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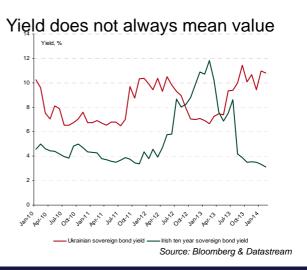


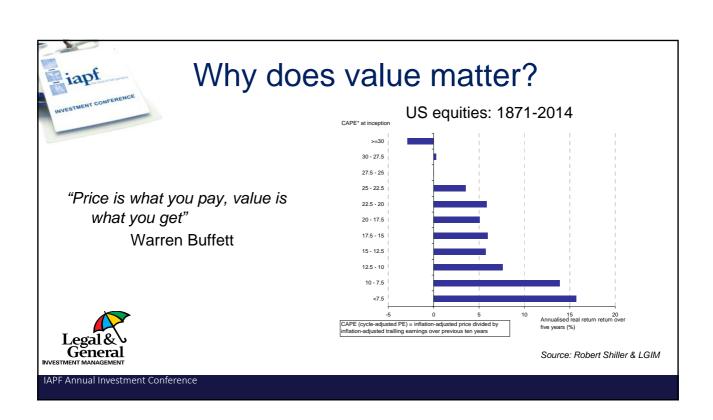


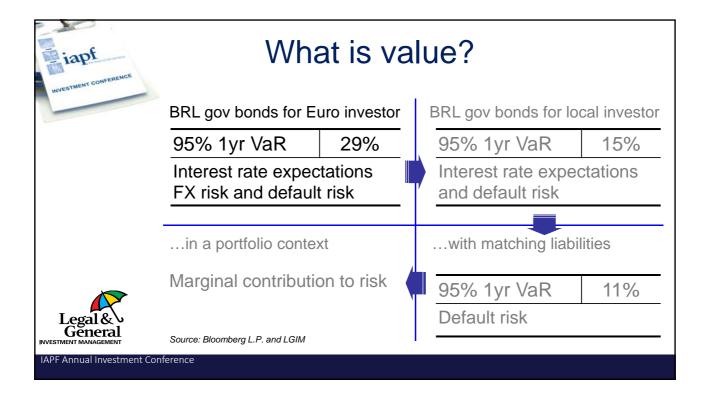
### Finding yield is not the problem ...

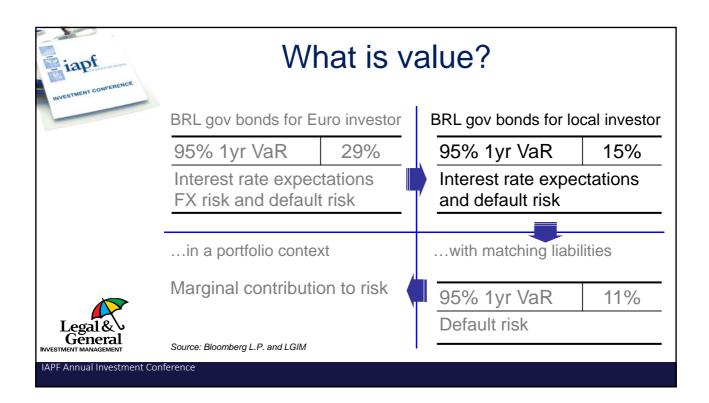
- It is always easy to find <u>yield</u> somewhere in the market
- But, finding <u>value</u> is more of a challenge

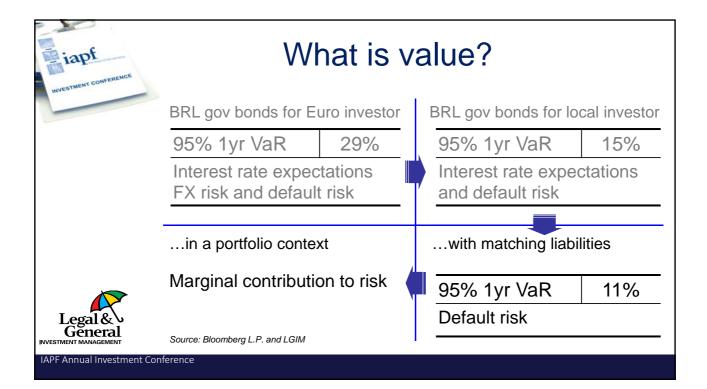














# **Blowing Bubbles**

- Value investing is difficult: you need to buy things no-one likes and that have gone down in price
- Contributing factors to overvaluation can include
  - low prospective returns on safer investments
  - recent good performance of assets
  - strong inflow of capital
  - a wide and easy availability of credit
  - short term performance pressures
  - and a good fundamental story (like internet or China)



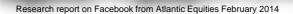


# WhatsApp = \$19bn?!

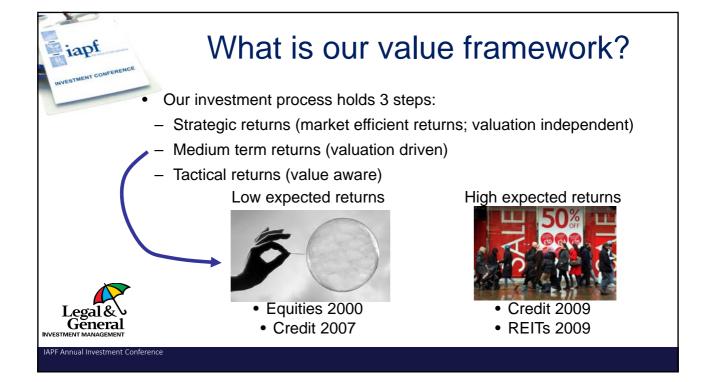
We view the WhatsApp deal as strategically sensible, leaving Facebook well positioned to dominate messaging and taking out a potentially disruptive competitor.

While \$19bn is a large sum, the implied price to 'Monthly Active User' is in line with comparable deals and though monetisation is unclear there should be opportunities in subscriptions, digital goods and content.

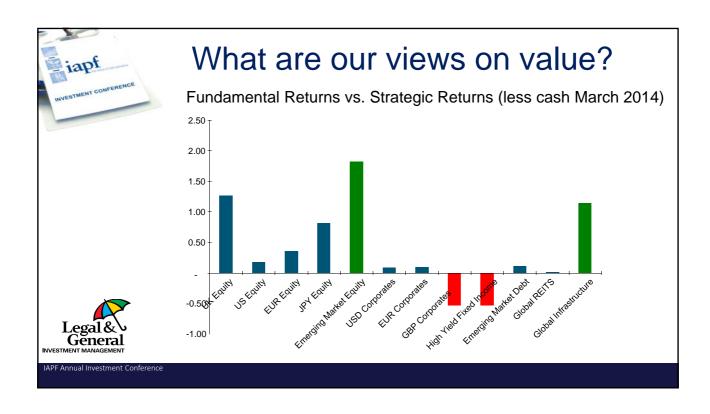
Such acquisitions admittedly appear a 'cost of doing business' for Facebook, but at the same time highlight the advantages of scale













- Asset allocation is the key driver of investment returns
- Risk Mitigation
- Return enhancement: Diversification bonus (Bernstein & Wilkinson (1997))
- Mitigation of transition and trading
   costs is key





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## Thinking beyond value

"In the long run we are all dead" John Maynard Keynes, 1923





- Where do we see opportunities?
  - Cyclical upswing: Equities
  - UK growth boost: long GBP, short Gilts,
  - Euro growth will be ok: long Italian, Spanish and Irish bonds
  - Long UK real estate (and Irish)
  - Illiquid assets can be attractive

# Risks

- China
- Euro zone at the next cyclical downturn
- Misperception on liquidity in Investment grade credits





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