

Modern Portfolio Theory

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What is Modern Portfolio Theory?

A portfolio construction concept that aims to maximise the expected return for a given level of risk.



Key Principles of MPT

Risk and Return Trade-off

Diversification

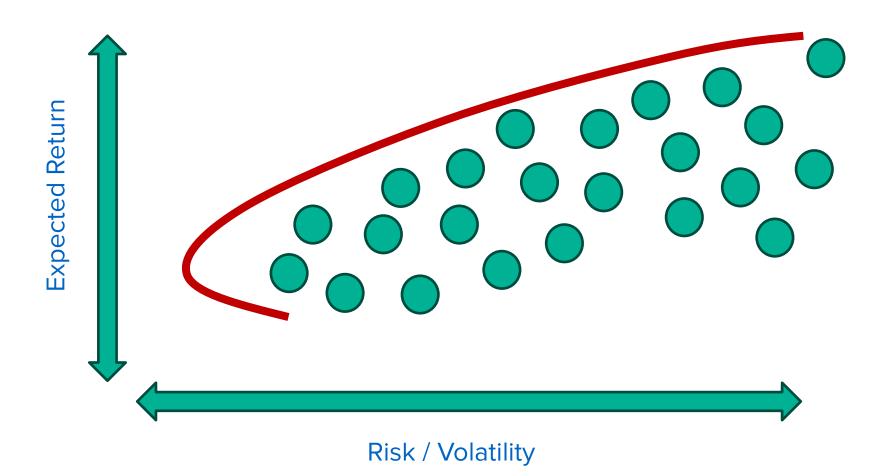
Risk Assessment

Correlation of Assets

Efficient Frontier



The Efficient Frontier in Theory



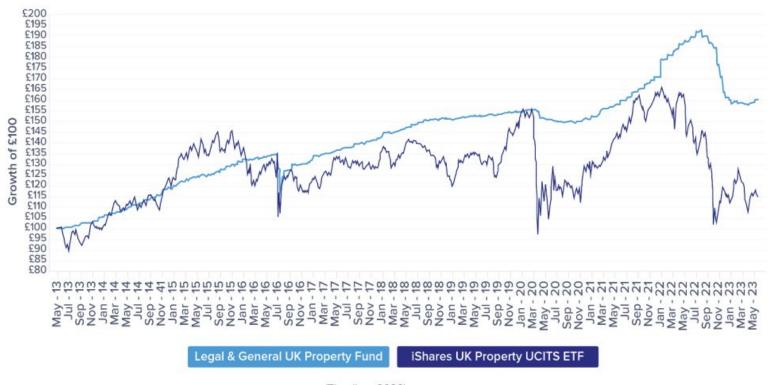
- Each dot representing a portfolio of assets
- Those closest to the Efficient Frontier have the potential to deliver the highest return for a given level of risk

Criticism of MPT



Output being skewed by certain assets/products

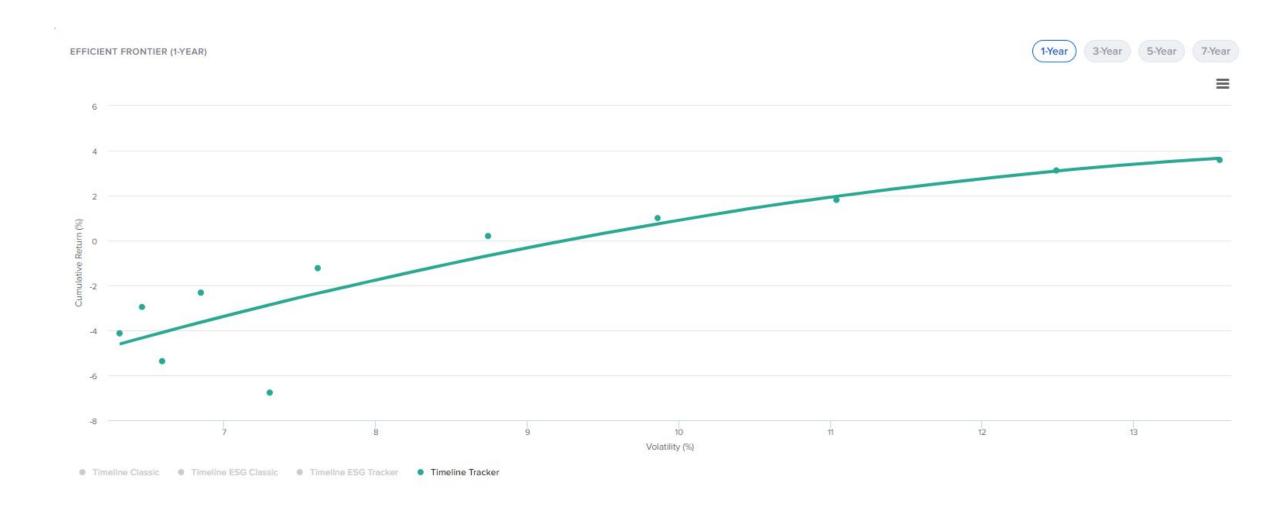
- Illiquid Assets and Smoothed funds do not reflect the actual volatility of underlying assets.
- Lower perceived volatility results in optimisers over-exposing certain assets.



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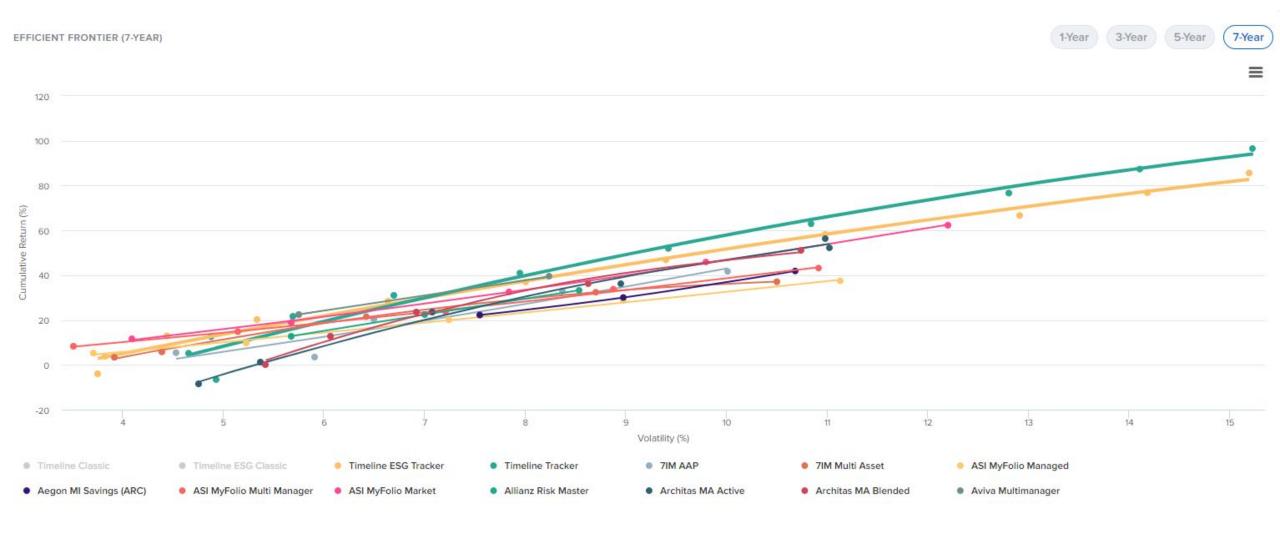


The Efficient Frontier in Reality





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