# Hedging Liabilities & Seeking Returns in a Low Yield World

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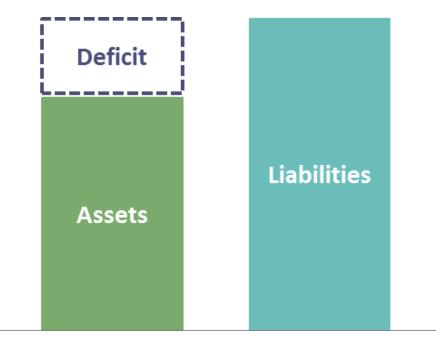
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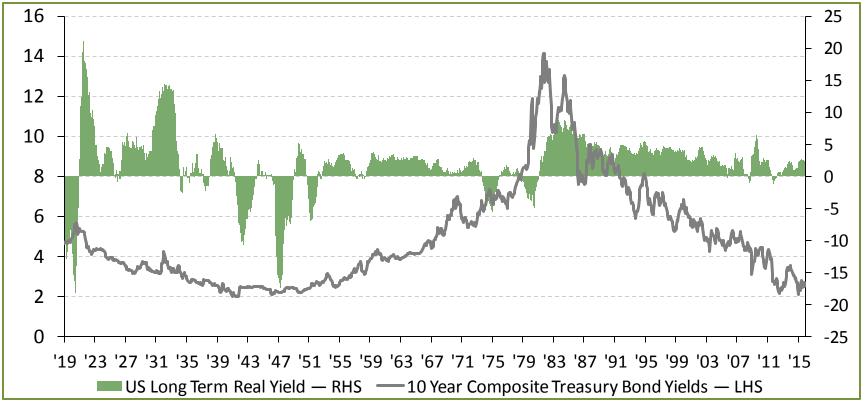
# Asset and Liability Risks

Rather than focus on the more visible asset risks, pension schemes must consider both sides of their balance sheet risk



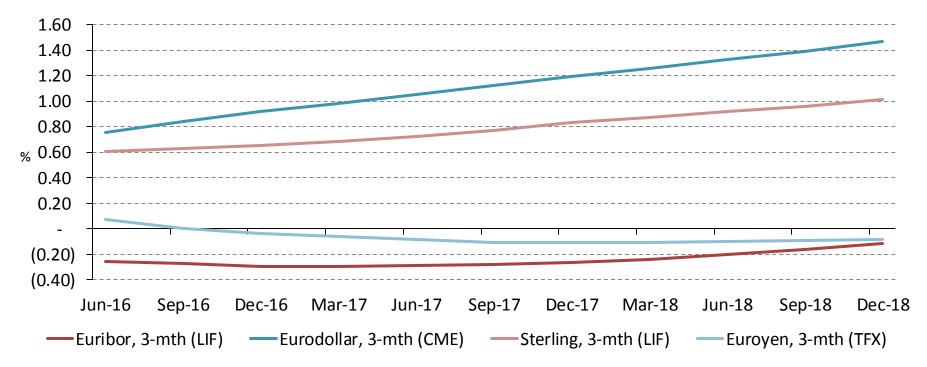


## End of a Bull Market? Or a Return to Normal?



Source: SSGA, Ned Davis Research as of 31 December 2015.

# Markets are Pricing in Lower for Longer



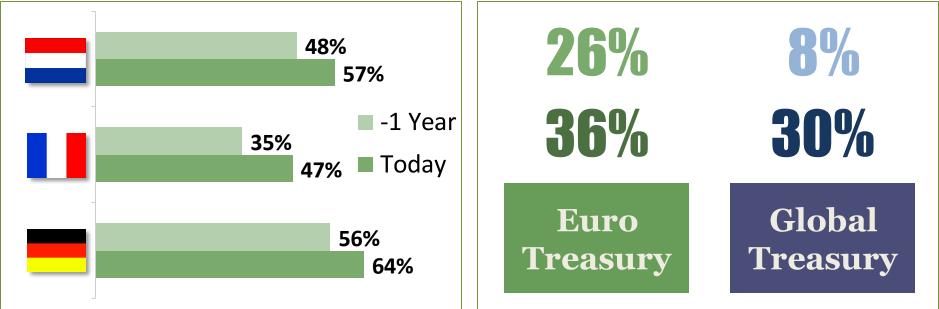
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Source: SSGA, Bloomberg as of 22 March 2016

# Increase in Negative Yielding Bonds

Country Treasury Bond Indices

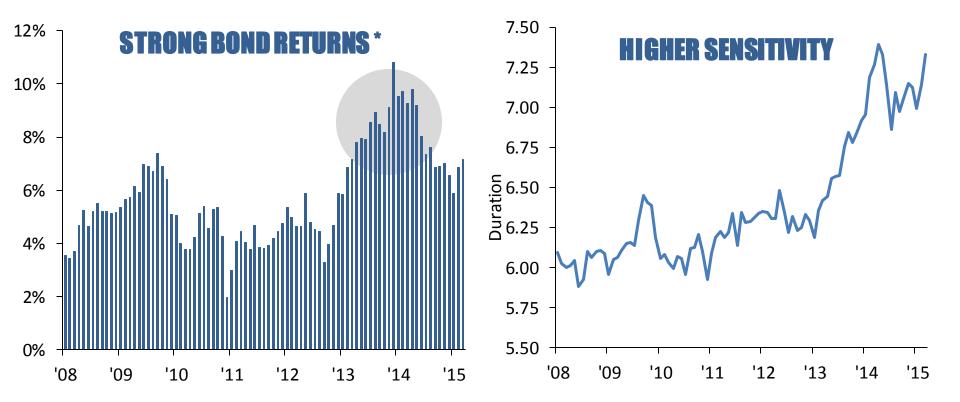
Market Weight of Negative Yielding Bonds



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# Are Investors too Complacent?

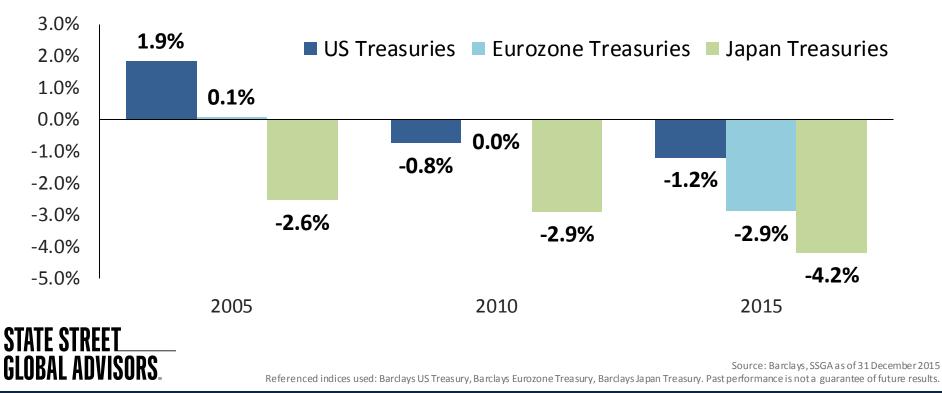


\*Rolling 3Y EZ Govt Bond Returns (annualised)

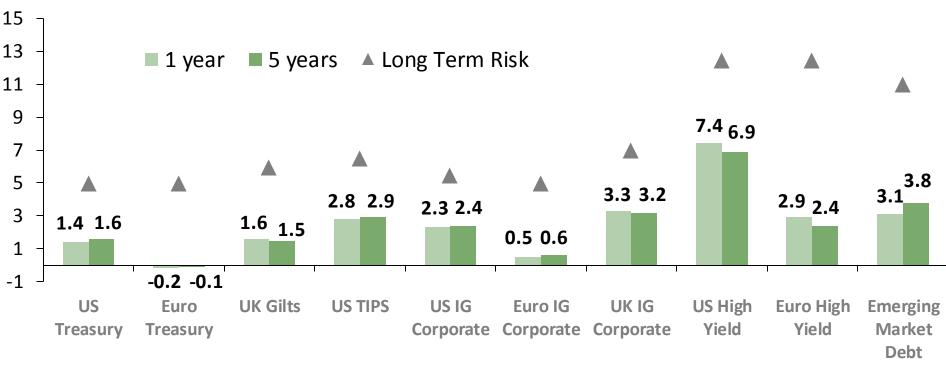
Source: SSGA, Bloomberg, BofAML as at 29 February 2016. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Index returns reflect all items of income, gain and loss and the reinvestment of dividends and other income.

# Low Margin of Safety

### Return impact of 50 bps yield increase (1-year horizon)



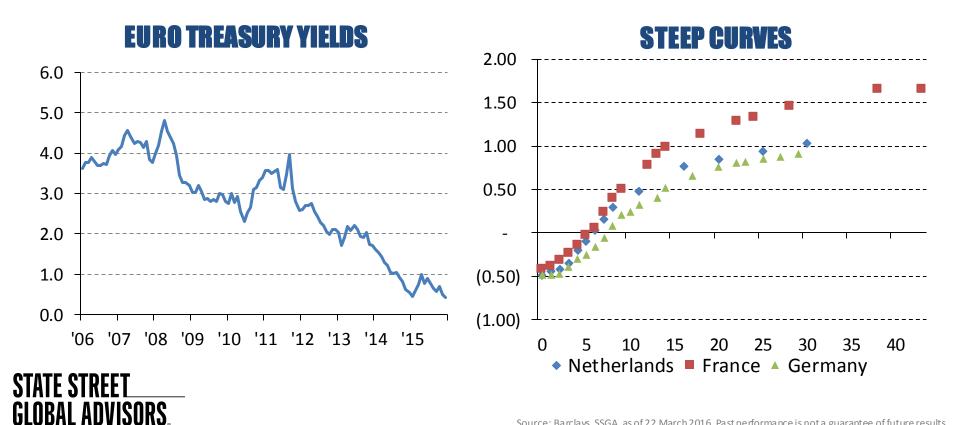
# Long-Term Fixed Income Forecasts



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Source: SSGA Investment Solutions Group, 31 December 2015. Annualised returns and volatility forecasts. Forecasted returns are based upon estimates and reflect subjective judgments and assumptions. These results were achieved by means of a mathematical formula and do not reflect the effect of unforeseen economic and market factors on decision-making. The Forecasted returns are not necessarily indicative of future performance, which could differ substantially.

Strategic Option 1 – Embrace Duration

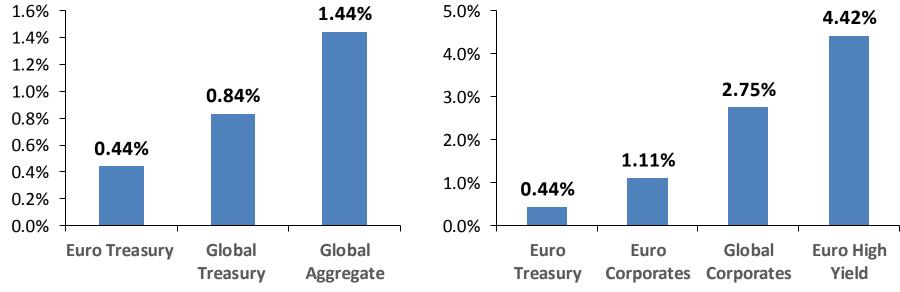


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Strategic Option 2 – Broaden/Deepen Exposure

**GLOBAL BOND YIELDS** 

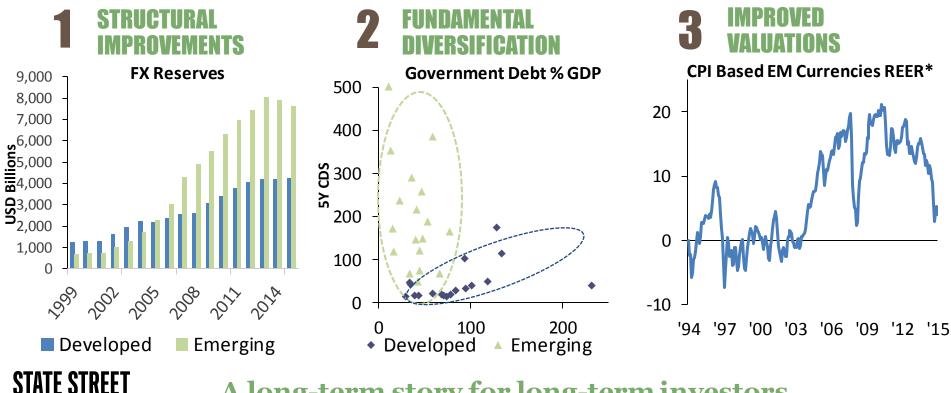
### **CREDIT SECTOR YIELDS**



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Strategic Option 3: Emerging Markets



### A long-term story for long-term investors

Source: SSGA, BIS, IMF, JP Morgan, December 2015. \*Real Effective Exchange Rate: Calculated using index weights of the JPM-EM-GBI Global Diversified. Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss.

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