

Investor Presentation - March 2025

2025 Markets - Return of Donald Trump at the Helm - Gladiator(2), the Return of Economic and Financial "Bread and Circuses"?



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Who we are

- One Business: Quantitative Asset Management.
- One Team: Enthusiastic technologists, building innovative trading systems and asset management strategies.
- One Trading Principle: Quantitative arbitrage.
- ☐ One Methodology: Risk mitigation & Risk Management.
- One Conviction: Investing our own Equity in our strategies.
- □ One Proof: 30 consecutive profitable years with average ROE > 15%.





1. What we do



Our business: Trading Arbitrage

Arbitrage: Providing liquidity to the market with systematic mechanical or statistical hedging position.

- Sophisticated trading techniques using scientific & data driven approach to generate alpha.
- Statistical and Event Driven strategies focus on niche, mid-short term trading opportunities with capital protection.
- 40 main strategies, multi-assets, multi markets on almost 100 exchanges around the world.
- ABC strategies are correlated to *Volatility, M&A activity, Corporate actions and traded markets volumes.*

Markets Parameters	Impact on ABC Activity	
Volatility on assets	++	
Equity Index Prices	=	
Rates Level	=	
Commodities Prices	=	
Strong Markets volumes	++	
Weak volumes	-	
M&A Activity	++	
Corporate Actions Activity	++	
Bank credit issue	-	
Market Regulation	+	



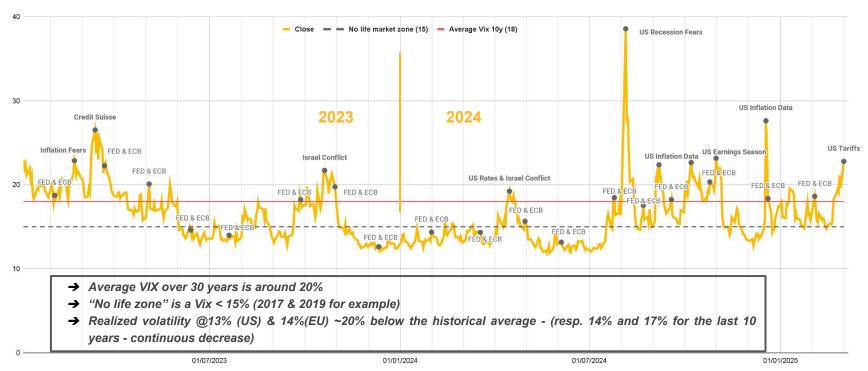
2. 2024 Market Parameters



Volatility - 2 years - An overall volatility close to that of 2023

- → 2024 HY1 The first HY is very calm, well below (~30%) average.
- → 2024 HY2 The second HY presents some very local peaks of volatility

Historical VIX since Jan 2023



M&A and Corporate Action activity



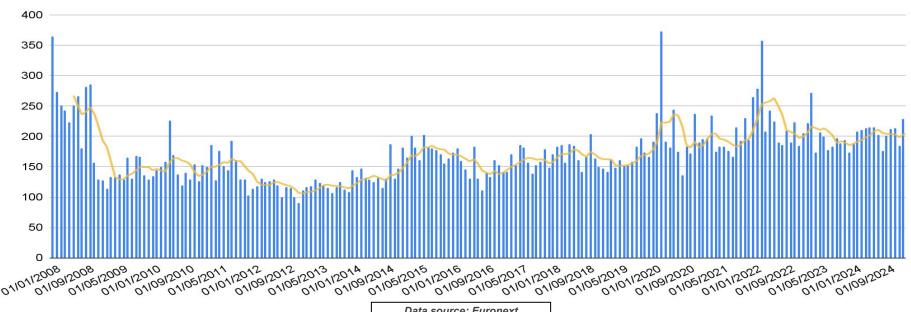


Traded markets Volume

- → 2024 vs 2023 Stable (+2%) average volume (Europe).
- → 2024 vs 10y average + 14%.
- → Reminder Long-term attrition in equity volumes. (7500 listed companies 20y ago 4000 today)

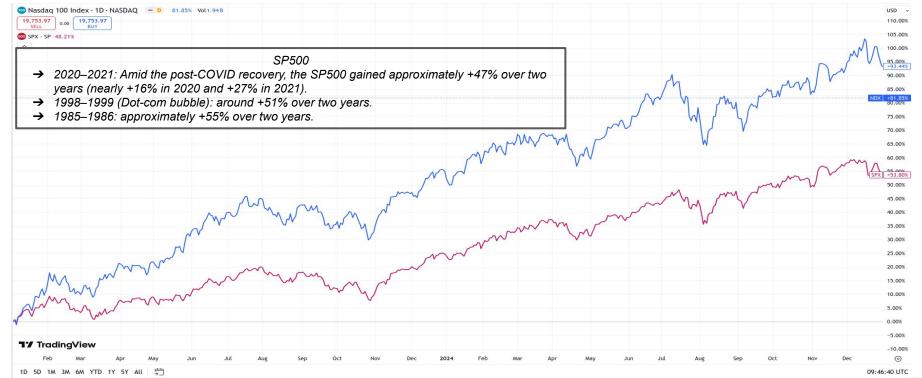
Euronext Equity Volume turnover (Md€) - Monthly data

Total of all euronext market places volumes



Data source: Euronext

Rare back to back high returns on SP500 & NASDAQ 100 index - (54% and 93% over two years, respectively)



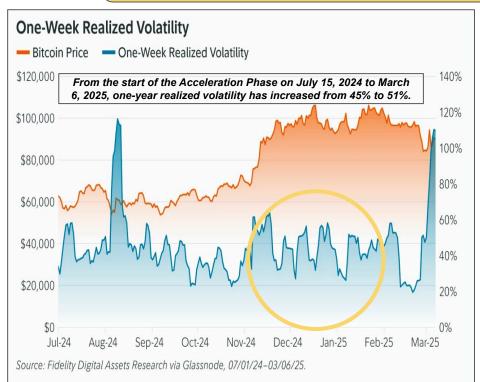
Specific market situation - July/August 2024 - Drawdown Topix & Tech US

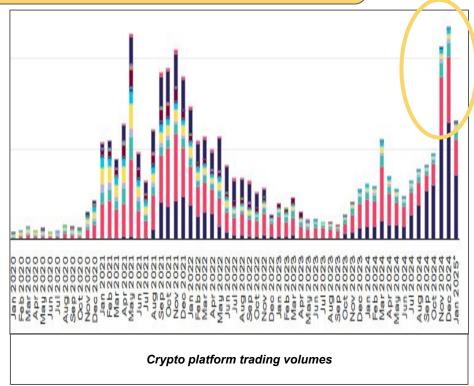
- → Monday 8/5: End of the carry trade in Japan The Topix dropped as much as -13% intraday (not seen since 1987).
- → Big Tech sell-off started on 8/1 and continued into the following week.
- → September: Same pattern as in August but with less intensity Start with a decline in Japan and the US (same drivers), then volatility gradually decreases throughout the month.



Specific market situation - Nov/Dec 2024 - Bitcoin rally!

- → Strong rally following trump election and launch of options on Bitcoin ETFs.
- → Optimism was tempered on December 18, when the Fed announced hawkish guidances.
- → Trading volumes (more than x2) & Volatility peaked in Nov and Dec 2024.









3. 2024 Financial Results



ABC Financial Results

In millions of euros - IFRS

Investment Services Fees*

loss**

Net revenues

Payroll costs

Occupancy costs

Other expense

Other taxes

Total costs

Income tax

holders

Income before tax

Net gains at fair value through profit or

Net income attributable to equity

*: Management fees on all AuM (included ABCA's own equity)

: Quartys' (group investment company) financial result (after costs and taxes) *: Link to the press release Activity pace and specific event 2021

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Profit & Loss Breakdown

2021

59.9

4.3

64.1

-20.7

-1.4

-6.4

-0.3

-28.7

35.4

-7.3

28.0

2022

27.4

33.8

61.2

-22.9

-1.4

-7.2

-0.7

-32.1

29.1

0.1

29.2

14

2023

18.3

21.0

39.3

-14.6

-1.5

-7.0

0.2

-22.9

16.4

0.1

16.5

2020

22.5

46.3

68.8

-25.9

-1.4

-5.9

-0.1

-33.4

35.4

-0.3

35.1

Change

2024/2023

17.2%

41.8%

30.4%

45.5%

12.8%

3.6%

N/A

31.8%

28.3%

N/A

62.7%

Useful comment

~9% from external third party

Tax and costs included

For ABCA / ABAM / ABAA

Trading Update of 21 January

Net Margin @52%

ABC

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2024

21.4

29.8

51.2

-21.2

-1.7

-7.3

0.0

-30.2

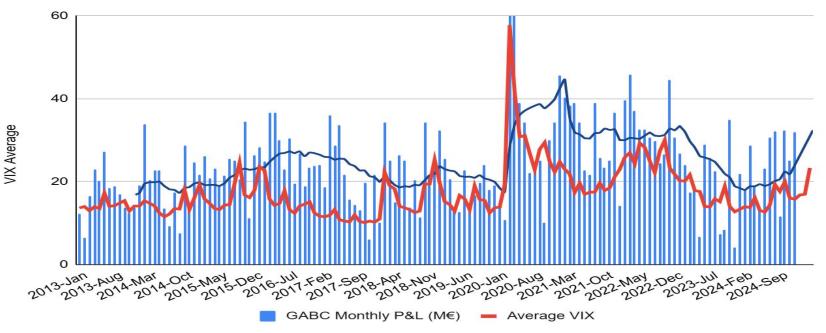
21.0

5.8

26.8

Still a significant correlation between ABC gross profit & Realized volatility

Dynamic Between GABC Monthly P&L and Volatility





ABC Financial Results

Specific situations in 2024 for the constitution of ABCA revenues

CRY situation

- → QTYS has suspended its "digital assets business" on March 2023 after FTX/SVB crisis - ABAM has obtained a specific extension to its AMF license on 6 Feb. 2024
- → "Crypto Summer" on Nov/Dec 2024

Business Situation

- → Structural & cyclical progress, Including ABC2022/SB2025 progress on new strategies.
 → To be confirmed in H1 2025
- To be confirmed in A 1 2

Costs Pavroll Costs - 14.5M€ for Fixed Costs.

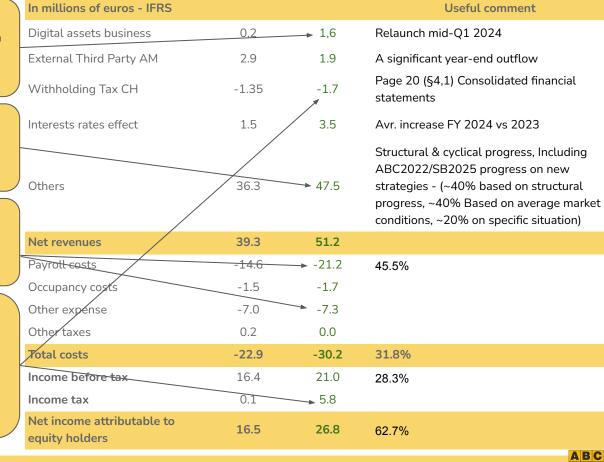
- → IT COSTS main part of "Other expense" = 5.4M€
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CH Withholding Tax QTYS receives dividends from its current operations -

- Switzerland is a country with large market caps and significant returns on its equity.
- → From 2017 to 2021, ~8M€ of withholding tax pending reimbursement.

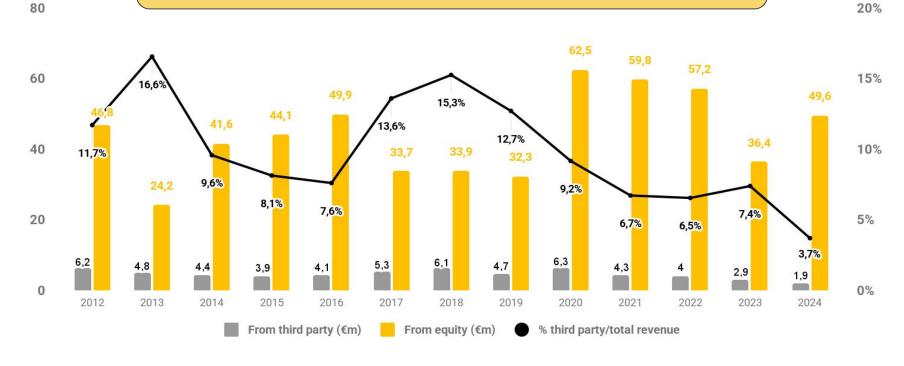
Income Tax special situation

→ Trading Update of 21 January



Split of revenues between equity and third party AuM

- → Revenues from External Third Party (ETP) = 1.9M€ / 3.7% of Net Revenue.
- → At this level of results, activity slightly exceeds the breakeven point.
- → Revenue from third party capital is historically in the 5%-15% range.



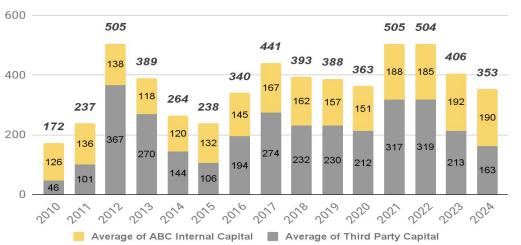


ABC Financial Results

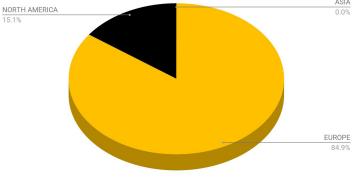
External Third Party (ETP) - Assets under Management under pressure.

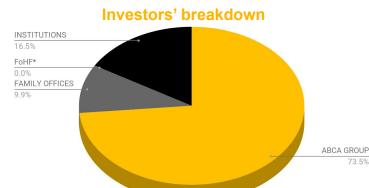
- □ Pre-2010: (mainly) generated through trading of our own equity.
- Post-2010: opened to third party funds.
- External Third Party Asset under Management via Managed Accounts & AIF (Alternative Investment Funds).
 - → AuM as of 31/12/2024 = 265M€** (-23% YoY)
 - → AuM (ETP) as of 31/12/2024 = 81M€ (-45% YoY)
 - → AuM as of 01/03/2025 = 251M€** (incl. 67M€ AuM ETP)

Average Group Asset Under Management









*Funds of hedge funds Breakdown of 1st March 2025

ABC



ABC Financial Results ABCA Funds - AIF & Professional Investors only!



Uncorrelated returns and strong performance amid high volatility are why many of our investors came to us

ABCA Reversion Fund Short Term - Market Neutral

Mean Reversion **Equity Index Futures**

Term Structure Volatility Futures

Target Performance: 5 - 15% Perf. Profile: Convex Exp. Volatility: 8-10% Target Corr to S&P: Negative "Defensive"

ABCA Opportunities Fund Quant Multi-Strategy

Stat Arb/EMN, Event, Systematic Futures **Equities & Futures**

Target Performance: >10% Perf. Profile: Uncorrelated Exp. Volatility: 8-10% Target Corr to S&P:

Low

"All Weather"

Customised Options

Futures Strategies

Custom Features:

- Performance Profile Volatility & Leverage
- Restriction Lists

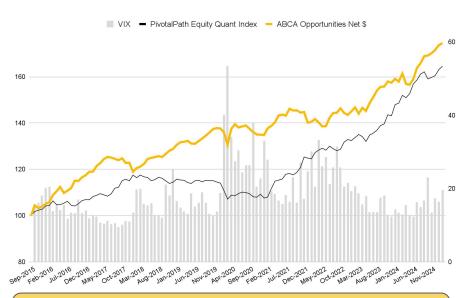
2024 - New flagship strategy built around a modified ABCA Opportunities Fund.

- A multi-asset, multi-strategy approach aimed at delivering 'all-weather' returns.
- Adjusting expected performance volatility to compensate for a low-volatility environment.



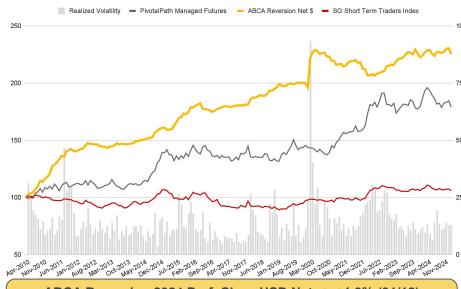
ABC Financial Results

ABCA Funds - 2024 Returns



ABCA Opportunities 2024 Perf.Class USD Net => +9% (31/12) 2021 Eurohedge Awards Nominee - 2022 Top Performer Investor Choice Awards Best Multi Strategy under 500m\$ Hedgeweek Awards 2024

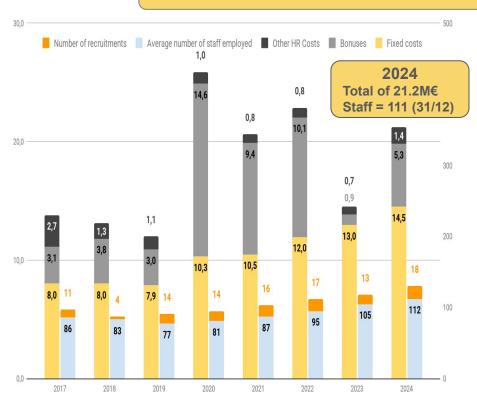
28/02/2025	ABCA Opportunities (Net \$)	S&P 500	PivotalPath Equity Quant Index
Annualized Perf	6.0%	13.3%	5.4%
Volatility	5%	15%	4%
Sharpe RFR=0	1.2	0.9	1.3
		Since	01/10/2015

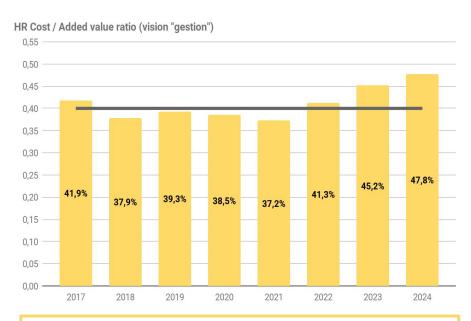


ABCA Reversion 2024 Perf. Class USD Net => +1.9% (31/12) 2020 - BarclayHedge Recognition award for excellence - EMN Winner

28/02/2025	ABCA Reversion (Net \$)	S&P 500	SG Short term Index	PivotalPath Managed Futures Index
Annualized Perf	5.6%	12.0%	0.5%	4.2%
Volatility	5%	15%	5%	8%
Sharpe RFR=0	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.5
			Since	01/05/2010

ABC Team = ABC Top priority = ABC largest expense!





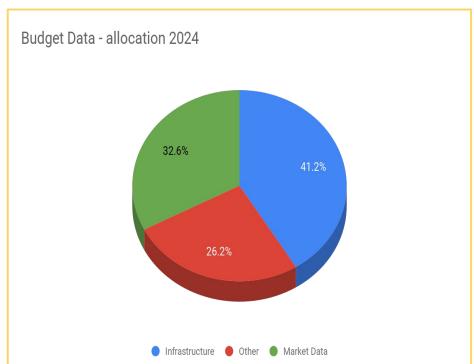
- Base cost increase = partial adaptation to HR market + new R&D people.
- Strong correlation between Bonuses and ABC arbitrage performances.
- Targeted Equity Incentives on a long term basis.



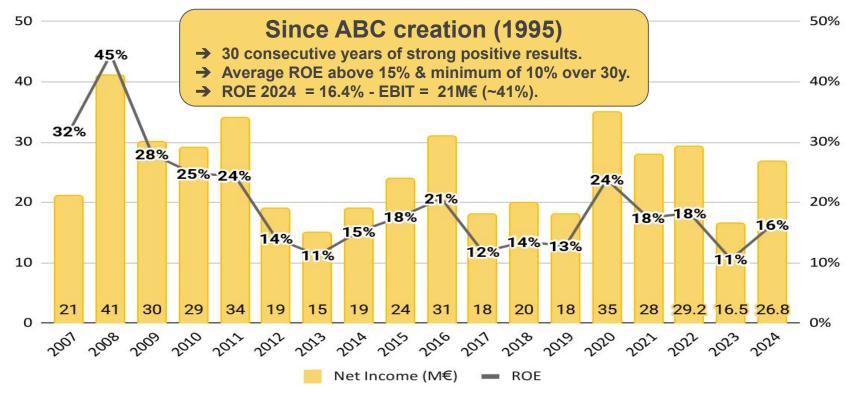
Other expenses : mainly IT expenses

ABC arbitrage is a "French Tech" Company! IT Costs ~ 70% of the "other costs".





Net Income (M€) and ROE

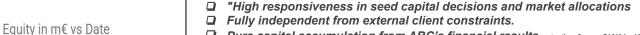




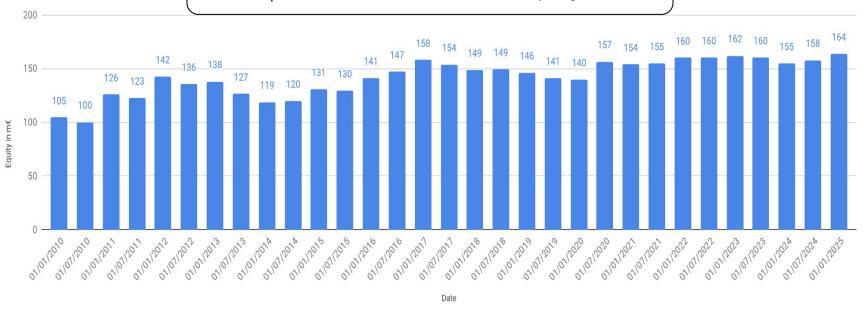
4. How we do it



ABC equity as a powerful driver of growth!



Pure capital accumulation from ABC's financial results, starting from ~€10K in 1995.





110+ specialists dedicated to ABC arbitrage business!

- ~15% Risk Management
 - ☐ Risk Control
 - ☐ Process Control
 - Risk Committee
 - Compliance

- ~70% R&D + Front
- Quant Traders & Research
- ☐ IT developers & IS
- Data analysis
- Operations

~10% - Sales

- Marketing
- ☐ Investor Relations
- ☐ Due Diligence Team
- **□** Senior management

~5% - Support

- Human Resources
- Office Management
- Others (ABC arbitrage corporate, Com. etc...)



Tech company!

Robust & internally developed trading systems operating 24/7

- Hundred of Billions of data elements processed each year*.
- Active in almost 100 markets across the world 24/7*.
- Not a High Frequency Trading player but Top Tier 2.



^{*}Daily average figures

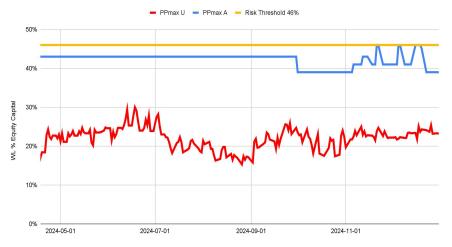


^{**} All updates in the order books or trades for each share followed in ABCA's Services

Focus on risk mitigation

Risk Mitigation Process

Historical PPmax (used vs. authorized) expressed as % of ABC's equity



A compound of all possible risk types — including opposite or offsetting risks No significant increase in the risk budget over time (+15% over the last 10y). Failover technology and counterparties in place for all trading and portfolio management requirements

Strict Quality Control





- External incident* in Dec 2020 concerning 2016 to 2019.
- Excluding this incident*: 2020 ratio = 0.35%.





5. Outlook for the 2025 markets

Bread and Circuses under Trump's administration?



Equity markets ...and others...



A new economic and geopolitical paradigm!

The wall of debt in the face of estimates of inflation with "Trump Policy" incompatible with a return to negative interest rates!





As of Jan. 1, 2025. *For U.S. bonds rated 'BBB' or 'BB'. Includes financial and nonfinancial corporates' bonds, loans, and revolving credit facilities that are rated by S&P Global Ratings. Source: S&P Global Ratings Credit Research & Insights. Copyright © 2025 by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. All rights reserved.

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2022 Global Debt Monitor

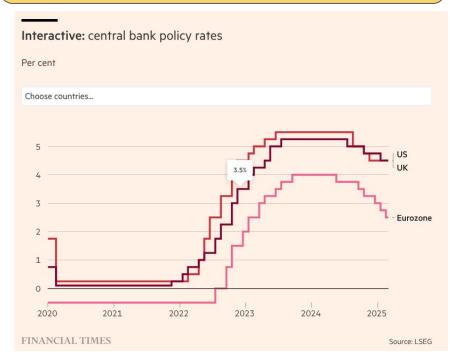
Figure 1. Global Public and Private Debt, 1970–

2021 (Percent of GDP, weighted averages)



An economic world with contradictory pressures!

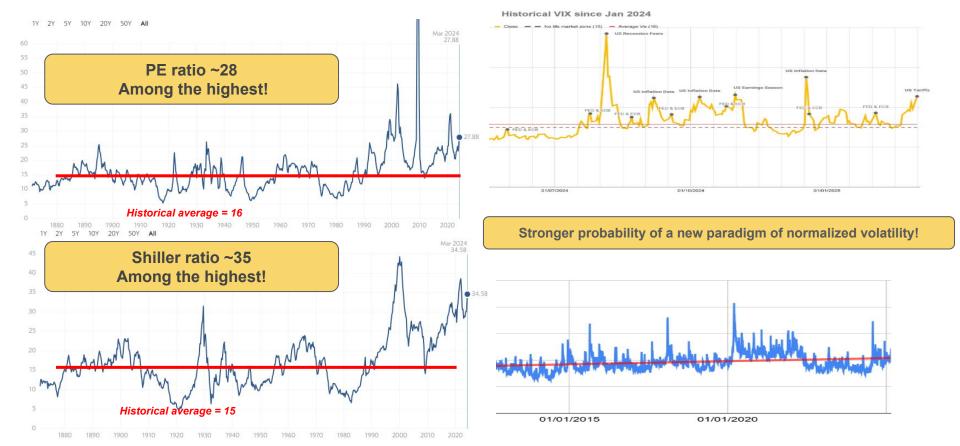
- → Global debt increased by approximately 5% in 2024 (again...)
- Refinancing remains expensive amid persistently high rates.
- → Even if Credit Market Resurgence Helps Ease Upcoming Maturities



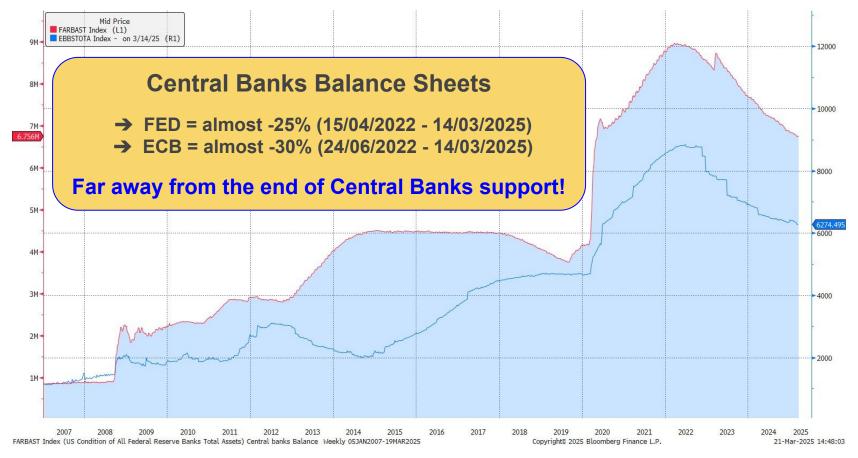




All the conditions are set for persistent volatility!











6. Springboard 2025 plan.

Decisions for 2025



Springboard 2025 - Status update on the March 2024 matrix 🗸



	31/12/2024 - DONE (80/20-based assessment)	31/12/2024 - WiP	31/12/2024 - Not completed so far
Core Business	#ABC2022 & SB2025 strong contributions to the ABC Revenues	#Ongoing validation for parts of ABC2022 and SB2025 strategies	#The ABCA Reversion fund strategies were not able to highlight its edge in choppy markets due to 2024 conditions.
Asset Management	#ABCA Opportunities product revamped to meet current demand and adapt to low market volatility. ABCA Opp. offers for the eoy a more diversified and dynamic allocation for a all weather product.	#Continued strategy diversification in ABCA Opportunities	#Still no upward trend in external AUM growth
Human Capital	#Almost all required hires have been made under PNL/u constraint	#Talent acquisition remains an area of focus for ABCA's core business	#NA under PNL/u constraint
ΙΤ	#Continued investment in data and trading infrastructure	#Ongoing efforts to improve productivity across the Group's core businesses	#NA under budget constraints
ABCA Equity	#Optimising the utilisation and remuneration of equity capital even under Distributions policy #Distribution Policy = Done!	#Finding ways to grow available funds while waiting for external funds to be collected	#NA
Risk Budget	#15% increase in PPmax to take advantage of local opportunities in targeted strategies, following under utilization of the risk budget. Active risk management.	#Upgraded risk models to better capture the effects of ongoing diversification.	#Monthly positive gross GABC remains a fixed constraint

2025 matrix - Work already in Progress!

	+3 months H1 2025	+6 months HY2025 Publications	+12 months FY2025 Publications
Core Business	#Milestones and decisions on selected ABC2022 & SB2025 strategies	#Structural and cyclical gains observed in 2024 still to be confirmed.	#Structural gains need to be confirmed with stable market assumptions. #SB2025 strategies validation
Asset Management	#ABCA Opportunities - Validating flagship performance to support AUM (External Third Party) growth.	#Validation of flagship performances & evolutions. #The pipeline of prospective external AUM should show significant progress.	#The pipeline of prospective external AUM should show significant progress (in due diligence or finalization) ~ 250M€.
Human Capital	#Treshold PNL/u confirmation @370K€/u instead 420K €/u.	#Focus on R&D Investments. #Specific Market Watch & decisions on HR market.	#+10 People (under threshold 370K€/u) - mainly R&D. #+2M€ on Fixed HR Costs
ΙΤ	#WiP- Implementing investments (+1M€/1.5M€) to accelerate Core Business projects	#Ongoing reflections on AI investments in core business.	#Between 6.5M€ and 7M€ investments in 2025 (+15%-30% vs 2024) excluding Al.
ABCA Equity	#Distribution Commitment - Max(0.30, POR of 80%). #Ensure strong equity deployment within Group strategies.	#Reflection on increasing ABC equity while awaiting new AUM. #Distribution Commitment - Max(0.30, POR of 80%).	#No review of distribution policy before new strategic plan in 2026.
Risk Budget	#Risk budget and ABC Equity synchronisation.	#Risk budget and ABC Equity synchronisation. #Upgraded risk models to better capture the effects of ongoing diversification.	#To be confirmed.



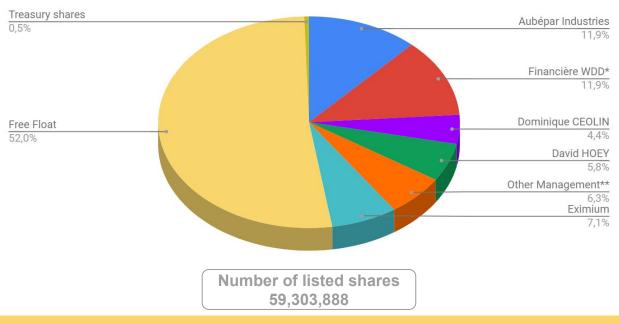
7. Shares & Distributions



Shareholders breakdown

Over 20% ownership by executive leadership - Ensuring alignment between shareholders and management.

Share ownership as of 31/12/2024



- * Holding company 50,01% held by Dominique Ceolin
- ** Management and independent non-executive directors excluding Dominique Ceolin and David Hoey



distributions

Historical share prices



FY2024 distribution = €0.34

- **□** €0.10 Ex date October 9, 2024.
- **□** €0.10 Ex date December 3, 2024.
- **□** €0.10 Ex date April 22, 2025.
- **□** €0.04 2024 final dividend (TBC AGM).
- Distributions planned in Oct. 2025 (€0.10) &
 - Dec. 2025 (€0.10). (TBC board decision September 2025)

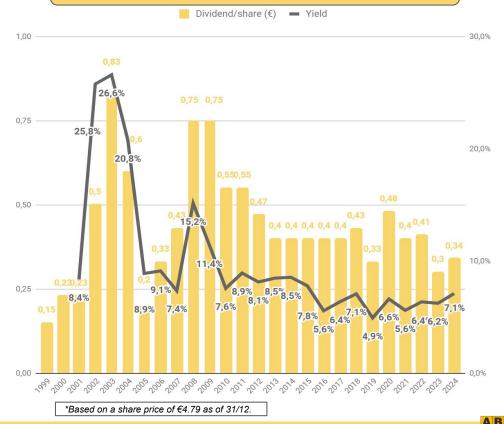
Buyback program

- €4m authorization by the Board in line with AGM resolution of June 7, 2024
- □ ~1% of share capital

Payout Ratio (POR) Policy

- Since 1999, average POR = 95%.
- Average POR 2023 & 2024 ~ 92%.
- Springboard 2025 commitment (Max(€0.30, POR of 80%)) => POR 2024 ~76%.

- → 2024 A yield of ~7%* based on a distribution of 0.34€.
- → ABCA acts as a remunerated hedge against market volatility!





8. The 5 key takeaways!



Cornerstones for FY 2024 & 2025

- 1. Cornerstone 1 ABCA Revenues 30 consecutive years of average ROE > 15%. ROE 2024 = 16.4% et EBIT = 21M€ ✓
- 2. Cornerstone 2 Distribution Policy Distribution return between 6%-8% for SB2025. 34 cts for FY2024 (~7%). ✓
- 3. Cornerstone 3 Core Business Structural & cyclical progress in ABC Core Business, including ABC2022/SB2025 progress on new strategies (Around +10M€, ~40% based on structural progress, ~40% Based on average market conditions, ~20% on specific situation). ✓
- 4. Cornerstone 4 HR Ongoing R&D team investments driving +2M€ rise in fixed costs vs 2024 Fixed Costs with a 370K€ PNL/u threshold. ✓
- 5. Cornerstone 5 IT Substantial group investments & implication in IT with projections of 6.5M€-7M€ in 2025 (+1M€/1.5M€ vs 2024). ✓



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