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# MACROSCOPE

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# Macro Investment Outlook

View based on short-term outlook



**GROWTH**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

Our base case remains an upswing in global and US growth in 2026, supported by easy financial conditions, loose fiscal policy, expected rate cuts, healthy balance sheets, resilient corporate profits, and ongoing AI driven capex. The end of IEEPA tariffs does not alter this base case. We expect tariffs to settle roughly back to prior levels, with the possibility they end up even lower given the approaching mid terms.

**INFLATION**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

We expect US inflation over the medium-term to be above target. Core services remains sticky and have reaccelerated more recently with the q/q annualized rate above 3% and above y/y. Meanwhile core goods remain muted. We expect at target inflation in the Eurozone, slightly above market pricing, and continued, albeit abating, deflation in China.

**POLICY**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

We expect the Fed to lower rates to 3-3.25% by end of 2026, in line with market expectations. We expect the European Central Bank (ECB) to hold in the near-term given domestic inflationary pressures. We expect to see two more cuts from the Bank of England (BoE). We also expect China to ease further to complement fiscal stimulus. Bank of Japan (BOJ) on the other hand will continue reducing policy accommodation in 2026.

**VALUATION**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

US equity valuations remain stretched by historical levels, suggesting vulnerability should investors reprice the growth and policy outlook, but earnings and margins remain robust. Albeit selected industries in the US have faced headwinds related to AI impact. EM ex China saw strong multiple expansion on expectations of continued resiliency in tech demand, commodities and further monetary easing in LatAm and EMEA.

**EARNINGS**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

US earnings remain solid relative to own history and versus global. Our base case remains for robust earnings in 2026. EM ex China earnings have been strong and ongoing resilient AI related demand and commodity prices should be supportive.

**SENTIMENT**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

US equity and rates implied volatility remains below historical average. Put/call ratios have increased over the month but remains benign. US consumer discretionary underperformed staples. Global cyclicals ex tech fell relative to global defensives.

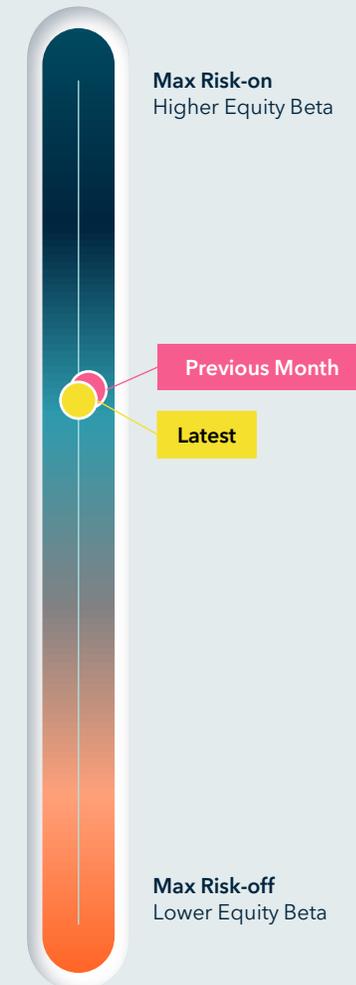
**MOMENTUM**

View: ● Delta: ■■■

On a cross-asset basis, momentum was particularly strong within equities (Japan, UK, EM) and commodities. Japanese bonds and JPYUSD cross showed strong momentum to the downside. Credit remained positive.

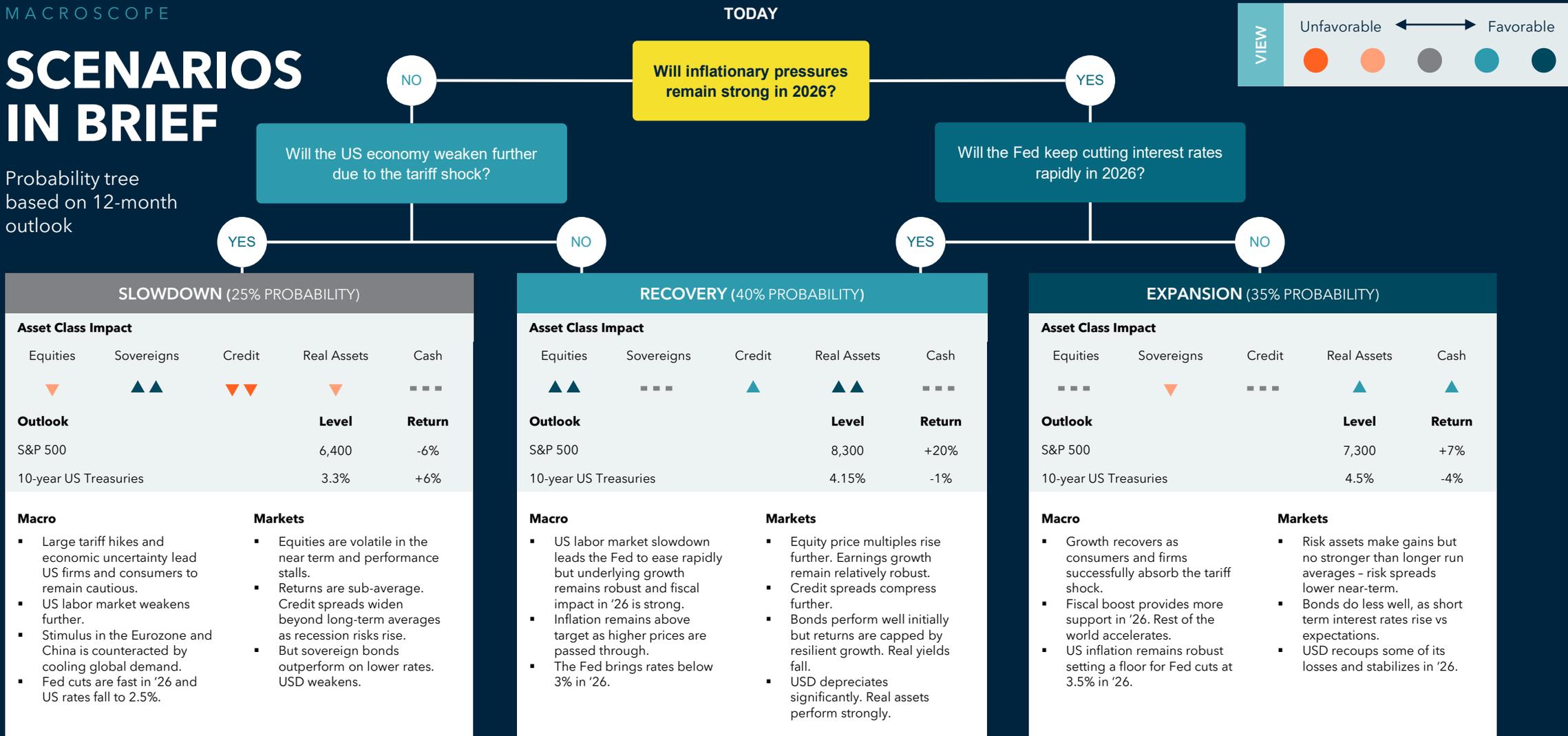
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## SHORT-TERM RISK-ON/RISK-OFF GAUGE



# SCENARIOS IN BRIEF

Probability tree based on 12-month outlook



**SLOWDOWN (25% PROBABILITY)**

**Asset Class Impact**

Equities	Sovereigns	Credit	Real Assets	Cash
▼	▲▲	▼▼	▼	---

**Outlook**

	Level	Return
S&P 500	6,400	-6%
10-year US Treasuries	3.3%	+6%

**Macro**

- Large tariff hikes and economic uncertainty lead US firms and consumers to remain cautious.
- US labor market weakens further.
- Stimulus in the Eurozone and China is counteracted by cooling global demand.
- Fed cuts are fast in '26 and US rates fall to 2.5%.

**Markets**

- Equities are volatile in the near term and performance stalls.
- Returns are sub-average. Credit spreads widen beyond long-term averages as recession risks rise.
- But sovereign bonds outperform on lower rates. USD weakens.

**RECOVERY (40% PROBABILITY)**

**Asset Class Impact**

Equities	Sovereigns	Credit	Real Assets	Cash
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**Outlook**

	Level	Return
S&P 500	8,300	+20%
10-year US Treasuries	4.15%	-1%

**Macro**

- US labor market slowdown leads the Fed to ease rapidly but underlying growth remains robust and fiscal impact in '26 is strong.
- Inflation remains above target as higher prices are passed through.
- The Fed brings rates below 3% in '26.

**Markets**

- Equity price multiples rise further. Earnings growth remain relatively robust.
- Credit spreads compress further.
- Bonds perform well initially but returns are capped by resilient growth. Real yields fall.
- USD depreciates significantly. Real assets perform strongly.

**EXPANSION (35% PROBABILITY)**

**Asset Class Impact**

Equities	Sovereigns	Credit	Real Assets	Cash
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**Outlook**

	Level	Return
S&P 500	7,300	+7%
10-year US Treasuries	4.5%	-4%

**Macro**

- Growth recovers as consumers and firms successfully absorb the tariff shock.
- Fiscal boost provides more support in '26. Rest of the world accelerates.
- US inflation remains robust setting a floor for Fed cuts at 3.5% in '26.

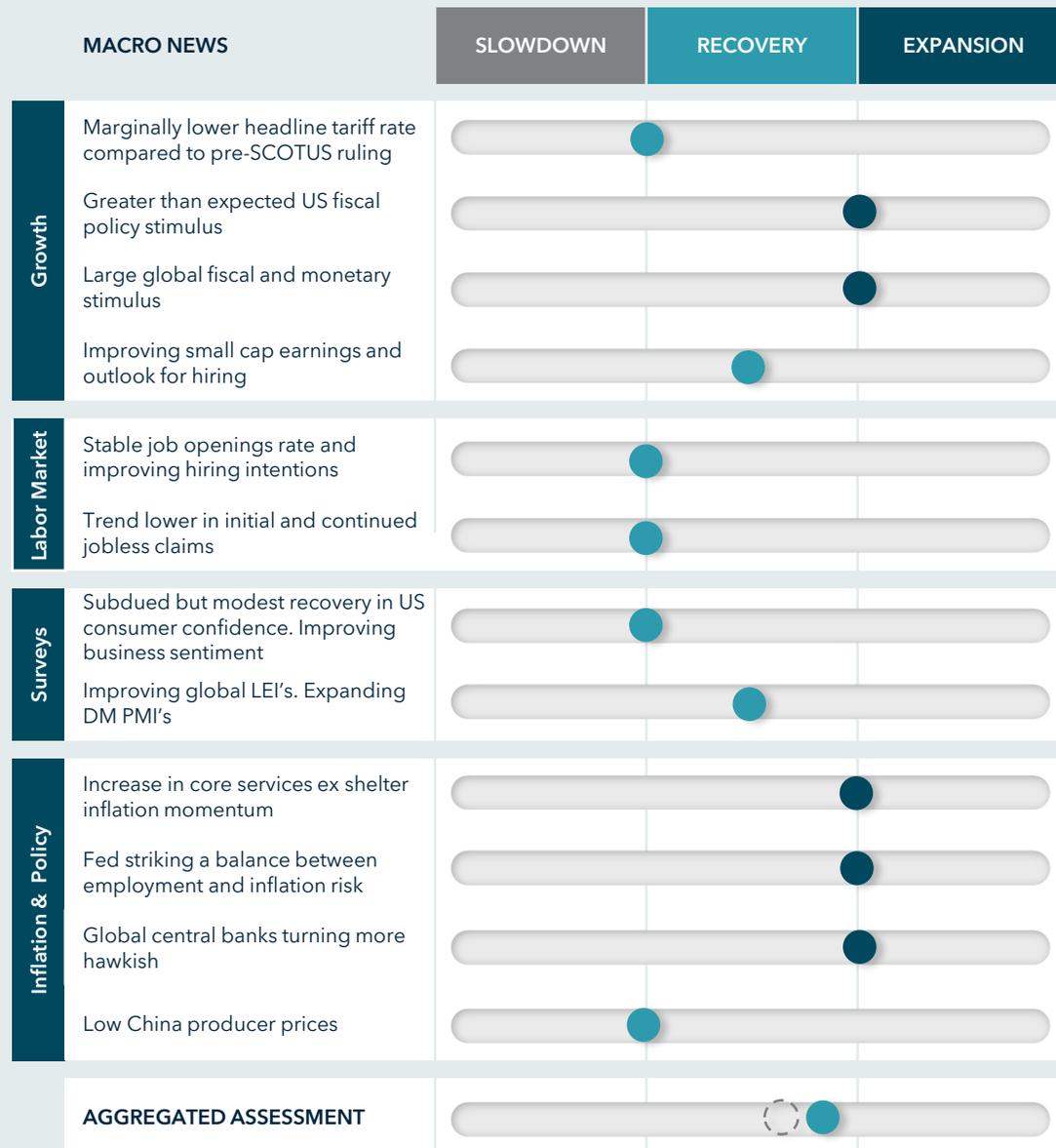
**Markets**

- Risk assets make gains but no stronger than longer run averages - risk spreads lower near-term.
- Bonds do less well, as short term interest rates rise vs expectations.
- USD recoups some of its losses and stabilizes in '26.

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# MACRO NEWS vs. OUR SCENARIOS

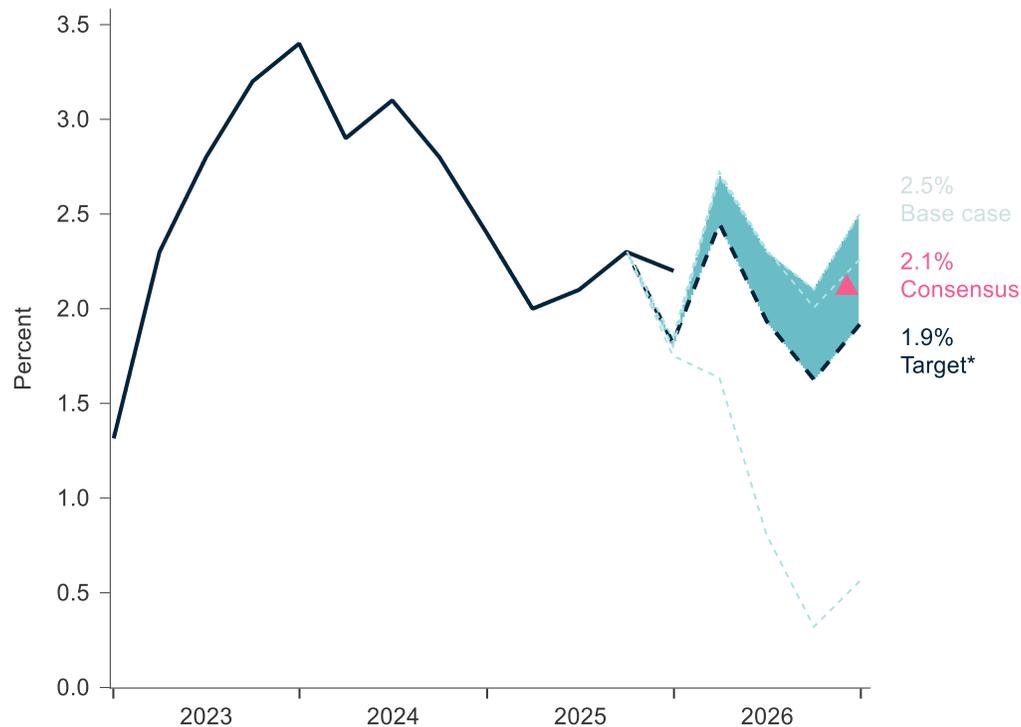
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# Our Outlook vs. Consensus

## US GDP Growth

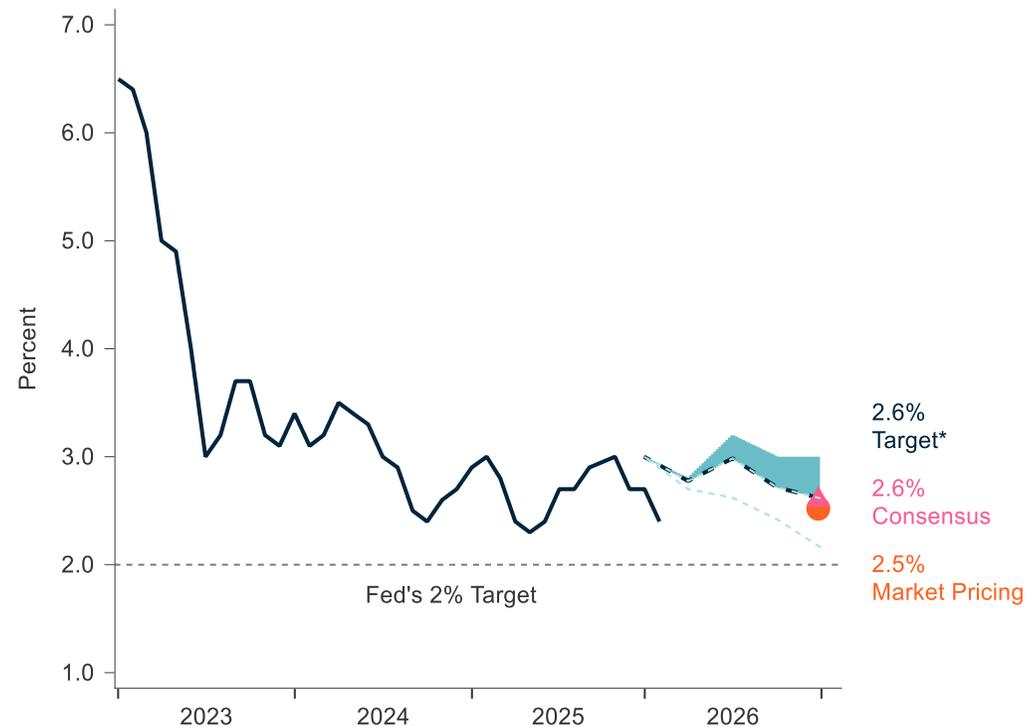
year-over-year percentage change



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## US Inflation

year-over-year percentage change



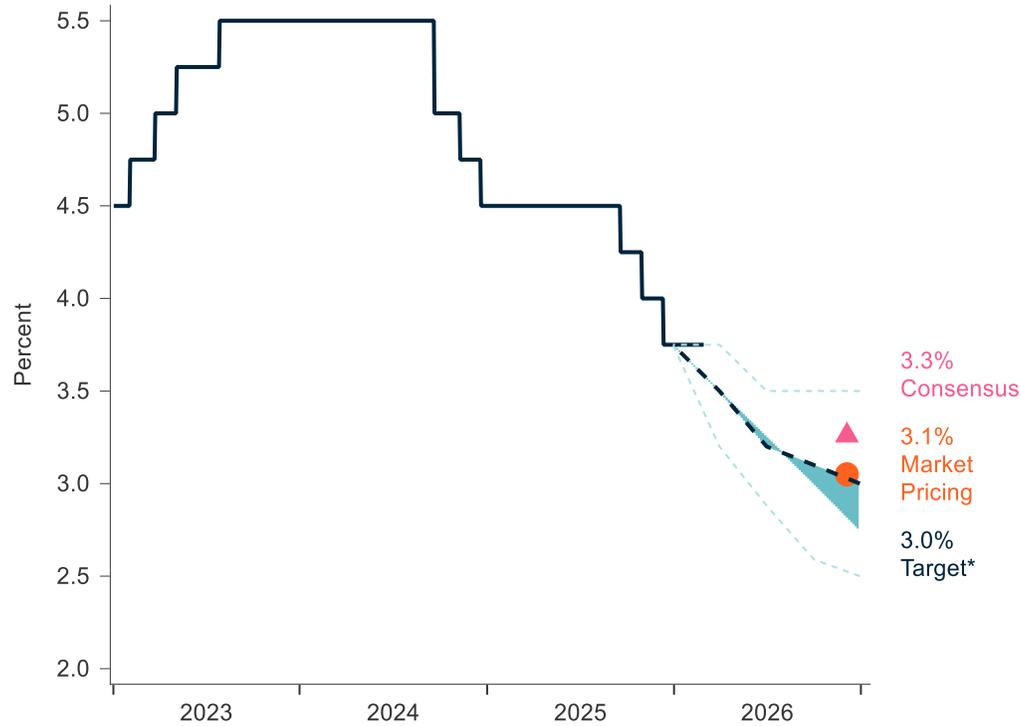
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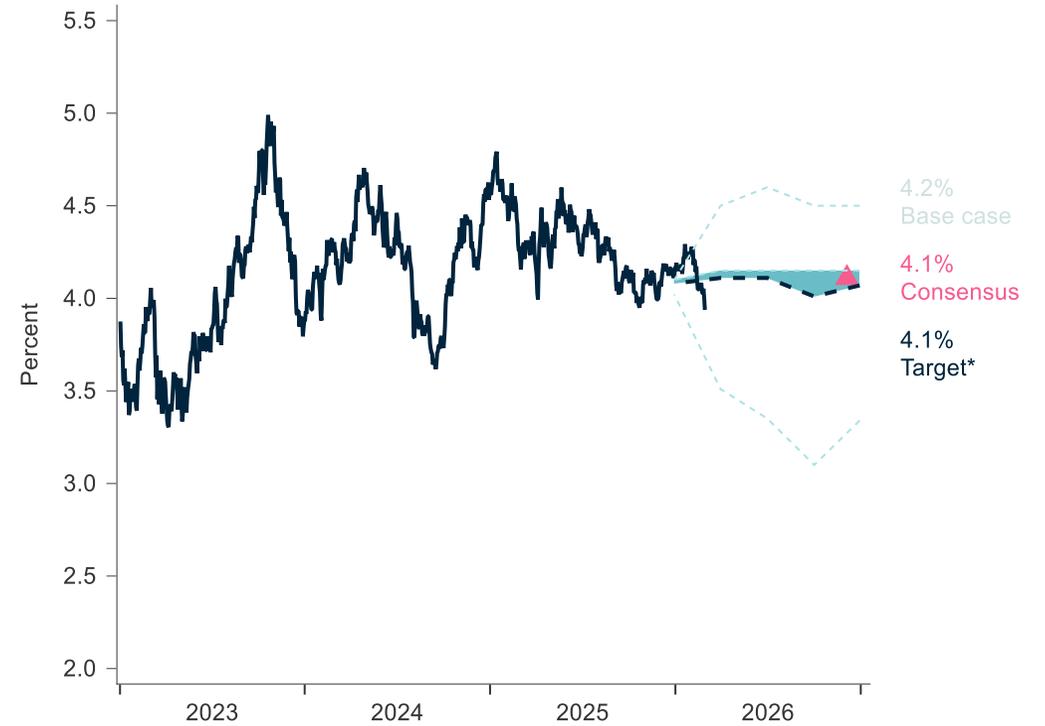
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**Federal Funds Rate**



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**10Yr US Treasury**



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## S&P 500



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SCENARIO	Q4 2026
<b>Expansion (35% probability)</b>	
Earnings-per-share Estimate	301
Earnings Growth	+12%
Price/Earnings	24
Approximate Level	7,300
Return Estimate	+7%
<b>Recovery (40% probability)</b>	
Earnings-per-share Estimate	302
Earnings Growth	+12%
Price/Earnings	27
Approximate Level	8,300
Return Estimate	+20%
<b>Slowdown (25% probability)</b>	
Earnings-per-share Estimate	285
Earnings Growth	+6%
Price/Earnings	23
Approximate Level	6,400
Return Estimate	-6%
<b>Prob. Weighted S&amp;P 500 Level</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Prob. Weighted Return Est.</b>	<b>+9%</b>

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See slide 7: Scenarios in Brief for more details on each scenarios.

# THEMES

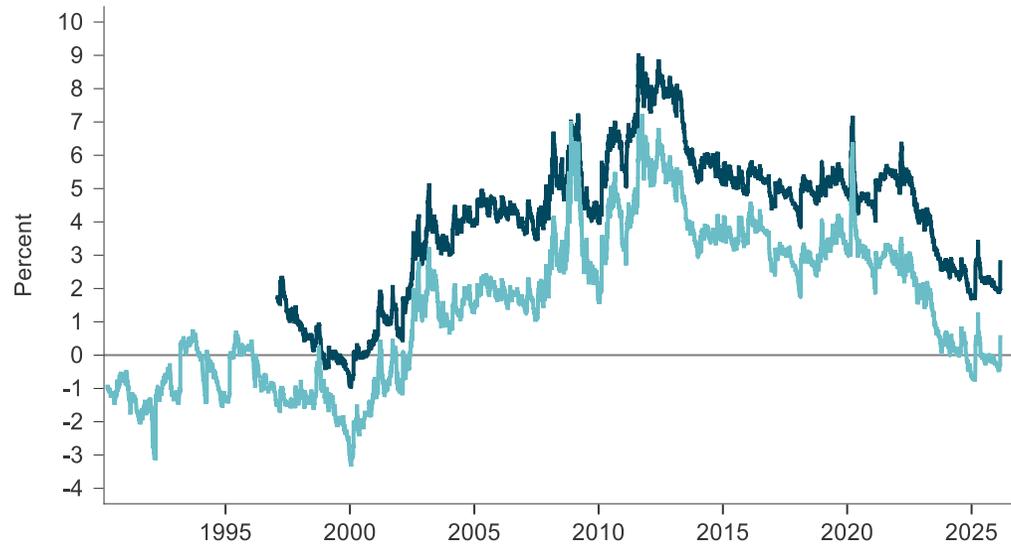
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# Managing Concentration and Style Risk in Equity Portfolios

AI remains a powerful theme, and we don't think it is a bubble yet, but it is entering a more volatile phase with elevated valuations. Timing the peak is uncertain and a case study of the early 2000s highlights the importance of diversification. We think the prudent approach is to manage concentration and style risk, and historically, the quality factor has provided ballast to portfolios.

## S&P 500 Excess Earnings Yield

Earnings yield less 10-year Treasury (nominal or real) yield

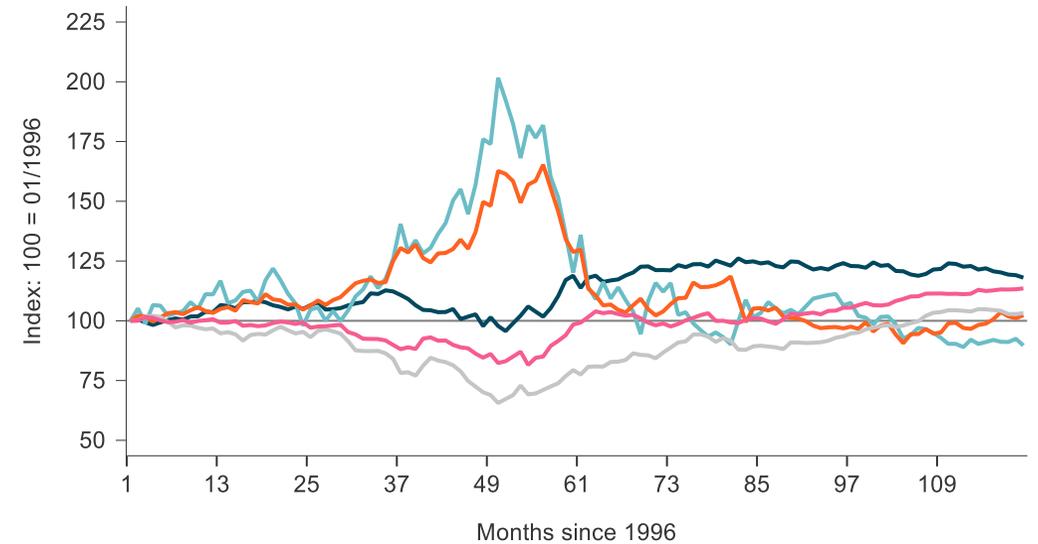


— Excess Earnings Yield (nominal) — Excess Earnings Yield (real)

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## US Factor & Sector Performance

10-year performance since 1996



— Value — Minimum Volatility — Momentum — Tech — Quality

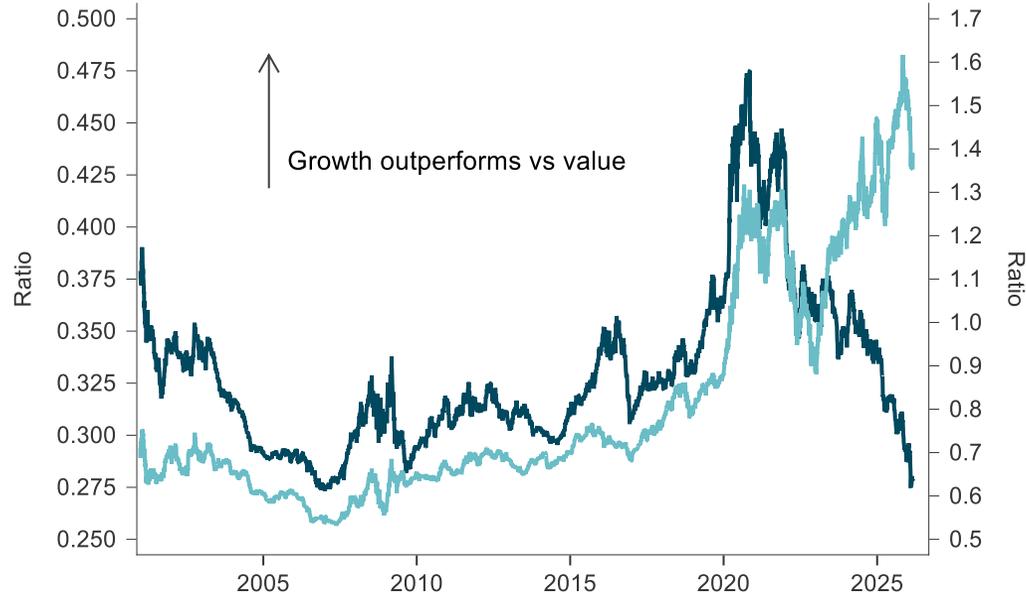
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# A Broadening Theme in US Equity Markets

The prevailing narrative in US equity markets is one of market broadening and leadership rotation, consistent with our view of a cyclical recovery in the US economy. Historically, performance between growth vs value across regions moved in tandem. That relationship broke in early 2025, when value outperformed growth outside of the US while growth powered on in the US. However, since November of 2025, value began to outperform, with fundamentals being supportive.

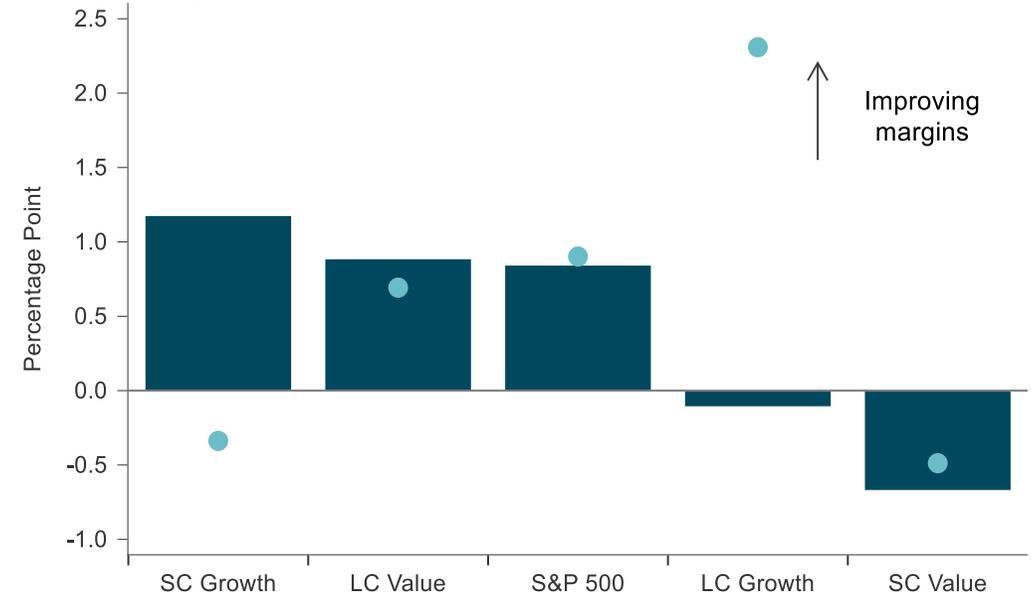
**Growth vs Value (US vs RoW)**



— United States, rhs — World Excluding USA, lhs

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**Yearly Change in Profit Margin**



● 6-months Ago ■ Latest

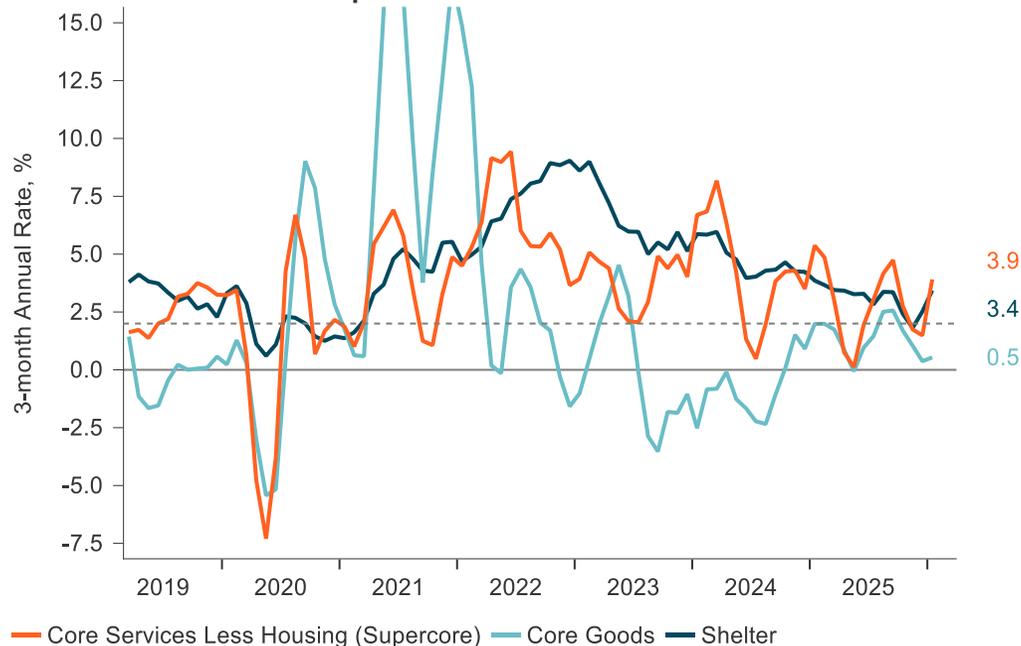
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# Protection in an Environment of Shifting Inflation Dynamics

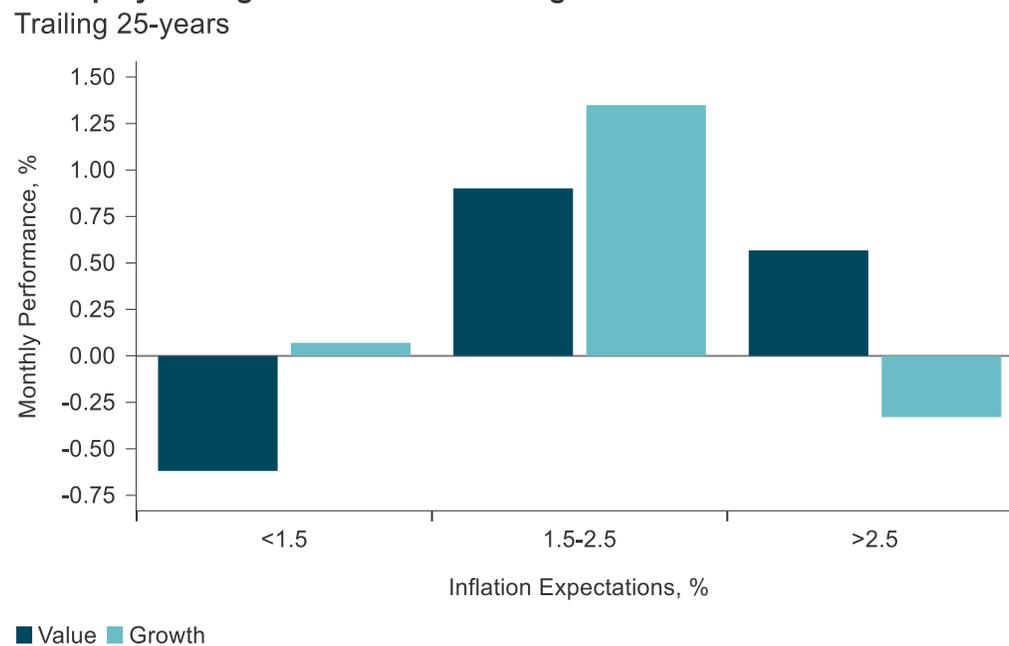
While lower tariffs could modestly ease price pressures in the short run, they may also support a stronger recovery in activity and the labor market. Supercore (core services excluding housing) remains above target, and the effective tariff rate remains below that of the announced tariff rate, which suggests upside risks to core goods inflation.

**US Core Inflation Decomposition**



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**US Equity During Different Inflation Regime**



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# Complementing Equity with Infrastructure

Our base case for 2026 sees growth above trend and consensus and expect inflation to remain above target (see Vantage Point for details). An environment of stronger growth and modest price pressures should be conducive for risk assets. Notably, 2025 provided a textbook case study on the importance of diversification. We maintain our favorable view on infrastructure for equity exposure but greater stability, income benefits, and diversification.

## Correlation Matrix of Selected Assets

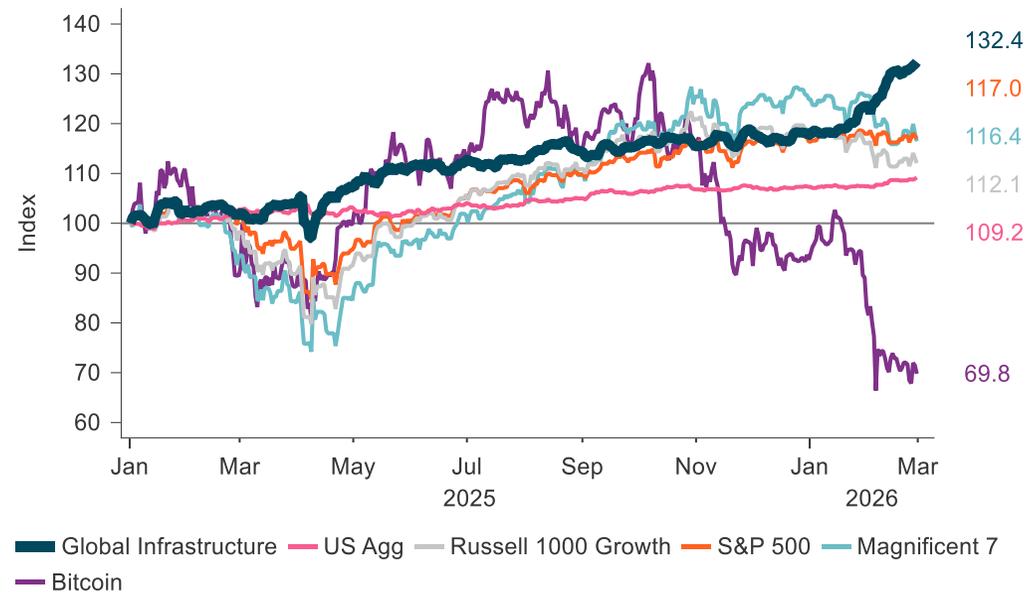
Trailing 1-year based on monthly returns

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Global Infrastructure	1.00					
2. Bitcoin	-0.37	1.00				
3. Magnificent 7	-0.33	0.61	1.00			
4. S&P 500	-0.12	0.36	0.93	1.00		
5. Russell 1000 Growth	-0.26	0.59	0.96	0.94	1.00	
6. US Agg	0.24	-0.48	-0.22	0.03	-0.06	1.00

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## Selected Assets Performance in 2025

Rebased, 100 = 1/1/2025



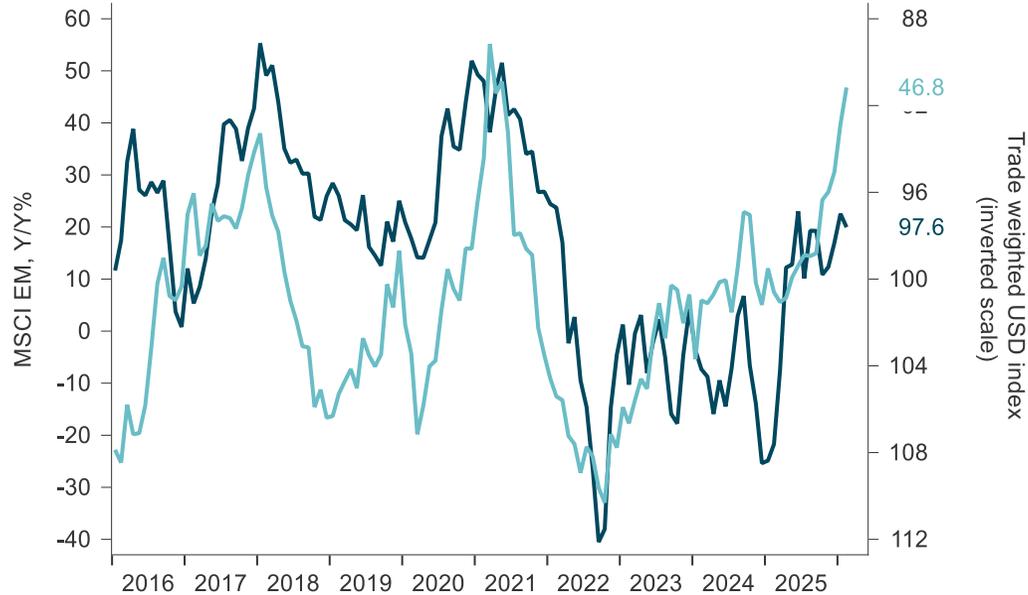
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# Pockets of Opportunities in Emerging Markets

Electronics oriented EMs should continue reaping gains from strong AI-driven semiconductor orderbooks. Commodity intensive EMs are likely to benefit from rising data-center related metals and minerals demand. Furthermore, end of IEEPA tariffs boosts many EMs' exports and production outlook, relative to their DM counterparts. Valuations are fair-to-attractive and country-and-sector correlations are lower.

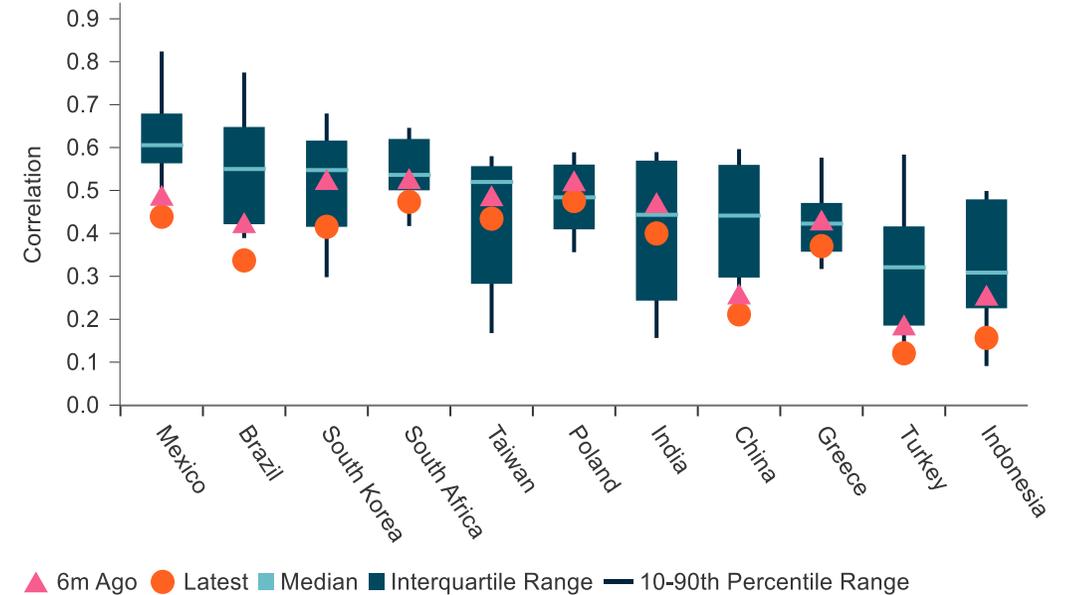
EM Equity Returns vs USD Index



— MSCI Emerging Markets Index, Y/Y Pct. Change, lhs — Trade Weighted USD Index, rhs

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Return Correlation Between Emerging Markets & S&P 500



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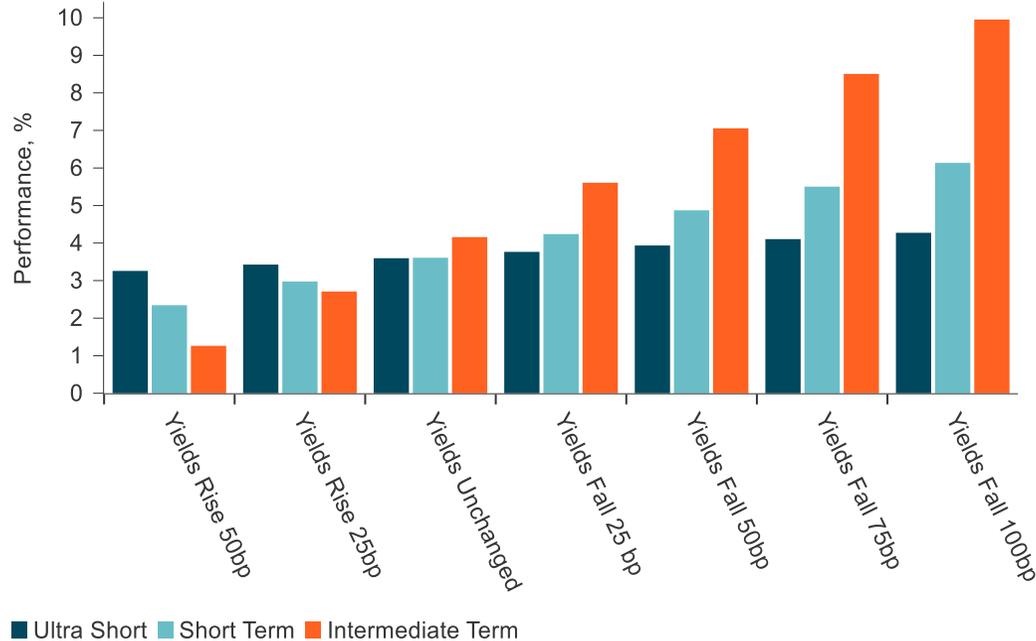
5y-rolling return correlation; mid & large cap MSCI, local currencies, sorted by median correlation on weekly returns, data since January 1993

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# Targeted Curve Exposure Remains Crucial

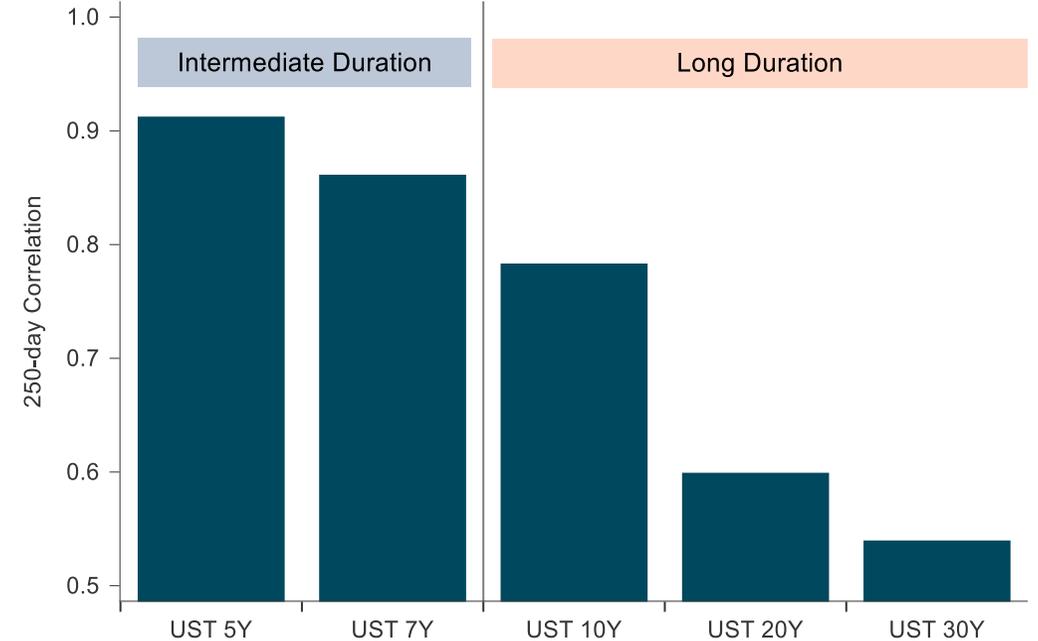
Fed loosening will lower cash rates, but targeted curve exposure remains crucial. Fiscal loosening, lagged impact of monetary policy loosening, and a stabilizing labor market are supportive of growth and higher growth will likely add upward pressure on 10-year yields.

Hypothetical Change in Yield Over 12 Months & Performance



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Correlation to Changes in UST 2-year Yields (Fed Policy Rate Proxy)



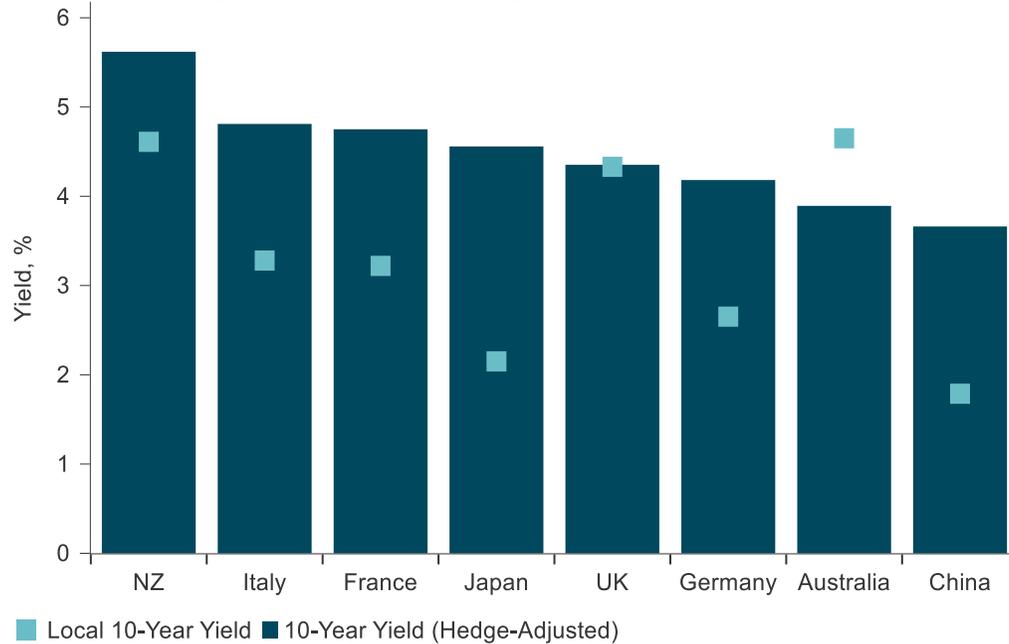
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# Capturing Differences in Interest Rates

After a decade of yield scarcity, government bond yields have moved higher across the board. Moreover, USD hedged exposure boosts income and, potentially, even total return by exploiting relatively higher short-term US interest rates (even after expected Fed cuts). Historically, it also helped lower the dispersion of the strong positive relationship of elevated yields with ex-ante performance. We continue to favor (USD-hedged) yields over spreads.

Global Sovereigns Hedged & Unhedged



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Starting Yield and Subsequent 10-year Return (since 1990)



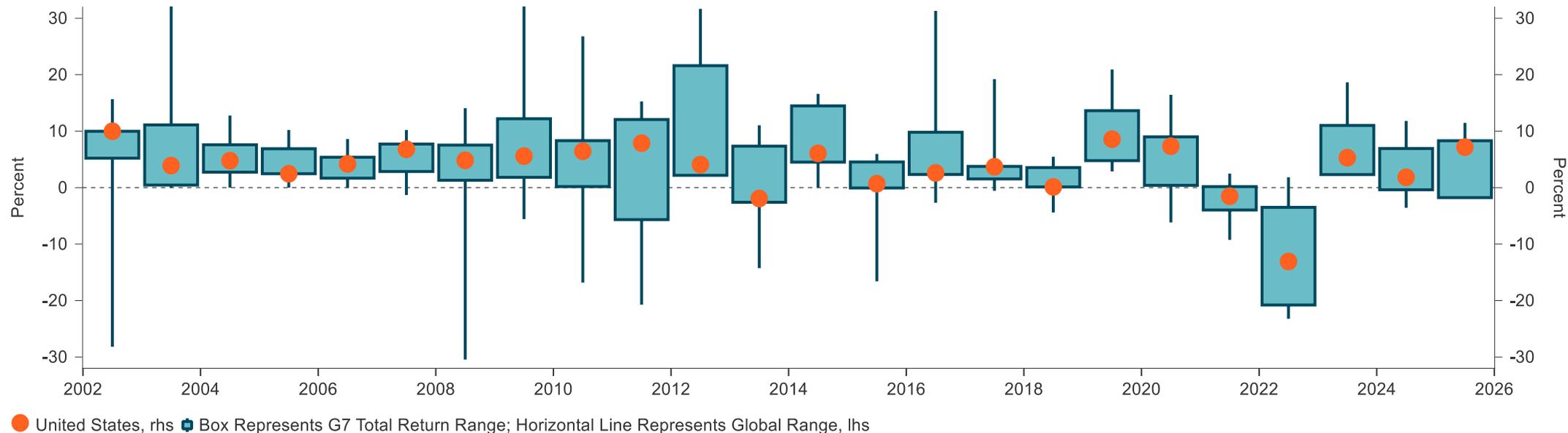
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# Diverging Monetary Policy is Conducive to Active Management

Uncertainty has slowly abated, albeit remains elevated. We expect differentiated global economic performance from targeted U.S. trade policies and geopolitics, effectively, leading to differentiated monetary policy cycles and, ultimately, higher dispersion in fixed income returns across geographies. These different pieces of the puzzle - growth, inflation, and policy, and its asynchrony globally - may result in a macro environment particularly conducive to active management.

## Historical Return Range



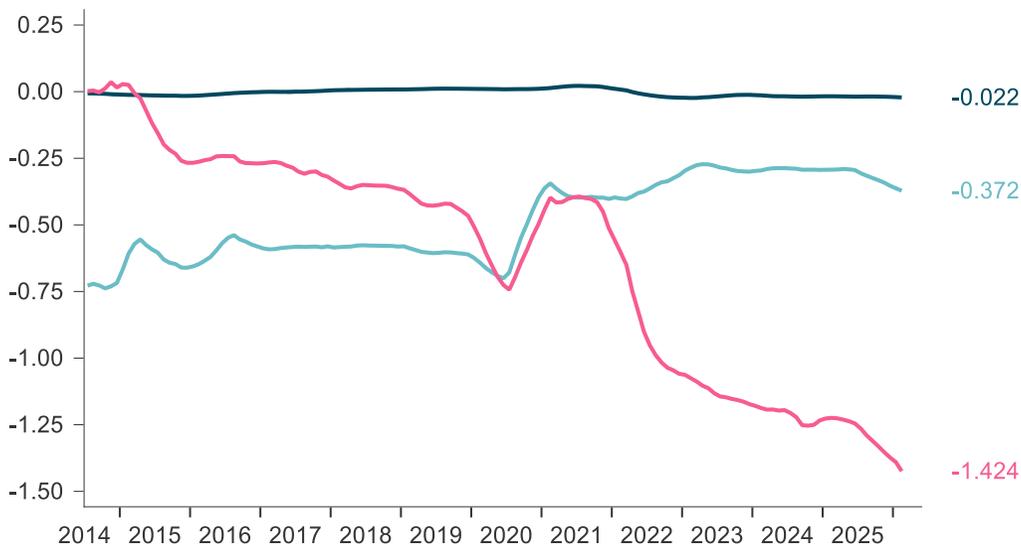
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# Emerging Market Local Debt Remains Attractive

Even after recent local rate cuts, EM real rates are still high. A stable to weaker trend in the USD should present additional price gains through FX as well as duration channels. Easing FX carry is a risk but is offset, for now, by restrained inflation and reasonably sound policy management and financial flexibility at most major EMs.

**Bloomberg EMLC Diversified Index Component 'Betas' to DXY**  
Rolling regression slope coefficients, monthly data (5 years)



— BBG EMLC Price Return — BBG EMLC Currency Return — BBG EMLC Coupon Return

Data as of February 28, 2026

**Emerging Market Inflation & Real Yields**



— Inflation — Real Yields

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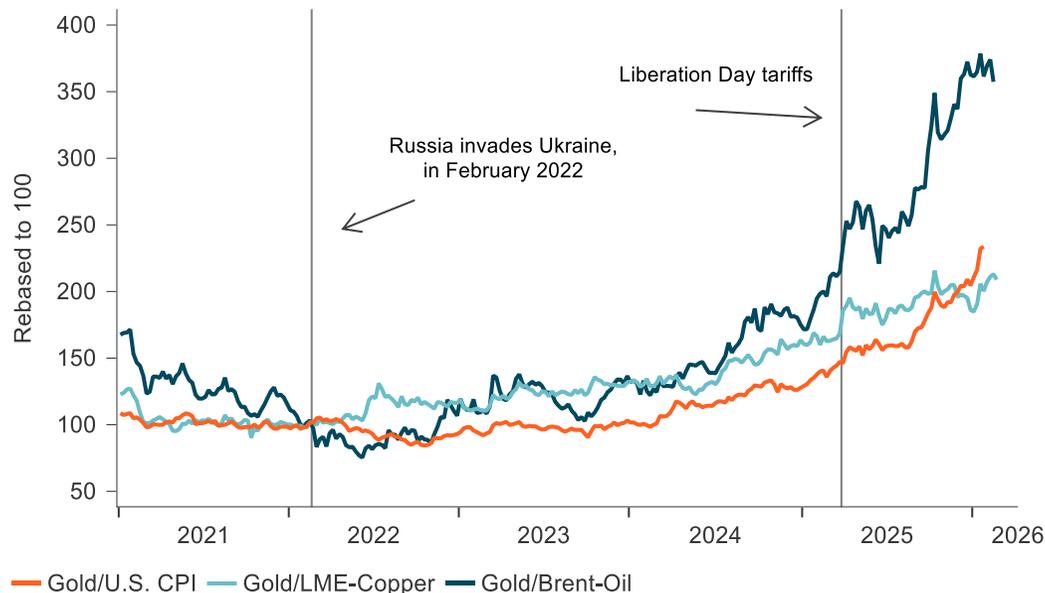
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# Potential Hedge for Inflation and Macro Volatility

Historically, gold has demonstrated notable multi-year price increases during periods marked by financial shock/uncertainty, supply shock/disruptions, and inflation persistence. In contrast, during more stable times characterised by peace, globalization, and steady U.S. inflation, gold prices have generally declined or remained stable over extended durations. Given current global geopolitical dynamics, we view gold favourably for its potential as a hedge against macroeconomic volatility and inflation.

## Relative Price of Gold

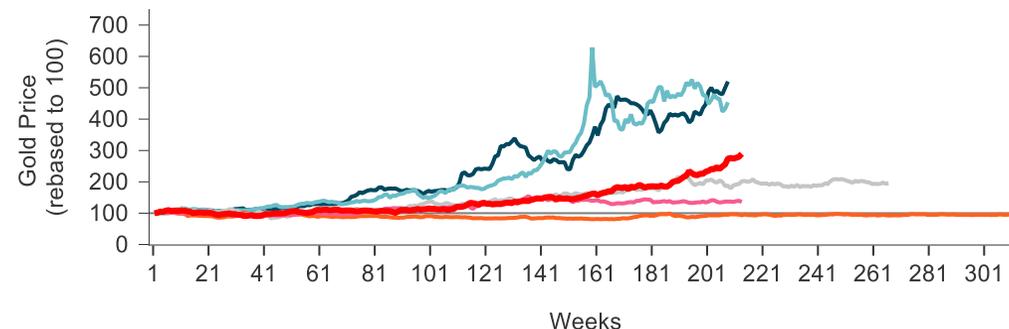
Relative to U.S. CPI, Brent, Copper & rebased to 100 in February 2022



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## Gold Price Response to Politically Driven Shocks

Includes episodes encompassing severe financial and geopolitical shocks, since the early 1970s



- 2022-current: Russia-Ukraine war, FX reserve freezes, fiscal dominance of CB policy
- 2018-22: 1st trade conflict and pandemic
- 2008-13: Post GFC QE by major central banks
- 1990-95: End of Cold War, globalization, peace-dividend
- 1977-80: Arthur Burns to Volcker, Iranian revolution & second oil price shock
- 1971-74: De-pegging of USD from gold, Yom Kippur war, oil embargo

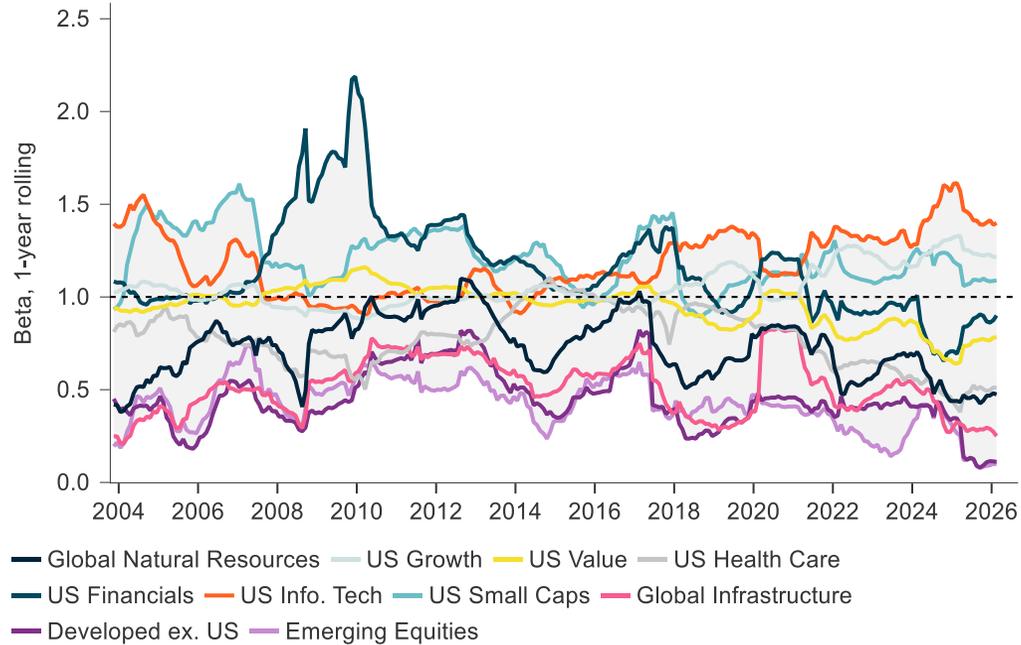
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# Well Diversified Approach

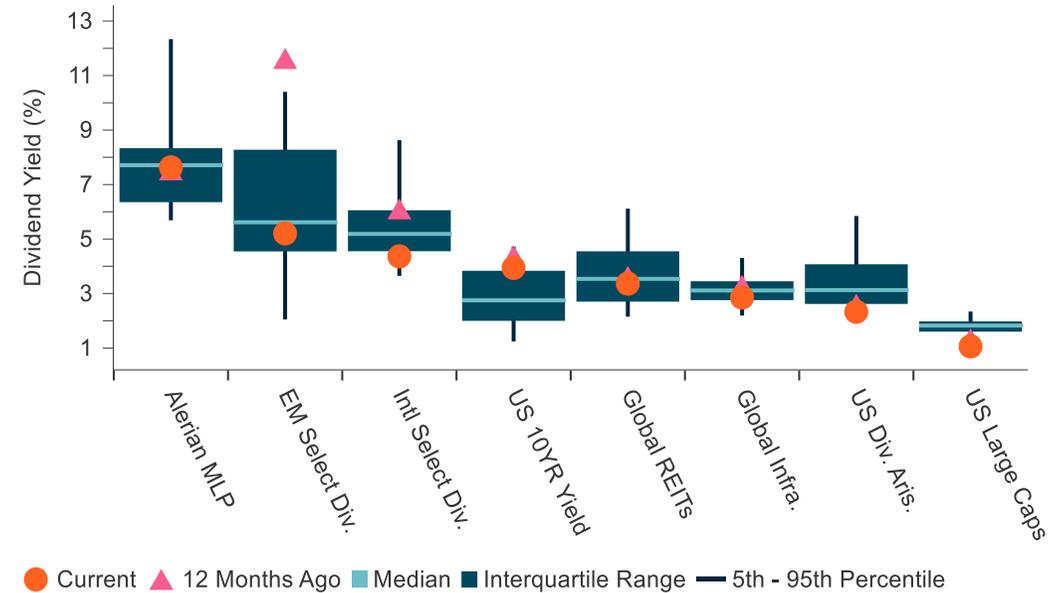
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Beta vs. S&P 500



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Dividend Yield Across Assets



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# Digital Allocations

Paul Atkins, former co-chair of Token Alliance, was appointed chair of the SEC, marking a major shift toward favorable regulation for digital assets and fueling another surge in Bitcoin's price. While digital assets have offered strong returns, they remain highly risky—about five times as volatile as equities—due to regulatory uncertainty, extreme price swings, and emerging cybersecurity threats like quantum computing.

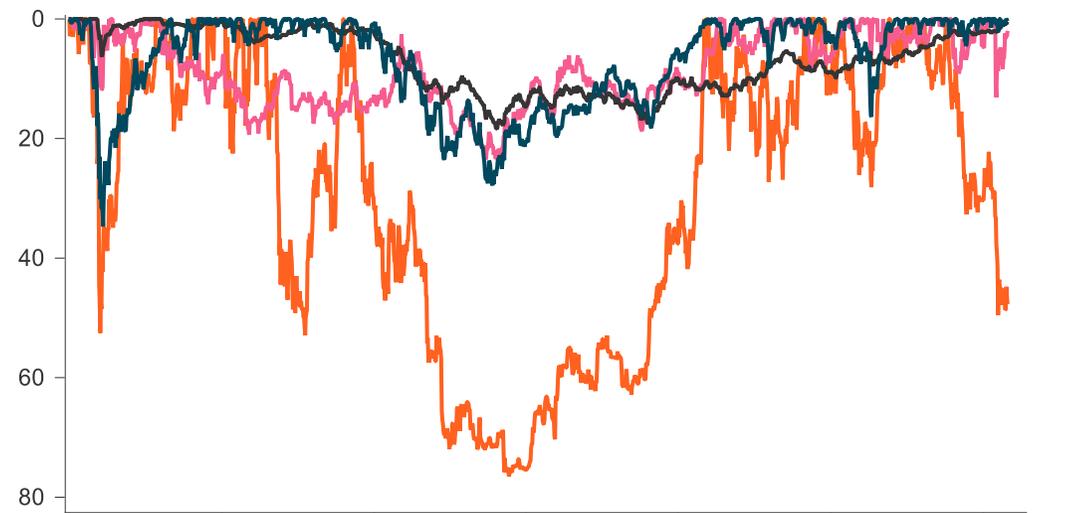
**Impact of a 2% Bitcoin Allocation on a 60/40 Portfolio**  
Simulation of \$100 invested on December 31, 2015



— 58% Global Equity / 40% US Aggregate / 2% Bitcoin  
— 60% Global Equity / 40% US Aggregate / 0% Bitcoin

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**Traditional Assets vs. Bitcoin**  
Drawdown in Percent



— Global Equity — US Aggregate — Gold — Bitcoin

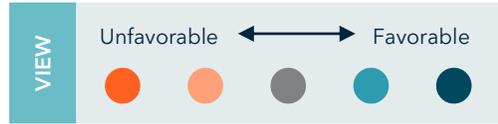
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# ASSET CLASS VIEWS

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# Summary



ASSET	VIEW	DELTA	COMMENTARY
<b>Global Equity</b>	●	■ ■ ■	The global economy is showing resilience and stimulus is picking up, but downside risks to growth persist in the near-term. Despite this, recession risks are odds against, the US has also entered a new phase of policy easing, and previous rate cuts in other regions are expected to keep supporting the ongoing economic cycle. Maintain overweight with a preference for cyclical segments.
<b>Gov. Bonds</b>	●	■ ■ ■	As growth recovers, yields should see upward pressure. We remain underweight US Treasuries vs international sovereign bonds, due to worsening fiscal fundamentals, ongoing US inflation risks and a market that is pricing rate cuts for the Fed but a pause or rate hikes for most other developed market central banks. Elevated yields do entrench favorable income returns but favors targeted regional curve and tenor exposure.
<b>Credit</b>	●	■ ■ ■	Spreads remain compressed. There is less upside in credit from the AI theme. Geopolitical tensions and trade volatility persists, which could see a rotation toward cheaper, safer fixed income assets should growth be challenged. But carry has historically been attractive in a strong expansion environment, though favors selectivity. We prefer higher quality credits over HY, European credits over US.
<b>Real Assets</b>	●	■ ■ ■	Maintain favorable view on real assets given diversification potential in a volatile inflation and geopolitical regime. Maintain overweight on precious metals and infrastructure. Constructive on real-return strategies for additional protection in an environment of shifting inflation dynamics.
<b>Cash</b>	●	■ ■ ■	We see merit in putting cash to work but not in extending duration as the rate cutting cycle is coming to an end and long-end yields remain volatile. Targeted curve exposure remains crucial. We view absolute return strategies capable of exploiting monetary and fiscal divergence as favorable.

EQUITY	VIEW	DELTA
<b>DM Equity</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>US Equity</i>	●	▼
<i>UK Equity</i>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>Europe ex. UK Equity</i>	●	▲
<i>Japan Equity</i>	●	▲
<b>EM Equity</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>China Equity</i>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>EM ex China Equity</i>	●	■ ■ ■

FIXED INCOME	VIEW	DELTA
<b>US Treasuries</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>Intl. Sovereign Debt</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>UK Gilts</i>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>German Bunds</i>	●	■ ■ ■
<i>JGBs</i>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>Inflation Protected</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>Global IG</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>High Yield</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>EM Debt - Local</b>	●	■ ■ ■
<b>EM Debt - USD</b>	●	■ ■ ■

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# Equity



ASSET	VIEW	DELTA	COMMENTARY
DM Equity	●	■ ■ ■	Policy uncertainty remains elevated, but global stimulus is a significant offset. Risks of deterioration in the near-term macro data persists from the lagged effects of the tariff shock, but 2026 is optimistic from monetary and fiscal loosening. The AI theme is expected to continue, but with more scrutiny from investors. Cyclical considerations and concentration risks may introduce volatility, which warrants a well diversified approach across geographies.
US Equity	●	▼	We see fears of overinvestment in AI from the hyperscalers as a continued risk to highly-concentrated US indices. Disagreement at the Fed on the future path for policy rates may also lead to greater US equity volatility. Further policy loosening and a cyclical recovery should be a supportive backdrop for small caps and value.
UK Equity	●	■ ■ ■	UK equities are attractive for income-seeking investors given elevated yields. We see income-equities as a hedge against structurally higher inflationary risks in the global economy. Sector exposure (e.g., mining, energy, banks), risks of weaker sterling (which benefits the index), and cheap valuations also seen as tailwinds.
Europe ex UK Equity	●	▲	We see the ECB as remaining on hold as growth picks up in 2026 and inflation remains around target. We expect the lagged effects of policy loosening and greater fiscal stimulus as supporting the cycle. De-escalation of the Ukraine-Russia war could be a catalyst for performance in 2026. In relative terms, we think selected European indices (e.g., Spain, Italy) or Styles (Value, Income) can keep outperforming. Small caps trading at relative discounts to large caps are becoming attractive.

ASSET	VIEW	DELTA	COMMENTARY
Japan Equity	●	▲	Consumption and household incomes to be boosted in 2026 by easing inflation (towards the Bank of Japan's 2% target) and rising wages. Nominal GDP growth to remain higher than 3% y/y. The JPY should stabilize on BOJ normalization (& Fed rate cuts) but the real exchange rate should stay competitive and sustain a modest expansion of foreign receipts and income. Stronger political mandate, improving governance, and modest supply-side stimulus are supportive.
EM Equity	●	■ ■ ■	Emerging markets to be boosted by a stable-to-weaker USD, local rate cuts and stable-to-improving activity at G3 economies and China. The AI-related capex pickup is generating new opportunities in the semiconductor space. End of IEEPA tariffs could level the playing field, for access to the US market, for many EMs - relative to their more advanced counterparts. EM equities are cheap and will gain from long-term supply chain rotation.
China Equity	●	■ ■ ■	End of IEEPA tariffs may provide a near-term respite for Beijing's access to US markets. But additional tariffs and further Sino-US de-coupling to persist (albeit, more gradually). The tech sector is a bright spot, and the property downturn is slowing. Further stimulus to re-balance the economy and curb deflation is needed and should be forthcoming.
EM ex China Equity	●	■ ■ ■	Electronics oriented EMs should continue reaping gains from strong AI-driven semiconductor orderbooks. Commodity intensive EMs to benefit from rising data-center related metals and minerals demand. End of IEEPA tariffs boosts many EMs' exports and production outlook, relative to their DM counterparts. Valuations are fair-to-attractive. Country-and-sector correlations are lower.

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## Fixed Income



ASSET	VIEW	DELTA	COMMENTARY
US Treasuries	●	■ ■ ■	We see lingering risks to growth in the near-term but also inflation pressures that the Fed will likely look through. Large deficits remain a risk, but attractive yields and correspondingly favorable income returns keep us engaged. We are cautious on the prospect of limited duration gains and elevated volatility. We prefer Treasury inflation-protected securities (TIPS) to nominal US Treasuries.
Intl. Sovereign Debt	●	■ ■ ■	FX hedged income returns in selected DM countries remain attractive in absolute terms and versus US Treasuries (we retain an overweight to UK Gilts and neutral view on German Bunds and JGBs). A weakening US dollar makes the asset class more attractive on a non-FX hedged basis as well. Market is pricing in rate hikes for several DM central banks. We see greater risks of interest rates repricing higher in the US vs rest of developed economies.
UK Gilts	●	■ ■ ■	Attractive income returns. Hit to global demand due to the tariff slowdown should be disinflationary over the next 12 months. Softening labor market should exert downward pressure on wage growth.
German Bunds	●	■ ■ ■	Lower income returns offered than several comparable government bonds, but if FX hedged the opposite is true. Fiscal news to support better growth prospects for 2026.
Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs)	●	■ ■ ■	Relatively lower income returns and normalizing BoJ policy. But long-term yields are attractive, and FX hedges raise vol-adjusted return potential. Fiscal accounts have improved on a trend basis but could face modest pressure on new government's pro-growth policies.

ASSET	VIEW	DELTA	COMMENTARY
Inflation Protected	●	■ ■ ■	Real rates expectations have normalized from overly optimistic (i.e., negative real rates) expectations. We expect above target inflation over the next 12 months.
Global IG	●	■ ■ ■	Our outlook is constructive on credit, but spreads are rich and there is a limit in how much narrower they can get. Yield remains attractive, but we prefer using credit as a funding source. Whilst IG may hold up better than HY, risk-adjusted and relative-returns are not compelling.
High Yield	●	■ ■ ■	Spreads are rich and we stay underweight. Amid heightened trade and financial volatility, weakening energy and industrial commodity prices and reactive Fed policy easing, there are risks of spreads re-widening on HY corporates' stalling margins and re-financing pressures. Relative preference, within the space, is for short duration positioning for credit visibility and carry.
EM Debt - Local	●	■ ■ ■	Even after recent local rate cuts, EM real rates are still high. A stable to weaker trend in the USD should present additional price gains through FX as well as duration channels. Easing FX carry is a risk but is offset, for now, by restrained inflation and reasonably sound policy management and financial flexibility at most major EMs.
EM Debt - USD	●	■ ■ ■	Valuations are less expensive in comparison with global IG and HY credits. Our neutral view balances decent policy buffers, flexible currencies and a softer tone in the US dollar against the odds of a near-term softening in global trade flows in early 2026.

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# Monthly Snapshot

## Global Equities

(USD, % chg. TR)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y (AR)	2025
MSCI All-Country World	---	1.3%	4.3%	4.3%	24.7%	21.3%	22.9%
MSCI World - DM	---	0.8%	3.0%	3.0%	21.8%	21.1%	21.6%
MSCI EAFE	---	4.6%	10.1%	10.1%	35.3%	19.4%	31.9%
MSCI EM	---	5.5%	14.9%	14.9%	50.8%	22.1%	34.4%

## Country Equities

(% chg. TR)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y (AR)	2025
US (S&P 500)	---	-0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	17.0%	21.8%	17.9%
US (NASDAQ)	---	-3.3%	-2.4%	-2.4%	21.0%	26.4%	21.1%
US (Russell 2000)	---	0.8%	6.2%	6.2%	23.3%	13.1%	12.8%
Japan (NIKKEI 225 JPY)	---	10.4%	17.0%	17.0%	61.5%	31.5%	28.7%
EU (STOXX 600 USD Hedged)	---	4.2%	7.1%	7.1%	20.3%	16.6%	23.7%
UK (FTSE 100 GBP)	---	7.0%	10.2%	10.2%	28.1%	15.6%	25.8%
France (CAC 40 EUR)	---	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%	9.4%	9.1%	14.3%
Germany (DAX 30 EUR)	---	3.0%	3.2%	3.2%	12.1%	18.1%	23.0%
China (MSCI China USD)	---	-5.8%	-1.3%	-1.3%	14.9%	11.3%	31.4%

## Fixed Income

(USD, % chg.)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y (AR)	2025
Global Treasury ex. US	---	1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	3.1%	4.9%	2.0%
US Treasury	---	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	5.3%	4.2%	6.3%
Global IG Corporate	---	1.1%	1.5%	1.5%	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%
Global High Yield	---	0.4%	1.1%	1.1%	9.0%	11.0%	10.0%
S&P Municipal Bond IG	---	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	5.9%	4.4%	5.6%
US Leveraged Loans	---	-0.8%	-1.1%	-1.1%	3.9%	7.8%	5.9%
EM USD Denominated	---	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	9.9%	9.2%	11.1%

## Commodities

(USD, % chg.)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y (AR)	2025
Bloomberg Commodity Index	308.2	1.1%	11.6%	11.6%	23.3%	9.7%	15.8%
Oil (WTI, USD / Barrel)	67.4	3.3%	17.4%	17.4%	-3.4%	-4.4%	-19.9%
Gold (USD / Troy Ounce)	5174.1	2.2%	20.1%	20.1%	80.8%	41.9%	65.0%

## Spreads

(OAS, bp chg.)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	2025
US IG Corporate	0.84%	11	6	6	-3	-40	-2
US High Yield	2.91%	26	25	25	11	-121	-21
EM USD Denominated	1.83%	13	5	5	-38	-142	-42

## Key Rates

(bp chg.)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	2025
SOFR	3.68%	0	-19	-19	-71	-87	-62
2Y US Treasury	3.37%	-15	-10	-10	-61	-144	-77
10Y US Treasury	3.94%	-30	-23	-23	-27	2	-40
10Y German Bund	2.64%	-20	-21	-21	24	-1	49
10Y UK Gilt	4.23%	-29	-25	-25	-25	41	-9
10Y Japanese Bond	2.12%	-13	5	5	74	162	97
US 30Y Fixed Rate Mortgage	6.12%	-9	-13	-13	-77	-91	-103

## Foreign Exchange

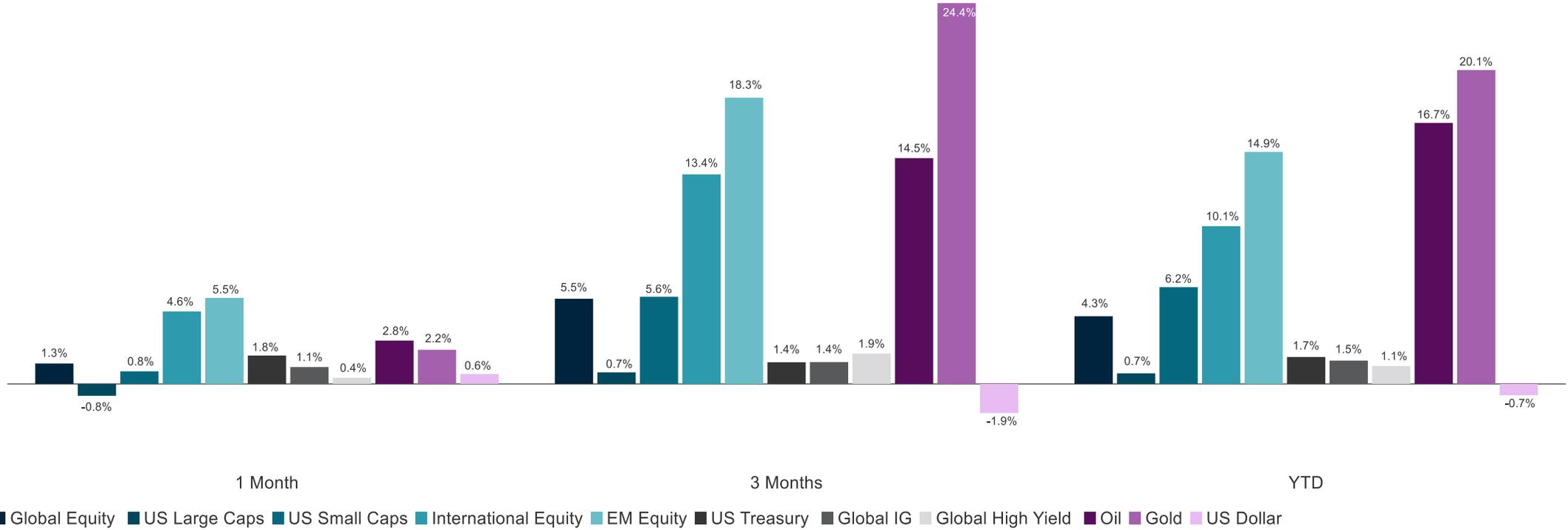
(vs. USD, % chg.)	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y (AR)	2025
USD - Majors Dollar Index	97.6	0.6%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-9.3%	-2.4%	-9.4%
Euro	1.2	-0.3%	0.6%	0.6%	13.9%	3.8%	13.4%
British Pound	1.3	-1.5%	0.1%	0.1%	7.2%	3.9%	7.7%
Japanese Yen	156.1	-0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	-3.5%	-4.4%	0.3%

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# Asset Class Performance

## Asset Class Returns



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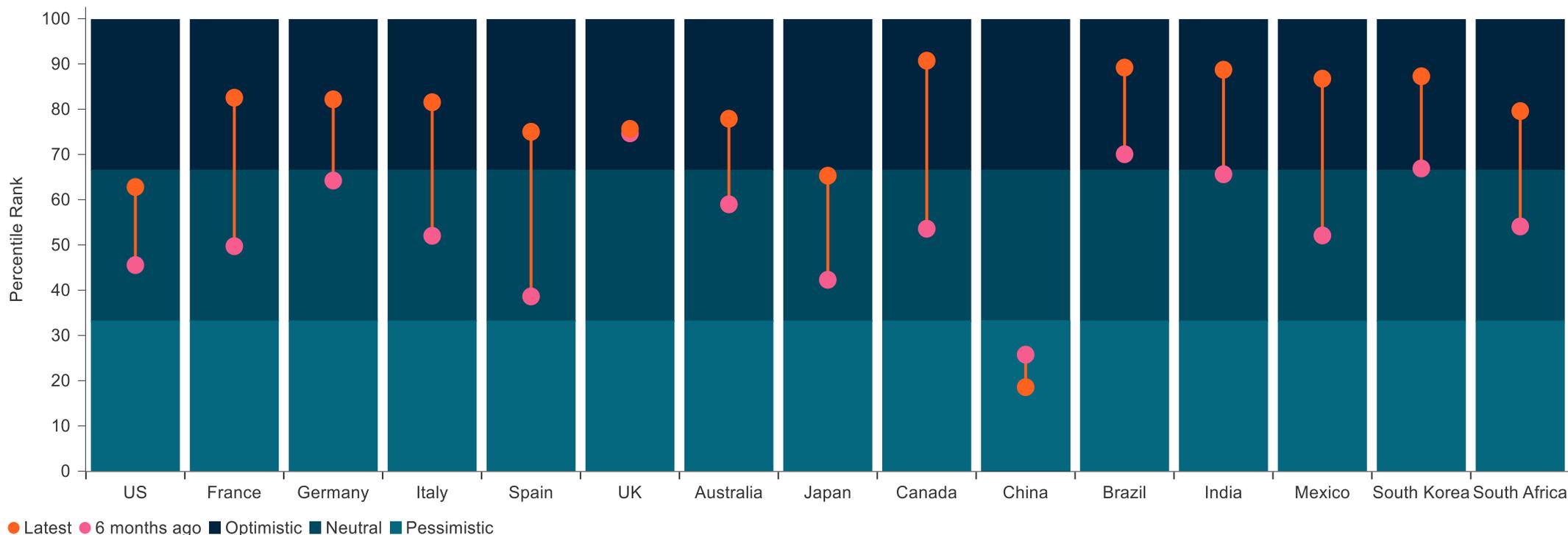
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# Global Growth

## Cross-Country Economic Barometer

Percentile rank relative to historic data. OECD Composite leading indicator.

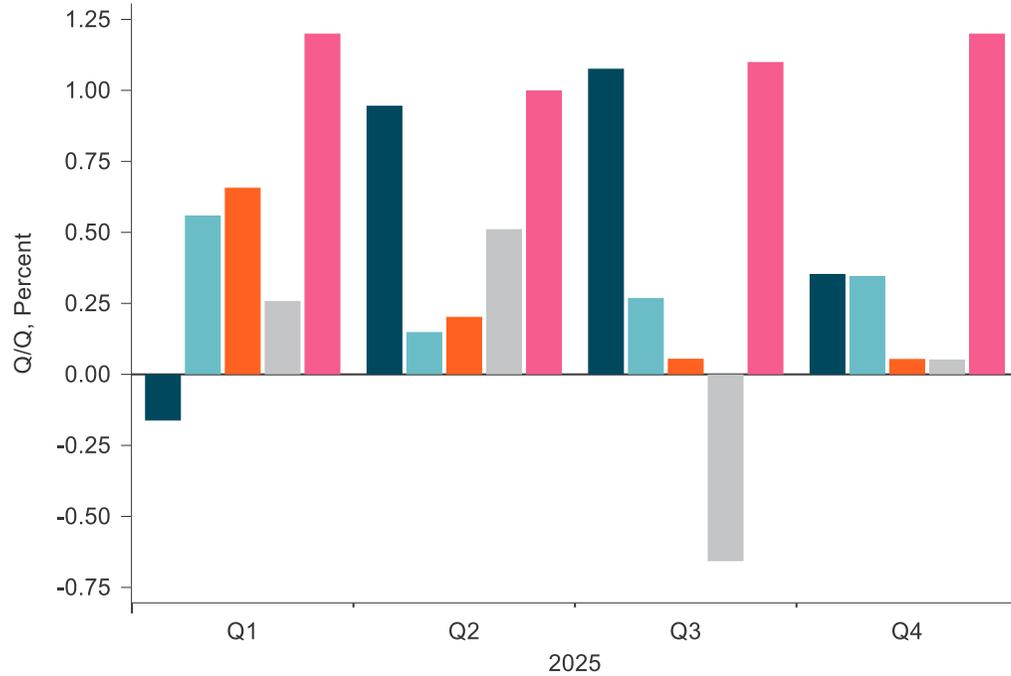


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# Global Growth

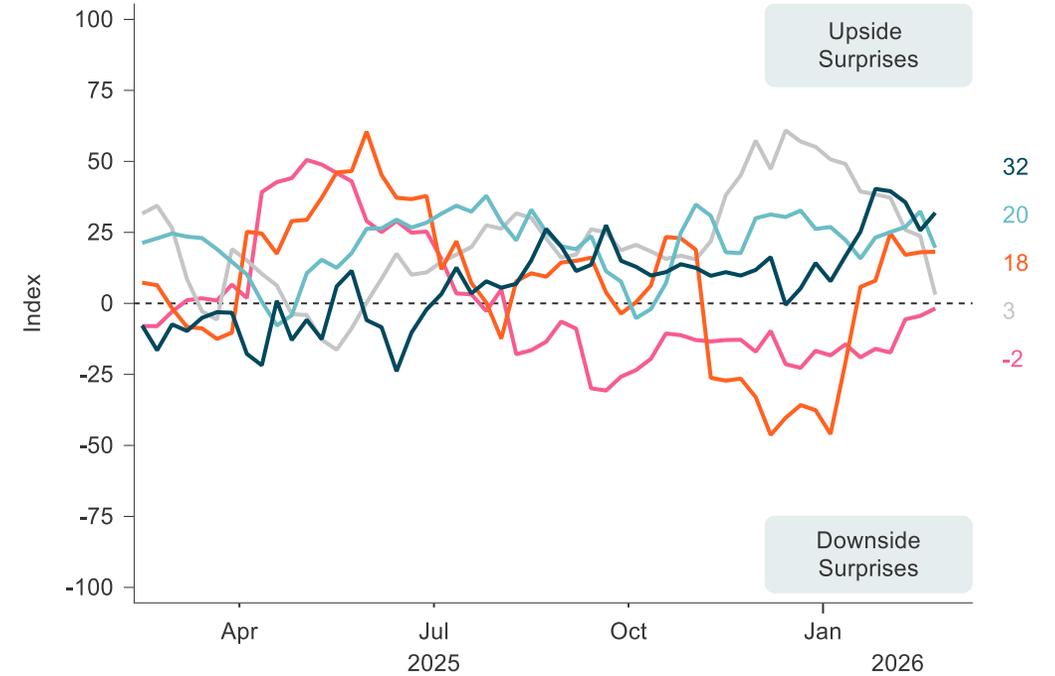
Real GDP Growth



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Economic Surprise Indexes



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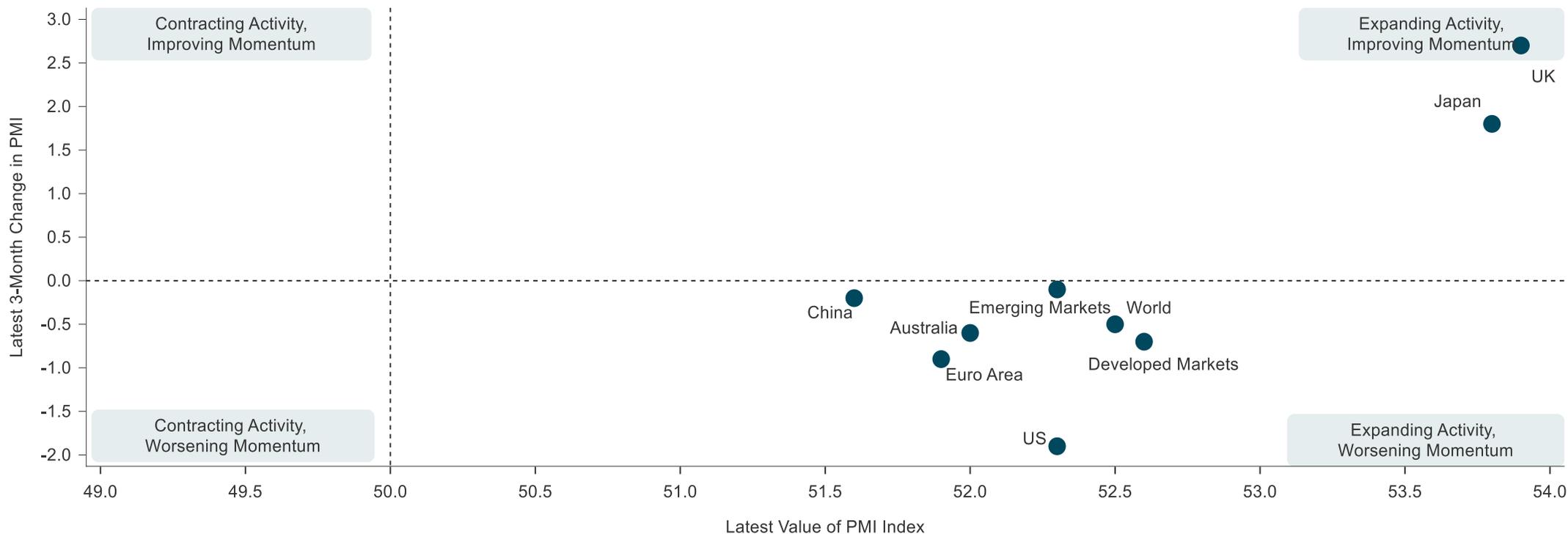
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# Global Activity Indicators

## Global Composite PMIs

Latest PMI value relative to latest 3-month change



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# Global Activity Heatmap

## Global Composite PMIs

Region	Indicator	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Americas	US	54.0	54.1	54.9	55.4	52.7	51.6	53.5	50.6	53.0	52.9	55.1	54.6	53.9	54.6	54.2	52.7	53.0	52.3
	Canada*	50.4	51.1	52.0	52.2	51.6	47.8	46.3	45.3	46.1	45.6	46.1	48.3	47.7	49.6	48.4	48.6	50.4	
	Mexico*	47.3	48.4	49.9	49.8	49.1	47.6	46.5	44.8	46.7	46.3	49.1	50.2	49.6	49.5	47.3	46.1	46.3	
	Brazil	55.2	55.9	53.5	51.5	48.2	51.2	52.6	49.4	49.1	48.7	46.6	48.8	46.0	48.2	49.6	52.1	49.9	
Europe	UK	52.6	51.8	50.5	50.4	50.6	50.5	51.5	48.5	50.3	52.0	51.5	53.5	50.1	52.2	51.2	51.4	53.7	53.9
	Germany	47.5	48.6	47.2	48.0	50.5	50.4	51.3	50.1	48.5	50.4	50.6	50.5	52.0	53.9	52.4	51.3	52.1	53.1
	France	48.6	48.1	45.9	47.5	47.6	45.1	48.0	47.8	49.3	49.2	48.6	49.8	48.1	47.7	50.4	50.0	49.1	49.9
	Italy	49.7	51.0	47.7	49.7	49.7	51.9	50.5	52.1	52.5	51.1	51.5	51.7	51.7	53.1	53.8	50.3	51.4	
	Spain	56.3	55.2	53.2	56.8	54.0	55.1	54.0	52.5	51.4	52.1	54.7	53.7	53.8	56.0	55.1	55.6	52.9	
	Greece*	50.3	51.2	50.9	53.2	52.8	52.6	55.0	53.2	53.2	53.1	51.7	54.5	52.0	53.5	52.7	52.9	54.2	
	Poland*	48.6	49.2	48.9	48.2	48.8	50.6	50.7	50.2	47.1	44.8	45.9	46.6	48.0	48.8	49.1	48.5	48.8	
Asia	Japan	52.0	49.6	50.1	50.5	51.1	52.0	48.9	51.2	50.2	51.5	51.6	52.0	51.3	51.5	52.0	51.1	53.1	53.8
	China	50.3	51.9	52.3	51.4	51.1	51.5	51.8	51.1	49.6	51.3	50.8	51.9	52.5	51.8	51.2	51.3	51.6	
	Australia	49.6	50.2	50.2	50.2	51.1	50.6	51.6	51.0	50.5	51.6	53.8	55.5	52.4	52.1	52.6	51.0	55.7	52.0
	India	58.3	59.1	58.6	59.2	57.7	58.8	59.5	59.7	59.3	61.0	61.1	63.2	61.0	60.4	59.7	57.8	58.4	59.3

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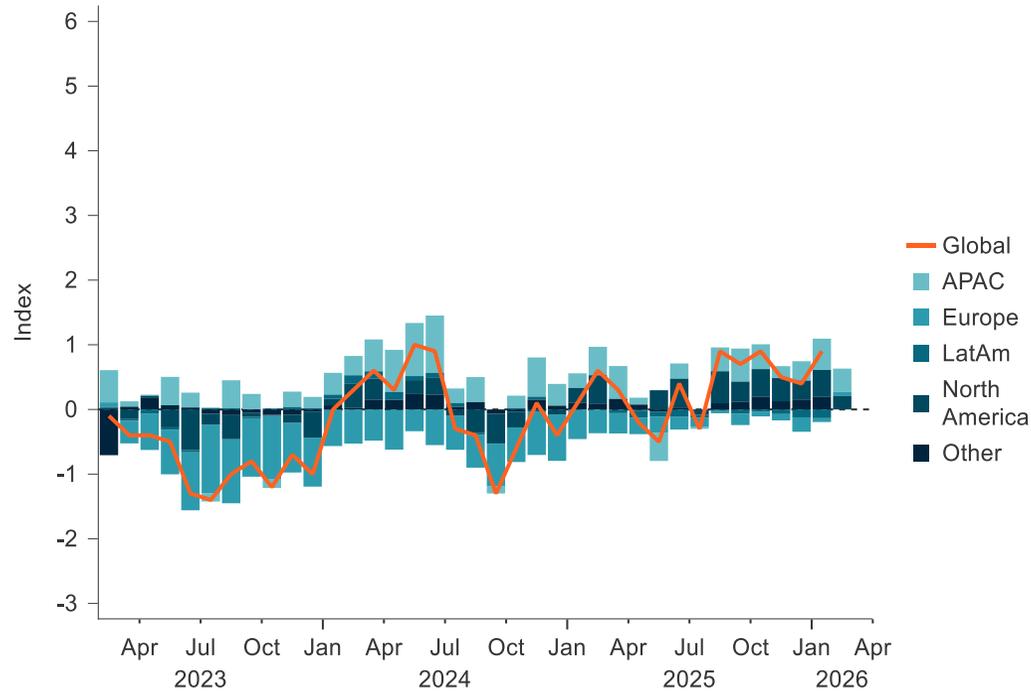
\*Manufacturing PMI in place of composite due to availability

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# Global Activity Indicators

## Global Manufacturing PMI

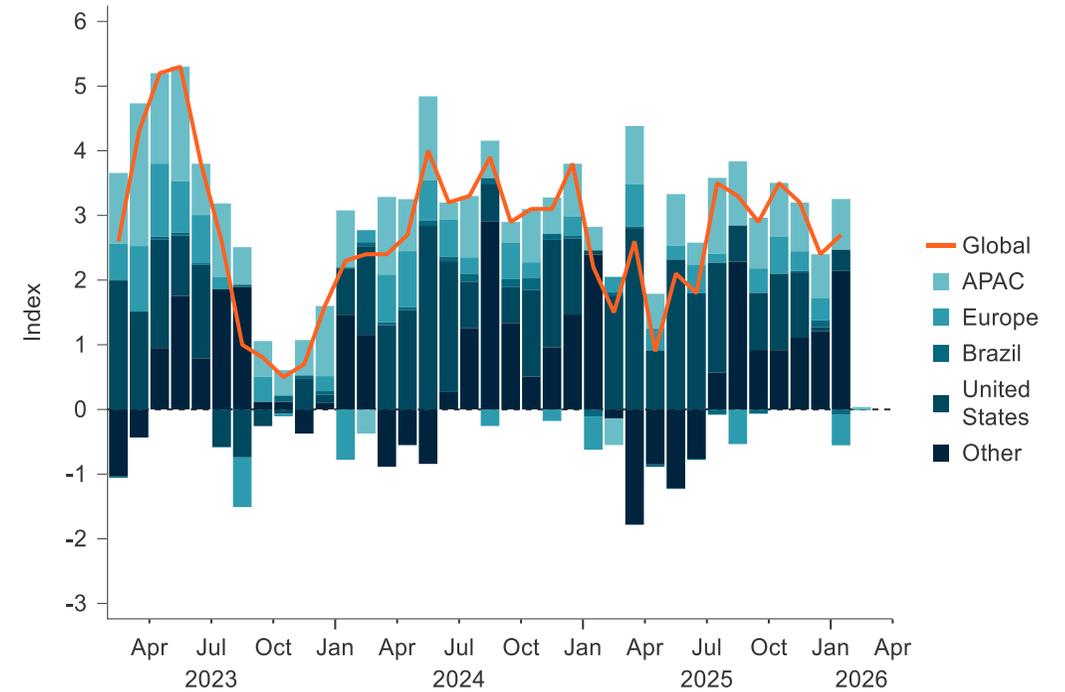
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Contributions weighted by manufacturing value added



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## Global Services PMI

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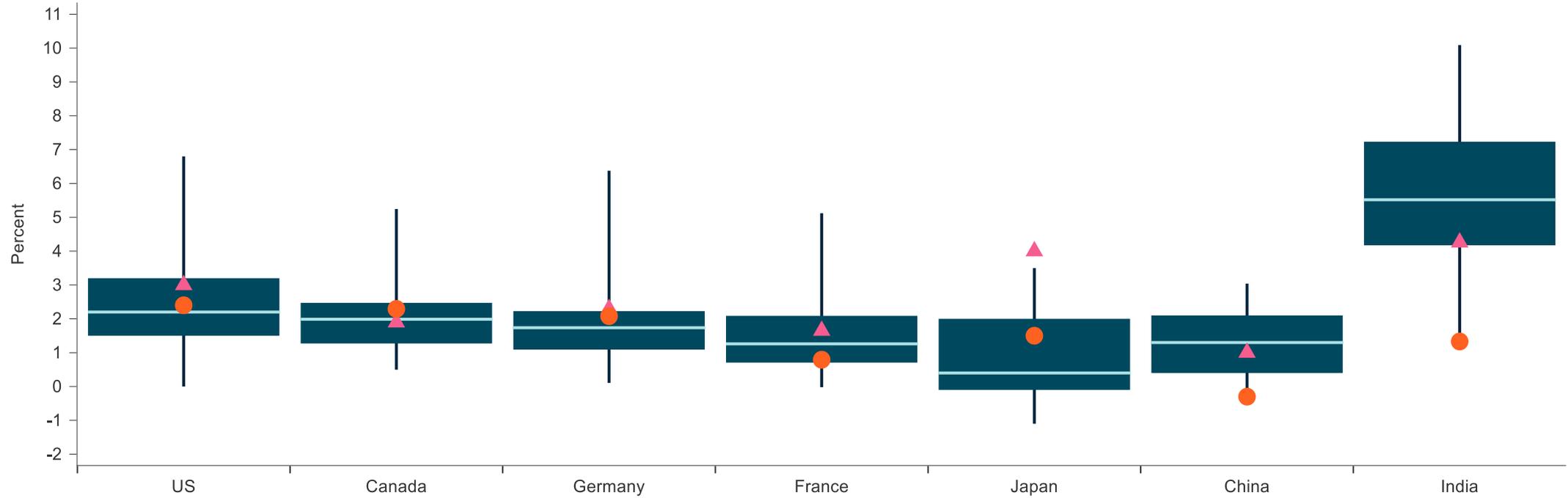


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# Global Inflation

## Global Year-Over-Year Inflation



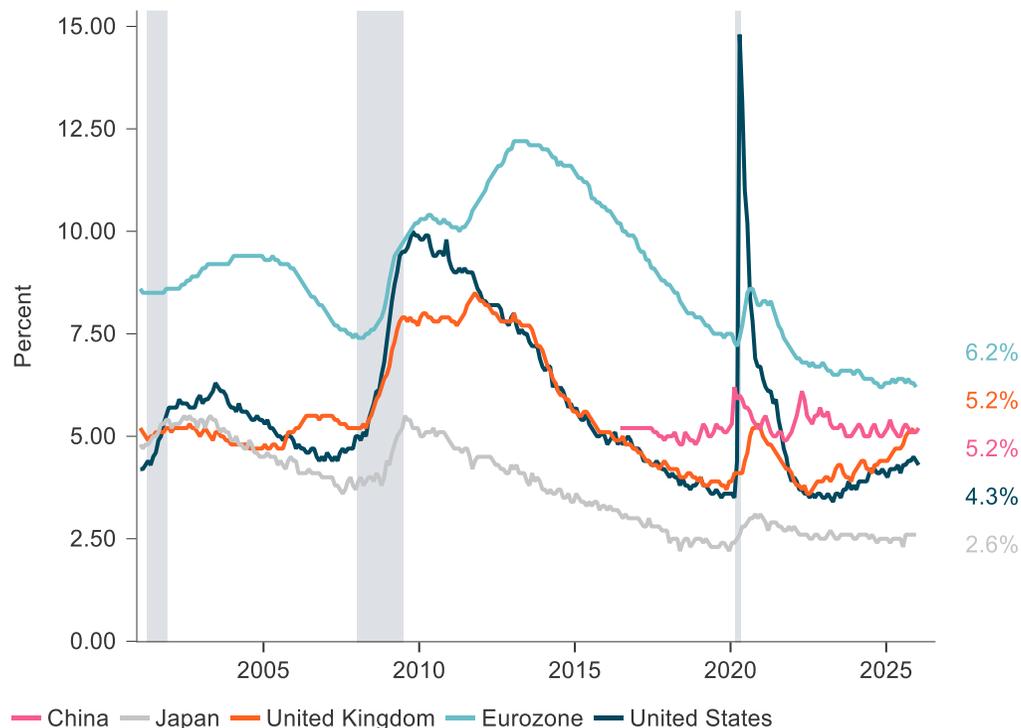
● Current ▲ 12 Months Ago ■ Median ■ Interquartile Range — 5th - 95th Percentile

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# Global Labor

### Unemployment Rate



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### Job Vacancy to Unemployment Ratio

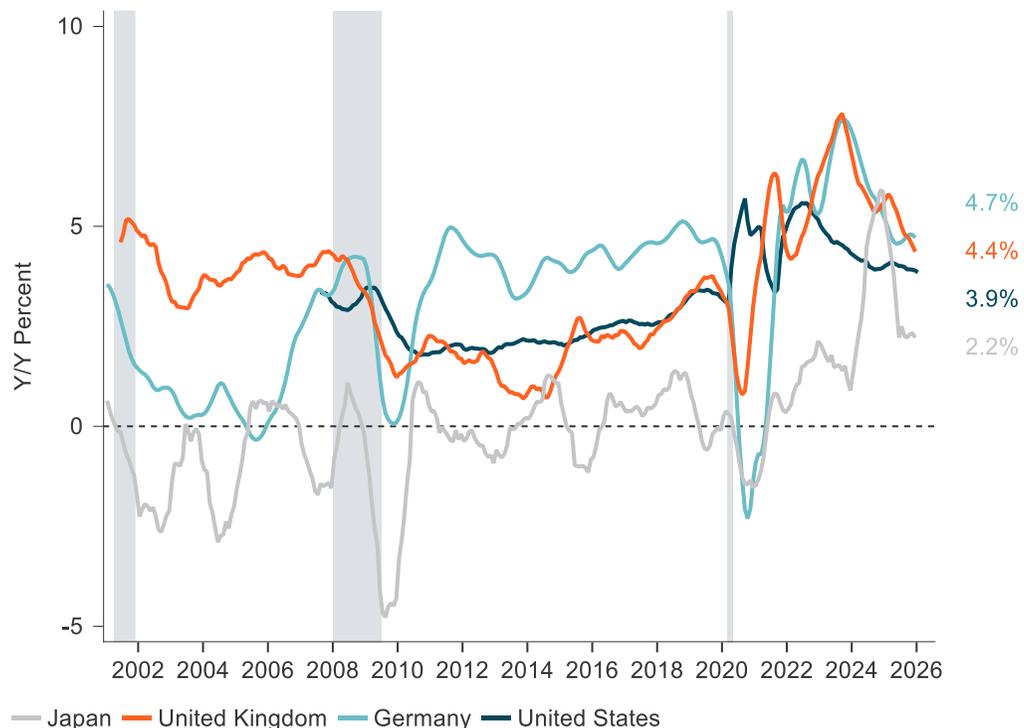


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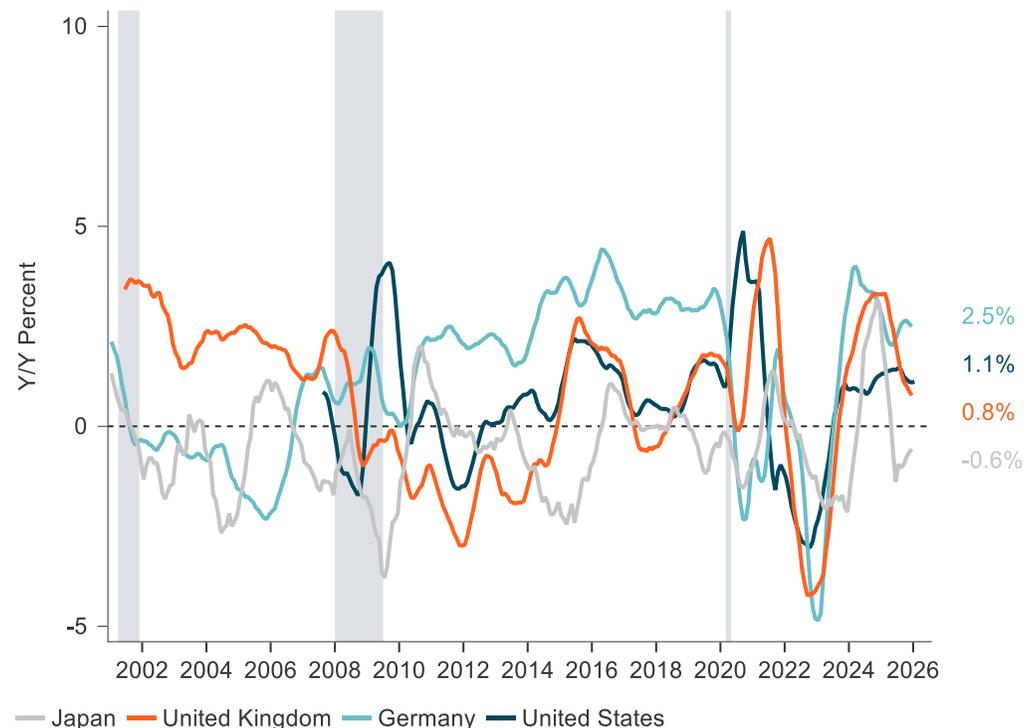
# Global Labor

**Nominal Wage Growth**  
6-month moving average



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**Real Wage Growth**  
6-month moving average



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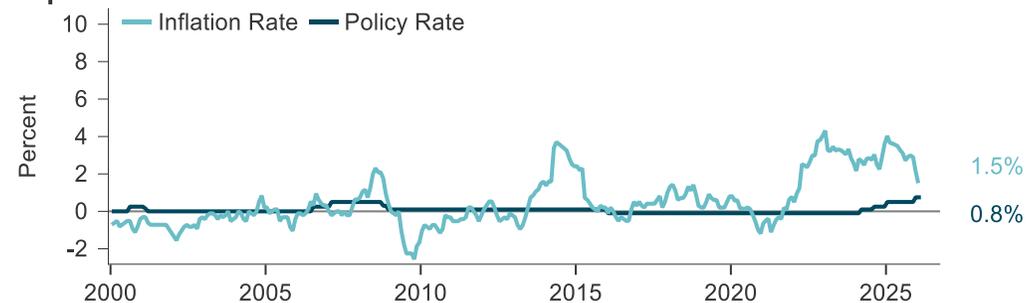
# Global Monetary Policy

## United States



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## Japan



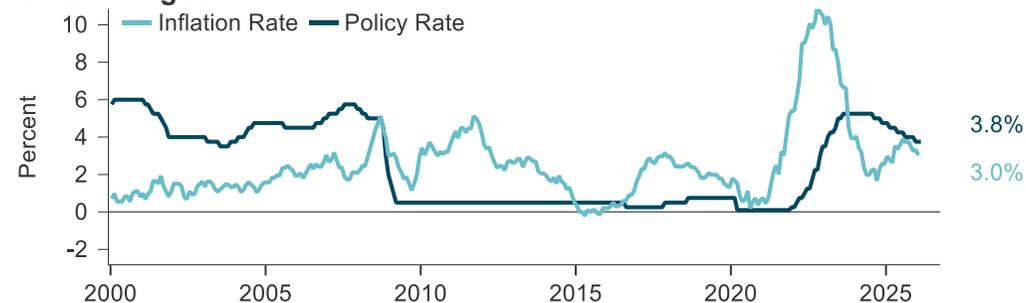
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## Euro Area



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## United Kingdom



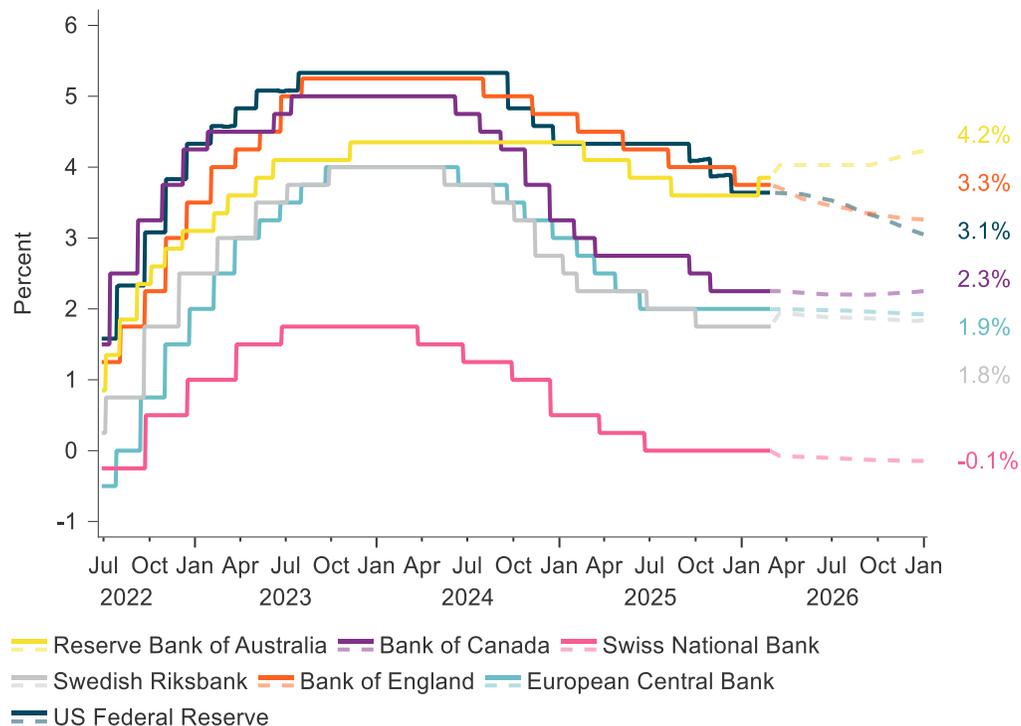
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# Global Central Banks

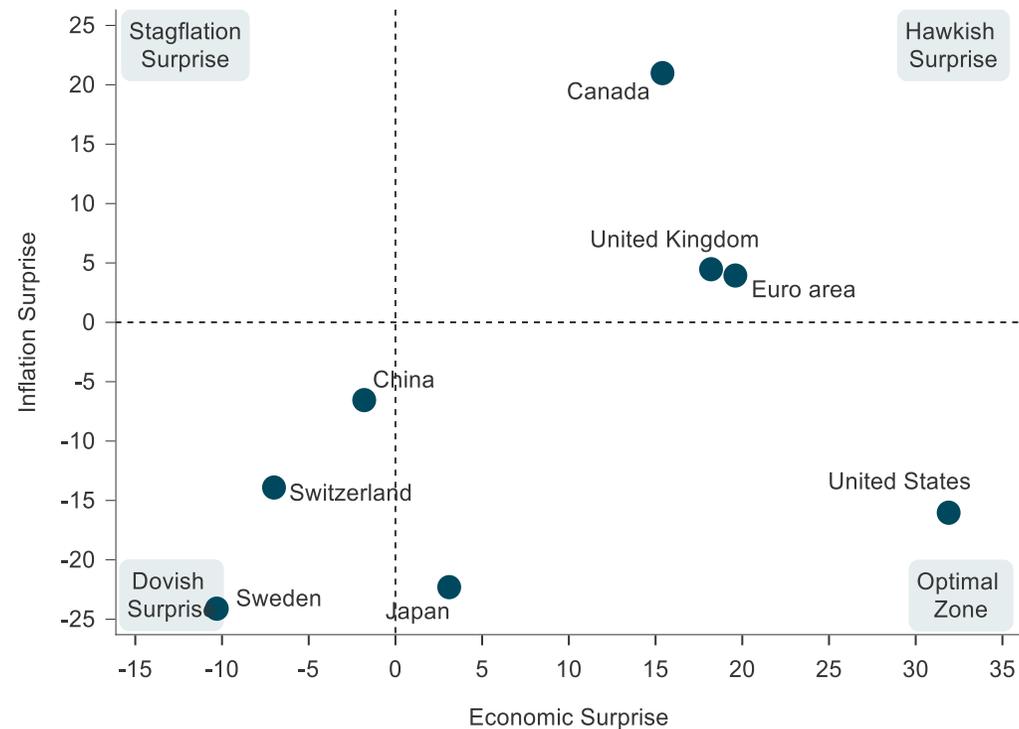
## Major Central Banks Policy Rates

Actual policy rates and market-implied rate paths



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## Economic & Inflation Data Surprises



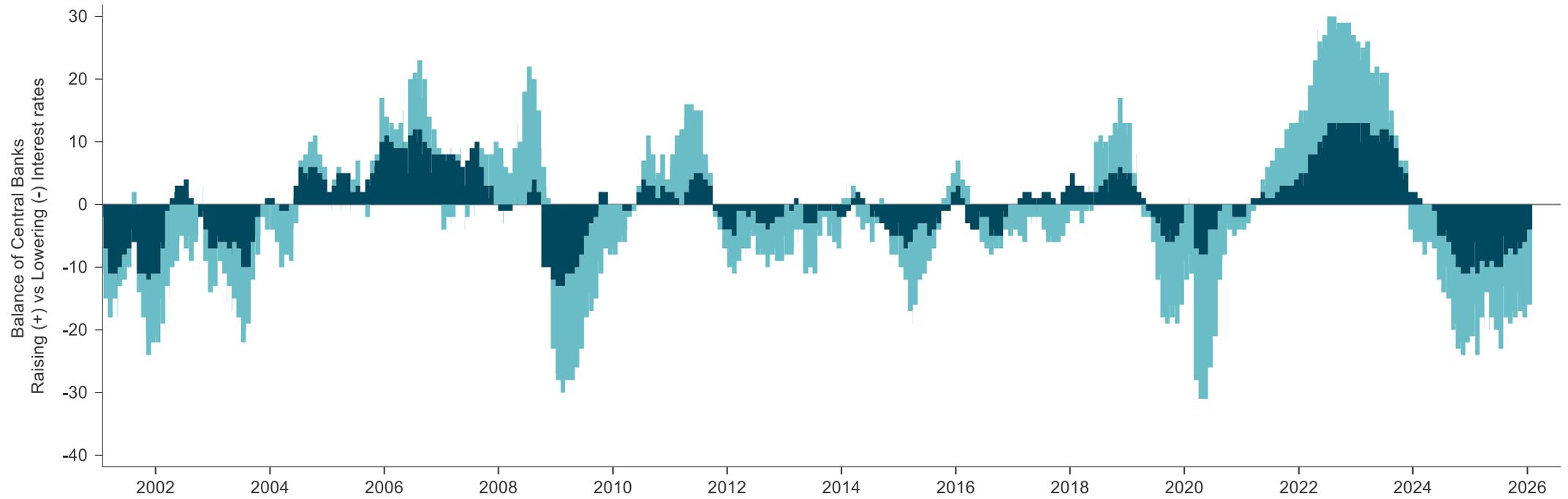
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# Global Central Banks

## Global Monetary Policy Cycle

Number of central banks raising vs. cutting interest rates



■ Emerging Market Central Banks ■ Developed Market Central Banks

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# Global Central Banks

	3/2025	4/2025	5/2025	6/2025	7/2025	8/2025	9/2025	10/2025	11/2025	12/2025	1/2026	2/2026
United States	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75
Euro Area	2.65	2.40	2.40	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
United Kingdom	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75
Japan	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75
Australia	4.10	4.10	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.85
Brazil	14.25	14.25	14.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Canada	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	
Switzerland	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Chile	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.50	4.50	4.50
China	3.10	3.10	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Colombia	9.50	9.50	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.25
Czech Republic	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Denmark	2.25	2.00	2.00	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	
Hungary	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.25
Indonesia	5.75	5.75	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Israel	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00
India	6.25	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	5.25	5.25
Iceland	7.75	7.75	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25
South Korea	2.75	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Mexico	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.50	7.50	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00
Norway	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
New Zealand	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Poland	5.75	5.75	5.25	5.25	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Russia	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.00	16.00	15.50
Saudi Arabia	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sweden	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Turkey	42.50	46.00	46.00	46.00	43.00	43.00	40.50	39.50	39.50	38.00	37.00	37.00
South Africa	7.50	7.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Costa Rica	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25

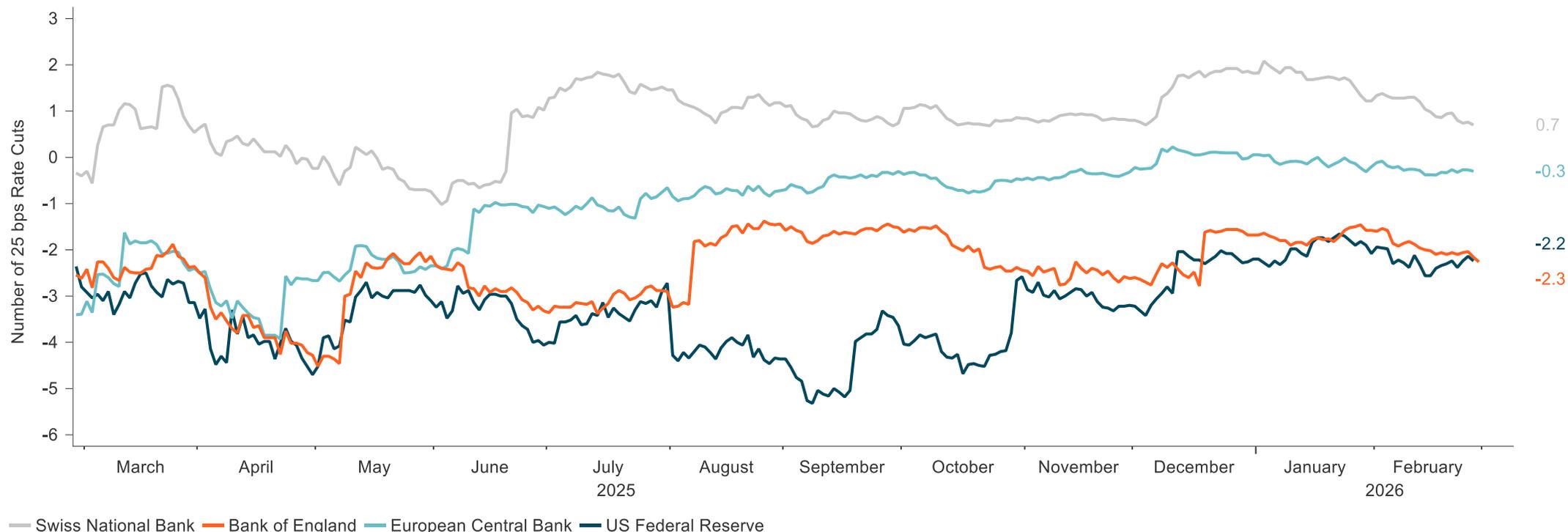
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# Monetary Policy

## Interest Rate Expectations for Major Central Banks

Expectations of rate cuts over the next 12-months

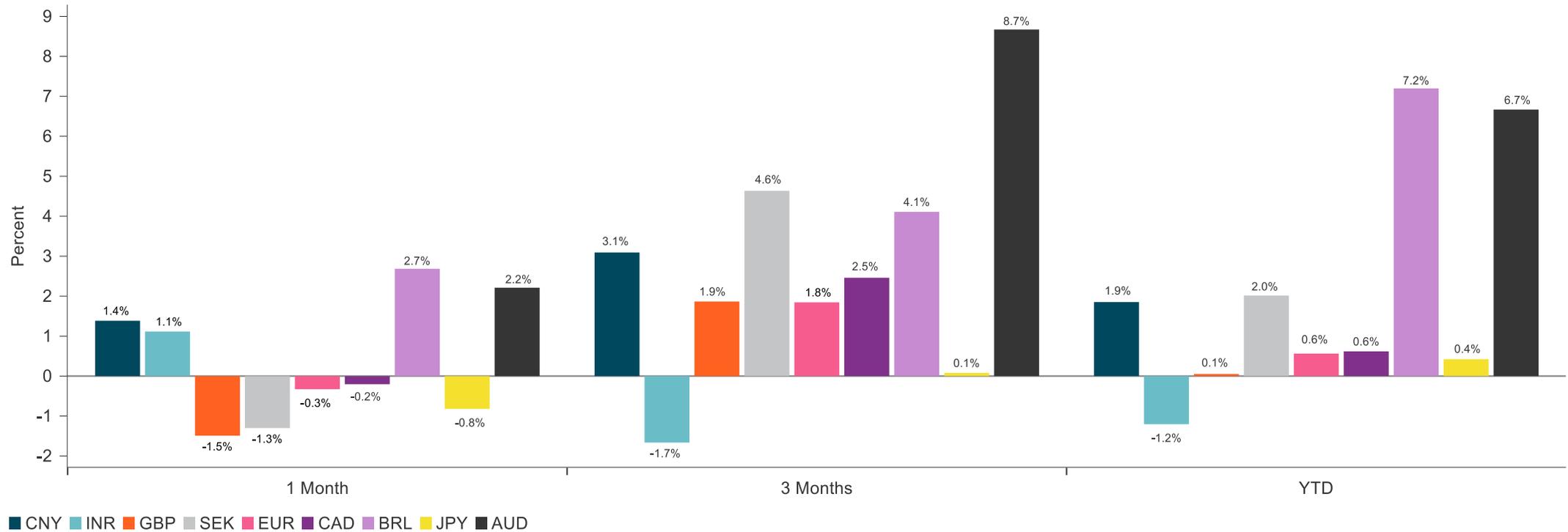


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# Global Currencies

## Global Currency Returns Versus USD



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# Growth by Country Heatmap

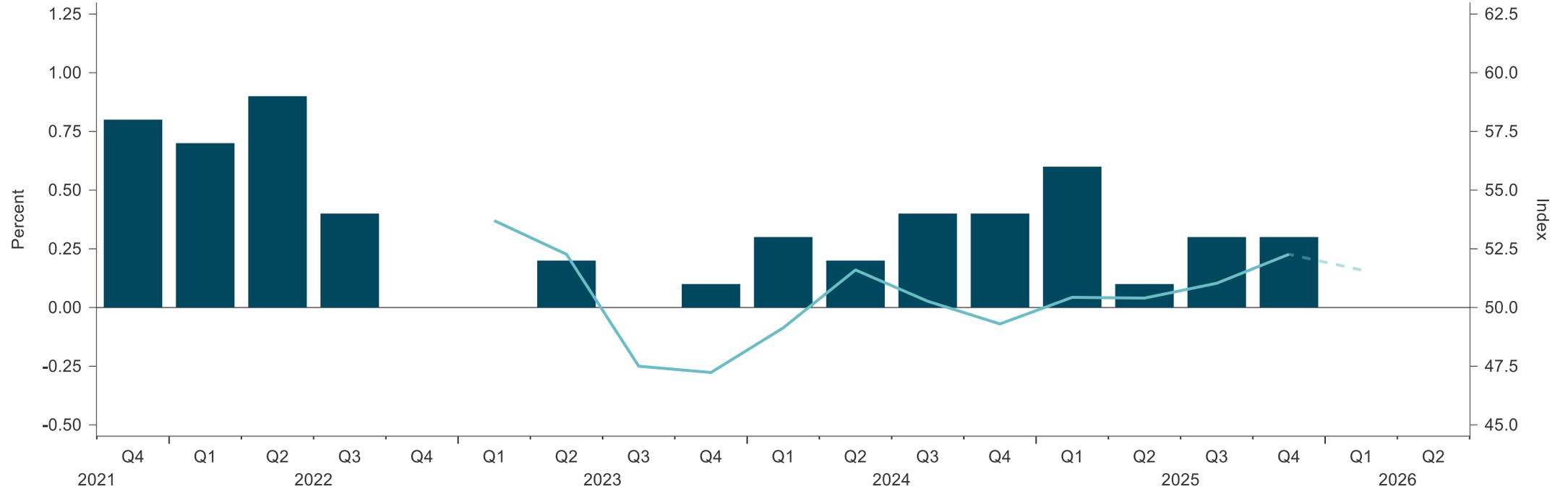
Country	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	Q1 2025	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022
United Kingdom	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3
Switzerland	0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.2
Germany	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3
France	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.4
Italy	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.7	-0.2
Spain	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.5
Netherlands	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2
Poland	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.0	1.5	0.9	-0.4	1.9	-0.6	1.0	-1.6
Belgium	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
Ireland	-0.6	-0.3	0.3	7.4	3.3	6.1	0.4	1.6	-3.2	-2.0	0.7	-1.9	-1.5
Sweden	0.5	0.8	1.0	-0.3	1.0	0.6	-0.7	1.5	-0.7	0.6	-1.1	1.5	-0.9
Austria	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-0.1	0.0
Denmark	0.2	2.3	1.3	-0.9	1.1	0.5	1.9	0.7	1.8	-0.4	-1.2	1.1	-1.3
Romania	-1.9	-0.1	1.0	-0.6	1.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0	-0.2	1.1
Czech Republic	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.4
Portugal	0.9	0.6	0.7	-0.3	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.7
Finland	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.3	0.8	-0.2	-1.5	0.2	0.1	-1.0
Greece		0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.7	-0.3	1.1	0.0	0.9
Hungary	0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.2	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9
Slovakia	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.4
Croatia	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.4	1.7	0.1	1.9	2.0	-1.1
Luxembourg		1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	-2.3	-1.1	3.0	-1.7	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.7
Lithuania	1.7	-0.1	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.1	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.4
Slovenia	0.4	0.9	0.9	-0.6	0.6	0.1	-0.6	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.4	0.8	0.6
Estonia		0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-1.8
Latvia	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	-1.2	0.1	0.1

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# Growth

## Euro Area GDP & Composite PMI



— Composite PMI, rhs ■ Euro Area GDP, q/q%, lhs

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# Inflation Heatmap

## Euro Area Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) Inflation

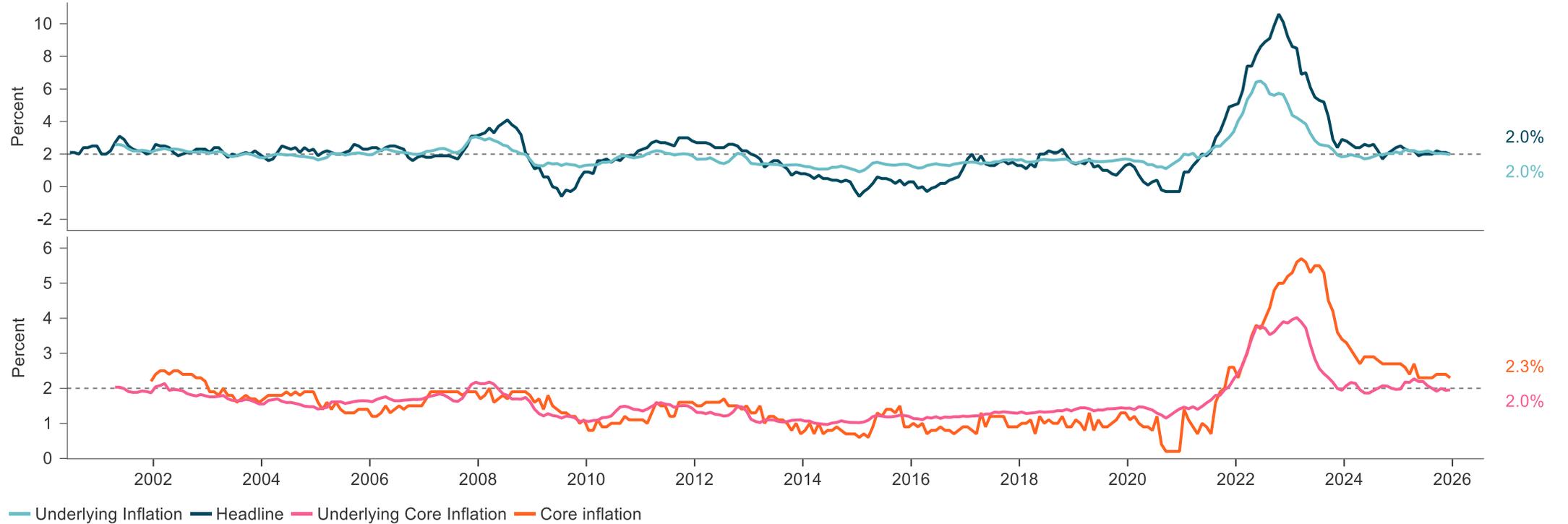
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<b>All-Items HICP</b>	<b>100.0</b>	2.6	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>15.5</b>	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.5
Food	14.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5	3.7	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.2	5.8	6.3	6.9	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.2
<b>Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>3.8</b>	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.2	4.6	4.5	3.9	4.4	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7
Alcoholic Beverages	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.2	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.6
Tobacco	2.1	8.3	8.4	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.2	8.2	7.3	7.1	6.7	6.9	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.4
<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>4.8</b>	2.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.3
<b>Housing</b>	<b>14.7</b>	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.2
Actual Rentals for Housing	5.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0
Maintenance & Repair of the Dwelling	1.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.5
Water Supply & Misc. Dwelling Services	2.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8
Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	5.4	1.6	0.1	-0.5	0.2	1.9	2.5	3.2	1.9	2.5	0.9	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.8	-0.8	-1.2	-1.4	-2.1
<b>Furnishing</b>	<b>6.1</b>	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.2
Furniture & Furnishings	2.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.4
Household Textiles	0.4	-2.2	-2.3	-2.5	-2.5	-1.4	-0.9	-1.4	-0.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.5
Household Appliances	0.9	-1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.5	-1.4	-2.3	-1.4	-1.6	-1.6	-1.4	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-1.0	-1.5	-1.7	-2.2	-2.2
Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.5	-0.8	-1.4	-1.8	-1.2	-0.6	-1.1	-1.0	-0.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.2
Tools & Equipment for House & Garden	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6
Goods & Services for Routine Maintenance	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
<b>Health</b>	<b>5.3</b>	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3
<b>Transport</b>	<b>15.4</b>	1.7	-0.1	-2.1	-1.3	-0.1	1.2	2.0	1.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.4
Purchase of Vehicles	4.3	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	8.5	2.3	-1.5	-4.4	-3.3	-1.6	0.3	1.7	0.6	-1.0	-2.9	-2.6	-1.1	-0.8	0.0	1.7	1.4	1.9	0.8
Transport Services	2.7	0.4	3.3	2.1	3.2	4.3	4.3	4.0	2.7	0.9	7.8	1.9	3.1	3.5	2.2	1.9	3.7	2.8	3.7
<b>Communications</b>	<b>2.6</b>	-2.1	-2.4	-3.3	-3.5	-3.1	-3.6	-3.1	-3.2	-2.8	-3.0	-3.5	-2.9	-2.8	-2.5	-1.2	-0.6	-1.1	-0.9
<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>9.1</b>	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.3	1.6	2.3	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3	2.0	1.2
<b>Education</b>	<b>1.0</b>	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6
<b>Restaurants &amp; Hotels</b>	<b>11.3</b>	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.6
Catering Services	9.0	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8
Accommodation Services	2.4	4.6	4.9	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.5	5.3	4.6	4.1	5.1	3.2	3.9	2.6	2.4	3.4	3.1	3.4	2.8
<b>Miscellaneous Goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>10.4</b>	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7

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# Inflation

## Euro Area Inflation & Underlying Inflation Trend



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# Key Market Indicators

## Market Indicators



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# Data Tracker Heatmap

## Macro Data Tracker

Theme	Indicator	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26
Growth	GDPNow Forecast	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.9	-1.5	-2.8	2.4	3.8	2.9	2.3	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.0	4.2	3.0
	Industrial Production	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	1.0	-0.3	1.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	
	Housing Starts (M)	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4		
Inflation	PCE YoY	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9		
	Core PCE YoY	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0		
	CPI YoY	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	
	Core CPI YoY	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	
	Inflation Expectations: 1Y	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.8	
Consumer	Retail Sales	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8	-0.8	0.0	1.5	-0.1	-0.8	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.0		
	Personal Income	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3		
	Savings Rate	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.3	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6		
	Confidence	99.2	109.6	112.8	109.5	105.3	100.1	93.9	85.7	98.4	95.2	98.7	97.8	95.6	95.5	92.9	94.2	89.0	91.2
	Sentiment	70.1	70.5	71.8	74.0	71.7	64.7	57.0	52.2	52.2	60.7	61.7	58.2	55.1	53.6	51.0	52.9	56.4	56.6
Employment	NFP (K, net chg.)	155.0	33.0	134.0	237.0	-48.0	42.0	67.0	108.0	13.0	-20.0	64.0	-70.0	76.0	-140.0	41.0	48.0	130.0	
	Initial Jobless Claims (K)	259.0	221.0	225.0	205.0	222.0	224.0	224.0	229.0	246.0	228.0	227.0	236.0	235.0	229.0	192.0	207.0	232.0	
	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	
	Sahm Rule	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	
Earnings	S&P 500 Earnings Growth	10.0	9.3	10.2	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.0	7.1	5.5	5.9	7.0	8.0	8.3	9.2	10.6	11.3	12.7	13.5
Yield Curve	UST 2s10s (bp)	15.0	12.0	5.0	33.0	36.0	25.0	34.0	57.0	52.0	52.0	43.0	64.0	56.0	51.0	55.0	71.0	74.0	59.0
Recession	Recession Probability	57.1	42.1	33.6	29.4	23.2	27.0	30.2	30.5	28.3	28.7	29.0	28.9	27.4	26.5	25.1	20.4	18.8	

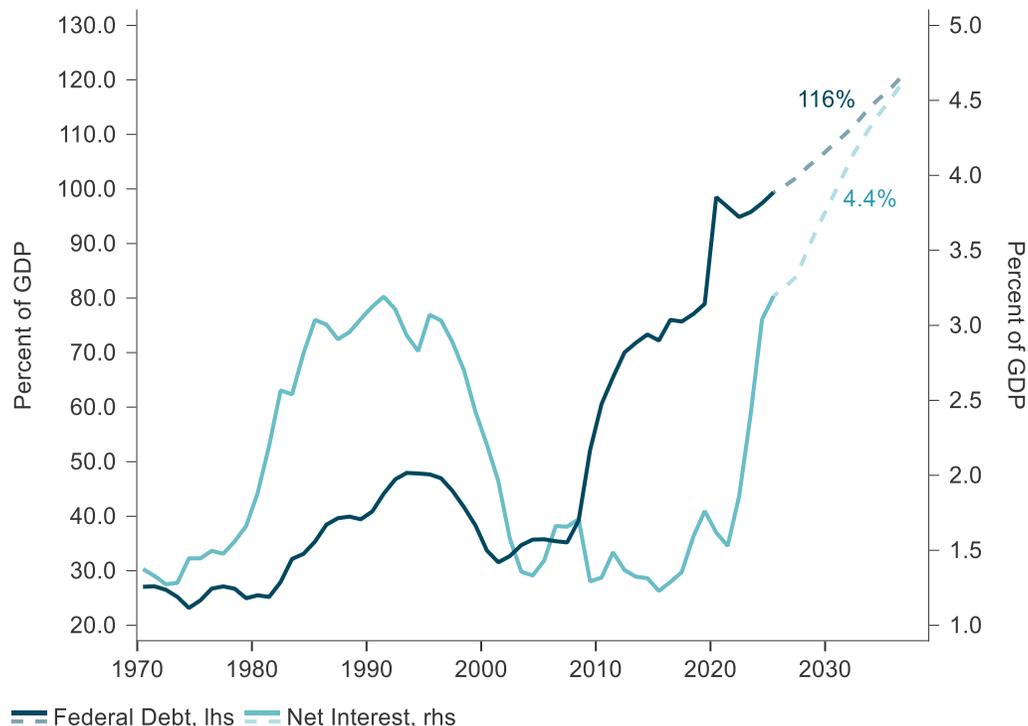
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# Federal Finances

## Federal Debt & Net Interest Cost

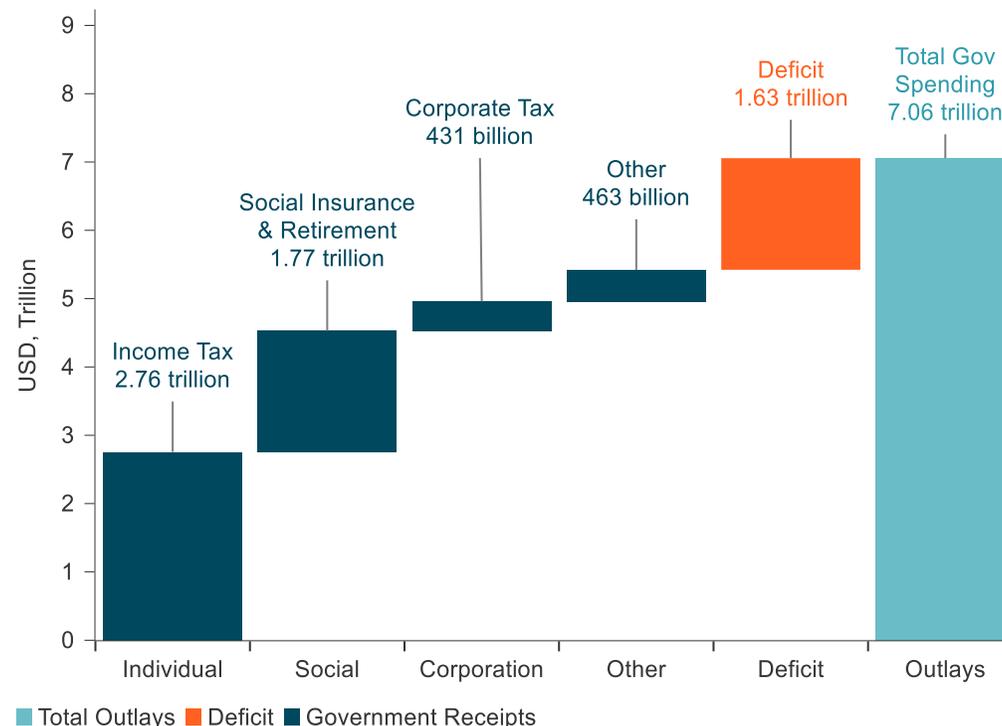
Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections



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## US Government Receipts vs. Outlays (Trailing 12-months)

Annual statistics calculated on 12 month rolling sum basis

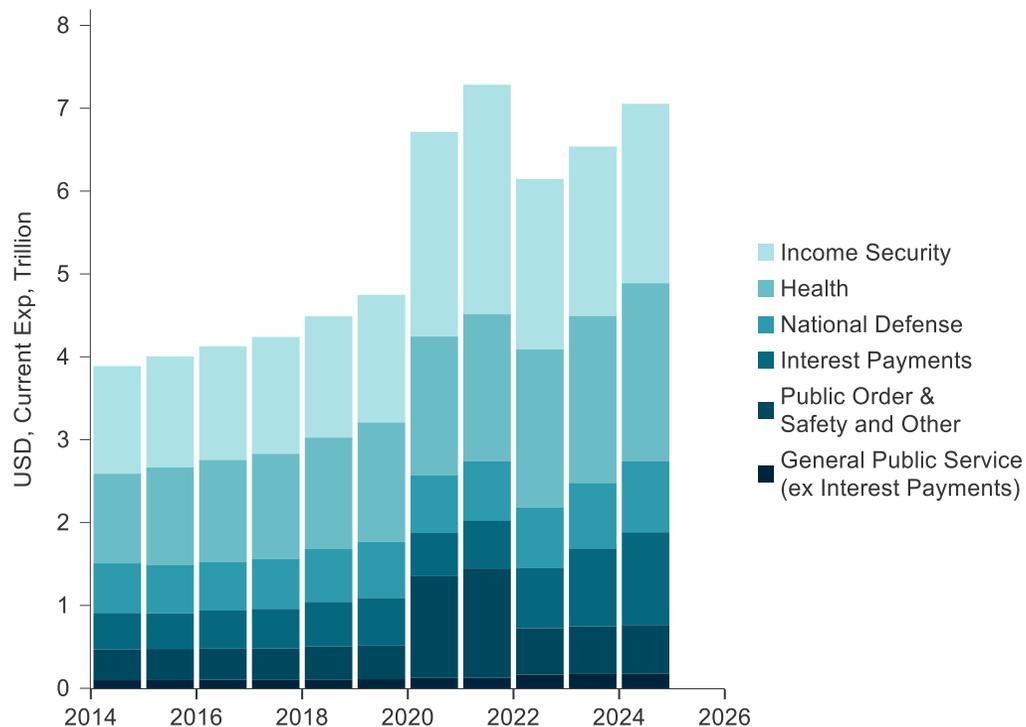


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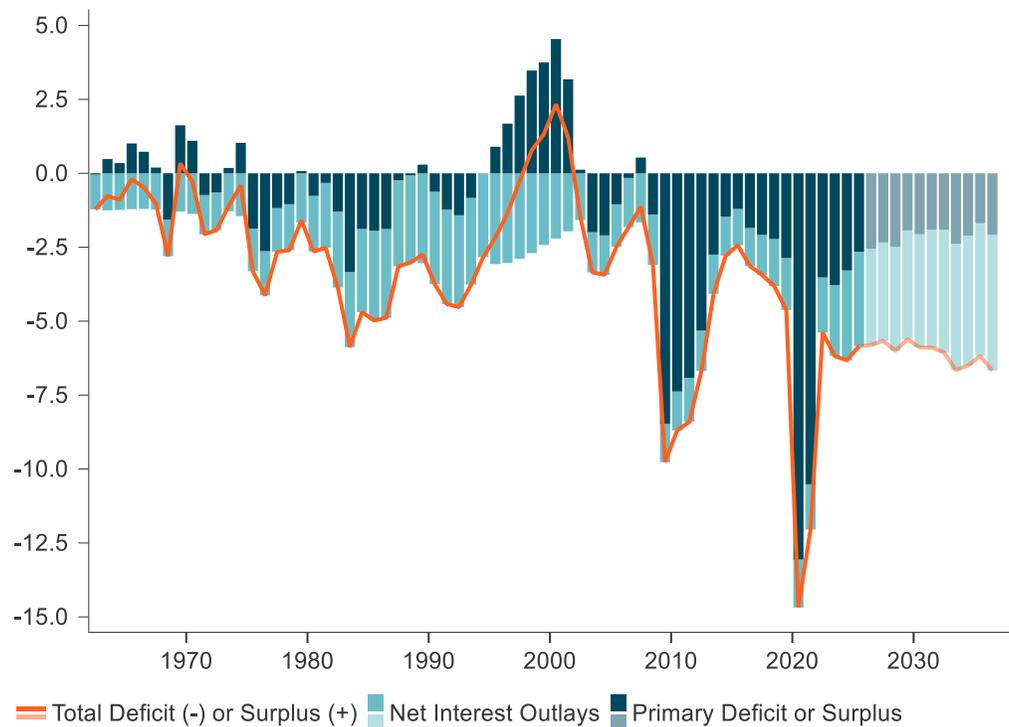
# Federal Finances

## Federal Government Budget



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## Total Deficits, Primary Deficits, and Net Interest Outlays CBO Projections, Percentage of GDP



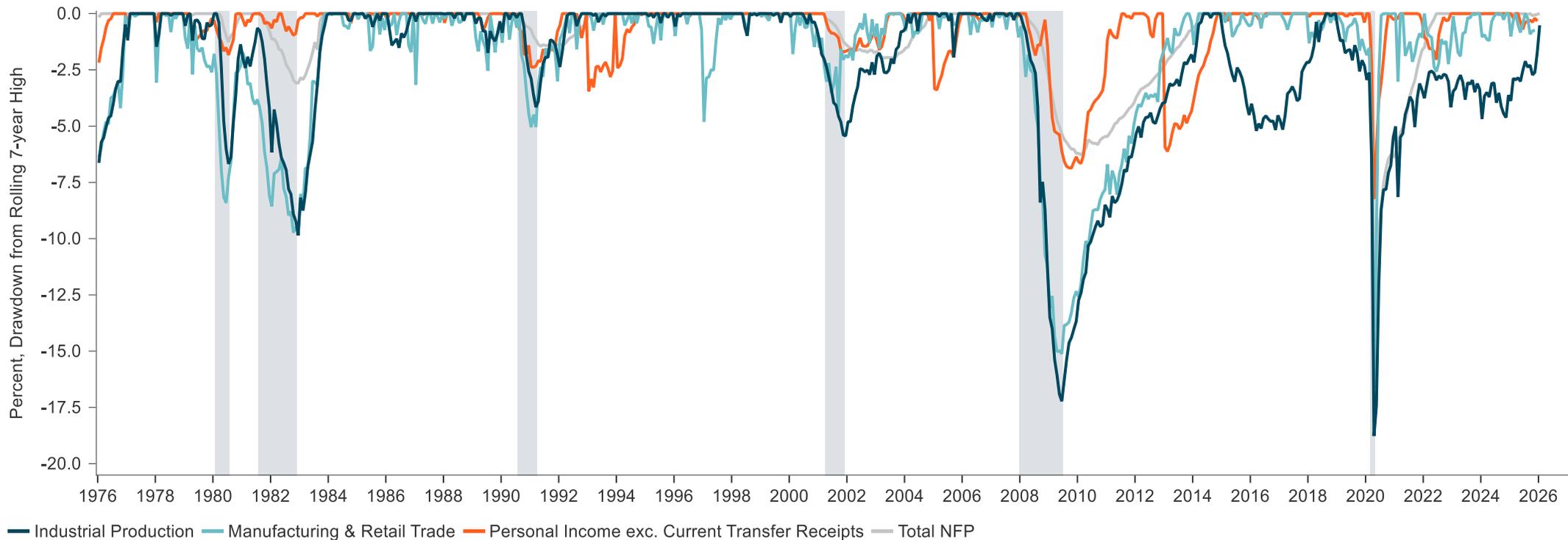
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# Recession Watch

## Four Key US Recession Indicators

Shaded areas indicate recession



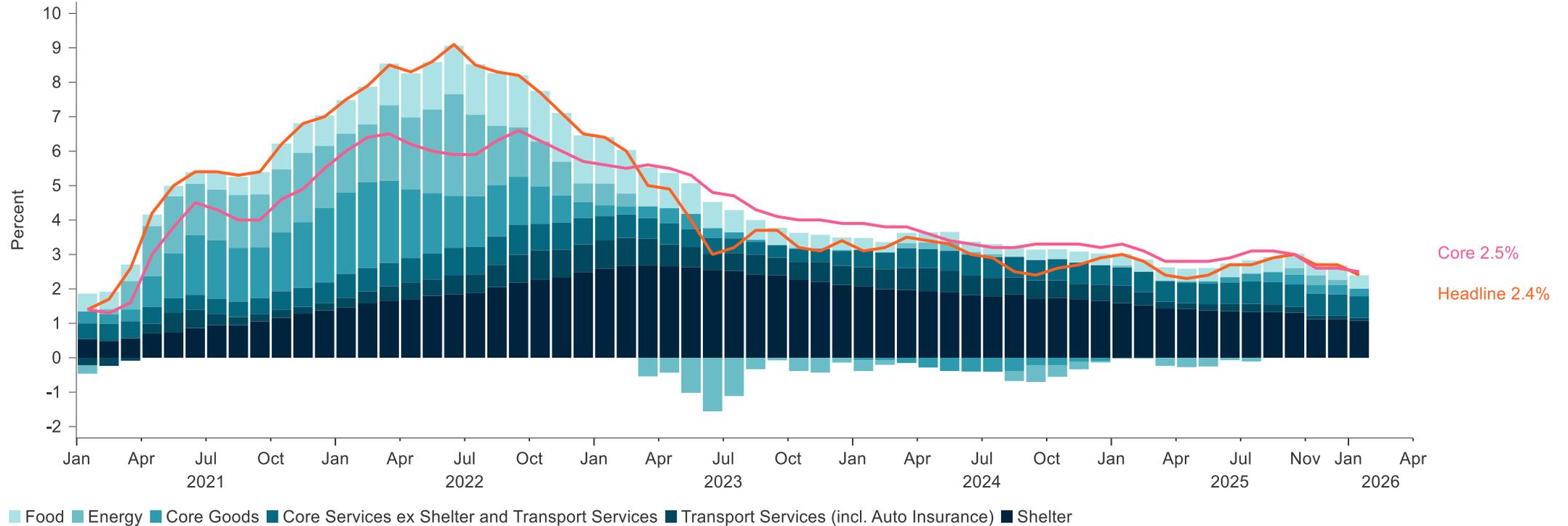
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# Inflation

## Contribution to Headline CPI Inflation

All Items, Contribution to Year-on-Year % Change

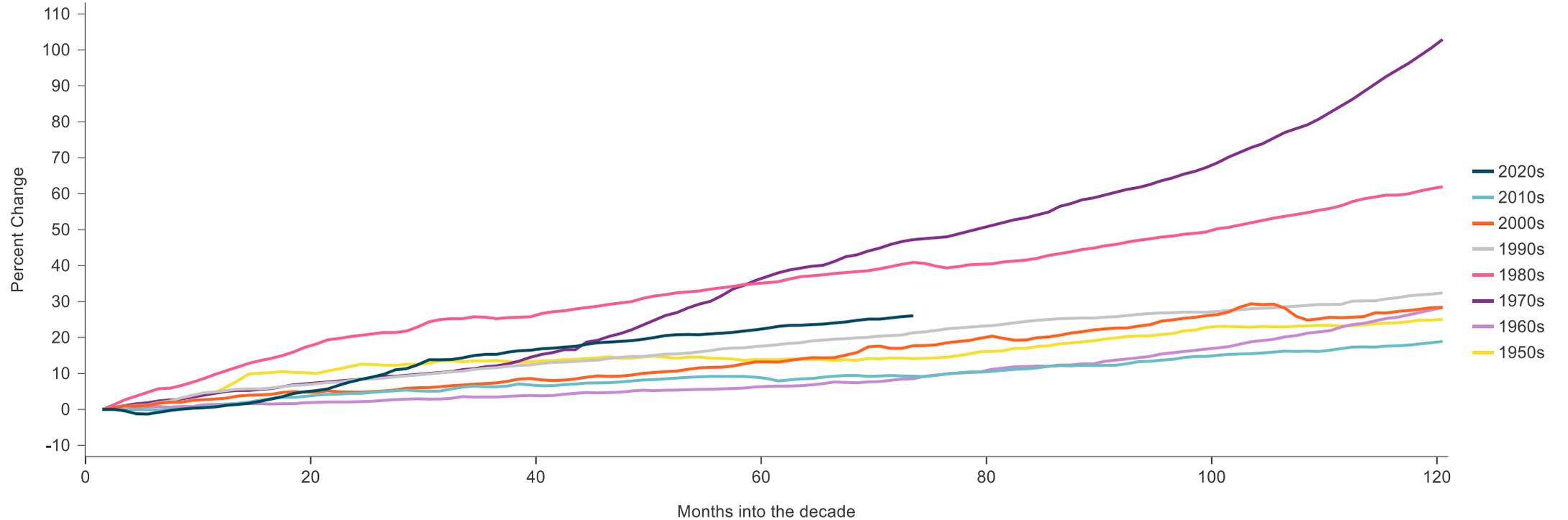


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# Inflation History

## US Total Inflation by Decade



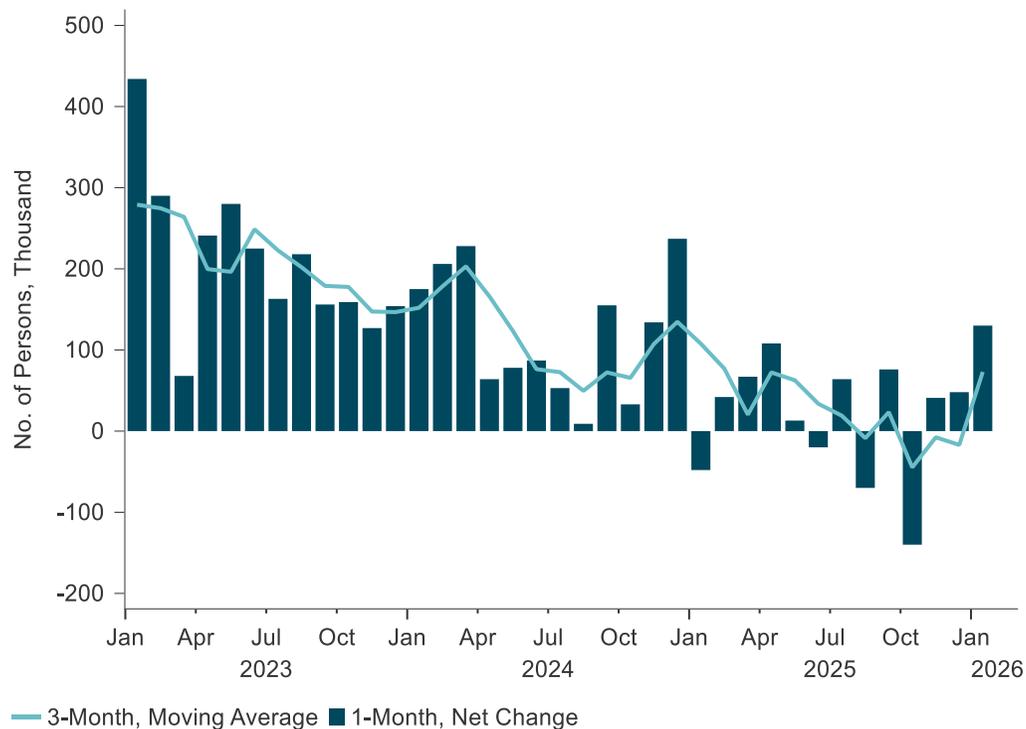
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# Labor

## US Jobs

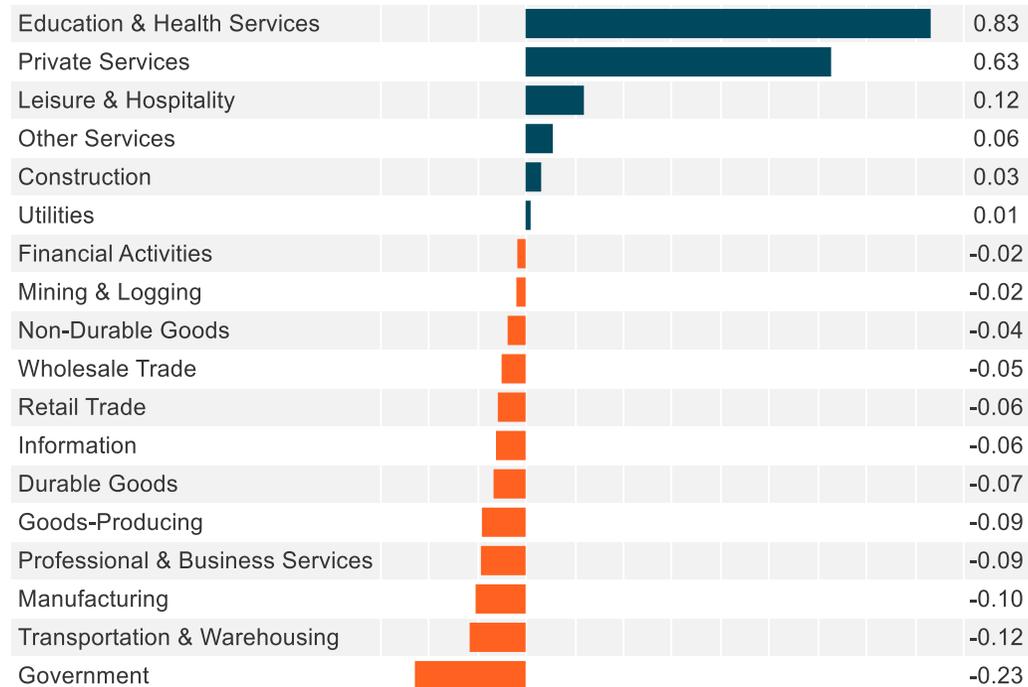
Total Nonfarm Payrolls



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## US Jobs YTD

Millions

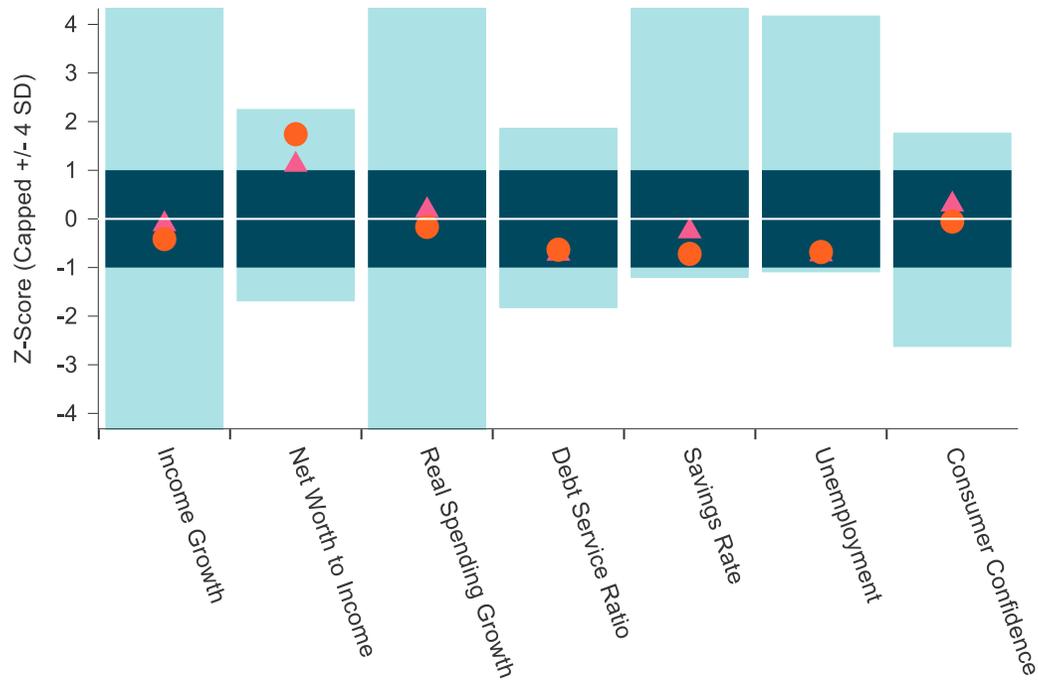


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# Consumer Indicators

## US Consumer Dashboard

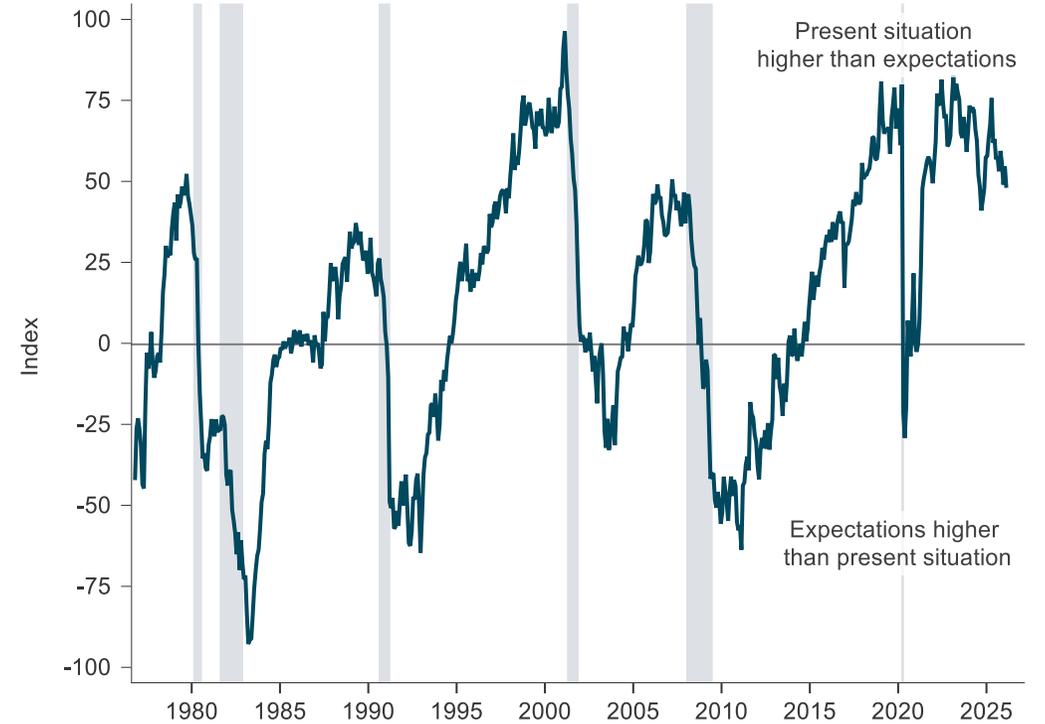


● Current ▲ 1 Year Ago ■ (+/-) 1 Standard Deviation ■ Trailing 20-year Range

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## Consumer Confidence Spread

Current situation minus expectations

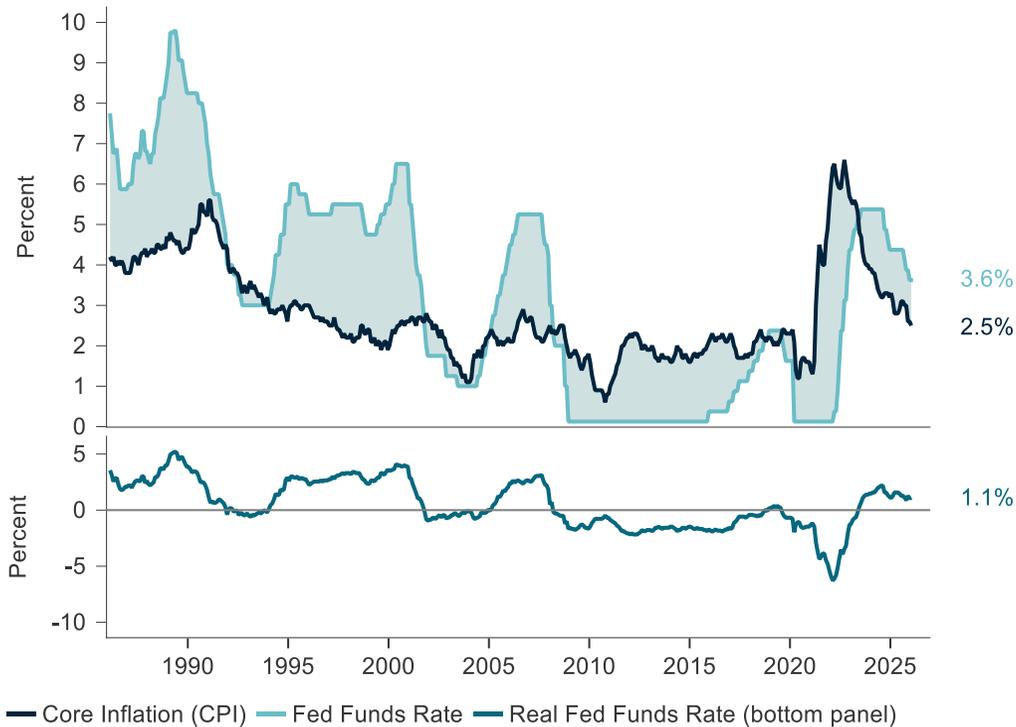


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# Monetary Policy

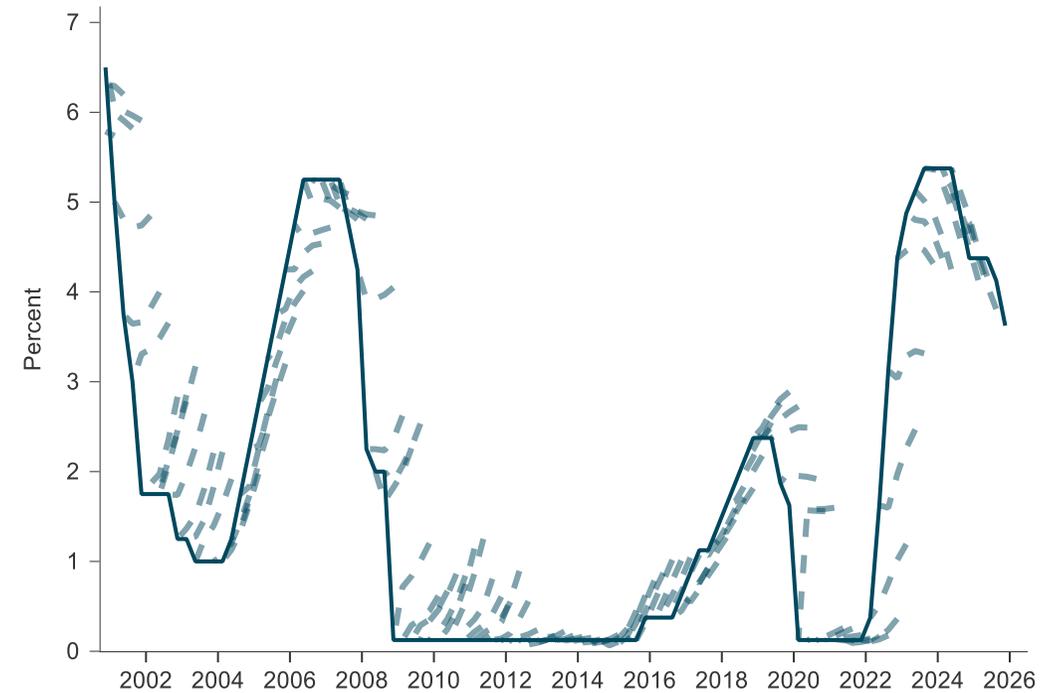
US Inflation & Policy Rate (Real Fed Funds Rate)



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Fed Funds Rate & Previous Market Expectations

Average consensus from the quarterly Survey of Professional Forecasters (Philadelphia Fed); Forecast denoted by dashed lines



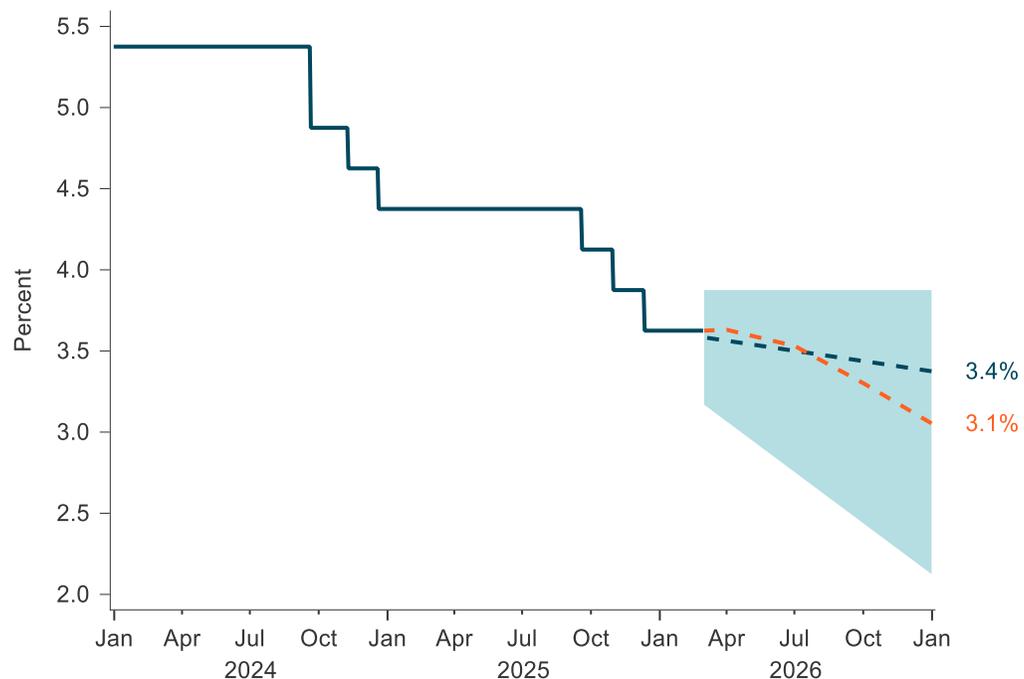
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# Monetary Policy

## Fed Projections vs. Market

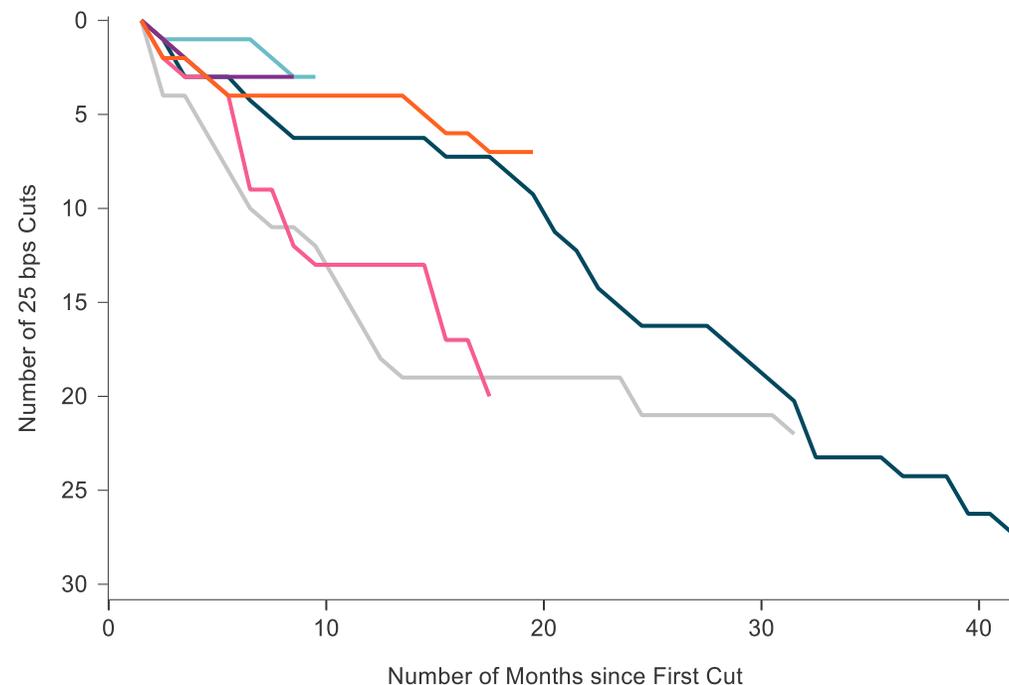
Projections based on latest Summary of Economic Projections (SEP)



— Fed Funds Rate (Actual) - - Market Expectation - - Fed Projection

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## Fed Cutting Cycles Since 1990



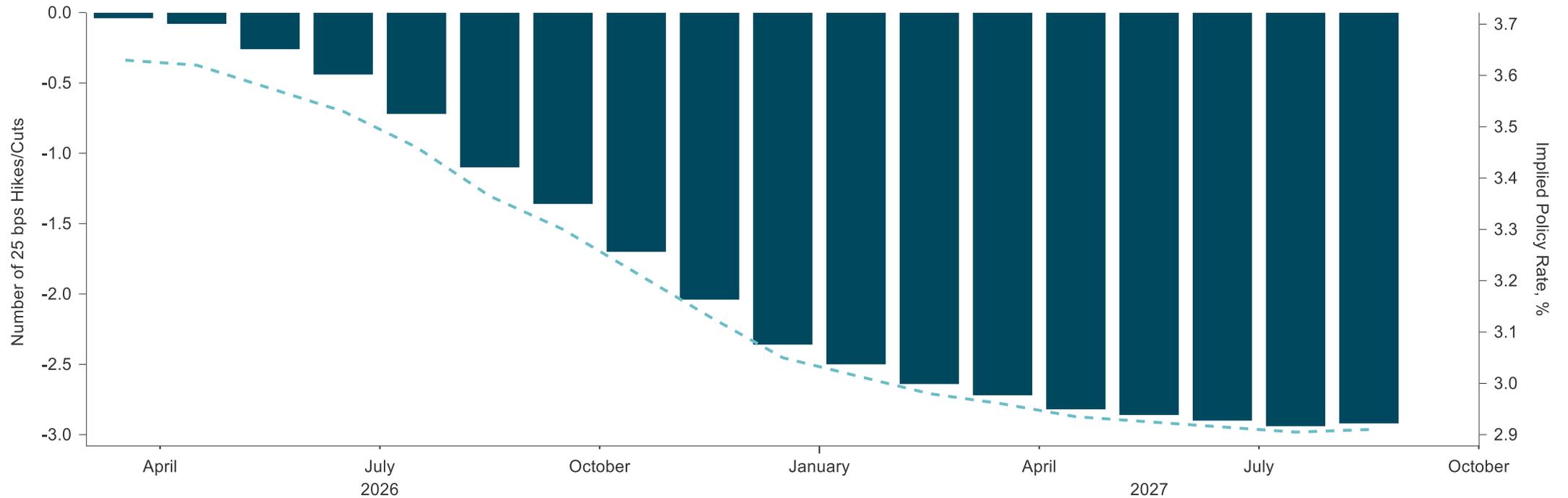
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# Monetary Policy

Market Expected Hikes/Cuts from US Federal Reserve (Fed)



--- Implied Fed Funds Rate, rhs ■ Number of Implied Hikes/Cuts, lhs

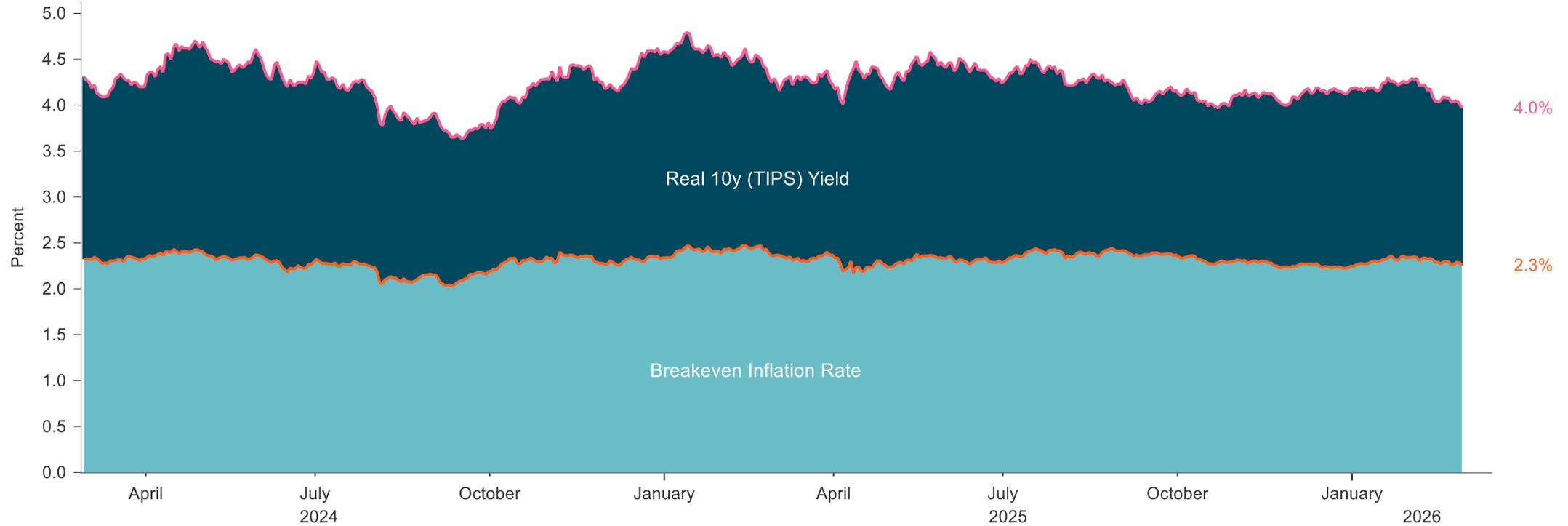
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# US Treasury 10-year Yields

## US 10-year Treasury Yield & Components

Nominal yield



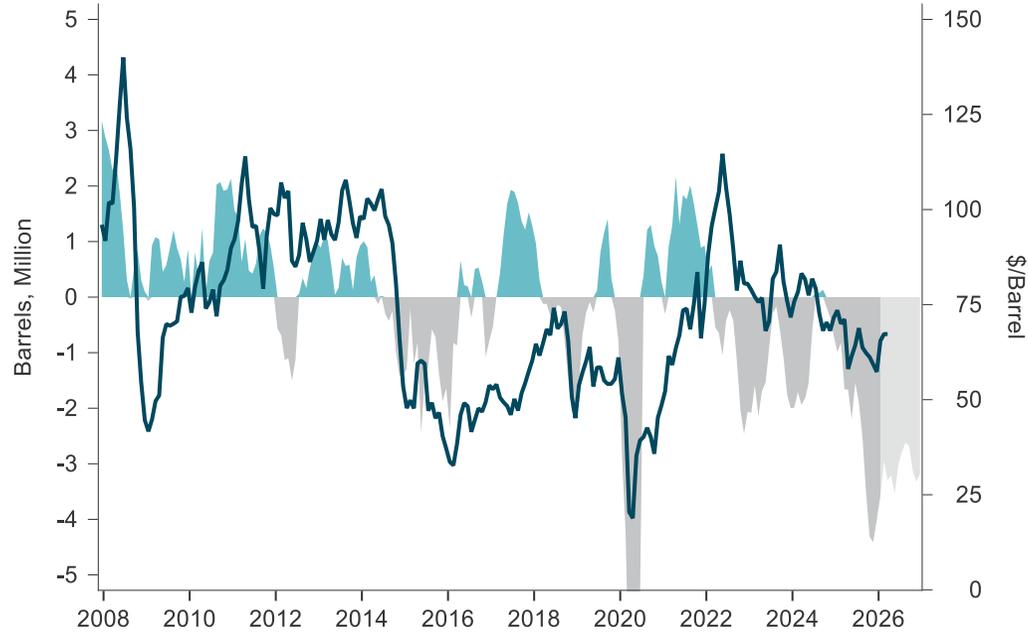
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# Commodities

## Oil Market Demand/Supply Balance & Prices

Monthly Data from US Energy Information Administration (EIA)



— West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude Oil Price, rhs  
 ■ Excess Demand, lhs  
 ■ Excess Supply, lhs

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## Global Oil Supply



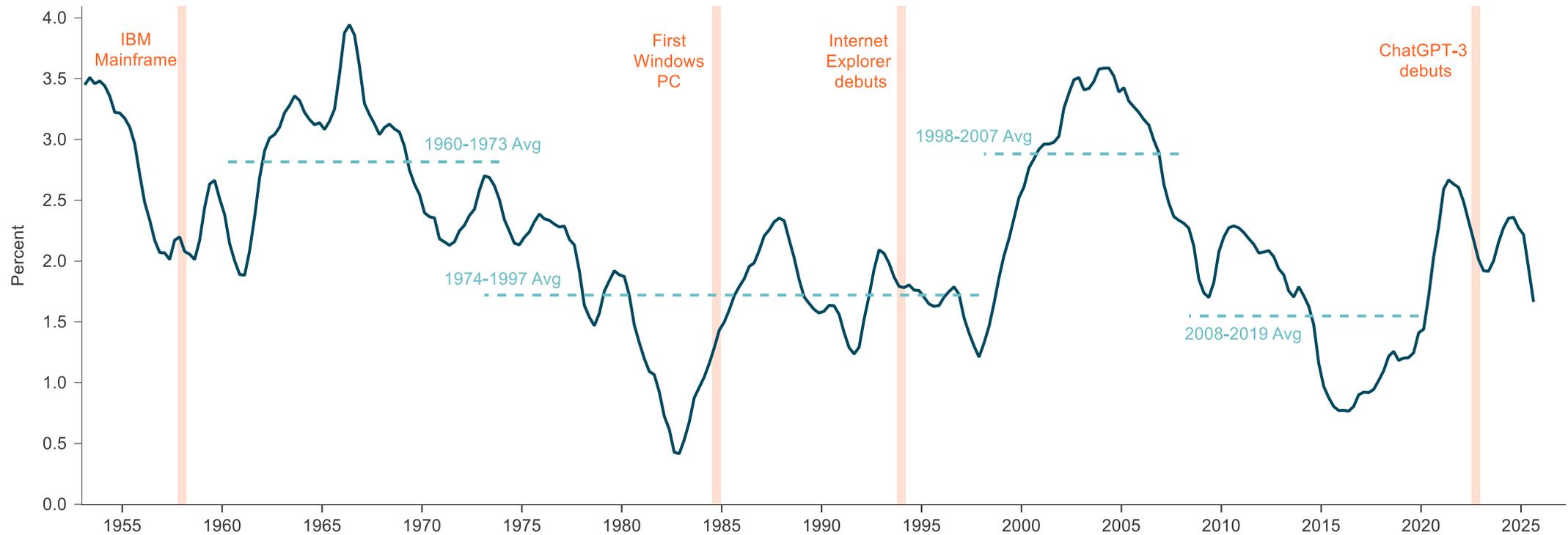
— US Production — Middle East Production

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# Productivity

**US Labor Productivity Growth**  
Output per Hour, 5-year Moving Average



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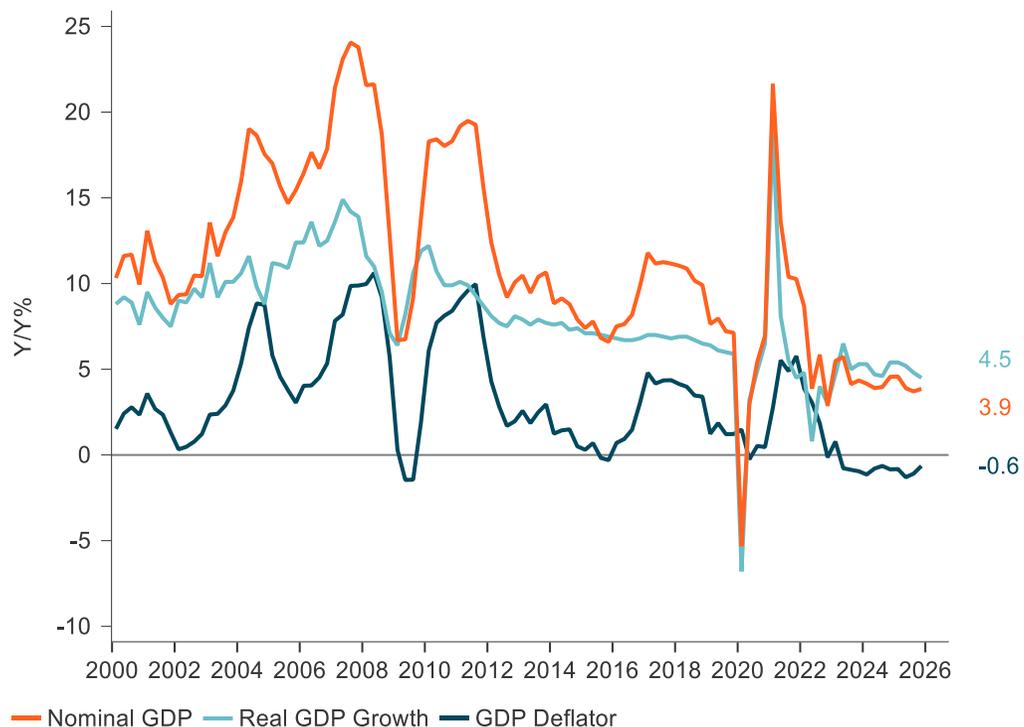
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# China to set a 4.5% to 5% growth target at upcoming National People’s Congress – with a renewed emphasis on stimulating and re-balancing the economy early on the 5-year plan period.

## China GDP: Nominal, real and the GDP deflator

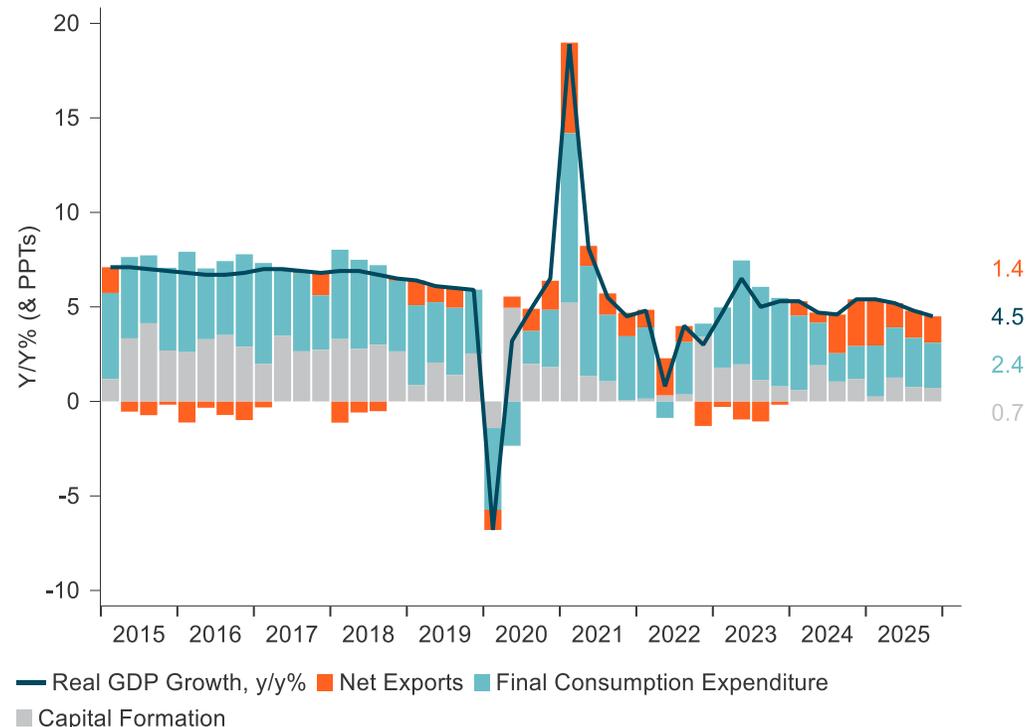
GDP deflator approximates economy-wide prices.



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## China GDP Growth (y/y%) & Expenditure Contributions (ppts)

Vertical bars show percentage point (ppts) contributions from expenditure components.

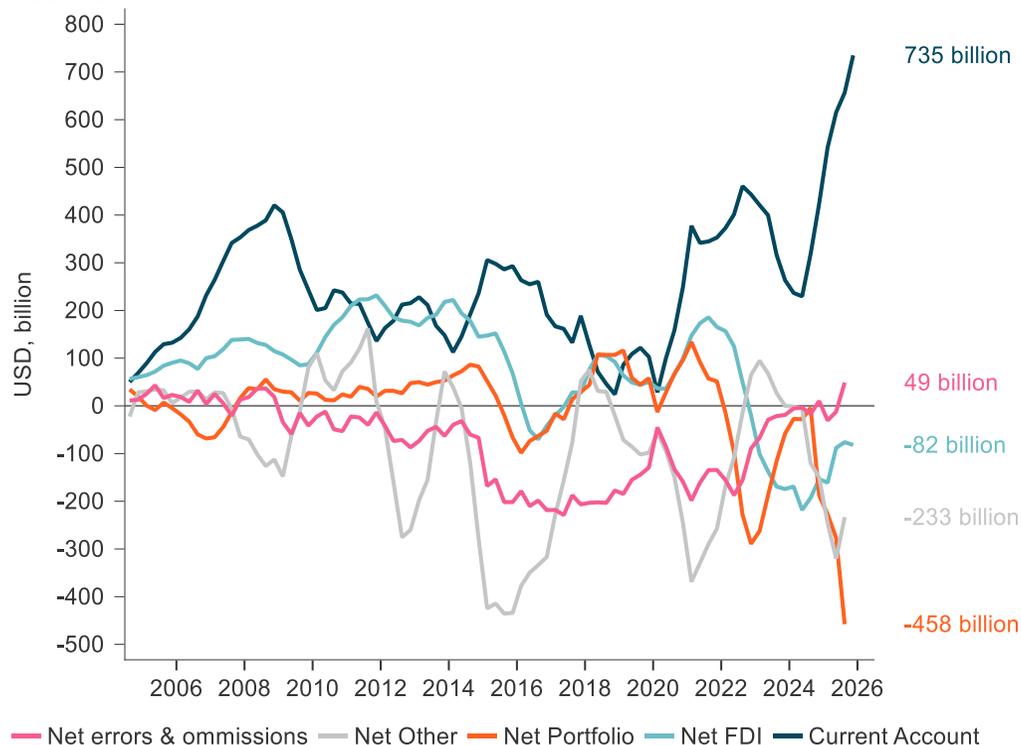


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# Beijing's efforts to manage external surpluses and placate key trading partners, alongside plunging import intensity, should sustain a strong Renminbi policy.

**China: 4-Quarter Sum of Balance of Payments (BOP) & Overall BOP Position**



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**Asia FX Performance Vs. USD (% Chg), From 1-Year Ago**  
Positive (Negative) is Depreciation (Appreciation) versus USD



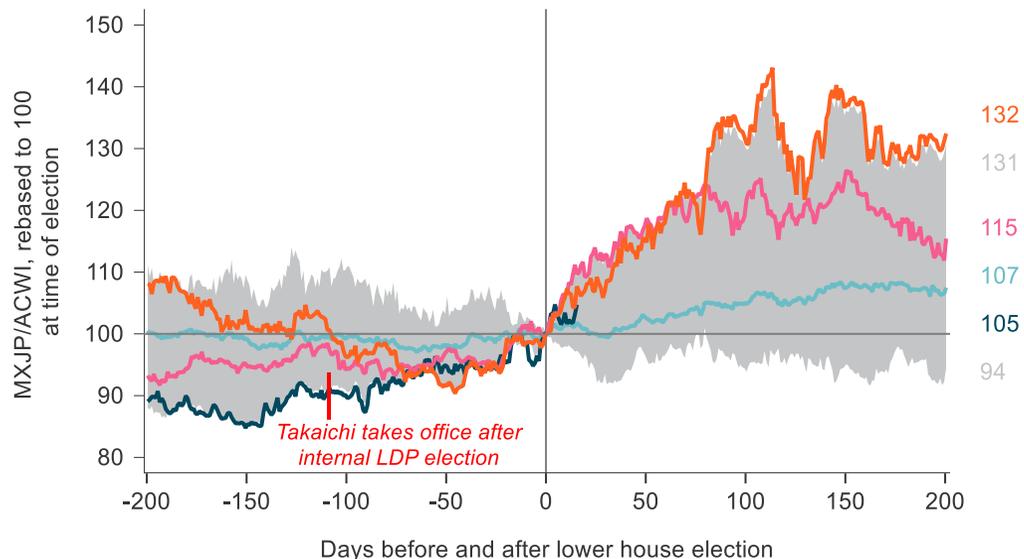
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# Japan's strong election mandate favoring Takaichi (& the LDP) is positive for equities - and should set in motion supply-side stimulus which alongside easing headline inflation to boost real wages.

## MSCI Japan normalized by ACWI through the last 10 lower house elections

Solid lines shows relative performance of MSCI Japan/ACWI around elections - mean behavior and experience around election of (specific) reformist presidents: Abe (2012) and Koizumi (2005)

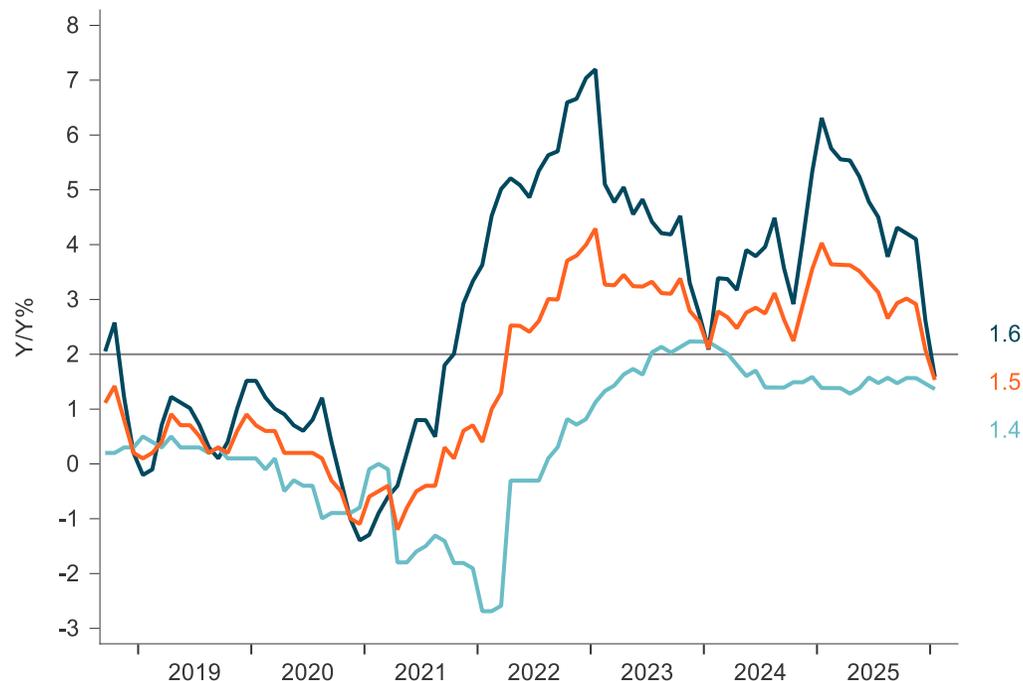


— Shinzo Abe elected — Koizumi re-elected — Takaichi re-elected — Mean  
■ 10th-90th Percentile

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## Japan Consumer Prices - Headline, Goods & Services

Seasonally adjusted, yearly percent change



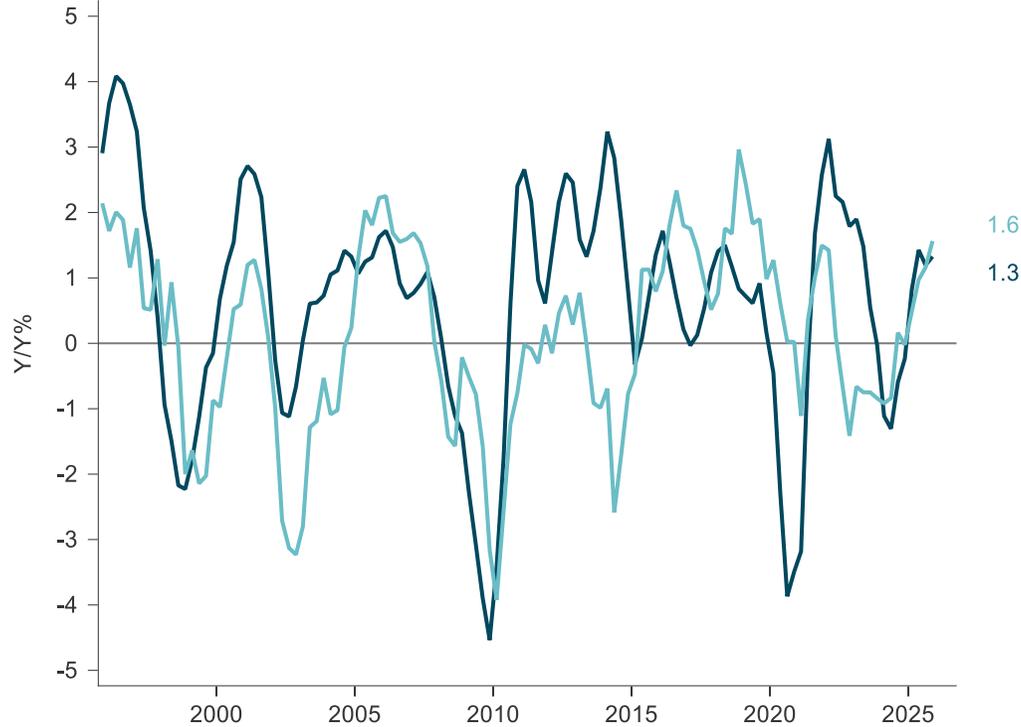
— Overall — Services — Goods

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Firming real wages – on rising nominal wages and subdued inflation - should boost domestic demand and rising nominal growth to underpin further increases in Japanese corporate earnings.

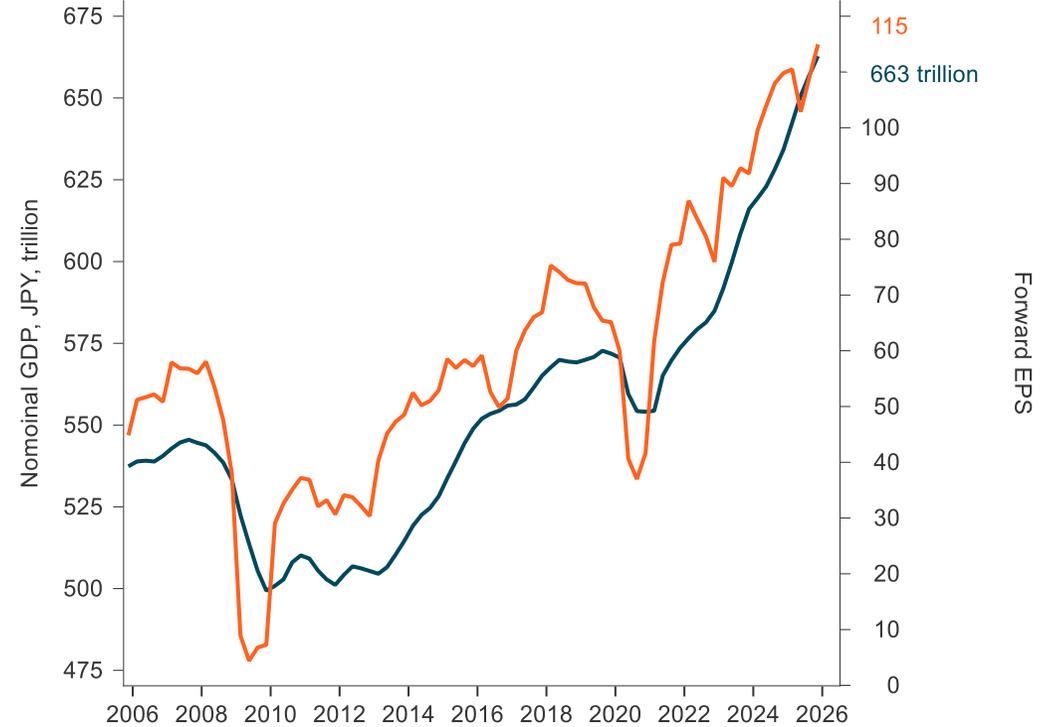
Japan: Real Wage growth & Domestic Demand



— Real wage growth, y/y% — Domestic demand, y/y%

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Japan: Forward Earnings Vs. Nominal GDP



— Forward Earnings, rhs — Nominal GDP (current market prices), lhs

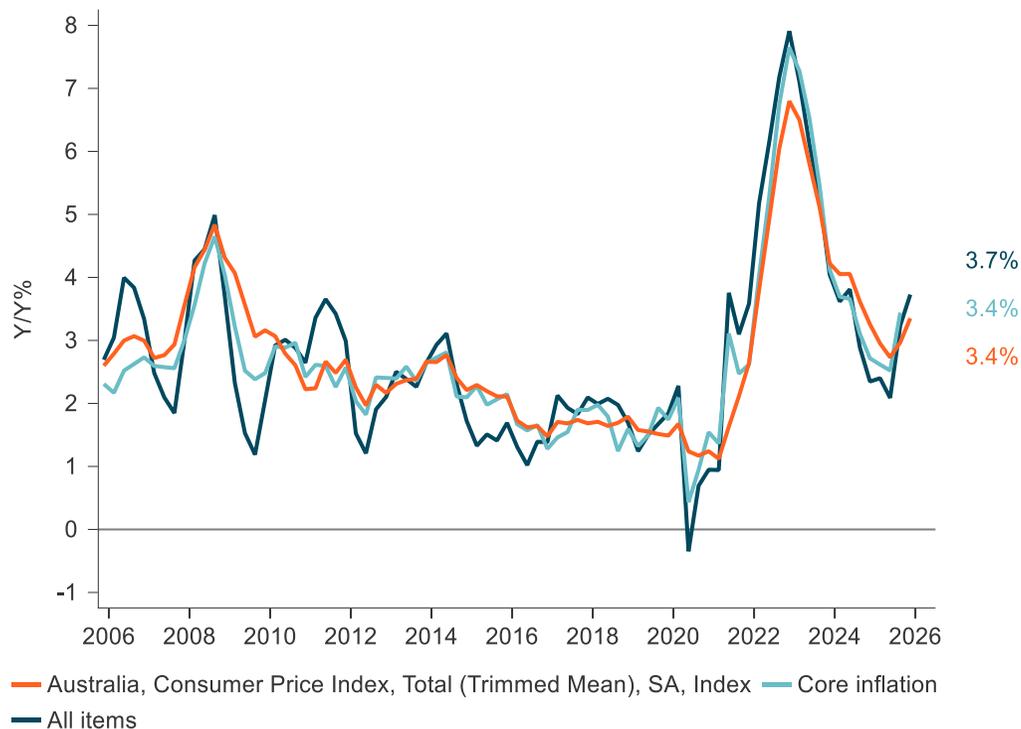
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# Australian inflation perked up in recent months, prompting a prudent hike from the Reserve Bank of Australia. Prospects for further narrowing in Aussie-US rate gaps should boost the AUD.

## Australia: Headline & Core Inflation

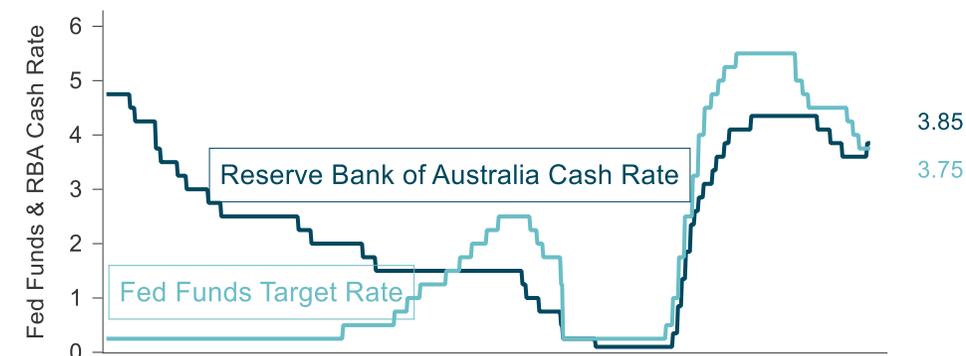
Seasonally adjusted, yearly percent change.



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## Australia - U.S. Policy Rates & the AUD Exchange Rate

Fed Funds rate and RBA Cash rate



Aussie - US policy rate differential, and the AUDUSD exchange rate

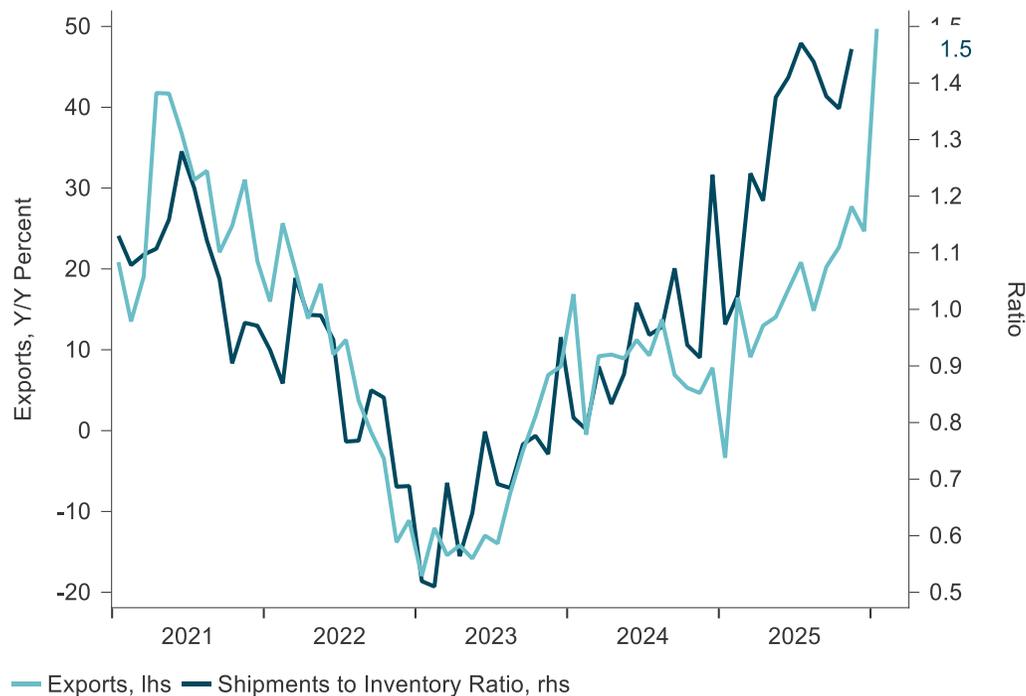


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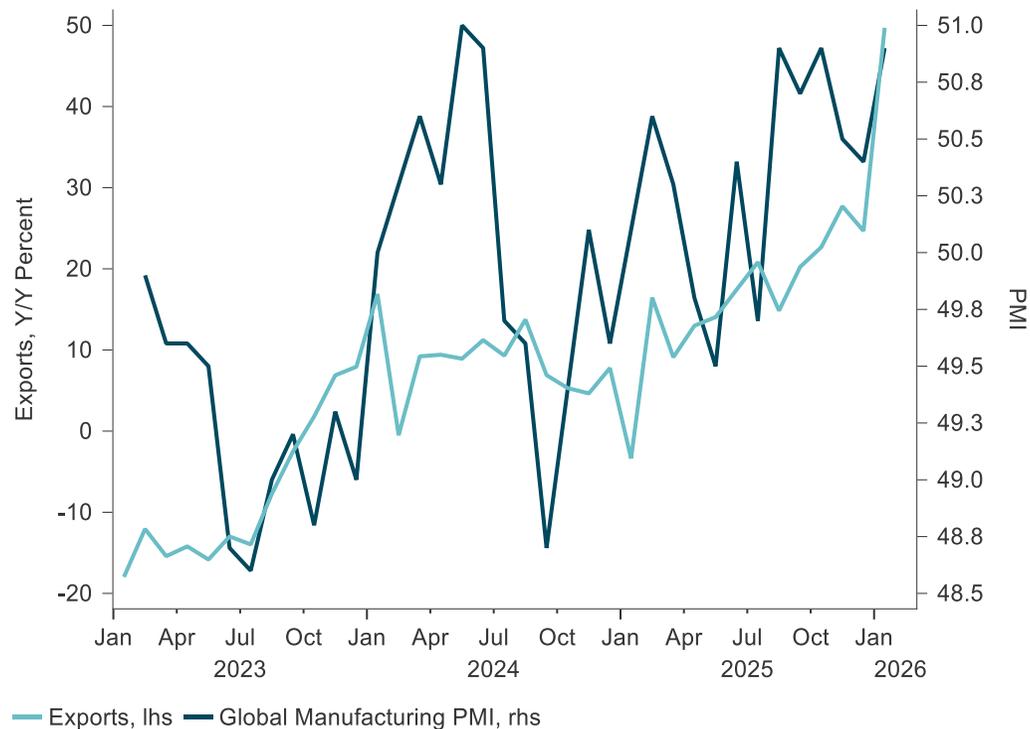
# APAC's AI-led electronics exports remain strong on tight inventories & firm manufacturing PMIs.

**Growth in the Exports of Korea & Taiwan vs Their Average Shipment-to-Inventory Ratio**



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**Growth in the Exports of Korea, Taiwan vs Global Manufacturing PMI**



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Electronics and semis-oriented economies in APAC are seeing strong growth rates. Inflation across much of Asia is within target (or within comfort ranges of central banks).

**GDP Growth at Select Asian Economies**

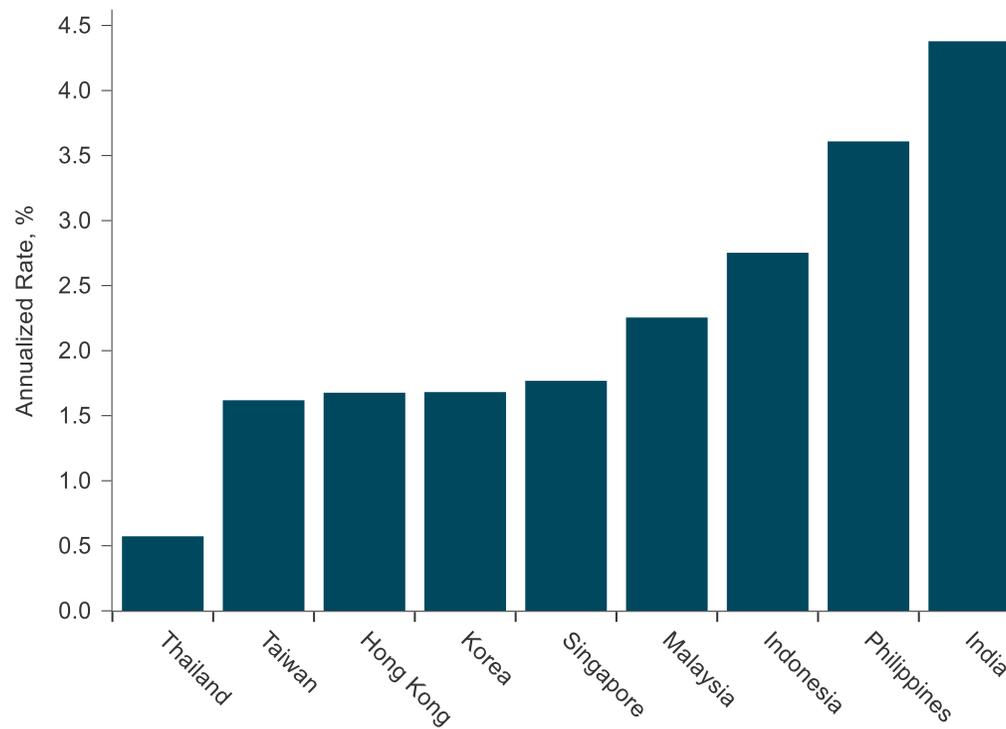
Seasonally adjusted, yearly % growth



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**Latest Core Inflation Across Select APAC**

Seasonally adjusted, 3-month change, annualized rate (%)



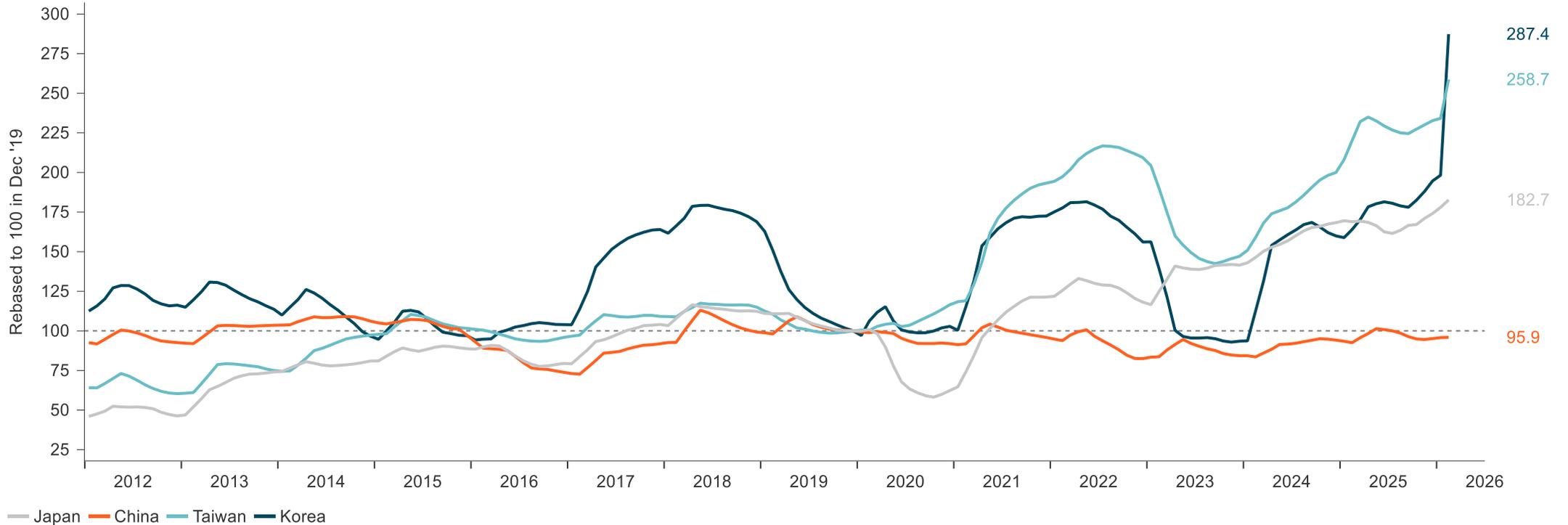
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# APAC forward earnings improving but yet to pick-up in China.

## EPS Trends: Taiwan, Korea, China & Japan

Three-month moving average, rebased to 100 in December 2019



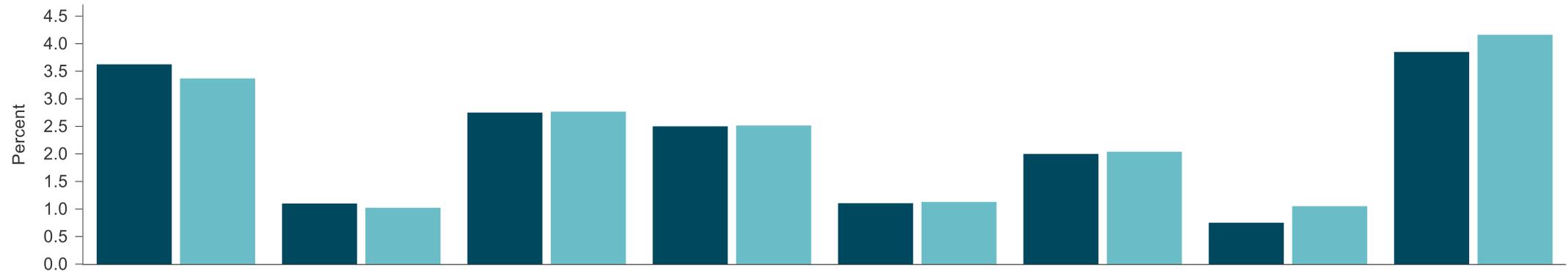
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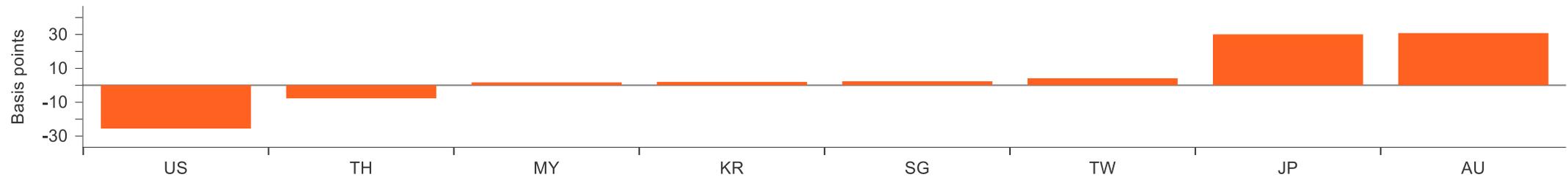
# Swap markets anticipating sizable cuts in U.S, in 6 months, but less dovish elsewhere in APAC.

## APAC & US Rates, and 6 Month Market Implied Rate

Current policy/short-term rate & 6 month (swap) market implied rate (top pane)



Implied change in short-term rate, 6 months from now (bottom pane)



■ Policy Rate ■ Implied 6-month Rate ■ Implied Change

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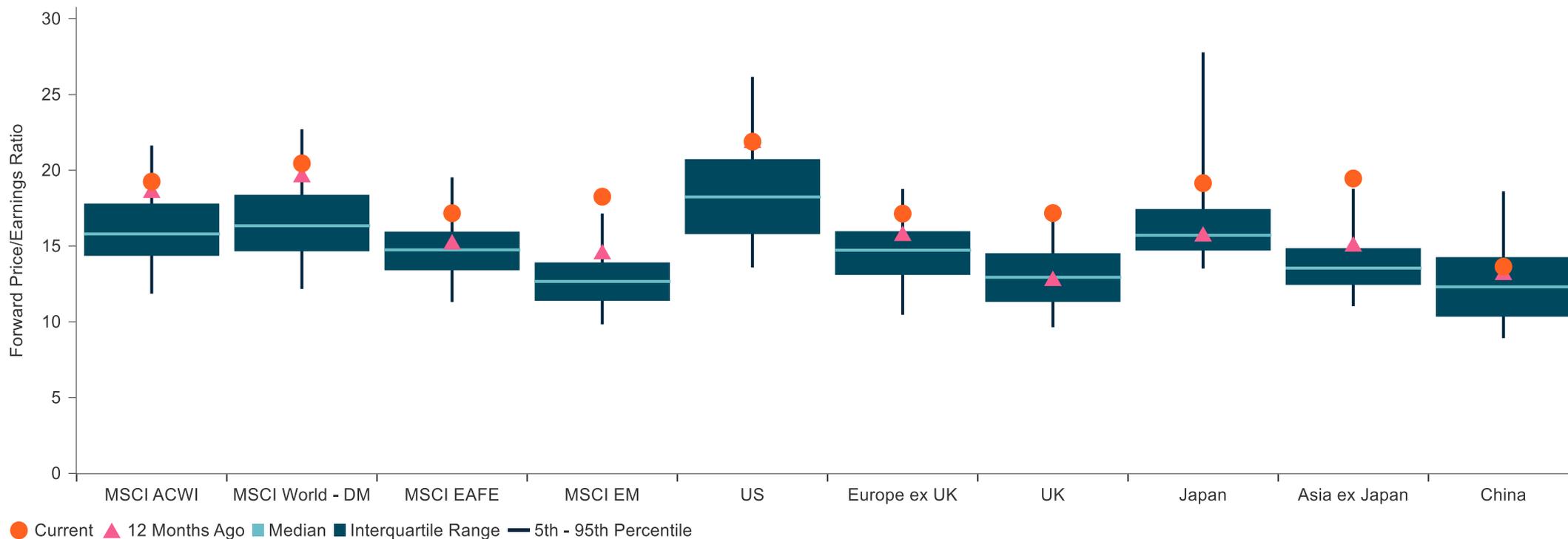
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# GLOBAL EQUITIES

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# Global Valuations

## Regional Valuations

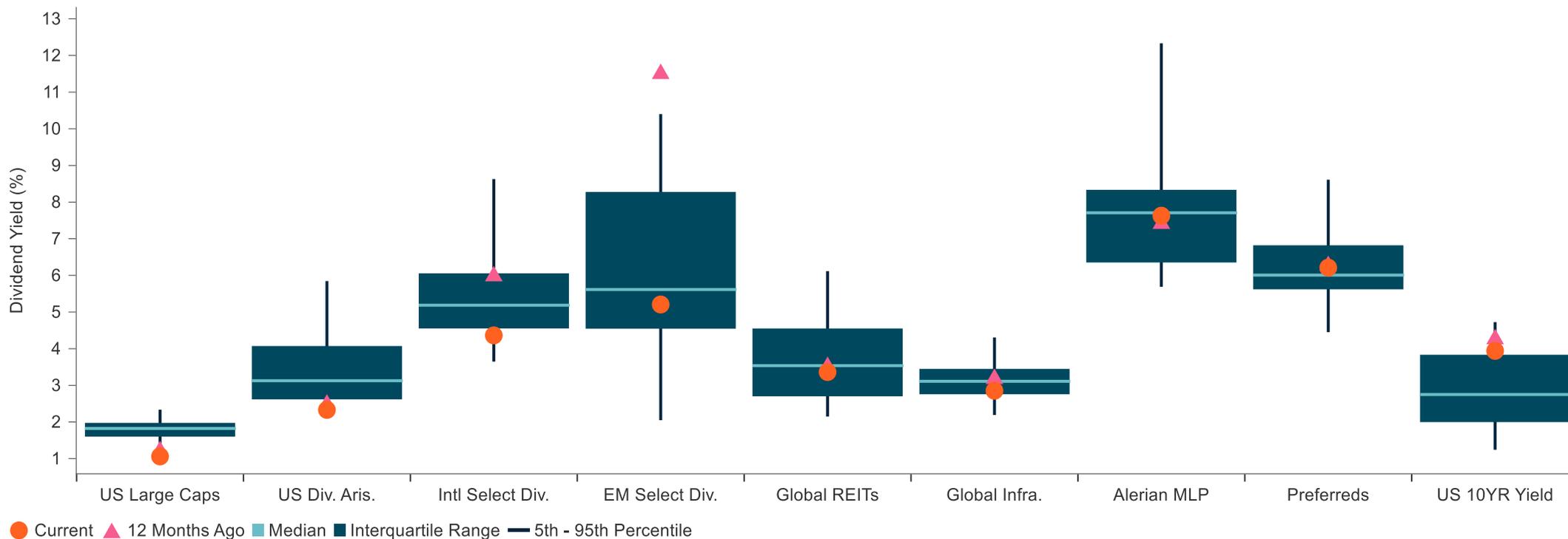


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# Global Dividends

## Dividend Yield Across Assets

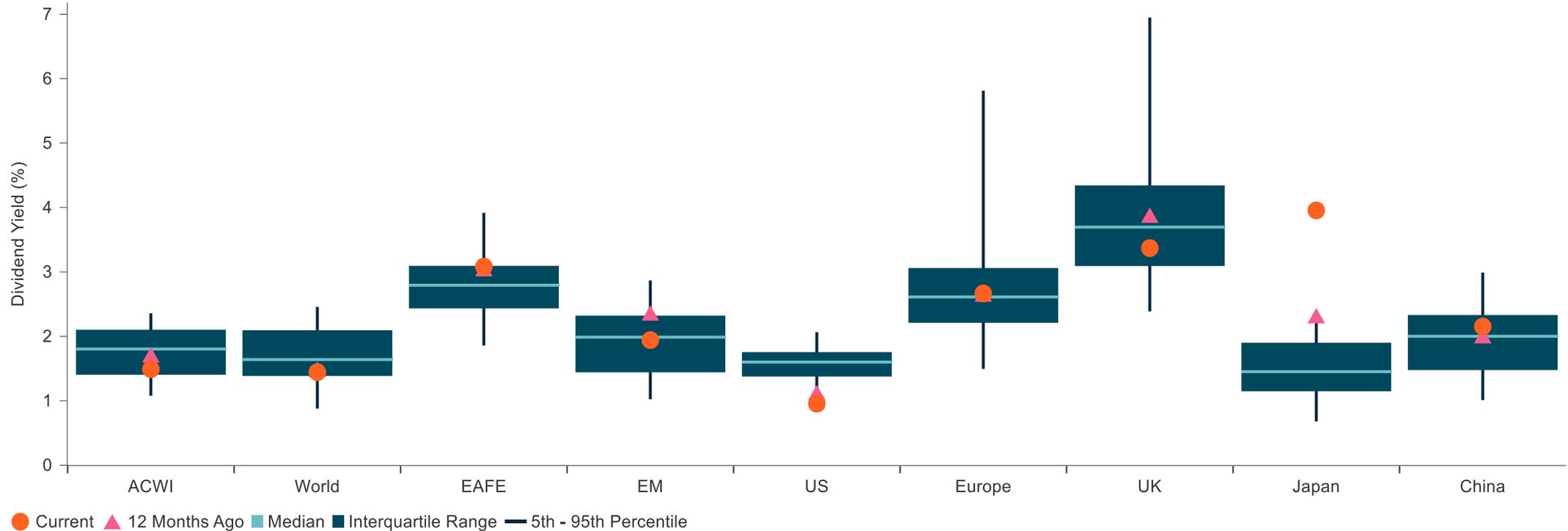


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# Regional Dividends

## Dividend Yield Across Regions

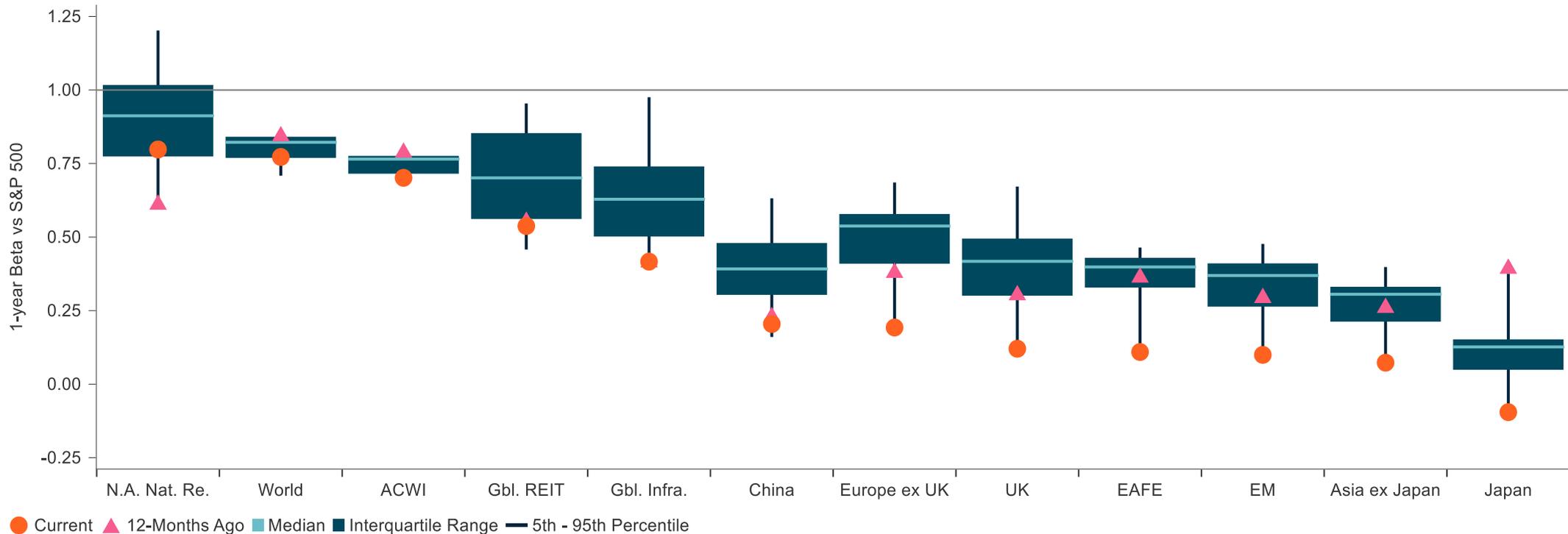


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# Global Equity Beta vs US

**Global Equities & Selected Real Assets Beta vs US Equities**  
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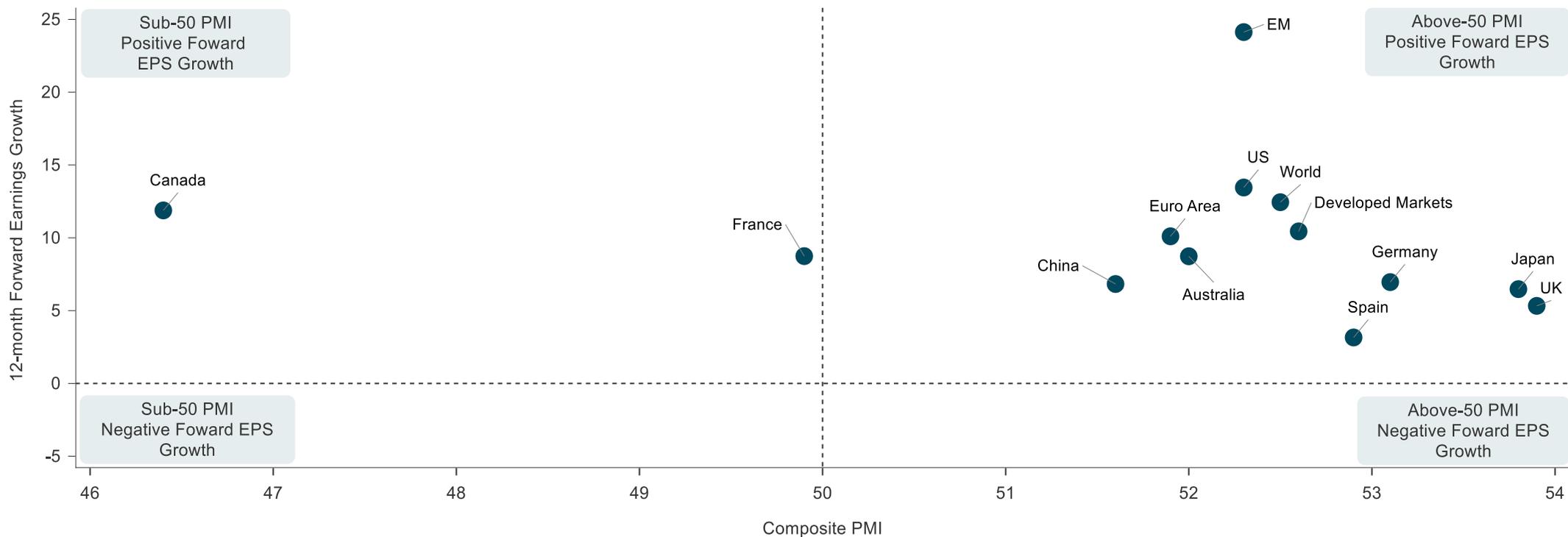


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# Global Earnings Growth

## 12-month Forward Earnings Growth & Composite PMIs

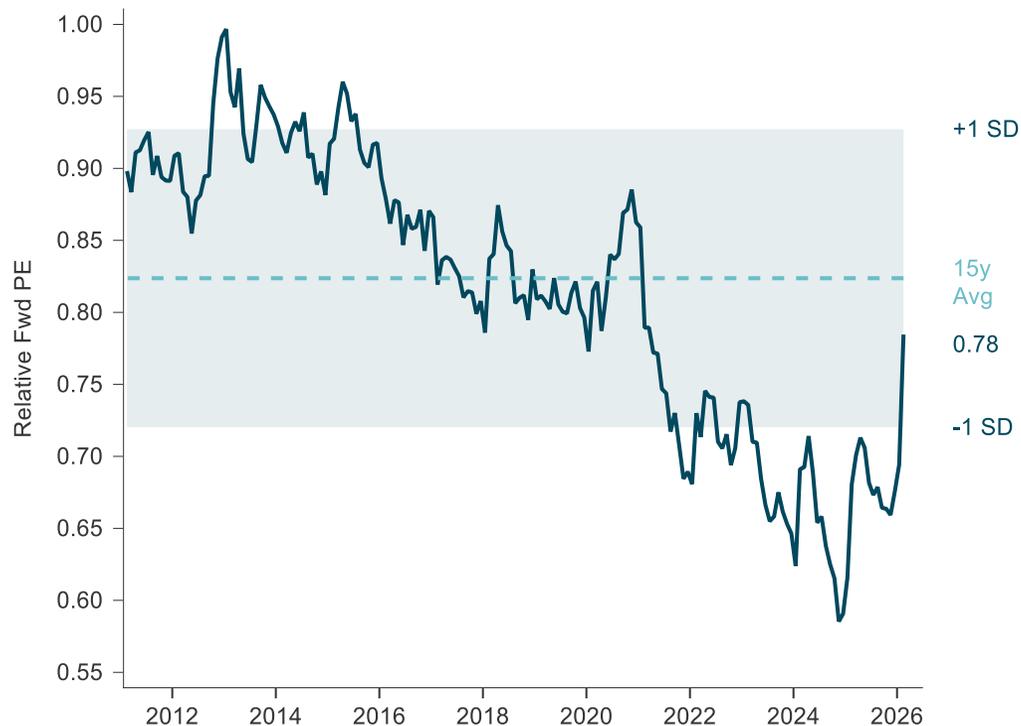


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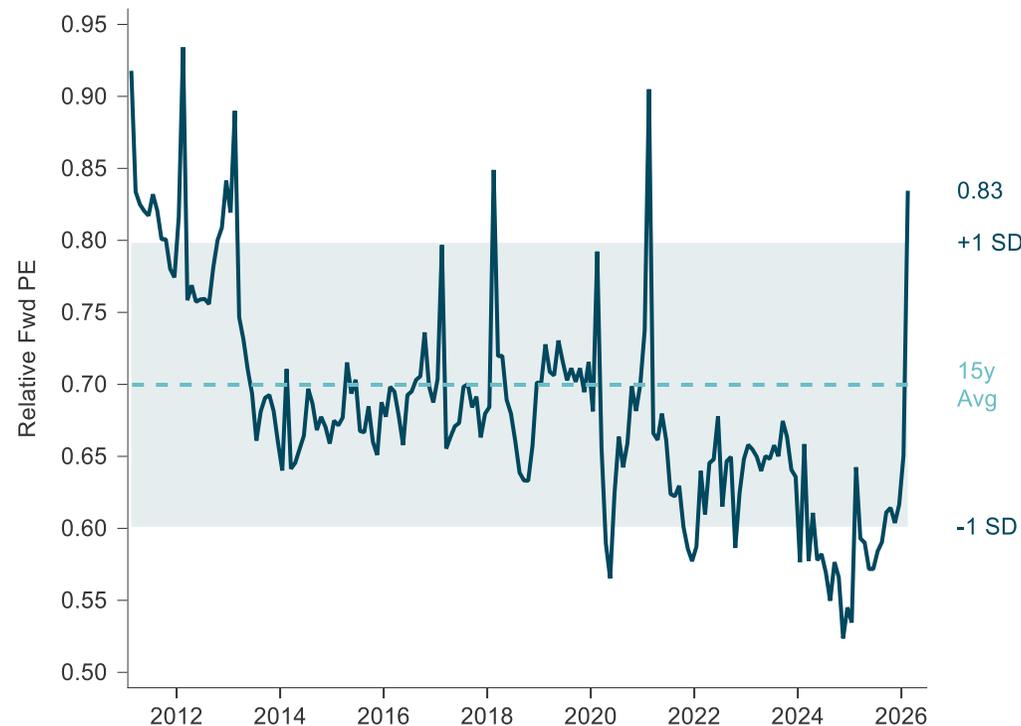
# Relative Valuations

MSCI EAFE Relative P/E vs S&P 500



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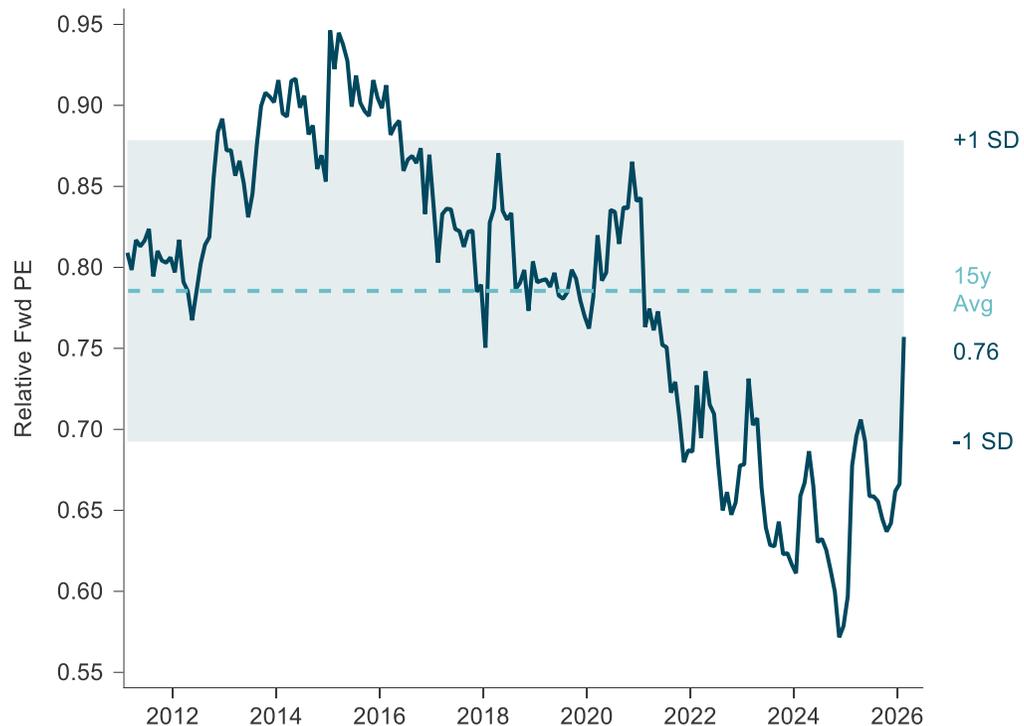


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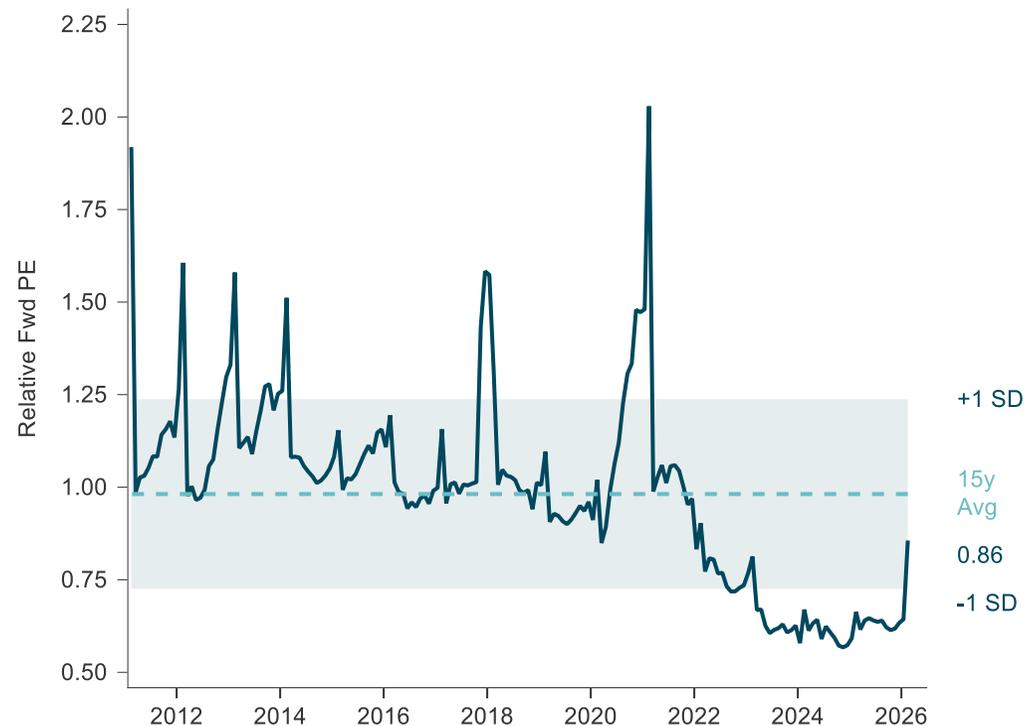
# Relative Valuations

MSCI Europe Relative P/E vs S&P 500



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MSCI Europe Small Cap Relative P/E vs S&P 500

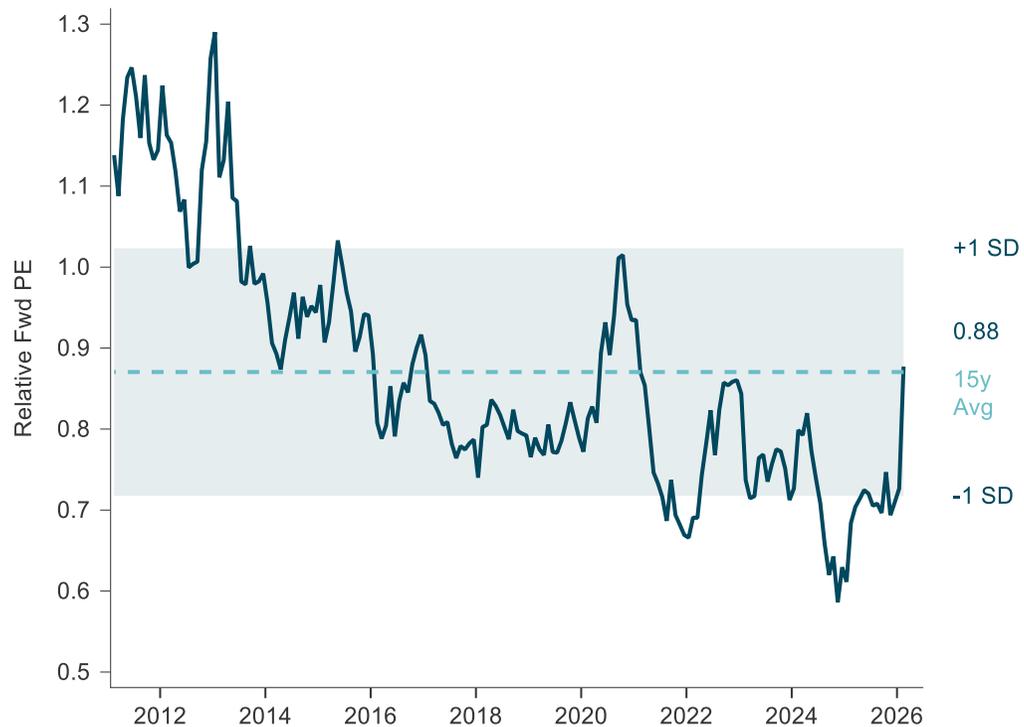


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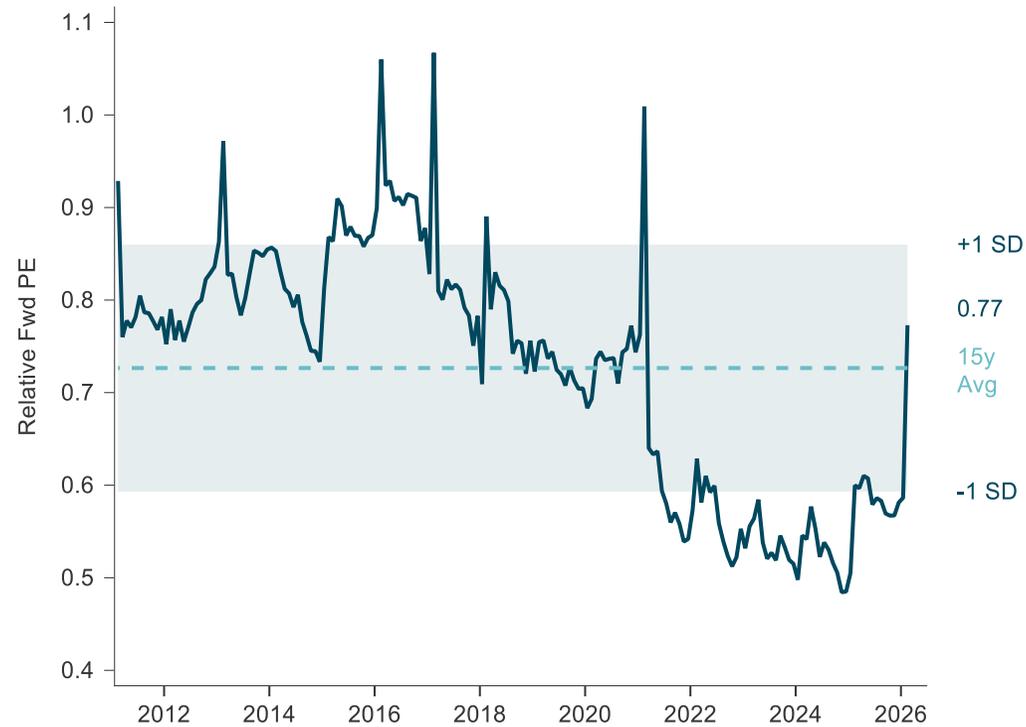
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MSCI Japan Relative P/E vs S&P 500



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FTSE 100 Relative P/E vs S&P 500

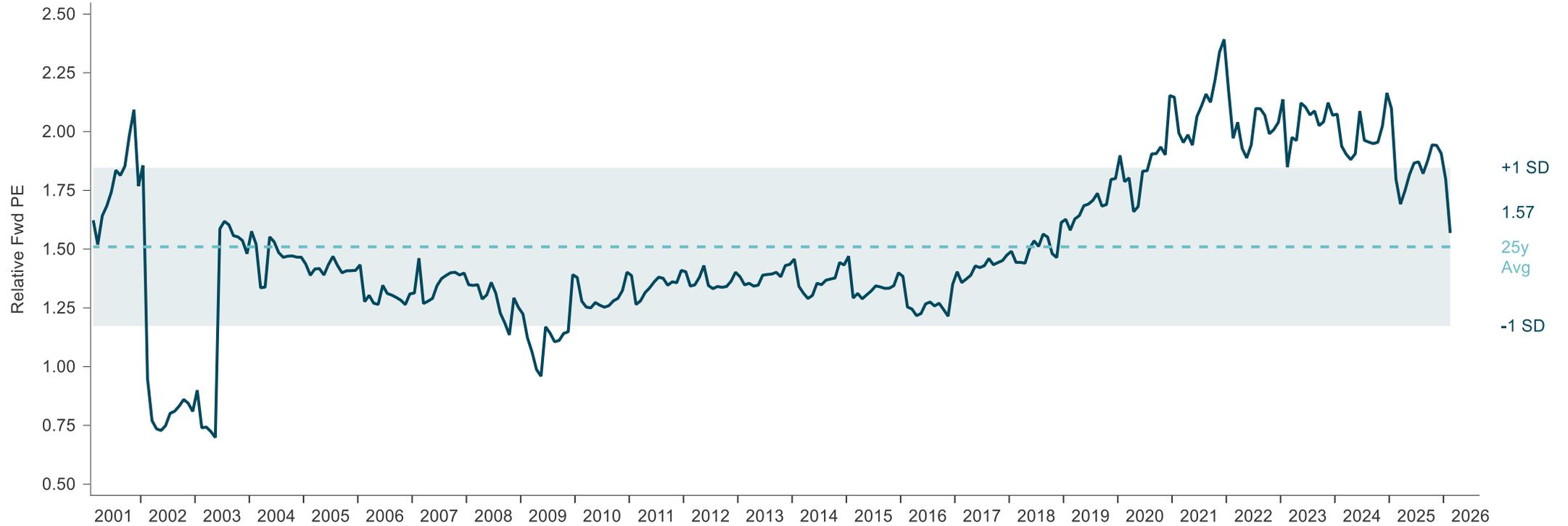


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# Relative Valuations

### MSCI World Growth Relative P/E vs MSCI World Value



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# Valuations

## Forward Price-Earnings & 12-month Trailing Earnings Growth

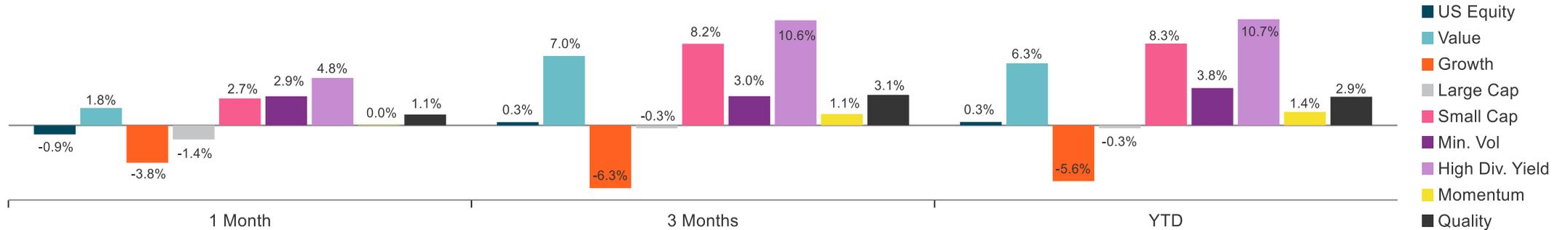


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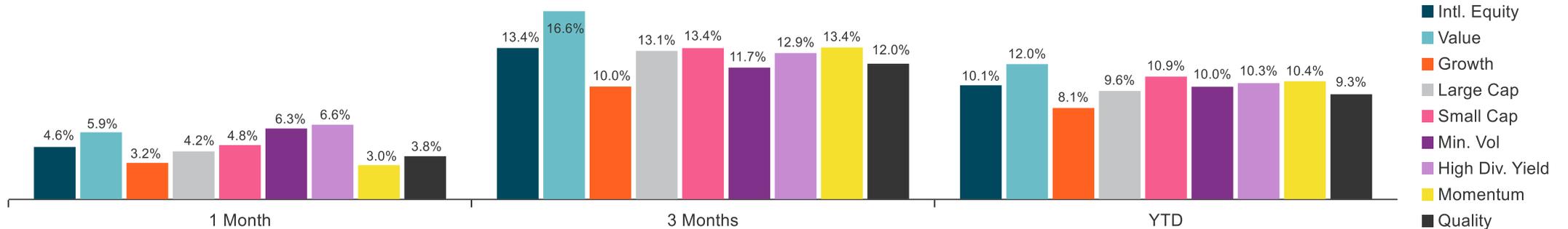
# Equity Styles

## US Style Returns



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## International Style Returns



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# Emerging Market Equities

Developed ex. US vs Emerging Market Equities & US dollar



— US Dollar Index, lhs — MSCI World ex. USA vs MSCI EM, Local currency, rhs

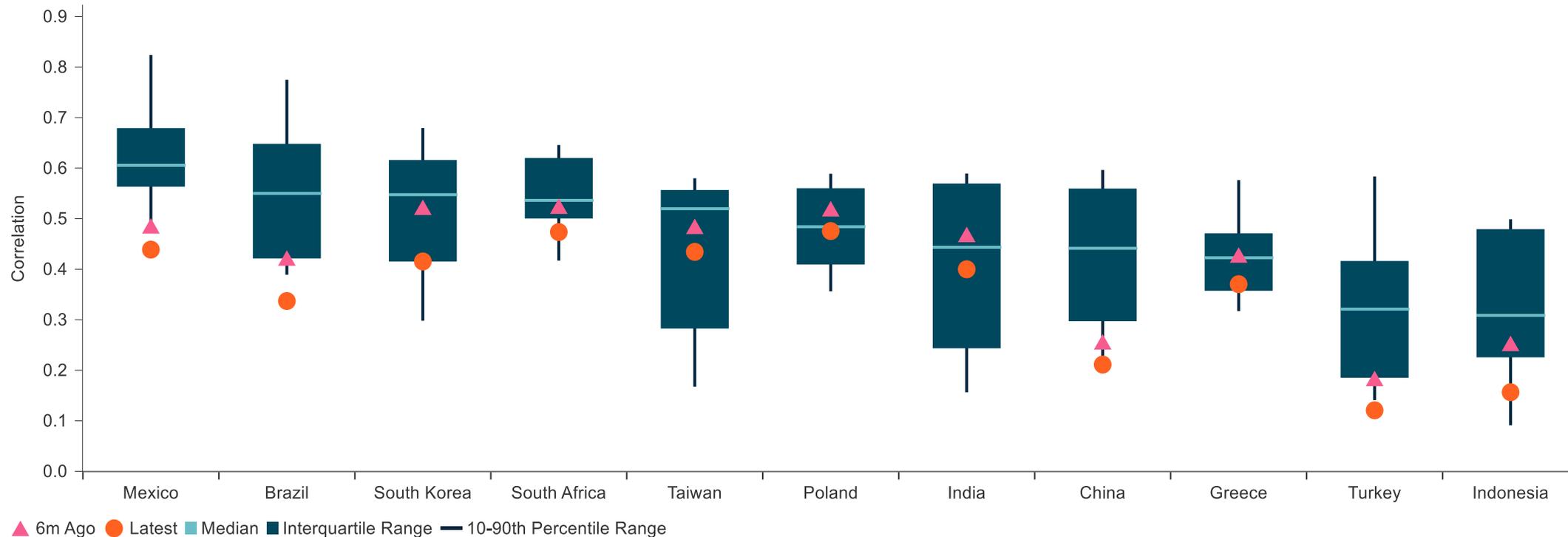
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# Emerging Market Equities

## Return Correlation Between Emerging Markets & S&P 500

5y-rolling return correlation; mid & large cap MSCI, local currencies, sorted by median correlation on weekly returns, data since January 1993



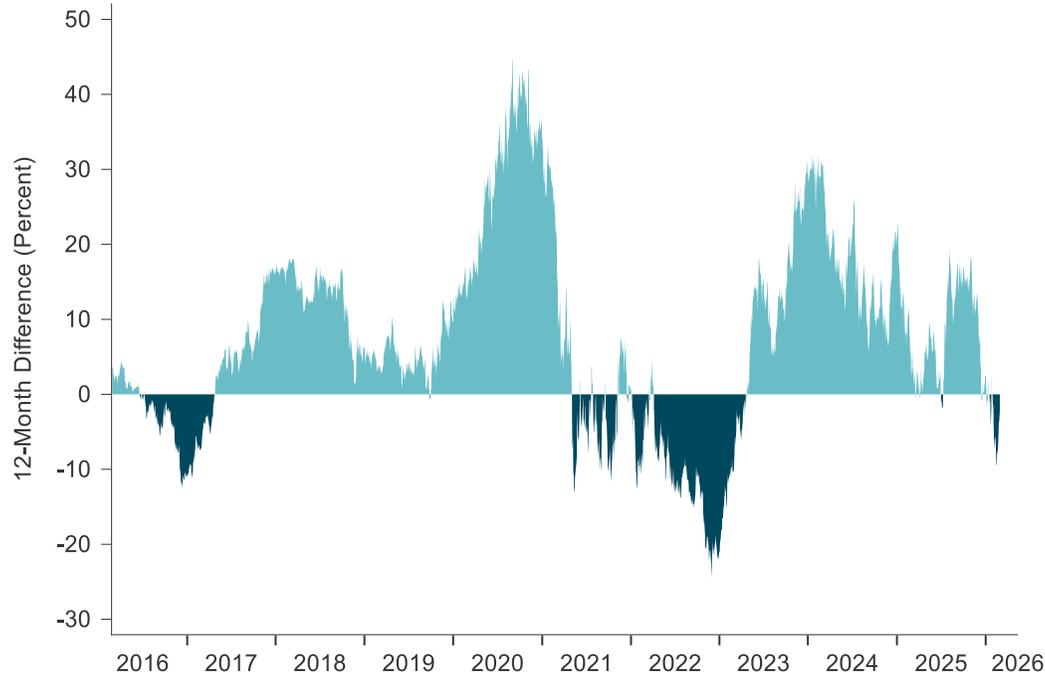
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# US Equity Trends

## Growth vs. Value Equity

Rolling 12-Months

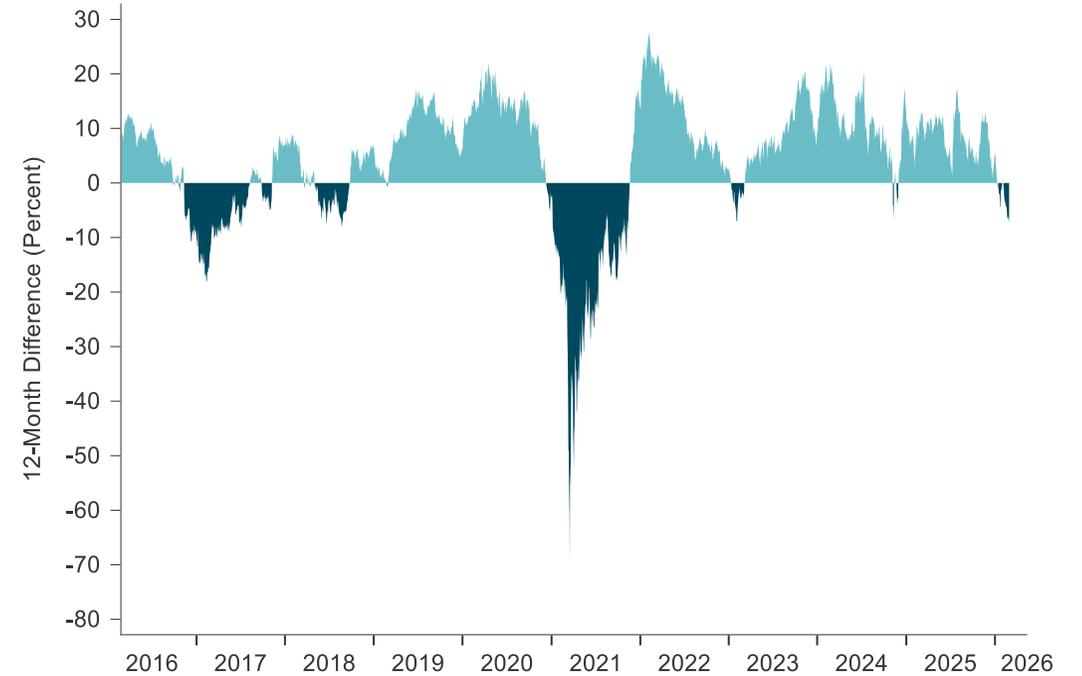


■ Growth Outperforms ■ Value Outperforms

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## Large Cap vs. Small Cap Equity

Rolling 12-Months



■ Large Caps Outperform ■ Small Caps Outperform

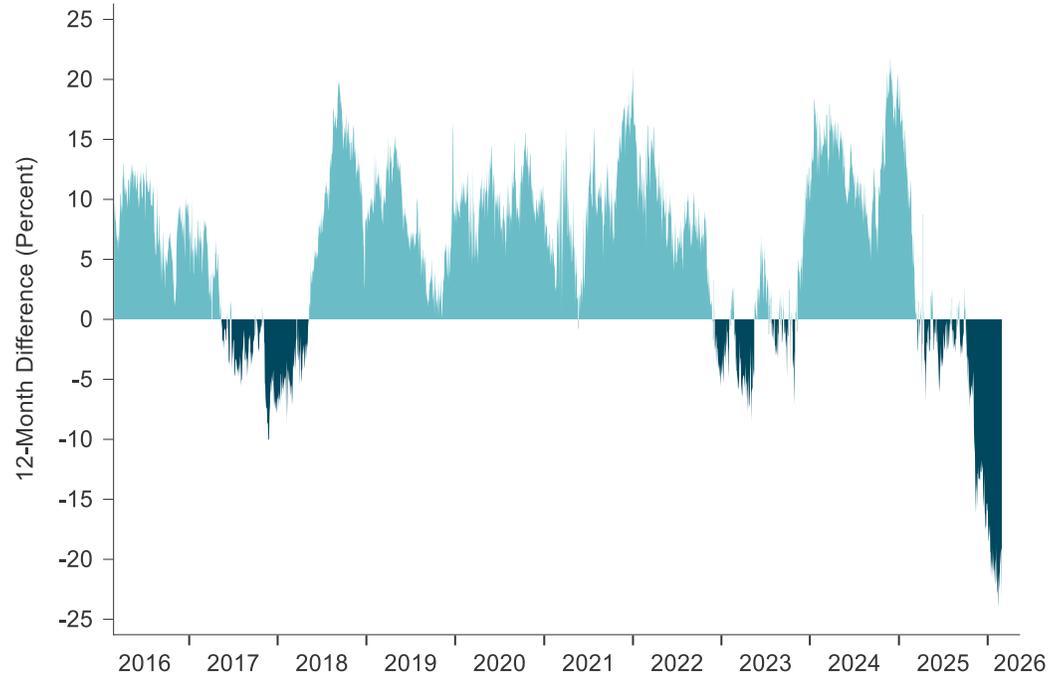
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# Equity Trends

## US vs. Non-U.S Equity

Rolling 12-Months

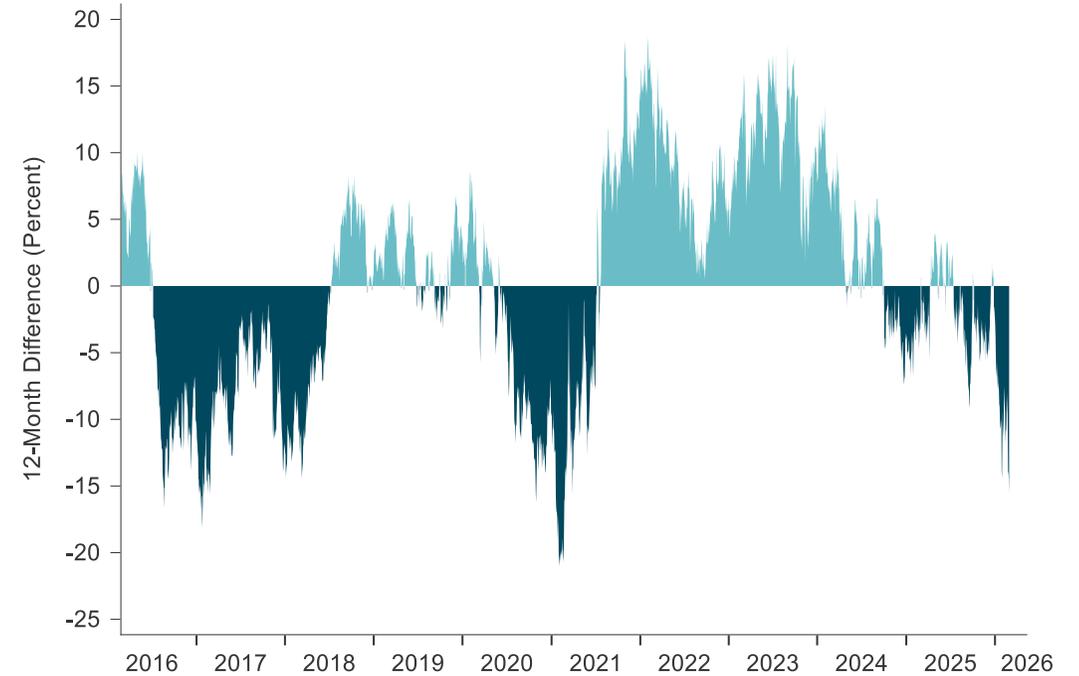


■ US Outperforms ■ Non-US Outperforms

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## Developed vs. Emerging Market Equity

Rolling 12-Months



■ Developed Outperforms ■ Emerging Outperforms

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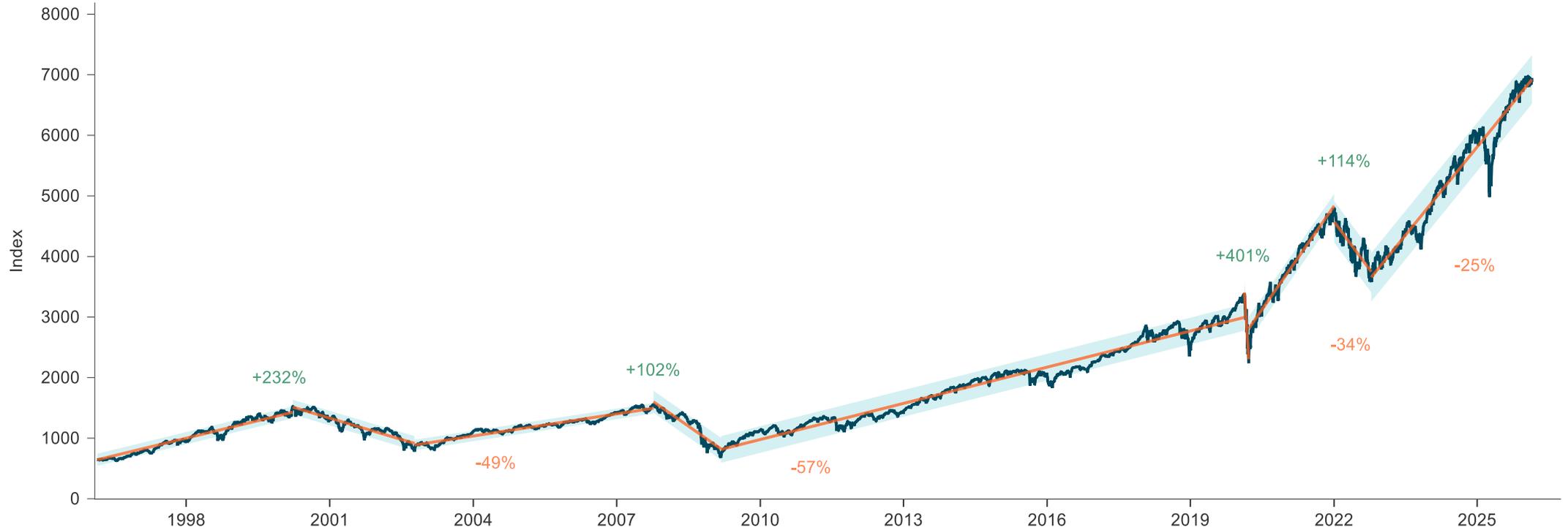
# US EQUITIES

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# S&P 500

## S&P 500 During Past 30 Years

Teal shade indicates two standard deviation bands



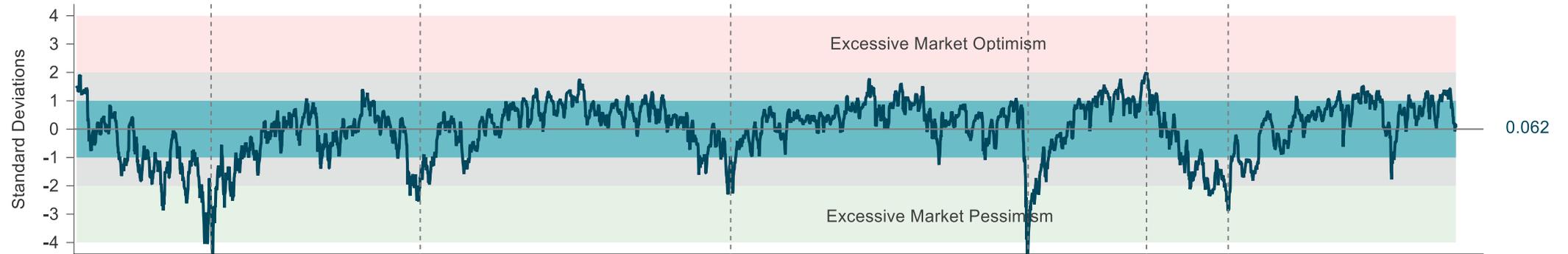
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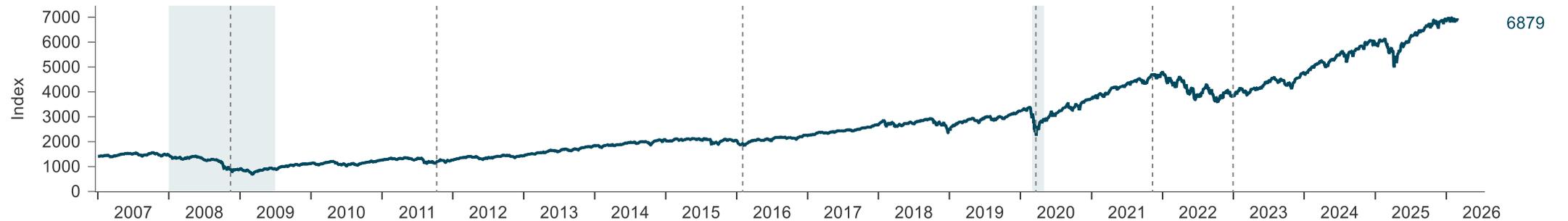
# Market Sentiment & Positioning

## Market Sentiment Index

Standardized sentiment measure based on five variables\*



## S&P 500

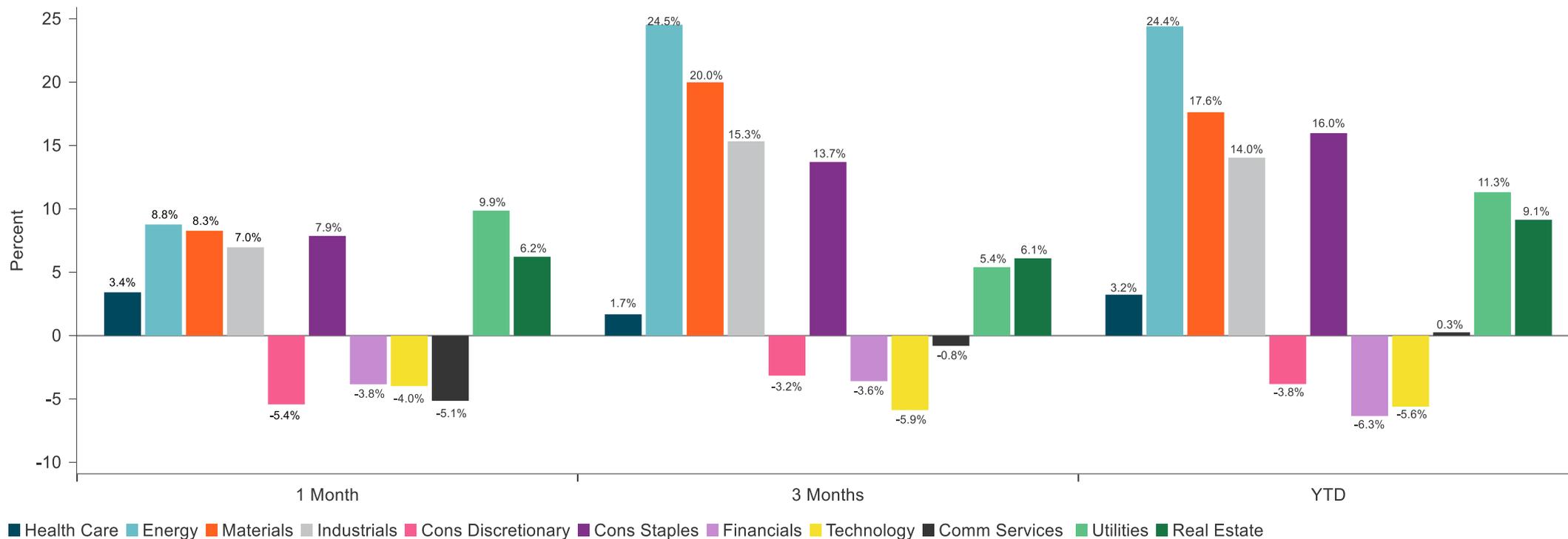


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# Sector Performance

## S&P 500 Sector Returns



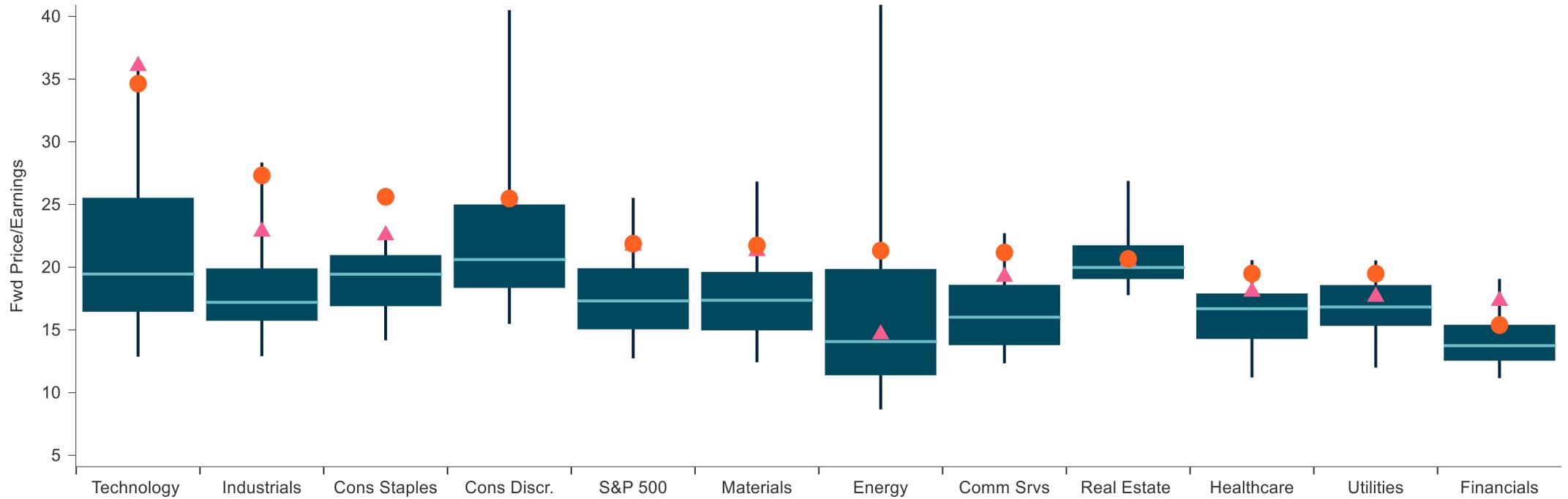
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# Sector Valuations

## S&P 500 Sector Valuations

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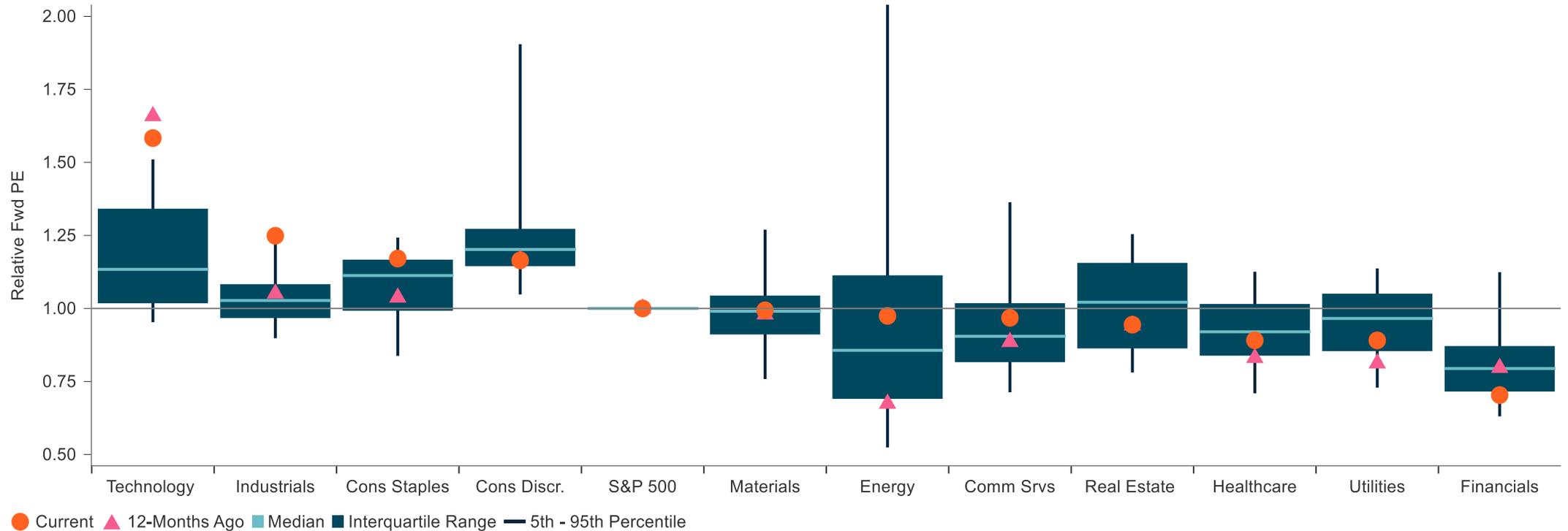
● Current 
 ▲ 12-Months Ago 
   Median 
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# Relative Sector Valuations

**Sector Valuations Relative to S&P 500**  
Sorted highest to lowest based on current



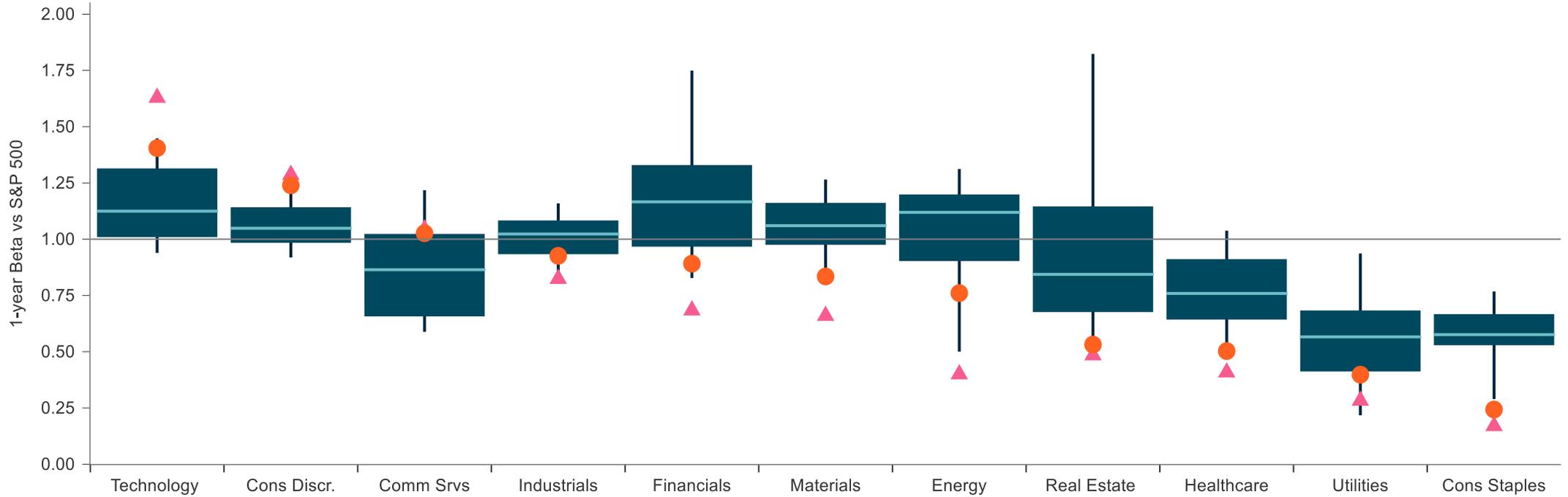
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# Sector Beta to Market

## S&P 500 Sector Beta vs Market

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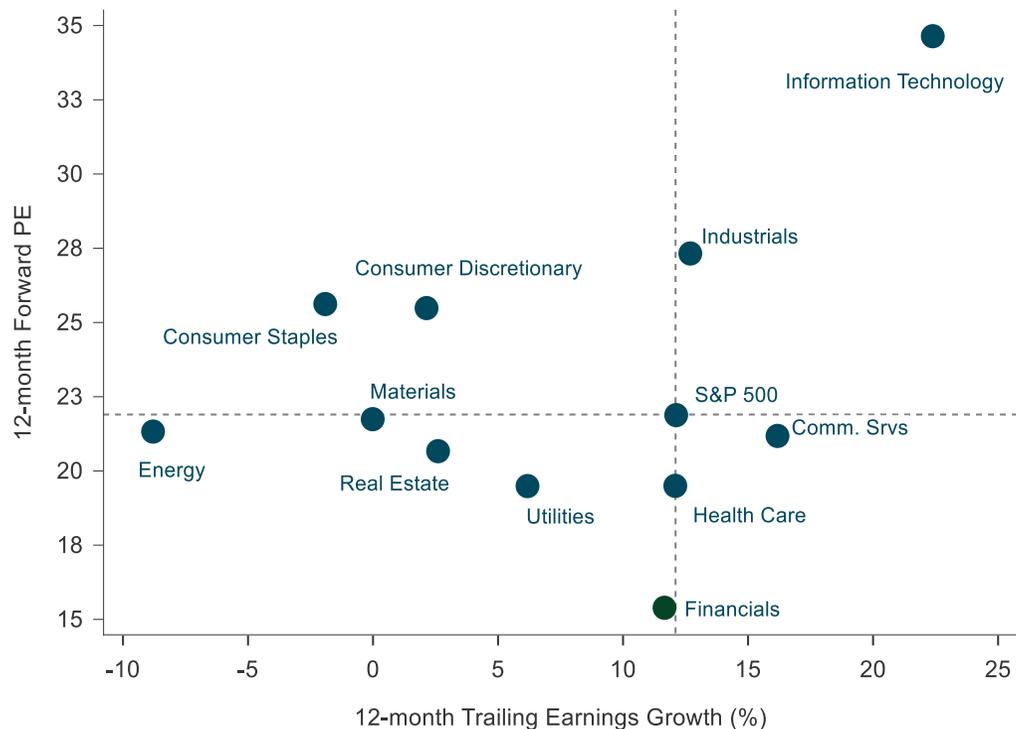
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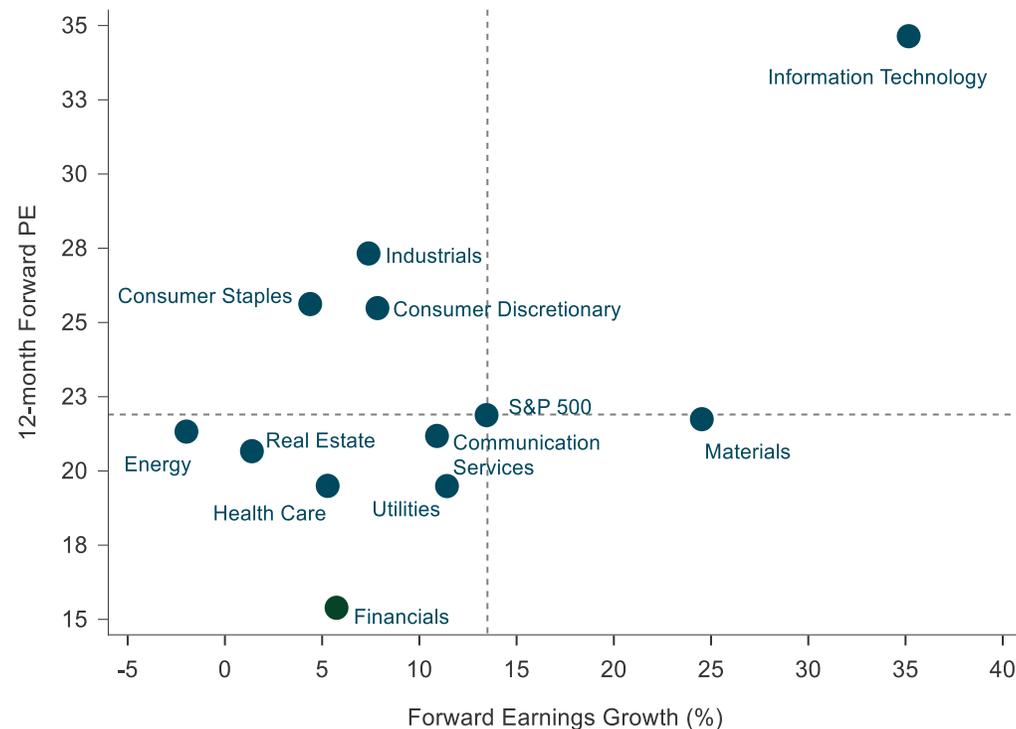
# Sector Valuations & Earnings Growth

Forward Price-Earnings & 12-month Trailing Earnings Growth



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Forward Price-Earnings & Forward Earnings Growth



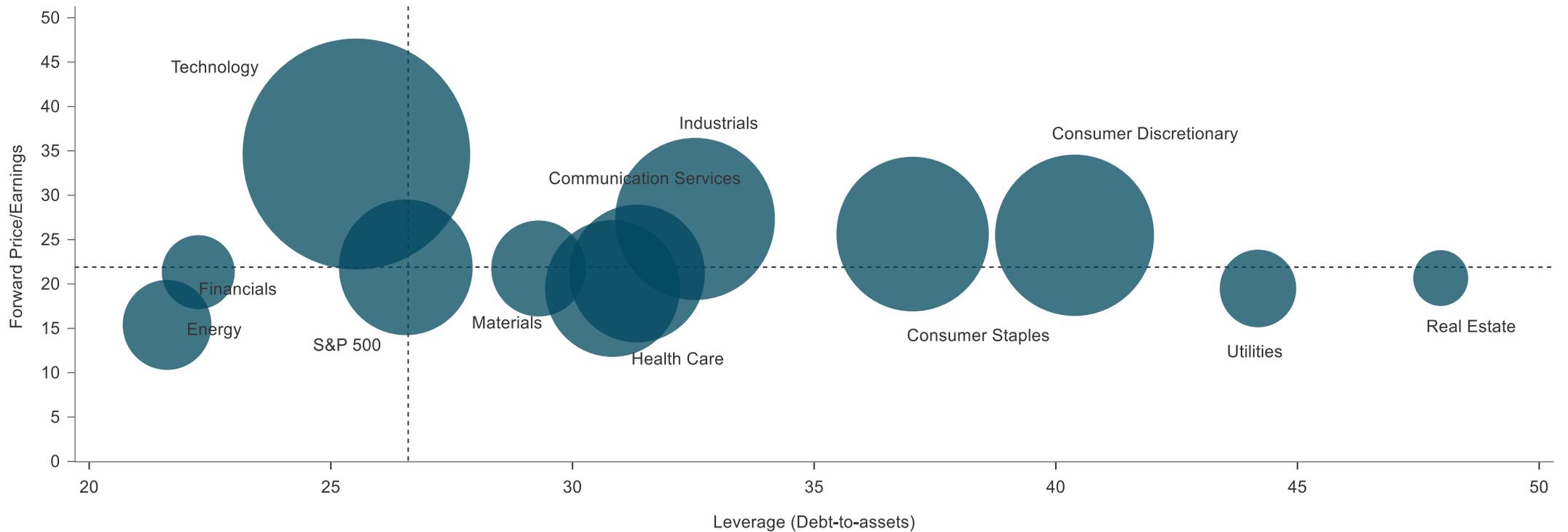
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# Sector Fundamentals

## S&P 500 Sector Valuations & Leverage

Bubble size represents return-on-equity (ROE)



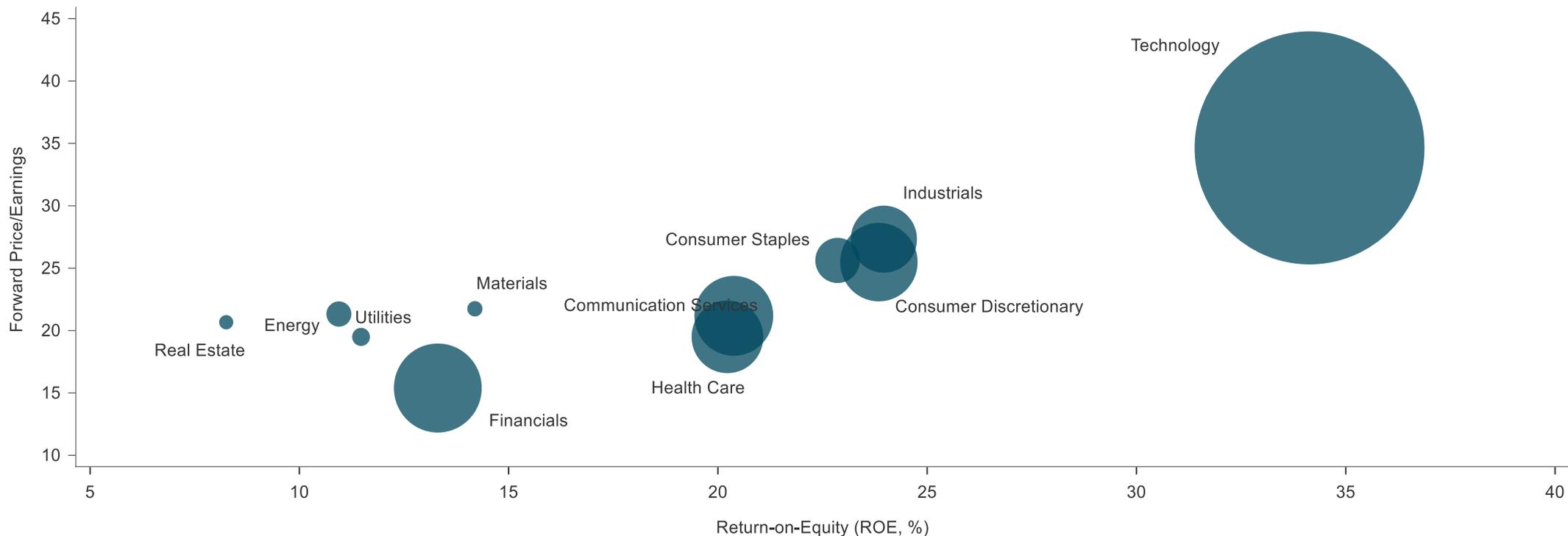
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# Sector Valuations & Profitability

## S&P 500 Sector Valuations & Profitability

Bubble size represents market capitalization



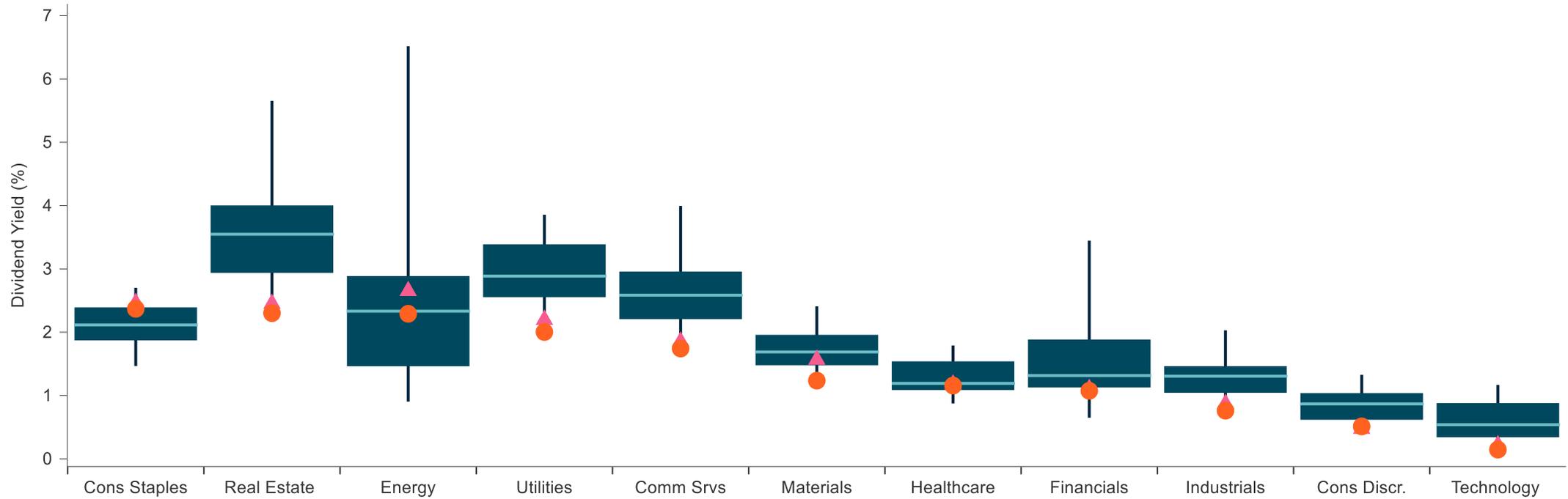
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# Dividends

## S&P 500 Sector Dividend Yield

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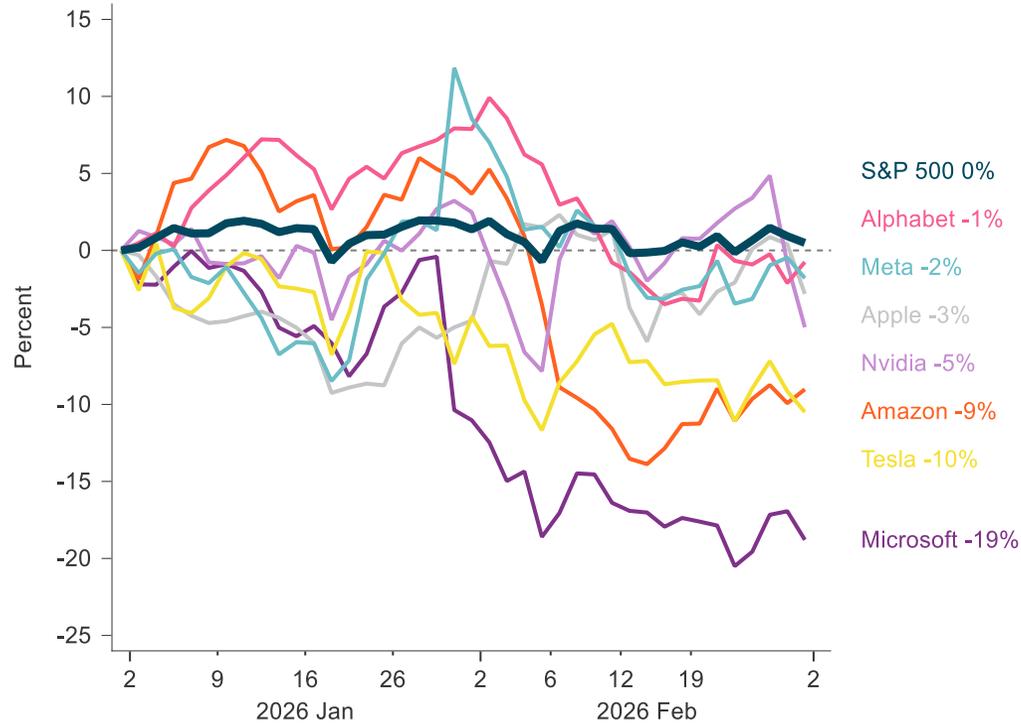
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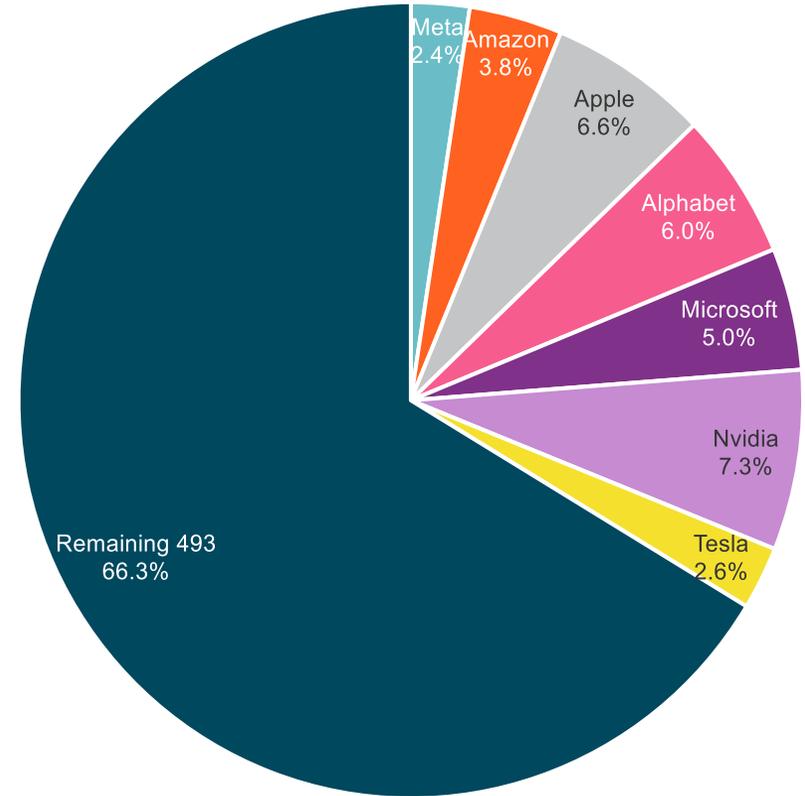
# Magnificent 7

## Year-to-Date Performance



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## Weight in S&P 500

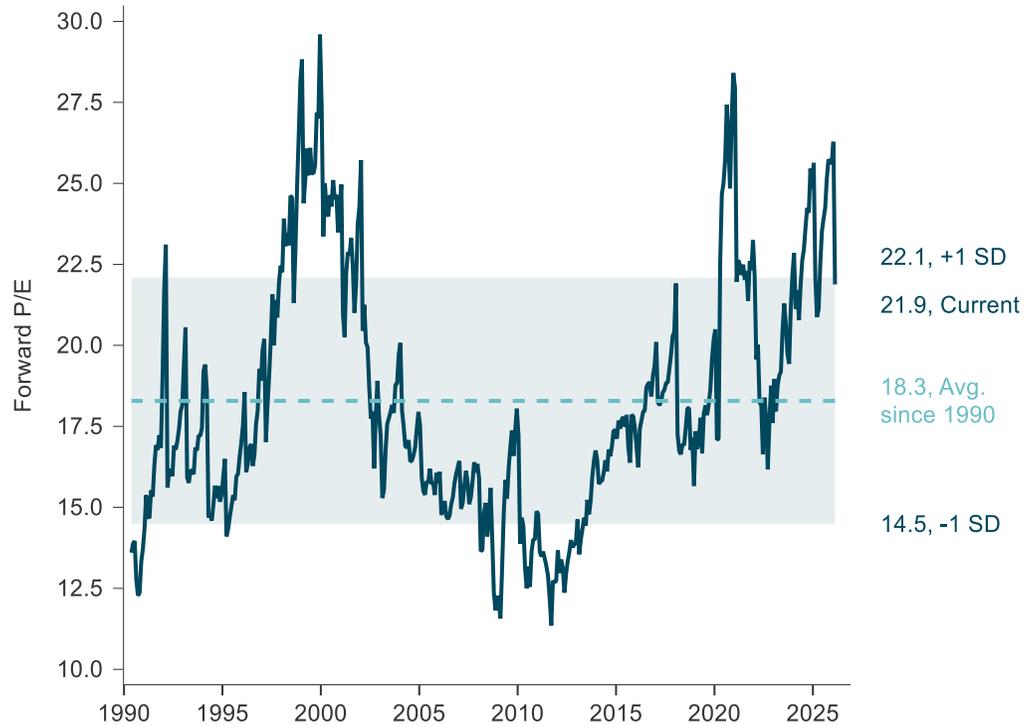


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# Valuations

## S&P 500 Valuation



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## S&P 500 Valuation & Return

Shiller's Cyclically Adjusted Price/Earnings (CAPE) Ratio and Forward Returns

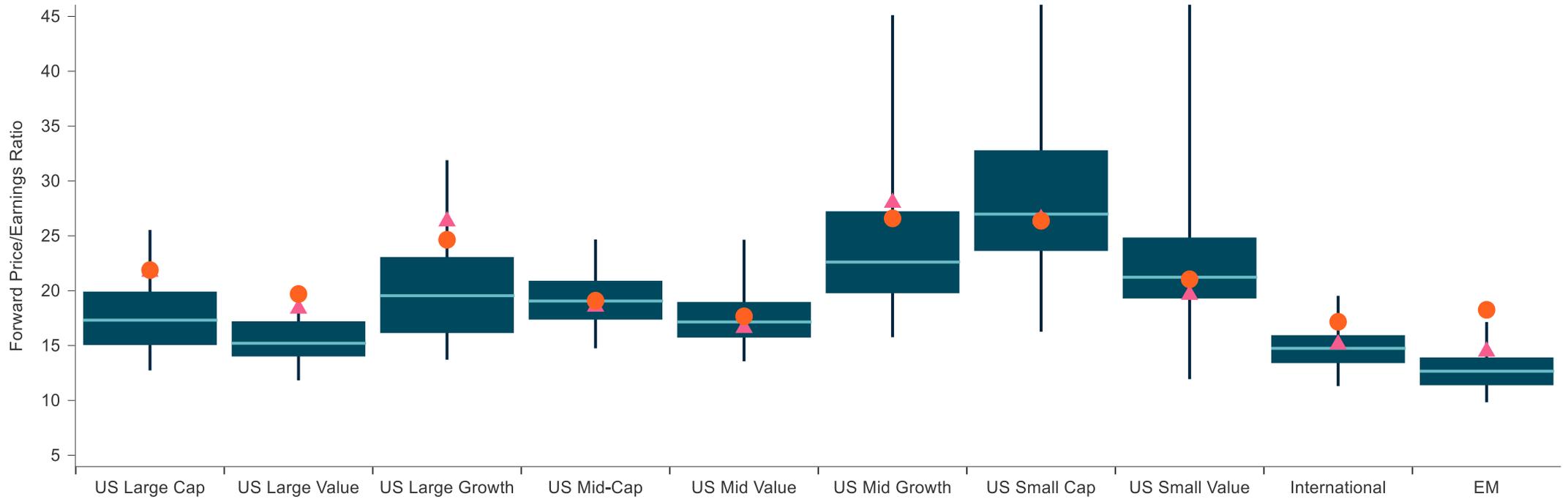


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# Valuations

## Asset Class Valuations



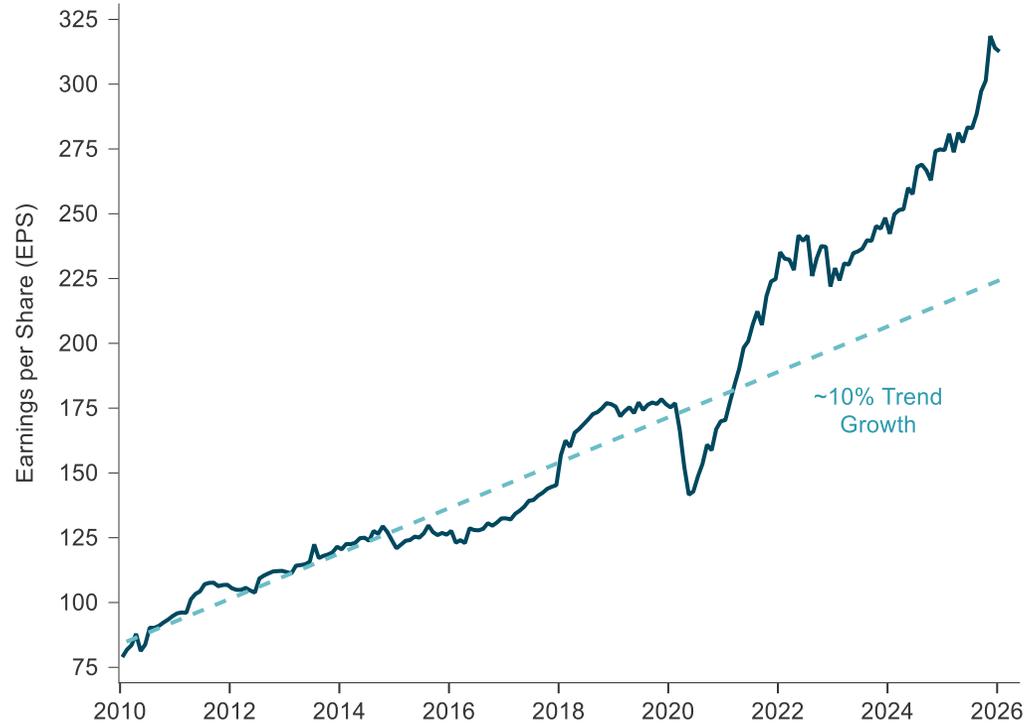
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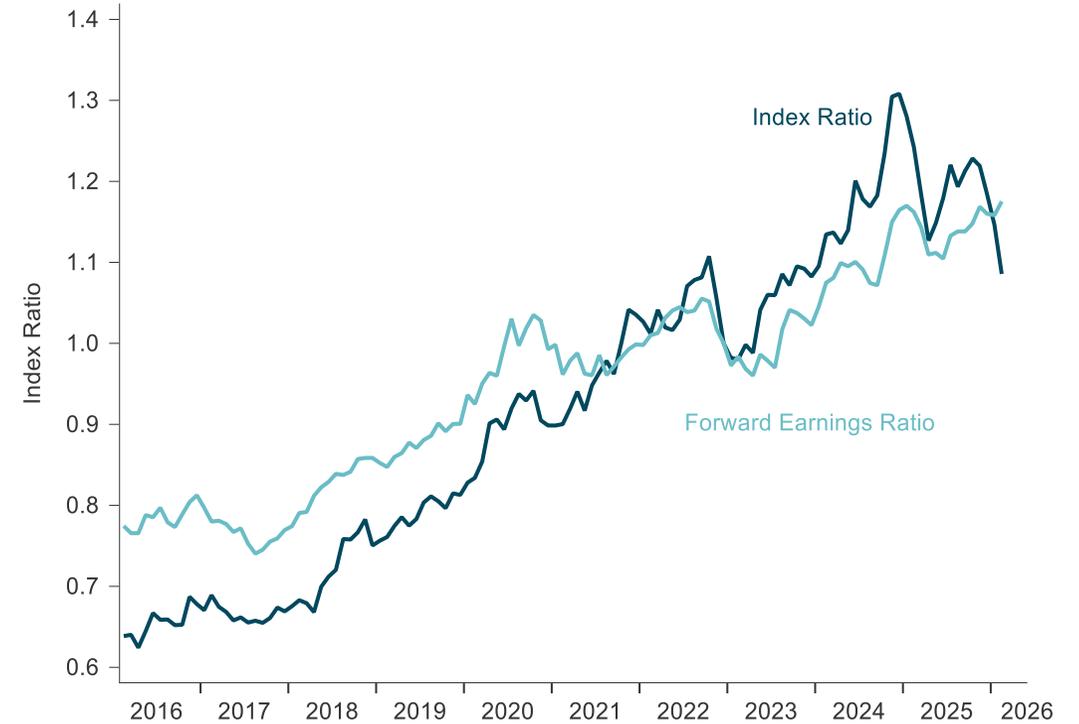
# Earnings Growth

S&P 500 Forward Earnings



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S&P 500 vs. MSCI World excluding US

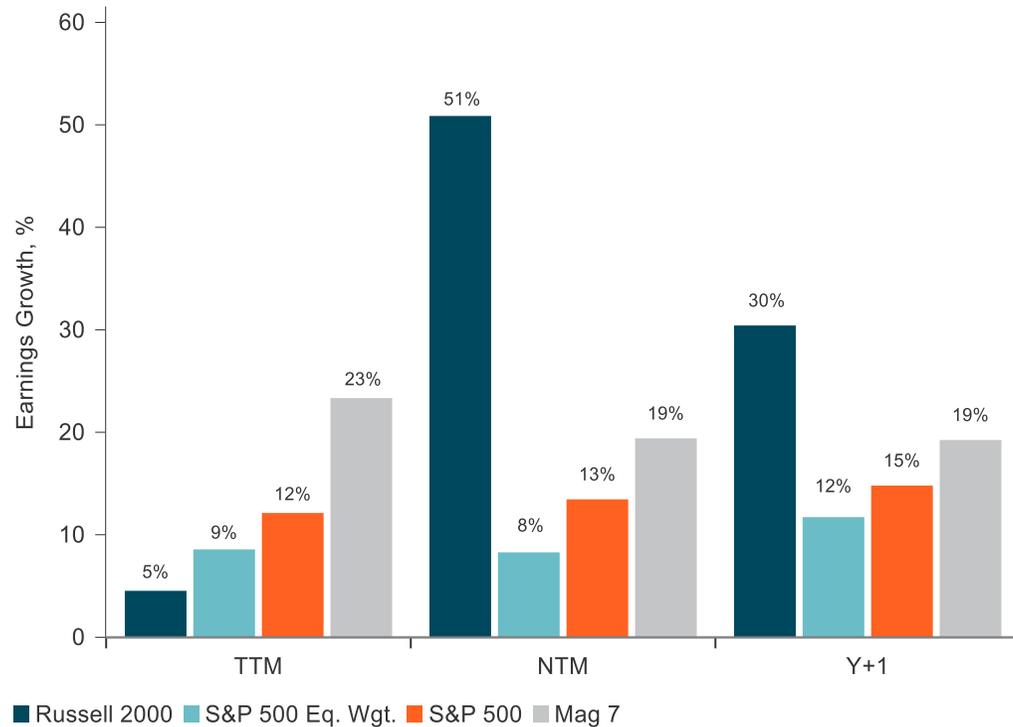


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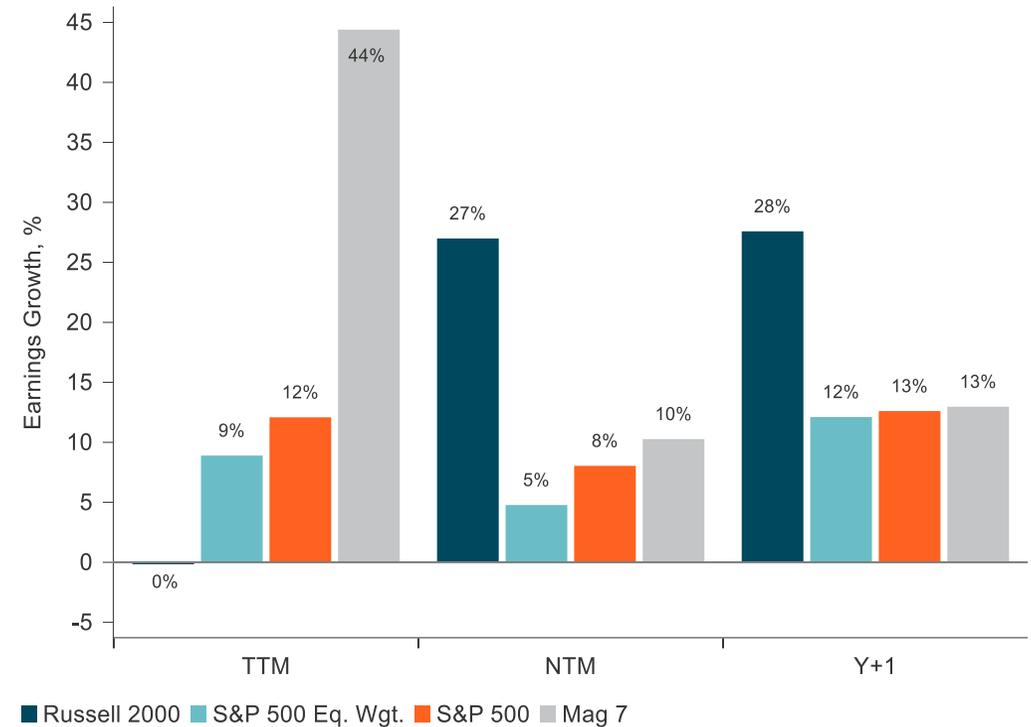
# Earnings Growth

**Earnings Growth Across Market Cap**  
Current



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**Earnings Growth Across Market Cap**  
6-months Ago

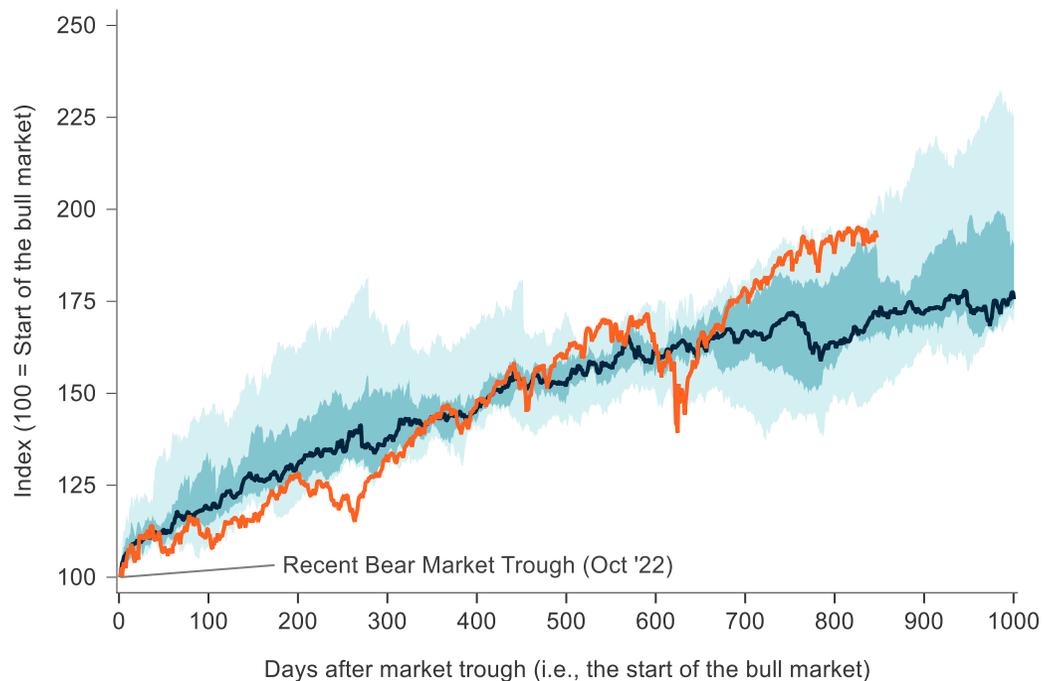


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# Historical Context

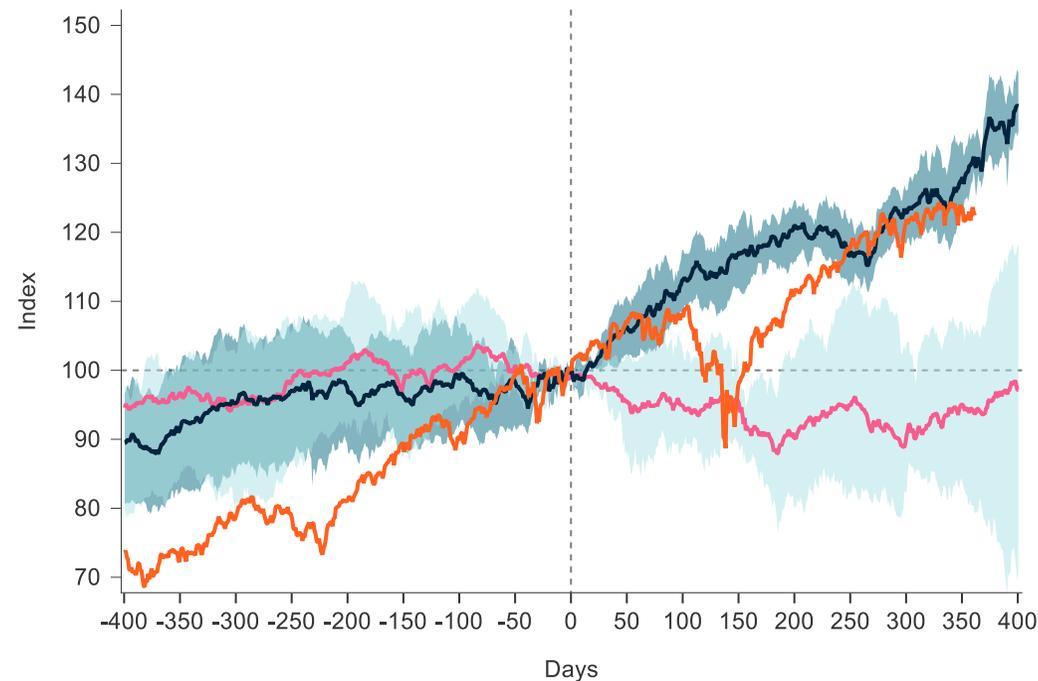
S&P 500 Bull Markets since 1950



— Current Market since October 2022 — Median Bull Market since 1950

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US Equity Market Before and After First Rate Cut



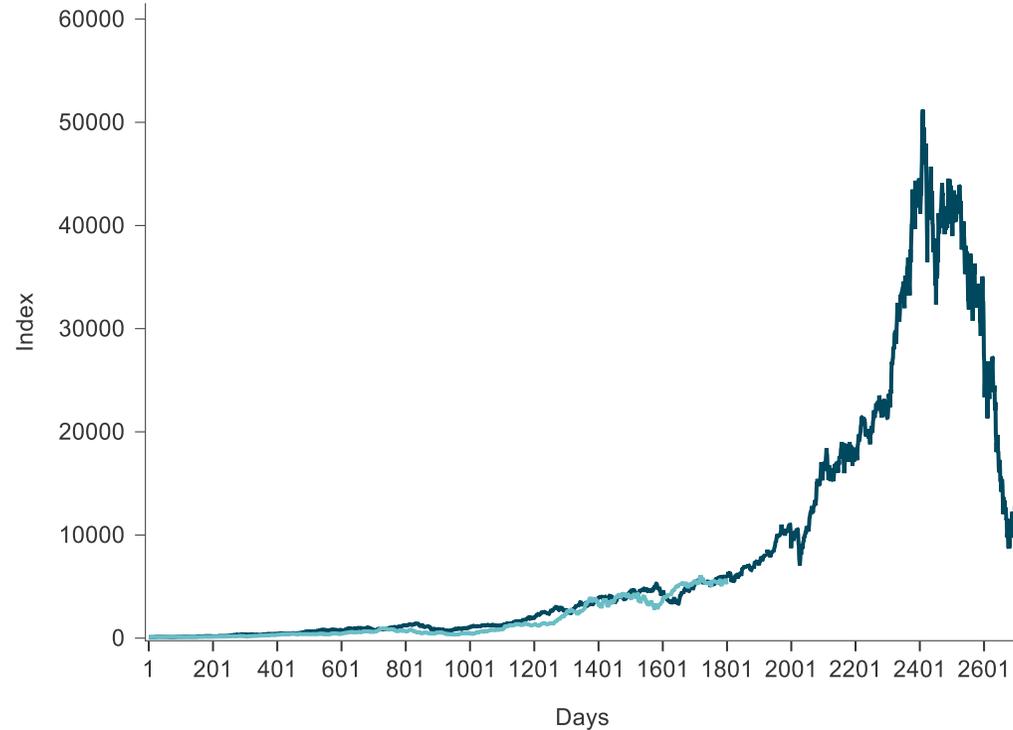
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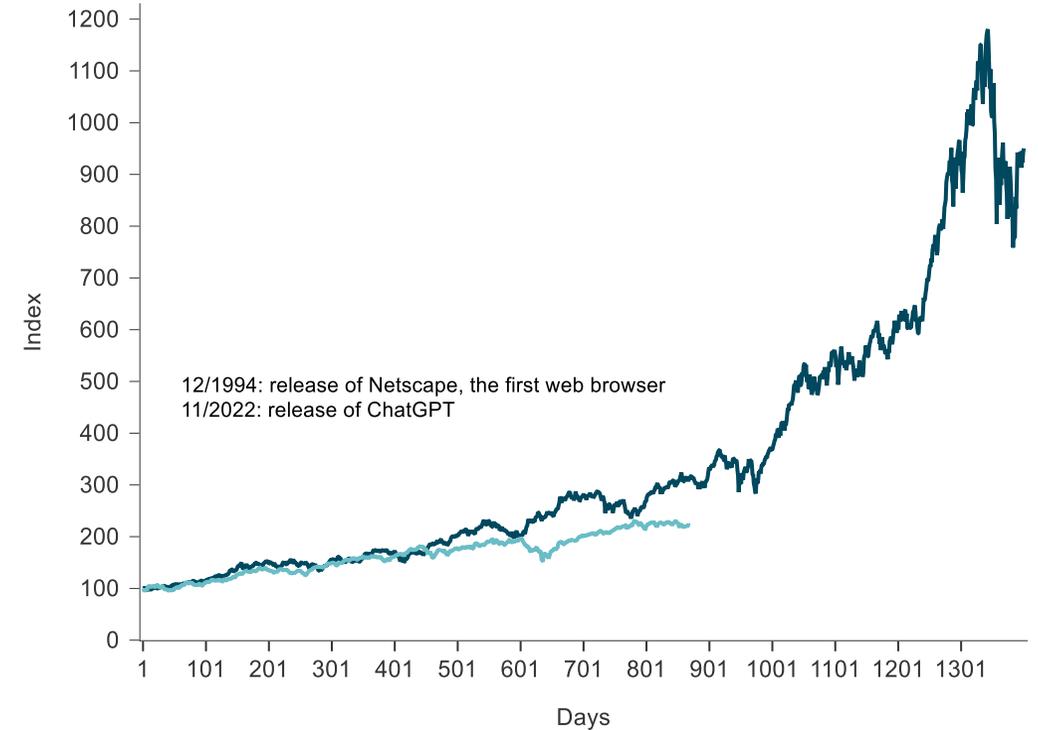
**NVIDIA vs Cisco**



— Nvidia, 02/01/2019 — Cisco Systems, 01/01/1991

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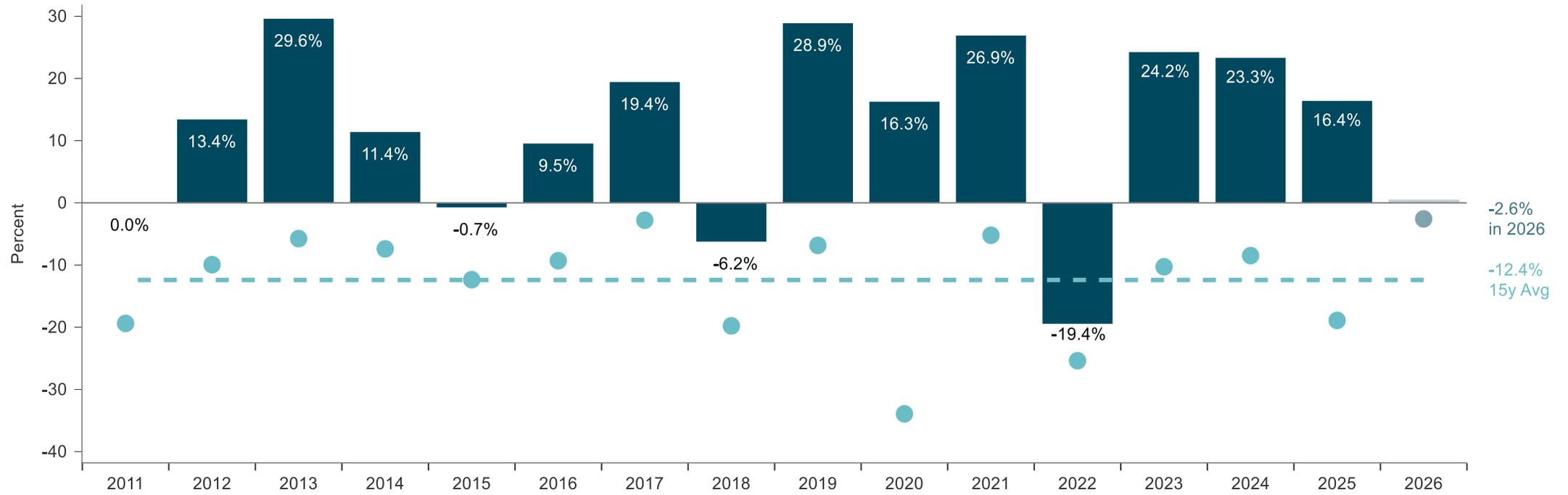
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# Historical Context

## S&P 500 Calendar Year Price Returns & Intra-Year Declines



— Intra-Year Declines (15y Average) ● Intra-Year Declines

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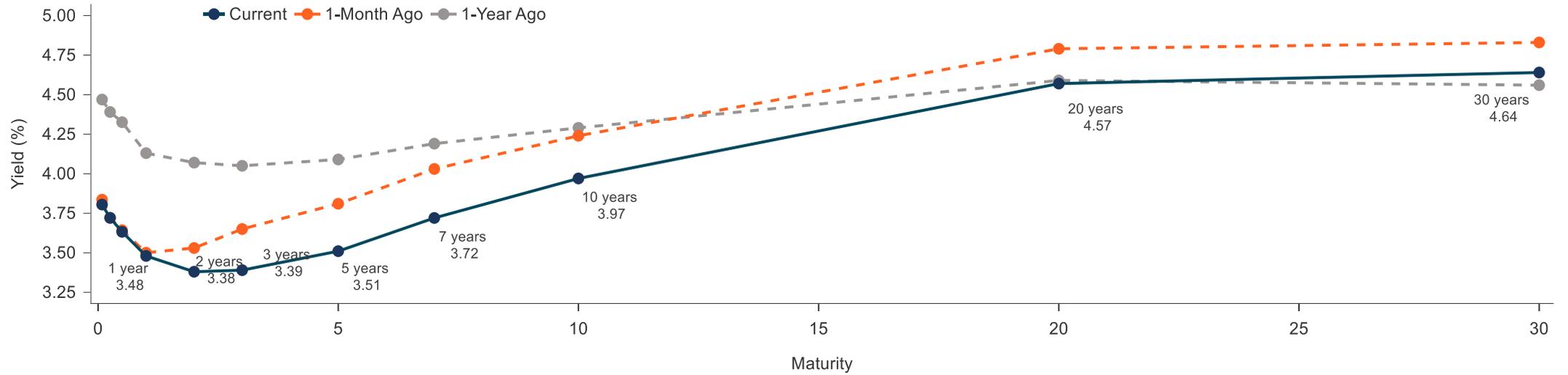
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# US Yield Curve

## US Treasury Yield Curve



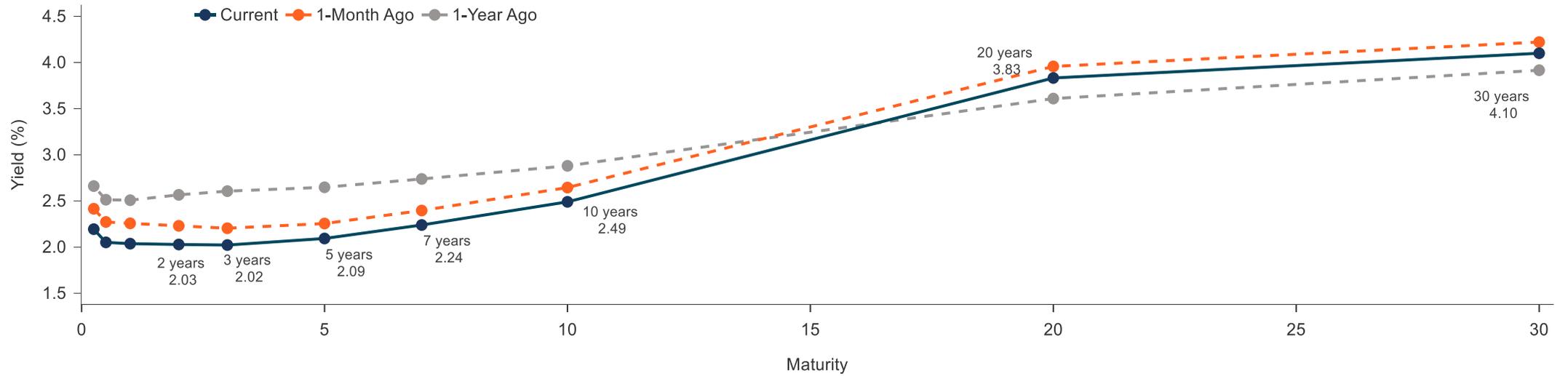
Nominal Yield (%)	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
Current	3.74	3.67	3.60	3.48	3.38	3.39	3.51	3.72	3.97	4.57	4.64
1-Month Ago	3.77	3.67	3.61	3.50	3.53	3.65	3.81	4.03	4.24	4.79	4.83
1-Year Ago	4.38	4.32	4.28	4.13	4.07	4.05	4.09	4.19	4.29	4.59	4.56

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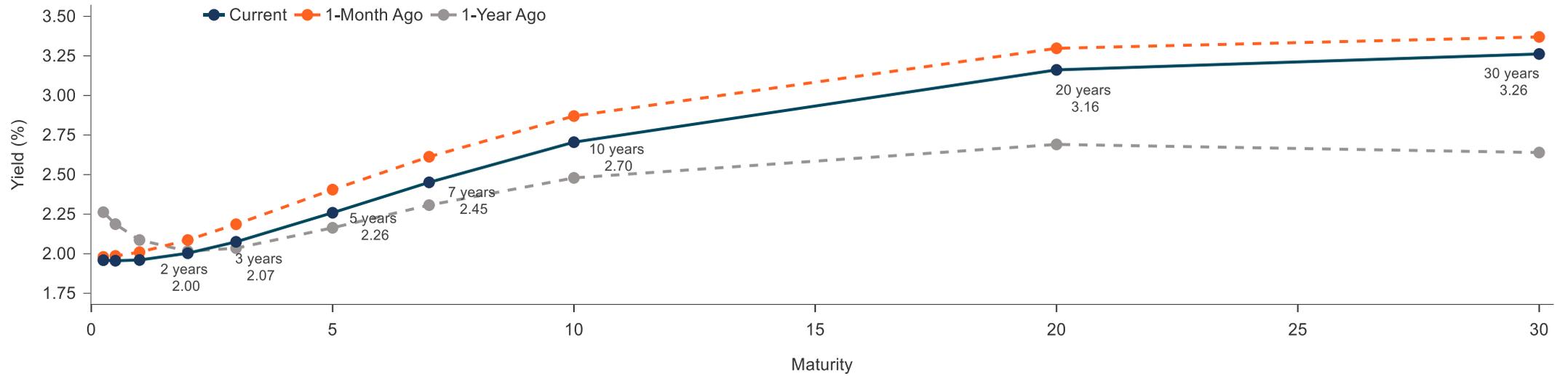
Nominal Yield (%)	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
Current	2.19	2.05	2.04	2.03	2.02	2.09	2.24	2.49	3.83	4.10
1-Month Ago	2.42	2.27	2.26	2.23	2.20	2.26	2.40	2.65	3.96	4.22
1-Year Ago	2.66	2.51	2.51	2.57	2.61	2.65	2.74	2.88	3.61	3.92

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# Euro Area Yield Curve

Euro Area Yield Curve



Nominal Yield (%)	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
Current	1.96	1.96	1.96	2.00	2.07	2.26	2.45	2.70	3.16	3.26
1-Month Ago	1.98	1.99	2.01	2.09	2.19	2.40	2.61	2.87	3.30	3.37
1-Year Ago	2.26	2.19	2.09	2.02	2.03	2.16	2.31	2.48	2.69	2.64

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# Components of Return

## Bloomberg US Agg Weighted Average Bond Price

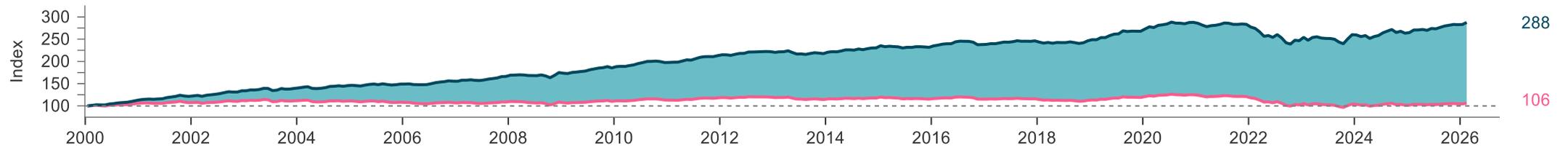
Teal shaded region indicates +1 and -1 Standard Deviation



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## Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index Return Components

Teal region indicates the portion of total return derived from income return



— Total return — Price return ■ Income return

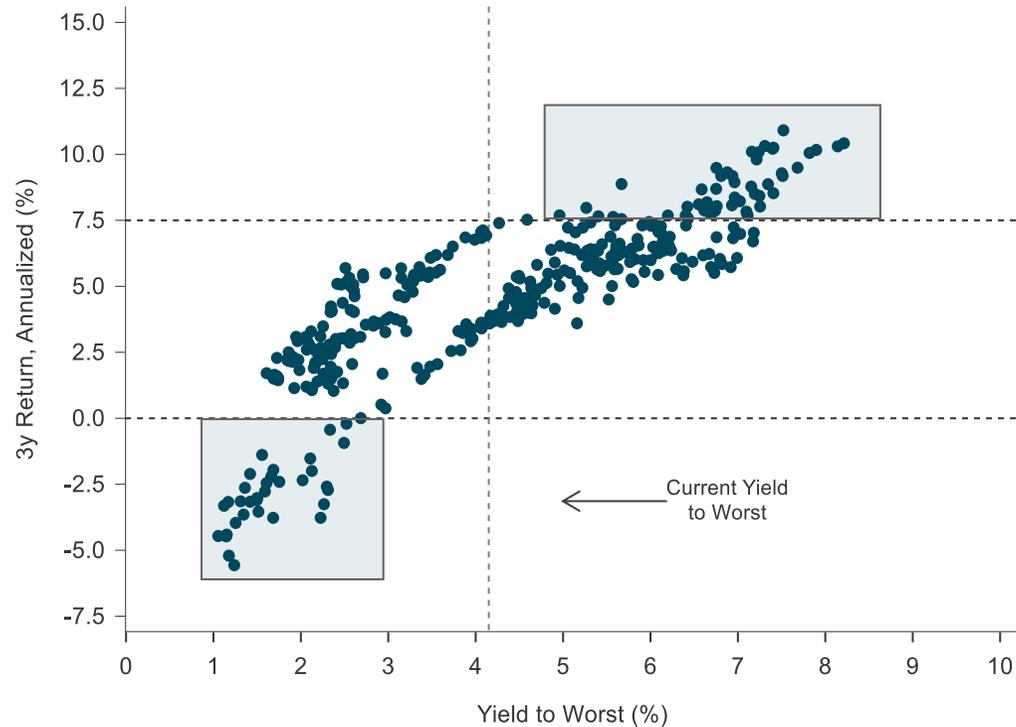
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# US Agg Valuations

## US Agg Broad Bond Index Valuations

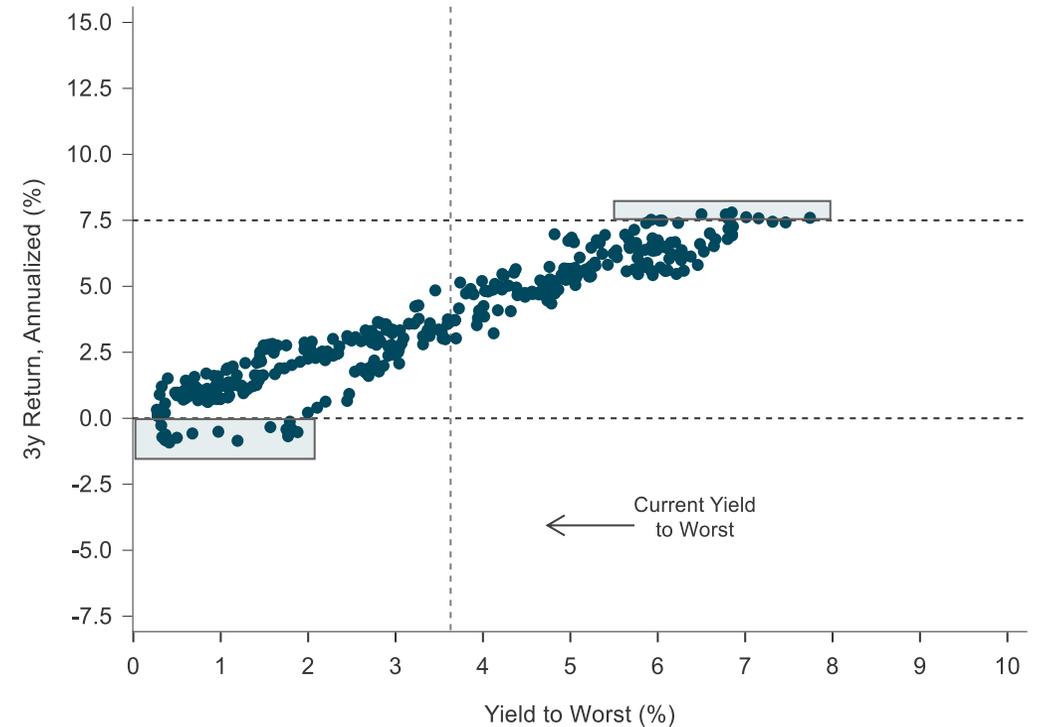
Starting yield and subsequent 3-year return, annualized, since March 1993



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## US Agg (1-3 Years) Bond Index Valuations

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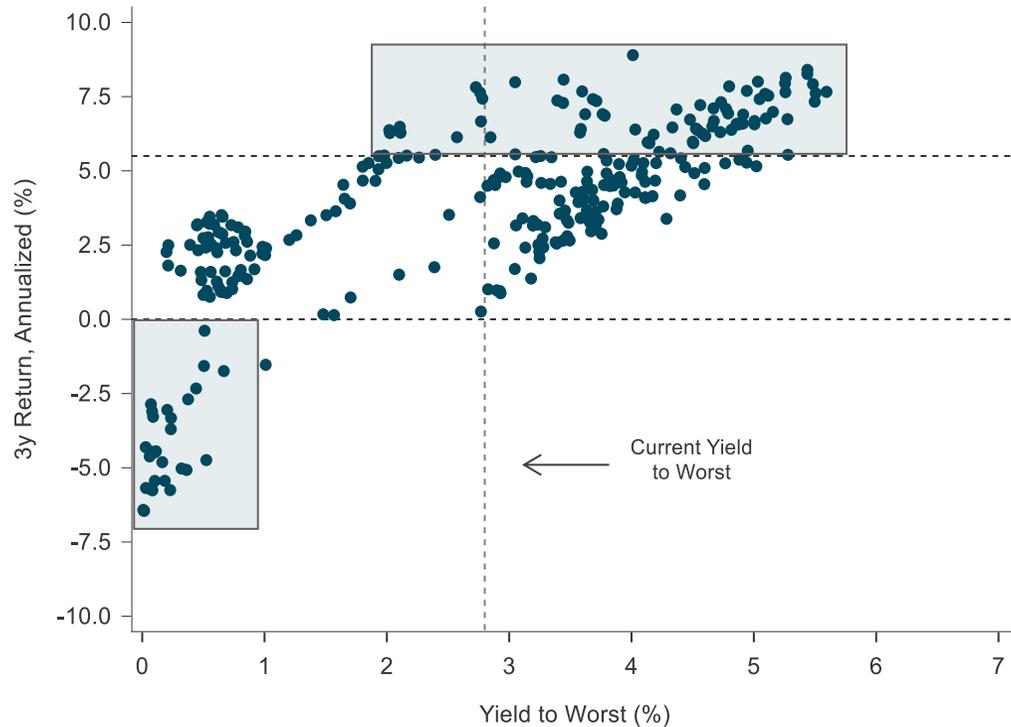
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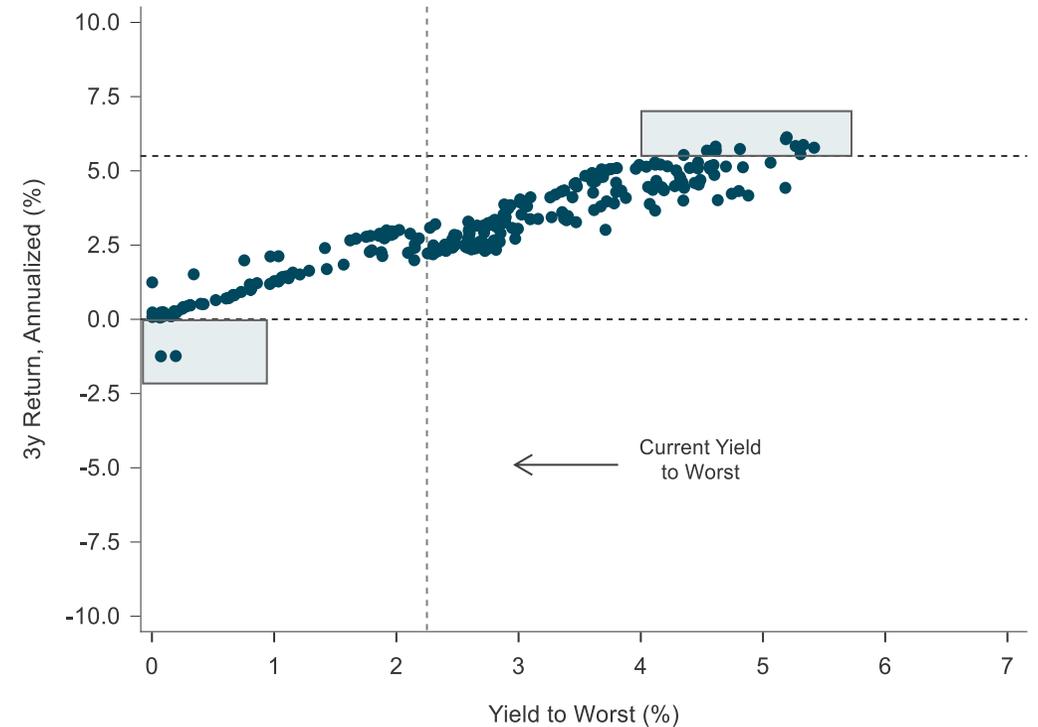
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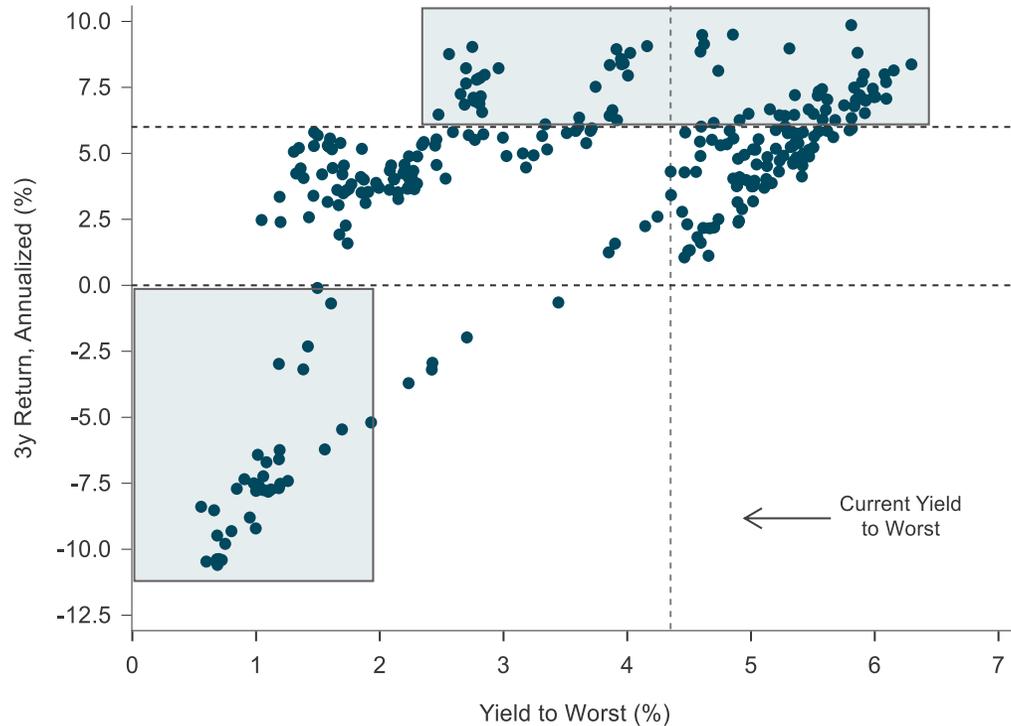
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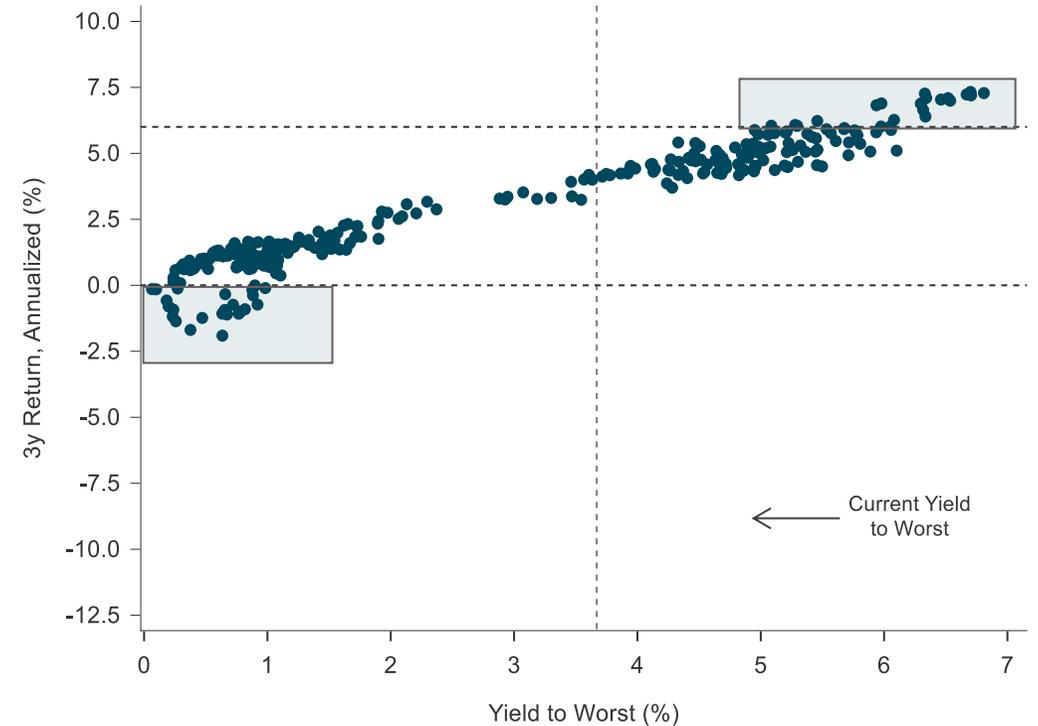
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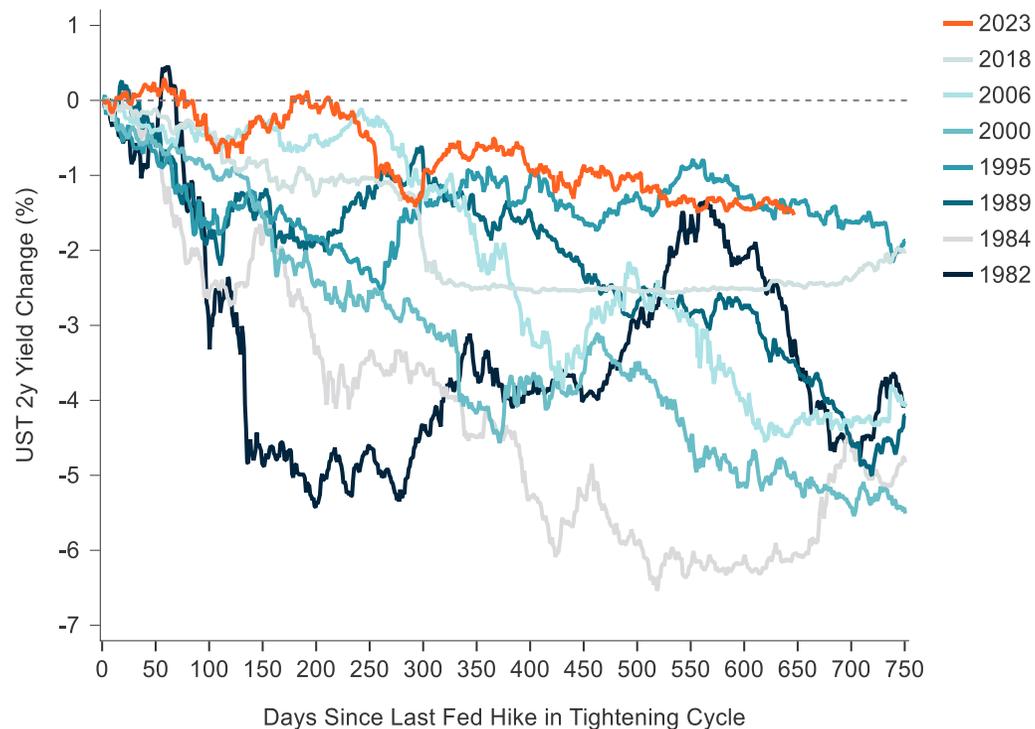


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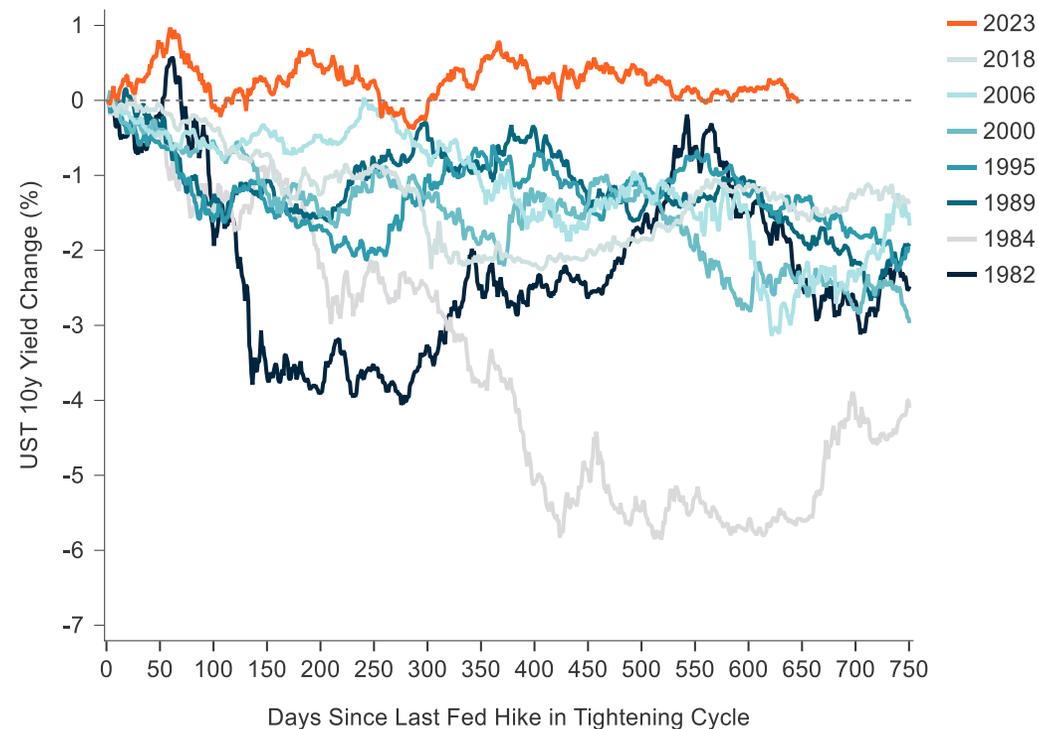
# Interest Rate & Last Fed Hike

**US Treasury 2-year Yields**  
After last Fed hike



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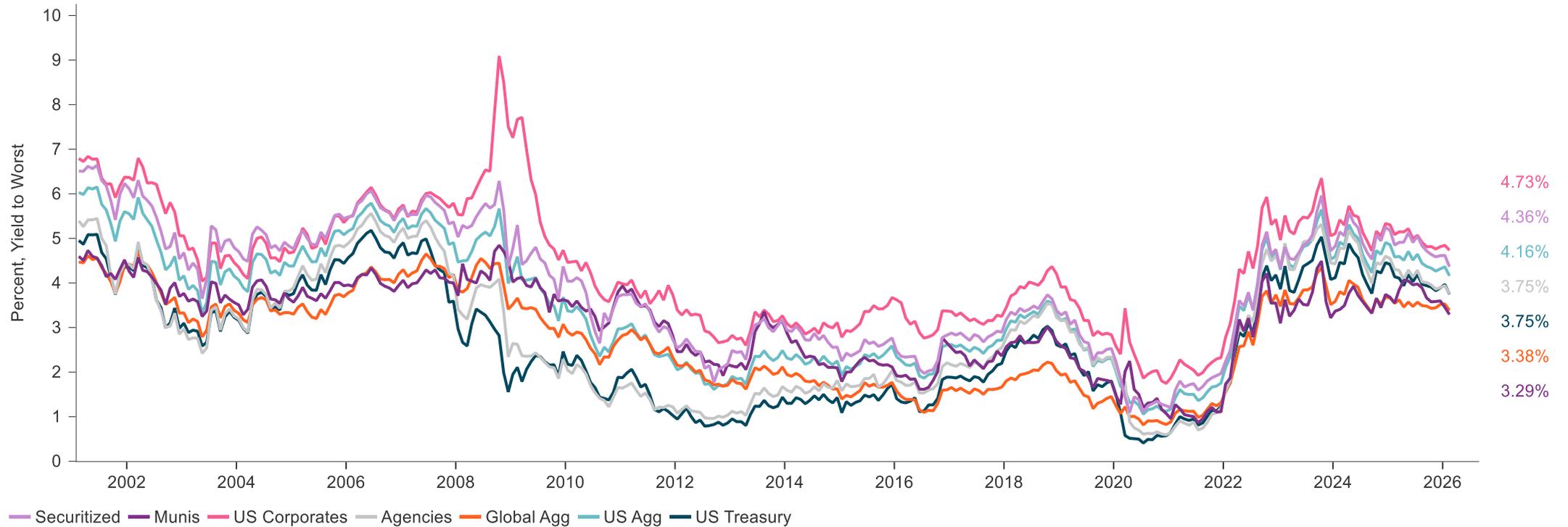


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# Investment Grade Bonds

## Yields

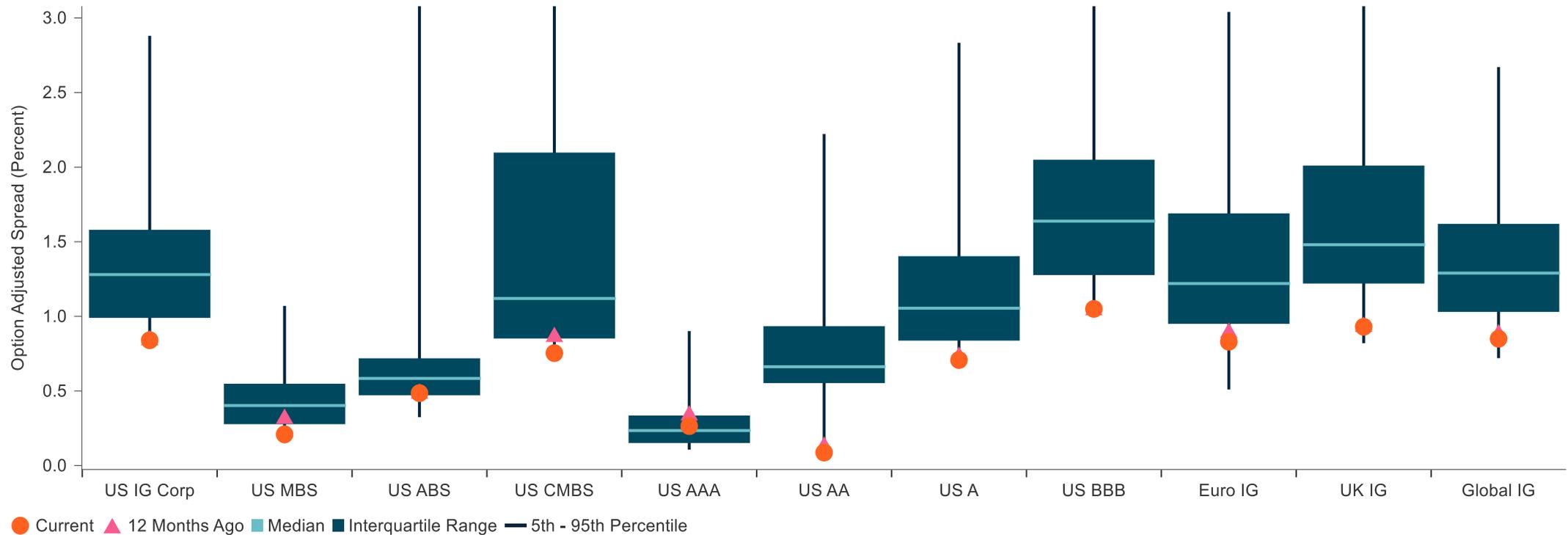


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# Investment Grade Bonds

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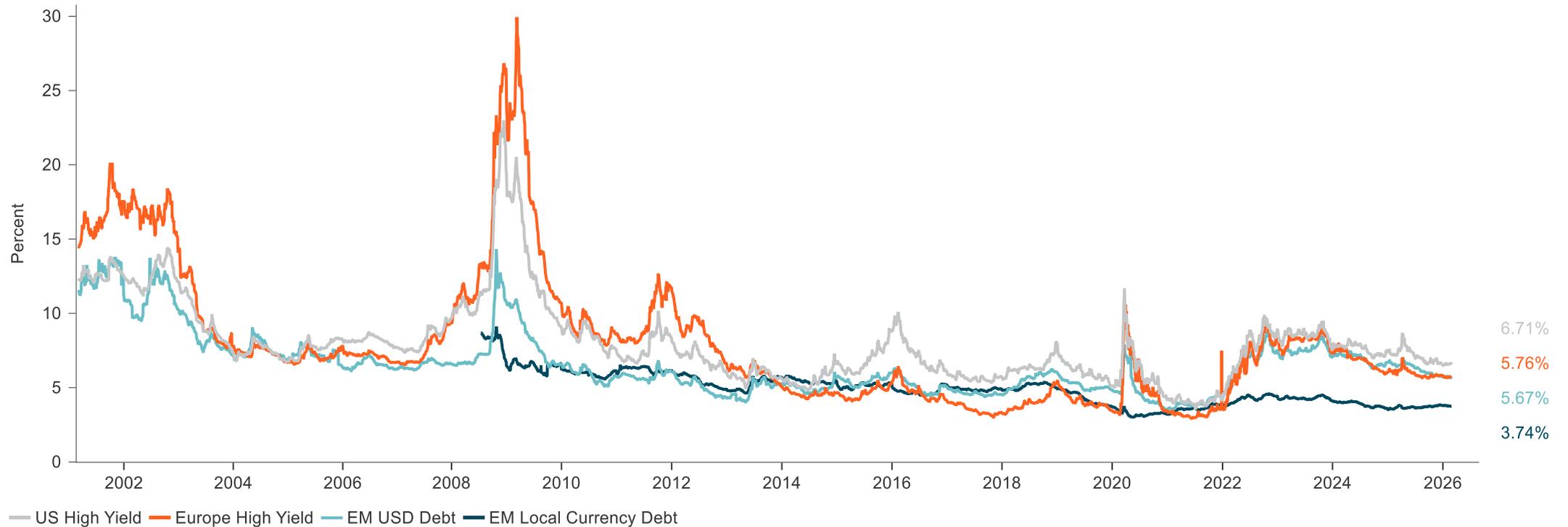


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# High Yield Bonds & Emerging Market Debt

## Yields

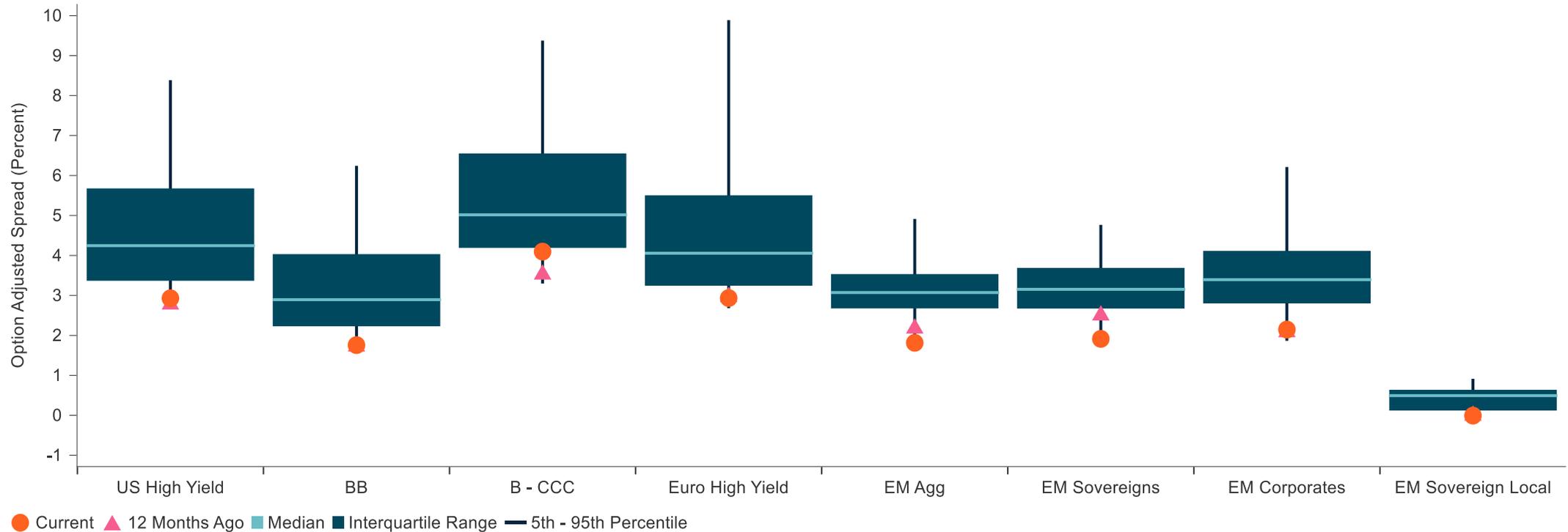


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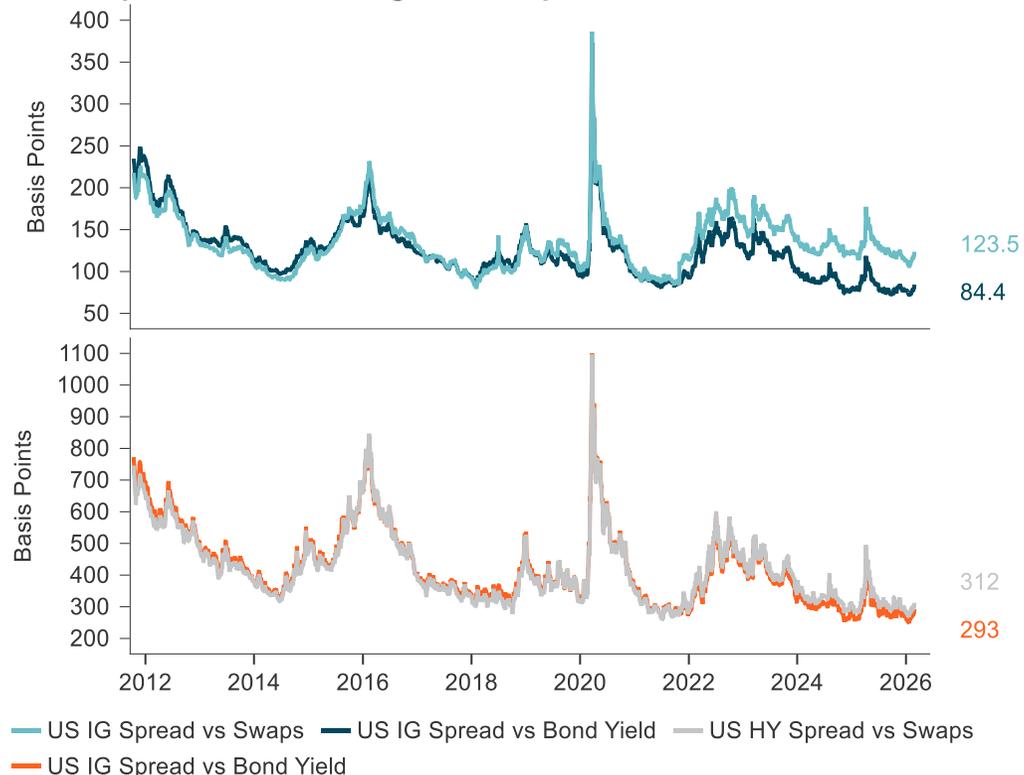


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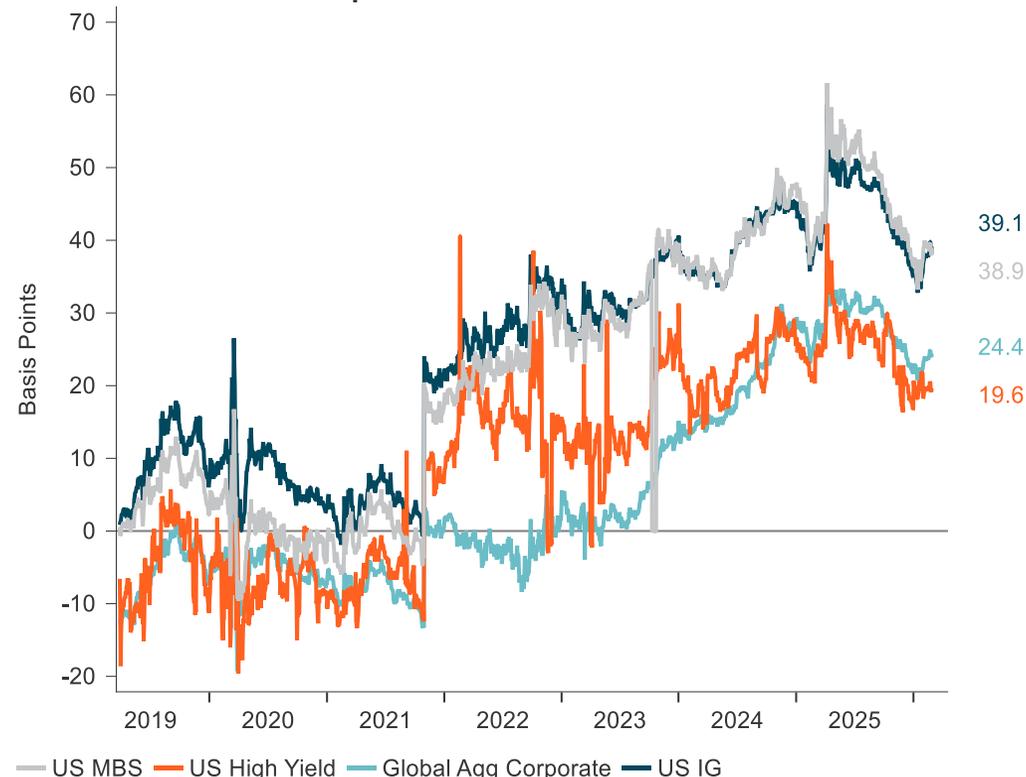
# Credit Spreads versus Swaps

**Credit Spreads Measured Against Swaps vs Government Bonds**



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**Difference Between Swap & Bond Yield Measure**

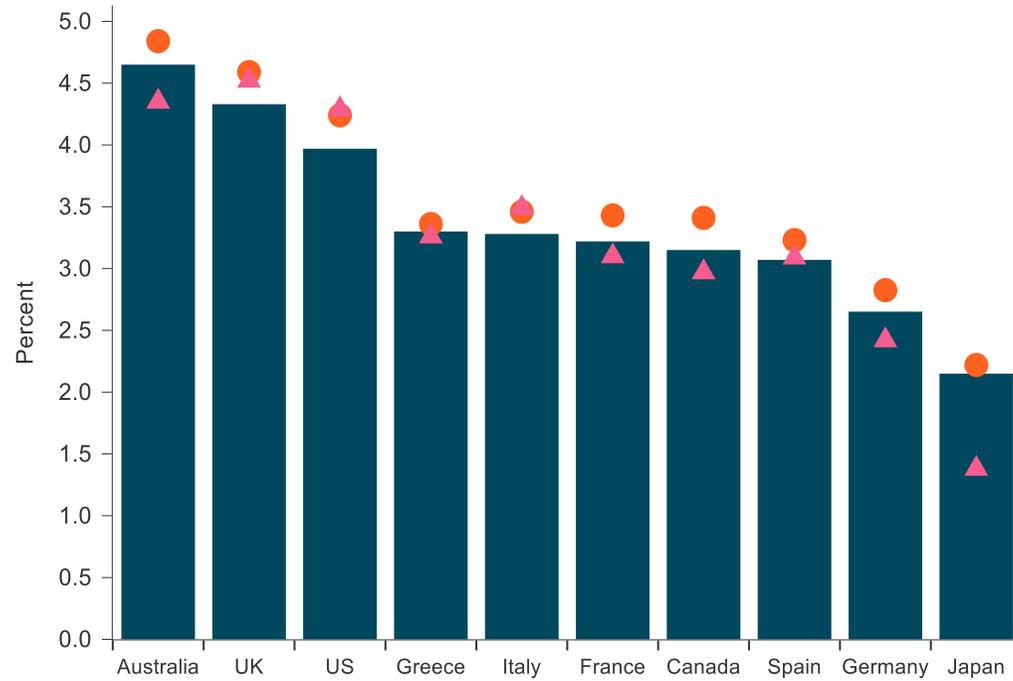


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# Bonds Without Borders

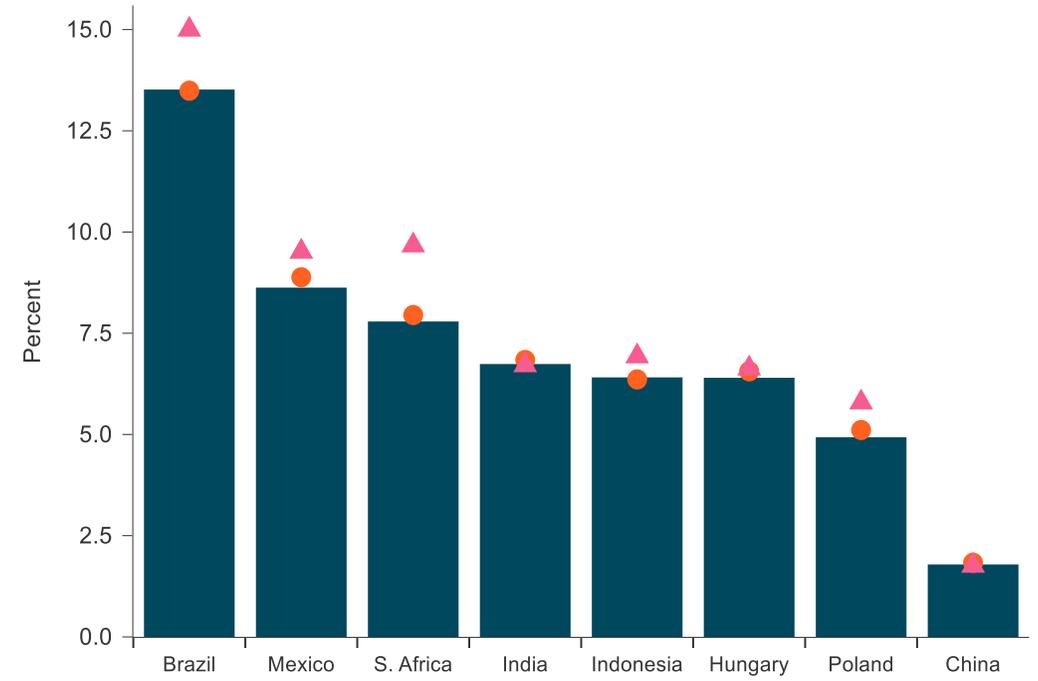
Developed Markets Bond Yields



▲ 12-months Ago ● 1-month Ago ■ Latest Yield

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Emerging Markets Bond Yields



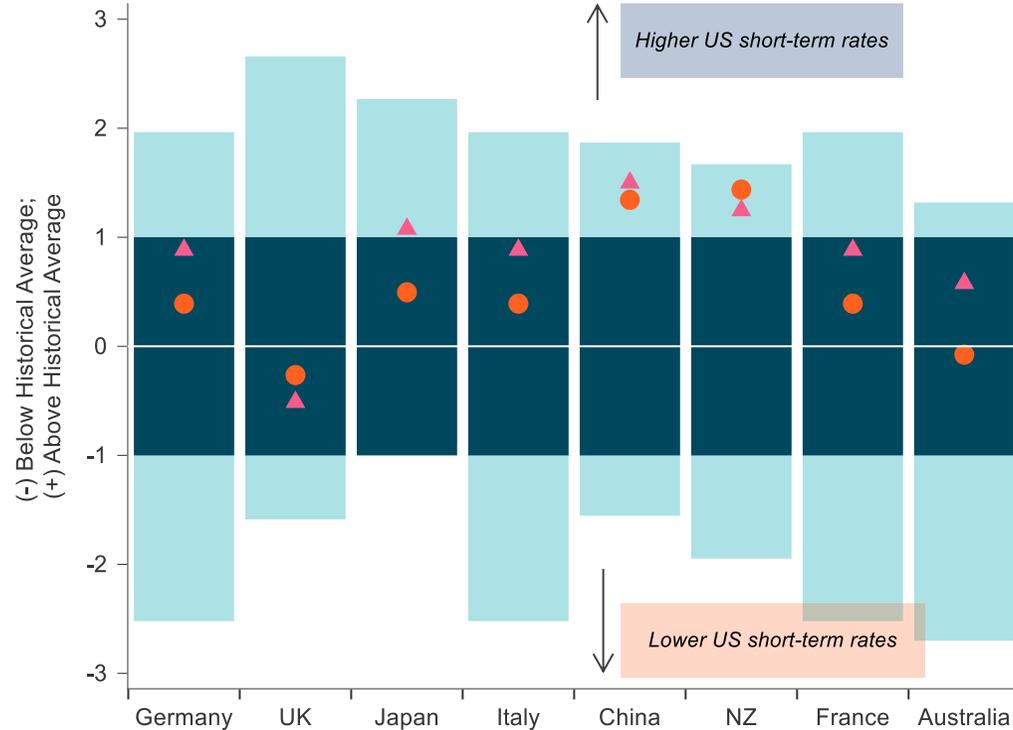
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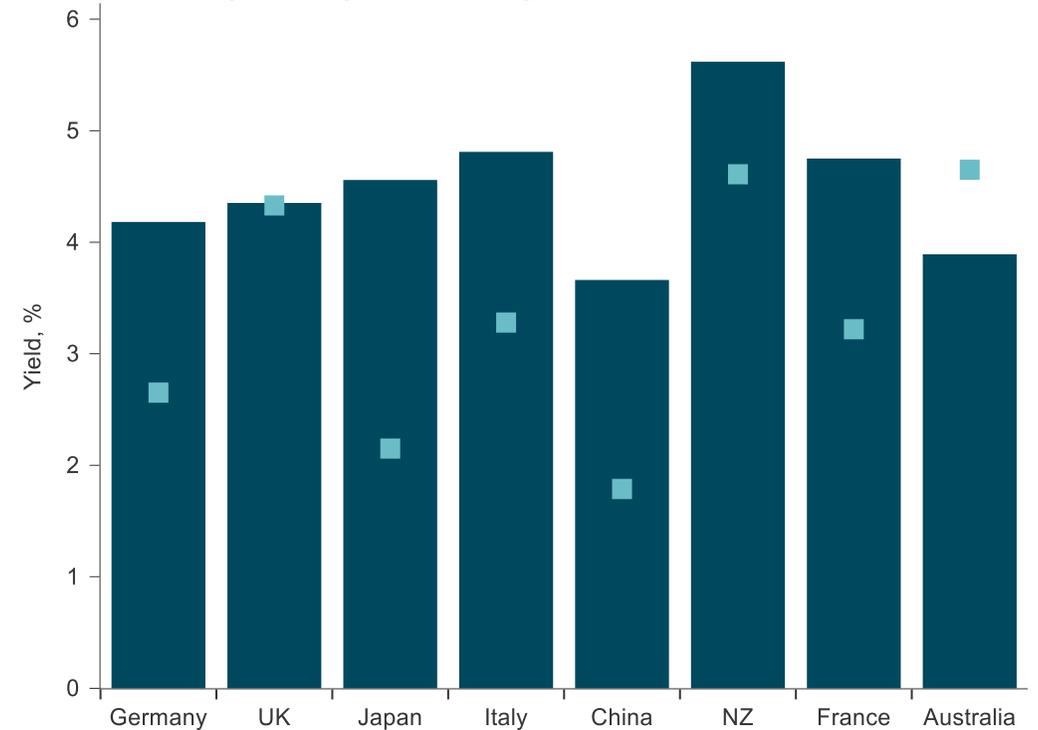
Difference in Short-term Interest Rates



● Current ▲ 1 Year Ago ■ (+/-) 1 Standard Deviation ■ Trailing 20-year Range

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Global Sovereigns Hedged & Unhedged



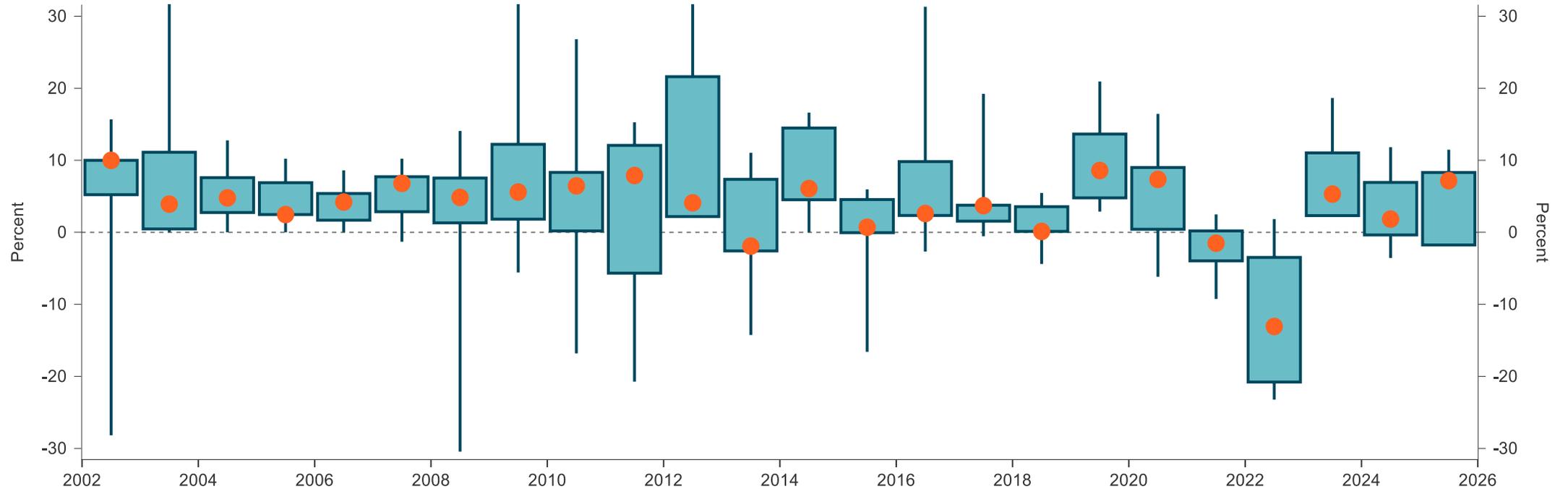
■ Local 10-Year Yield ■ 10-Year Yield (Hedge-Adjusted)

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# Bonds Without Borders

## Historical Return Range



● United States, rhs □ Box Represents G7 Total Return Range; Horizontal Line Represents Global Range, Ihs

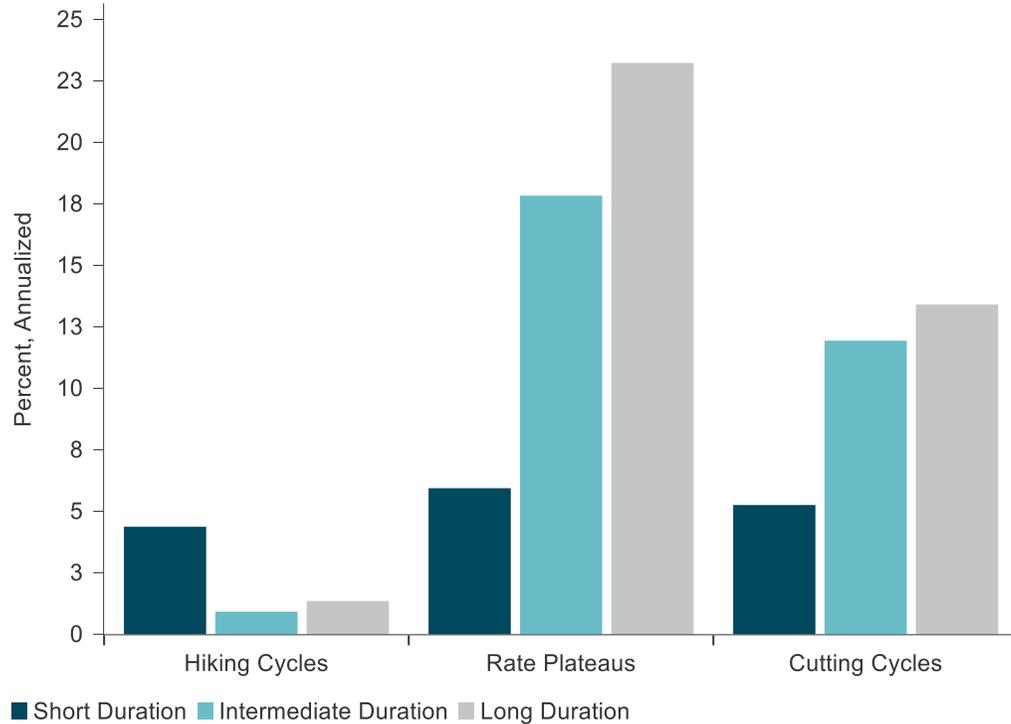
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# Bonds & Monetary Policy Cycles

## US Federal Reserve

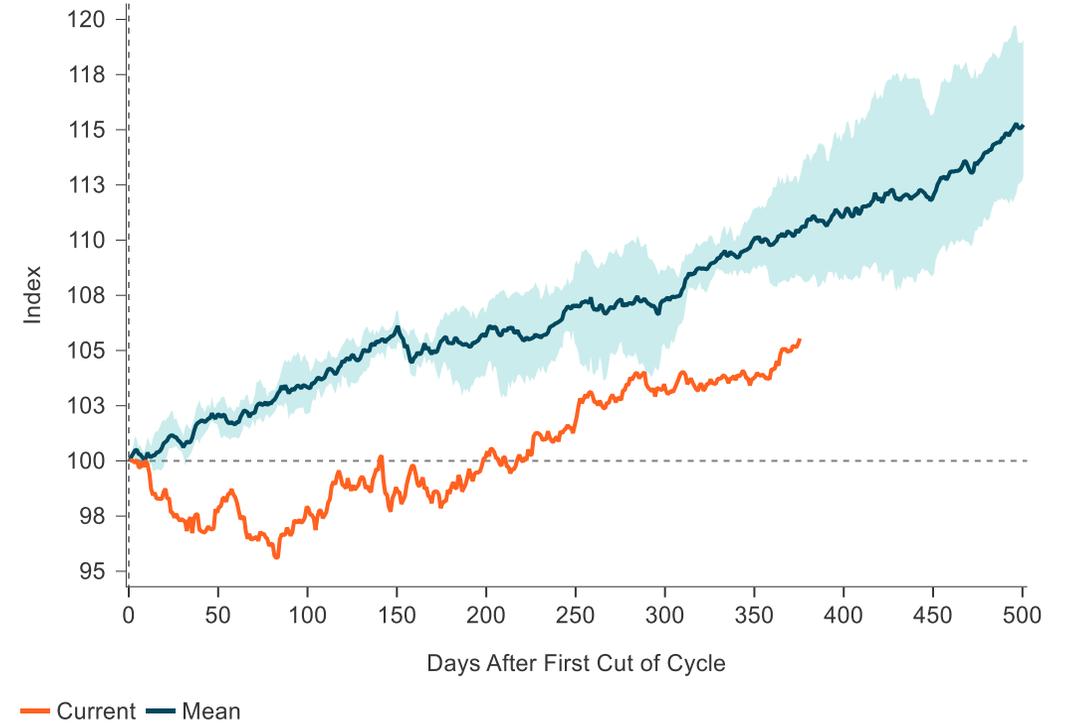
Previous 5 monetary policy cycle; excluding cycle that begun in year 2022



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## Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index

After first rate cut (previous 5 monetary policy cycles)



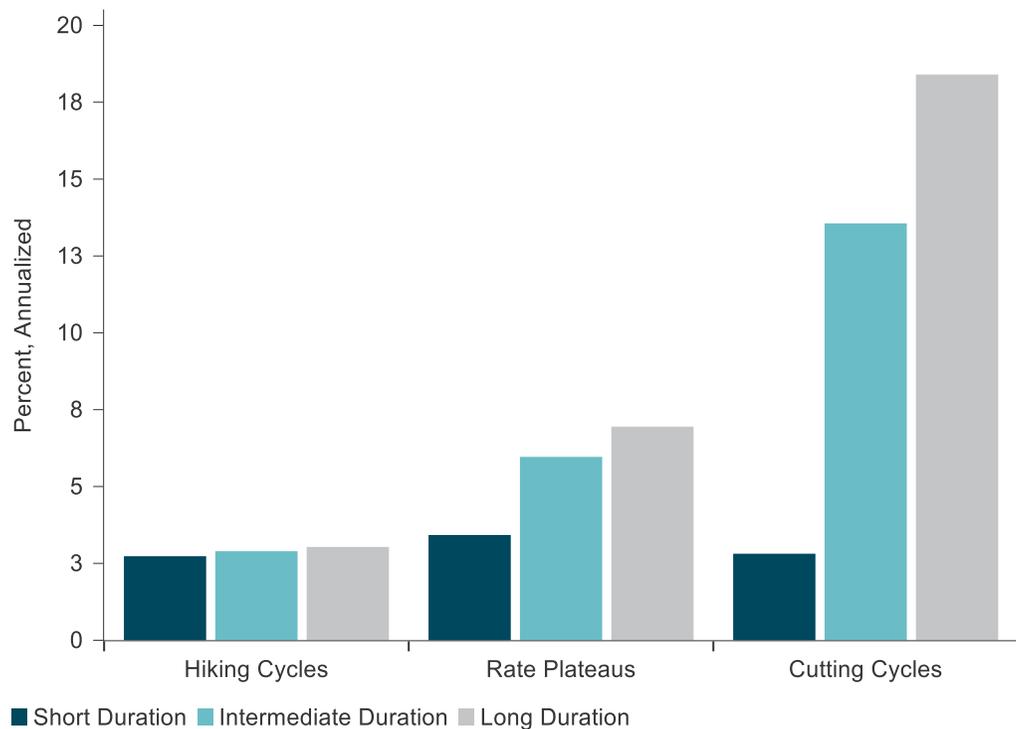
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# Bonds & Monetary Policy Cycles

## European Central Bank

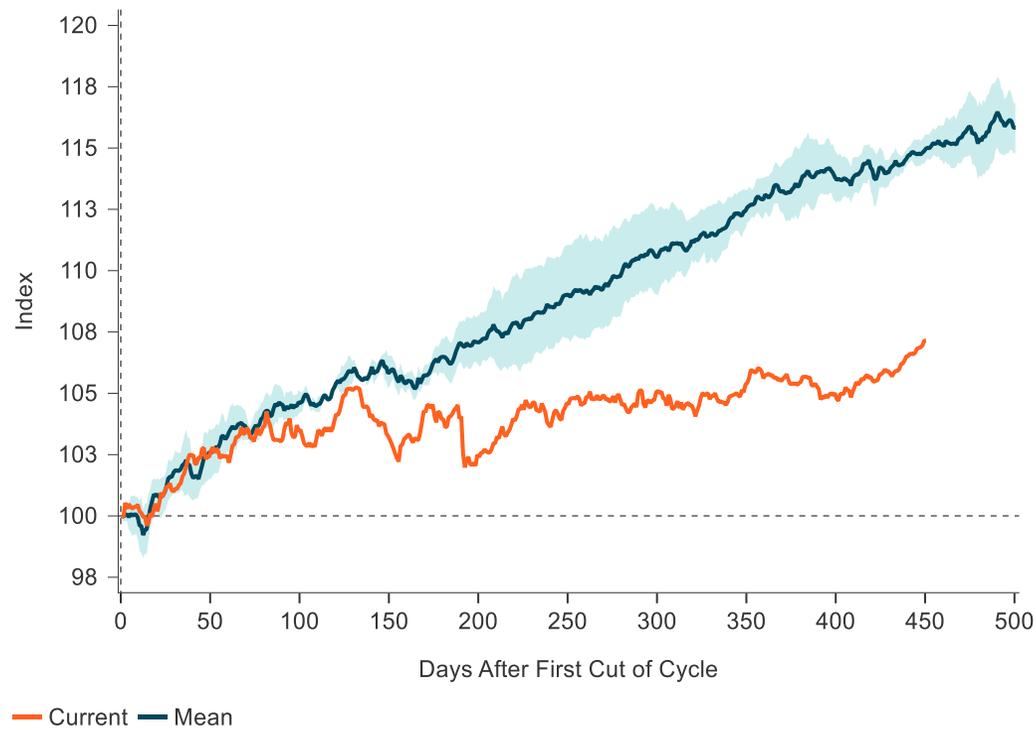
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## ICE BofA Euro Broad Market Index

After first rate cut (previous 3 monetary policy cycles)



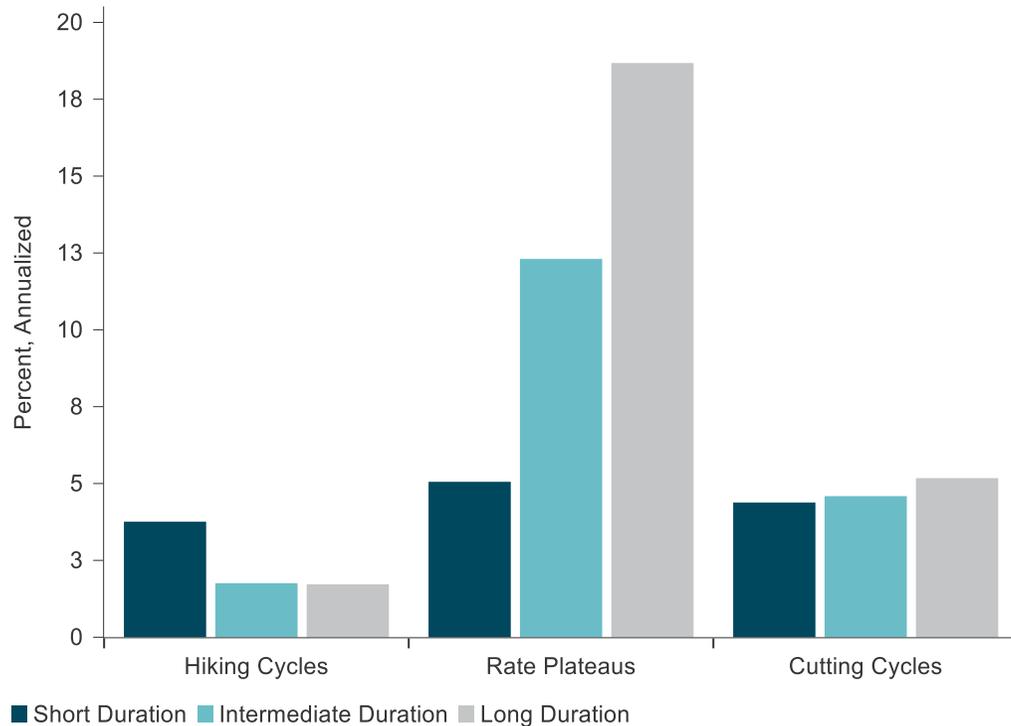
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# Bonds & Monetary Policy Cycles

## Bank of England

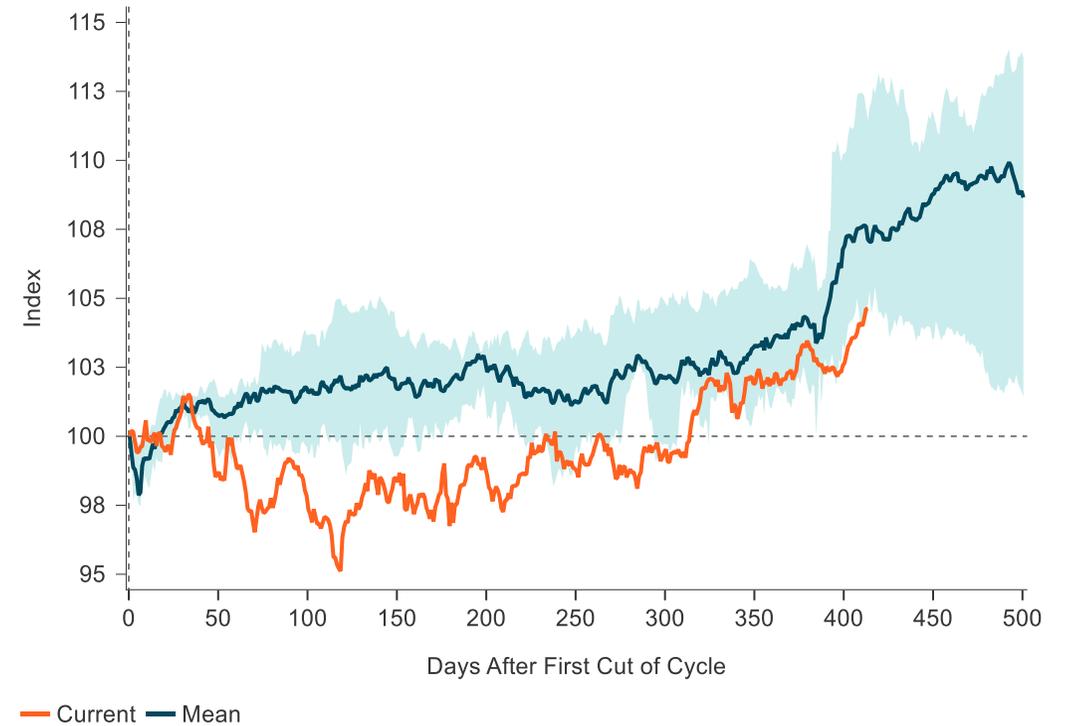
Previous 6 monetary policy cycle, excluding cycle that begun in year 2022



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## ICE BofA Sterling Broad Market Index

After first rate cut (previous 6 monetary policy cycles)



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# Fixed Income Performance Quilt

Rank	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
1	US Long Trsy 14.8%	US Long Trsy 17.7%	US TIPS 6.0%	US Trsy Bills 1.3%	US HY 13.4%	US Leveraged Loan 9.0%	EMLC 16.6%	US Long Trsy 3.7%
2	US HY 14.3%	US TIPS 11.5%	US HY 5.3%	US Leveraged Loan -0.8%	US Leveraged Loan 13.3%	US HY 8.2%	US HY 8.6%	EMLC 2.9%
3	US IG 13.8%	US IG 9.4%	US Leveraged Loan 5.2%	US Int. Trsy -7.8%	EMLC 11.4%	US Trsy Bills 5.3%	US MBS 8.6%	US Muni 2.2%
4	EMLC 12.2%	Global Agg 9.2%	US Muni 1.5%	US Agencies -7.9%	US IG 8.2%	US IG CMBS 5.0%	Global Agg 8.2%	US MBS 2.1%
5	US TIPS 8.8%	US Trsy 8.0%	US Trsy Bills 0.1%	US Muni -8.5%	Global Agg (hdg.) 7.1%	Global Agg (hdg.) 3.4%	US IG 7.8%	Global Agg 2.1%
6	US Agg 8.7%	US IG CMBS 7.6%	US IG CMBS -0.9%	EMLC -10.3%	US Muni 6.4%	US Agencies 3.1%	US IG CMBS 7.8%	US Agg 1.7%
7	US Leveraged Loan 8.6%	US Agg 7.5%	US MBS -1.0%	US IG CMBS -10.9%	Global Agg 5.7%	US Int. Trsy 2.4%	US Agg 7.3%	US Trsy 1.7%
8	US IG CMBS 8.3%	US HY 7.1%	US IG -1.1%	US HY -11.2%	US Agg 5.5%	US IG 2.0%	US TIPS 6.9%	US TIPS 1.7%
9	Global Agg (hdg.) 8.2%	US Int. Trsy 5.8%	US Agencies -1.3%	Global Agg (hdg.) -11.2%	US IG CMBS 5.3%	US TIPS 1.8%	US Int. Trsy 6.5%	Global Agg (hdg.) 1.7%
10	US Agencies 7.6%	Global Agg (hdg.) 5.6%	Global Agg (hdg.) -1.4%	US MBS -11.8%	US Agencies 5.2%	US Agg 1.3%	US Agencies 6.4%	US IG CMBS 1.6%
11	US Muni 7.5%	US Muni 5.2%	US Agg -1.5%	US Trsy -12.5%	US Trsy Bills 5.2%	US MBS 1.2%	US Trsy 6.3%	US IG 1.5%
12	US Trsy 6.9%	EMLC 4.8%	US Int. Trsy -1.7%	US TIPS -12.6%	US MBS 5.0%	US Muni 1.1%	US Leveraged Loan 5.9%	US Agencies 1.3%
13	Global Agg 6.8%	US MBS 3.9%	US Trsy -2.3%	US Agg -13.0%	US Int. Trsy 4.3%	US Trsy 0.6%	US Long Trsy 5.6%	US Int. Trsy 1.2%
14	US MBS 6.4%	US Leveraged Loan 3.1%	US Long Trsy -4.6%	US IG -15.3%	US Trsy 4.1%	Global Agg -1.7%	Global Agg (hdg.) 4.9%	US HY 0.7%
15	US Int. Trsy 5.2%	US Agencies 2.7%	Global Agg -4.7%	Global Agg -16.2%	US TIPS 3.8%	EMLC -2.2%	US Trsy Bills 4.3%	US Trsy Bills 0.6%
16	US Trsy Bills 2.4%	US Trsy Bills 0.9%	EMLC -7.8%	US Long Trsy -29.3%	US Long Trsy 3.1%	US Long Trsy -6.4%	US Muni 4.2%	US Leveraged Loan -1.1%

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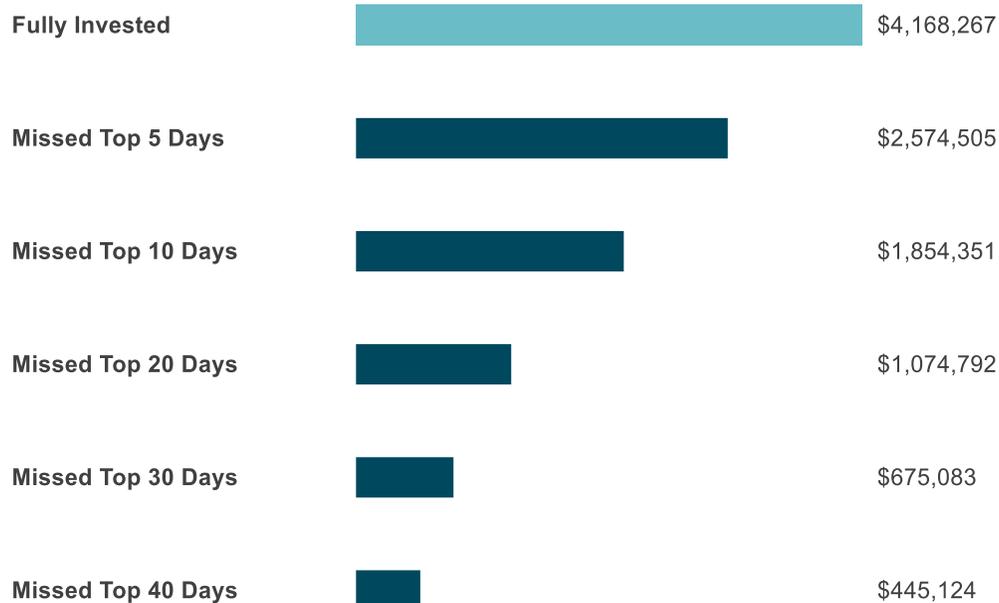
# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION



# Time in the Market

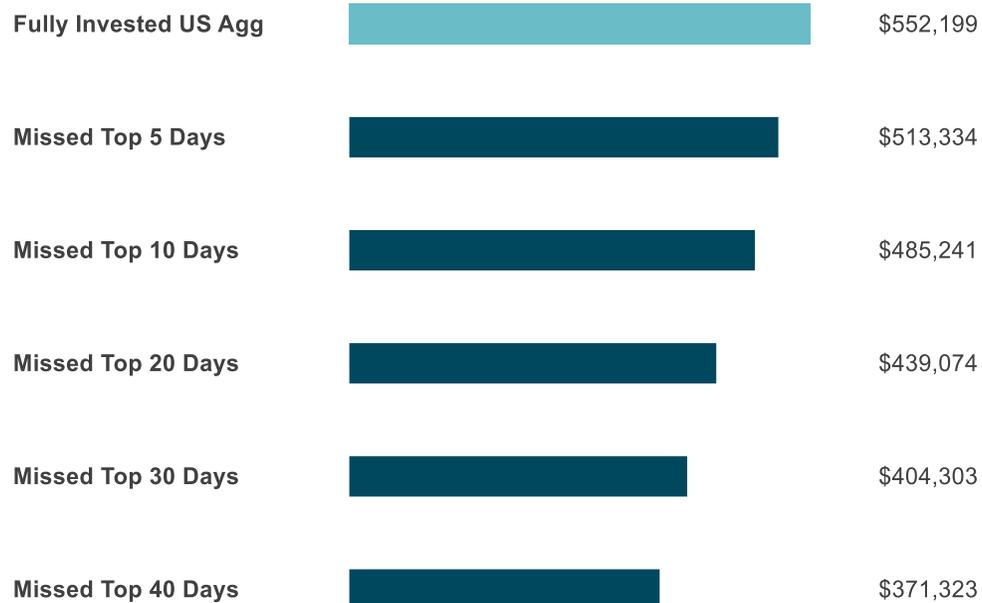
Hypothetical \$100,000 investment in 1989 (common inception)

## S&P 500 Index



Data as of February 28, 2026  
Based on data since 1989

## US Agg Bond Index



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# Equity & Bonds

## US Equity & Bond Returns Since 1977

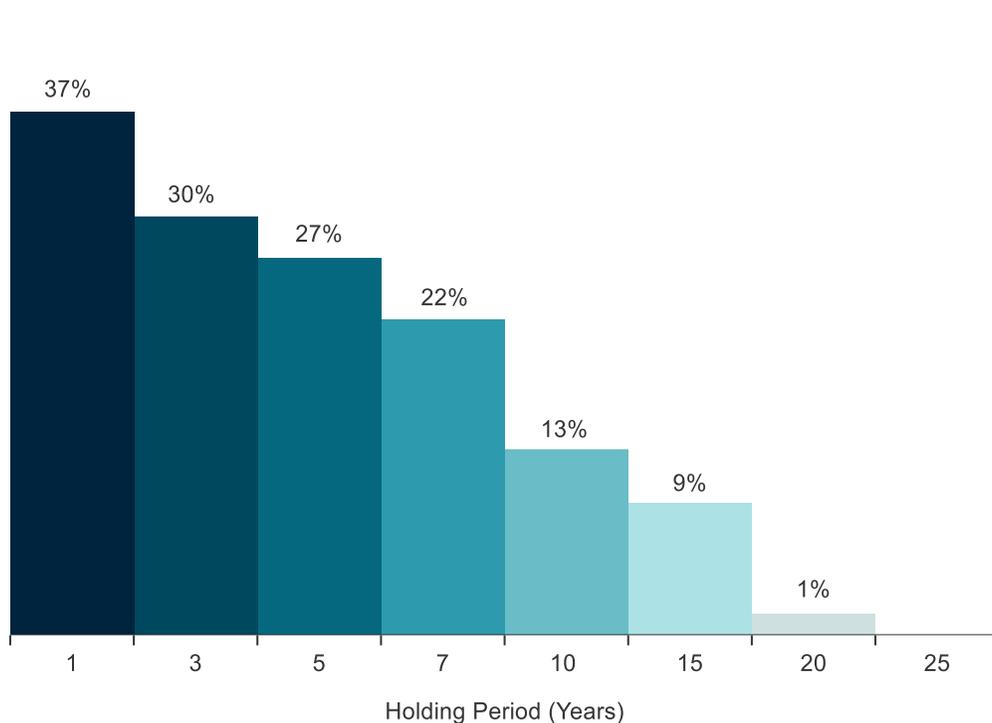


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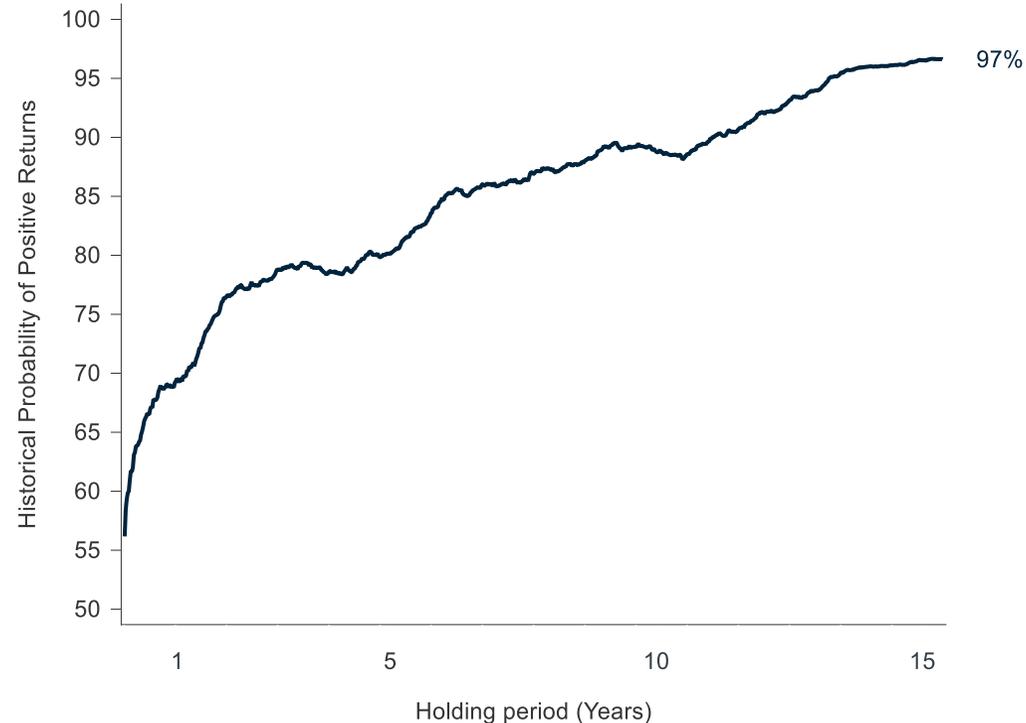
# Equity & Bonds

**Odds of Bonds Beating Equities based on Holding Period**  
 Total returns of 10-year US Government Bond & S&P 500



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**Probability of Positive Returns from S&P 500**  
 Probability of positive returns based on holding period



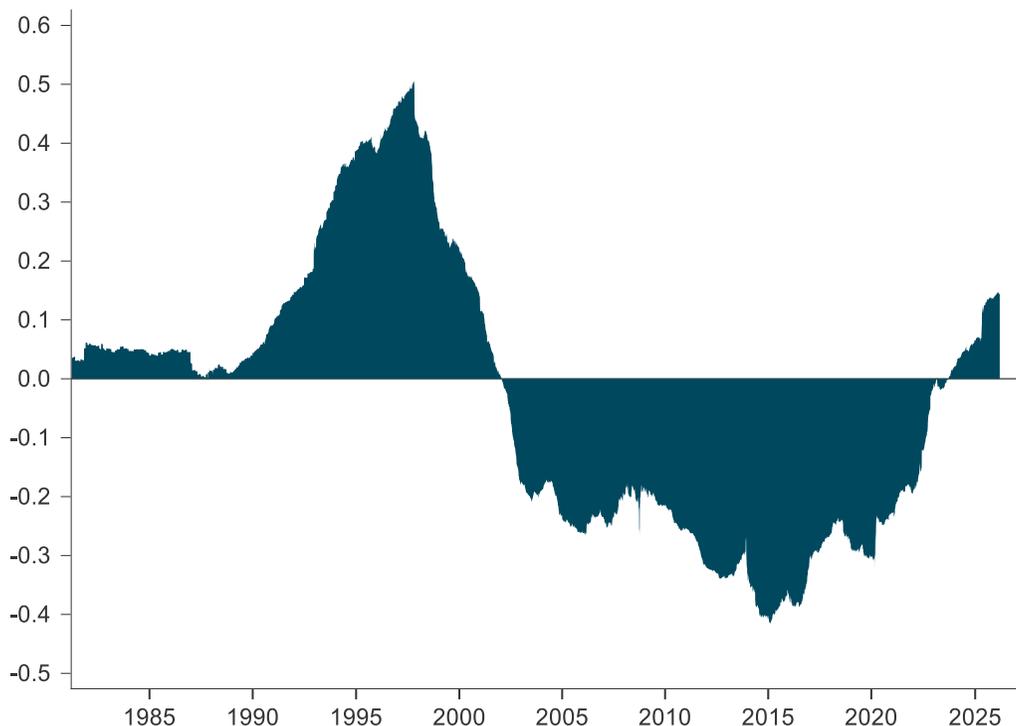
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# Stock-Bond Correlation

## Stock-Bond Rolling 5-year Correlation

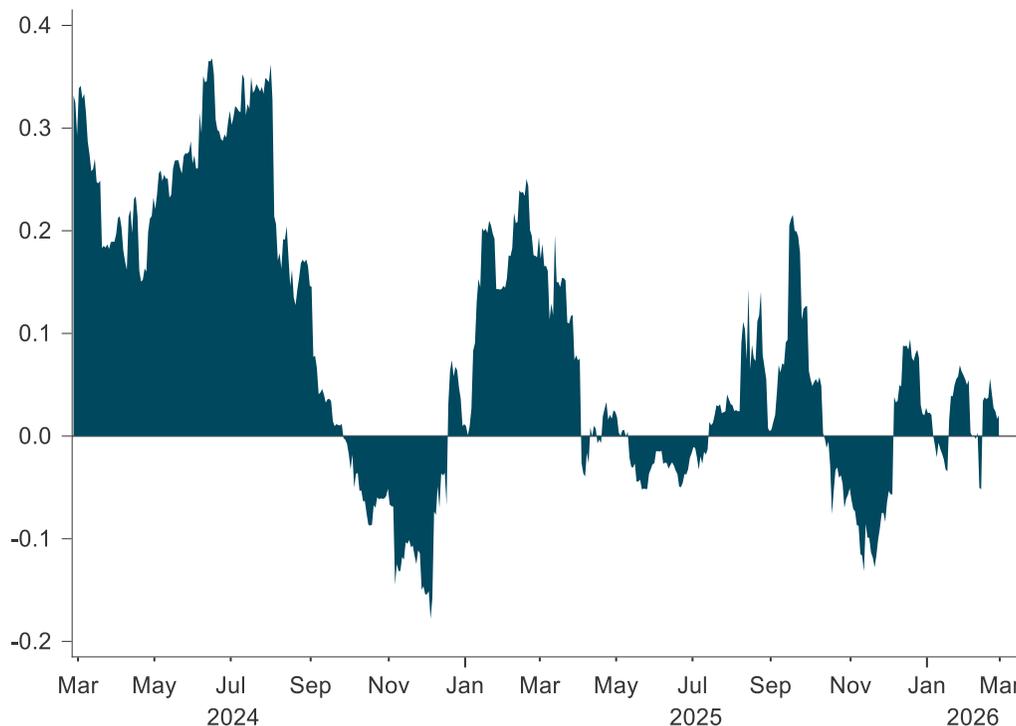
Stocks: S&P 500; Bonds: US Agg



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## Stock-Bond Rolling 90-day Correlation

Stocks: S&P 500; Bonds: US Agg



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# Asset Class Performance Quilt

Rank	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
1	US Crude WTI 34.5%	Gold 24.2%	US Crude WTI 58.7%	Commodity 16.1%	S&P 500 26.3%	Gold 26.6%	Gold 65.0%	Gold 20.1%
2	S&P 500 31.5%	MSCI EM 18.7%	S&P 500 28.7%	USD 8.2%	MSCI ACWI 22.8%	S&P 500 25.0%	MSCI EM 34.4%	US Crude WTI 17.4%
3	MSCI ACWI 27.3%	S&P 500 18.4%	Commodity 27.1%	US Crude WTI 4.2%	MSCI EAFE 18.9%	MSCI ACWI 18.0%	MSCI EAFE 31.9%	MSCI EM 14.9%
4	MSCI EAFE 22.7%	MSCI ACWI 16.8%	MSCI ACWI 19.0%	Gold -0.4%	Gold 13.8%	Global High Yield 10.7%	MSCI ACWI 22.9%	Commodity 11.6%
5	MSCI EM 18.9%	MSCI EAFE 8.3%	MSCI EAFE 11.8%	US Leveraged Loan -0.8%	Global High Yield 13.7%	US Leveraged Loan 9.0%	S&P 500 17.9%	MSCI EAFE 10.1%
6	Gold 18.8%	Global Agg Corp IG 8.3%	USD 6.4%	Hedge Funds -4.4%	US Leveraged Loan 13.3%	MSCI EM 8.1%	Commodity 15.8%	MSCI ACWI 4.3%
7	Global High Yield 13.3%	US Treasury 8.0%	US Leveraged Loan 5.2%	Municipal Bond IG -6.4%	MSCI EM 10.3%	USD 7.1%	EM USD Debt 11.1%	Hedge Funds 2.5%
8	EM USD Debt 13.1%	Hedge Funds 6.8%	Hedge Funds 3.7%	Global Treasury ex US -10.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 9.1%	EM USD Debt 6.6%	Global High Yield 10.0%	Municipal Bond IG 2.0%
9	Global Agg Corp IG 12.5%	EM USD Debt 6.5%	Global High Yield 2.5%	Global High Yield -11.0%	EM USD Debt 9.1%	Commodity 5.4%	Hedge Funds 7.1%	US Treasury 1.7%
10	US Leveraged Loan 8.6%	Global High Yield 5.7%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	US Treasury -12.5%	Global Treasury ex US 8.0%	Hedge Funds 5.3%	Global Agg Corp IG 7.1%	EM USD Debt 1.6%
11	Hedge Funds 8.6%	Municipal Bond IG 5.1%	Global Agg Corp IG -0.8%	MSCI EAFE -14.0%	Municipal Bond IG 5.2%	MSCI EAFE 4.3%	US Treasury 6.3%	Global Treasury ex US 1.6%
12	Commodity 7.7%	Global Treasury ex US 3.7%	EM USD Debt -1.7%	Global Agg Corp IG -14.1%	US Treasury 4.1%	Global Treasury ex US 4.2%	US Leveraged Loan 5.9%	Global Agg Corp IG 1.5%
13	Global Treasury ex US 7.4%	US Leveraged Loan 3.1%	Global Treasury ex US -1.7%	EM USD Debt -15.3%	Hedge Funds 3.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 3.7%	Municipal Bond IG 5.6%	Global High Yield 1.1%
14	Municipal Bond IG 6.9%	Commodity -3.1%	MSCI EM -2.2%	MSCI ACWI -18.0%	USD -2.1%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	Global Treasury ex US 2.0%	S&P 500 0.7%
15	US Treasury 6.9%	USD -6.7%	US Treasury -2.3%	S&P 500 -18.1%	Commodity -7.9%	US Treasury 0.6%	USD -9.4%	USD -0.7%
16	USD 0.2%	US Crude WTI -20.5%	Gold -3.8%	MSCI EM -19.7%	US Crude WTI -10.7%	US Crude WTI 0.1%	US Crude WTI -19.9%	US Leveraged Loan -1.1%

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# Asset Class Performance Quilt

Rank	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
1	Gold 5.3%	S&P 500 6.3%	US Crude WTI 7.1%	US Crude WTI 6.4%	MSCI EAFE 4.3%	Gold 11.7%	Gold 5.4%	Gold 3.6%	Gold 3.6%	Gold 17.5%	MSCI EM 5.5%
2	MSCI EAFE 4.7%	MSCI ACWI 5.8%	MSCI EM 6.1%	USD 3.2%	Gold 3.0%	MSCI EM 7.2%	MSCI EM 4.2%	Commodity 3.2%	MSCI EM 3.0%	US Crude WTI 13.6%	MSCI EAFE 4.6%
3	Global Treasury ex US 1.6%	MSCI EAFE 4.7%	S&P 500 5.1%	S&P 500 2.2%	MSCI ACWI 2.5%	MSCI ACWI 3.7%	Commodity 2.9%	MSCI EAFE 0.6%	MSCI EAFE 3.0%	Commodity 10.4%	US Crude WTI 3.3%
4	MSCI EM 1.3%	US Crude WTI 4.4%	MSCI ACWI 4.5%	MSCI EM 2.0%	S&P 500 2.0%	S&P 500 3.6%	S&P 500 2.3%	US Treasury 0.6%	MSCI ACWI 1.1%	MSCI EM 8.9%	Gold 2.2%
5	MSCI ACWI 1.0%	MSCI EM 4.3%	Commodity 2.4%	MSCI ACWI 1.4%	Commodity 1.9%	Commodity 2.2%	MSCI ACWI 2.3%	Global High Yield 0.5%	Global High Yield 0.8%	MSCI EAFE 5.2%	US Treasury 1.8%
6	US Treasury 0.6%	Global High Yield 1.7%	MSCI EAFE 2.2%	EM USD Debt 0.9%	MSCI EM 1.5%	MSCI EAFE 2.0%	USD 2.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.4%	US Leveraged Loan 0.6%	MSCI ACWI 3.0%	Global Treasury ex US 1.4%
7	Global Agg Corp IG 0.4%	US Leveraged Loan 1.6%	EM USD Debt 1.9%	Global High Yield 0.9%	EM USD Debt 1.3%	Municipal Bond IG 1.6%	EM USD Debt 1.7%	US Leveraged Loan 0.4%	Hedge Funds 0.6%	Hedge Funds 2.0%	MSCI ACWI 1.3%
8	Global High Yield 0.0%	Hedge Funds 1.2%	Global High Yield 1.8%	Gold 0.9%	Global High Yield 1.1%	Hedge Funds 1.5%	MSCI EAFE 1.2%	Municipal Bond IG 0.3%	EM USD Debt 0.4%	S&P 500 1.5%	EM USD Debt 1.2%
9	EM USD Debt 0.0%	EM USD Debt 0.7%	Global Agg Corp IG 1.4%	US Leveraged Loan 0.9%	Hedge Funds 1.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 1.2%	Global High Yield 1.1%	S&P 500 0.2%	Municipal Bond IG 0.3%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	Commodity 1.1%
10	US Leveraged Loan -0.1%	Municipal Bond IG 0.5%	US Treasury 1.3%	Hedge Funds 0.6%	US Treasury 1.1%	EM USD Debt 1.1%	Global Treasury ex US 1.0%	EM USD Debt 0.2%	S&P 500 0.1%	Global High Yield 0.8%	Global Agg Corp IG 1.1%
11	Municipal Bond IG -0.4%	Gold 0.3%	Hedge Funds 1.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.3%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	US Treasury 0.8%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	Hedge Funds 0.1%	Global Agg Corp IG -0.1%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.4%	Municipal Bond IG 1.0%
12	Hedge Funds -0.4%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.2%	Municipal Bond IG 0.9%	Municipal Bond IG 0.2%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.7%	Global High Yield 0.6%	Hedge Funds 0.7%	MSCI ACWI 0.0%	Commodity -0.3%	EM USD Debt 0.4%	USD 0.6%
13	S&P 500 -0.7%	USD -0.1%	US Leveraged Loan 0.8%	Global Treasury ex US -0.1%	US Leveraged Loan 0.4%	US Leveraged Loan 0.4%	US Treasury 0.6%	Global Treasury ex US -0.2%	US Treasury -0.3%	Global Treasury ex US 0.1%	Hedge Funds 0.5%
14	USD -4.6%	Global Treasury ex US -0.3%	Global Treasury ex US 0.5%	US Treasury -0.4%	Global Treasury ex US -0.1%	Global Treasury ex US 0.4%	Global Agg Corp IG 0.6%	USD -0.3%	Global Treasury ex US -0.4%	US Treasury -0.1%	Global High Yield 0.4%
15	Commodity -4.8%	Commodity -0.6%	Gold -0.5%	Commodity -0.5%	USD -2.2%	USD 0.0%	US Leveraged Loan 0.2%	MSCI EM -2.4%	USD -1.1%	US Leveraged Loan -0.3%	S&P 500 -0.8%
16	US Crude WTI -18.6%	US Treasury -1.0%	USD -2.5%	MSCI EAFE -1.4%	US Crude WTI -7.6%	US Crude WTI -2.6%	US Crude WTI -2.2%	US Crude WTI -3.8%	US Crude WTI -2.1%	USD -1.4%	US Leveraged Loan -0.8%

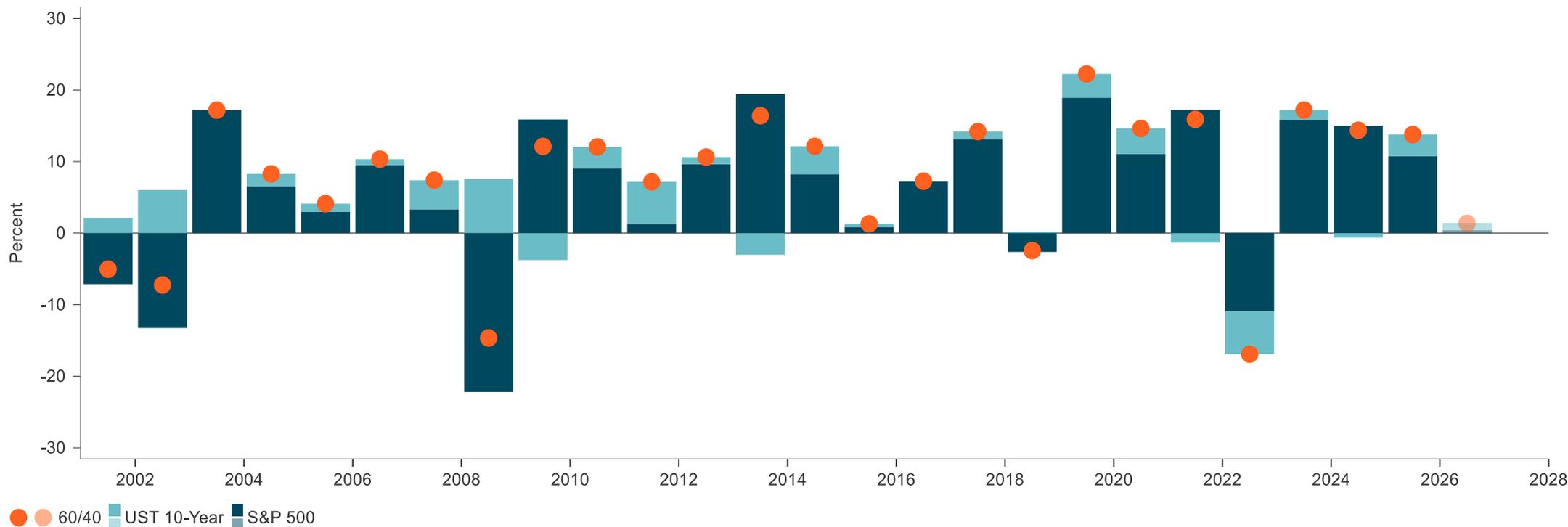
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# 60/40 Portfolio

## 60/40 Portfolio Annual Returns - Decomposition

60% S&P 500 and 40% UST 10-year



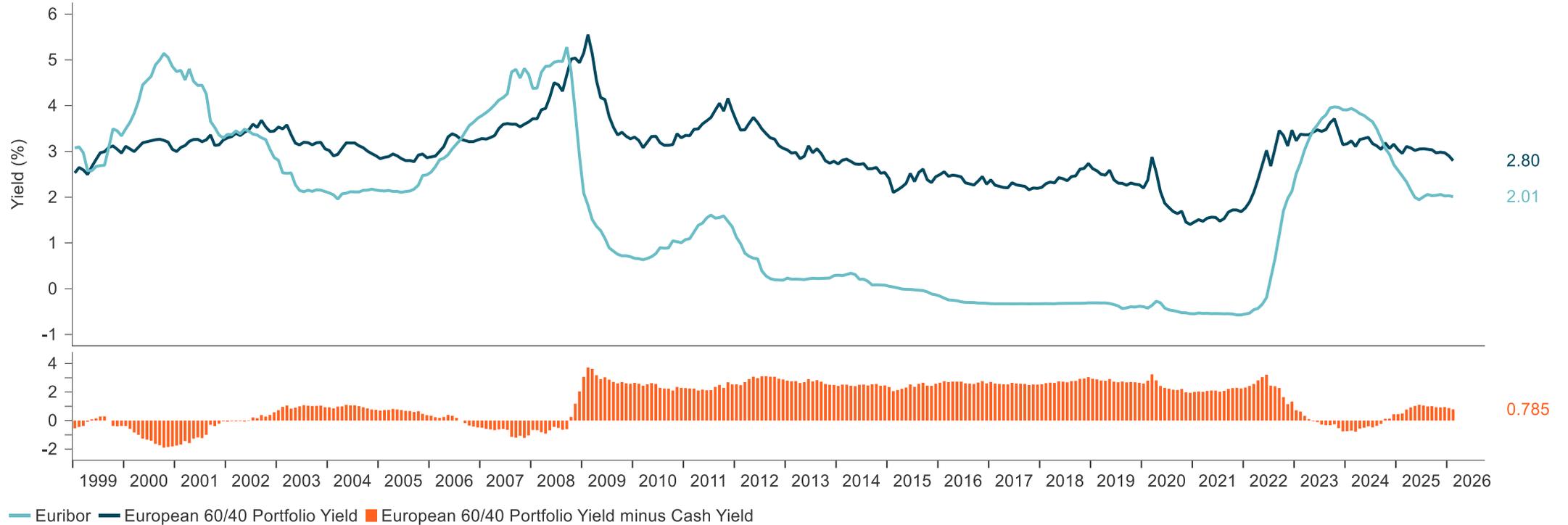
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# 60/40 Portfolio

## EUR Cash Yield vs. 60/40 Portfolio Yield

60/40 Portfolio: 60% MSCI Europe Dividend Yield, 40% Euro Agg YTW



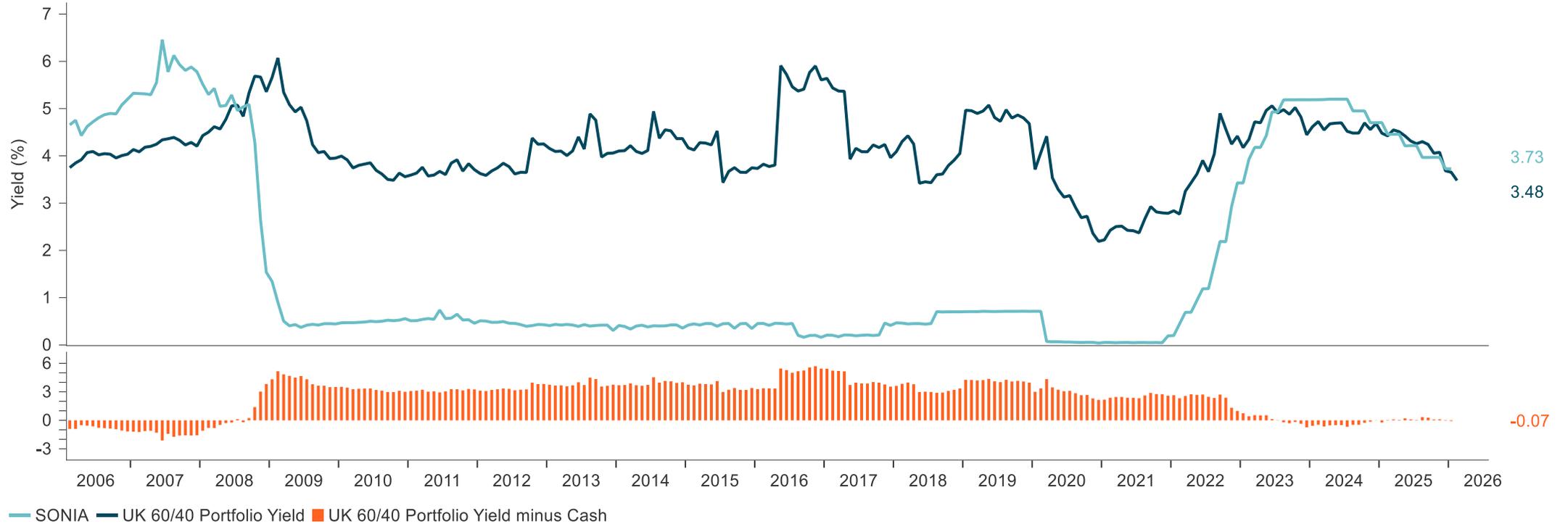
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# 60/40 Portfolio

## UK Cash Yield vs. 60/40 Portfolio Yield

60/40 Portfolio: 60% FTSE 100 Dividend Yield, 40% Sterling Agg YTW



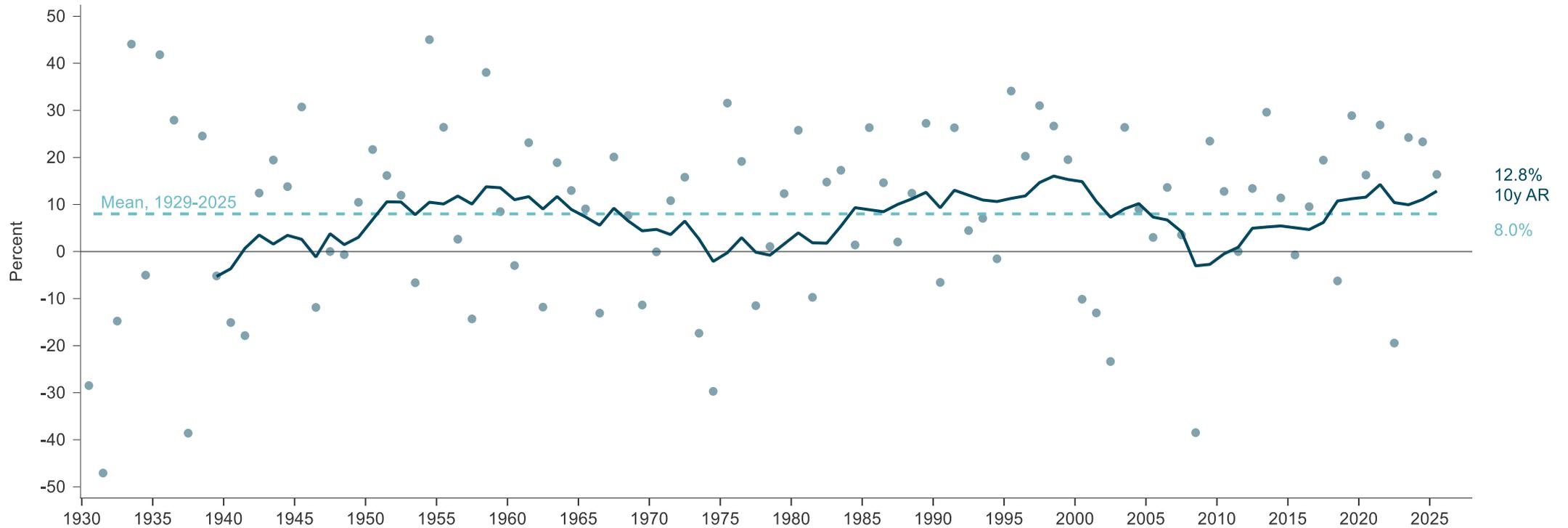
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# Annual Equity Returns

## S&P 500 Equity Returns

Calendar year return (dots) and rolling 10-year returns, annualized rate (line)



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# APPENDIX

## REPRESENTATIVE INDICES

**10Y German Bund:** Average yield of a range of German government bonds all adjusted to the equivalent of a ten-year maturity

**10Y Japanese Bond:** Average yield of a range of Japanese government bonds all adjusted to the equivalent of a ten-year maturity

**10Y UK Gilt:** Average yield of a range of UK government bonds all adjusted to the equivalent of a ten-year maturity

**10Y US Treasuries:** Average yield of a range of Treasury securities all adjusted to the equivalent of a ten-year maturity

**2Y US Treasuries:** Average yield of a range of Treasury securities all adjusted to the equivalent of a two-year maturity

**A:** Bloomberg US Agg A Total Return Value Unhedged USD

**AA:** Bloomberg US Agg Aa Total Return Value Unhedged USD

**AAA:** Bloomberg US Agg Aaa Total Return Value Unhedged USD

**ABS:** The index measures the performance of ABS component of the U.S. Aggregate index which measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

**Alerian MLP:** The Alerian MLP Index is the leading gauge of energy infrastructure Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs).

**BB:** Bloomberg Ba US High Yield TR Index Value Unhedged USD,

**BBB:** Bloomberg US Agg Baa Total Return Value Unhedged USD

**B-CCC:** Bloomberg US Corporate B - Ca Capped Index TR Index Unhedged USD

**Bloomberg Commodity Index:** The Dow Jones UBS Commodity index is designed to provide diversified commodity exposure with weightings based on the commodity's liquidity and economic significance

**CMBS:** The Bloomberg US CMBS Investment Grade Index measures the market of US Agency and US Non-Agency conduit and fusion CMBS deals with a minimum current deal size of \$300mn.

**EM Aggregate:** The Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index includes USD denominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers.

**EM Local Currency Government 10% Country Capped:** The Bloomberg EM Local Currency Government 10% Country Capped Index is a country-constrained version of the flagship Emerging Markets Local Currency Government Index, which is designed to provide a broad measure of the performance of local currency Emerging Markets (EM) debt.

**EM Sovereigns Local:** The Bloomberg EM Local Currency Government Total Return Index measures the general performance of locally issued FIXED INCOME securities by Emerging Market governments.

**EM Sovereigns USD:** The Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate: Sovereign Index is a subset of the Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index, only including securities classified as treasuries or sovereigns.

**Emerging Markets Dividends:** The Dow Jones Emerging Markets Select Dividend Index aims to measure the stock performance of 100 leading dividend-paying emerging-market companies, selected by dividend yield subject to screening and buffering criteria.

**Euro Agg:** The Bloomberg EuroAgg Index is a benchmark that measures the investment grade, euro-denominated, fixed-rate bond market, including treasuries, government-related, corporate and securitized issues. Inclusion is based on currency denomination of a bond and not country of risk of the issuer.

**Euro High Yield:** The Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index measures the market of non-investment grade, fixed-rate

corporate bonds denominated in the following currencies: euro, pounds sterling, Danish krone, Norwegian krone, Swedish krona, and Swiss franc.

**FTSE 100:** The FTSE 100 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of the 100 most highly capitalized companies traded on the London Stock Exchange.

**FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs:** FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Total Return Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index that includes all tax qualified REITs listed in the NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ National Market.

**Global Aggregate:** The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Total Return (USD hedged) Index is a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income market.

**Global High Yield:** The Bloomberg Global High Yield Index is a broad-based measure of the global high yield market.

**Global Infrastructure:** The S&P Global Infrastructure Index is designed to track 75 companies from around the world chosen to represent the listed infrastructure industry while maintaining liquidity and tradability.

**Global Investment Grade - Corporates:** This Index reflects the corporate component of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index which is designed to provide a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade FIXED INCOME markets.

**Global REITs:** The FTSE EPRA Nareit Global REITs index is a subset of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Index, comprising of only the REITs constituents.

**Global Treasury ex US:** The Bloomberg Global Treasury ex US index tracks fixed-rate local currency government debt of investment grade countries excluding the US and represents the Treasury sector of the Global Aggregate Index.

**Gold (USD / Troy Ounce):** Gold London Bullion Market spot price, quoted in USD per Troy Ounce

**Hedge Funds:** The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe.

**International Select Dividends:** The Dow Jones EPAC Select Dividend Index aims to represent the performance of high dividend-paying companies in the EPAC (Europe, Pacific, Asia and Canada) region, which covers developed markets excluding the U.S.

**JPM EMBI Global Diversified:** The J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index tracks liquid, US Dollar emerging market fixed and floating-rate debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities<sup>1</sup>

**MSCI AC Asia ex Japan:** The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index captures large and mid cap representation across 2 of 3 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding Japan) and 8 Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Asia.

**MSCI All-Country World:** The MSCI All-Country World is an index that tracks the performance of both Developed and Emerging Market equities.

**MSCI Australia:** The MSCI Australia Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Australia market.

**MSCI Brazil:** The MSCI Brazil Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Brazilian market.

**MSCI Canada:** The MSCI Canada Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Canada market.

**MSCI China:** The MSCI China Index captures large and mid cap representation across China A shares, H shares, B shares, Red chips, P chips and foreign listings (e.g. ADRs).

## REPRESENTATIVE INDICES

**MSCI EAFE:** The MSCI EAFE Index is an index that tracks the performance of Developed Market equities across Europe, Australasia and the Far East excluding the US and Canada.

**MSCI EM:** The MSCI EM index tracks the performance of Emerging Market Equities.

**MSCI EMU (Euro Area):** The MSCI EMU Index (European Economic and Monetary Union) captures large and mid cap representation across the 10 Developed Markets countries in the EMU.

**MSCI Europe:** The MSCI Europe Index captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe. With 414 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across the European Developed Markets equity universe.

**MSCI France:** The MSCI France Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the French market.

**MSCI Germany:** The MSCI Germany Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the German market.

**MSCI Greece:** The MSCI Greece Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Greek market.

**MSCI Growth:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of securities exhibiting overall growth characteristics.

**MSCI High Dividend Yield:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent.

**MSCI India:** The MSCI India Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Indian market.

**MSCI Indonesia:** The MSCI Indonesia Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Indonesian market.

**MSCI Japan:** The MSCI Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market.

**MSCI Large Cap:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of the large cap segment of the respective market.

**MSCI Mexico:** The MSCI Mexico Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Mexican market.

**MSCI Min. Volatility:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of a minimum variance strategy.

**MSCI Momentum:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of an equity momentum strategy by emphasizing stocks with high price momentum.

**MSCI Poland:** The MSCI Poland Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Polish market.

**MSCI Quality:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three fundamental variables: high return on equity, stable y/y earnings growth, and low financial leverage.

**MSCI Small Cap:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of the small cap segment of the respective market.

**MSCI South Africa:** The MSCI South Africa Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of

the South African market.

**MSCI South Korea:** The MSCI Korea Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the South Korean market.

**MSCI Spain:** The MSCI Spain Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Spanish market.

**MSCI Switzerland:** The MSCI Switzerland Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Swiss market.

**MSCI Taiwan:** The MSCI Taiwan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Taiwan market.

**MSCI Turkey:** The MSCI Turkey Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Turkish market.

**MSCI UK:** The MSCI United Kingdom Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the UK market.

**MSCI US:** Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid- cap segments of the US market.

**MSCI Value:** Index is designed to reflect the performance of securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics.

**MSCI World - DM:** The MSCI World Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. With 1,395 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

**MSCI World Growth:** The MSCI World Growth Index captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. The growth investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward EPS growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend.

**MSCI World Value:** The MSCI World Value Index captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.

**Nasdaq:** The Nasdaq Composite Index is the market capitalization weighted index of approximately 3,000 common equities listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

**Oil (WTI, USD / Barrel):** Generic West Texas Intermediate crude oil spot price

**Preferred Stock:** The iShares Preferred and Income Securities ETF seeks to track the investment results of ICE Exchange-Listed Preferred & Hybrid Securities Index

**Russell 1000:** The Russell 1000® Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the US equity universe.

**Russell 2000:** The Russell 2000 Index is a small-cap stock market index of the bottom 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000 Index.

**Russell 3000:** The Russell 3000® Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 US companies designed to represent approximately 98% of the investable US equity market.

**Sterling Agg:** The Bloomberg Sterling Aggregate Bond Index measures the investment grade, sterling-denominated, fixed-rate bond market, including treasuries, government-related, corporate and securitized issues. Inclusion is based on the currency denomination of a bond, not country of risk of the issuer.

## REPRESENTATIVE INDICES

**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 is an index designed to track the performance of the largest 500 US companies.

**S&P 500 Communication Services:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a telecom services(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes telecommunication services and media and entertainment.

**S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a consumer discretionary(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes automobiles and components; consumer durables and apparel; consumer services; and consumer discretionary distribution and retail.

**S&P 500 Consumer Staples:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a consumer staples(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes consumers staples distribution and retail; food, beverage and tobacco; and household and personal products.

**S&P 500 Energy:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a energy(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system.

**S&P 500 Financials:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a financials(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes banks; financial services; and insurance.

**S&P 500 Healthcare:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a health care(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes healthcare equipment and services; pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and life sciences.

**S&P 500 Industrials:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a industrials(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes capital goods; commercial and professional services; and transportation.

**S&P 500 Materials:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a materials(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system.

**S&P 500 Real Estate:** The S&P 500® Real Estate comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Real Estate sector. Industry group includes equity real estate investment trusts and real estate management and development.

**S&P 500 Technology:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a information technology(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system. Industry group includes software and services; technology hardware and equipment; and semiconductors and semiconductor equipment.

**S&P 500 Utilities:** The index measures the performance of all those companies held in the S&P 500 index that are classified as a utilities(sector) company using the Global Industry Classification Standard(GICS) system.

**S&P 400 Midcap:** Standard and Poor's Midcap 400 Index is a capitalization-weighted index which measures the performance of the mid-range sector of the U.S. stock market.

**S&P 500 VIX:** The VIX Index is a financial benchmark designed to be an up-to-the-minute market estimate of the expected volatility of the S&P 500® Index, and is calculated by using the midpoint of real-time S&P 500 Index (SPX) option bid/ask quotes.

**US 30Y Fixed-Rate Mortgage:** Bankrate.com 30-year US home mortgage fixed rate national average

**US Agencies:** Bloomberg US Agencies Total Return Unhedged USD measures US dollar-denominated, agency debt.

**US Aggregate:** Bloomberg US Agg Total Return Value Unhedged USD Index is a widely accepted, unmanaged total return index of corporate, government and government-agency debt instruments, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities with an average maturity of 1-10 years.

**US Corporates:** Bloomberg US Corporate Total Return Value Unhedged USD Index tracks the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market

**US CMBS:** The Bloomberg US CMBS Investment Grade Index measures the investment-grade market of US Agency and US Non-Agency conduit and fusion CMBS deals with a minimum current deal size of \$300mn. The index includes both US Aggregate eligible (ERISA eligible) and non-US Aggregate eligible (non-ERISA eligible) securities.

**US Credit:** The Bloomberg US Credit Index measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government related bond markets. It is composed of the US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes foreign agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities.

**US High Yield:** Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market.

**US Leveraged Loans:** The Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index is a market-value weighted index designed to measure the performance of the US leveraged loan market.

**US Long Credit:** The Bloomberg US Long Credit Index measures the performance of investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government-related debt with at least ten years to maturity. It is composed of a corporate and a non-corporate component that includes non-US agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities.

**US MBS:** The Bloomberg US Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) Index tracks fixed-rate agency mortgage backed pass-through securities guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

**US Munis:** Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD Index tracks the municipal FIXED INCOME market in the United States.

**US Securitized:** Bloomberg U.S. Securitized: MBS/ABS/CMBS and Covered TR Index Value measures US securitized debt including MBS, ABS, and CMBS.

**US TIPS:** The Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Total Return Index tracks the performance of publicly issued, US Treasury inflation-protected securities that have at least one year remaining to maturity and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

**US Treasury:** The Bloomberg US Treasury Index is the US Treasury component of the US Aggregate Index and uses public obligations of the US Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more.

**US Treasury Bills:** The Bloomberg US Treasury Bill 3-6 Months Index tracks the market for treasury bills with 3 to 5.9 months to maturity issued by the US government. US Treasury bills are issued in fixed maturity terms of 4-, 13-, 26- and 52-weeks.

**US Treasury Intermediate:** The Bloomberg US Treasury Intermediate Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury with maturities of 1 to 9.9 years to maturity.

**US Treasury Long:** The Bloomberg US Treasury: Long Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury with 10 years or more to maturity.

**USD:** The US Majors Dollar Index (also referred to as 'DXY') tracks the performance of the USD versus a basket of foreign currencies including the euro, Japanese yen, Pound sterling, Canadian dollar, Swedish krona, and Swiss franc.

# Abbreviations

**AE:** Advanced economies

**AR:** Annualized rate

**BOE:** Bank of England

**BOJ:** Bank of Japan

**bp:** Basis points

**CBOE:** Chicago Board Options Exchange

**CFA<sup>®</sup>:** Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup>

**COFER:** Composition of foreign exchange reserves

**CP:** Commercial paper

**CPI:** Consumer price index

**Div.:** Dividend

**DM:** Developed markets

**EAFE:** Europe, Australasia and Far East

**ECB:** European Central Bank

**EM:** Emerging markets

**EPS:** Earnings per share

**Fed:** Federal Reserve

**FOMC:** Federal Open Market Committee

**FX:** Foreign exchange

**G3:** US, Japan, Euro area

**G4:** US, UK, Germany, Japan

**G7:** US, UK, Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada, France

**GDP:** Gross domestic product

**Global Equities:** MSCI All-Country World Index

**HICP:** Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices

**HY:** high-yield

**IG:** Investment grade

**IIF:** Institute of International Finance

**IMF:** International Monetary Fund

**ISM:** Institute for Supply Management

**LTRO:** Long-term refinancing operation

**m/m (MoM):** Month-over-month

**Min.:** Minimum

**MSCI:** Morgan Stanley Capital Index

**MTD:** Month-to-date

**NFIB:** National Federation of Independent Business

**NFP:** Nonfarm Payrolls

**OAS:** Option adjusted spread

**OIS:** Overnight indexed swap rate

**PB:** Price-to-book ratio

**PBOC:** People's Bank of China

**PCE:** Personal consumption expenditures

**PE:** Price-to-earnings ratio

**PEPP:** Pandemic Emergency Purchase Program

**PMI:** Purchasing managers index

**q/q (QoQ):** Quarter-over-quarter

**QE:** Quantitative easing

**QT:** Quantitative tightening

**SA:** Seasonally adjusted

**SAAR:** Seasonally adjusted annualized rate

**SD:** Standard deviation

**SOFR:** Secured Overnight Financing Rate

**TR:** Total return

**USD:** US dollar

**WTI:** West Texas Intermediate

**y/y (YoY):** Year-over-year

**YTD:** Year-to-date

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