# Niche and Less Correlated Investment Opportunities – Globally and Locally

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### Why the discussion?

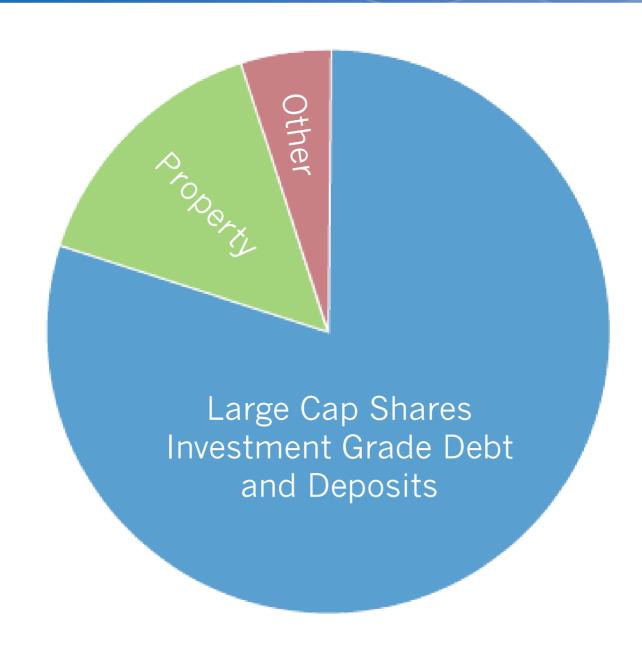
#### Correlation to shares may be too high ....



Source: Superratings, SR50 Balanced Median Fund Return

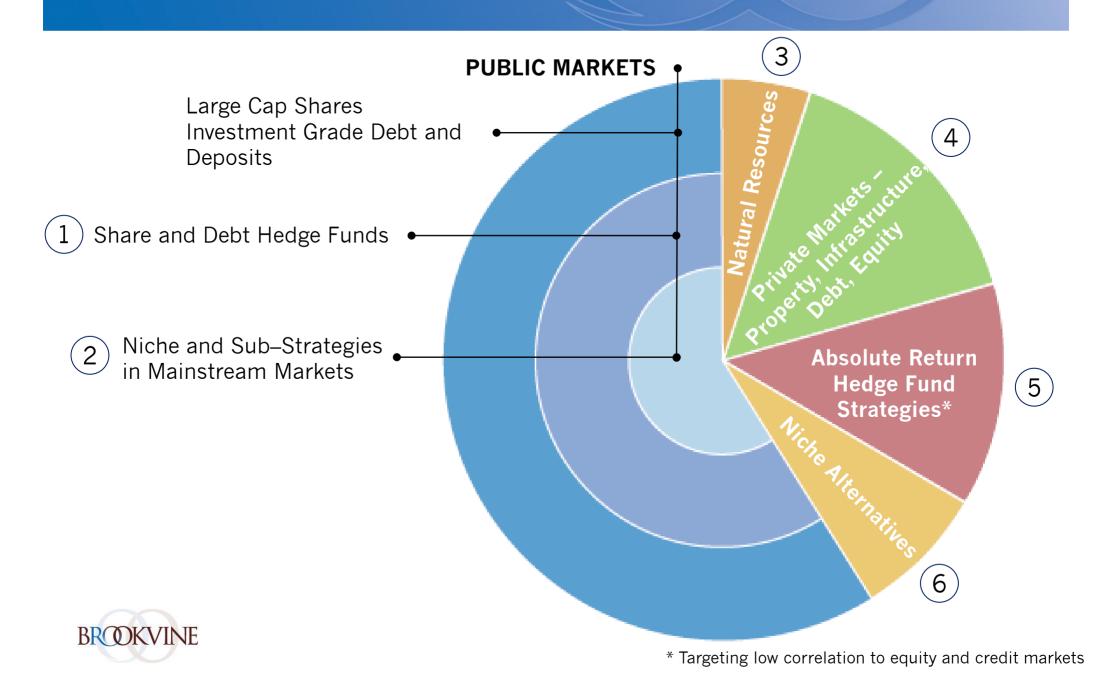


### Typical portfolio composition





#### Alternative portfolio composition



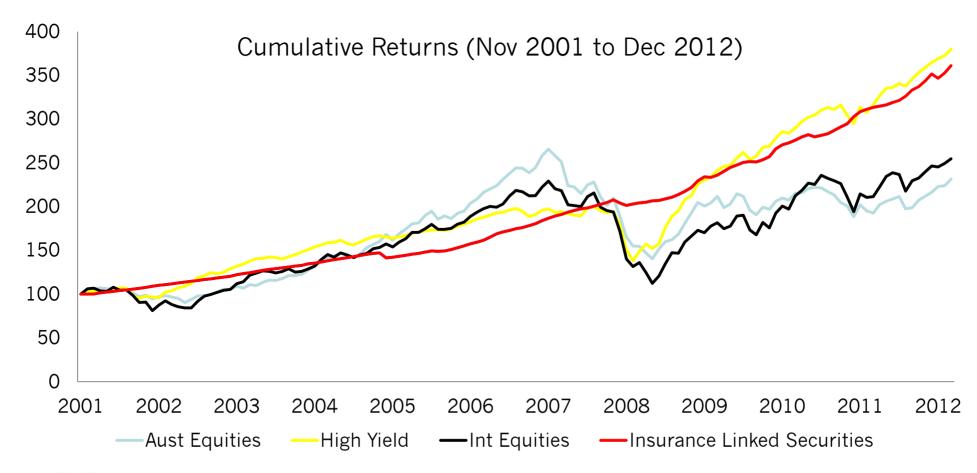
#### What makes a niche and less correlated alternative?

- Different set of risks and return drivers
- Not easily replicable
- Often undercapitalised and less efficient
- High barriers to entry



### Example .. (1) insurance linked securities

A new(ish) capital product ....

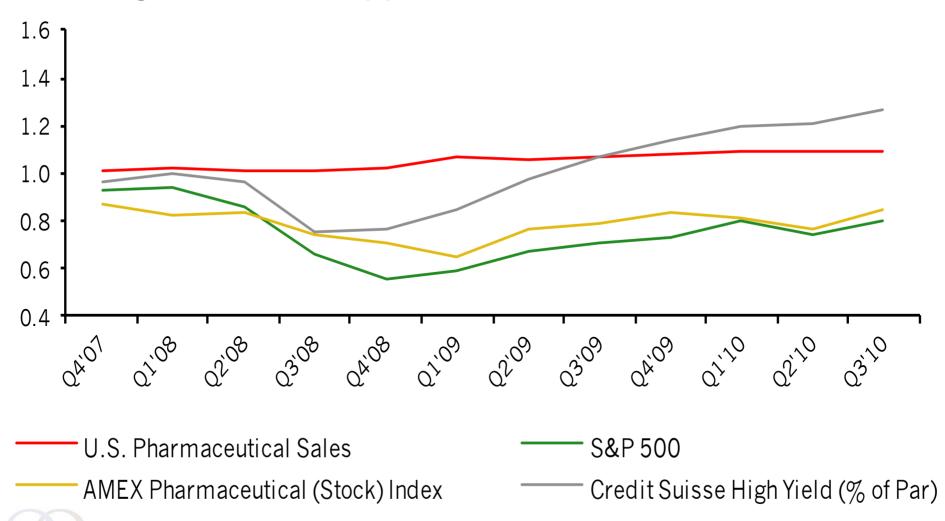




Insurance Linked Securities (Catastrophe Bonds): Fermat Capital Management, Composite, Gross of Fees (in AUD); Aust Equities: S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index; High Yield: Merrill Lynch High Yield Bond Index (in AUD); International Equities: MSCI World ex Aust (in AUD)

### Example .. (2) pharmaceutical royalties

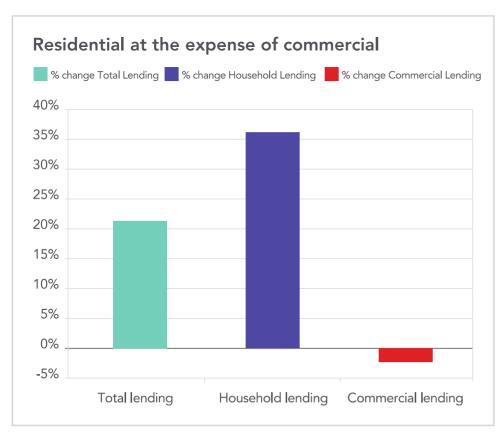
An existing mechanism applied to a new area ....

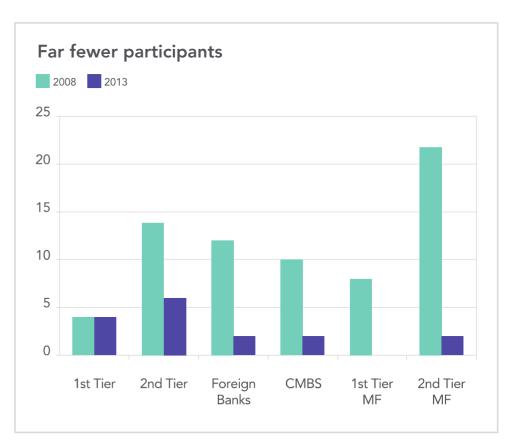




### Example .. (3) direct lending

#### A market-led solution to a market problem ....



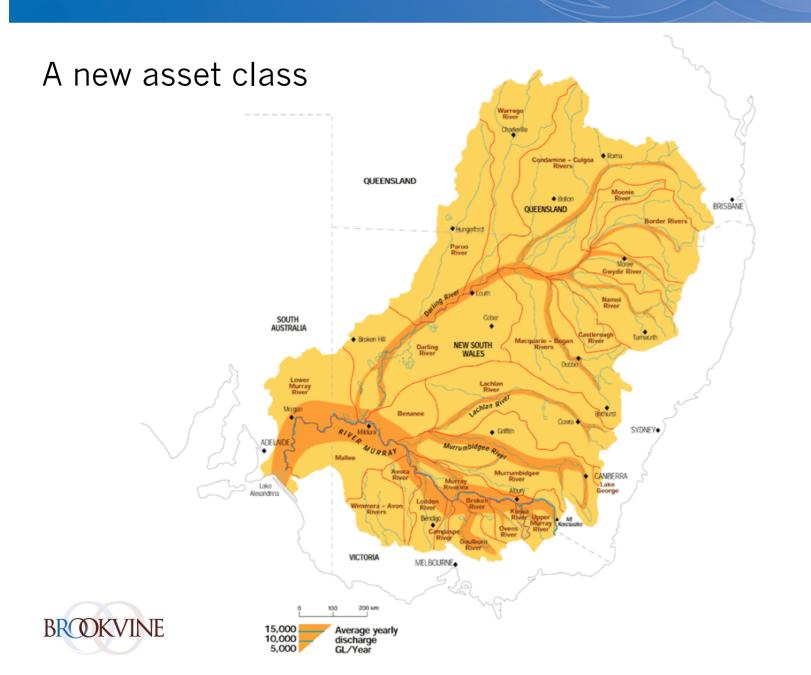


Source: Total Lending Residential, Personal and Commercial RBA, Mar 2008 - Dec 2012

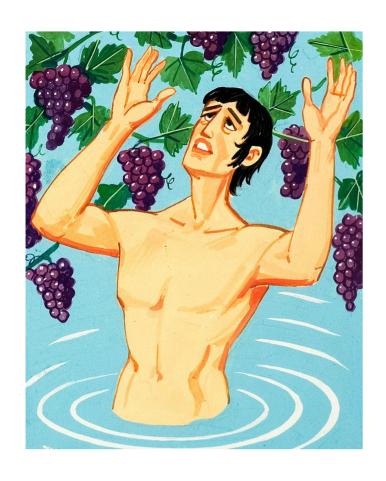
Source: Balmain Corporation



## Example .. (4) water entitlements



#### Challenges



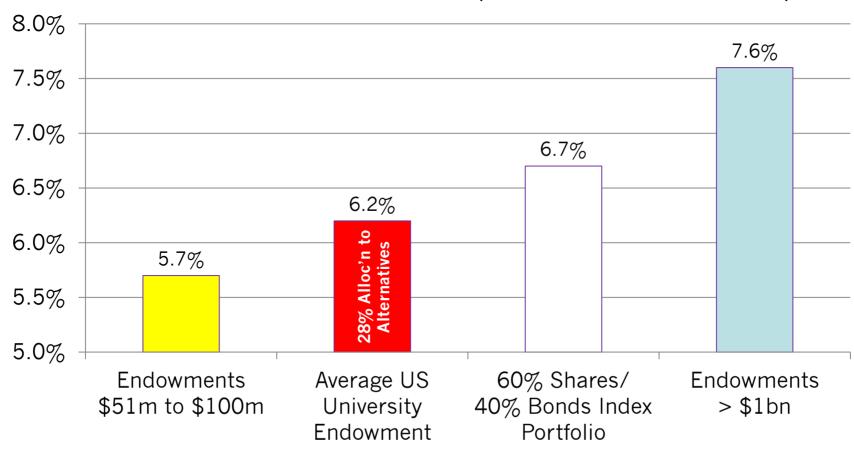
- You may be able to see attractive returns ... but you can't get hold of them
- Markets are liquid ... until they're not
- Assets don't correlate ... until they do



#### Reality check ...

#### Small versus large US college & university endowments

Annualised Portfolio Returns (10 Years to June 30, 2012)





Source: 2012 NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments. Released February 2013. Index Portfolio is 42% Russell 3000 Index, 18% MSCI All Country World Index ex. US and 40% Barclays Aggregate Bond Index, rebalanced annually.

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