

State of Trend Q3 2026

"Life can only be understood backwards;
but it must be lived forwards"

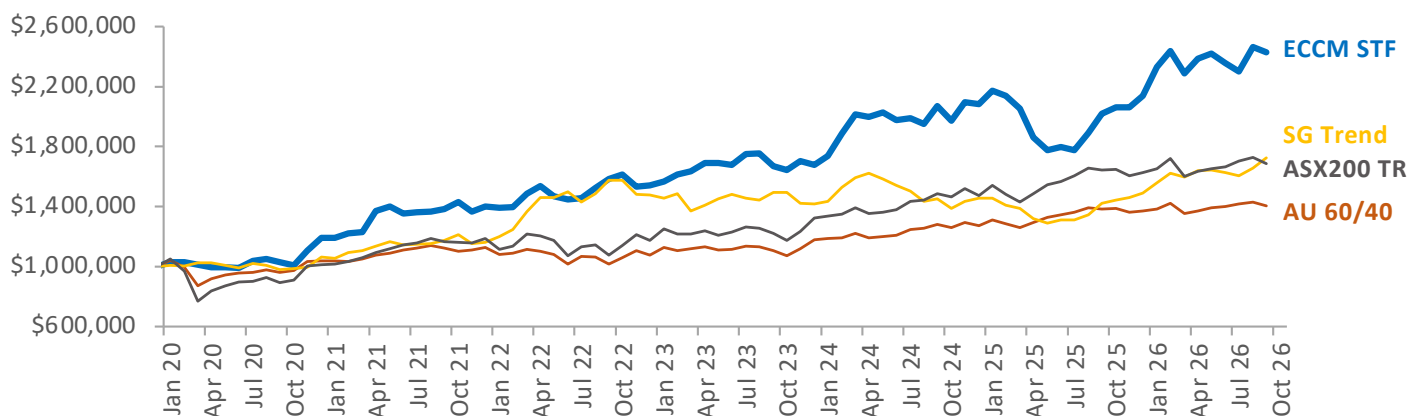
- Søren Kierkegaard

Trend systems lead as bond sell-off stalls traditional assets

- Traditional assets were roughly flat in Q3, as a September sell-off on rising bond yields and oil prices gave back earlier gains
- Trend-following systems outperformed. A broad commodity rally and rising bond yields drove strong gains
- Over 12 months, trend systems returned 20-21%, well ahead of the 1-3% from traditional assets

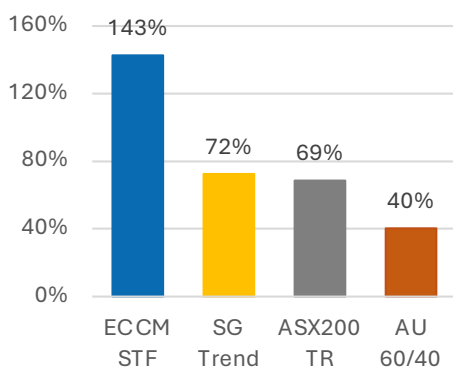
	Q3 2026	Last 12 months	Since 1 Jan 2020
ECCM STF	3.1%	20.1%	142.7%
SG Trend	6.1%	21.3%	72.5%
ASX200 TR	1.3%	2.7%	68.6%
AU 60/40	0.2%	1.5%	40.5%

Performance since 1 January 2020, rebased to \$1,000,000

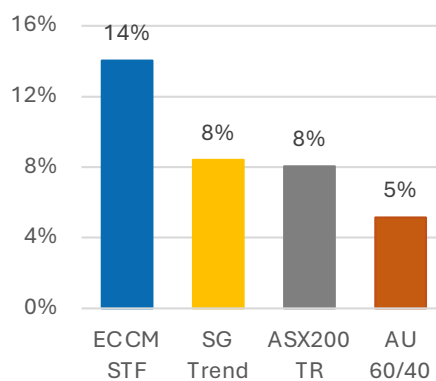


Key statistics since 1 January 2020

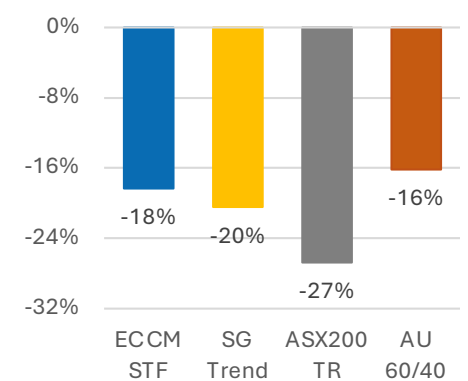
Cumulative total return



Annualised total return



Maximum drawdown



Source: ECCM, Société Générale. Notes: ECCM STF = ECCM Systematic Trend Fund after fees, SG Trend = SG Trend index published by Société Générale, ASX200 TR = S&P/ASX200 Total Return index, AU 60/40 = 60% S&P/ASX200 Total Return index and 40% iBoxx Australian Fixed Interest index, rebalanced monthly. See also page 4 for additional notes.

Key futures market movements

	Instrument	Q3 2026	Last 12 months
Equities	S&P/ASX 200	0.4%	-1.4%
	S&P 500	2.2%	10.5%
Bonds	AU 10 year	-0.6%	-0.9%
	US 10 year	-5.2%	-6.9%
Commodities	Gold	3.7%	2.8%
	Silver	1.1%	21.8%
	Copper	5.9%	26.7%
	Crude Oil	30.1%	94.9%
Currencies	AUD/USD	0.4%	5.3%
	EUR/USD	-0.8%	-5.1%
	JPY/USD	3.3%	-8.8%
Trend	ECCM STF	3.1%	20.1%
	SG Trend	6.1%	21.3%

- Energy markets surged and bonds sold off sharply in Q3, while equities were mixed
 - Bonds fell globally as central banks turned more hawkish. The US Federal Reserve and Reserve Bank of Australia both raised rates in September. US Treasuries posted steep losses, with yields reaching highs not seen since 2007. European government bonds also sold off, led by France, and Australian bonds slipped
 - The S&P 500 extended its gains, while Australian equities were broadly flat after a weak September. North Asian markets were volatile, and small caps lagged as rates rose
- Energy led commodities higher
 - Crude Oil and other energy markets rallied strongly as the US-Iran conflict escalated
 - Copper and Gold also gained, while Silver edged higher
 - Grains and Oilseeds performed strongly through the quarter, led by Oats, Rice and Soybean Meal. Selected Food and Fibre markets also rallied, such as Sugar and Rubber
- Trend-following strategies benefited from diversified exposures, outperforming traditional asset classes

Source: ECCM, change in roll-adjusted futures market prices as at 30 September 2026 compared to 30 June 2026 and 30 September 2025.

Featured chart

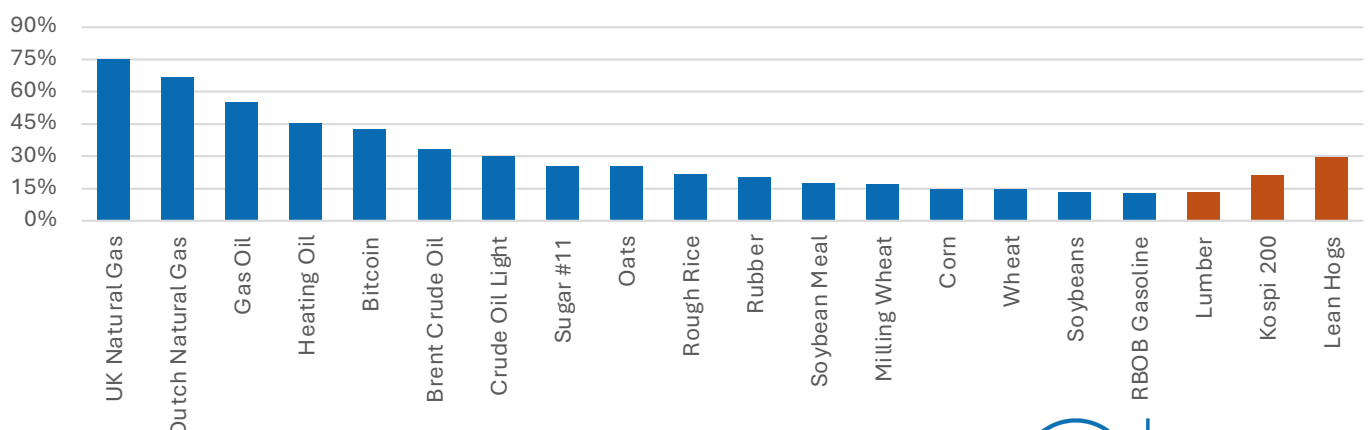
UK Natural Gas (GBp / thm)

- UK Natural Gas was one of the strongest performers in Q3, rising 75.3%. It is now up 134.1% over the past year. After a sharp fall in Q2, prices rebounded as the escalating US-Iran conflict pushed global energy prices higher
- Continental European gas followed a similar path, with Dutch gas up 66.5% for Q3. US gas fell over the same period, showing how regional supply conditions can drive very different outcomes
- Commodity markets can move quickly and sharply, often on news that is hard to predict. This is where a systematic approach helps. A rules-based process enters trends as they form and has built-in risk controls for volatile periods



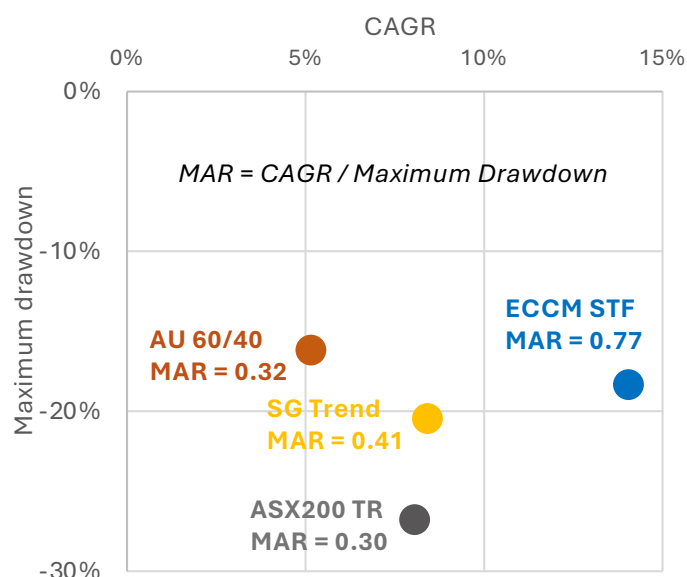
Source: Trading Economics, as at 13 October 2026

Top market movers for the quarter (absolute returns)

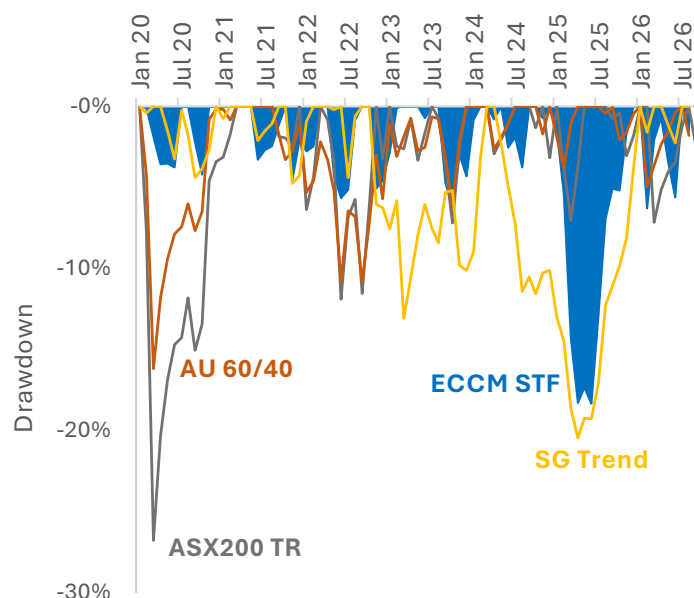


Source: ECCM, change in roll-adjusted futures market prices as at 30 September 2026 compared to 30 June 2026. Negative moves marked in orange.

Risk/return since 1 January 2020



Drawdown since 1 January 2020



Correlations since 1 January 2020

	ECCM STF	SG Trend	ASX200 TR	AU 60/40
ECCM STF	1.00	0.59	0.29	0.26
SG Trend	0.59	1.00	-0.10	-0.21
ASX200 TR	0.29	-0.10	1.00	0.98
AU 60/40	0.26	-0.21	0.98	1.00

- Trend following has shown low correlation with ASX200 TR and AU 60/40 indices over nearly 7 years
- This provides diversification benefits that are complementary to traditional portfolios

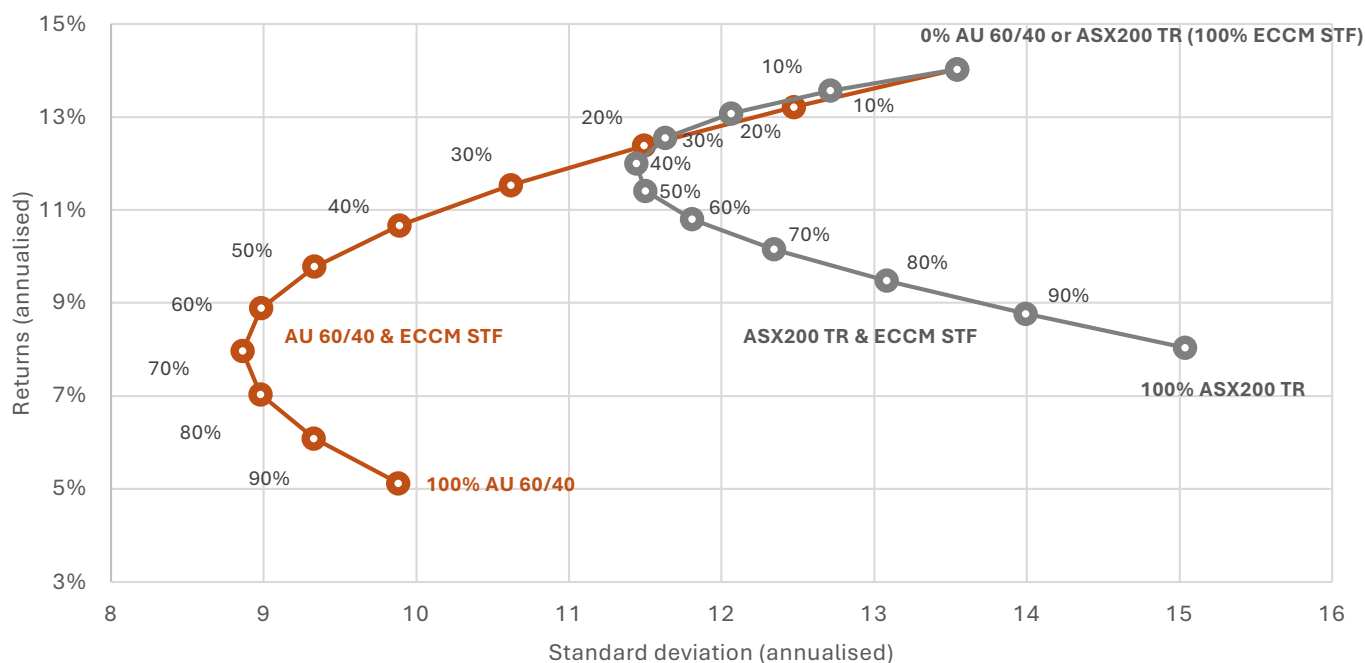
Detailed statistics since 1 January 2020 (unless otherwise stated)

	ECCM STF	SG Trend	ASX200 TR	AU 60/40
Q3 2026 return	3.1%	6.1%	1.3%	0.2%
Last 12 months return	20.1%	21.3%	2.7%	1.5%
Cumulative return	142.7%	72.5%	68.6%	40.5%
CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate)	14.0%	8.4%	8.0%	5.2%
Maximum drawdown	-18.3%	-20.4%	-26.8%	-16.2%
Annualised standard deviation	13.5%	11.0%	15.0%	9.9%
Sharpe ratio	1.04	0.79	0.59	0.56
Sortino ratio	1.87	1.24	0.70	0.71
MAR ratio	0.77	0.41	0.30	0.32
Winning months	61.7%	61.7%	66.7%	66.7%

Source: ECCM, Fundpeak, Société Générale. Notes: ECCM STF = ECCM Systematic Trend Fund after fees, SG Trend = SG Trend index published by Société Générale, ASX200 TR = S&P/ASX200 Total Return index, AU 60/40 = 60% S&P/ASX200 Total Return index and 40% iBoxx Australian Fixed Interest index, rebalanced monthly. See also page 4 for additional notes.

Enhanced portfolio diversification – expanding the efficient frontier using ECCM STF

CAGR vs Volatility for ECCM STF blend with AU 60/40 and ASX200 TR portfolios, since 1 January 2020



- Over the analysis period, the inclusion of trend following alongside a traditional portfolio of stocks or stocks and bonds markedly increased risk-adjusted returns, expanding the efficient frontier
- Trend following provided returns with low correlation, reducing the maximum drawdown or smoothing the return profile over the period compared with a traditional portfolio

Since 1 January 2020	CAGR	Annualised standard deviation	CAGR/Annualised standard deviation	Maximum drawdown	CAGR/Maximum drawdown (MAR)
100% Stocks	8.0%	15.0%	0.53	-26.8%	0.30
60% Stocks / 40% Bonds	5.2%	9.9%	0.52	-16.2%	0.32
60% Stocks / 40% Trend	10.8%	11.8%	0.91	-17.1%	0.63
50% 60/40 & 50% Trend	9.5%	9.2%	1.03	-9.1%	1.04
100% Trend	14.0%	13.5%	1.04	-18.3%	0.77

Source: ECCM. Notes: Stocks or ASX200 TR = S&P/ASX200 Total Return index, Bonds = iBoxx Australian Fixed Interest index, AU 60/40 = 60% S&P/ASX200 Total Return index and 40% iBoxx Australian Fixed Interest index, rebalanced monthly, Trend or ECCM STF = ECCM Systematic Trend Fund after fees.

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