## VGI PARTNERS Global Investments

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#### VGI Partners Global Investments Limited (ASX:VG1) – Investor Webinar

Dear Investor,

The VGI Partners investment team, alongside Regal Partners Chief Executive Officer, Brendan O'Connor, and Regal Funds Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Philip King, will be providing an update on VGI Partners Global Investments Limited (ASX:VG1) to investors today, Friday 27 October, at 11.30am (AEDT). The presentation slides are enclosed with this announcement.

Investors can register to view, and receive a recording of, the webinar via the following link:

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## Welcome

Brendan O'Connor CEO, Regal Partners





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## **Speakers**



Philip King Co-Founder & Chief Investment Officer Regal

Philip is widely recognised as one of the pioneers of the Australian alternative investment industry, having managed absolute return vehicles at Regal for over 17 years. In 2019, Philip was inducted into the Australian Fund Managers Hall of Fame.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from the University of New South Wales.



Marco Anselmi Portfolio Manager VGI Partners

Marco has 10 years' experience as a portfolio manager and analyst focused on global equities coverage at VGI Partners, where he started his career in funds management. Marco holds a Bachelor of Finance and Economics (Honours) from the University of Sydney. He is a CFA Charter Holder.



Simon has over 15 years' experience as an investment manager and analyst focused on global equities and private equity. He has worked at firms including Antipodes, Manikay Partners, and Crescent Capital Partners. While at Crescent Capital Partners, he was a Board representative for National Hearing Care and Cover-More Insurance. Simon holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) & Property and Construction (Property Markets) from the University of Melbourne and is a Graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course.



## Market update – key takeaways



Equity markets remain driven by moves in bond yields



Despite higher interest rates, corporate earnings have remained broadly resilient

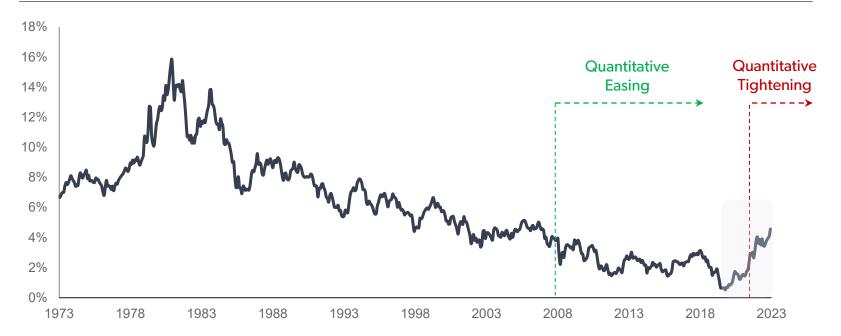
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Equity risk premiums have declined further, suggesting equity markets may be fully valued in aggregate. Select opportunities continue to exist beneath the surface



## Recent rise in US 10 yr Treasury yields put into context

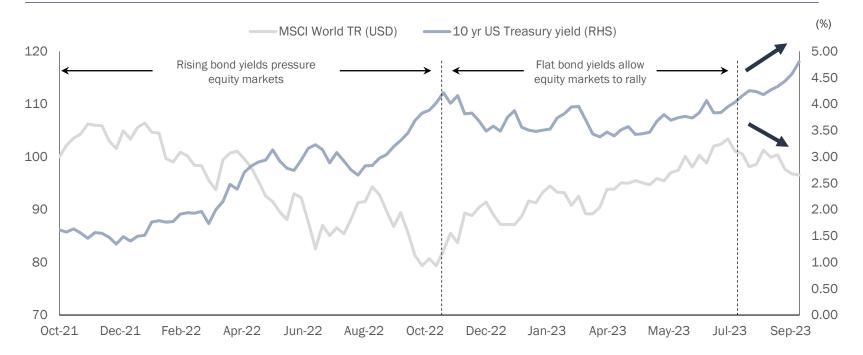
#### 10-Yr US Treasury Yields Over The Last 50 Years





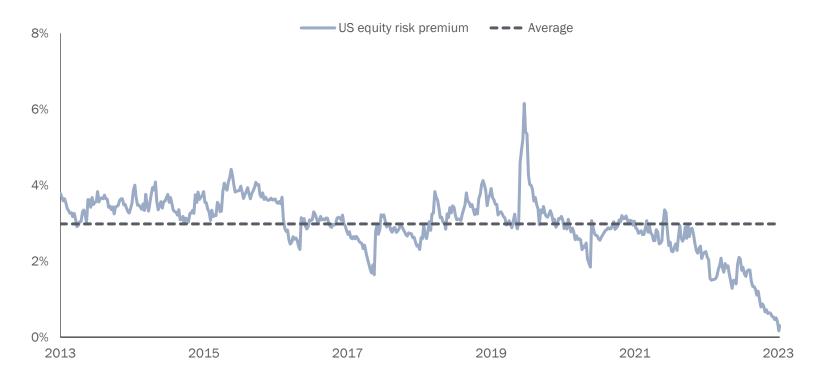
## Increasing bond yields have placed further pressure on equity markets

#### MSCI World Total Return (USD) Vs. 10 Yr US Treasury Yield



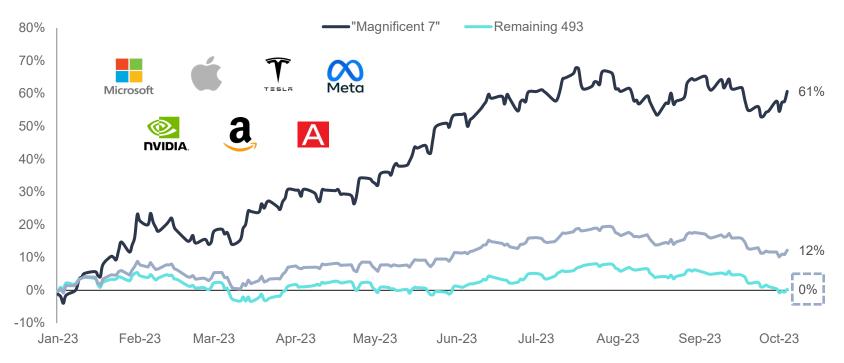


## US equities looking increasingly expensive vs bonds





## S&P 500's YTD gains have been driven by mega cap US technology stocks



Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023. "Magnificent 7" includes Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla and Meta. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The company symbols trademark, copyright, & other intellectual property rights are & remain the property of their respective owners.



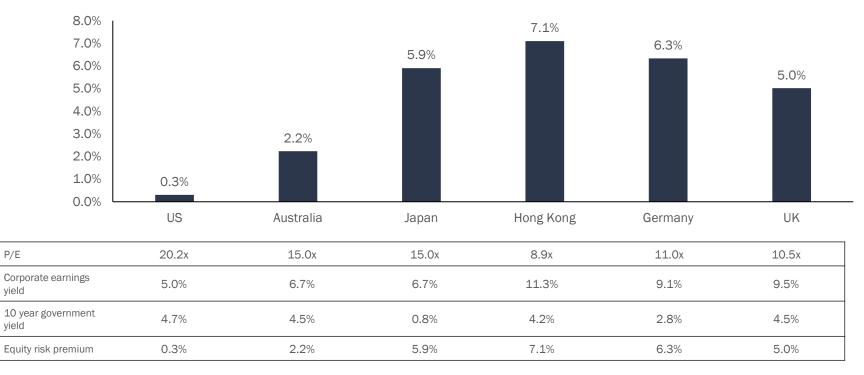
## S&P 500 trades on 18x P/E in aggregate but 16x excluding the "Magnificent 7"



Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023 (monthly data). Magnificent 7 include Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla and Meta. Magnificent 7 and remaining 493 companies' forward P/E calculated by taking sum of relevant market caps and dividing by net income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.



## Equity risk premia by country



Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.



## VG1 Portfolio Exposure<sup>1</sup>

20 October 2023 Exposures <sup>1</sup>	
Long Equity Exposure	98%
Short Equity Exposure	(45%)
Net Equity Exposure	53%

#### Long Portfolio by Sector<sup>1</sup>



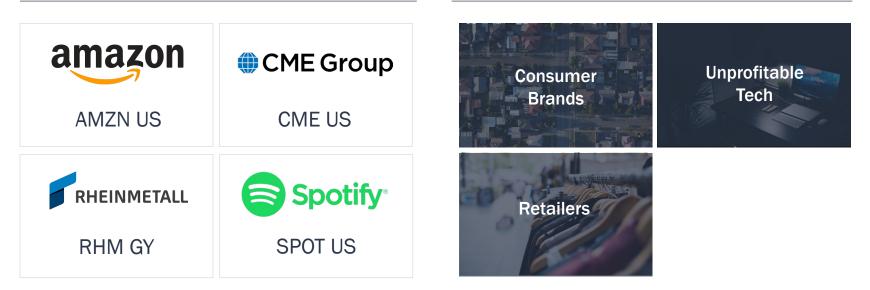
- eCommerce & Internet 24%
- Industrials 17%
- Exchanges & Financial Services 16%
- Energy 13%
- Gaming & Entertainment 12%
- Consumer Staples 10%
- Medtech 8%



## VG1 Portfolio Contributors Calendar YTD<sup>1</sup>

Long Contributors to Net Portfolio Return

**Short Contributors (Sector)** 





## Long Investments - What Are We Looking For?

### **Camouflaged Quality**

Hidden Asset

**De-mutualisations** 

Key misunderstanding of the business drivers

Spin-offs

Low-risk turnarounds

**Business model transition** 

## Quality

Network effects

Scale economics

Mispriced compounders

Software - Vertical and Horizontal

Dominant consumer brands

Liquidity pools

Picks & shovels



**Liquidity Pools** 

## CME Group

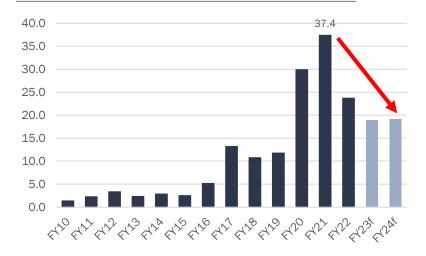
- CME operates futures and derivatives exchanges, alongside ownership of other key assets related to FX trading and a strategic shareholding in the Standard and Poor's (S&P) Index business.
- The business has an effective monopoly in exchange trading of interest rate derivatives in the United States and benchmark products across the entirety of the interest rate curve
- The increased focus by market participants on interest rate moves and hedging these risks is a core driver of business growth

CME – Key Drivers

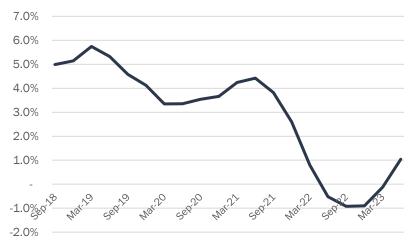


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#### Amazon – North America Capex (US\$bn)







#### **Scale Economics**

Continue to see upside as North American retail profitability improves and AWS growth inflects

 After significant period of capacity investment, North American retail business is lowering cost per unit and margins are inflecting

amazon



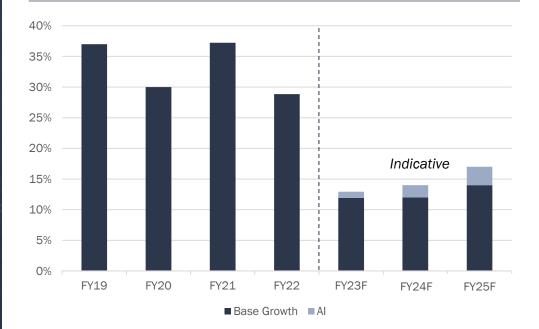
#### **Scale Economics**



- Amazon, through AWS, is a leader in cloud services. Growth will normalise after a period of industry optimisation
- Al-related investments across the economy are providing a tailwind for cloud computing providers over the coming decades, given requirement for significant cloud computing resources for both training and inference
- The business has made made further investments into AI services through ANTHROPIC

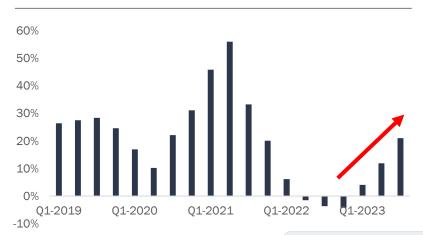
## ANTHROP\C

#### Amazon – Amazon Web Services Growth Rates (%)

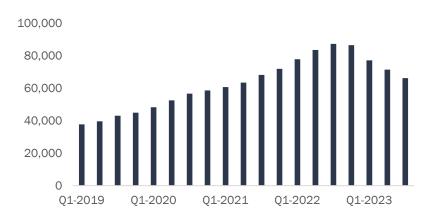


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Meta - Revenue Growth Acceleration



#### Meta - Cost control with recent employee reductions



#### **Network Effects**

- > Temporary headwinds abating (macro, Apple IDFA)
- > New monetization ramping (Reels, click-to-message ads)
- > Engagement growth

 Cost control remains a key focus, leading to strong earnings growth as revenue growth accelerates







## Meta - Earnings power masked by aggressive spend on 'metaverse' projects (US\$20bn/year)



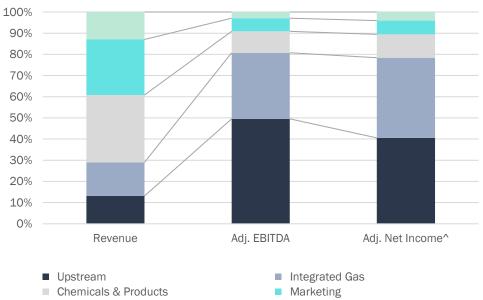


#### **Business Model Transition**



- World leader in Liquid Natural Gas (LNG), an important energy transition fuel
- New management have a capital returns focus
- Optimising portfolio after a long period of questionable capital allocation
- Divestments have provided a conservative balance sheet and positioned the company for strong shareholder returns in future
- Restoring dividend levels after cut in 2020
- Buybacks and dividends combine for ~10% distribution yield in FY23

#### **Royal Dutch Shell – Divisions FY22**



Renewables & Energy Solutions

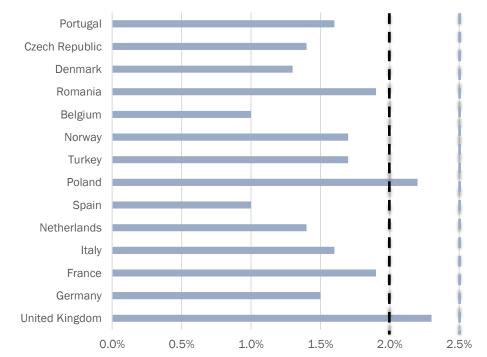


#### **Mispriced Compounders**

- Geopolitical tensions have created a renewed willingness to invest in defence capabilities, with NATO signatories set to significantly increase spend in the coming years to 2% of GDP and beyond, in line with treaty commitments
- Well positioned defence companies will participate in uplift in spending



#### Defence Spend as a % of GDP



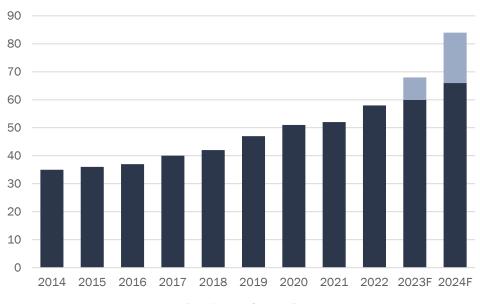


#### **Mispriced Compounders**

- German defence budget change and subsequent contract awards are indicative of spending increases across NATO
- Whilst defence spending grew at a 6% CAGR from 2014-21, this will accelerate to a 17% CAGR from 2021 to 2024
- Significant majority of the increase in spend is for new equipment to re-stock depleted reserves



#### German Defence Budget €Bn



■ Baseline ■ Special Fund



**Short Investments - What Are We Looking For?** 

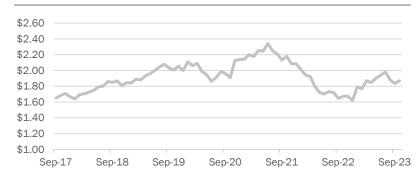


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#### VG1 Net Portfolio and Share Price Return since Merger<sup>1</sup>

#### Net Portfolio Return Since Inception<sup>2</sup>



#### **Top 10 Portfolio Holdings**



#### Long Portfolio by Location<sup>3</sup>



Source: Citco Fund Services, VGI Partners, Bloomberg. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Net portfolio return is pre-tax NTA per share adjusted for dividends and VG1's entitlement offer in 2019. 1. Merger relates to that between VGI Partners and Regal Funds Management, forming Regal Partners Limited, the manager of VG1. Proxied by monthly returns from 1 July 2022 to 30 Sep 2023 and indicative intra-month data to 20 October 2023. 2. The net portfolio intra-month return for the month of October 2023 (to 20 October 2023) is indicative. 3. Asia includes ASX-listed securities.





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# Appendix



## Key Pillars of a Successful Listed Investment Vehicle

Investment Performance	Investor Engagement & Communication	Capital Management Initiatives
<ul> <li>Deliver attractive risk- adjusted absolute returns over the medium term</li> <li>Perform in line or above market expectations</li> <li>Explain mistakes or underperformance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Experienced sales and marketing team</li> <li>Structured client engagement program (performance updates, webinars, broker meetings and calls)</li> <li>Scalable marketing technology and CRM platform</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Defined dividend policy</li> <li>Buy-back utilised meaningfully when trading at a discount</li> <li>Grow and raise capital via a structure that reflects alignment</li> </ul>



### **VG1 Investment Guidelines**

Exposure	
Number of Long Investments	Typically 10-25 (10-15 Core)
Concentration of Long Investments	Top five 40-50% of NAV on average
Average Size of Long Investments	Start at 1-3% and build to 4-10% of Portfolio's NAV
Single Security Long Investment Limit	15% at purchase; maximum of 20%
Number of Short Equity Positions	Typically 10-35
Average Size of Short Equity Positions	Start at 0.5% and build to 1-2% of Portfolio's NAV
Single Security Short Equity Position Limits	5% at purchase; maximum of 7.5%
Net Equity Exposure Limits	Limited to 100% of Portfolio's NAV; typically between 50-100%
Gross Exposure Limits	Maximum of 150% of Portfolio's NAV; typically between 80-120%

