# Regole e opportunità di investimento

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# 2014 / "the beginning of the transition....."

# **Global Recovery on track**

- Economic healing
- Lower systemic risk
- Tapering in perspective
- Rise in long-dated yields

# ■ "Underweight" Government bonds

- "Neutral" over short-term: Fed will keep yields at bay
- "Underweight" over longer-term: End of QE

#### ""Neutral" Credit

- Rising yields and low default rates
- Less punitive capital requirements
- Preference for short duration high yield
- Valuation is clearly less favourable today

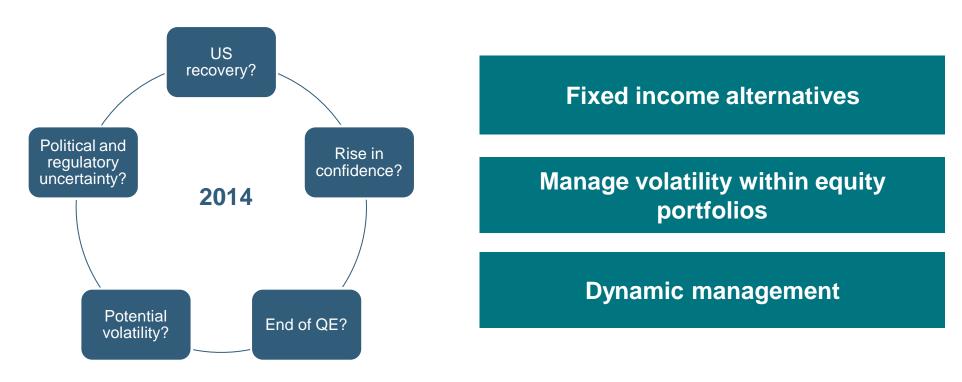
# • "Overweight" Equity

- European & Japanese recovery
- Developed market preferred over emerging markets
- Expect higher volatility due to Fed regime change
- Valuations: marginally above fair value



## 2014 / What solutions are institutional investors looking for?

As the asset manager for the AXA Group and with considerable institutional assets, we have solutions to help our clients navigate the transition.





# The "Great (Fixed Income) rotation"

Despite the prospect of rising yields, regulatory pressures & the search for yield continue to support the diversification trend.

We have significant expertise in fixed income alternatives

## **Liquid Alternatives**

- Short Duration fixed income
- Reduced duration portfolios (Redex)
- High yield bonds

## **Illiquid Alternatives**

- High Yield Loans
- Real Estate loans
- SME Loans (*mini-bonds*)
- Insurance linked bonds
- Alternative fixed income/credit strategies



## Solutions to manage volatility within equity portfolios

#### Managed volatility strategies

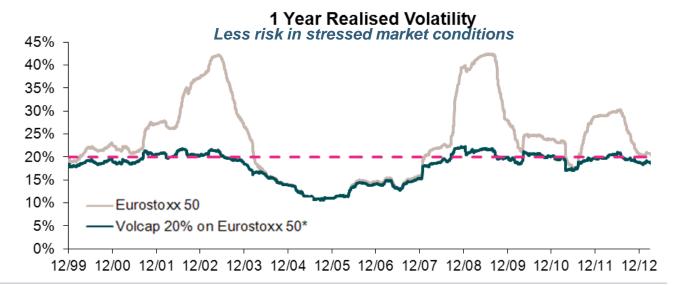
Dynamic rebalancing to mitigate volatility

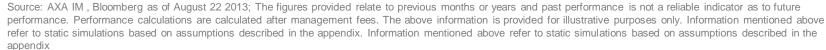
### Hedged strategies

Mitigate downside risk



(\*) Backtestings net of management fees but without transaction fees.

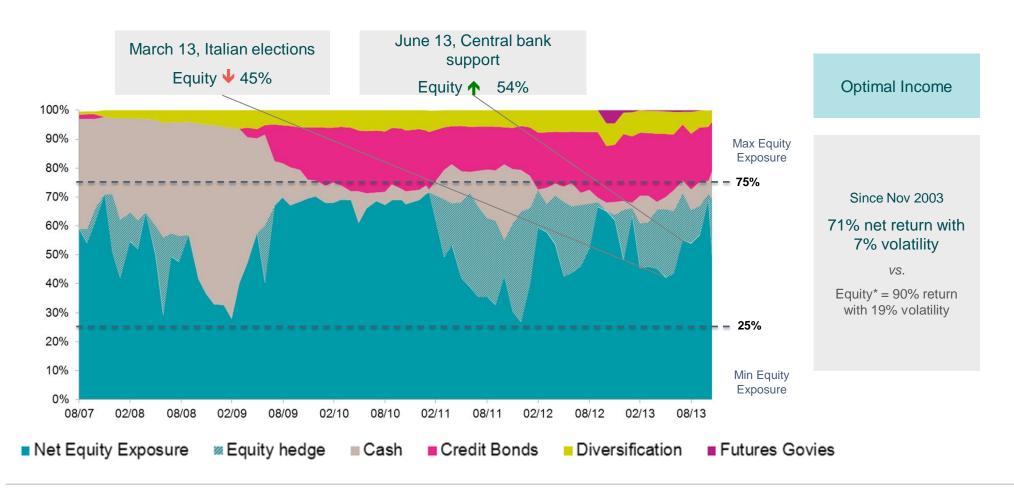






# Dynamic management

## Flexibility in risky asset exposure and diversification to navigate the transition



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#### Main hypothesis for backtest on page 5:

- Backtesting starts January 6th 1999 and ends August 21st 2013
- Higher Risk asset : EURO STOXX 50 Net Total Return Index
- Lower Risk asset :AXA Court Terme (A share), a money market fund
- Volatility Cap: 20%
- Historical volatility: 20 days
- Management Fees: 80 bps on a yearly basis
- Maximum exposure : 100%



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