

# How Investors Are Unlocking Opportunity in Asia Fixed Income

Asia Pacific-based asset managers and owners are increasingly optimistic about investing in fixed income markets in their own region. **Why is Asia having a moment?**

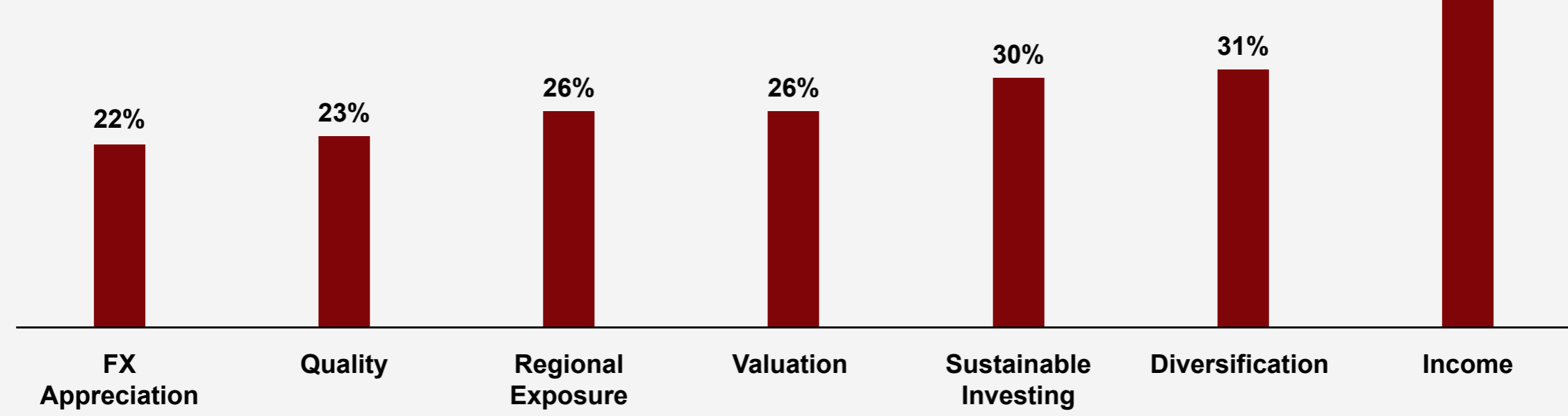
## Asia Pacific-Based Asset Owners and Managers Are Increasing Allocations Toward Fixed Income

Portfolio Allocation to Bonds



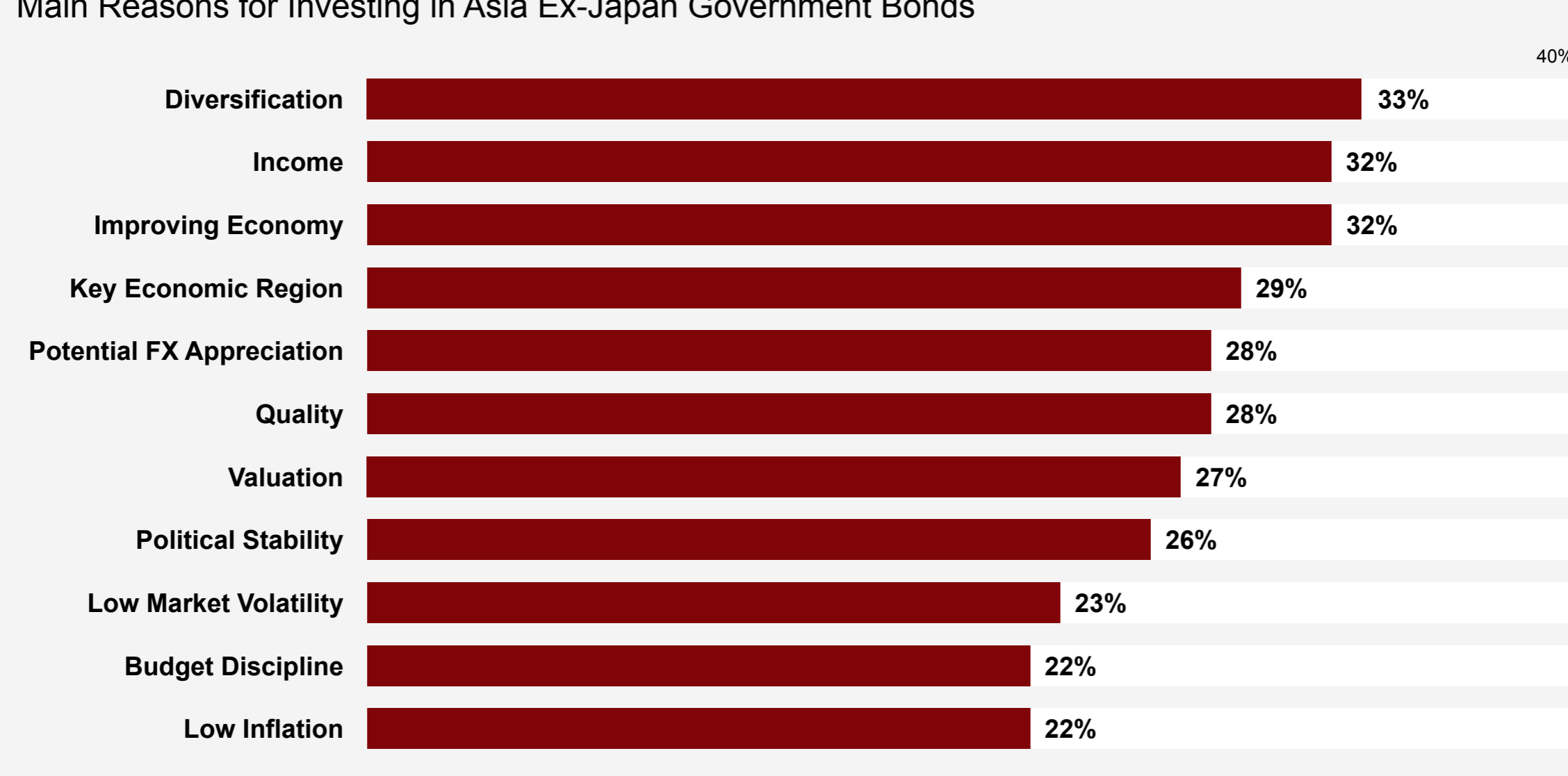
## Income Drives Interest in Bonds

Primary Motives for Investing in Bonds



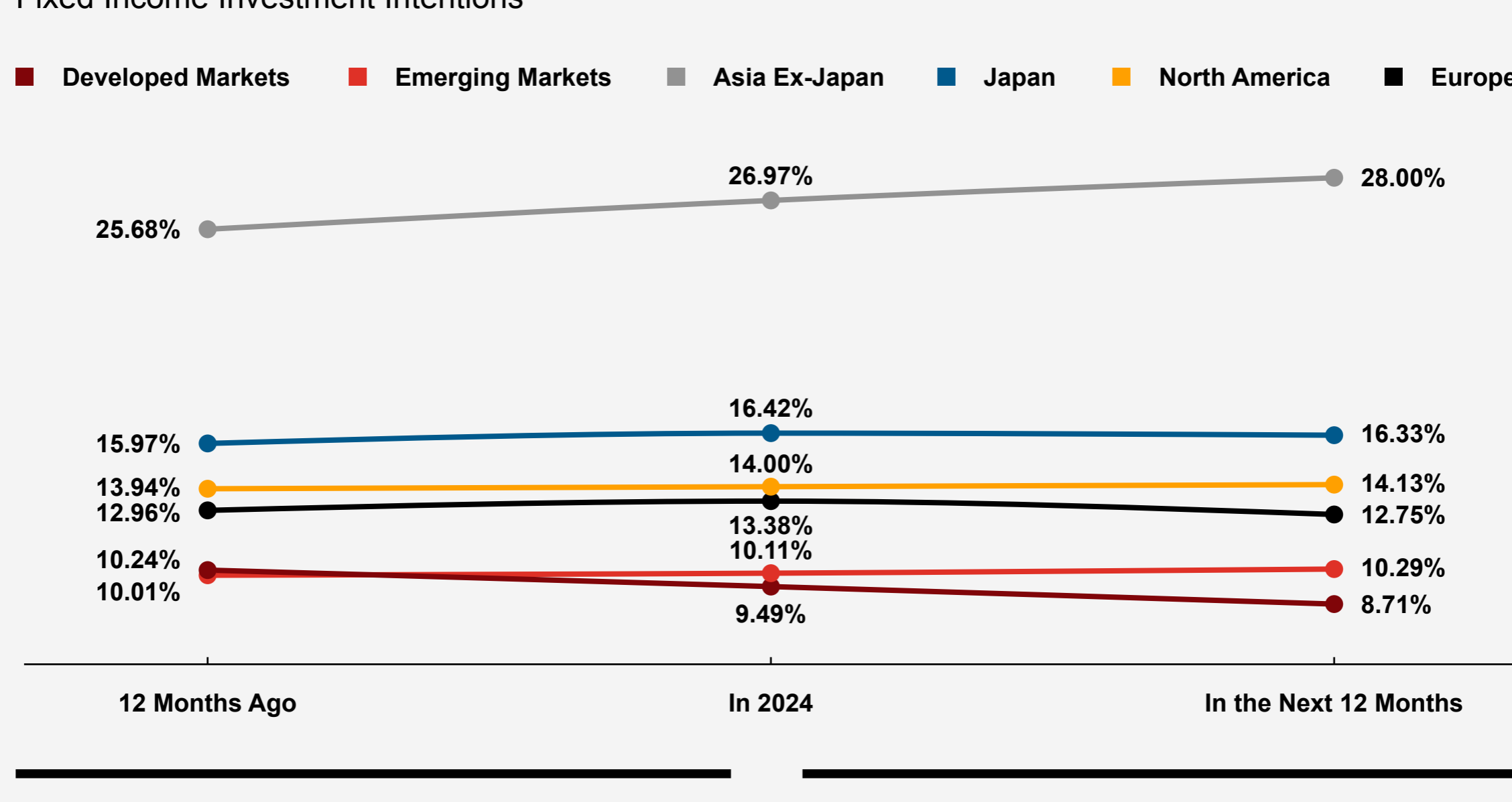
## Asia Pacific-Based Asset Owners and Managers Are Investing in Asia Sovereign Bonds for Diversification, Closely Followed by Income, and To Capitalize on an Improving Economy

Main Reasons for Investing in Asia Ex-Japan Government Bonds



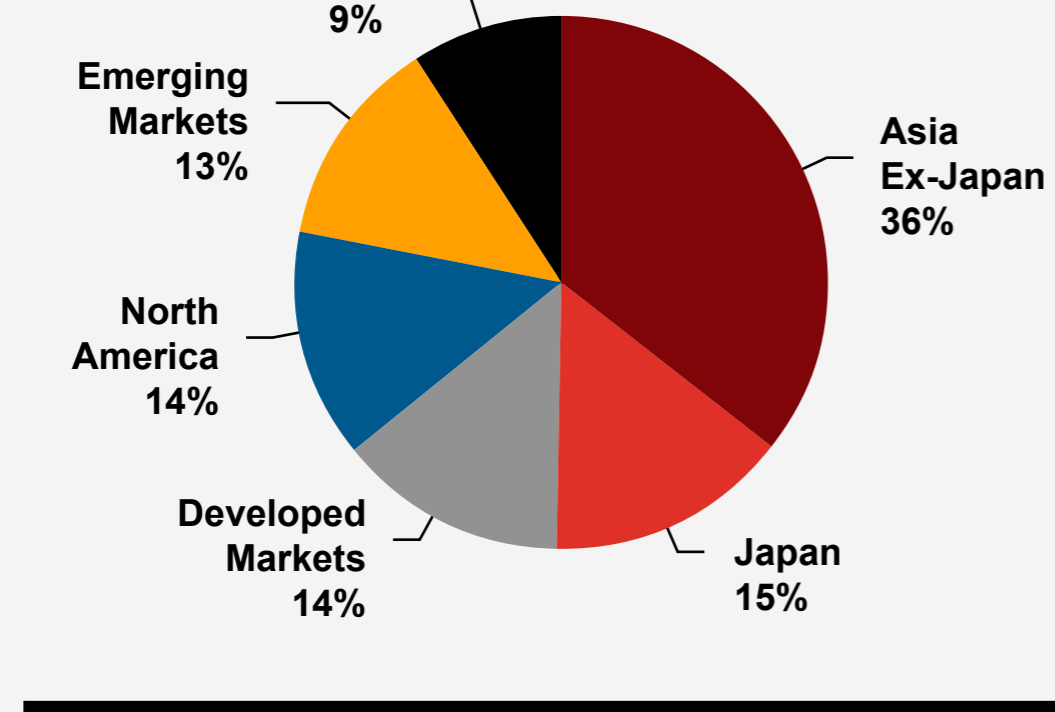
## Asia Pacific-Based Asset Owners and Managers Increasingly Focus on Investments Within Their Region

Fixed Income Investment Intentions



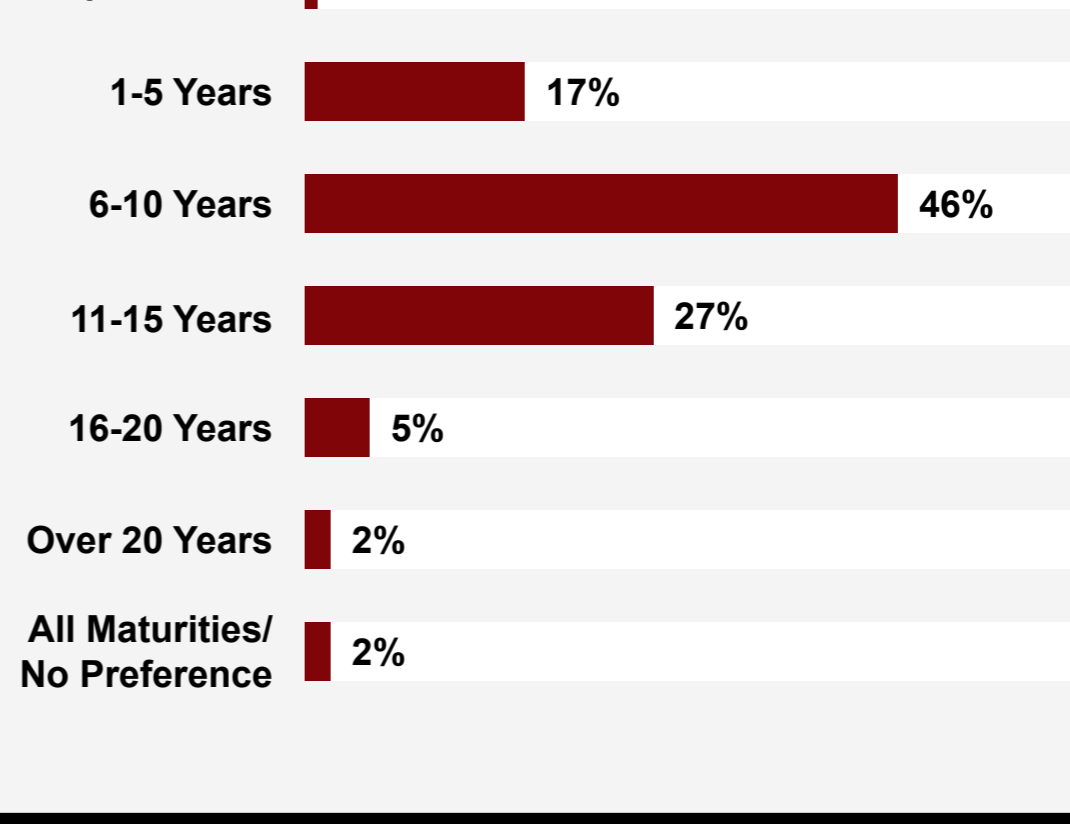
## That's Because They Think It Will Perform Best Over the Next 12 Months

Expectations for the Best-Performing Bond Market in 2024



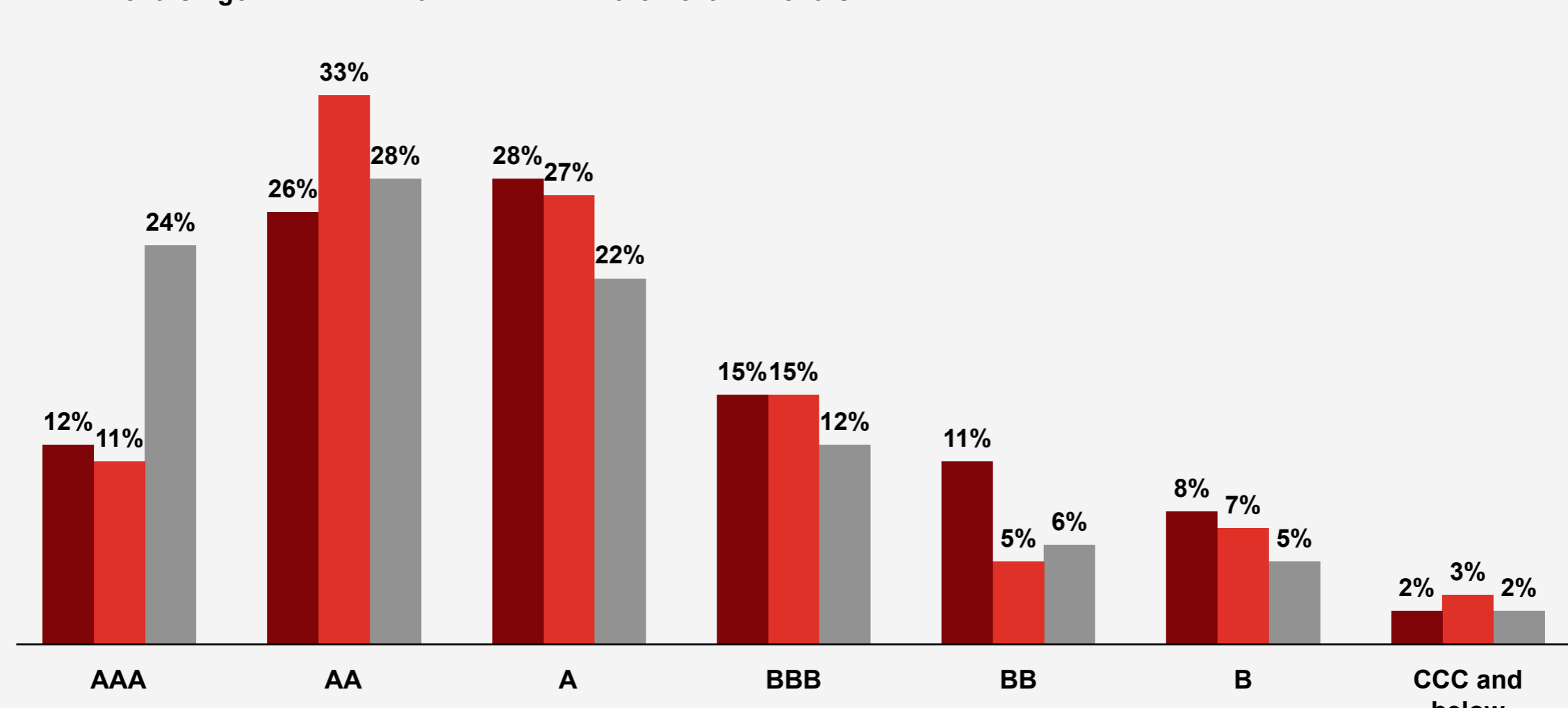
## They Prefer Maturities up to 10 Years

Preferred Maturities



## And They Prefer High-Quality Credits

Investment Intentions by Credit Quality

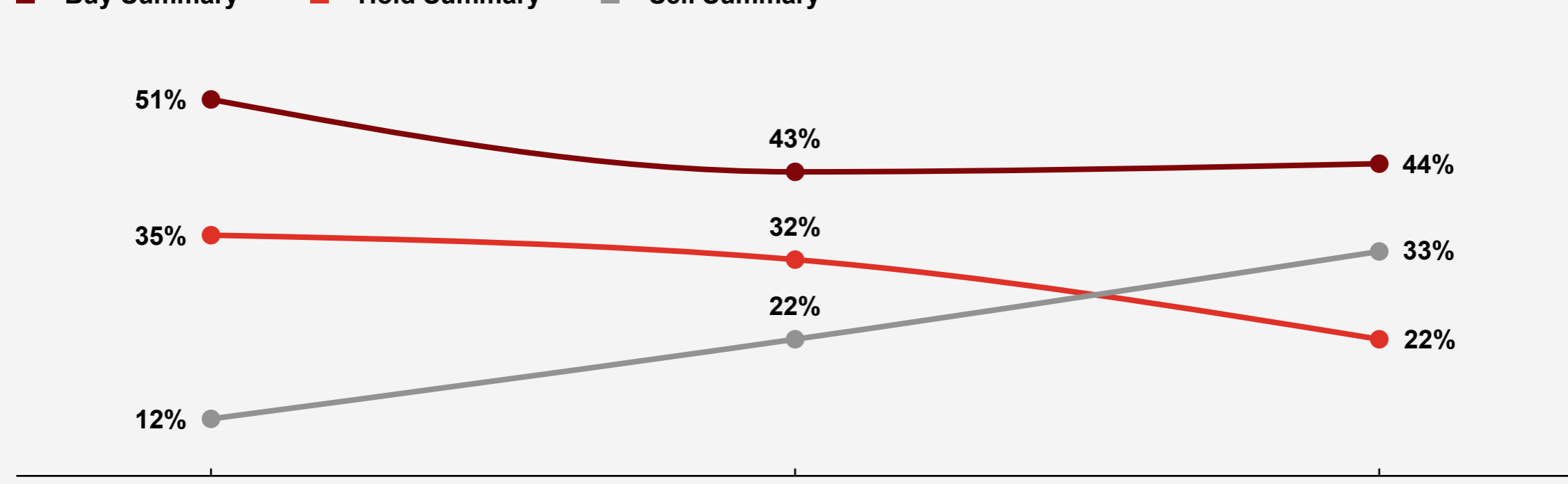


**“Some clients are attracted to higher-quality bonds because they got burned by their exposure to poor-performing, lower-quality credits.”**

**Marie Tsang**  
Fixed Income ETF Strategist  
State Street Global Advisors

## Green Bonds Are Becoming Less Sought-After

Investment Intentions for Green Bonds

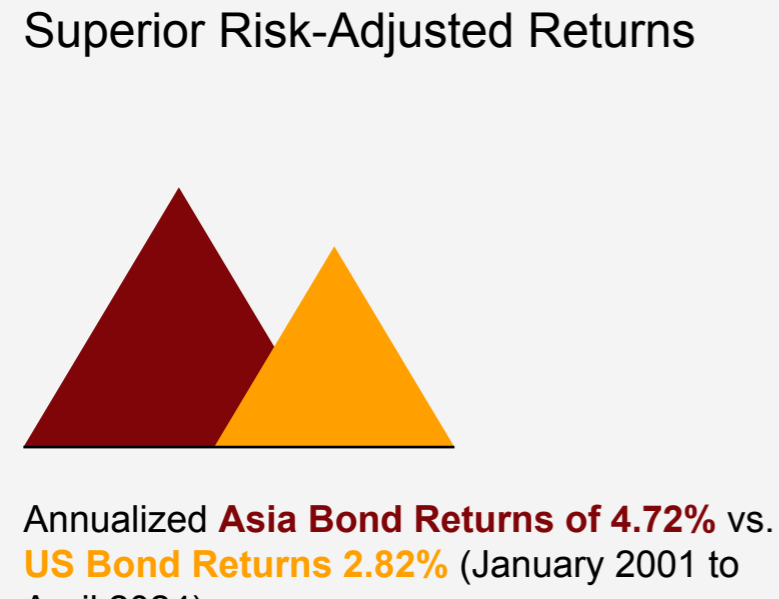


**“I think that a lot of investors are now looking to diversify away from their traditional bond exposures because they can see that the various markets in Asia do behave differently.”**

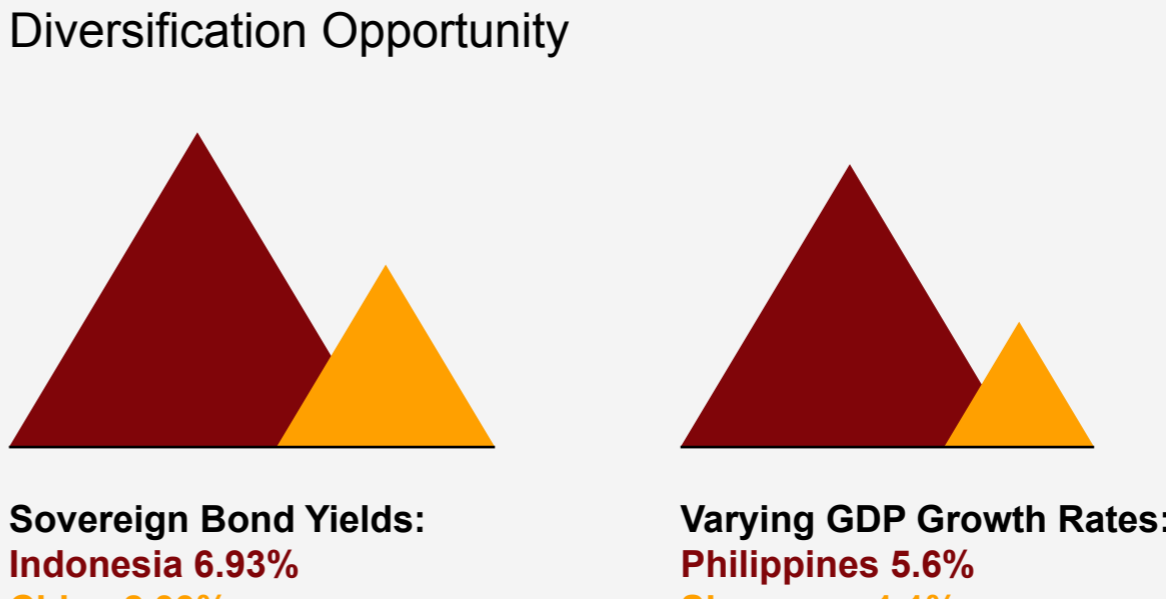
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## Asia's Fixed Income Markets Provide Outperformance and Diversification

Superior Risk-Adjusted Returns



Diversification Opportunity



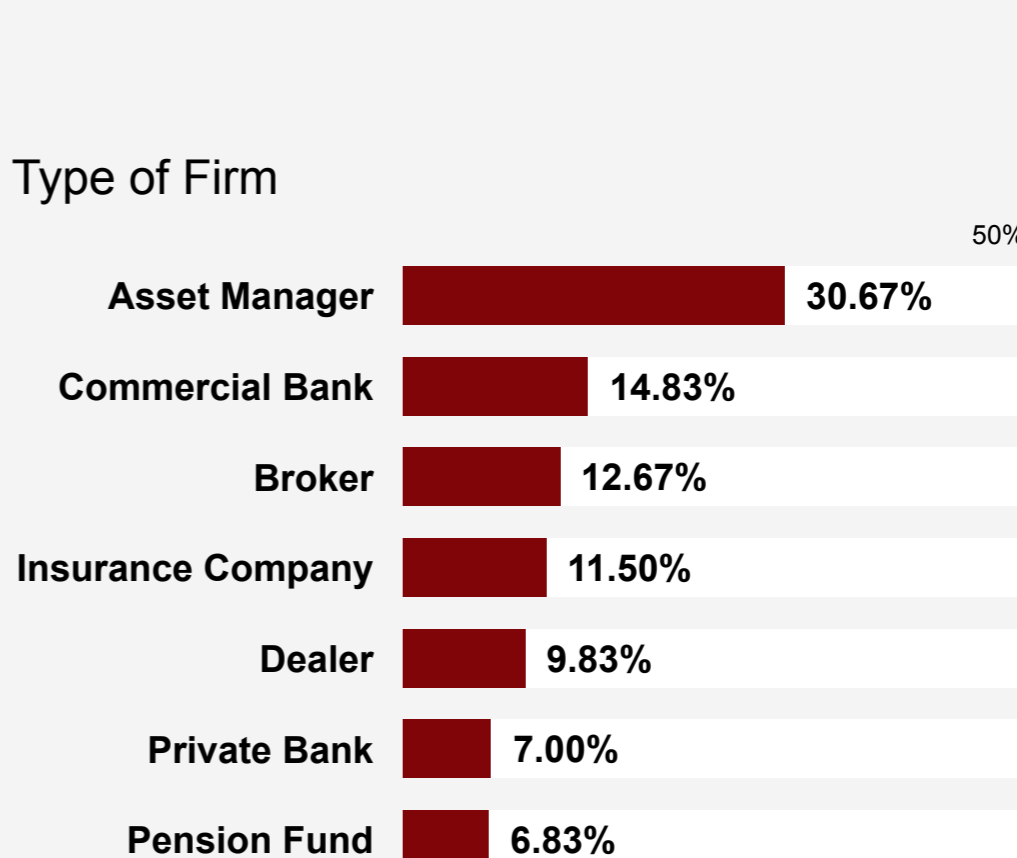
Our survey of asset managers and owners was commissioned by PAIF. This quantitative online survey was carried out between February 8, 2024 and February 28, 2024. The sample comprised 600 executives and senior business leaders at asset managers and owners based in the Asia Pacific region.

## Breakdown of Survey Respondents

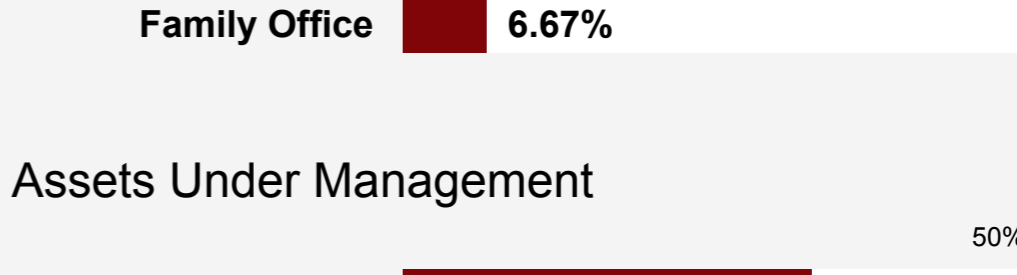
Location of Participants



Type of Firm



Assets Under Management



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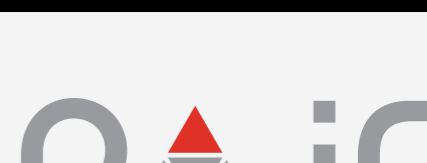
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