

# Motion graphic: insights and actions from our Frankfurt Investment Forum

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## Summary

This animated look at the key takeaways from our latest Investment Forum provides a snapshot of a day packed with discussion and debate.



## TAKING RISK IS STILL ESSENTIAL – BUT MAKE SMART CHOICES



Market volatility has made many investors uneasy

Inflation and low interest rates erode money left in “safe” investments



### VIEW SETBACKS IN RISK ASSETS AS POTENTIAL BUYING OPPORTUNITIES

Be selective and manage risk actively using fundamental research

## DIVERSIFY TO ACHIEVE RETURN POTENTIAL IN A SLOW-GROWTH, LOW-YIELD GLOBAL ECONOMY



Every investment environment has bright spots

### Where should investors turn?

- Alternatives
- Income-generating investments
- Market timing
- Region and sector differentiation
- Europe



### KEEP AN EYE ON VALUATIONS

Valuations will be critical and equity income more important in coming years

## BE ACTIVE AND COUNTERCYCLICAL TO HELP SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES



Beta returns are likely to be lower and more volatile

Passive investments will follow market downturns

Procyclicality – or following the herd – can destroy value



### BE OPPORTUNISTIC AND THINK LONG-TERM

Active management can help seek out above-market returns and future potential performance

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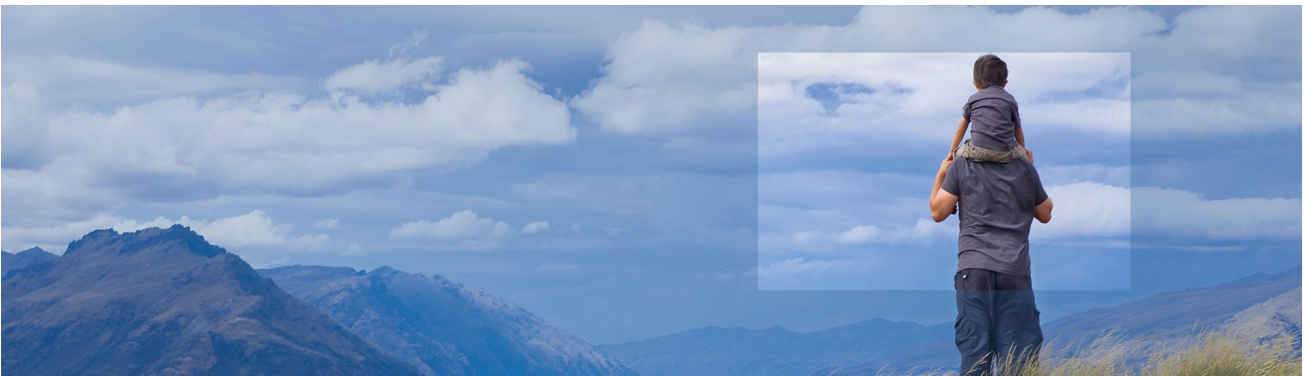
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## Summary

At this stage, the work done by the EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan and Technical Expert Group cannot be ignored anymore. Instead, what investors and the financial community can take action on is to provide constructive feedback on how to execute the regulation most efficiently.

### Key takeaways

- Sustainable Finance agenda in the European Union (EU) is being executed rapidly and ambitiously across all asset classes and main financial products. This is no longer a topic of "If"; this is a topic of "How high?".
- ESG Regulation is approaching corporate and investor disclosures, sustainability preferences at investment point-of-sales, sustainability methodologies, investment benchmarking, and green bonds.
- Many actions, such as market testing, have to be taken to adapt to changes, but there are still questions outstanding, e.g. when will fiscal policies like global carbon pricing support sustainable finance?

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