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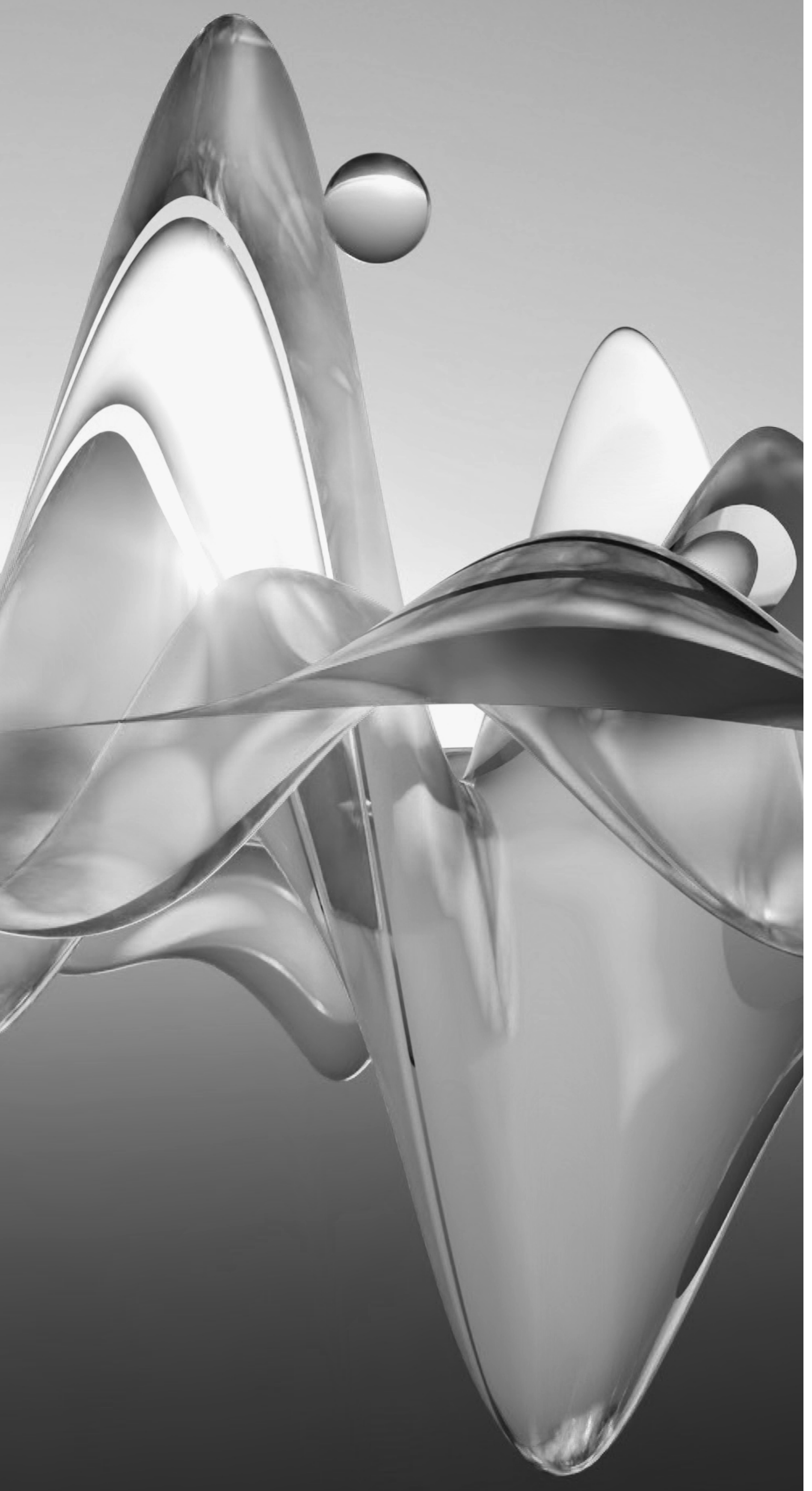

2025

WEALTH OUTLOOK

at a glance

Growth amid discord:

strategies for a “rule-breaking” expansion

OUR EXPECTATIONS AND PORTFOLIO INSIGHTS

Global economic growth and rising corporate profits

- Having already defied recession signals, global growth may continue in 2025 and 2026
- Earnings per share may increase further in the U.S. and elsewhere
- Fed interest rates could decline modestly to 3.5%–4% in 2025
- Risks include renewed inflation, trade tensions and other geopolitical strains

Position fully invested portfolios for ongoing upside

- Core portfolios following a long-term plan are essential, in our view
- By contrast, market timing seldom delivers results

OUR REAL GDP FORECASTS (%)

	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
U.S.	2.5	2.7 ↑	2.4 ↑	2.1
China	5.2	4.9 ↓	5.2 ↑	4.8
E.U.	0.5	0.7	1.2 ↓	1.6
U.K.	0.3	1.0 ↑	1.1 ↓	1.5
Global	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.9 ↑**	**2.9**

Source: Citi Wealth Investments, as of Nov 16, 2024. All forecasts are expressions of opinion and are subject to change without notice and are not intended to be a guarantee of future events.

ASSET CLASSES | GLOBAL USD LEVEL 3 ASSET ALLOCATION (%)

	STRATEGIC (%) (long term)	TACTICAL (%)
FIXED INCOME	37	-2.5
DEVELOPED SOVEREIGN	18.8	-5.6
U.S.	8.8	1.6
NON-U.S.	10	-7.3
U.S. SECURITIZED	6.1	2
DEVELOPED IG CORPORATES	6.9	-0.3
HIGH-YIELD	2	-1.5
EMERGING MARKET SOVEREIGNS	3.1	-1
THEMATIC: PREFERREDS	0	2
THEMATIC: U.S. BANK LOANS	0	2
EQUITIES	60.9	3.5
DEVELOPED EQUITIES	52.2	2.9
LARGE-CAP	46.3	1
U.S.	33.1	0
S&P 500	33.1	-1.5
THEMATIC: EQUAL-WGT S&P 500	0	1.5
CANADA	1.5	0
U.K.	1.9	0
EUROPE EX-U.K.	5.4	0
ASIA EX-JAPAN	1.4	0.5
JAPAN	3	0.5
SMALL- AND MID-CAP	5.9	1.9
CORE GLOBAL SMID	5.9	-1.1
THEMATIC: U.S. SMID GROWTH	0	3
EMERGING MARKET EQUITY	8.7	0.6
ASIA	7.4	0.5
LATIN AMERICA	0.8	0.5
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA	0.5	-0.4
THEMATIC: HEALTHCARE	0	0
CASH	2	-1
COMMODITIES	0	0
GLOBAL USD LEVEL 3 AS SET ALLOCATION	100	

STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION   ACTIVE

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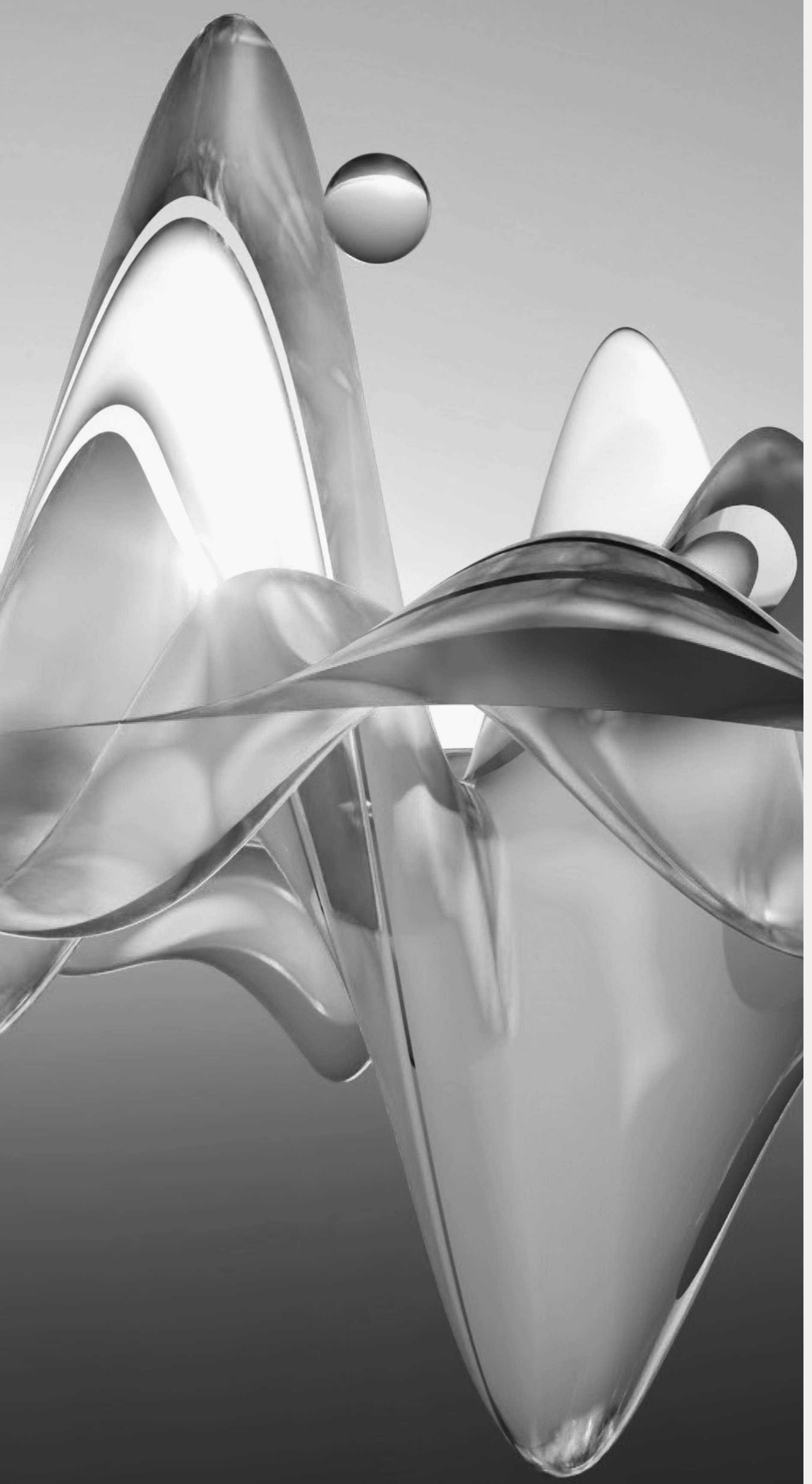

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Many investors' portfolios are too concentrated

- Excessive focus on a single market or asset class is very common
- This is especially true in U.S. large-cap equities, which may not do as well in the next decade as in the last
- However, valuations suggest potential benefits from greater diversification
- We see many suitable and qualified investors with little or no exposure to alternative asset classes
- Diversification does not guarantee a profit nor protect against losses

▶ Broaden portfolio horizons

- S&P equal weight, U.S. small- and mid-cap growth equities, Asia ex-China, Brazil
- Diversified intermediate investment grade credit and beyond
- Suitable and qualified investors might consider expanding into alternatives

Returns on cash will likely disappoint

- Bank deposits and Treasury bills may prove less rewarding amid modest Fed rate cuts
- We make the case for a diversified fixed income portfolio with intermediate duration
- U.S. investment grade credit may offer more potential than U.S. Treasuries

▶ Put cash to work and seek differentiated yield

- Credit could serve as a core fixed income allocation
- Lower-quality credit, bank loans, structured credit, preferreds
- Risks include recession, repayment, liquidity and interest rates

Deregulation may be coming in the U.S.

- President-elect Trump promised deregulation in his election campaign
- This could lower costs and open up potential growth for some financials
- In energy, more drilling, pipelines and demand for equipment and services might follow

▶ Seek exposure to deregulation's potential beneficiaries

- U.S. banks could gain from easing regulations
- Midstream energy companies may benefit from more capital spending on natural gas export capacity
- Such changes may not occur, and deregulation can increase certain risks

Geopolitical discord may spark volatility

- Trade disputes and other geopolitical challenges could unleash higher volatility
- Most geopolitical incidents do not change global markets' direction, however
- Portfolios concentrated in a region at the epicenter of tensions are more at risk

▶ Managing risk amid discord

- Economic security and national security investments, e.g., key technologies, defense, and cybersecurity
- Select hedge funds strategies and volatility related investments might be worth considering for suitable and qualified investors

where wealth happens

Unstoppable trends

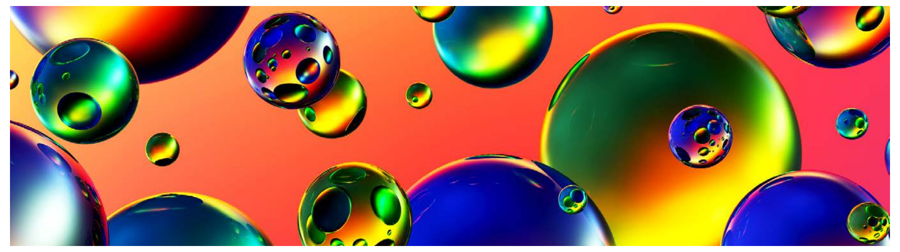
Long-term forces – technological, economic, demographic and geopolitical – are reshaping the world around us, with implications for every investment portfolio.

AI: getting more real

We believe AI adoption and benefits will spread increasingly beyond the technology sector to the likes of healthcare, industrials, financial services, education technology and robotics.

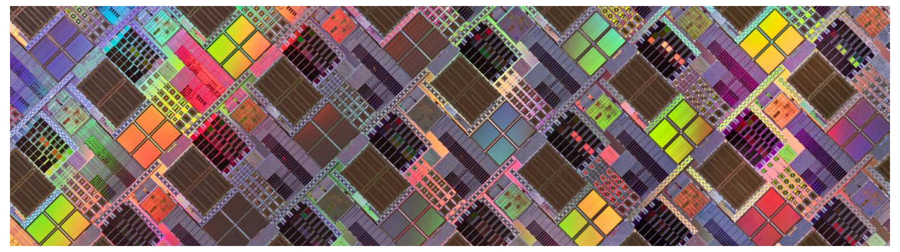
Climate: investing in innovative technologies

Emissions reduction, carbon capture and climate change adaptation technologies may see increasing demand, creating potential for providers and users.



Healthcare's prescription for longevity

With populations aging rapidly worldwide, there is a growing need to prevent as well as treat later-life illnesses. Healthcare innovators are addressing this challenge.

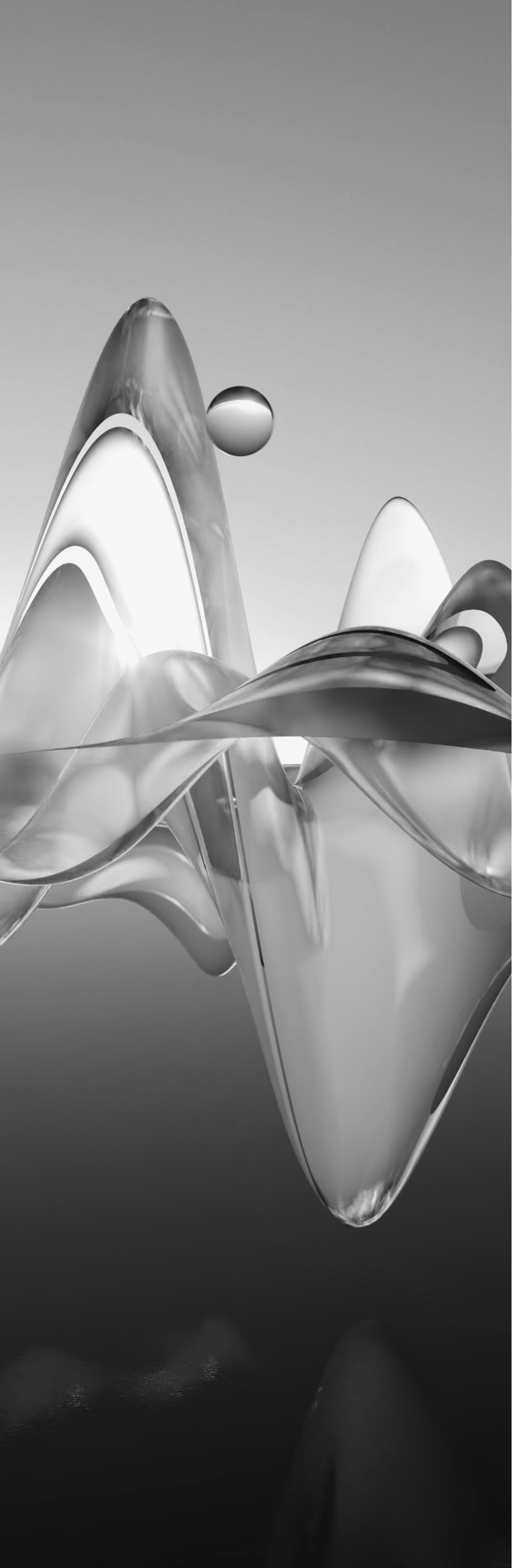


G2 polarization

Competitive tensions between the U.S. and China are set to continue, with supply chains likely to shift in favor of certain sectors and industries in Southeast Asia, Latin America and the U.S.

What next for Asia Pacific?

We expect resilient regional economic growth in 2025. China's cyclical recovery may gain momentum, possibly helped by further stimulus. We see potential in Indian, Japanese and select Southeast Asian equity markets. Tariffs, high Indian valuations and slowing growth are among the risks.



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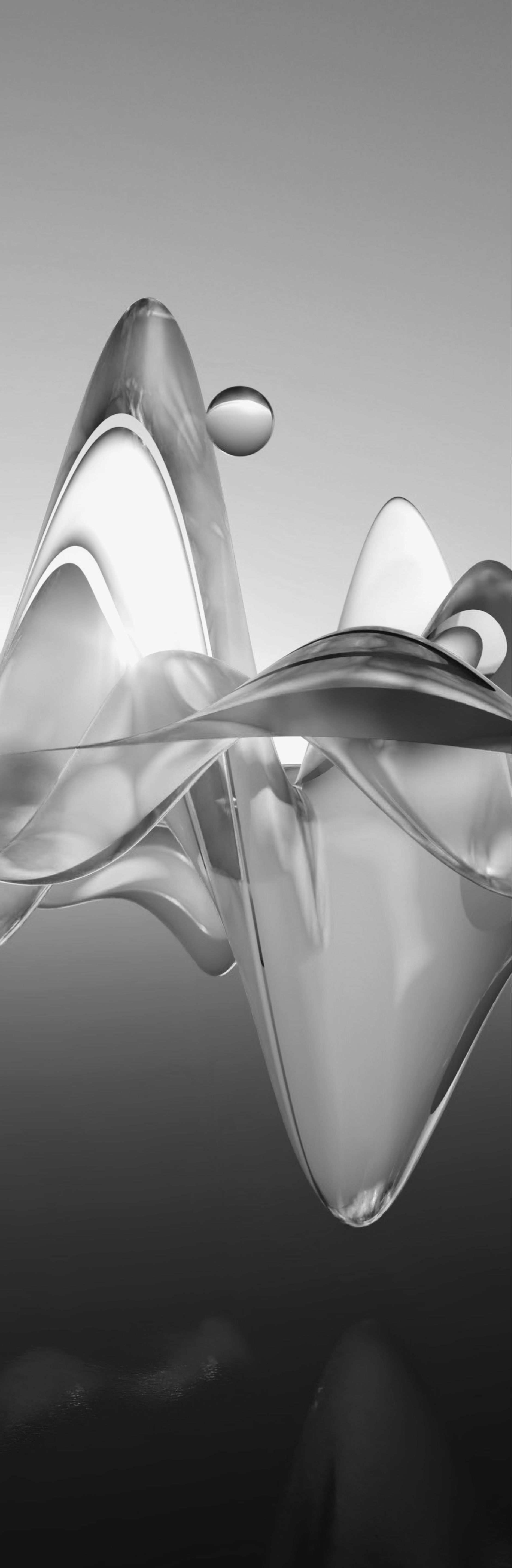

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