



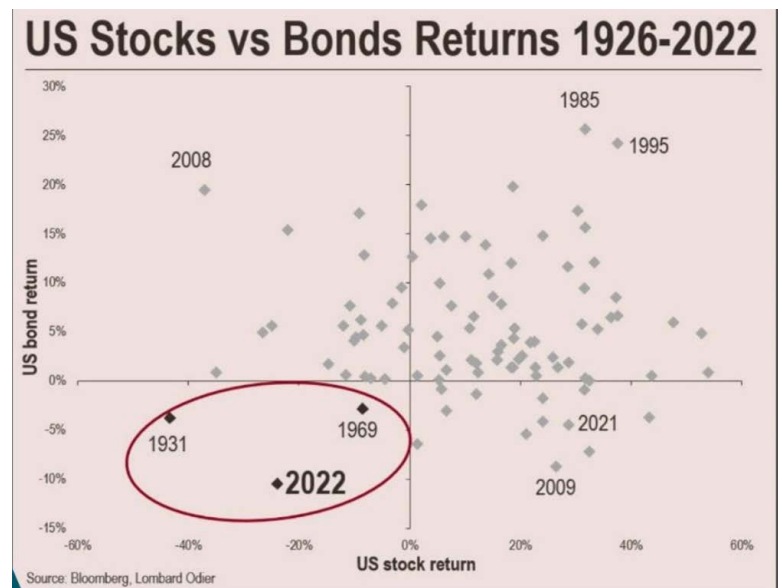
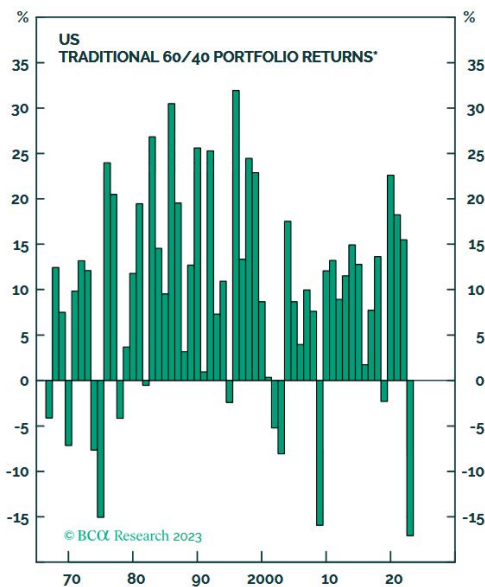
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THE FUTURE IS MULTI-ASSET

A very bad 2022

The year 2022 turned out to be one of the worst years ever, not so much because of the magnitude of the correction on the equity segment, where we have experienced far worse years, but because of the **cumulative effect of double negative leverage on both the equity and bond segments**. This was then amplified by the violent correction, far greater than that of the indices, of some very popular sectors or themes (predominantly growth) that went from being a "must have" to a "must sell" within a few months. **The result has been dramatic for traditional 60/40 multi-asset funds** precisely where we have always been taught there was an optimal level of diversification and natural hedge. "If stocks go down, bonds go up as much" did not work this time.



A 2023 of normalization after opposite excesses

For quite some time we had been skeptical and severely underexposed on bonds, especially Western government bonds (and high yields), which in our view in addition to not adequately remunerating for risk had stopped providing the vaunted natural portfolio hedge function. The year 2023 has fortunately started better, and after what we experienced last year, we are convinced that **it can represent a year of stabilization and re-normalization at far more decent rates**. On the one hand, equities are no longer the only "game in town," as they were until 2021, and very unlikely to deliver the jaw-dropping performance we were used to (YOLO, FOMO, TINA have now expired). On the other hand, bonds provide a more attractive carry now to complement equity returns. Quality government bonds also may have at least partially regained their protective and volatility mitigating qualities.

We are convinced, therefore, that 2023 may represent the victorious return of dynamic multi-assets that could now benefit at best from positive double leverage, at worst from greater ability to control yield.

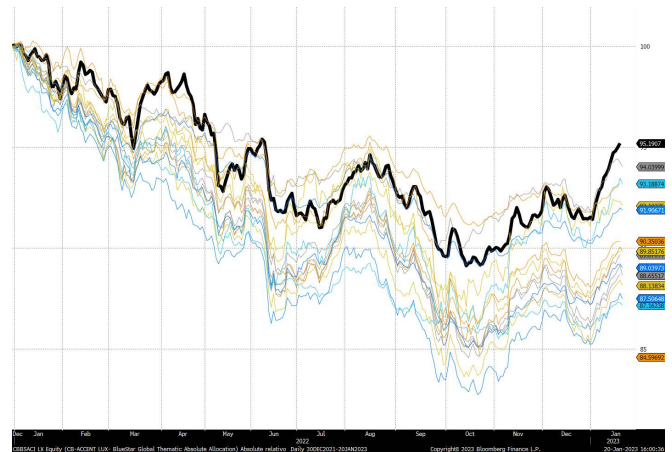
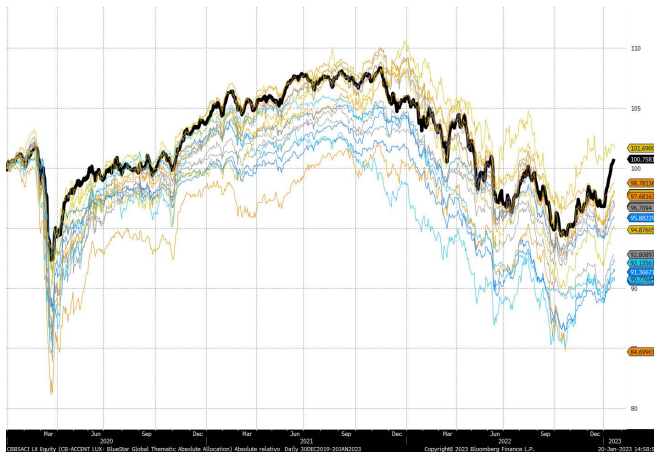
Add to this the likely **recovery of long-term secular themes** whose investment thesis remains intact even in a scenario of higher rates and inflation.



BlueStar GTA: multiple levers of return and risk control.

Our BlueStar Global Thematic Absolute Allocation (GTA) fund has performed very well over both a 3-year and 12-month investment horizon against both indices and major conservative multi asset peers. The fund has demonstrated both **very good relative protection** in times of drawdown and **good resilience** in times of market rebound.

GTA (nero) vs peers, 3Y – 12m



GTA (nero) vs bond, equity, HF index, 3Y – 12m



These are the **main ingredients of the GTA fund** that make us optimistic for 2023 as well:

- a balanced, analytical and convinced mix of sector, multi-thematic, multi-geographic and multi-style choices
- a judicious and dynamic portfolio construction ideally balanced among bonds, equities, convertibles, commodities, currencies, real assets and alternative strategies
- **a solid scaffolding of protection**, varying according to market volatility, **further strengthened after the sprint start in 2023**
- the presence in the fund of numerous positions that after being "slaughtered" present in our opinion a resilience well above market indices

| ISIN | Bloomberg | Fondo | CCY | CLASS | TYPE | MF |
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| LU1506407417 | CBBAAIU LX | CB-Accent Lux - BlueStar Global Thematic Absolute Allocation | USD Hdg | A - Acc | institutional | 1.10% |

