case via its formal Controversial Activities Assessment Process.
- **Outcome: agreement on eligibility** in case company takes clear action to lower injury rate, continuously issues a health & safety report and take tangible action to achieve its own goal of lowering of lowering its injury rate by 50% by 2025.
- → Engagement letter prepared and sent

**Internal ESG analysis of Amazon's** ESG profile, depicts a significantly higher rate of employee injuries compared to other US warehouse peers. The company was going to issue a dedicated report with a focus on health & safety of workers.

#### Note: Amazon is;

- UN GC Watchlist status;
- Not within scope of exclusion policy
- No significant controversies (level 4 or 5)
- → Decision is made to further investigate the health & safety issues based on AMZ's latest health and safety report.
- → An internal report on the company's Health & Safety practices was presented for the Responsible Investment Steering Group (RISG).
- → The company's environmental credentials make for a compelling investment from a E perspective.

DPAM co-filed a shareholder proposal during the AGM of Amazon to conduct a third-party audit of the company's warehouse working conditions.

The shareholder resolution did not gather enough votes to pass (42.8% of adjusted votes), although significant efforts were made to lobby the proposal with proxy voting agencies and major Amazon investors

Due to a lack of reaction, DPAM joined an engagement initiative with 35 other Amazon investors to challenge the company's practices and reporting on health and safety and alleged union hampering activities. Amazon did respond and highlighted its past achievements.

- 1. 2021, the company invested over \$300 mio in safety improvement;
- 2. A very strong drop in Lost Time injury rate in 2021 and 2022, although an increase in light duty could be observed;
- 3. Programme put in place with the US National Safety Council to combat musculoskeletal disorders;
- 4. Hiring of 6200 additional employees with a sole focus on health & safety.



#### To be planned:

Risks seem manageable:

- Operational risk: largest, due to employer reputation impact, lack of workers to staff Amazon warehouses
- Financial risk: limited, massive automation effort of Amazon might lower need for human resources
- Reputational risk: no big impact to Amazon online sales.

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## **%** DPAM L Equities Artificial Intelligence

Share Class Details

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**Share Class Details - Fees** 

ISIN	Share class	Currency	Minimum investment	Entry fee	Exit fee	Management fee	Performance fee	Ongoing costs	Transaction costs
LU2799769083	А	EUR	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	1.65%	-	1.98%	0.20%
LU2799769166	В	EUR	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	1.65%	-	1.98%	0.20%
LU2799769240	B USD	USD	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	1.65%	-	1.98%	0.20%
LU2799769323	E	EUR	EUR 25'000	Maximum 1%	0%	0.83%	-	1.12%	0.20%
LU2799769596	F	EUR	EUR 25'000	Maximum 1%	0%	0.83%	-	1.12%	0.20%
LU2799769679	F USD	USD	USD 25'000	Maximum 1%	0%	0.83%	-	1.12%	0.20%
LU2799770099	L	EUR	EUR 1'000	Maximum 2%	0%	2.48%	-	2.81%	0.20%
LU2799770255	V	EUR	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	0.83%	-	1.16%	0.20%
LU2799770339	W	EUR	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	0.83%	-	1.16%	0.20%
LU2799770412	W USD	USD	0.001 share	Maximum 2%	0%	0.83%	-	1.16%	0.20%

**Entry Fee:** Maximum fee applicable when purchasing a sub-fund. Actual rates may be lower. Contact your financial advisor or distributor for more information. The entry fee reduces the potential growth and return on your investment.

Swing pricing: this sub-fund applies swing pricing. In accordance with the terms of the prospectus, the Board of Directors of the SICAV DPAM L determines the threshold value and the value of the swing factors. Please consult the website https://www.dpaminvestments.com to know the applicable threshold value and swing factors.

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