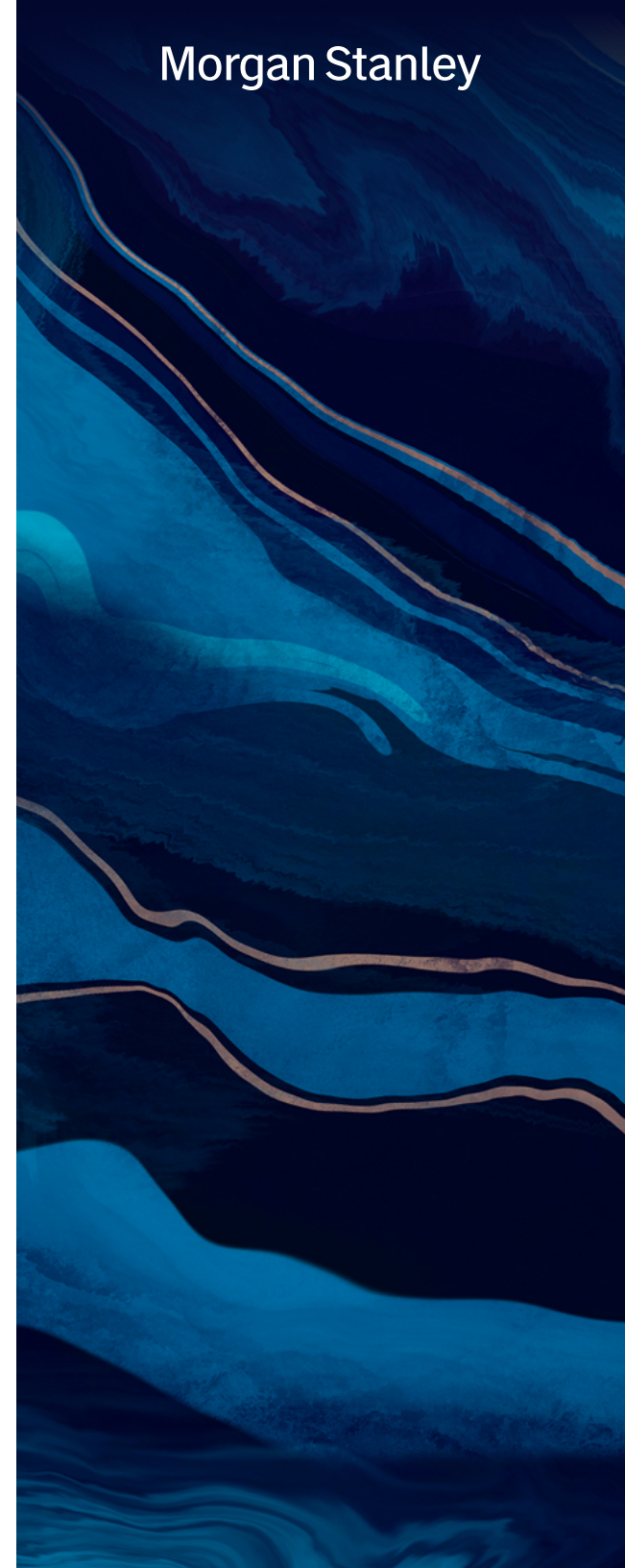


Understanding Opportunity Zones



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What Are Opportunity Zones?

Designed to Encourage Growth and Job Creation in Areas Designated as Economically Distressed, Qualified Opportunity Zones (“QOZs”) May Offer Investors Exposure to Potentially Attractive Real Estate Returns, Notable Federal Income Tax Benefits, and Meaningful Community and Social Impact.



REAL ESTATE RETURNS

Seek to provide long-term capital appreciation and risk-adjusted returns through tax-advantaged investments in QOZ projects that are positioned to capitalize on long-term fundamental growth:

- May provide regular quarterly distributions of current income once properties are stabilized
- May realize long-term capital appreciation in the value of investments
- Manage risks through rigorous due diligence to help preserve invested capital



TAX ADVANTAGES

Designed to incentivize investment with tax benefits, QOZs usually offer deferred or reduced federal income taxes on capital gains. In general, the longer an investor holds their qualified investment, the potentially smaller the tax burden:

- Defer recognized capital gains by reinvesting in a QOZ within 180 days of sale
 - Investments made by December 31, 2026, are eligible for deferral through that date
 - Post-2026 investments have a five-year deferral from the investment date
- Potential exclusion of capital gains on a QOZ investment when held for 10 years or longer⁽¹⁾



SOCIAL IMPACT

Opportunity zones are designated by each state as economically distressed communities:

- Opportunity to invest in underfunded, low-income and distressed communities
- 8,700+ QOZs exist across all 50 states, DC and five territories⁽²⁾
 - New zone designations are refreshed every 10 years under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA); a new map takes effect January 1, 2027
- Must make “substantial improvements” to properties within 30 months after the property is acquired
- Includes multifamily affordable housing, office, senior housing, medical facilities
- Certain businesses are ineligible (e.g., golf courses, country clubs, gambling facilities)

1. This exclusion applies to federal tax and deferral of state tax subject to state tax laws.

2. As identified by Internal Revenue Service April 2022; 8,700+ low-income communities have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

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Original QOZ Program Rules and Benefits

For Investments Made by December 31, 2026.

Investors may realize federal income tax benefits based on how long they hold the QOZ investment.



DEFERRAL

Investors can defer capital gains tax on appreciated assets if they reinvest those gains in a QOZ within 180 days after the sale:

- Investors may defer capital gains tax until either the date on which the QOZ investment is sold or December 31, 2026, whichever is earlier ⁽¹⁾
 - Investors must recognize the deferred gain on their 2026 tax return even if they do not sell
 - The 180-day period generally starts on the day the gain is realized (the sale date)



ELIMINATION

Federal income taxes on capital gains may be eliminated for investors who hold their QOZ investment for 10 years or longer and sell or exchange the investment within the applicable time frame: ⁽²⁾

- In many cases, after 10 years the tax burden on appreciation within the QOZ investment is eliminated

1. For investments made after December 31, 2026, a rolling five-year deferral applies under OBBBA rules. See following slide.

2. The 10-year Opportunity Zone benefit for excluding tax on post-investment appreciation is subject to statutory timing limitations. In general, to claim the exclusion, an investor must sell or exchange, or otherwise dispose of, its Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) investment by the applicable deadline (commonly referenced as no later than December 31, 2047—i.e., before January 1, 2048) and make the applicable election. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding eligibility and the application of any updated guidance.

Alternative investments involve complex tax structures, tax inefficient investing, and delays in distributing important tax information. Individual funds have specific risks related to their investment programs that will vary from fund to fund. Clients should consult their own tax and legal advisors as MSWM does not provide tax or legal advice.

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Choosing a Qualified Opportunity Zone Fund

Not All Qualified Opportunity Zone (QOZ) Funds are Created Equal, as Market Dynamics, Real Estate Fundamentals and Manager Capabilities Differ. The Underlying Investment Opportunity is the Most Important Consideration, Followed By Tax and Other Potential Benefits.



QOZ REGULATIONS

QOZ funds are privately managed vehicles subject to specific investment and business-eligibility rules, including:

- QOZ funds, as privately managed investment vehicles organized as corporations or partnerships, are required to invest and hold at least 90% of their assets in a QOZ property
- Excludes businesses such as gambling facilities, liquor stores, golf courses and country clubs
- Unlike a 1031 exchange, QOZ reinvestment generally applies to eligible gains (not sale proceeds/principal) and does not require like-kind replacement property



ATTRACTIVE SUBMARKET OPPORTUNITIES

An experienced QOZ manager may generally focus its development efforts on neighborhoods with the following attributes:

- Robust household formation
- Positive employment outlook
- Transit-oriented and live/work/play neighborhoods
- Favorable population trends

Opportunities for Tax-Loss Selling

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

- When global inflationary pressures prompted central banks to respond by tightening monetary policy off low interest rates, equities and bonds met new bear market lows in the Fall of 2022 and experienced the sharpest losses in decades by the end of the year. For example, **the traditional 60% stock/40% bond portfolio fell 16.1% through 2022**, the largest annual total return drawdown for the index since 2008. Diversified portfolios' drawdowns provided potential tax-loss selling opportunities across assets, including fixed income allocations.
- **Tax-loss harvesting** is a process that allows an investor to sell one asset with an unrealized capital loss while simultaneously purchasing a different asset - with generally similar objectives - to maintain market exposure, offset portfolio gains, and improve the tax efficiency of a client's taxable portfolio. This process can take place throughout the year.
- The main catalyst for tax-loss harvesting is to **maximize "tax alpha,"** or the difference between pretax and after-tax excess returns relative to an applicable benchmark. This also includes minimizing tax drag, or the reduction in an investor's returns due to the need to pay taxes on realized gains.
- **Wash-sale rules** cover situations when investors sell securities at a loss, including funds. The tax loss will not be valid if the investor acquired (or entered into a contract or option on) the same or substantially identical securities or funds 30 days before or after the sale that generated the loss. Investors undertaking such strategies should evaluate the tax implementations and consult a tax advisor.
- **Morgan Stanley Total Tax 365** provides active tax management solutions, tailored to help mitigate portfolio tax drag.

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO.

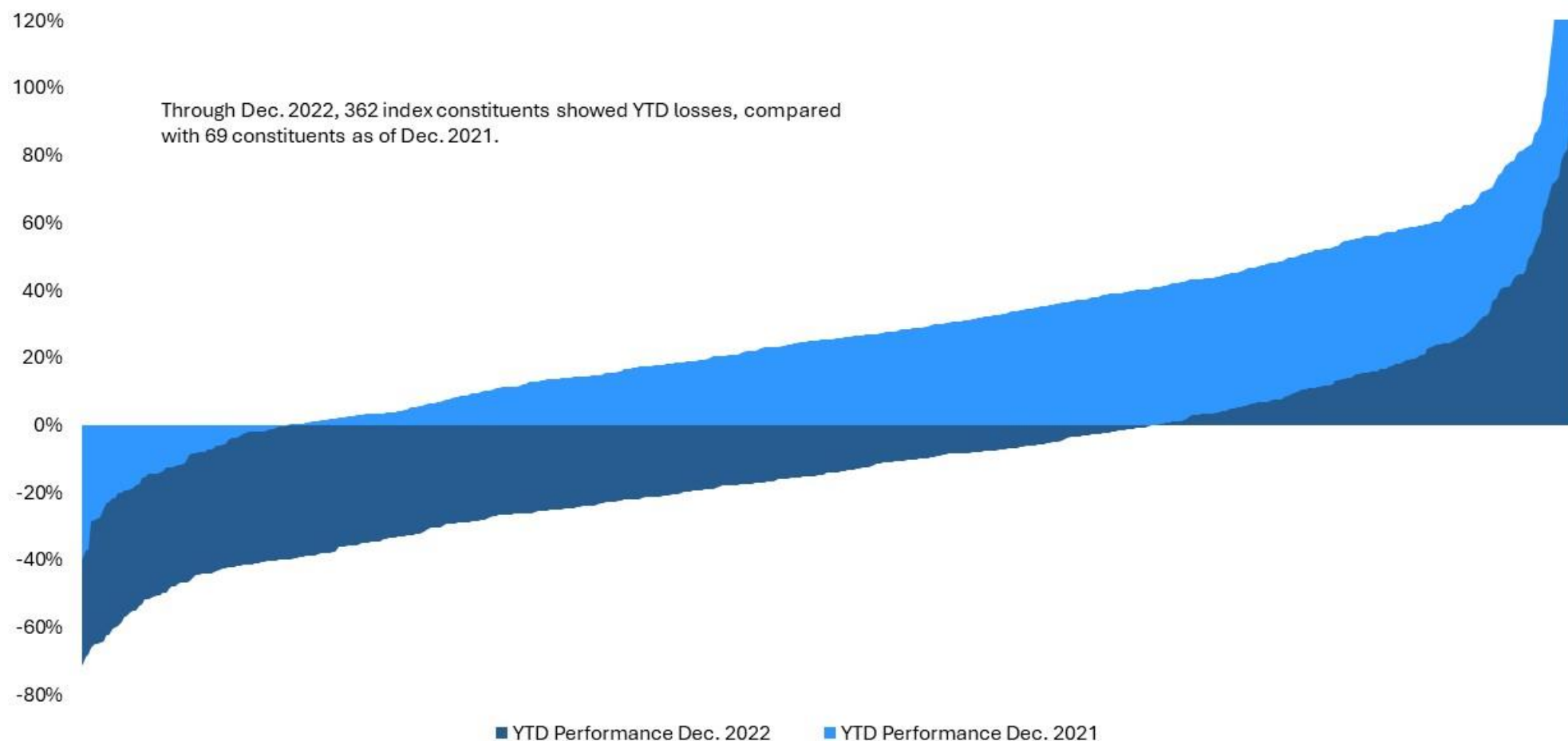
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Opportunities for Tax-Loss Selling: Equities

An example of tax-loss selling opportunities in 2022

YEAR-TO-DATE PERFORMANCE S&P 500 CONSTITUENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022



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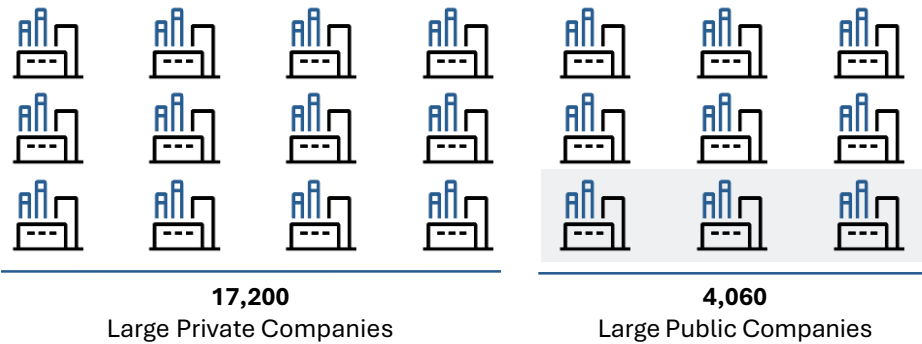
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The Private Markets Opportunity

The Private Markets Landscape has Evolved into a Fast-Growing Source of Potential Investment Opportunities

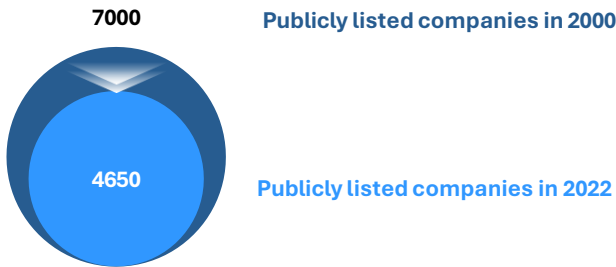
THERE ARE MORE LARGE PRIVATE COMPANIES ¹

While only 4,060 public companies have annual revenues greater than \$100MM, there are 17,200 private businesses of that size



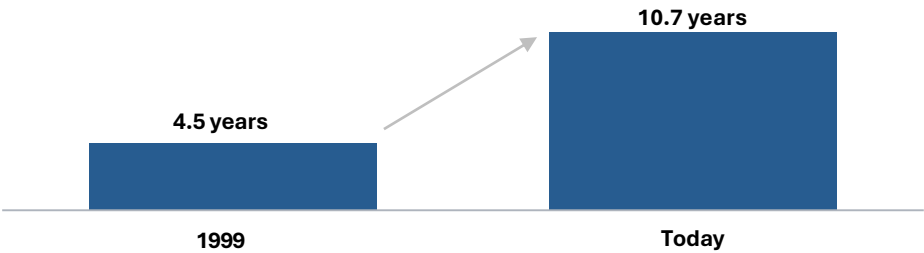
THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC PIE IS SHRINKING ²

At the beginning of 2000, there were ~7,000 publicly listed companies. By the end of 2020, there were just ~4,650. ³



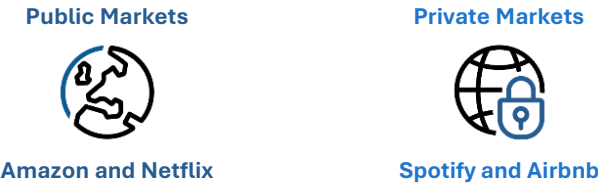
COMPANIES ARE STAYING PRIVATE LONGER

Over the past 25 years, the average time a company remains private before going Public has more than doubled, reaching to 10.7 years - with the value they create going to private shareholders. ²



MORE VALUE CREATION IS OCCURRING WHILE COMPANIES ARE PRIVATE

As an example, Amazon and Netflix both went public more than 20 years ago, stayed private for five years or less, and created nearly all of their value in the public markets.



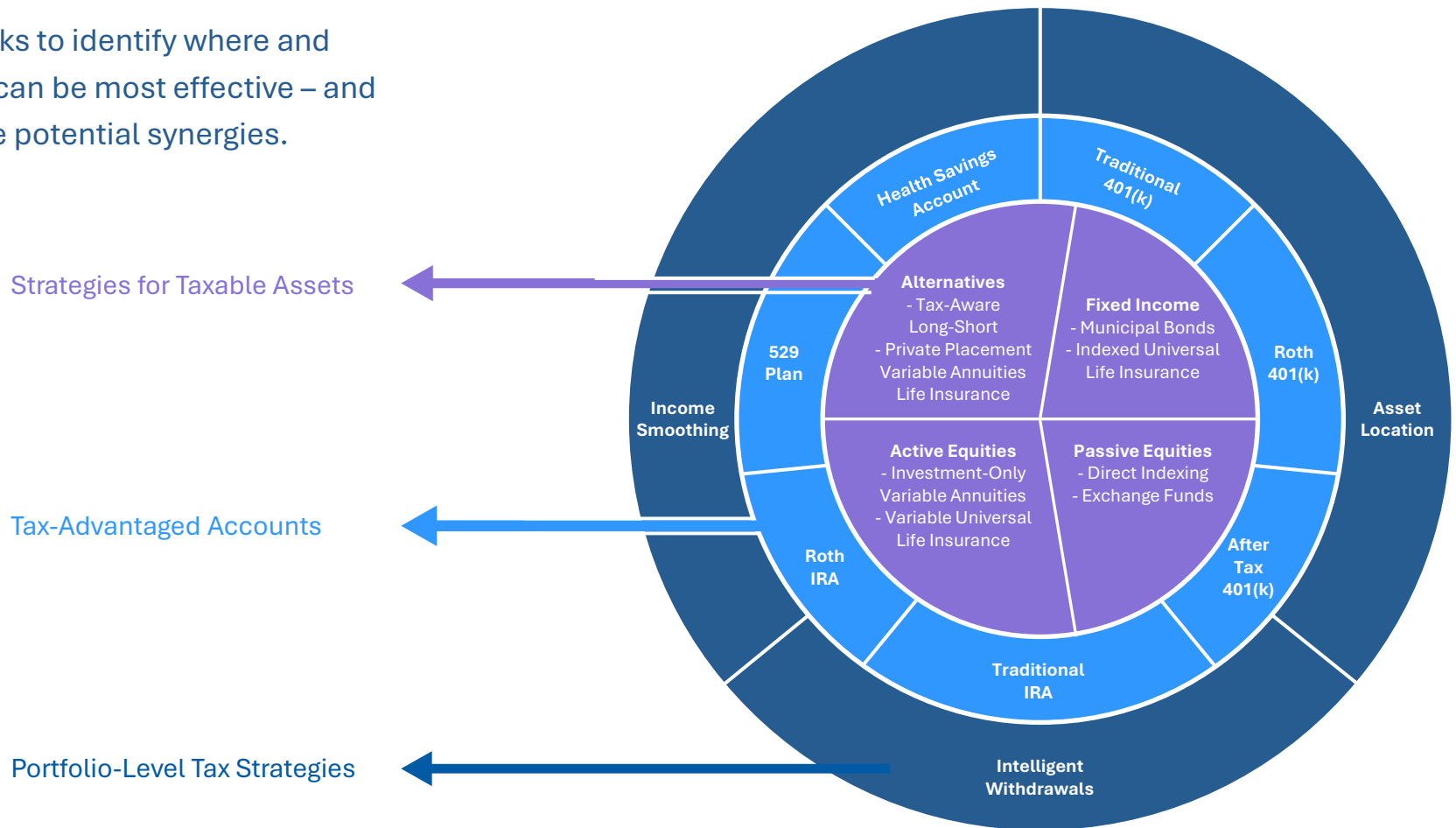
AirBnB and Spotify, who went public more recently, stayed private for twelve years before going public and generated most of their value while private. ⁴

1. Source: Capital IQ, Data as of December 2024.
2. Source: Morningstar, “Unicorns and the growth of private markets | Morningstar Indexes”, 1/21/25.

3. Source: World Bank: Listed domestic companies, total - United States | Data, as of December 2022.
4. Source: Company filings and valuation as of 11/1/2024.

Identify Opportunities for Tax-Efficiency Across Three Levels

Our framework seeks to identify where and how each strategy can be most effective – and where there may be potential synergies.



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO. For additional details, see the November 2024 report titled "Preparing for the Next Tax Regime: Six Steps to a More Tax-Efficient Portfolio."

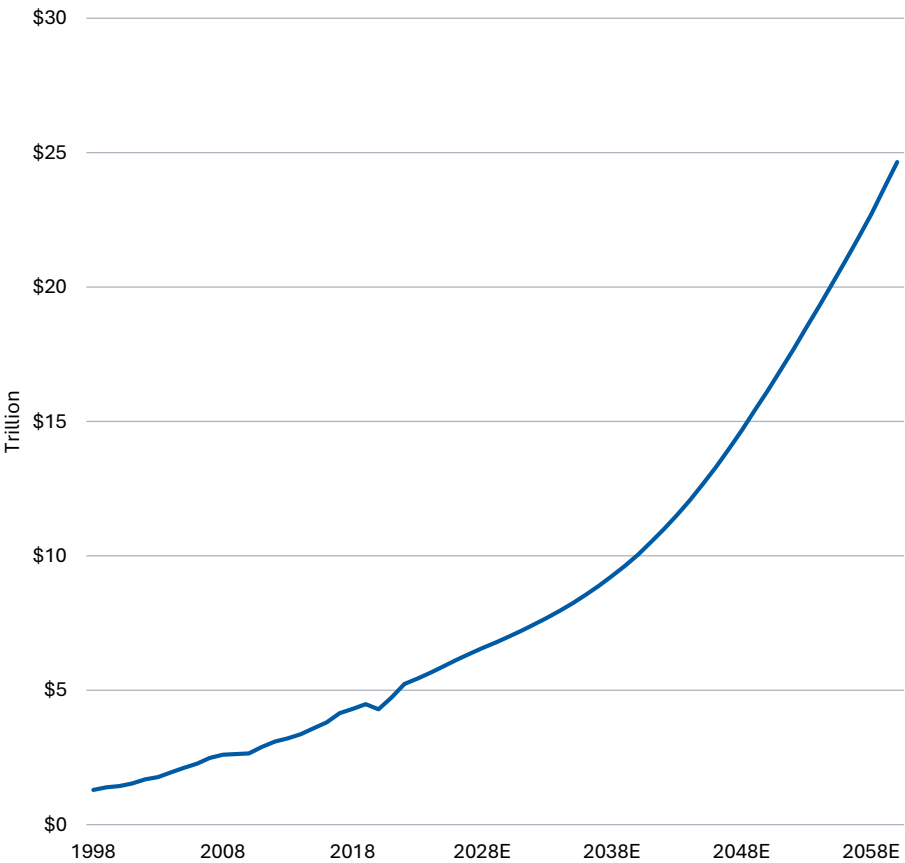
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The Economic Opportunity

Over the past two decades, the 55+ age group has increased its share of total US consumer spending by 10 percentage points to 30%, where it will hover through 2050. In absolute dollar terms, 55+ spending is expected to rise from \$5.4 trillion in 2023 to \$16 trillion. We think the wealth effect from the aging population could drive 40% of overall consumer spending over next 20 years, or \$517 billion per year.

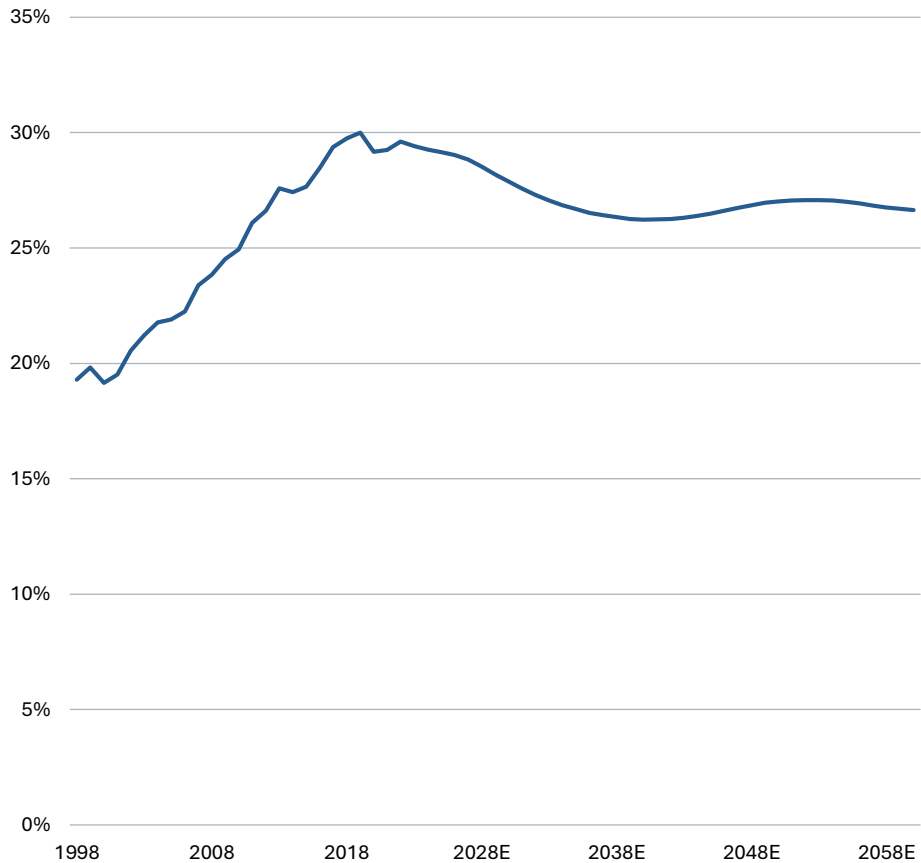
55+ SHARE OF TOTAL US SPENDING

AS OF APRIL 16, 2025



55+ SPENDING IN THE US

AS OF APRIL 16, 2025



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO, Bureau of Labor Statistics, United Nations.

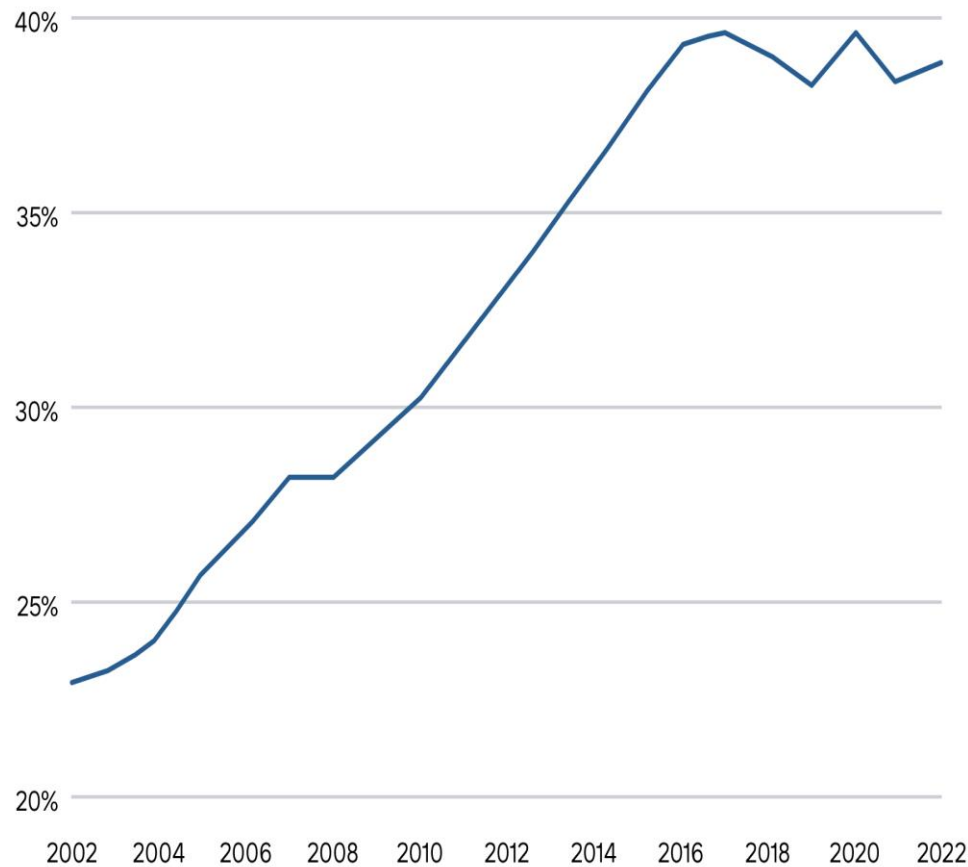
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The Economic Opportunity

Japan, where 65-plus individuals make up 30% of the population and drive 40% of consumer spending, offers a glimpse into our global future. Increased sales of items like reading glasses and adult diapers reflect how markets adapt to an aging demographic.

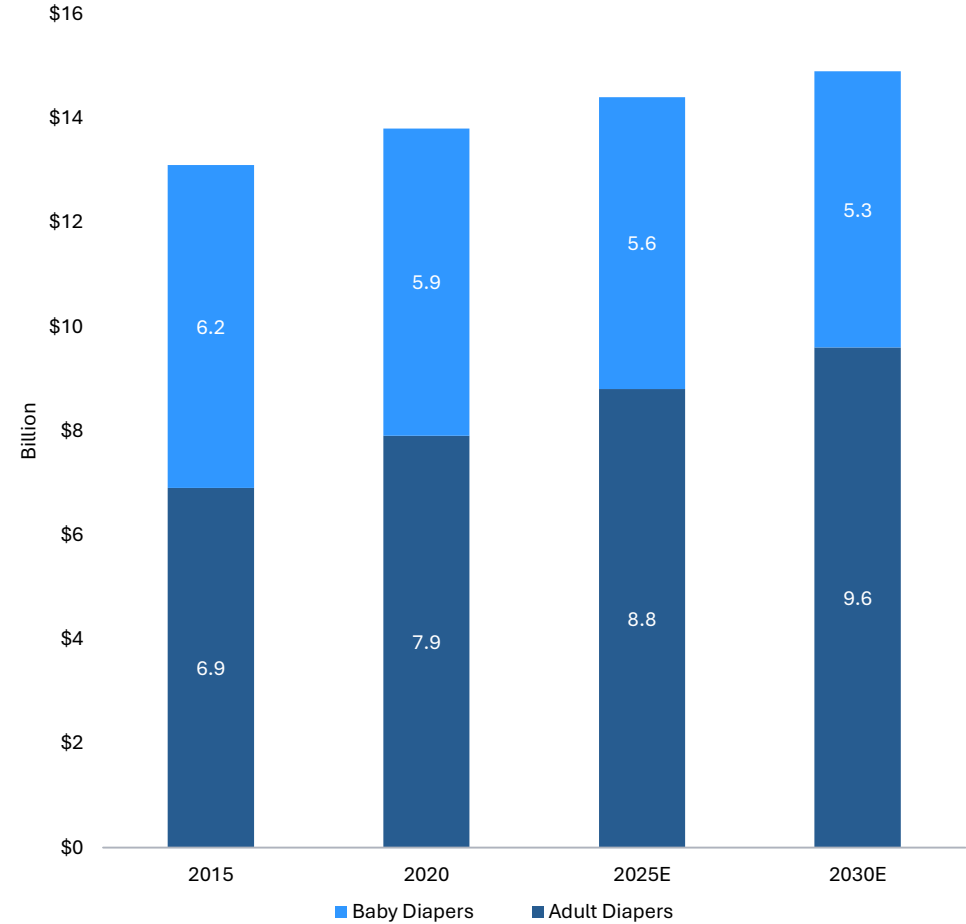
65+ POPULATION COHORT SHARE OF CONSUMPTION IN JAPAN

AS OF APRIL 16, 2025



SHARE OF JAPAN’S DIAPER MARKET

AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO, Japan’s Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Unicharm.

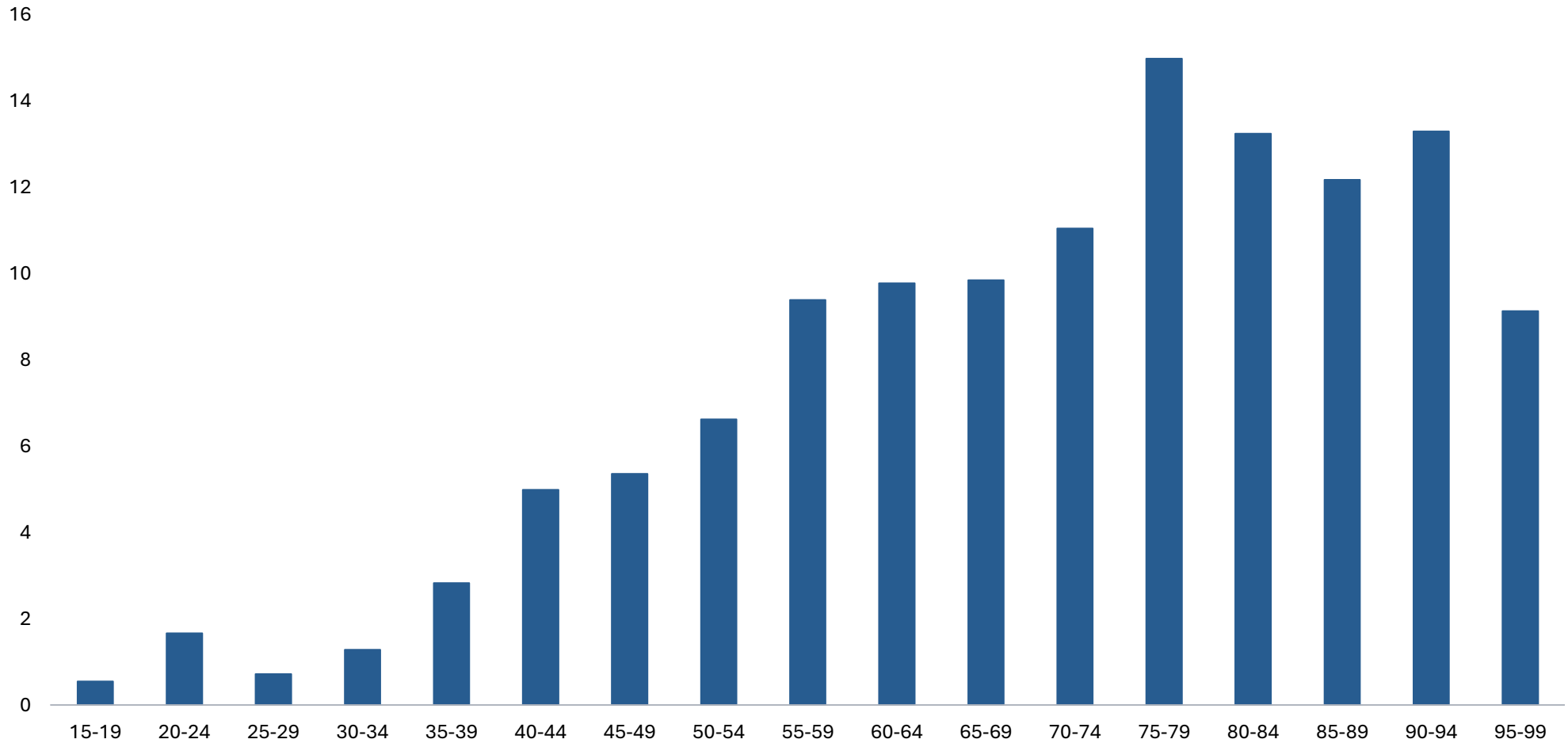
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The Economic Opportunity

We find wealth-to-income ratios by age peak at the 75-79 age range and then hold steady until 94. Applying a marginal propensity to consume out of wealth by age, we find that “Great Wealth Transfer” from the aging population could account for 2% of consumer spending, on average, each year through 2048, or for nearly 40% of dollars spent over the entire period of approximately 24 years.

US WEALTH-TO-INCOME RATIO

AS OF APRIL 16, 2025



Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Reserve.

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A Holistic Ecosystem that Offers Several Programs for Clients

Co-Investments / Directs

BUY

CO-INVESTMENT / DIRECTS: MSPM – SELECT

- Client investment opportunities in private companies, either directly or alongside an asset manager, on which MSWM has completed due diligence and advisors can provide advice
- Clients have access to investment materials and data room
- Advisors may provide advice

BUY

CO-INVESTMENT / DIRECTS: MSPM - ACCESS

- Client investment opportunities that are referred by MSWM but have not been evaluated. Clients are responsible for doing their own diligence and are directly notified about new deals
- Clients must be enrolled in the program and will have access to additional deals beyond what is available in MSPM Select
- Advisors cannot provide advice

BUY

CO-INVESTMENT / DIRECTS: MSPM - PREMIER

- Client investment opportunities that are referred by MSWM but have not been evaluated. Advisors selectively identify opportunities to share with appropriate clients who are then responsible for doing their own diligence
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- Advisors cannot provide advice

And There Are Some Opportunities

S&P 500 SECTOR PERFORMANCE AND VALUATION

AS OF APRIL 2, 2026

Index Name	Return			Div. Yield	Beta	20-Year Avg. Forward P/E	Forward P/E	PEG Ratio
	One-Week	YTD	One-Year					
S&P 500	3.4%	-3.8%	16.1%	1.2%		16.3x	19.8x	1.2
Energy	-5.3%	32.5%	26.4%	2.6%	0.75	13.9x	17.1x	2.4
Materials	3.4%	10.6%	15.9%	1.7%	0.86	15.7x	19.1x	1.5
Industrials	2.9%	5.6%	23.1%	1.1%	0.94	16.9x	24.8x	2.5
Consumer Discretionary	2.7%	-9.9%	6.9%	0.7%	1.23	20.7x	25.5x	2.0
Consumer Staples	0.7%	7.1%	3.7%	2.4%	0.26	17.9x	22.0x	2.5
Health Care	2.4%	-5.2%	1.7%	1.8%	0.54	15.1x	17.2x	1.8
Financials	3.6%	-9.5%	-1.3%	1.6%	0.89	13.0x	14.4x	2.3
Information Technology	4.6%	-7.6%	28.8%	0.5%	1.39	18.7x	21.2x	1.8
Telecommunication Services	6.4%	-5.7%	32.3%	0.6%	1.01	15.9x	20.3x	2.9
Utilities	1.6%	8.6%	16.7%	2.6%	0.41	16.1x	18.9x	1.8
Real Estate	3.8%	3.8%	0.2%	3.5%	0.52	16.4x	17.5x	1.8

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIO, Bloomberg, Factset

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Geo-Politics Are Creating Opportunities in EM

LEVERAGE TO IRAN/US CEASE FIRE IS HIGHEST TO EM

Emerging markets are likely to benefit from the positive combination of rising economic growth and falling inflation.

- China's global trade surplus continues to grow robustly, and they are exporting deflation. They have made up 100% of the volume lost to US trading and tariffs.
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Investable Opportunity

The most compelling opportunities sit at the intersection of constraint and policy support.

AS OF APRIL 15, 2026

- **Grid and electrification enablers.** The electrical grid has become the quiet gatekeeper of much of the modern economy. Electrification trends and rapid growth of data infrastructure increase demand, while aging infrastructure and long equipment lead times constrain supply. Companies tied to grid equipment, power systems and related infrastructure can benefit from sustained demand.
- **Energy security and reliability.** In a system where disruptions can carry outsized economic consequences, maintaining stable supply becomes a strategic priority. Investments tied to dispatchable power, fuel logistics and reliability-enabling infrastructure may benefit from this shift.
- **Critical minerals beyond mining.** Processing, refining and specialty chemical production often represent the stages where capacity is most constrained and barriers to entry are highest. These conversion nodes can become central within the broader industrial ecosystem.
- **Industrial resilience and automation.** As supply chains become more regional and labor constraints persist, automation and productivity-enhancing technologies can help offset higher costs associated with reshoring and diversification.
- **Defense production and secure communications.** Modernization increasingly emphasizes production capacity, secure components and resilient communications infrastructure—supporting multi-year investment cycles that may be less sensitive to typical economic fluctuations.

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QOZ 2.0: What Changes in 2027

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Makes the QOZ Program Permanent, Introducing Clarity and Long-term Enhancements for Investments Made After December 31, 2026.

A PERMANENT, ROLLING PROGRAM	ENHANCED TAX BENEFITS POST-2026	THE 2026 INVESTMENT WINDOW
▪ PERMANENT PROGRAM: The OBBBA makes the QOZ program a lasting part of the federal tax code, with no sunset ▪ 10-YEAR DESIGNATION CYCLE: New zones take effect January 1, 2027, on a rolling decennial basis. Current QOZ maps also remain valid through 2028 ▪ CONTIGUOUS TRACTS ELIMINATED: Tracts that qualified solely by adjacency to a low-income community, not on their own merits, are ineligible under 2027 rules ▪ TIGHTENED ELIGIBILITY OF LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES: The 2027 rules require median family income at or below 70% of area median, down from 80%, potentially reducing/eliminating census tracts available today	▪ ROLLING FIVE-YEAR DEFERRAL: Deferred gain is recognized on the fifth anniversary of the investment date, not a fixed calendar deadline ⁽¹⁾ ▪ 10% BASIS STEP-UP: At the five-year mark, 10% of the originally deferred gain is permanently eliminated ▪ TAX-FREE GROWTH: Capital gains on QOZ investments held 10+ years may be eliminated for up to 30 years from the investment date ⁽²⁾ ▪ QUALIFIED RURAL OPPORTUNITY FUNDS (“QROF”): QROFs invest in rural QOZs and receive a 30% step-up in basis after five years, triple the standard rate. Designed to direct additional capital toward rural communities.	▪ CORE BENEFIT UNCHANGED: Long-term tax-free growth applies to both the current program and QOZ 2.0 ▪ PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES: Gains generated in 2026 may retain QOZ investment eligibility into 2027, subject to applicable 180-day rules ⁽³⁾ ▪ FAVORABLE ENTRY POINTS: Current commercial real estate valuations may represent attractive long-term opportunities

1. Investments made by December 31, 2026, remain subject to original TCJA rules, including deferral until December 31, 2026.
2. At the 30-year anniversary, basis steps up to fair market value. Appreciation beyond that point may be subject to tax.
3. Pass-through entities (e.g., partnerships, S Corps, or trusts) may elect to start their 180-day window on the date their K-1s returns are due, potentially extending eligibility into 2027. Please consult a tax advisor regarding your specific window and applicable rules.
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