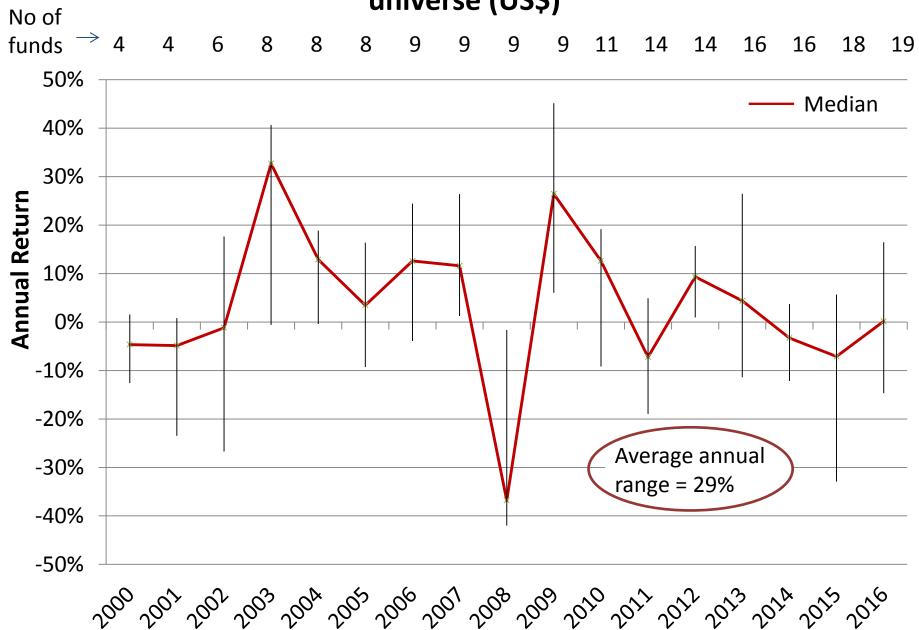
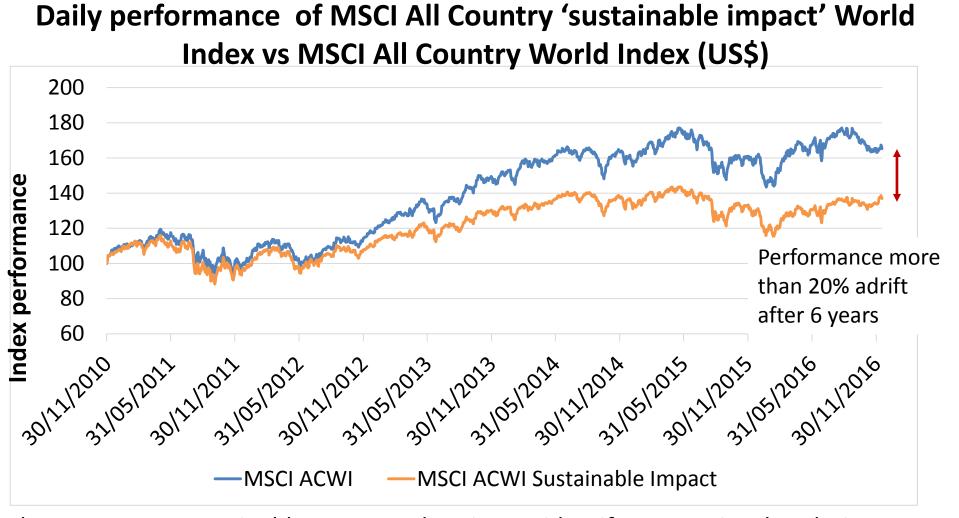


The analyst's view

- Search term problem unable to source 'social investment' universe.
- Search on 'social' returns too broad yields green bonds, ethical funds, socially responsible funds, and more.
- 'Social impact' funds have wide dispersion of returns categorisation problem or differences in manager skill?
- If social investment partly involves investing for regular yield dividends, coupons, interest, the volatility of annual returns appears high.
- Performance challenge real or illusory
- Pension plans investing in funds need a resident fund universe.
- Identification of a universe + description of sector could be a first step to levelling playing field for social investment.

Annual performance of all 'social impact' funds from Bloomberg universe (US\$)





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