

# Crescat Firmwide Presentation



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THE VALUE OF GLOBAL MACRO INVESTING

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# Crescat's Hedge Fund Strategies

## Composition

### Crescat Global Macro Fund

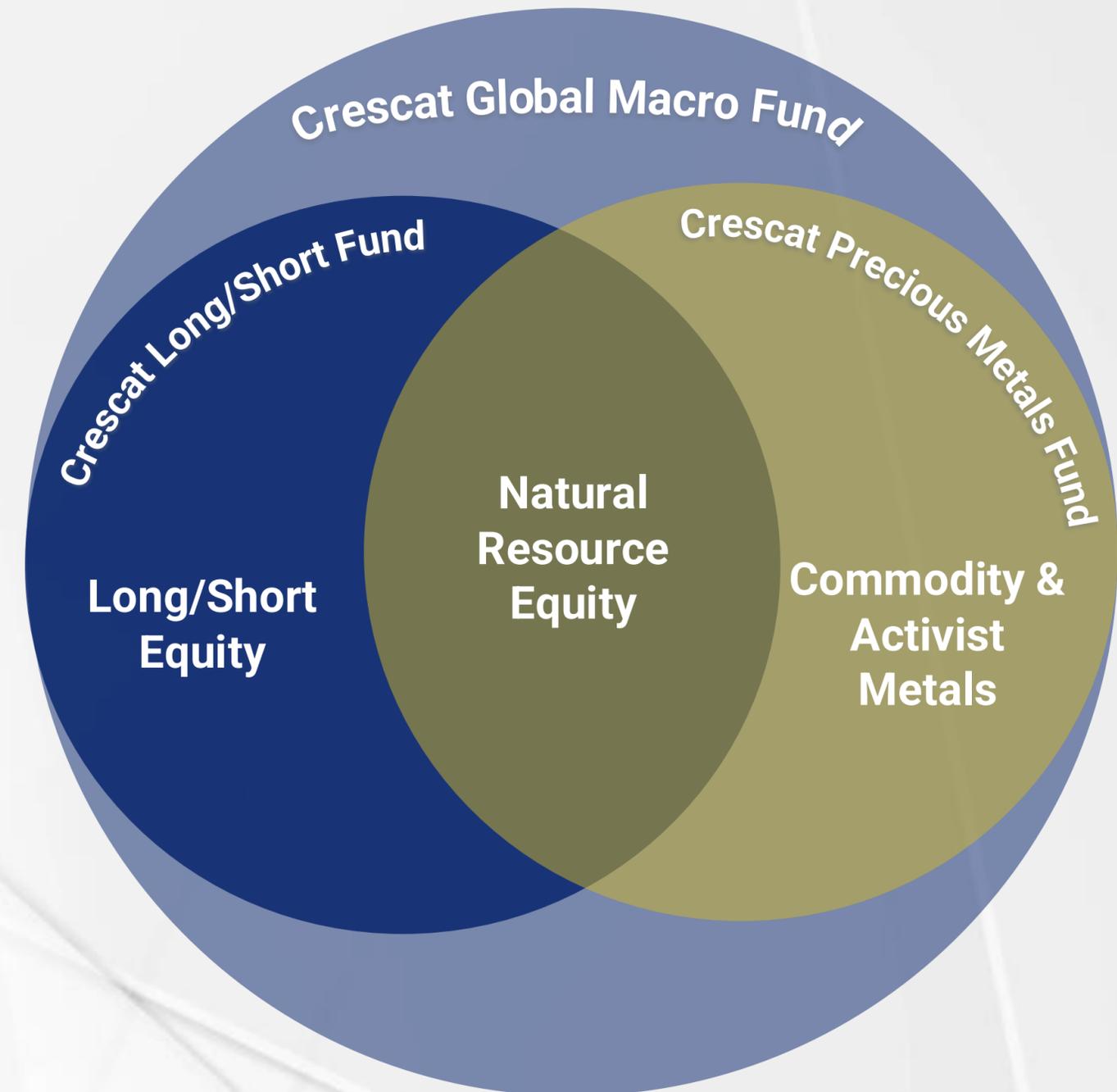
Crescat's flagship fund and most comprehensive strategy with exposure to all the firm's macro themes.

### Crescat Precious Metals Fund

An activist fund focused on precious and critical metals mining.

### Crescat Long/Short Fund

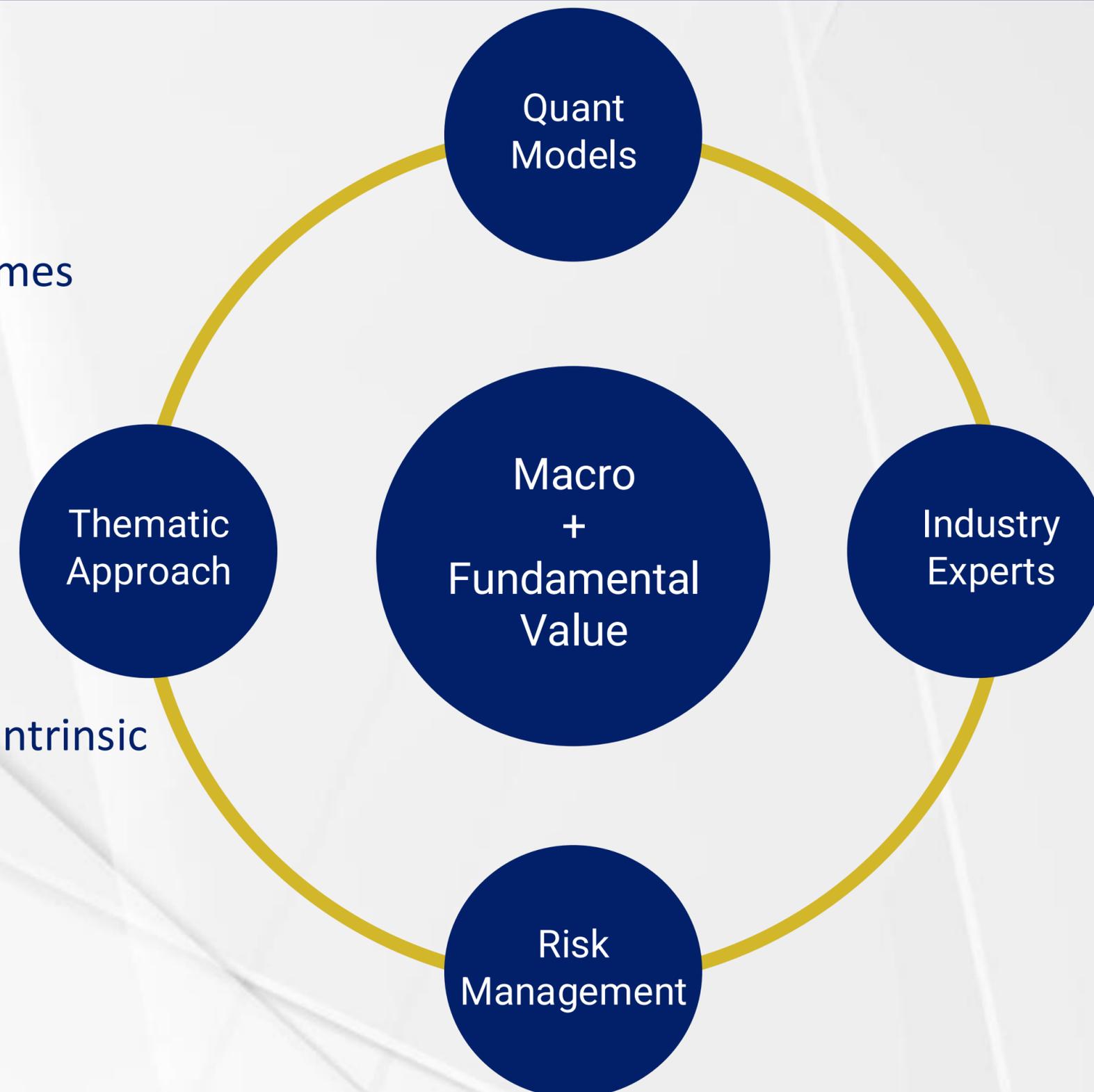
Our equity-focused hedge fund seeks to deliver alpha from long and short stock picking combined with macro themes.



# Crescat's Investment Process

## Primary Values & Supporting Methods

- Development and expression of macroeconomic themes
- Fundamental valuation-based research
- Proprietary quant models:
  - A.I. Quantamental Equity
  - Macro
  - Precious Metals
  - Energy
- Hiring experienced industry specialists
- Risk management that embraces volatility to realize intrinsic value



# Overarching Macro Theme: The Great Rotation

## ▶ Overvalued US Large Cap Equities

### Related Subthemes

AI Capital Spending Bubble  
Competitive Disruption

Megacap Tech Overvaluation

Unsustainable Margins and Growth Rates

## ▶ Fiscal & Monetary Imbalances

### Related Subthemes

Entrenched Inflationary Pressures  
Government Debt & Deficit Challenges

Stagnating Growth  
Weak US Dollar Policy

Subprime Credit Risk

## ▶ Commodity Supply & Demand Imbalances

### Related Subthemes

Precious Metals Mining  
Critical Metals

Agricultural Commodities  
Oil & Gas

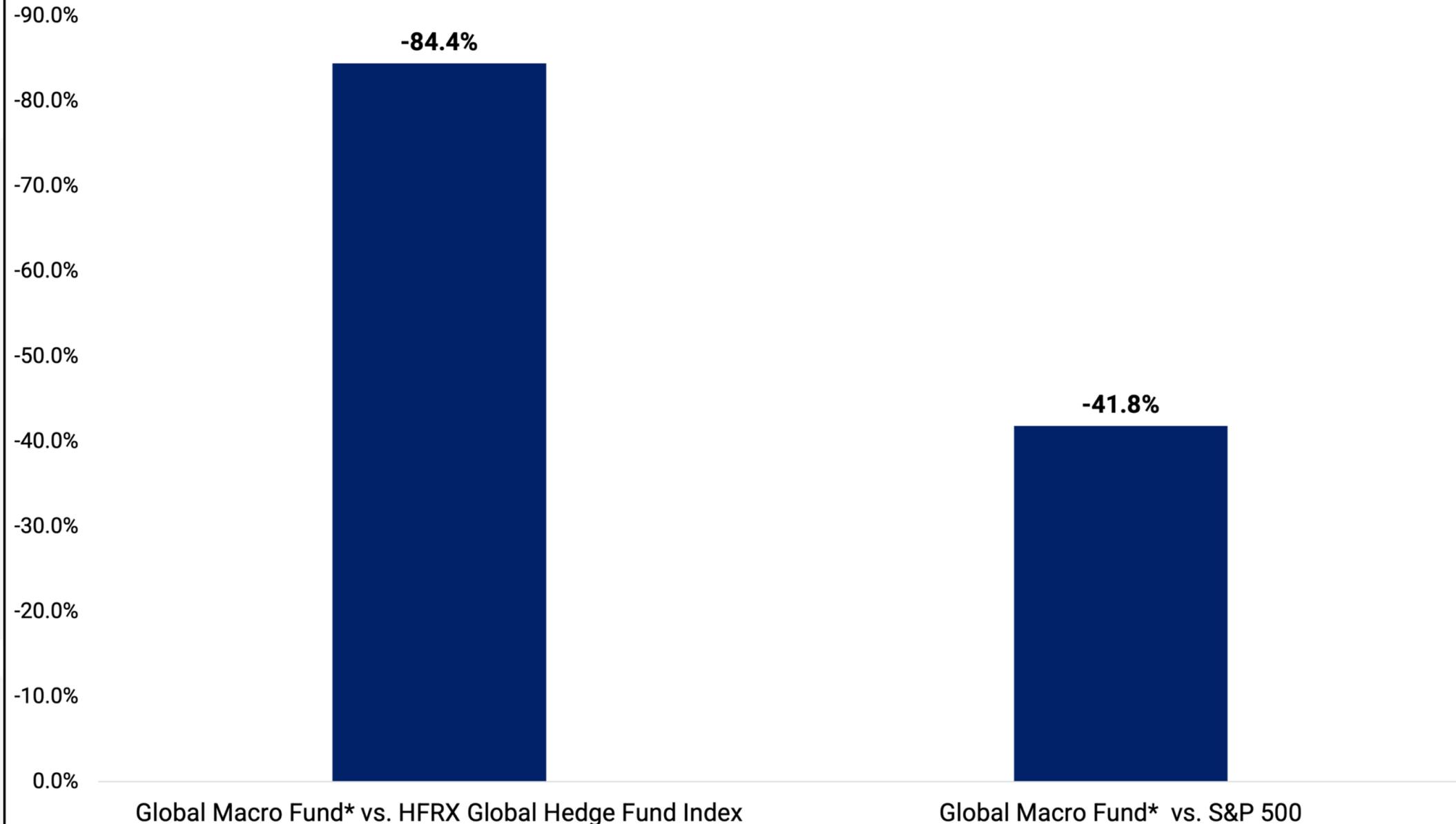
Power Shortages  
Emerging Market Opportunities

# Proven Track Record of Positive Returns in Down Markets

## That's the Meaning of the Negative Downside Capture Ratio

### Crescat Global Macro Fund's Downside Capture Ratio

January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2025



The downside capture ratio here is showing how the **Crescat Global Macro Fund** performed on average since inception during down months for the benchmark.

**A negative downside capture ratio shows that the fund gained on average in months when both the global hedge fund benchmark and the market went down. For example, a downside capture of minus 41.8% vs. the S&P 500 means that when the S&P 500 fell 10% on average, the fund gained 4.18%. Alternatively, a downside capture of minus 84.4% vs. the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index illustrates that the fund gained 8.44% on average when that index fell 10%.**

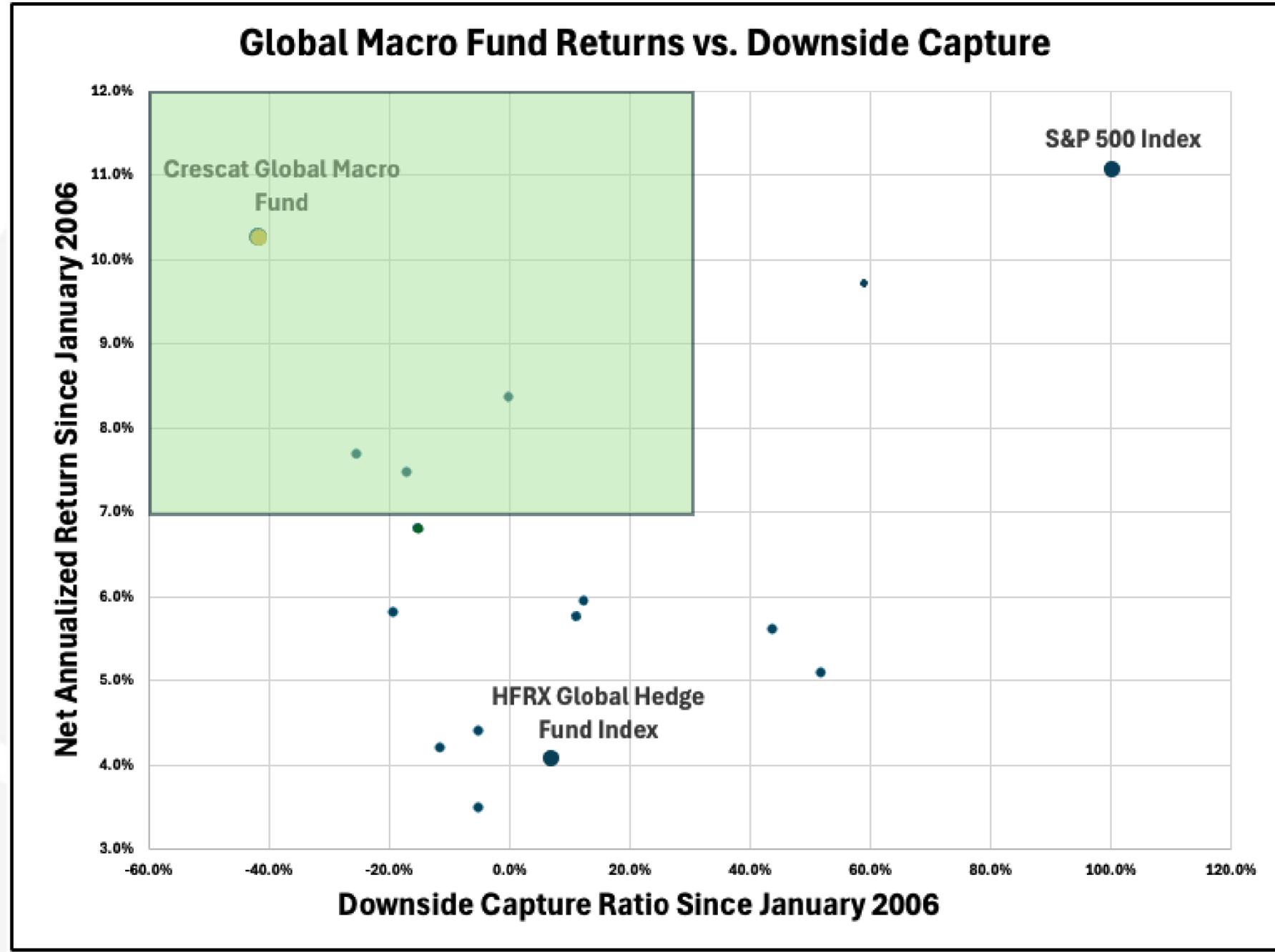
While past performance is not a guarantee of future returns, with the US stock market at record valuations and at risk of a major correction, **we think investors should be on the lookout for funds with a proven track record of delivering positive returns in down markets, i.e., a negative downside capture ratio.**

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# Protection in Down Markets + Strong Absolute Returns

*What a global macro fund is supposed to be!*

Crescat leads all discretionary global macro hedge funds that existed pre-Global Financial Crisis and are still around today in both categories (12/31/2005 to 10/31/2025)



Fund/Benchmark Name	Downside Capture Ratio Since January 2006	Net Annualized Return Since January 2006
Crescat Global Macro Fund	-41.8%	10.3%
Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund II LTD	-25.5%	7.7%
Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund LTD	-19.4%	5.8%
Pinnacle AM LP	-17.2%	7.5%
Crescat Long/Short Fund	-15.3%	6.8%
GAM Global Rates	-0.1%	8.4%
Graham Discretionary Portfolio	-11.8%	4.2%
UBS AM Currency Allocation Return Strategy	-5.2%	3.5%
Gavea Master Fund	-5.1%	4.4%
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	6.8%	4.1%
Global Absolute Return Ruffer LLP	11.0%	5.8%
Hathersage Daily Currency Program	12.2%	6.0%
Broadmark Dynamic Opportunity Strategy	43.7%	5.6%
JK Global Opportunities Fund	51.7%	5.1%
Calamos Phineus Long/Short Fund	58.9%	9.7%
S&P 500 Index	100.0%	11.1%

Past performance does not guarantee future results. **Fund universe includes all discretionary global macro funds with track record that goes back to at least January 1, 2006, in the eVestment database.** Performance figures presented represent the fund's net returns, show the impact of fees and expenses and are calculated without the impact of the San Cristobal Mining, Inc. (SCM) Side Pocket that was designated on July 1st, 2024. The SCM Side Pocket includes a private equity asset that is not available to new investors in the funds on or after July 1, 2024. This asset was included in the fund performance prior to that date. Excluding the SCM Side Pocket after that date provides a clearer view of the performance to investors coming into the funds after July 1, 2024. New investors cannot participate in the SCM Side Pocket and will not share in its potential gains or losses. Investors should consider both the overall performance and the performance excluding the side pocket when evaluating the fund's returns. Fund performance, including the SCM Side Pocket, can be found on the firm's website here: <https://www.crescat.net/performance/>. Returns for the most recent month are based on internal estimates which have the potential to change once finalized. Additional disclosures regarding risks and performance presented are found here: <https://www.crescat.net/due-diligence/disclosures/>

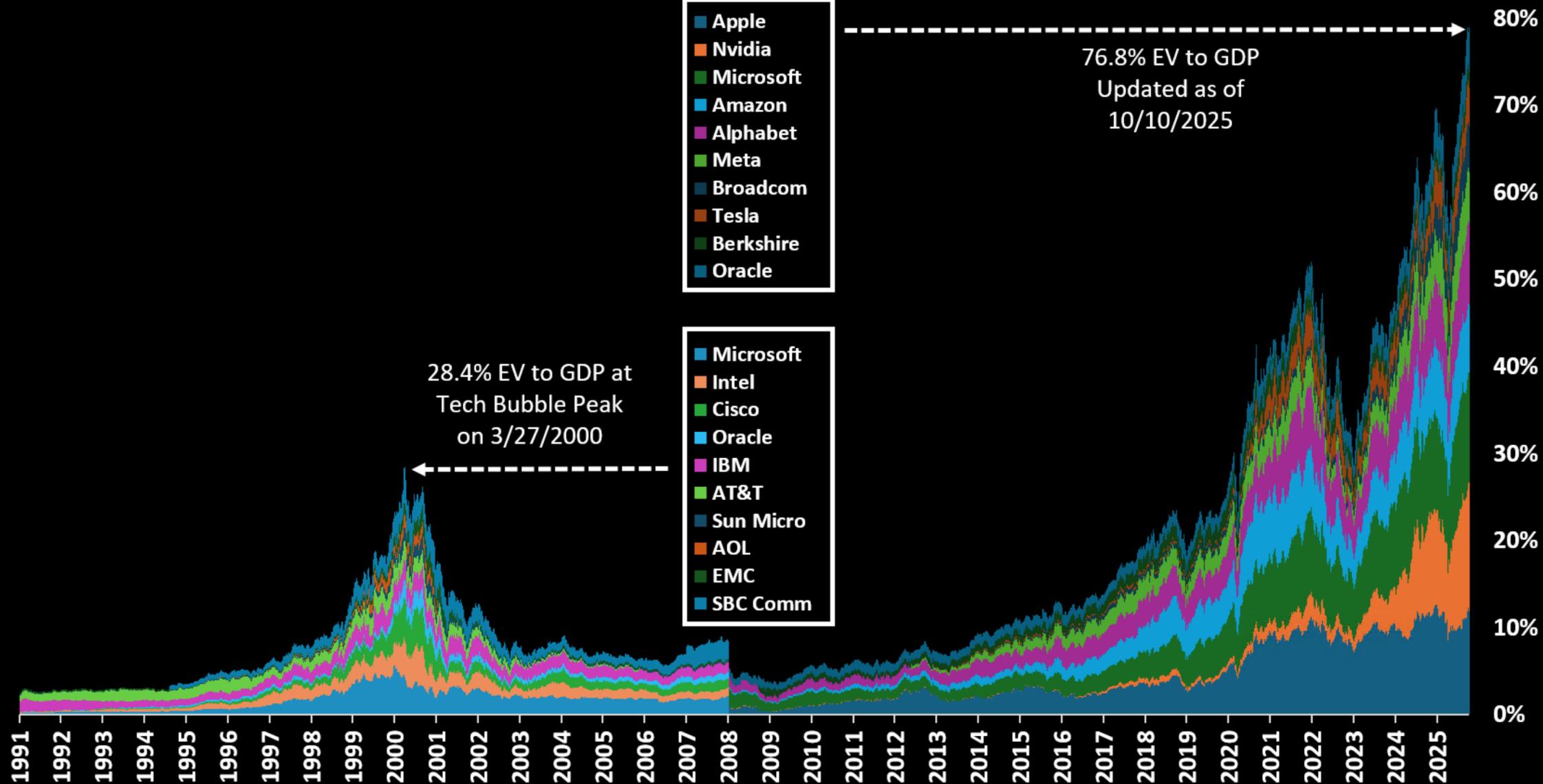
# Echoes of Euphoria

## Top 10 US Megacap Stocks: Internet vs. A.I.

Enterprise Value as % of US Gross Domestic Product

- Apple
- Nvidia
- Microsoft
- Amazon
- Alphabet
- Meta
- Broadcom
- Tesla
- Berkshire
- Oracle

- Microsoft
- Intel
- Cisco
- Oracle
- IBM
- AT&T
- Sun Micro
- AOL
- EMC
- SBC Comm



In terms of enterprise value relative to GDP, the top 10 US mega-cap stocks are now valued 270% higher than the 10 largest market cap tech and telecom stocks were at the peak of the 2000 bubble.

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# Miners: Better Valuations and Better Growth Rates than A.I.



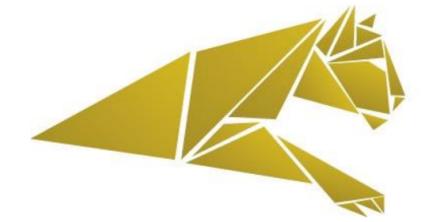
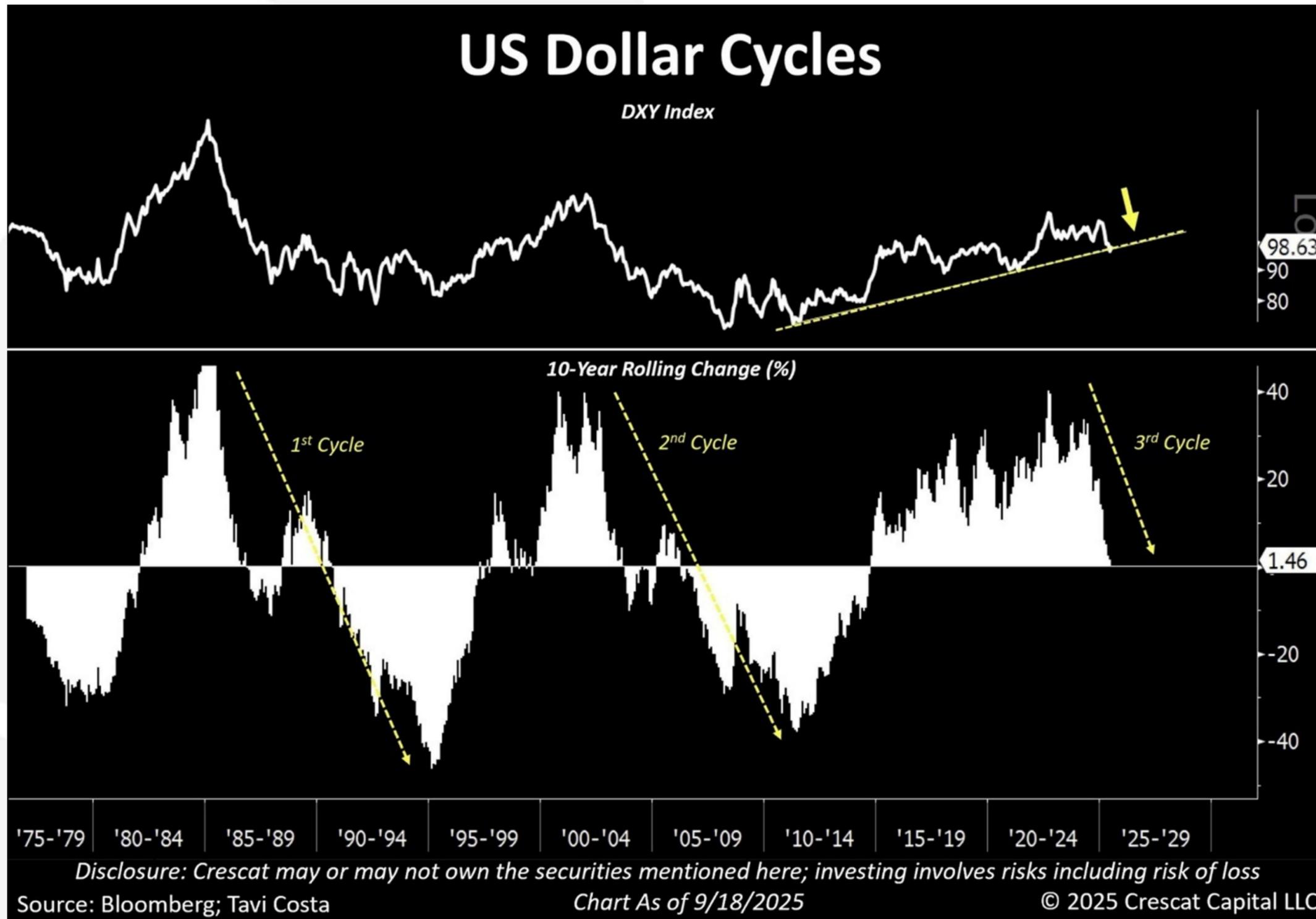
Mag 9 AI Stocks				Large Cap Gold Miners			
		Act. EPS Gr%	P/E TTM			Act. EPS Gr%	P/E TTM
GOOGL	Alphabet	12.8	21.4	AEM	Agnico Eagle	83.9	23.0
AMZN	Amazon	39.2	33.7	AGI	Alamos Gold	129.4	28.4
AAPL	Apple	12.1	31.2	AU	Anglogold	114.8	13.8
AVGO	Broadcom	25.3	51.6	B	Barrick	64.8	14.4
META	Meta	38.0	23.6	GFI	Gold Fields	209.0	13.9
MSFT	Microsoft	23.9	38.2	KGC	Kinross Gold	214.3	16.2
NVDA	Nvidia	45.2	57.1	NEM	Newmont	97.8	14.1
ORCL	Oracle	5.8	41.9	PAAS	Pan American	290.9	20.8
TSLA	Tesla	-52.6	159.9	SSRM	SSR Mining	1175.0	16.7
	Median Values:	<b>23.9</b>	<b>38.2</b>		Median Values:	<b>129.4</b>	<b>16.2</b>
	Mag 9 PEG Ratio	<b>1.60</b>			Gold Majors' PEG	<b>0.13</b>	

P/E TTM = Trailing 12-Month Price to Earnings Multiple on Adjusted Earnings  
 Act. EPS Gr% = Year-over-year growth rate of adjusted earnings per share in the latest reporting period  
 PEG Ratio = Median P/E divided by median growth rate

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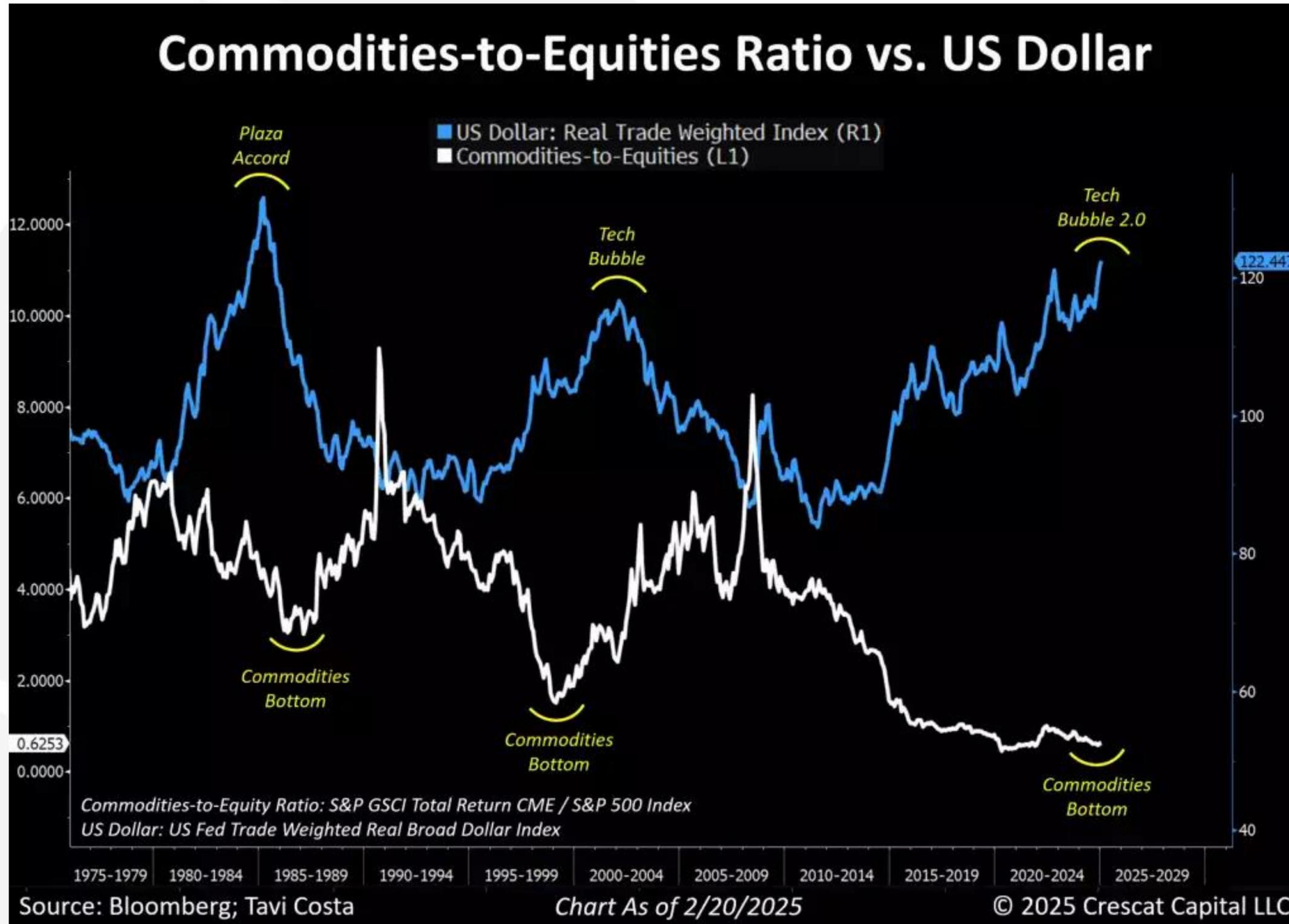
We have been positioning for the Great Rotation out of mega-cap tech and into countercyclical value and growth stocks, such as the gold mining stocks, which have both lower valuations and higher current growth rates than big tech stocks. Based on the median peg ratio, the miners offer a 12 times better value and growth proposition.

# A Structural Shift in Dollar Diplomacy



If history is any guide, persistent deficits and overvaluation are not fixed with a rising currency. Quite the opposite. We believe a weaker dollar increasingly looks like the implicit — and perhaps inevitable — policy choice the US will need to make to stabilize its financial position and avoid a broader economic dislocation.

# A Global Rebalancing Ahead



Empirical evidence suggests that the dollar's long-term movements exhibit a strong inverse correlation with the commodities-to-equities ratio. Historically, when the dollar enters a structural downtrend, commodities and other hard assets tend to significantly outperform US equities.

# Quinton Hennigh, PhD, with over 40 years of mining experience

## Education

- M.Sc., Ph.D, Geology & Geochemistry, Colorado School of Mines
- B.S., Geology, University of Missouri

## Experience

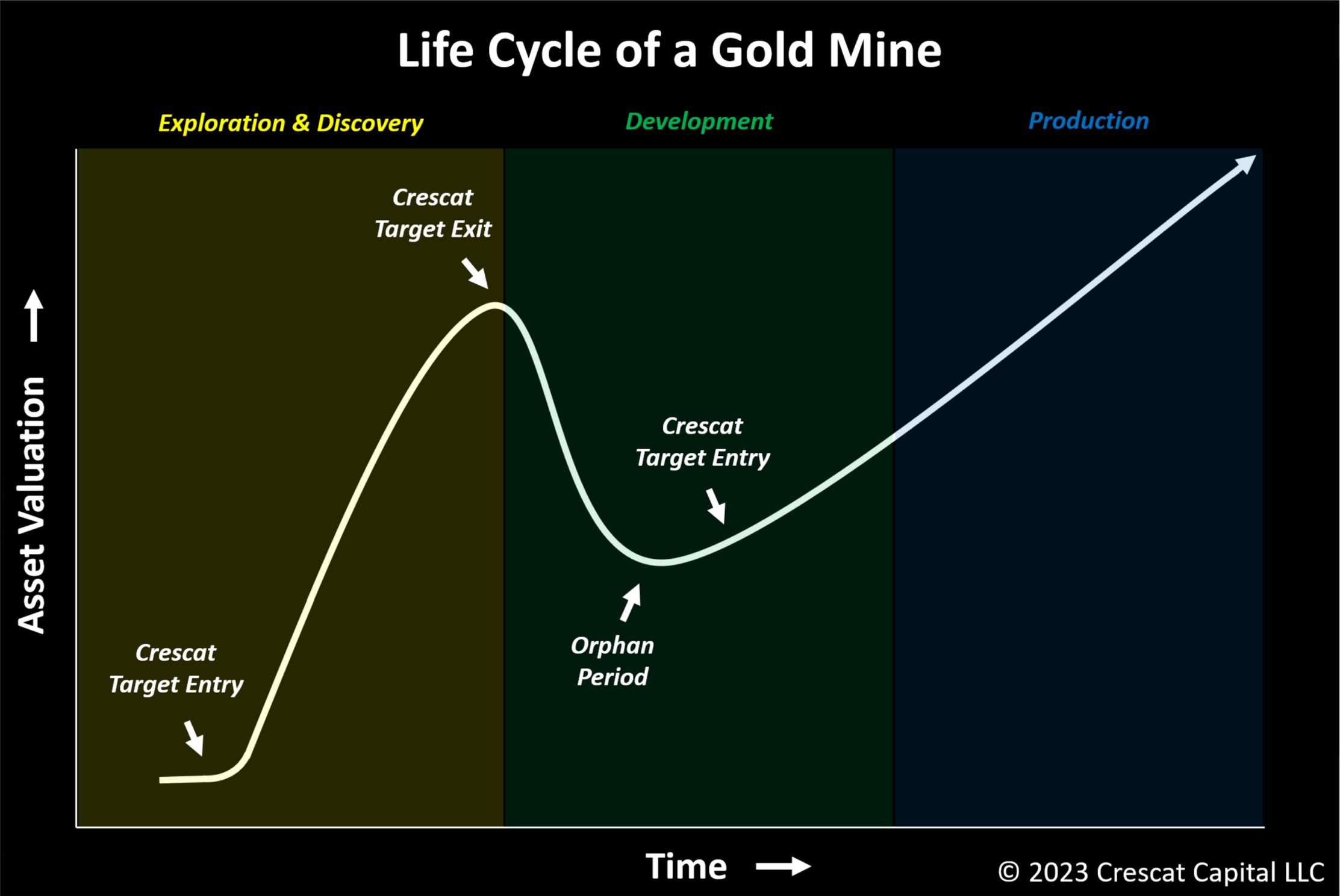
- Homestake Mining (acquired by Barrick Gold), Newcrest Mining, Newmont Mining, Gold Canyon Resources, Novo Resources, Eskay Mining, New Found Gold, and San Cristobal Mining.
- Advisor to Eric Sprott/Kirkland Lake – Fosterville

## Contributed to Significant Gold and Silver Discoveries

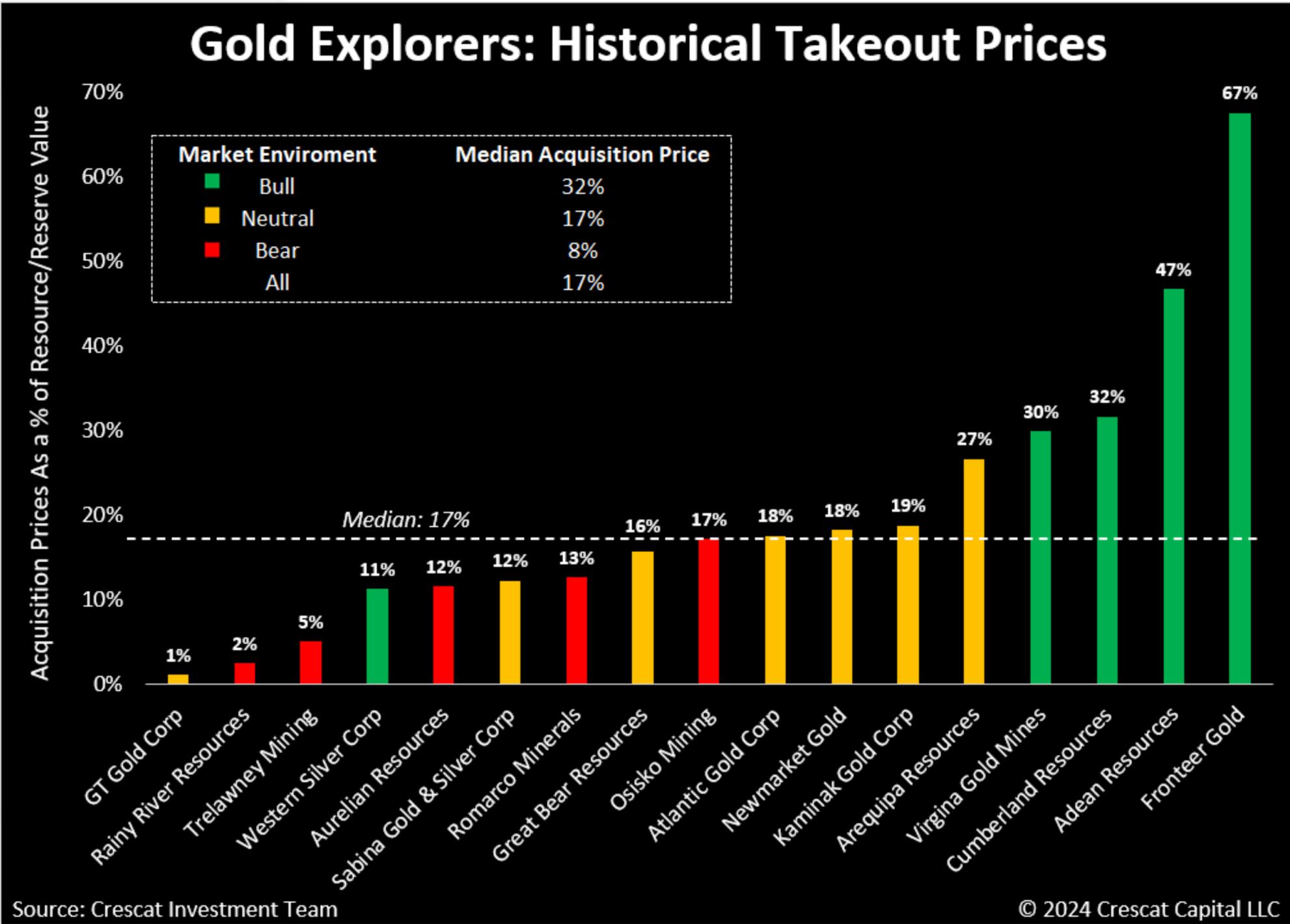
- Springpole (5.6M oz Au eq.)
- N. Leeville (11M oz Au)
- Rattlesnake (1.6M oz Au)
- Novo's Beatons Creek (1.0M oz Au) + Pilbara (10M oz Au potential)
- Fosterville (3.5M oz high-grade Au)
- Eskay Mining (2.5M oz Au eq. potential)
- New Found's Queensway (6M oz high-grade Au potential)
- Eloro's Iska Iska (1B oz Ag eq. potential)
- Lion One's Tuvatu (3.5M oz Au potential)
- Snowline's Valley (14M oz Au potential)
- San Cristobal's Isidorito (1B oz high-grade Ag eq. potential)
- Goliath's Surebet (5M oz Au eq. potential)



# The Lifecycle of a Gold Mine



# Precious Metals Comparables



Companies shown here were selected based on the following criteria 1) The company was acquired by a mid-tier or major mining company 2) Within 2 years before or after the acquisition, the company had a published resource and/or reserve 3) The company was bought for one specific discovery 4) The first resource and/or reserve update after the acquisition was >1,000,000 Au Equivalent Ounces. Crescat may or may not have held the securities referenced herein. This is not a recommendation or endorsement to buy or sell any security or other financial instrument.



# What Activist Metals Investing Means for Crescat

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1. Identify large-scale gold, silver, and copper and other critical metal discovery targets in viable mining jurisdictions
2. Acquire significant early-stage stakes at low valuations through PIPEs and pre-IPO rounds
3. Inject capital into companies for exploration, drilling, and development work
4. Provide activist-oriented geologic and technical advice
5. Help place management and directors
6. Help build geologic and technical team
7. Share the story with the investment community



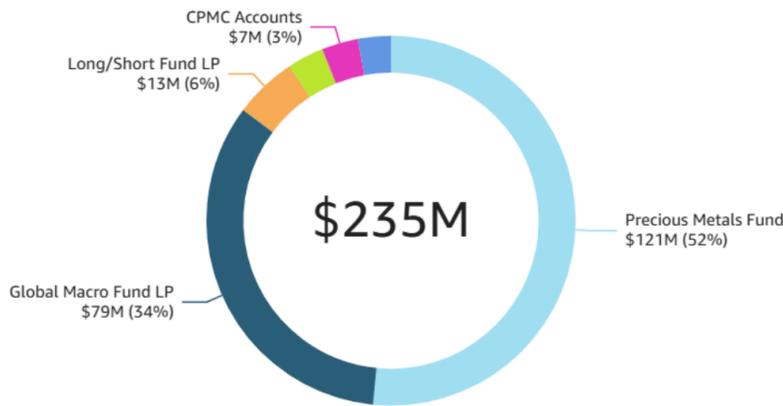
# Activist Metals Portfolio – Excludes Side Pocket



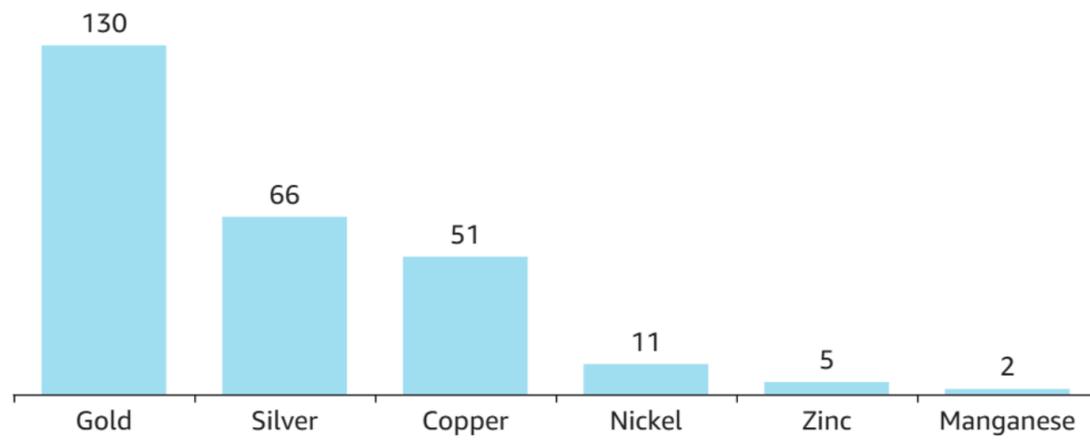
As of: Oct 15, 2025 Excludes San Cristobal Side Pocket

Gold Spot Price/Oz.	Silver Spot Price/Oz.	Gold/Silver Ratio	Total Positions	# of Companies With Bona Fide Discoveries	# of Private Companies	# of Activist Positions: > 5% Partially Diluted	Median Firm Wide Partially Diluted Ownership	# of Drills	Total Au Eq. Target Ozs (Millions)
\$4,143	\$51.43	80.5	77	41	18	41	10.1%	103	267

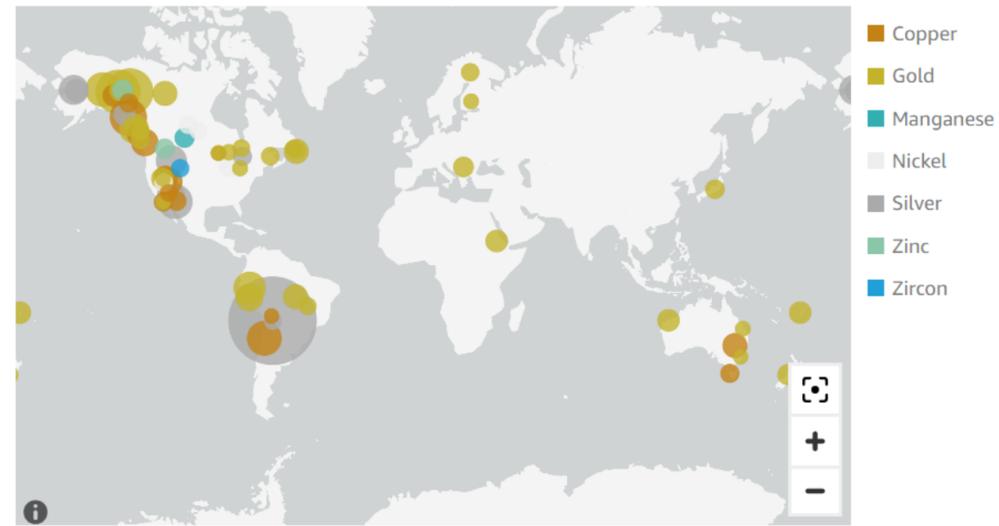
Activist Metals Exposure Across Crescat Strategies:



Target Gold Equivalent Ounces (Millions) By Primary Metal

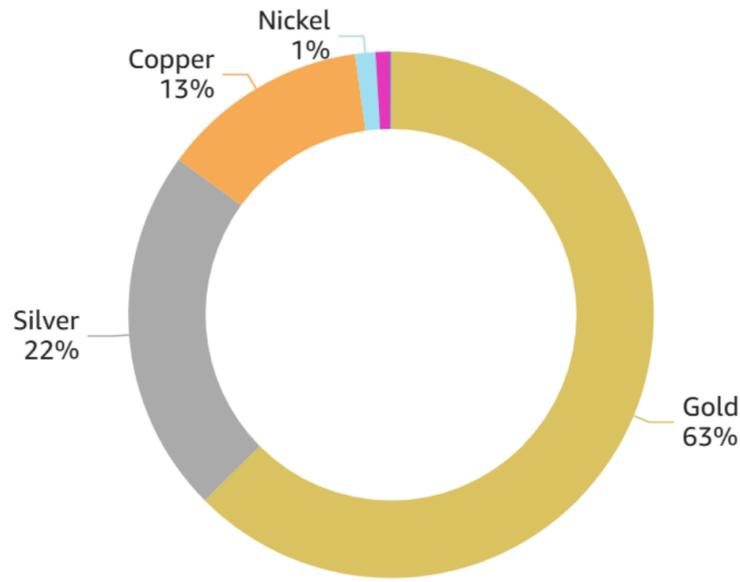


Relative Size of Target Au Eq. Ozs by Primary Metal & Location



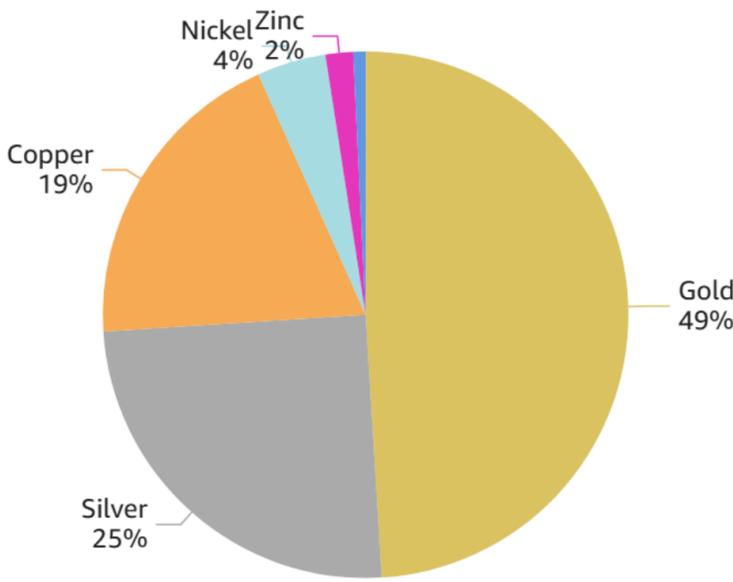
Percent of Net Asset Value

Based on Crescat's Current Ownership & Valuation



Target Ounces

Based on Drill Results & Crescat's Geologic Estimates



Number of Drills by Location



See activist metal's disclosure slide that follows.

# Activist Metals Portfolio – Important Disclosures

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The activist metals portfolio subset consists of firmwide holdings across all Crescat funds and SMA accounts in the mining industry where Crescat strives to help companies build economic metal resources through exploration and drilling. Crescat provides capital and geologic guidance to help companies build resources across Crescat's activist portfolio.

Crescat target resource estimates are based on internal modeling performed by Crescat's Geologic and Technical Director, Quinton T. Hennigh, PhD and include various assumptions based on his analysis of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, historic drill assays, and metallurgical recovery data received to date. Target resource estimates are discounted based on drilling progress to date, an assessment of the management and technical team's strengths and weaknesses affecting their ability to advance the project, and environmental, local community, and government permitting risk factors. Estimates are displayed on a gold equivalent basis based on current price-to-gold ratios for silver, copper, and other metals if the primary metal is other than gold. Further drilling, assaying, resource modeling, and engineering studies will be required to determine whether Crescat's target resource estimates can be reasonably expected to be achieved. Crescat's target resource estimates are updated monthly across the entire portfolio.

The number of active drills includes the number of drills currently in operation doing exploration and/or infill drilling or expected to be deployed over the next twelve months based on each company's drilling plans and Crescat's assessment of the company's ability to finance and execute those plans.



# Crescat's Top 10 Activist Metals Holdings as % of Firm NAV

As of October 21, 2025

1 San Cristobal Mining (Private)\* 

2 Goliath Resources (\$GOT.V) 

3 Sitka Gold (\$SIG.V) 

4 Eoro Resources (\$ELO.T) 

5 Silverbow Mining (Private) 

6 Tectonic Metals (\$TECT.V) 

7 Altamira Gold Corp. (\$ALTA.V) 

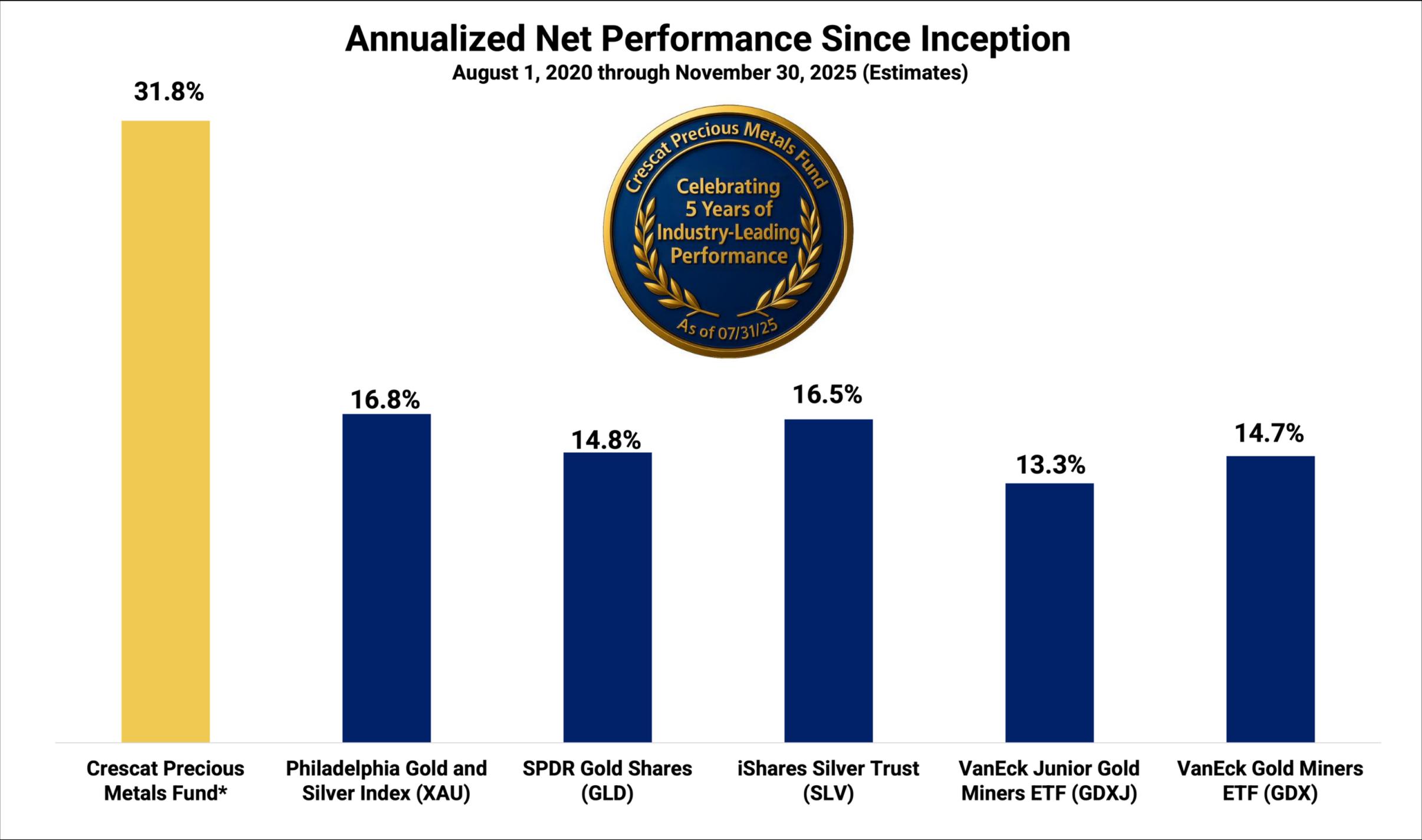
8 Alaska Silver Corp. (\$WAM.V) 

9 Eskay Mining (\$ESK.V) 

10 Blue Lagoon (\$BLLG.CF) 

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# Crescat Precious Metals Fund vs. Benchmarks



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# Crescat Funds: November and YTD Performance Through 11/30/2025

Crescat Achieved 5 of the Top 15 Hedge Funds for YTD Performance Through October 31<sup>st</sup>  
(November Rankings Pending)

Source: All 1,397 Hedge Funds Globally in the Preqin Database that have reported as of 11/21/2025

Crescat Hedge Funds vs. Benchmarks	November	YTD Through 11/30/2025	Preqin Rank Through 10/31/25
<b>Crescat Global Macro Fund</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>117.3%</b>	<b>#12</b>
<b>Crescat Institutional Macro Fund</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>103.5%</b>	<b>#14</b>
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	0.0%	6.4%	
<b>Crescat Long/Short Fund</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>120.3%</b>	<b>#11</b>
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	-0.1%	8.9%	
<b>Crescat Precious Metals Fund</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>124.8%</b>	<b>#8</b>
<b>Crescat Institutional Commodity Fund</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>117.5%</b>	<b>#13</b>
Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	16.2%	139.6%	
S&P 500 Index	0.2%	17.8%	

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# Crescat Performance

## Crescat Strategies Estimated Net Returns Through November 30, 2025

CRESCAT STRATEGIES VS. BENCHMARK (Inception Date)	NOVEMBER	YTD	ANNUALIZED TRAILING				SINCE INCEPTION	CUMULATIVE SINCE INCEPTION	YEARS SINCE INCEPTION
			1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR			
<b>Global Macro Hedge Fund</b> (Jan. 1, 2006)	9.3%	93.7%	80.0%	4.8%	9.6%	6.0%	11.0%	701.8%	19.9
Excluding SCM SP <sup>2</sup> (Jan. 1, 2006)	10.3%	117.3%	86.0%	3.3%	8.7%	5.6%	10.8%	667.5%	19.9
Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	0.0%	6.4%	6.4%	4.9%	3.2%	2.9%	1.5%	35.3%	
<b>Institutional Macro Hedge Fund</b> (July 1, 2023)	9.6%	80.1%	69.3%	-	-	-	11.5%	30.0%	2.4
Excluding SCM SP <sup>2</sup> (July 1, 2023)	10.1%	103.5%	75.9%	-	-	-	9.0%	23.1%	2.4
Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	0.0%	6.4%	6.4%				5.9%	14.7%	
<b>Long/Short Hedge Fund</b> (May 1, 2000)	9.6%	94.9%	81.7%	6.5%	8.0%	5.4%	7.4%	521.1%	25.6
Excluding SCM SP <sup>2</sup> (May 1, 2000)	10.4%	120.3%	89.5%	5.1%	7.1%	5.0%	7.2%	496.0%	25.6
Benchmark: HFRX Equity Hedge Index	-0.1%	8.9%	8.5%	7.8%	7.1%	4.5%	3.1%	120.4%	
<b>Precious Metals Hedge Fund</b> (August 1, 2020)	9.1%	92.8%	80.9%	21.3%	18.1%	-	31.8%	335.3%	5.3
Excluding SCM SP <sup>2</sup> (August 1, 2020)	9.5%	124.8%	94.6%	21.4%	18.1%	-	31.8%	336.3%	5.3
Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	16.2%	139.6%	119.0%	41.3%	21.4%		16.8%	129.0%	
<b>Institutional Commodity Hedge Fund</b> (July 1, 2023)	10.6%	88.6%	76.8%	-	-	-	26.1%	75.2%	2.4
Excluding SCM SP <sup>2</sup> (July 1, 2023)	11.7%	117.5%	89.6%	-	-	-	27.0%	78.2%	2.4
Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	16.2%	139.6%	119.0%				53.3%	180.6%	

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3 – The SMA composites include all accounts that are managed according to CPM's precious metals or large cap SMA strategy over which it has full discretion. Investment results shown are for taxable and tax-exempt accounts. Any possible tax liabilities incurred by the taxable accounts are not reflected in net performance. Performance results are time weighted and reflect the deduction of advisory fees, brokerage commissions, and other expenses that a client would have paid, and includes the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

# Fees, Breakpoints & Terms

## Global Macro and Precious Metals Funds

Investor	Class	Minimum Investment	Annual Management Fee	Annual Incentive Allocation w/ High Water Mark
	Main Class	\$500,000	2%	20%
	Institutional Class 2	\$1,000,000	1.5%	15%
	Institutional Class 1	\$5,000,000	1.25%	12.5%

A 3-Year partial lock up applies to all classes of Crescat's Global Macro and Precious Metals funds.  
With 90-day notice, LPs may redeem up to 25% of capital account any month after year 1, up to another 25% after year 2, and all after year 3.

## Long/Short Fund

Main Class	\$250,000	1.5%	20%
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A 3-Year partial lock up applies to Crescat's Long/Short fund.  
With 90-day notice, LPs may redeem up to 25% of capital account any month after year 1, up to another 25% after year 2, and all after year 3.





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# Appendix



# Leadership Team Bios



Kevin C. Smith, CFA

**Member/CEO & Chief Investment Officer**

Kevin is the Founder, CEO, and CIO of Crescat Capital and its predecessor firms. He has managed investment portfolios since 1992, a career spanning multiple business cycles. Kevin has been the lead portfolio manager of the firm's investment strategies since inception. He is the creator of Crescat's firmwide global macro investment process and systematic equity valuation model. Prior to founding Crescat, he worked as an investment executive with Kidder Peabody. He earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business with a specialization in finance and statistics. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



Linda Carleu Smith, CPA

**Member/Chief Operating Officer**

Linda is a Co-Founder of Crescat Capital. As Chief Operating Officer, she manages Crescat's business operations, including finance, regulatory compliance, and client service. In prior roles at Crescat and its predecessor companies, she has served as Controller from 1997-2012 and the in dual position of Chief Financial Officer & Chief Compliance Officer from 2012-2015. She became COO in 2015. Linda came to Crescat with significant investment industry and public accounting experience from prior employment at Kidder Peabody and EKS&H (now Plante Moran) and corporate experience as Controller of Pharmajet, a biotech company. She was born and raised in New Jersey. She earned an MBA from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business and a BA in English Language and Literature from Tufts University. She is a Certified Public Accountant.



Otavio "Tavi" Costa

**Member/Macro Strategist**

Tavi is a Member and Macro Strategist at Crescat Capital and has been with the firm since 2013. He built Crescat's macro model that identifies the current stage of the US economic cycle through a combination of 16 factors. His research has been featured in financial publications such as Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, CCN, Financial Post, The Globe and Mail, Real Vision, and Reuters. Tavi is a native of São Paulo, Brazil and is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and English. Before joining Crescat, he worked with the underwriting of financial products and in international business at Braservice, a large logistics company in Brazil. Tavi graduated cum laude from Lindenwood University in St. Louis with a B.A. degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and a minor in Spanish. Tavi played NCAA Division 1 tennis for Liberty University.



Quinton Hennigh, PhD

**Member/Geologic & Technical Advisor**

Quinton is an economic geologist with 40+ years of operating and investment experience in the precious metals mining industry. He earned a PhD in Geology and Geochemistry from the Colorado School of Mines. He worked as an exploration geologist for major global mining firms including Homestake Mining (now Barrick Gold), Newcrest Mining, and Newmont Mining. He later led several exploration-focused mining firms as an executive. Dr. Hennigh joined Crescat in 2021 as a member of the investment team. Quinton now acts in an advisory role. Since 2023, he has also served as Chairman and CEO of San Cristobal Mining (SCM), a Crescat activist investment and leading worldwide producer of silver and zinc. SCM's acquisition of Minera San Cristobal from Sumitomo in 2023 and the advancement of its Isidorito silver deposit in Bolivia are among Quinton's outstanding career achievements. He has made valuable contributions to other successful projects that include Kirkland Lake Gold's acquisition of the Fosterville mine in Australia and the discovery and advancement of various tier-1 mineral assets worldwide, including New Found Gold's Queensway discovery in Newfoundland, Eoro Resources' Iska Iska silver/polymetallic deposit in Bolivia, Snowline Gold's Valley deposit in the Yukon, and Goliath Resources' Surebet gold discovery in British Columbia among others.



# Gold Explorer Historic Acquisition Data and Notes

Date	Aquired Mine/Company	Acquiror	Price Paid	Currency	Exch	Price USD	First resource/reserve after acquisition (Au eq using 80:1 Ag to Au)	Type of resource/reserve	Date of resource/reserve	Au price at acquisition	US\$ per resource/reserve oz	% of resource/reserve value	Market Environment
2/24/22	Great Bear	Kinross Gold	\$ 1,800,000,000	CAD	1.27	\$ 1,417,322,835	5,027,000	I&I	Feb-23	\$ 1,795	\$ 282	16%	Neutral
9/3/10	Andean Resources	Goldcorp	\$ 3,600,000,000	CAD	1.03	\$ 3,495,145,631	5,900,000	P&P; MI&I	Apr-11	\$ 1,270	\$ 592	47%	Bull
2/3/11	Fronteer Gold	Newmont	\$ 2,300,000,000	CAD	0.975	\$ 2,358,974,359	2,600,000	MI&I	Mar-13	\$ 1,345	\$ 907	67%	Bull
2/24/06	Penasquito (Glamis)	Glamis Gold	\$ 1,200,000,000	CAD	1.12	\$ 1,071,428,571	17,170,000	P&P	Jun-06	\$ 555	\$ 62	11%	Bull
9/29/16	Fosterville (Newmarket)	Kirkland Lake	\$ 1,000,000,000	CAD	1.35	\$ 740,740,741	3,100,000	P&P; MI&I	Dec-18	\$ 1,310	\$ 239	18%	Neutral
8/16/96	Arequipa	Barrick	\$ 1,100,000,000	CAD	1.37	\$ 802,919,708	7,780,000	P&P	Dec-97	\$ 387	\$ 103	27%	Bull
2/13/23	Sabina Gold & Silver Corp	B2 Gold	\$ 1,100,000,000	CAD	1.335	\$ 823,970,037	3,600,000	P&P	Feb-23	\$ 1,863	\$ 229	12%	Neutral
5/15/19	Atlantic Gold Corp	St. Barbara Mining	\$ 722,000,000	CAD	1.345	\$ 536,802,974	2,370,000	MI&I	Aug-19	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 226	18%	Neutral
2/14/07	Cumberland Resources	Aginico Eagle	\$ 710,000,000	CAD	1.165	\$ 609,442,060	2,900,000	P&P	Feb-07	\$ 664.00	\$ 210	32%	Bull
4/27/12	Trelawney Mining	IAMGold	\$ 585,000,000	CAD	1.015	\$ 576,354,680	6,870,000	I&I	Oct-12	\$ 1,649	\$ 84	5%	Bear
7/30/15	Romarco Minerals	Oceana Gold	\$ 856,000,000	CAD	1.324	\$ 646,525,680	4,627,000	MI&I	Dec-14	\$ 1,103	\$ 140	13%	Bear
12/5/05	Virgina Gold Mines	Goldcorp	\$ 420,000,000	USD		\$ 420,000,000	2,764,000	I&I	Aug-07	\$ 509	\$ 152	30%	Bull
5/12/16	Kaminak Gold Corp	Goldcorp	\$ 520,000,000	CAD	1.313	\$ 396,039,604	1,662,000	P&P	Oct-18	\$ 1,272	\$ 238	19%	Neutral
5/31/13	Rainy River Resources	New Gold	\$ 310,000,000	CAD	1.03	\$ 300,970,874	8,701,000	MI&I	Apr-13	\$ 1,402	\$ 35	2%	Bear
7/24/08	Aurelian Resources	Kinross Gold	\$ 1,200,000,000	CAD	1.01	\$ 1,188,118,812	11,080,000	P&P; MI&I	Dec-10	\$ 928	\$ 107	12%	Bear

Great Bear	Great Bear never published a resource before the sale; note this resource is only indicated and inferred
Andean Resources	This is a high grade asset, hence the premium; over time, it has delivered many more oz
Fronteer Gold	Newmont thought this deposit would deliver way more ounces than it did; it failed to deliver
Penasquito (Glamis)	This deposit has delivered many more oz; Zn and Pb not factored into the Au eq
Fosterville (Newmarket)	The high grade part of Fosterville ultimately delivered around 3.6Moz (I included depletion since they were mining it when the resource came out)
Arequipa	This mine produced Au at \$40/oz, so Barrick was justified in the end
Sabina Gold & Silver Corp	I used the reserve statement from Sabina shortly prior to the acquisition
Atlantic Gold Corp	This mine is on care and maintenance due to permitting issues
Cumberland Resources	This deposit has delivered many more oz over time
Trelawney Mining	Very marginal asset; note that this is only indicated and inferred
Romarco Minerals	Oceana never published a resource statement after acquisition; I used the last one by Romarco
Virgina Gold Mines	Note that this is only indicated and inferred; this ended up being a very challenging deposit to mine
Kaminak Gold Corp	Not sure why Goldcorp bought this as it is too small for a major
Rainy River Resources	Low margin deposit with many technical problems; New Gold thought they could improve the situation but did not
Aurelian Resources	This is the first acquisition of Fruta del Norte; Kinross screwed up relations in Ecuador; the Ecuador factor resulted in the discounted price

Companies shown here were selected based on the following criteria 1) The company was acquired by a mid-tier or major mining company 2) Within 2 years before or after the acquisition, the company had a published resource and/or reserve 3) The company was bought for one specific discovery 4) The first resource and/or reserve update after the acquisition was >1,000,000 Au Equivalent Ounces. Crescat may or may not have held the securities referenced herein. This is not a recommendation or endorsement to buy or sell any security or other financial instrument.



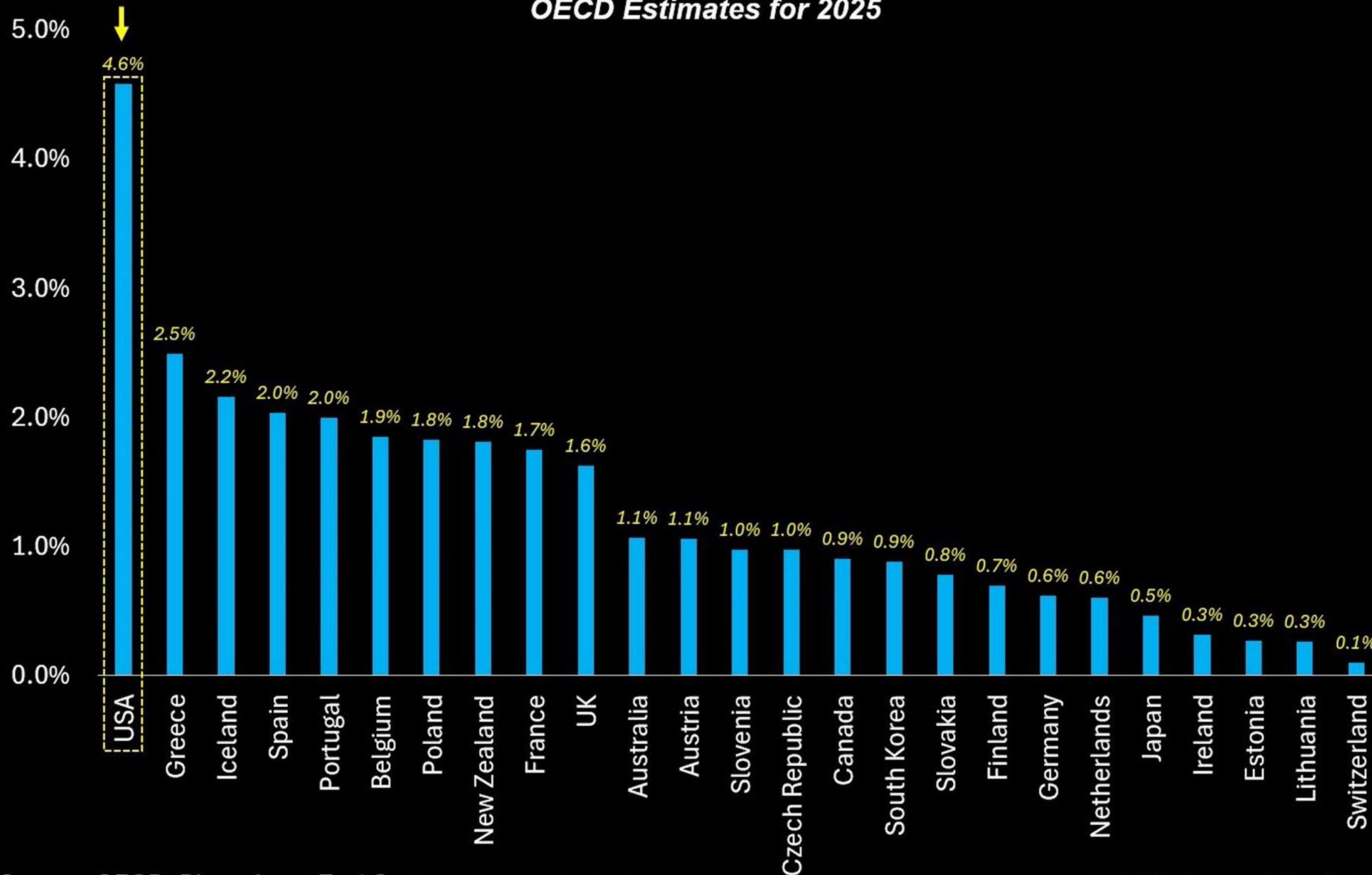
# Risk Management Process and Philosophy

- As value investors, we are comfortable accepting an appropriate amount of risk in order to realize the strong returns we see as possible from our macro themes and valuation models over complete business cycles.
- Our investment principles and models give us the confidence that the intrinsic value of our portfolios is substantially greater than the current market price. As such, we believe pullbacks in Crescat's strategies offer great opportunities for both new and existing investors to deploy capital.
- Crescat believes in portfolio diversification across securities and among independent, non-correlated macroeconomic themes which can be accomplished by various combinations across the firm's investment strategies to tailor to individual client needs, objectives, and risk tolerance.
- Individual position sizing is a function of investment team conviction, security-specific volatility, correlation with other securities in the existing portfolio, and contribution to theme-level and overall portfolio risk.
- We view market volatility as our friend to help us initiate long positions cheaply and short positions dearly can ultimately deliver strong appreciation.
- Clients desiring less volatility can make a lesser relative allocation to Crescat's strategies and can combine Crescat's strategies with cash and short-term fixed income investments to reduce risk.
- Clients need to be able to embrace the same mindset that we employ as value-oriented managers and investors in our own funds, i.e., that short-term pullbacks in Crescat's strategies are not likely to be a permanent loss of capital. Otherwise, our strategies will not be suitable.



# Public Debt Net Interest Payment to GDP

OECD Estimates for 2025



Source: OECD; Bloomberg; Tavi Costa - Chart As of 7/27/2024

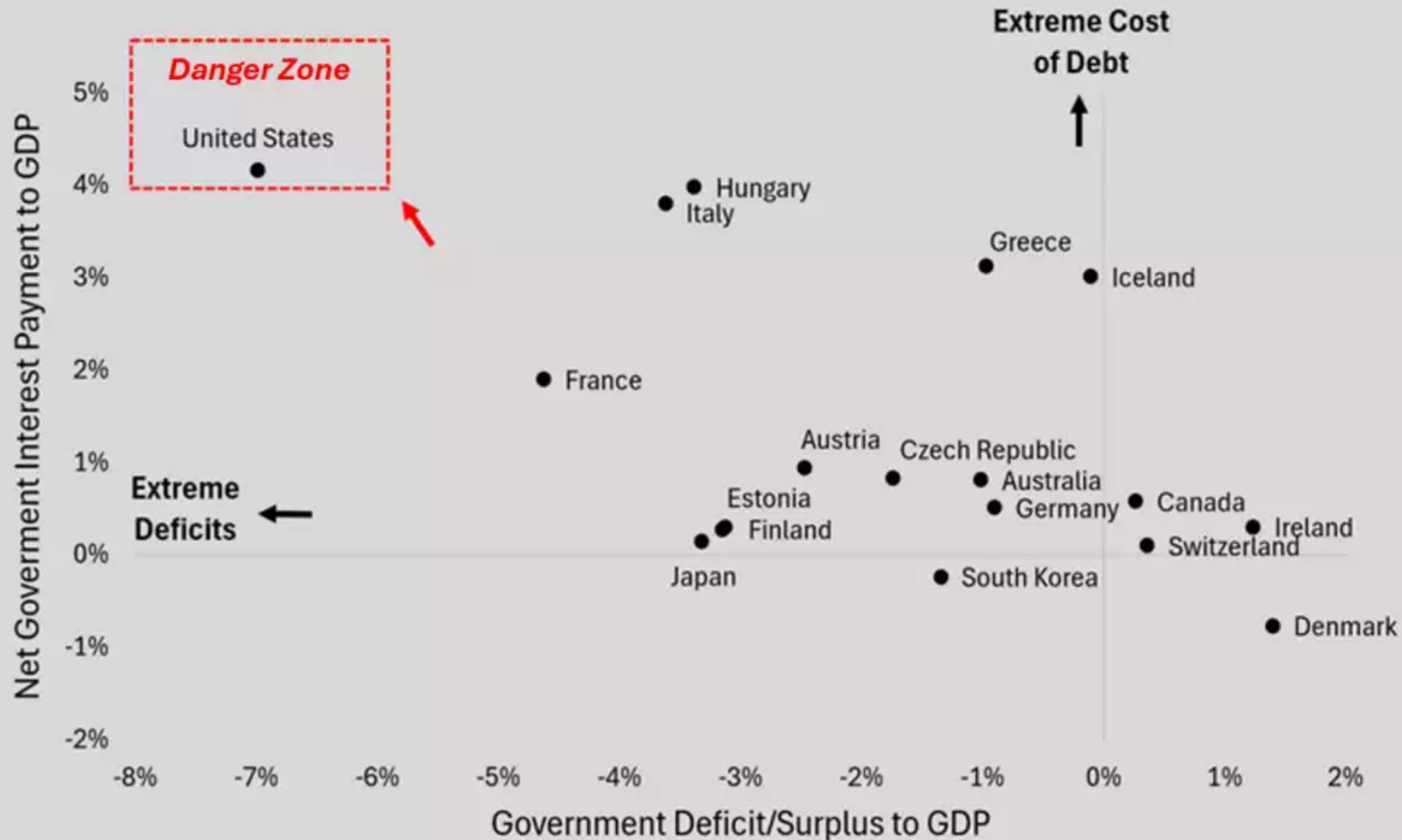
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The US economy currently bears the highest debt service ratio among the world's largest economies.

Reducing interest rates remains the most efficient and immediate way for the government to reduce fiscal expenditures.

# US Economy: Extreme Cost of Debt & Deficits



Source: OECD; Bloomberg; Tavi Costa

Chart As of 12/5/2024

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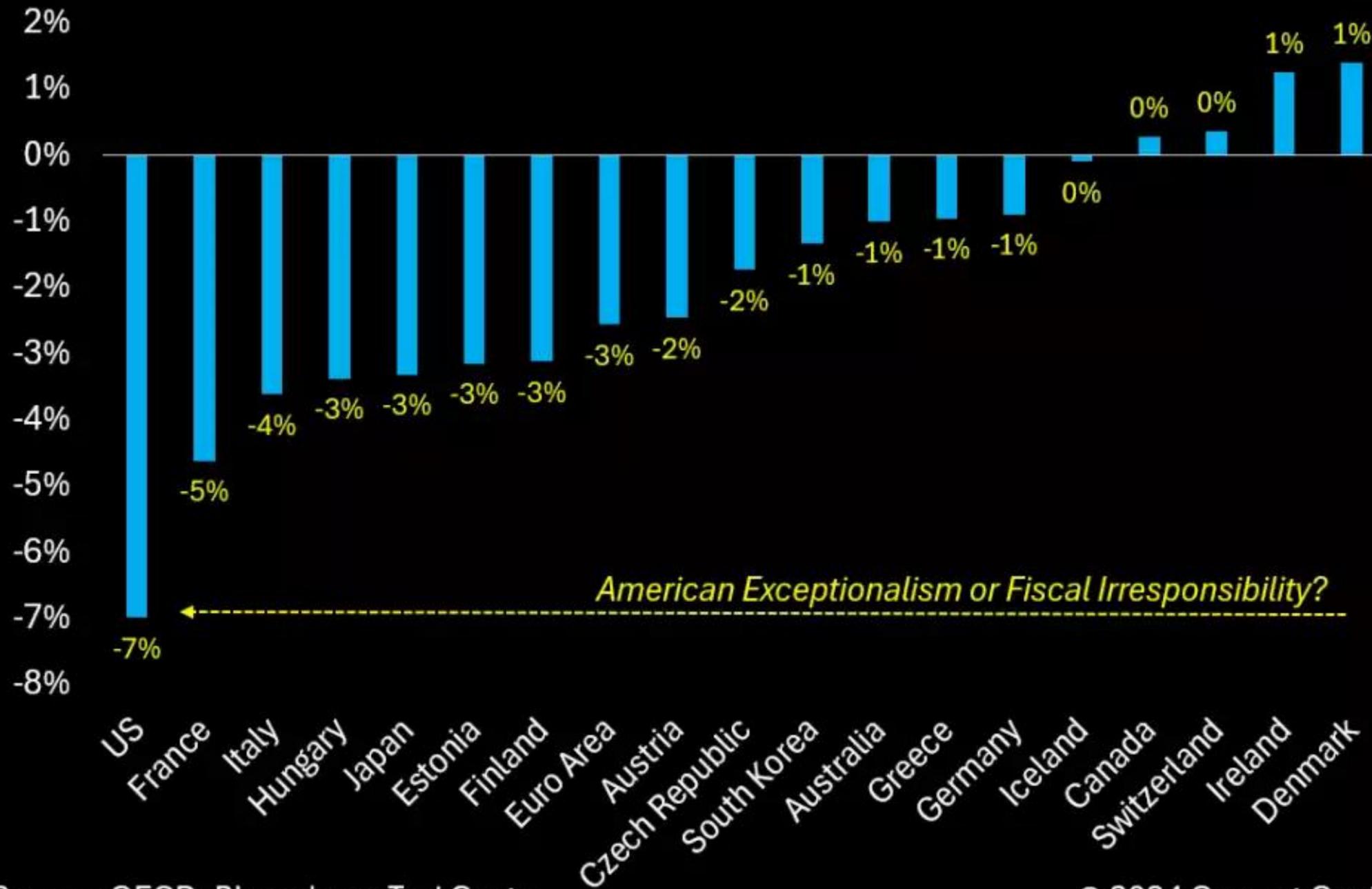
No major economy in the world today is pursuing such an aggressively expansionary fiscal policy while shouldering an unsustainable cost of debt service.

This trajectory, in our view, is untenable and will inevitably lead to policies of interest rate suppression and constrained government spending—signaling a pivotal moment for the US dollar's strength.

Crescat Firmwide Presentation

# Government Spending to GDP Per Country

Trailing Four Quarters - OECD Surplus or Deficit as a percentage of Nominal GDP - Chart As of 12/5/2024



Source: OECD; Bloomberg; Tavi Costa

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Can the US. sustain such policies over the long term?

What would reduced government spending mean for the trajectory of the US economy?

We remain highly skeptical about the sustainability of this growth relative to the rest of the world in the years ahead.

# Price-to-Book: US vs. Rest of the World



One of the most pressing concerns in global financial markets is the significant valuation imbalances across equity markets.

We anticipate a major capital reallocation away from U.S. equities and toward international markets.

# THE COUNTERCYCLICALITY OF GOLD MINING STOCKS

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The following five charts consider the performance of gold mining stocks compared to major US stock market indices and include periods during and surrounding the four largest bear markets for US stocks over the last 100 years: 1929-1932, 1973-1974, 2000-2002, and 2008-2009.

# US Gold Miner Shines in Great Depression

Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) vs. Homestake Mining Co. (HM) (Daily)



Source: Bloomberg, CRSP, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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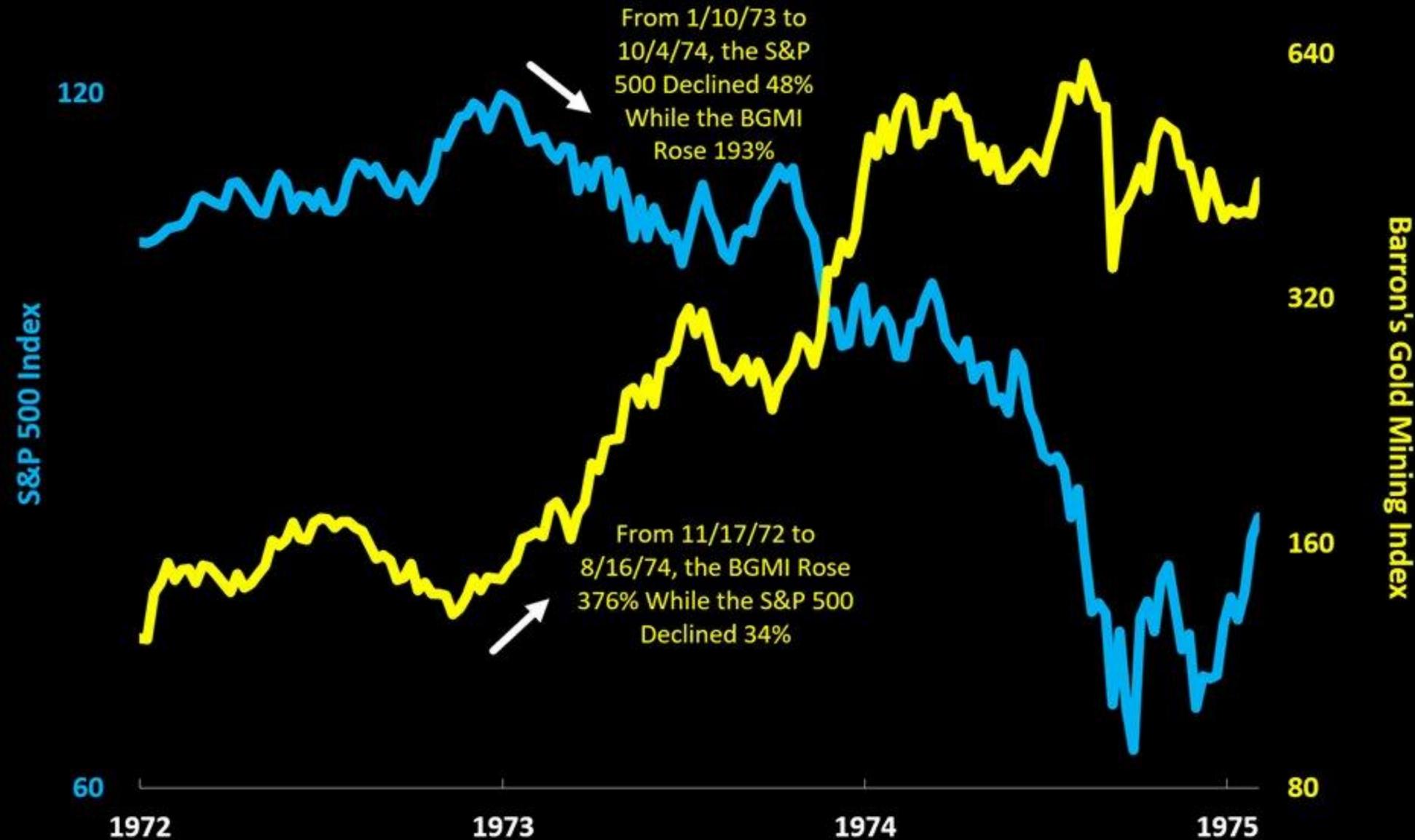
In the deflationary Great Depression, Homestake Mining (HM) was the largest gold mining company in the US and dramatically outperformed the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA).

From the DJIA's high on 9/3/1929 to its low on 7/8/1932, it lost 89% of its value, yet HM's stock price was up 49%. By 2/20/1936, HM shares had gained 580% while the DJIA was still down 59% from its top.



## Gold Miners Surged While S&P 500 Plummeted in 1973-74

*Barron's Gold Mining Index (BGMI) vs. S&P 500 Index (Weekly)*



Source: GCRU, Barron's, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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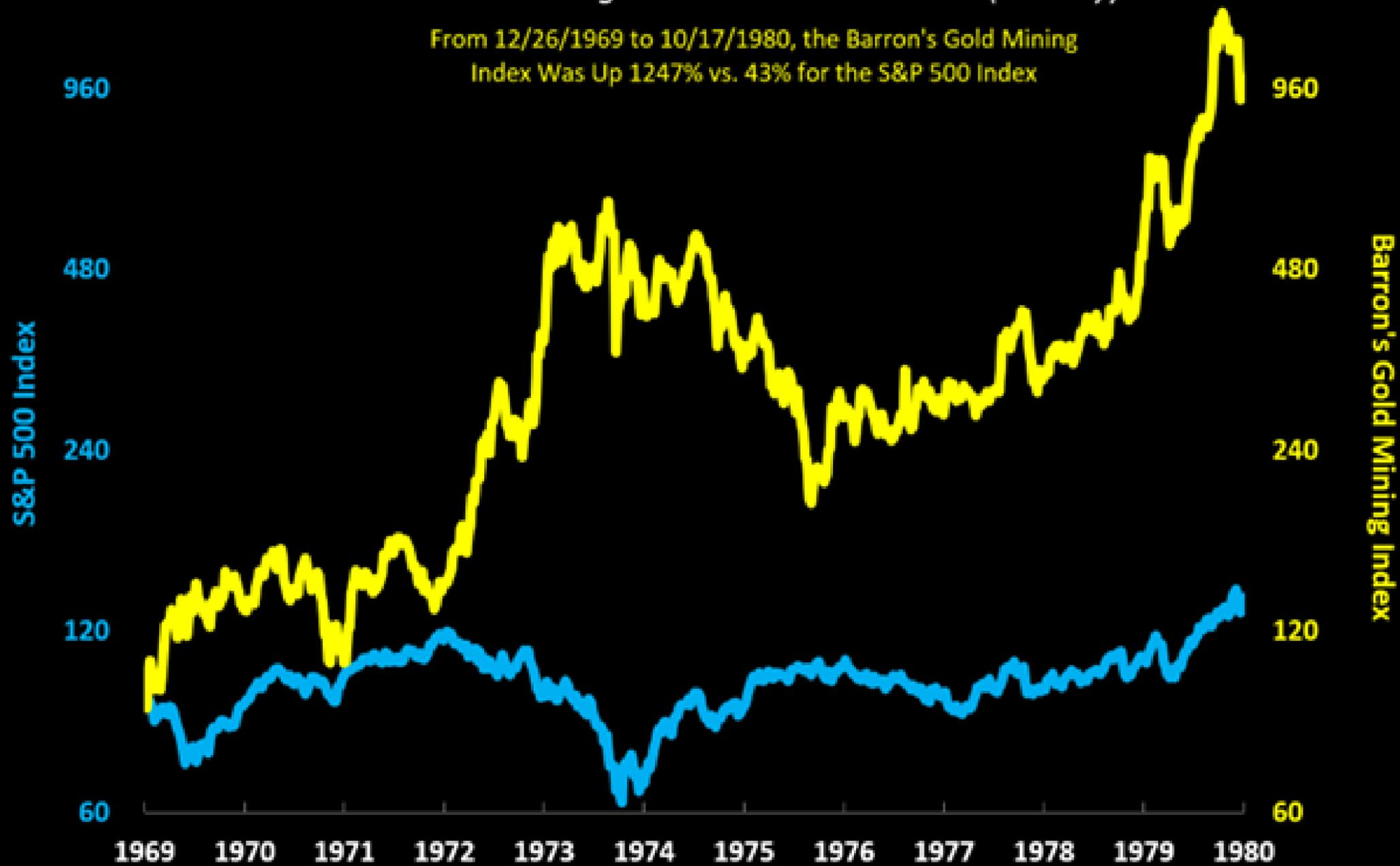
During the stagflationary stock market slide of 1973 and 1974, using weekly data, the S&P 500 fell 48% from its high on 1/10/73 to its low on 10/3/74, a period over which the Barron's Gold Mining Index (BGMI) rose 193%. The BGMI began rising almost two months before the S&P 500 Index top and continued rising during the S&P 500 bear market.

From its lows on 11/17/1972 to its intermediate high on 8/16/1974, the BGMI was up 376%, a period over which the S&P 500 was down 34%.

# Entire 1970 to 1980 Bull Market for Gold Miners vs. S&P 500

*Barron's Gold Mining Index vs. S&P 500 Index (Weekly)*

From 12/26/1969 to 10/17/1980, the Barron's Gold Mining Index Was Up 1247% vs. 43% for the S&P 500 Index



Source: GCRU, Barron's, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

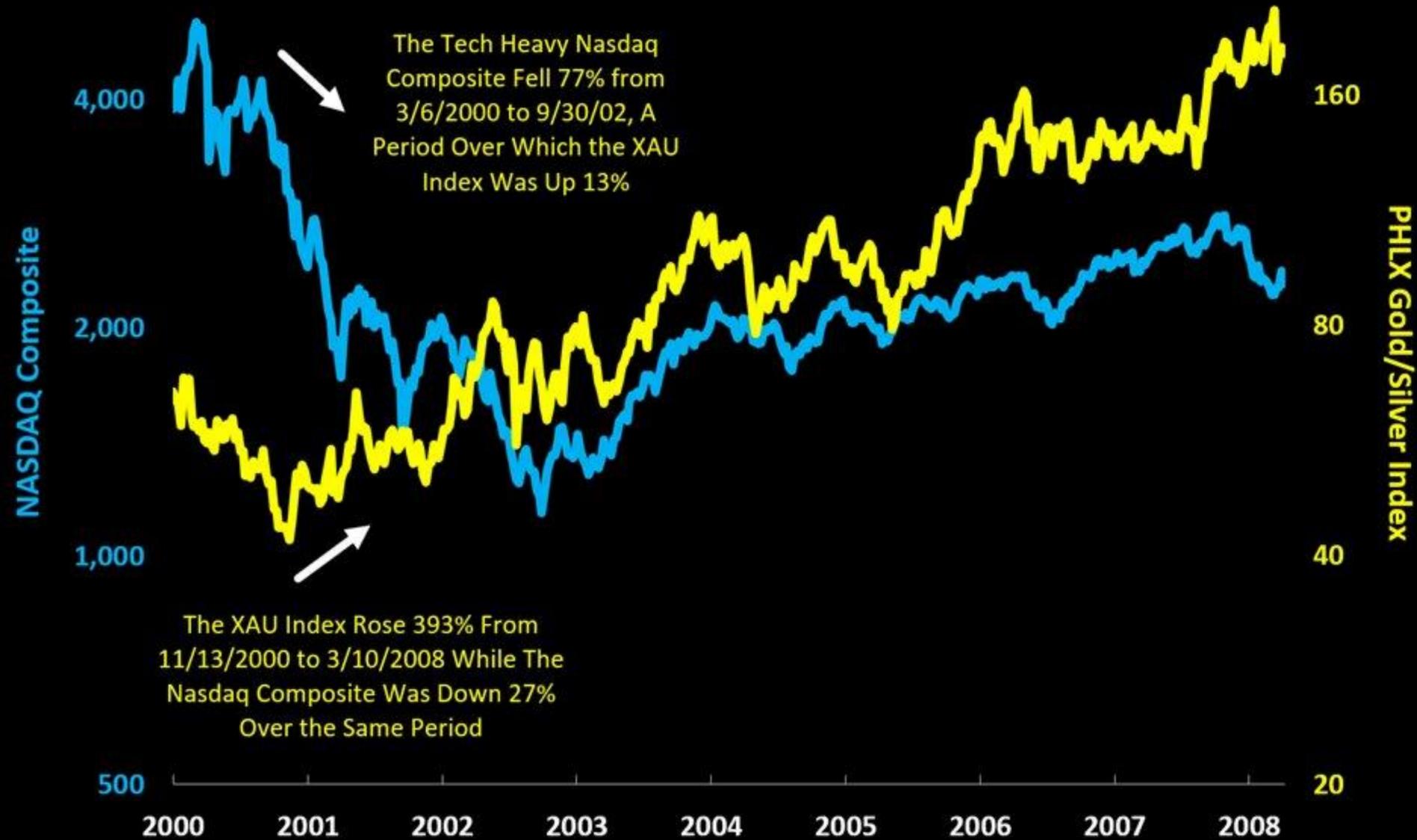
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Over the 11-year secular bull market for gold miners from 12/26/1969 to 10/17/1980, the Barron's Gold Mining Index increased 1,247% while the S&P 500 was up only 43% over the same period.

# Gold Stock Bull Started in 2000 as Tech Bust Unfolded

Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index (XAU) vs. Nasdaq Composite (Weekly)



Source: Bloomberg, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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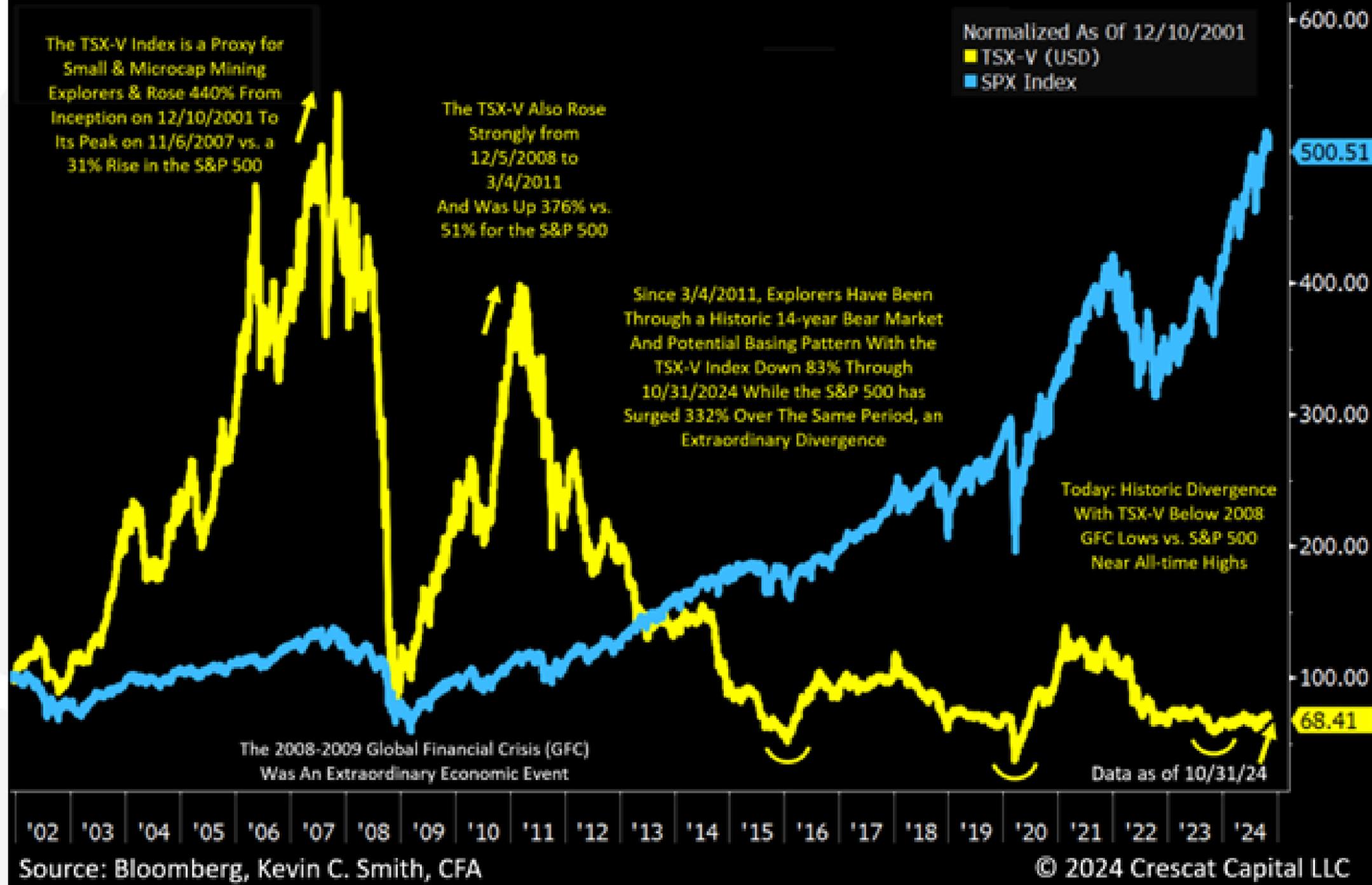


The early innings of the 2000 tech bust marked the end of a long bear market for precious metals mining stocks since the BGMI's high on 10/17/1980 after which point it fell 82% through 11/3/2000 while the S&P 500 was up 985% over the same time frame.

The worst of that bear market for mining stocks happened from 1996 to 2000 when technology stocks were booming before topping in 2000, potentially not unlike today. Starting on 11/3/2000, a new secular bull market for mining stocks began while tech stocks plunged.

# Countercyclical Setup For Metal Explorers vs. S&P 500 in 2024

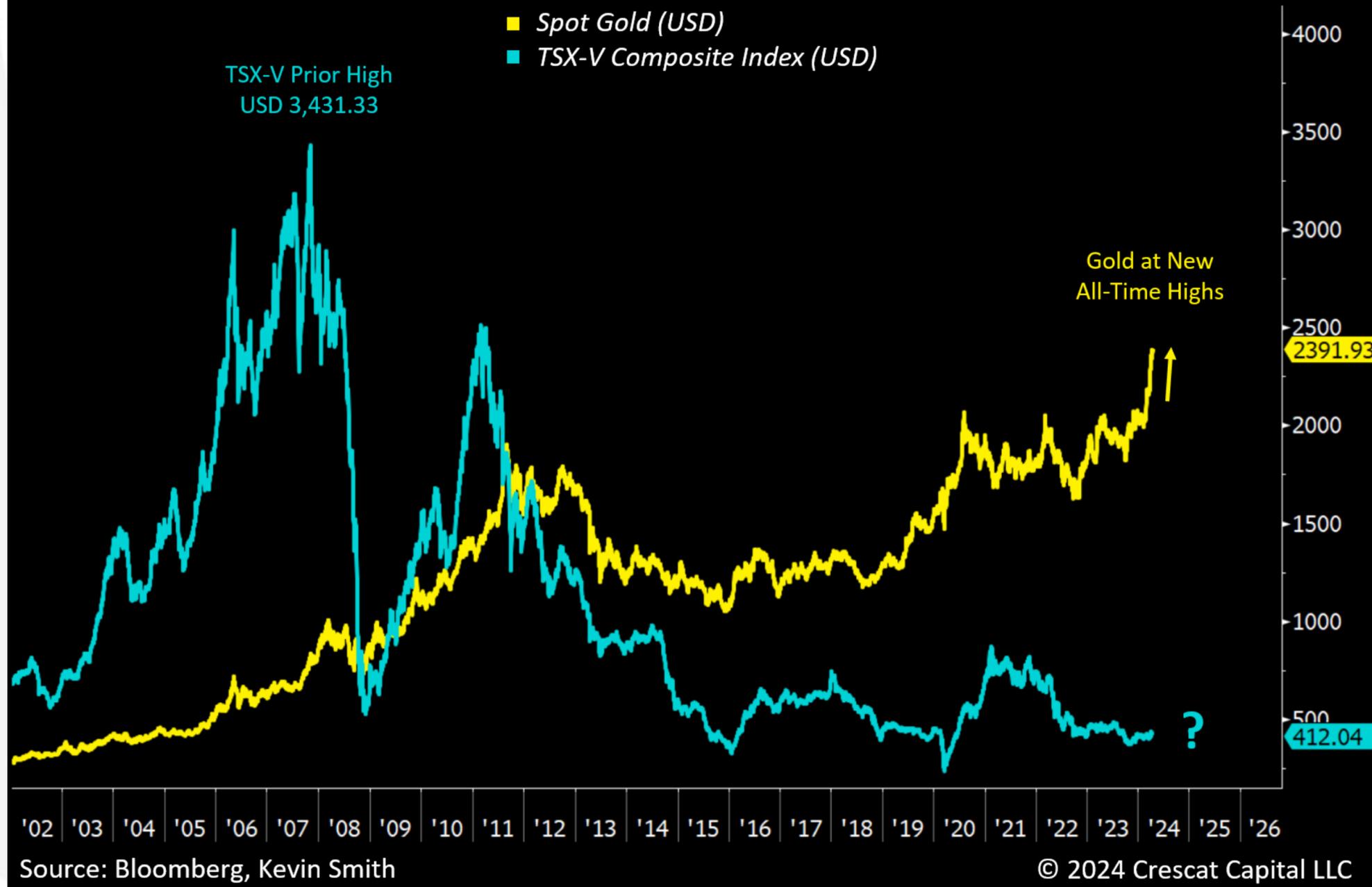
S&P/TSX Venture Composite Index (TSX-V) in USD terms vs. S&P 500 Index (Indexed to 100 at TSX-V Inception)



The S&P/TSX Venture Composite Index (“TSX-V Index”) has been in the wake of a nearly 14-year bear market and basing pattern since 2011. On a nominal basis, the TSX-V Index is already 18% below its 2008 GFC-worst levels.

Meanwhile, on an inflation-adjusted basis, using the US Consumer Price Index, the TSX-V Index is currently 45% below its GFC lows, the exact opposite of bubble territory in our view.

# Gold vs. Explorers

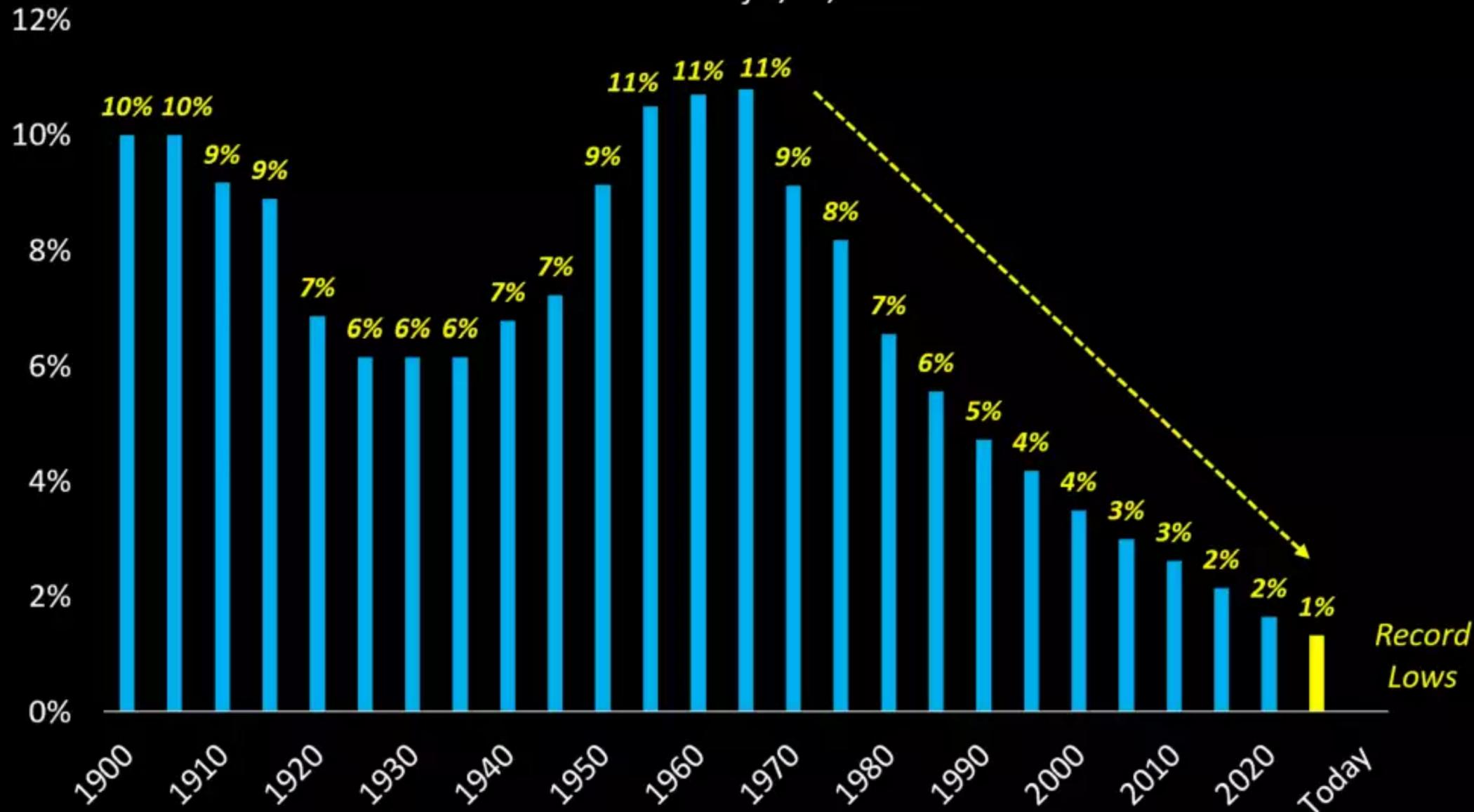


The TSX-V hit its all-time high in 2007. Gold has been hitting new all-time highs while the TSX-V has been depressed. The value opportunity in junior mining companies is extraordinary.

Why are the TSX Venture Composite Index and the TSX-V Exchange in Canada relevant proxies for exploration-focused mining stocks? The TSX Venture Composite Index is one of the longest-running indices with a heavy concentration of mining exploration stocks. As of 4/19/24, there were 127 companies in the TSX Venture Composite Index. Their average market cap was USD 270 million. 85 of these companies or 67% of them are in the mining & metals industry and had an average market cap of USD 183 million. The index is a subset of the broader TSX Venture Composite Exchange which has a total of 1,891 companies listed on it with an average market cap of USD 35 million. To be included in the TSX-V Composite Index, a security must have a relative weight of at least 0.20% of the total capitalization of the TSX-V Exchange. 967 of the companies on the overall TSX-V Exchange or 51% of them are in the mining and metals industry with an average market cap of USD 29M. The mining companies listed on the TSX-V Exchange are almost all exploration-focused miners, a large universe of publicly traded companies for Crescat to consider for its exploration-focused activist metals and mining investment theme. TSX-V mining companies tend to be explorers because once these firms become more advanced and go into development or production, if not bought out by a larger firm first, they will typically move their listing up to the TSX big board.

# Mining Industry As a % of Global Equities

Global Mining Industry Aggregate Market Cap Relative to Total Global Stocks' Market Cap  
Chart As of 5/13/2025



Source: Statista; S&P Global Market Intelligence; Tavi Costa

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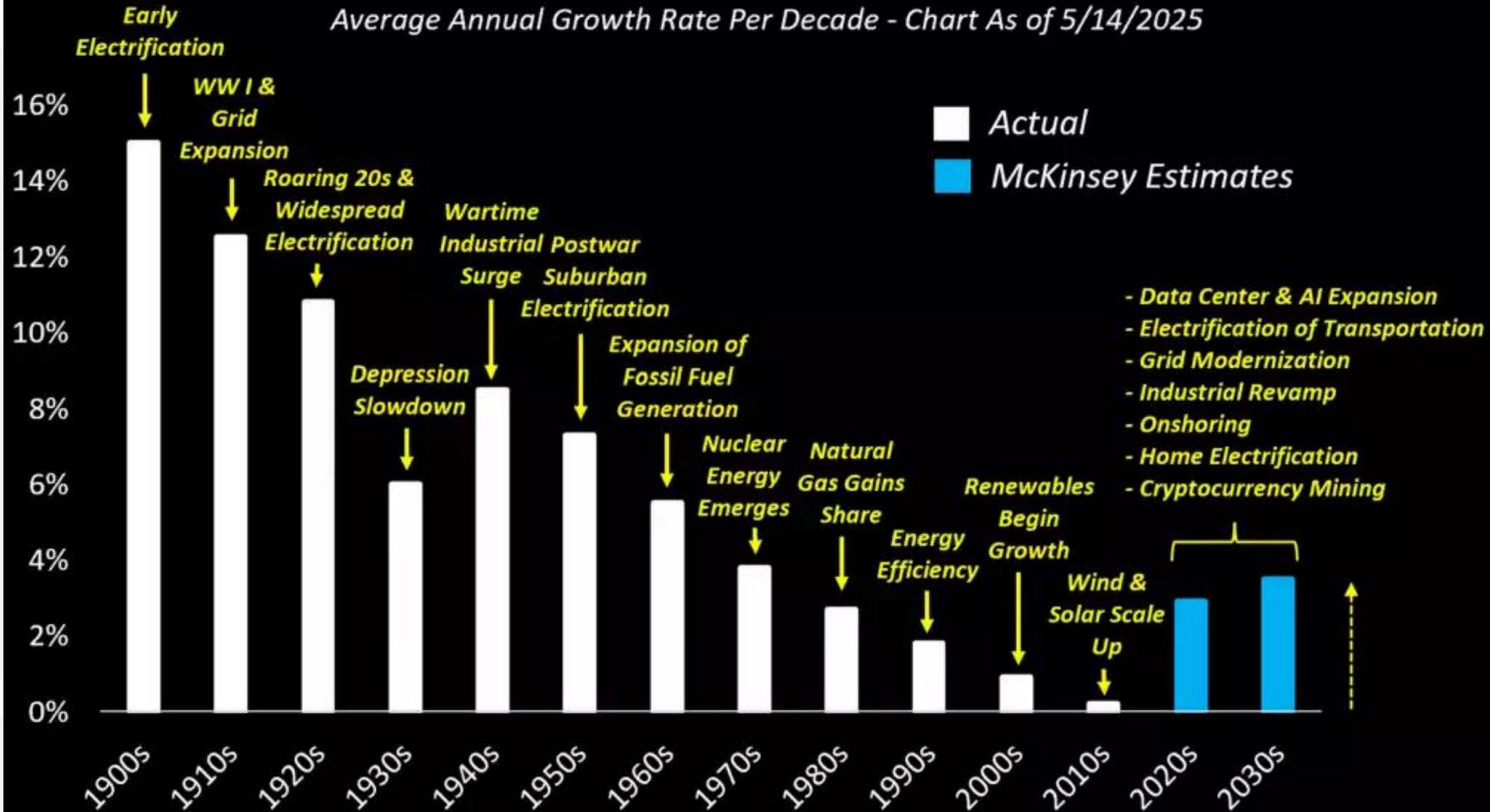


The current underrepresentation signals fundamental misalignment — and highlights the urgent need for renewed attention, capital, and long-term support for the mining industry.

Without it, the foundation for future economic growth, including technological and energy progress, remains on uncertain ground.

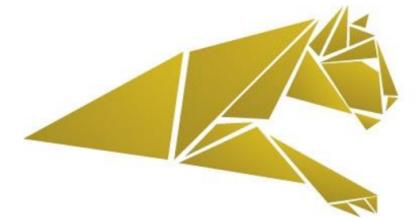
# US Electricity Consumption Growth Per Decade

Average Annual Growth Rate Per Decade - Chart As of 5/14/2025



Source: Federal Reserve; McKinsey; Tavi Costa

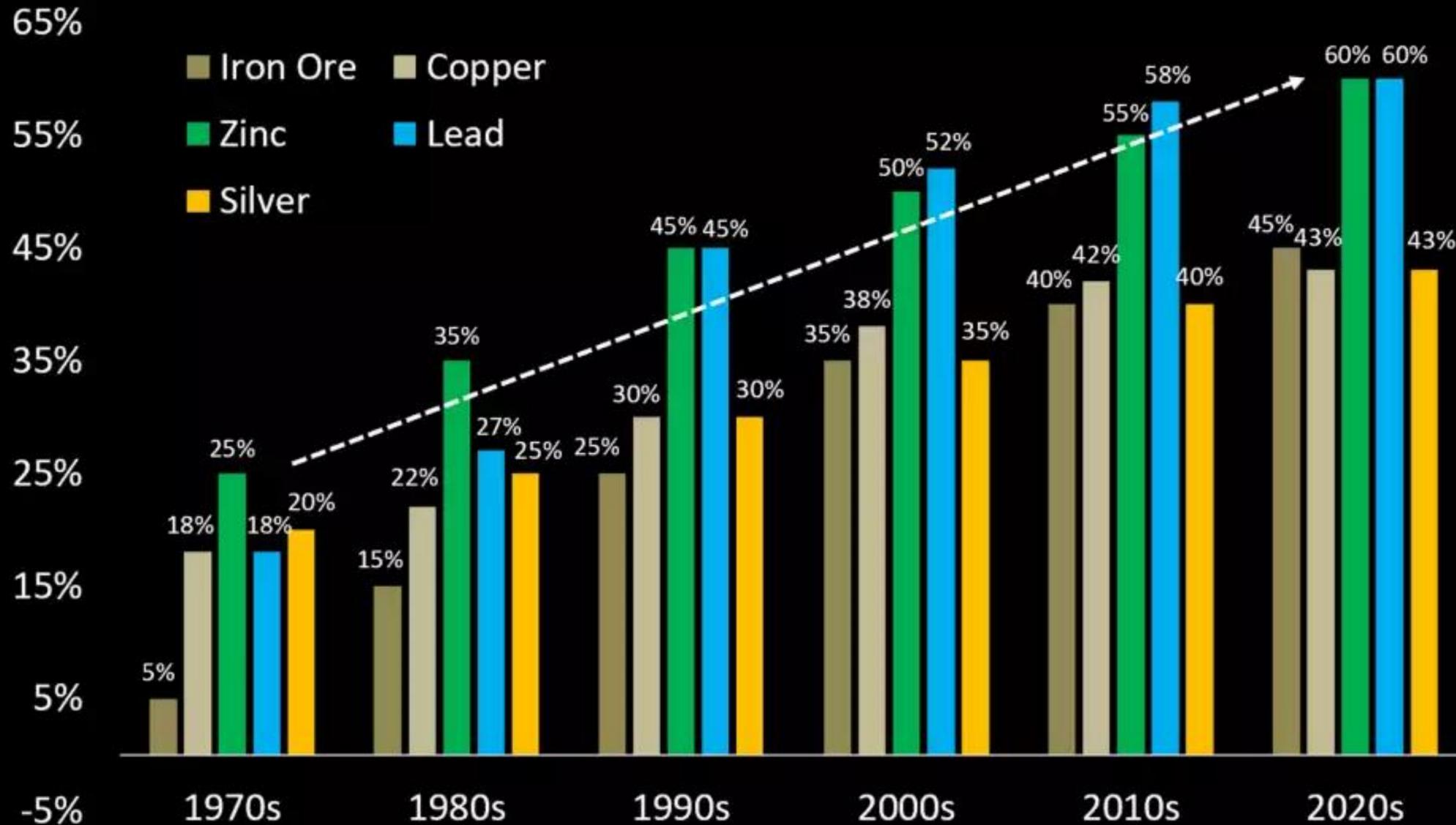
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The scale-up in growth compared to recent decades is profound and poses an impossible challenge to the nation's aging grid infrastructure, which cannot accommodate such a rapid increase.

# America's Dependence on Metal Imports

*Net Import Reliance (NIR): The Percentage of U.S. Apparent Mineral Consumption Met by Net Imports, Indicating Dependence on Foreign Sources - Chart As of 5/14/2025*



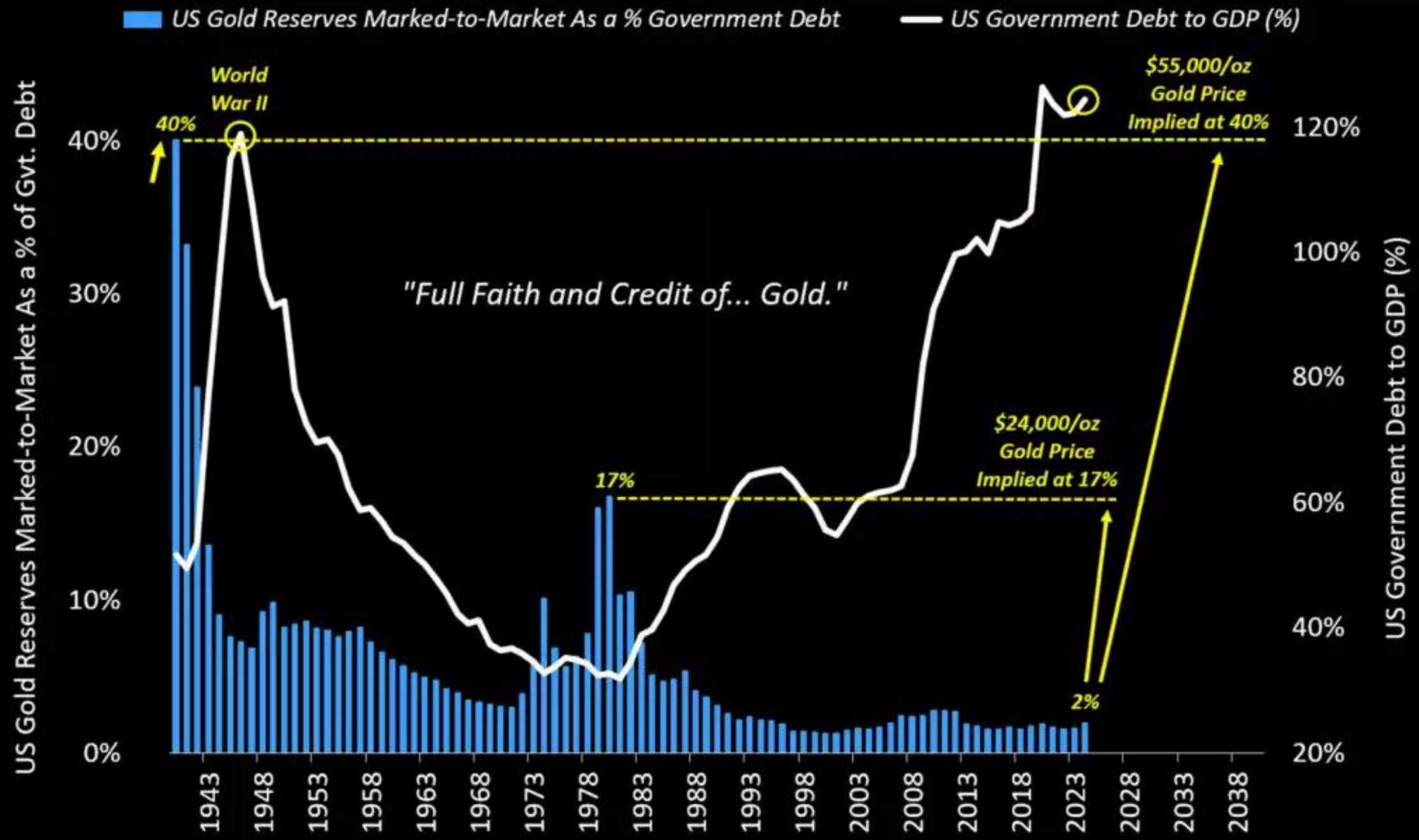
Source: US Geological Survey (USGS); Tavi Costa

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The United States cannot realistically pursue its economic rebalancing initiatives without committing to the restoration of domestic mining capacity and securing long-term access to mineral reserves.

# US Gold Reserves As a % of Government Debt

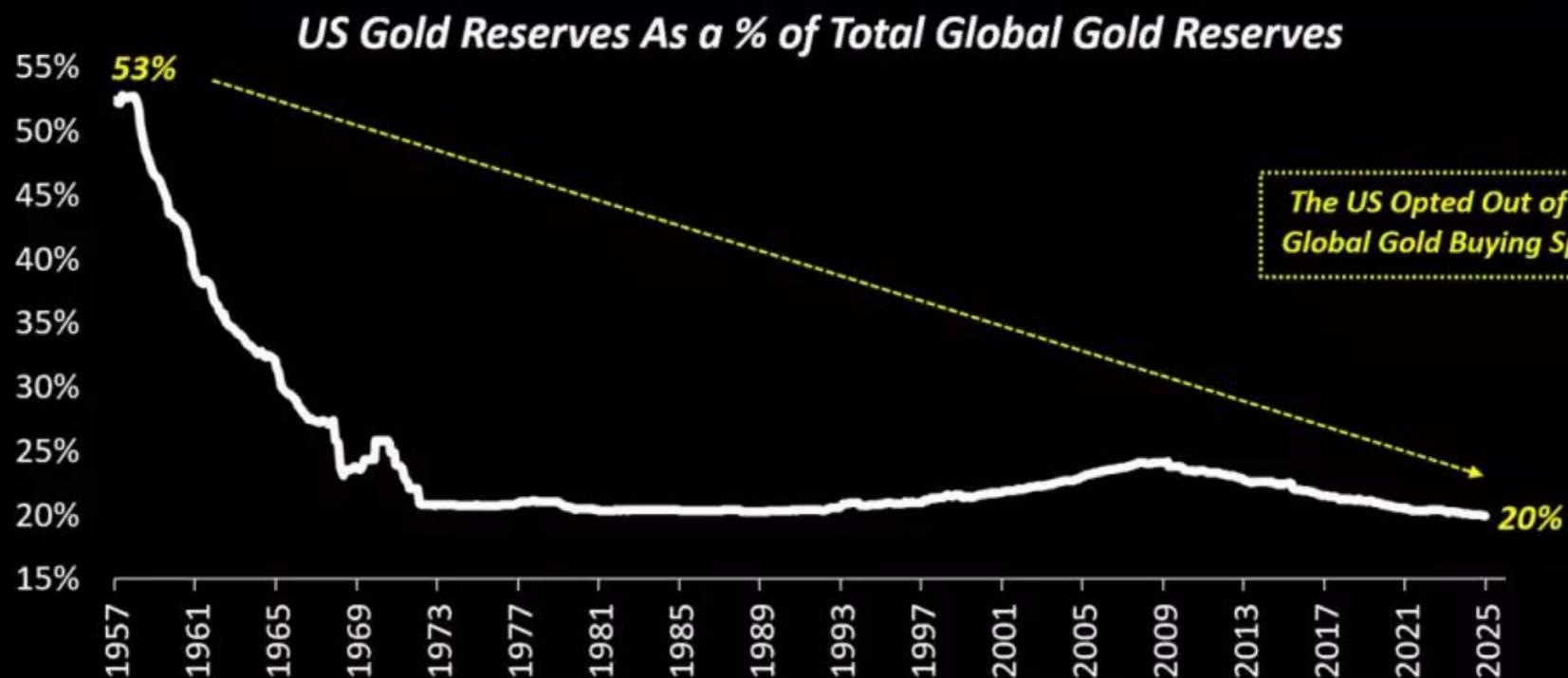
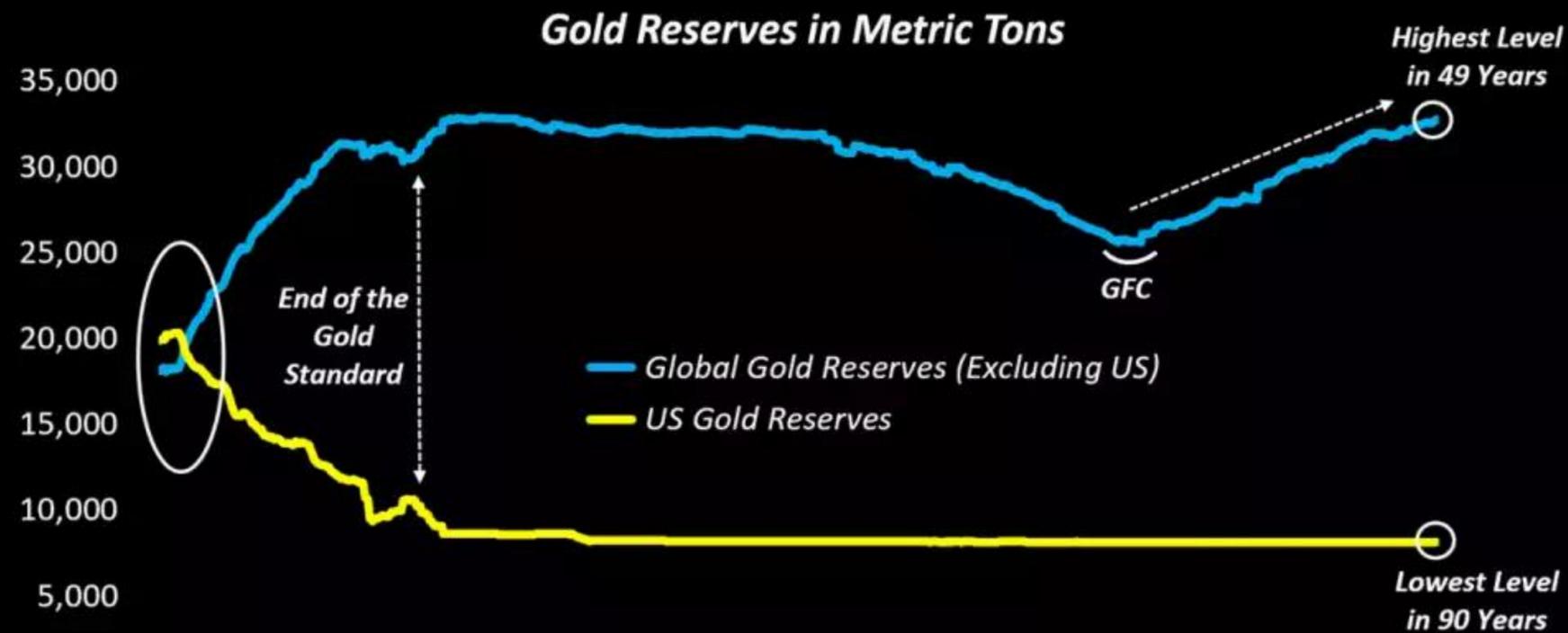


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US Treasury gold reserves currently account for a mere 2% of total outstanding government debt — one of the lowest levels in history. To dispel any debate, this figure already reflects the mark-to-market adjustment at prevailing gold prices.

# US vs. Global Gold Reserves



Source: Federal Reserve; Bloomberg; IMF; Tavi Costa

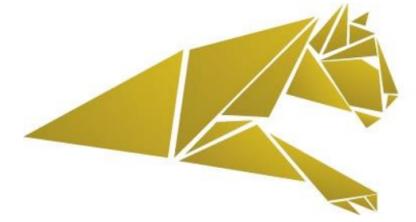
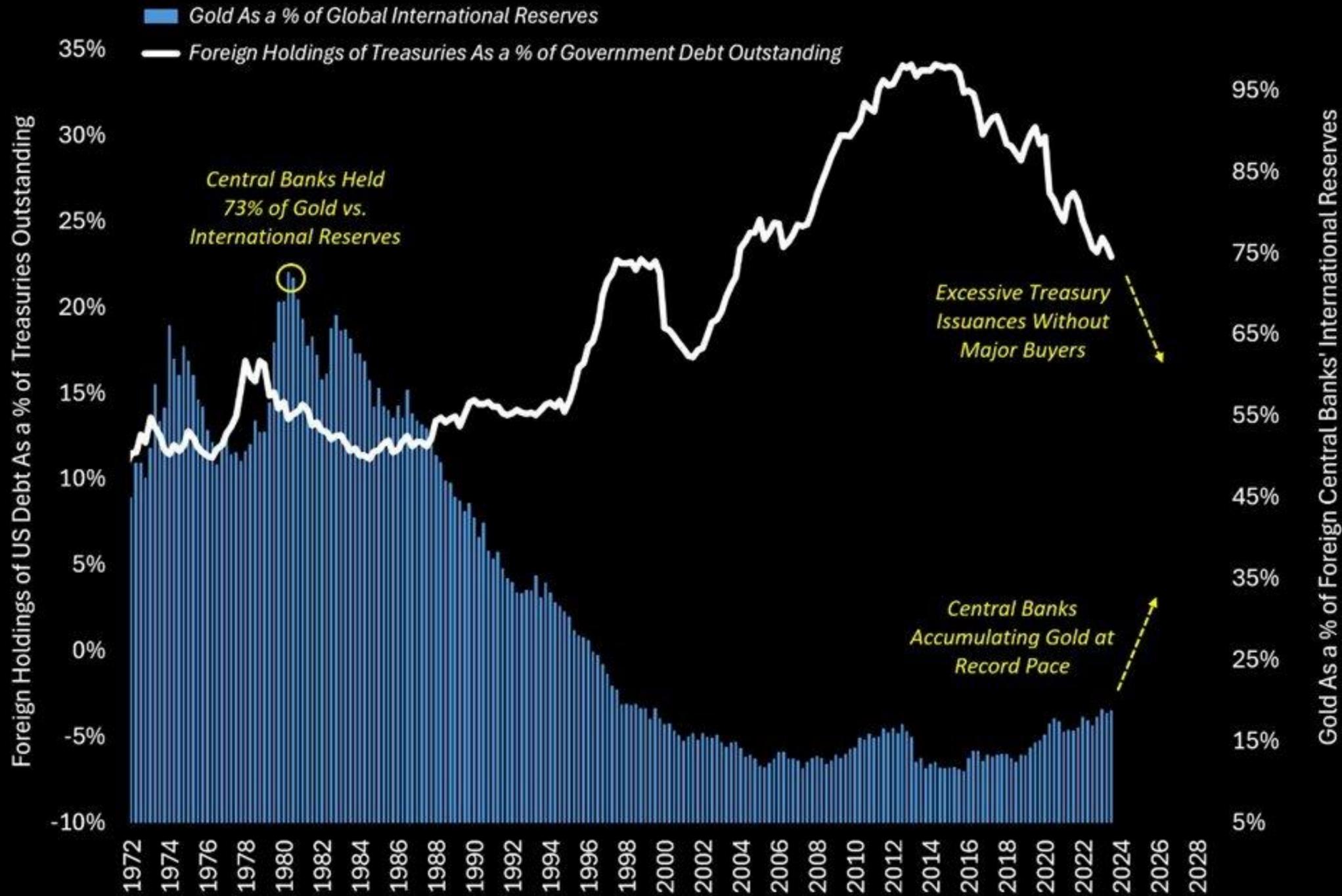
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The United States' lack of participation in the central bank gold accumulation trend since the Global Financial Crisis has been notable. Excluding the US, global gold reserves have now surged to their highest level in 49 years, whereas US reserves have plunged to a 90-year low.

# Foreign Central Banks Transitioning Towards Gold



Gold's role as a universal, neutral asset with millennia of history as money, is experiencing a resurgence relative to US Treasuries for global central bank reserve accumulations.

Source: IMF; Federal Reserve; Bloomberg; Tavi Costa

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Tyler Reger  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Tyler oversees the financial accounting and reporting of Crescat's hedge funds. He acts as the primary liaison between the prime brokers, administrator, and investment team to ensure that all parties are in sync to provide accurate and timely reporting. Tyler came to Crescat with 11 years of industry experience in fund administration. Prior to joining Crescat, Tyler held positions in mutual fund and private equity administration at STRAIT Capital, Charles Schwab Investment Management and ALPS Fund Services. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from the University of Colorado, Leeds School of Business and a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Colorado, Denver.



Danielle Money  
**Chief Compliance Officer**

Danielle is responsible for overseeing Crescat's compliance program as Chief Compliance Officer, ensuring that the firm consistently meets regulatory requirements and upholds the highest standards of compliance. Danielle joined the firm with over 13 years of experience and is the proud owner of an I Heart Compliance mug. She previously served as the Compliance Officer at Paradise Investment Management and held key compliance leadership roles as Director of Compliance at PINE Advisor Solutions and Compliance Manager at ALPS Fund Services. Danielle holds a Master of Legal Studies from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado. She is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).



Ryan Wardell  
**Investment Systems Leader**

Ryan is responsible for the firm's investment management operations and trading, including trade staging and execution. He is also responsible for maintaining the firm's portfolio track records and internal systems, including the automation and production of its equity and macro models. Ryan came to Crescat with more than 10 years of industry experience as Specialized Services Trader at Scottrade and Fidelity Investments. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Ryan is currently working towards the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and has passed the CFA Level 1 Exam.





Lisa Thieme

**Senior Energy Advisor**

Lisa Thieme provides guidance in the Energy sector with a focus on the petroleum industry. Lisa has spent 27 years in the Energy and Mining industries, including 20 years with Shell in Exploration, Development and Carbon Sequestration/New Energies groups. She has played a key role in Eastern Gulf of Mexico oil discoveries and gas discoveries in Asia. Within Shell, she was an Operations Geology Subject Matter Expert. The first seven years of her career was in the mining industry with Phelps Dodge and Placer Dome primarily exploring for gold, copper and zinc. She has worked across the globe in South America, North America, Asia, Australia and Europe. Her M.S. is from Colorado School of Mines with a B.A. in both economics and geology from Lawrence University.



Lars Theill, PhD

**Senior Biopharma Advisor**

Lars is a scientist, inventor, and entrepreneur with 30+ years of biomedical research and drug discovery experience. After earning a PhD in Molecular Biology from Aarhus University, a Medicinal Chemistry degree, and postdoctoral training at UC San Diego Medical School, Dr. Theill lead a biotherapeutics discovery laboratory at Amgen for 15 years, contributing to the invention and preclinical development of numerous small molecule and protein-based therapeutic candidates (including the now blockbuster Prolia) for treatment of cancer, inflammation, and neurodegenerative diseases. In parallel, he evaluated countless in-licensing and acquisition opportunities for the Amgen business development team. Lars is a founder and President of Logix Pharmaceuticals Inc., engaged in developing kinase inhibitors for treatment of cancer, and performing biotech equity research for institutional investors. Dr. Theill is an inventor and author on multiple US patents and 28 research articles published in Science, Nature, Cell, and other leading scientific journals. These papers have received >5,100 citations.



Marek Iwahashi

**Head of Investor Relations**

Marek is Crescat's point person for existing and prospective investors. With a strong background in finance, he works with clients to understand their needs, explain the firm's strategies, open new accounts, and respond to inquiries. Marek also handles various operations, including performing daily trade reconciliation and settlement. He helps produce firm marketing materials, updates consultant databases, and assists the investment team. Marek stood out versus his peers by making strong grades in an accelerated degree program at the University of Colorado, Denver where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance and an MBA with a specialization in Finance in 2019 while working full time. Prior to joining Crescat, he worked as a Mutual Fund Analyst at Broadridge Financial Solutions and assistant branch manager at TCF National Bank.





Cassie Fischer

**Head of Marketing Communications**

With a background in both finance and marketing, Cassie strives to perfect the Crescat client journey. She is focused on transparent and engaging communication of Crescat's investment themes and strategies to distinguish the Crescat brand. Cassie has a lead role in crafting the firm's marketing materials from strategy presentations to client reports, email communications, website, and social media content. She also works as a Client Services Specialist to help existing and prospective investors refine their investment goals and better understand Crescat's offerings while answering any questions that may arise throughout the process. Additionally, Cassie is the point person for investment consultants and their databases. Cassie graduated cum laude from Virginia Polytechnic State University with a B.S in Finance. Prior to joining Crescat, she worked as a Marketing Strategist for DISH Network in Englewood, CO.



Ravena Khan

**Assistant Controller**

Ravena is responsible for the daily function in maintaining parallel records to the fund's administrator and prime brokers. She is also responsible for assisting in the review of monthly reporting and client statements. Ravena came to Crescat with over 20 years of experience in the hedge fund industry. Her previous roles include serving as a Controller at Foxhill Capital Partners for 13 years and Gracie Capital for 5 years, where she gained invaluable expertise in fund accounting and reporting. Ravena is magna cum laude graduate of Berkeley College in New York, where she earned her accounting degree.



Trevor Smith

**Data Scientist**

Trevor serves as Crescat's Data Scientist. The exciting developments in the world of Artificial Intelligence have provided Crescat with the opportunity to harness the power of Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and Data Analytics to advance our quantitative analysis to new heights. With prior work experience in the Applied Math Department and degrees in Statistics & Data Science and Economics from CU Boulder, Trevor works to both develop new financial models and improve existing ones in order to maximize Crescat's quant research capabilities. Trevor also uses his statistical knowledge to provide day-to-day research and trading ideas. With AI suddenly exploding into the industry, Trevor helps keep Crescat ahead of the curve.



# History of Successful Themes

Crescat's investment process has led us to successfully capitalize on many major economic themes

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- **2006-2008**  
The U.S. Housing & Mortgage Bust
- **2007-2008**  
Oil Bull Market (Peak Oil)  
Global Financial Crisis
- **2006-2010**  
Precious Metals Bull Market
- **2014**  
Oil Price Collapse
- **2014-2015**  
Biotech Run-up & Bust
- **2014-2017**  
Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- **2014-2019**  
Yuan Devaluation
- **2015**  
China Credit Bust
- **2016-2018**  
Demand for Cybersecurity

- **2018**  
Equity & Credit Market Downturn  
Emerging Market Contagion
- **2020**  
Global Economic Recession  
March Equity Dislocation  
Global Fiat Debasement
- **2021**  
Resource Underinvestment  
Energy Shortage
- **2022**  
Megacap Growth Ceiling  
SaaS Rationalization  
Electrification Metals  
Energy Shortage  
Yuan Devaluation
- **2023**  
Electrification Metals  
Genomic Revolution



# Lessons From Unsuccessful Themes

However, Crescat's investment process has also led the firm to pursue certain themes that at times proved unsuccessful.

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## 2011-2015

### Global Fiat Debasement

After profiting from this long precious metals theme in the 2000s, we stuck with it based on our belief that increasing government debt, deficits, and money printing in the wake of the GFC would lead to substantial inflation. Instead of creating inflation, the money printing led to bubbles in financial assets relative to commodities that have continued to this day. Inflation took much longer than we ever imagined to play out. So, in 2020, we partnered with an industry expert and started building an activist precious metals mining portfolio to take advantage of the industry depression and deep undervaluation. Since then, this gold-focused theme and its sister theme, Electrification Metals, have had outstanding absolute and relative performance. Lesson: If life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Never give up on a great idea. Now rising inflation is finally here and proving to be intractable. We believe our fortitude has allowed us to be well positioned in a deeply undervalued portfolio of some of the biggest new economically viable metal discoveries on the planet for a likely upcoming precious metals and commodity bull market.

## 2020-2021

### SaaS Rationalization

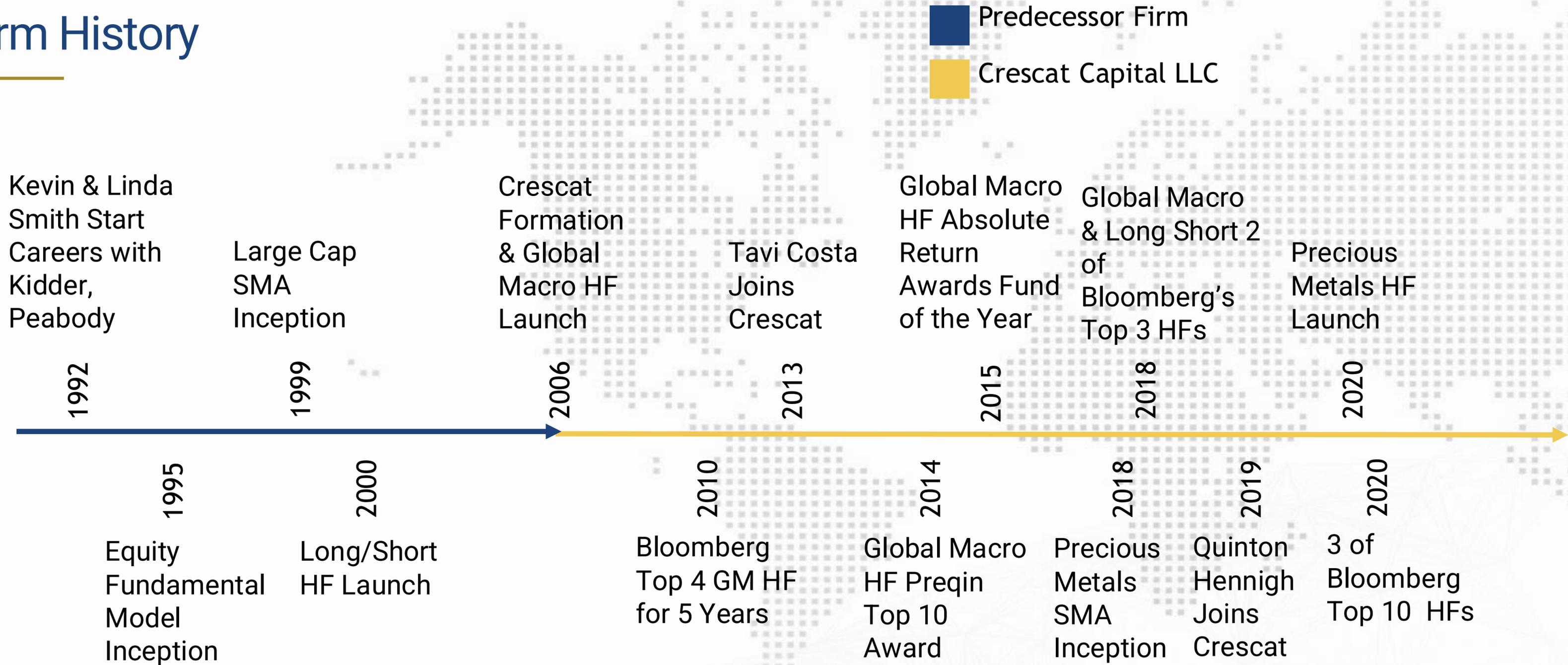
In our Global Macro and Long/Short funds, we took a contrary position by shorting popular software-as-a-service stocks that were highly overvalued based on our fundamental equity model. This hurt us as valuations went from excessive to ultra-excessive under the Covid stimulus. Many of the stocks we shorted worked spectacularly in late 2021 and 2022, but we did not benefit as much as we could after shrinking our exposure due to the trauma of being too early. Lesson: Don't underestimate the ability of overvalued stocks to get more overvalued when the fiscal and monetary stimulus is flowing and animal spirits are running high, but don't be afraid to stick with a good short theme either just because it burned you at one time in the past.

## 2023

### Megacap Growth Ceiling

After performing well with this short theme in 2022 in our Global Macro and Long/Short funds to deliver positive returns and strong alpha in a down market, we overstayed our welcome in 2023. We thought the tech bubble was bursting much like from 2000-2002, but unlike then, growth in 2023 reaccelerated driven by breakthroughs in generative AI and the corresponding spending frenzy. Lesson: Growth inflections can be tricky. Pay close attention to the calculus of recent and near-term expected sales, earnings, and free cash flow growth. The problem of historically high market share and enterprise value to GDP, however, remain impediments to sustained high growth for megacap tech, so we stuck with this theme with intermittent success to date in 2024 as growth is now decelerating while antitrust action, tech disruption, geopolitical threats, and potential recession are looming. We believe this theme remains highly relevant and timely.

# Firm History



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