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## **Top Views**

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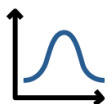
# Policy Support Helps Markets Look Through Softness in 1Q26

The soft patch in data that began in 2025 will likely spill over into 1Q 2026, before improving sometime in the 2Q. Policy support will be in place to offset softer data, via tax relief and monetary easing, and the Fed may still ease policy further. More importantly, deregulation could potentially unlock significant lending capacity across the U.S., U.K. and Europe.



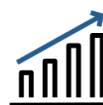
## Follow the Policy: Deregulation To Support Financials

The old saying is “follow the money,” but we say “follow the policy” because it’s an early tell on where the money is going. Banks and financials are positioned as primary beneficiaries of deregulation, which began in 2025 and is expected to be codified in early 2026. The U.S. is the largest beneficiary with \$2.6 trillion in lending capacity to be unlocked, followed by the U.K. and Europe, where regulations are easing, too. As a result, we remain O/W U.S. and European banks.



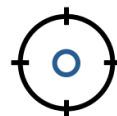
## Consensus Is Positive, Which Begg the Question...

Can markets move higher? Yes, as we expect a stronger recovery in 2Q26. Monetary and fiscal policy in 2025 should gain traction, supported by improved operating leverage and a recovery in labor markets that helps support demand. We believe markets will continue to look through to 2H26, with earnings remaining strong. This, in turn, may trigger a broader cyclical recovery that sees higher valuations.



## When Spreads Are Tight, Rate Risks Rise

Fed cuts may come in early 2026, but if there is a 2H26 recovery, we may need to think about hikes in the U.S., U.K. and Europe being priced in. Since credit spreads are tight, there is little room for compression to cushion rising yields, thus risk in bond portfolios needs to be actively managed. Selection matters too: We like non-agency mortgager-backed securities (MBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS) because they’re better priced to absorb higher rates and better valued.



## The Risks: Inflation and Geopolitical

Inflation is a clear risk, if we see rising prices due to policy support or an event that disrupts supply chains. Aggressive policy support in 2026 is welcome if inflation remains contained or falls; however, if inflation rises, such support could become problematic, as it would be a difficult source of issues to reverse. Geopolitical conflicts could also lead to sanctions, tariffs and supply disruptions.

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## Top Active Views

- 1 O/W U.S. Equities: Resilient Growth, With Tailwinds Still To Come
- 2 Preference for U.S. Large-Cap With Selective Exposure to Mid-Caps
- 3 Selective in Europe: Neutral Overall With O/W to Eurozone Banks, German Fiscal Policy Beneficiaries and Utilities
- 4 Duration: U/W in U.S. With a Yield Curve Steepening Bias
- 5 Preference Higher-Yielding Credit Relative to Investment Grade, as Recession Risks Are Low
- 6 MBS/RMBS Non-Agency Remains Highest Conviction Bond O/W

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# Capital Markets Investment Framework

ASSET ALLOCATION	OUR VIEW				
	--	-	=	+	++
<b>Bonds</b>					
Duration	●	●	●	●	●
Credit	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Equities</b>					
Risk Level	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Alternatives</b>					
Private Markets	●	●	●	●	●
Hedge Funds	●	●	●	●	●
Commodities	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Transition</b>					
Cash/Short Duration	●	●	●	●	●

## Points of Focus:

- 1 Remain U/W duration.
- 2 Corporate credit remains expensive; we maintain a relative preference for Emerging Market Debt Hard Currency, Asset-Backed Securities and Bank Loans.
- 3 Remain neutral on equities globally, with a view of balanced risks.

● Current allocation  
 ◀ Change from previous

-- High conviction underweight    - Underweight  
 ++ High conviction overweight    + Overweight    = Neutral

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# Representative Allocations From the Portfolio Solutions Group

ASSET ALLOCATION	COMMENTARY
<b>Bonds</b>	
Duration	<b>DURATION (U/W):</b> UST 10-year yields have continued to trade modestly above 4% for the past several months. We continue to believe 4% represents the floor given the growth tailwinds still to come in 2026. Risks are tilted to the upside for yields and therefore we remain U/W duration.
Credit	<b>CREDIT (U/W):</b> While fundamentals remain largely stable, corporate credit spreads are near all-time tightness such that we see more favorable risk/reward asymmetry elsewhere. We prefer selective exposure to higher yielding credit (MBS, Bank Loans).
<b>Equities</b>	
Risk Level	<b>EQUITIES (Neutral):</b> We remain neutral to overall equity exposure, but are increasingly optimistic about 2026. Regionally, we remain overweight the U.S., where we see structural support for equities in the form of fiscal policy, monetary policy and productivity gains linked to AI.
<b>Alternatives</b>	
Commodities	<b>COMMODITIES (Neutral):</b> We remain neutral on energy, as geopolitical upside risks are balanced by high spare capacity in markets such as crude, which limit upside absent physical disruptions. In the current environment, we continue to see precious metals as a segment that could enjoy structural tailwinds.

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# Global Fixed Income

## OUR VIEW

<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	--	-	=	+	++
<b>Bonds</b>					
U.S. Treasuries	●	●	●	●	●
Inflation-Linked Bonds	●	●	●	●	●
Eurozone Govt. Bonds	●	●	●	●	●
EM Hard Currency	●	●	●	●	●
EM Local Currency	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Public Credit</b>					
Municipal Bonds	●	●	●	●	●
Investment Grade (IG)	●	●	●	●	●
MBS/ABS	●	●	●	●	●
High Yield (HY)	●	●	●	●	●
Bank Loans	●	●	●	●	●

● **Current allocation**  
 ◀ **Change from previous**

-- High conviction underweight  
 ++ High conviction overweight

- Underweight  
 + Overweight

= Neutral

## Points of Focus:

- 1 MBS/ABS remains our highest conviction fixed income O/W.
- 2 Remain U/W IG given poor risk asymmetry to spreads.
- 3 Remain O/W Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) given scope for inflation expectations to rise in 2026.
- 4 Within European government bonds, we are O/W peripherals and U/W core.
- 5 O/W Bank Loans given high carry and solid growth backdrop.

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# Global Fixed Income: Representative Allocations From the Portfolio Solutions Group

FIXED INCOME	COMMENTARY
<b>Bonds</b>	
U.S. Treasuries (USTs)	<b>USTs (U/W):</b> With UST 10-year yields near 4%, rates are likely too low relative to the economic outlook in the U.S., where growing tailwinds support a reacceleration in 2026. The combination of stronger growth and sticky inflation likely skews the Fed to fewer cuts than what is currently priced in over the next 12 months.
Inflation-Linked Bonds	<b>Inflation-Linked Bonds (O/W):</b> We continue to see some value in this space, particularly on the longer sections of the curve should inflation remain sticky or even reaccelerate in 2026.
Eurozone Govt. Bonds	<b>Eurozone Govt. Bonds (U/W):</b> Despite inflation falling towards target, we think long-end yields in the eurozone could continue to rise, as Germany's fiscal spending exerts steepening pressure on yield curves. In the eurozone, we remain O/W Spain and Portugal on the back of more favorable growth and debt dynamics.
EM Hard Currency Govt. Bonds	<b>EM Hard Currency (O/W):</b> We remain O/W EMD despite spreads being near all-time tights. Default prospects appear lower than in corporate credit while quality-adjusted spreads remain higher.
EM Local Currency Govt. Bonds	<b>EM Local Currency (Neutral):</b> EM Local continues to perform well in USD, but has not been great in other currencies, such as EUR. This supports our view that EM Local rates and currencies are fairly valued, but a view on the base currency may be more impactful for near-term returns.
<b>Public Credit</b>	
Municipal Bonds	<b>Municipal Bonds (Neutral):</b> Muni/UST ratios remain at YTD tight levels. We still like the asset class for taxable investors but would hold our neutral stance.
Investment Grade (IG)	<b>Investment Grade (U/W):</b> With spreads near all-time tights, IG has poor convexity in the current environment.
MBS/ABS	<b>MBS/ABS (O/W):</b> Asset-backed securities remain our highest conviction fixed income overweight. Yield per unit of credit quality remains attractive, and the asset class continues to benefit from structural tailwinds.
High Yield (HY)	<b>High Yield (Neutral):</b> We remain neutral. While fundamental trends within HY remain solid, we view the risk/reward asymmetry for the asset class as unfavorable with spreads trading near all-time tights. As such, we see more attractive opportunities elsewhere within credit markets.
Bank Loans	<b>Bank Loans (O/W):</b> We remain O/W Bank Loans given our positive fundamental view on growth entering 2026 along with the high carry associated with the asset class. Additionally, we believe loans should benefit from a repricing in the front-end of the curve, which we feel is too aggressively pricing in rate cuts based on this outlook.

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# Global Equity

## OUR VIEW

EQUITIES	--	-	=	+	++
<b>Regional</b>					
U.S.	●	●	●	●	●
Eurozone	●	●	●	●	●
Japan	●	●	●	●	●
Emerging Markets (EM)	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Style</b>					
Growth vs. Value	●	●	●	●	●
Quality	●	●	●	●	●
Large-Cap vs. Small-Cap	●	●	●	●	●
Cyclicals vs. Defensives	●	●	●	●	●

## Points of Focus:

- 1 Remain O/W U.S. given positive trends in growth. Remain O/W U.S. industrial policy beneficiaries.
- 2 Targeted exposure in Europe; neutral overall but O/W Banks, German Fiscal Policy Beneficiaries, and Utilities.
- 3 Preference for U.S. large-caps with targeted exposure to mid-caps in U.S. and Europe.
- 4 Overweight cyclicals in the U.S. and Europe, given exposure to structural policy-driven growth tailwinds.

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# Global Equity:

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EQUITY	COMMENTARY
<b>Regional</b>	
U.S.	<b>United States (O/W):</b> Strength in 3Q25 earnings, coupled with continued resilience in growth, reinforces our positive view on U.S. equities. We continue to expect a reacceleration in growth in 2026, with tailwinds still to come in the form of monetary stimulus, fiscal stimulus, deregulation and continued AI adoption.
Eurozone	<b>Europe (Neutral):</b> We continue to hold a positive view on structural trends in Europe, but earnings revisions at the broad index level continue to lag other regions. As such, we opt for a more targeted approach to exposure and retain our O/W in eurozone banks and German mid-caps, as well as an O/W in utilities.
Japan	<b>Japan (Neutral):</b> Japanese equities are supported by fiscal stimulus, improved corporate governance, domestic reflation and BoJ policy normalization, while U.S. tariff uncertainty has eased. Returns should be steady, although Yen appreciation and rising bond yields need to be watched as potential headwinds.
Emerging Markets	<b>Emerging Markets (Neutral):</b> EM is supported by resilient global growth, range-bound USD, benign inflation, Fed easing and a US-China trade truce. Weaker domestic conditions in China and restrained stimulus pose downside risks. Asia's tech supply chain continues to benefit from the global AI investment cycle but with increased volatility. India is muddling through a domestic soft patch amid AI headwinds and unresolved U.S. tariff overhang.
<b>Style</b>	
Growth vs. Value	<b>Growth vs. Value (Neutral):</b> Since mid-2022 the Growth vs. Value trade has been dictated primarily by high-beta tech exposure with Growth-style indexes outperforming Value as markets rise and underperforming as they fall. In this context, a broadly neutral view on equities suggests a neutral view on Growth vs. Value.
Large-Cap vs. Small-Cap	<b>Large Cap (O/W):</b> We retain a preference for Large-Caps in the U.S. alongside a view of two-sided risks in the largest index weights. We take selective SMID exposure in both the U.S. and Europe where we see structural growth tailwinds supporting upside potential.
Cyclical vs. Defensive Sectors	<b>Cyclicals (O/W):</b> Our cyclical exposure in the U.S. and Europe rests mainly on structural drivers from policy efforts.

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## Key Portfolio Themes

INVESTMENT THEME	DESCRIPTION	IMPLEMENTATION
Global Fiscal Expansion	Most major countries will likely benefit from positive fiscal impulses in the coming 1-2 years. Partly spurred by Trump, partly by industrial policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>U/W Duration</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W TIPS vs. Nominals</b></li> </ul>
EU Investment Renaissance	After decades of underinvestment, the EU, led by Germany, is expanding fiscal capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>O/W Eurozone Banks</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W French Banks</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W German Fiscal Policy Beneficiaries</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W Credit</b></li> </ul>
U.S. Productivity Boom	The adoption of AI, tax incentives, deregulation and shrinking public-sector employment will likely lead to a productivity-driven boom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>O/W U.S. Equities</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W U.S. Industrial Policy Beneficiaries</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W AI Adopters (Defense)</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W Bank Loans</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W U.S. Regional Banks</b></li> </ul>
Corporate Credit Is Expensive	Corporate spreads offer poor risk/reward in the current environment, with default rates still reasonably high.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>U/W IG</b></li> <li>• <b>O/W Structured and EM Debt</b></li> </ul>

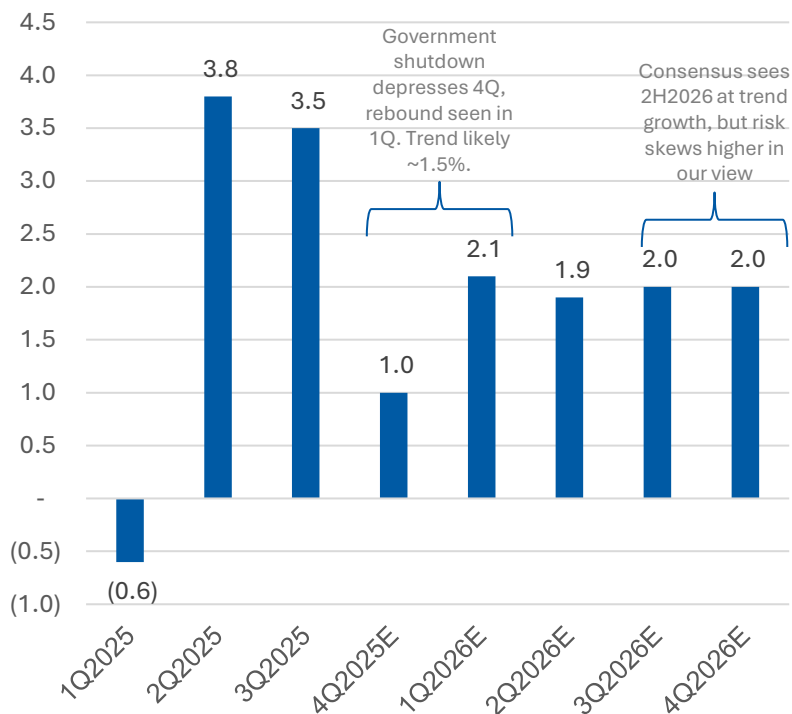
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## Q1 2026: A Transition From Headwinds to Tailwinds

The first quarter of 2026 represents a key transition point, with tariff headwinds still in effect but fiscal and monetary policy tailwinds taking hold. A key marker to watch is the stabilization of labor markets in 1H2026.

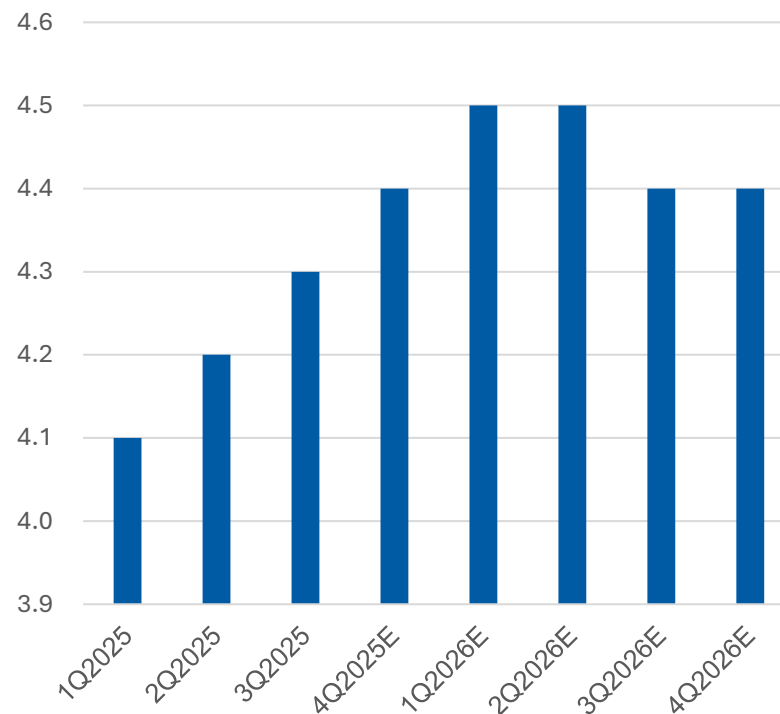
### Soft Patch Continues Into 1Q26, but Growth Should Firm in 2Q26

Consensus real U.S. GDP QoQ % seasonally-adjusted annual returns



### Labor Market Seen Stabilizing in 1H2026, Firming 2H2026

Consensus unemployment rate



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## Drivers of 2026 Growth Acceleration

We see Fed and fiscal policy, deregulation and fading tariff headwinds all contributing to growth acceleration in 2026. These economic drivers are additive to an ongoing structural tailwind from AI, prominent in 2025.

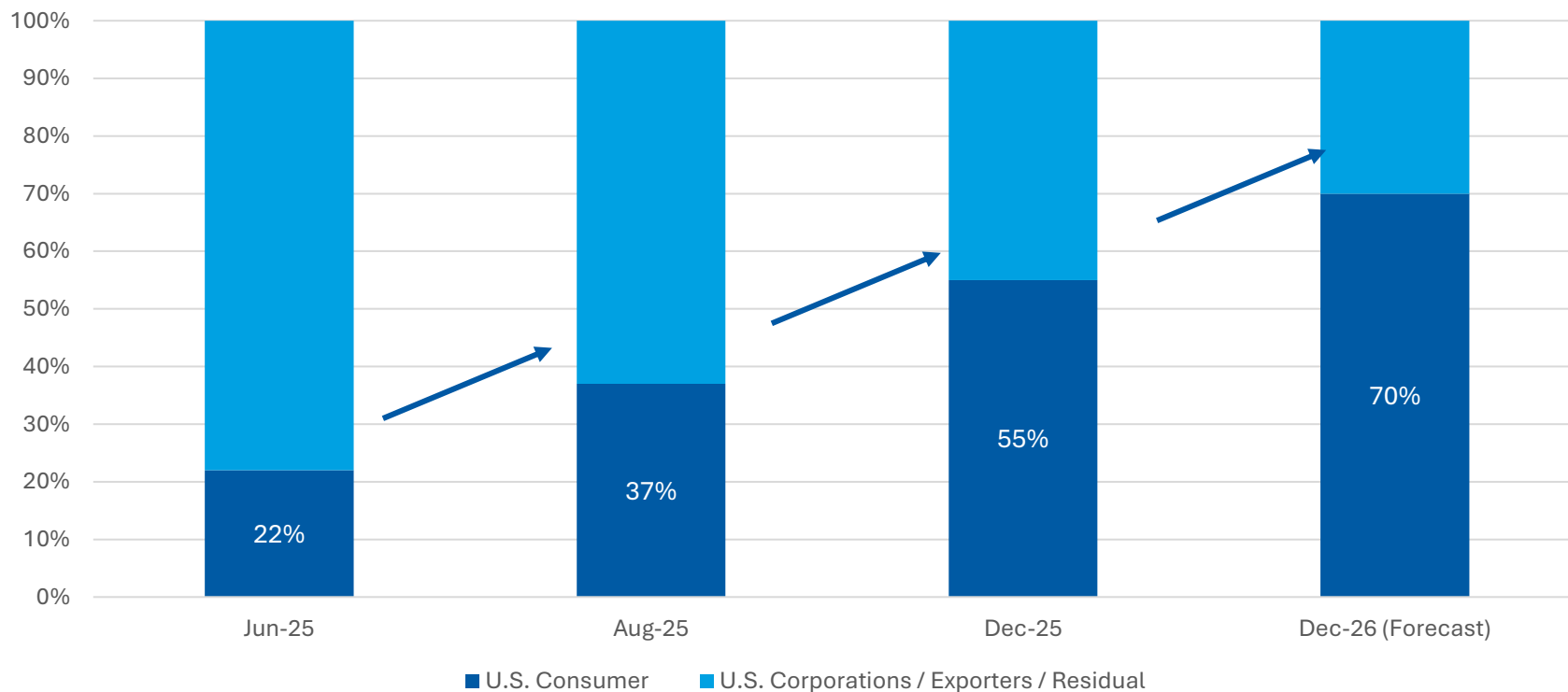
	2H 2025	2026 View	Implication
#1 Fed Policy	Cutting	Holding (few if any cuts)	Tailwinds from 2025 rate cuts will carry into 2026.
#2 Fiscal Policy	Emerging support	Tailwind	Corporate tax breaks from the OBBBA have first effect in 3Q2025 and grow into 2026. Consumer tax breaks hit when 2026 taxes are filed.
#3 Trade Policy	Peak tariff headwinds	Headwinds fade heading into 2H 2026	Peak tariff headwinds in 2H25. Fiscal and monetary support heading into 2026. Tariff headwinds fading in 2H26.
#4 Deregulation	Early efforts benefit select areas	Potentially greater policy focus	Deregulatory agenda is aimed at reducing the direct and indirect costs of doing business in the U.S.

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## Continued Pass-Through of Tariff Costs Remains a Risk for the Consumer

As of December 2025, roughly 55% of tariff-related costs are estimated to have been transmitted to the consumer. By year-end 2026, the consumer's share of total tariff costs is expected to reach ~70%, which may serve as a headwind to spending.

Division of Tariff Costs Based on Estimates Derived From PCE Data



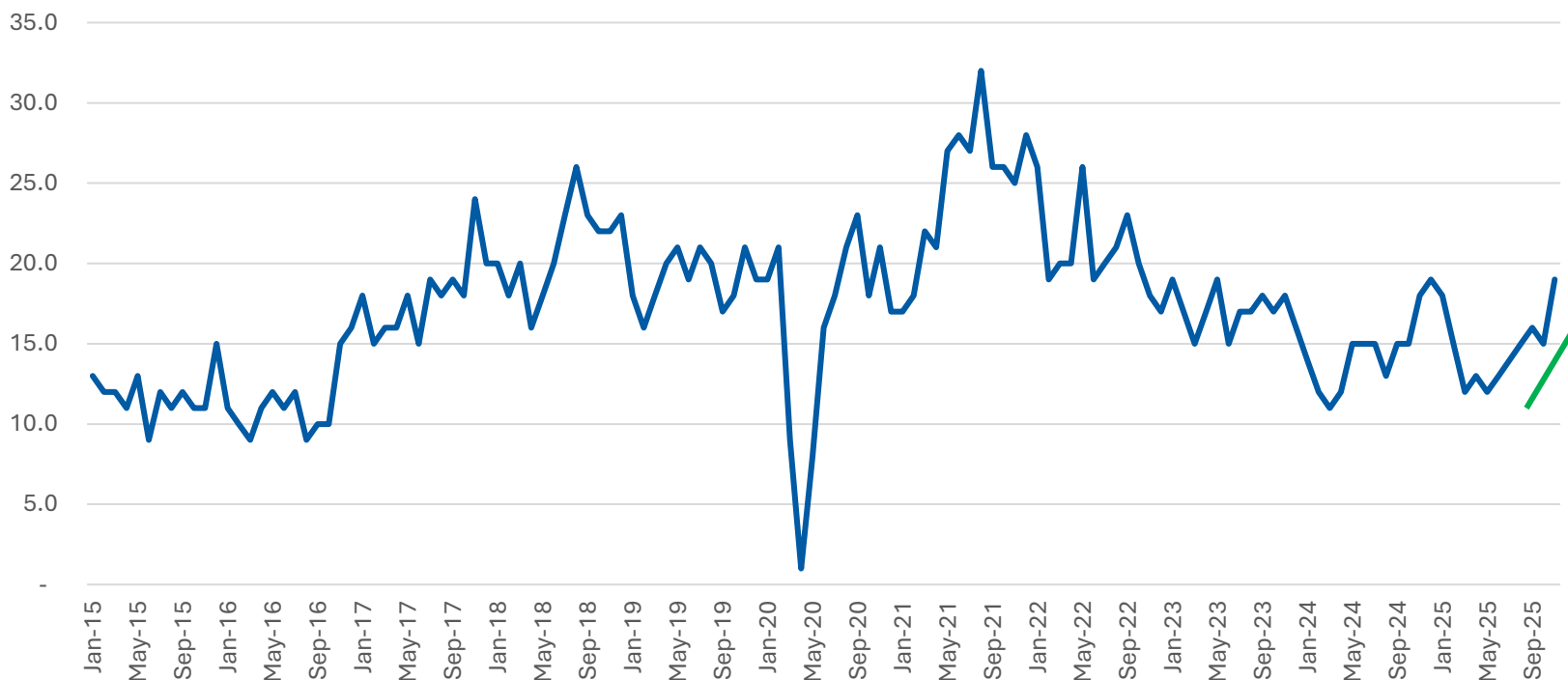
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## Business Surveys Provide Potential Support of Labor Data Optimism

With the consumer proving more resilient than expected, labor market softness might primarily reflect business uncertainty. Some business survey data indicates improving confidence, a potential lead indicator for labor market stabilization.

### The “Hiring Plans” Component of the NFIB Small Business Optimism Index Has Lifted From Post-Tariff Announcement Lows

*NFIB Small Business Hiring Plans Index*



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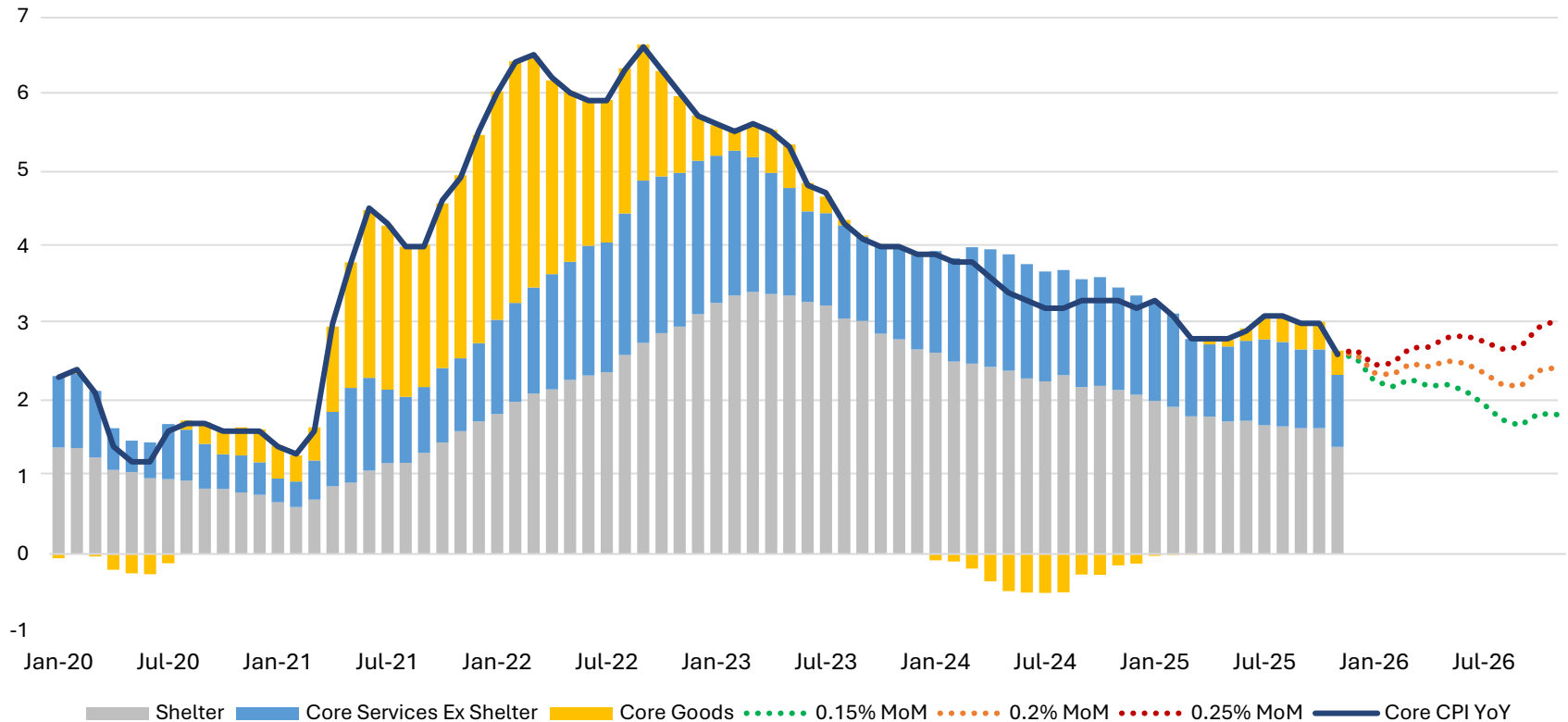


## Cooling but Bumpy Inflation Last Mile

Favorable year-over-year base effects should ease U.S. inflation into 1H26 as shelter decelerates, with debates centered on the persistence of corporate tariff pass-through in core goods and the degree of labor-driven softness in supercore services.

### Recent MoM Run Rates Point to Favorable YoY Trends Ahead, With Durability of Core-Goods Inflation a Wildcard

U.S. core CPI YoY (%)

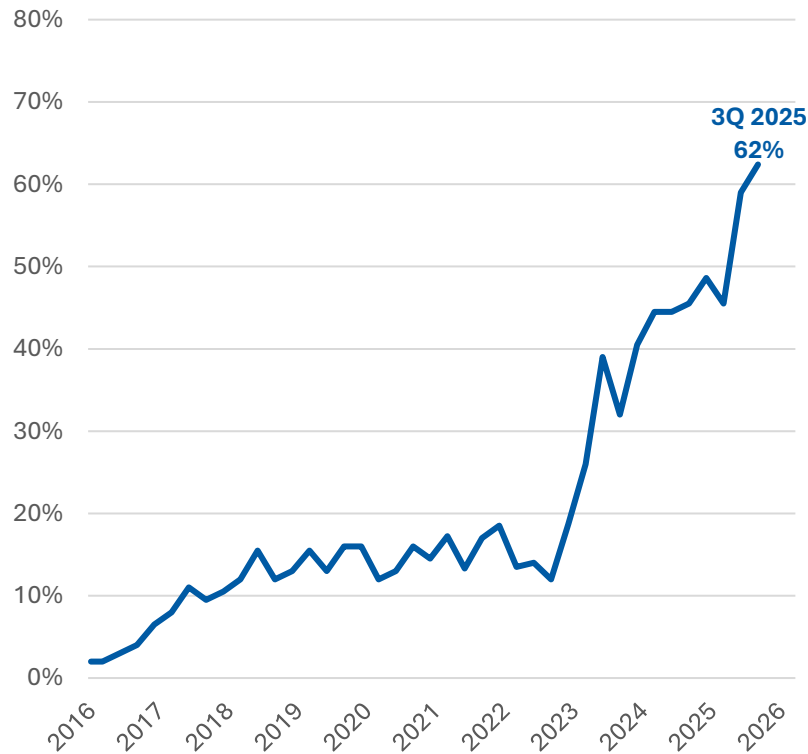


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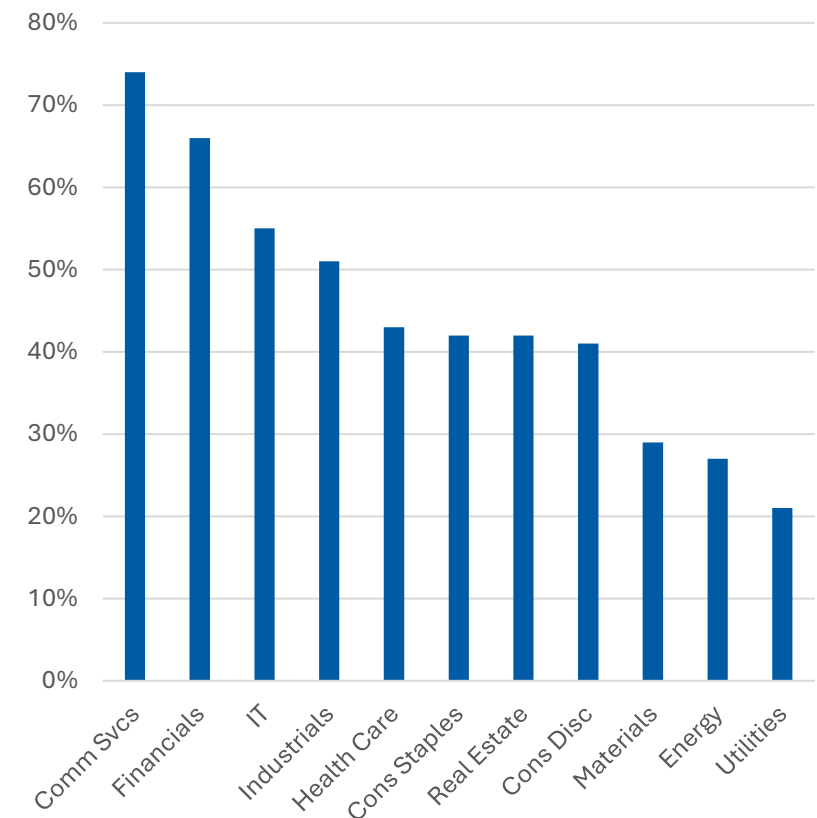
## 2026 May See the First Clear Signs of an AI Productivity Lift

AI adoption remains a key and growing focus within company commentary during the third quarter, and structural AI trends should continue to be a major driver of higher productivity trends as we head into 2026.

Proportion of S&P 500 Firms Discussing AI During Earnings Calls



Share of Firms Discussing AI as Tailwind on 3Q Earnings Calls

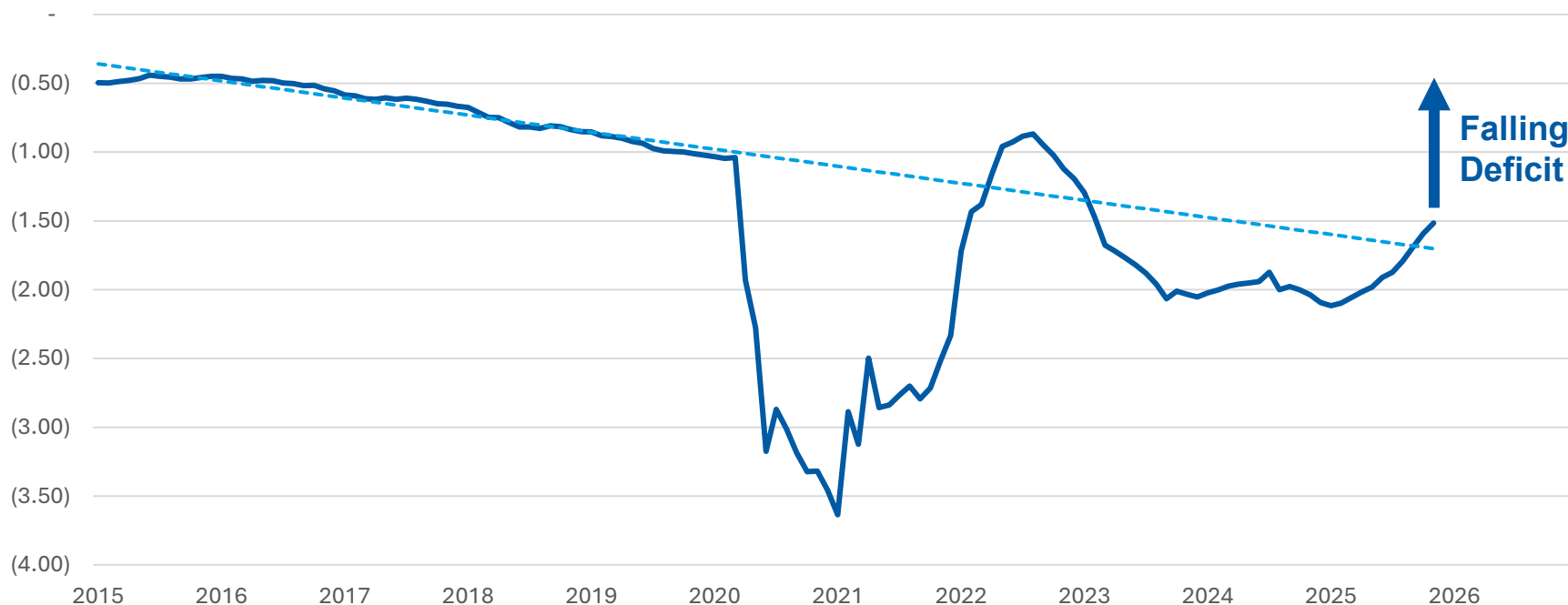


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## Federal Deficit Trending Lower Entering 2026, Beating Expectations

The U.S. federal deficit is narrower than its pre-COVID trend and is likely to be a central topic in 1Q26, particularly considering the pending SCOTUS ruling and the administration's response.

U.S. Federal Deficit 10-month Seasonally-Adjusted Annual Return (in \$ Trillions)

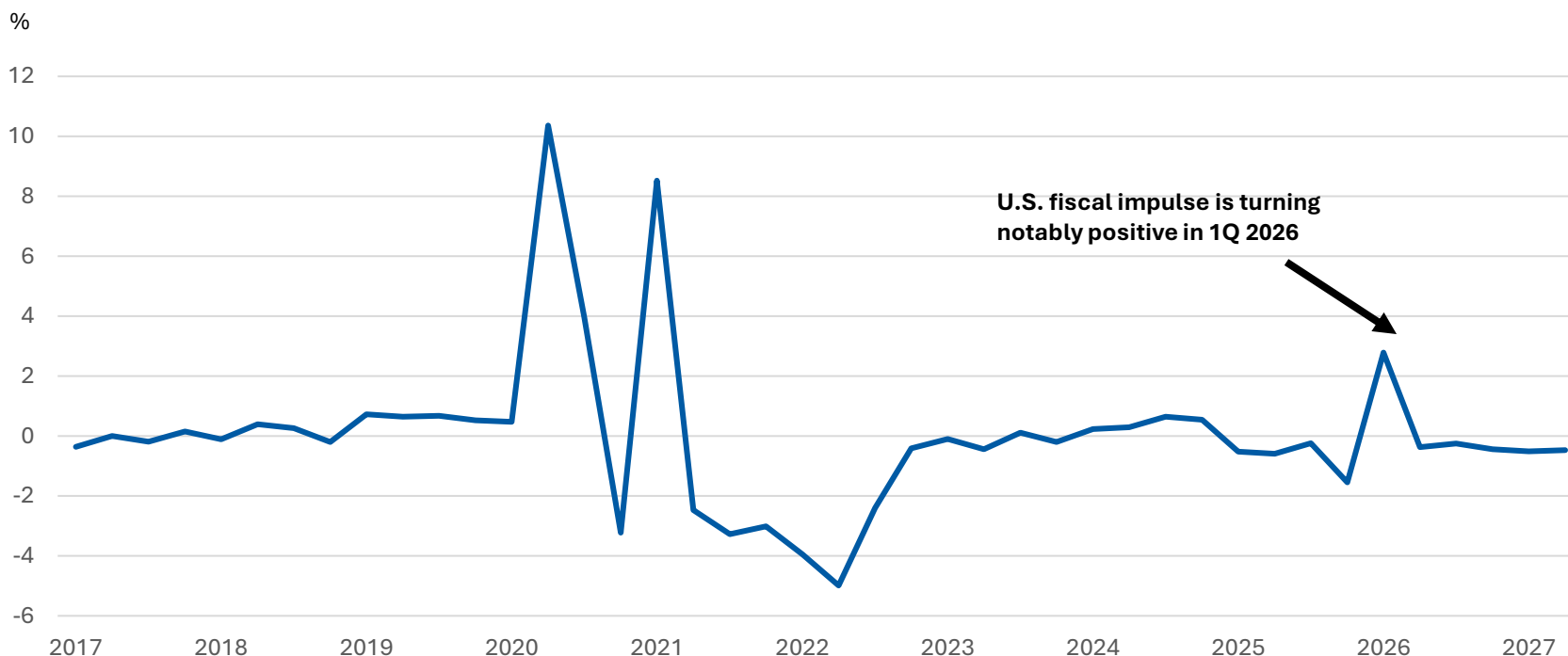


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## Fiscal Impulse Turning More Supportive Into Early 2026

Historical lags between fiscal action and economic activity suggest recent measures may translate into a positive growth impulse by late 1Q or early 2Q 2026.

U.S. Fiscal Policy Impact on Contribution to Real GDP Growth (%)

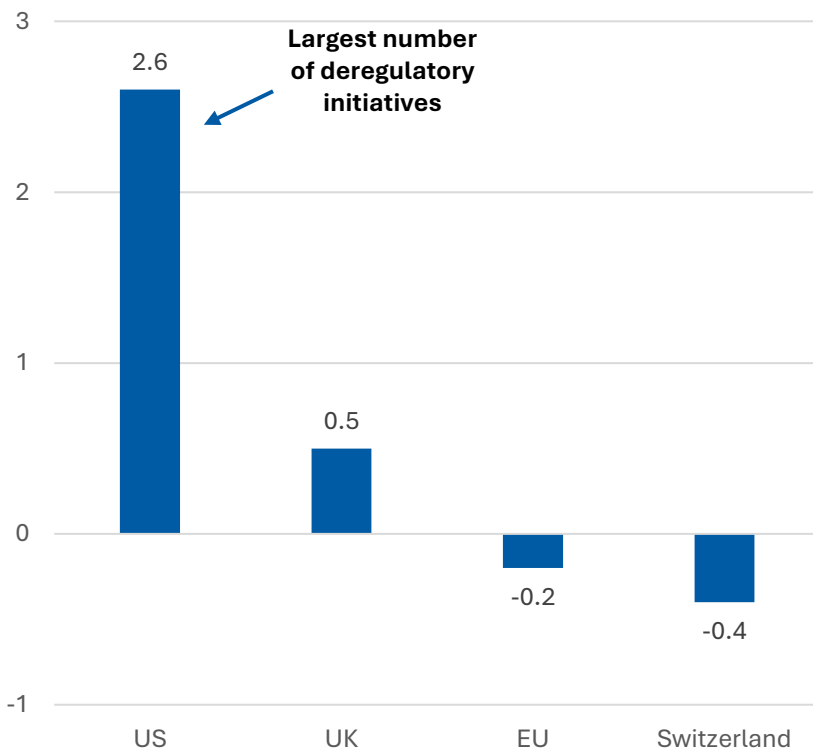






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# Deregulation Driving Additional Lending Capacity – A Form of Stimulus

Deregulation of banks across regions, but primarily led by the U.S., is unlocking \$ trillions in additional lending capacity.

Changes in Lending Capacity (\$ Trillions)



Region	Deregulatory and Regulatory Initiatives	Key Points
	7:0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banks will obtain CET1* release of 14%</li> <li>Will provide 6% ROE uplift to banks</li> </ul>
	6:0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banks will obtain CET1 release of 102bps</li> <li>Profitability forecast to rise by 3%</li> </ul>
	2:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regulatory simplification but no capital reduction</li> </ul>
	0:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will materially increase capital requirements</li> <li>Raising CET1 by 769bps</li> </ul>

Source: Alvarez & Marsal, MSIM PSG. As of December 16, 2025. \*CET 1 stands for Common Equity Tier 1, a key measure of a bank's financial strength. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The views and opinions expressed are those of the portfolio management team at the time of writing/of this presentation and are subject to change at any time due to market, economic, or other conditions, and may not necessarily come to pass. Forecasts/estimates are based on current market conditions, subject to change, and may not necessarily come to pass.

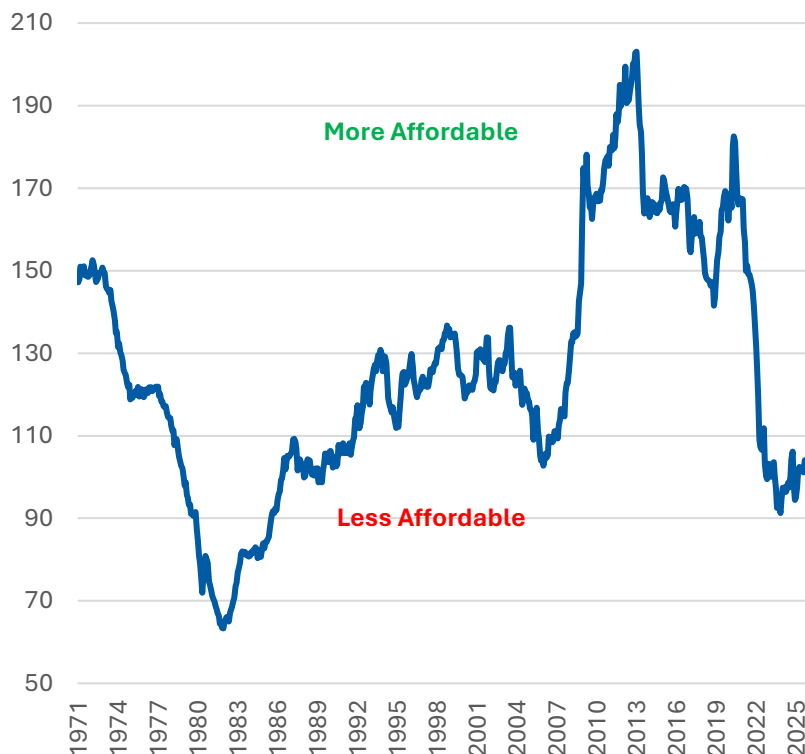
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## The Affordability Crisis Will Become a Key Political Debate in 2026

As the U.S. moves to midterm elections, housing and health care affordability concerns are a likely focus.

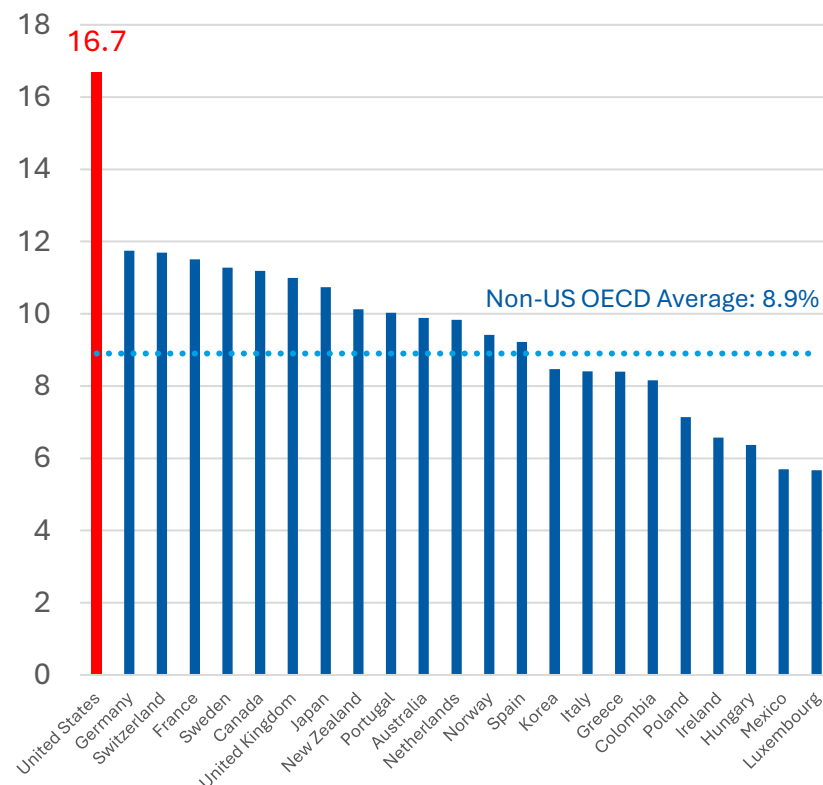
### Housing Affordability Is Near Its Worst Levels in 40 Years

*U.S. housing affordability index, seasonally-adjusted*



### U.S. Health Care Spending Is Significantly Above Global Peers

*Health care spending as % of GDP vs select countries, 2023*



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## **Bonds**

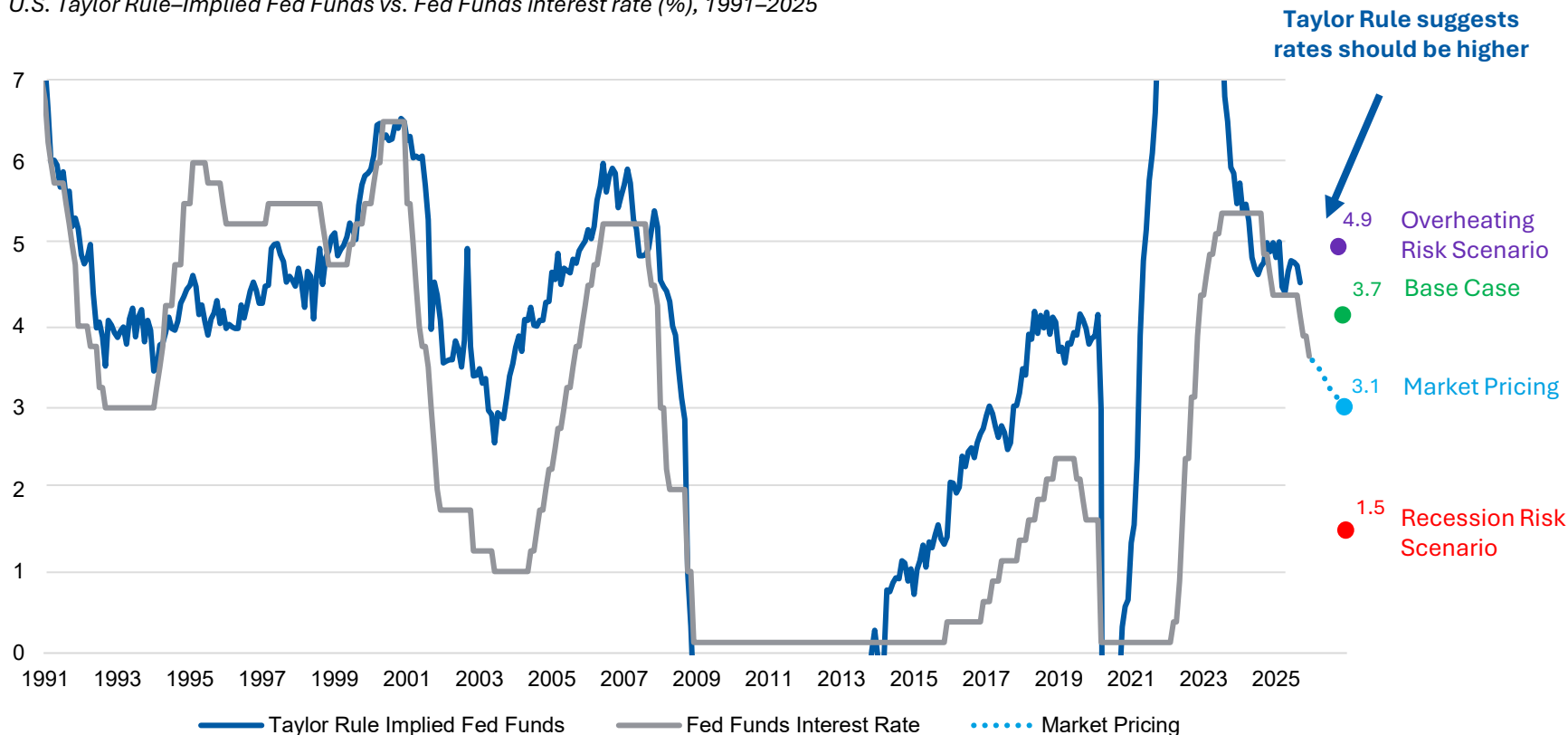
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# Remain U/W Duration; Fewer Cuts With Stronger Growth

Our more optimistic growth view for 2026 suggests additional Fed rate cuts in 2026 are less likely.

## The Taylor Rule\* Above the Fed Funds Rate Implies Fewer Cuts Than Expected

U.S. Taylor Rule–Implied Fed Funds vs. Fed Funds interest rate (%), 1991–2025



Source: Bloomberg, MSIM, as of December 17, 2025. \*The Taylor rule says that an increase in inflation by one percentage point should prompt the central bank to raise the nominal interest rate by more than one percentage point. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The views and opinions expressed are those of the portfolio management team at the time of writing of this presentation and are subject to change at any time due to market, economic, or other conditions, and may not necessarily come to pass. Forecasts/estimates are based on current market conditions, subject to change, and may not necessarily come to pass. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

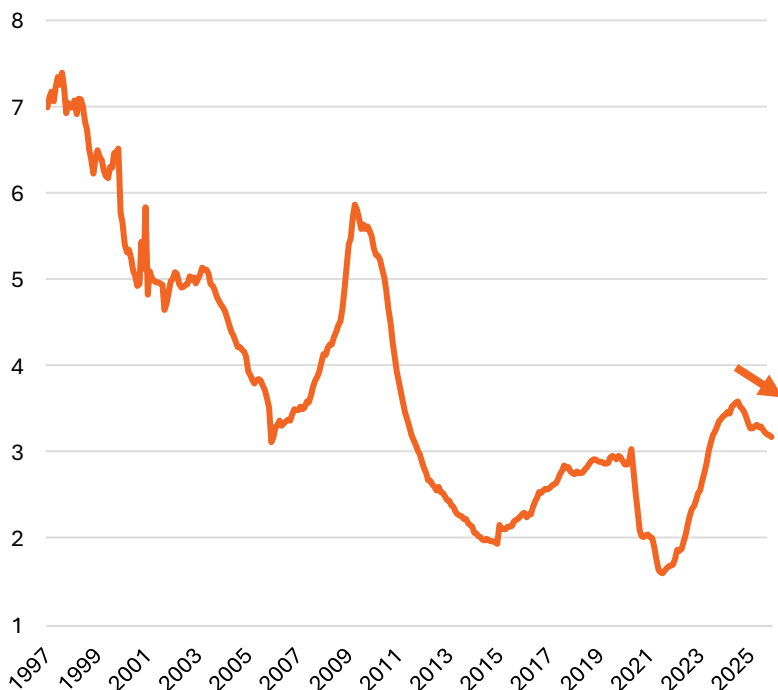


# U.S. Credit Markets: Amid Tight Spreads, Fundamentals Remain Healthy

While credit spreads remain tight by historical standards, the fundamentals underpinning credit markets continue to trend positively. Credit card delinquencies have drifted lower, and Moody's forecasts show default rates falling through 2026.

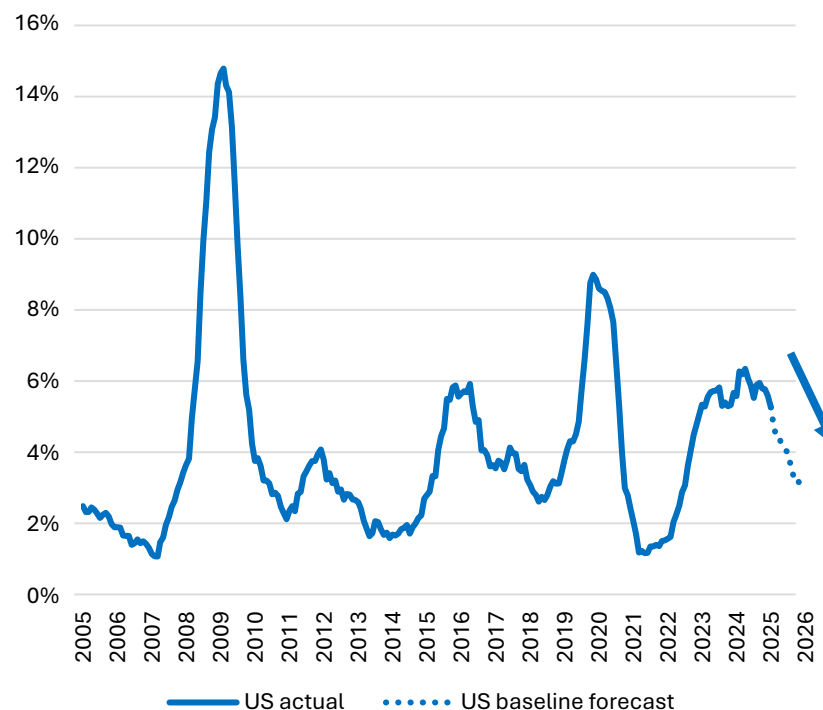
## Credit Card Delinquencies Are Drifting Lower

*U.S. credit cards 30+ days past due, % seasonally-adjusted*



## Baseline Forecasts Show Default Rates Falling into 2026

*Moody's U.S. trailing 12M speculative grade default rate with forecasts*

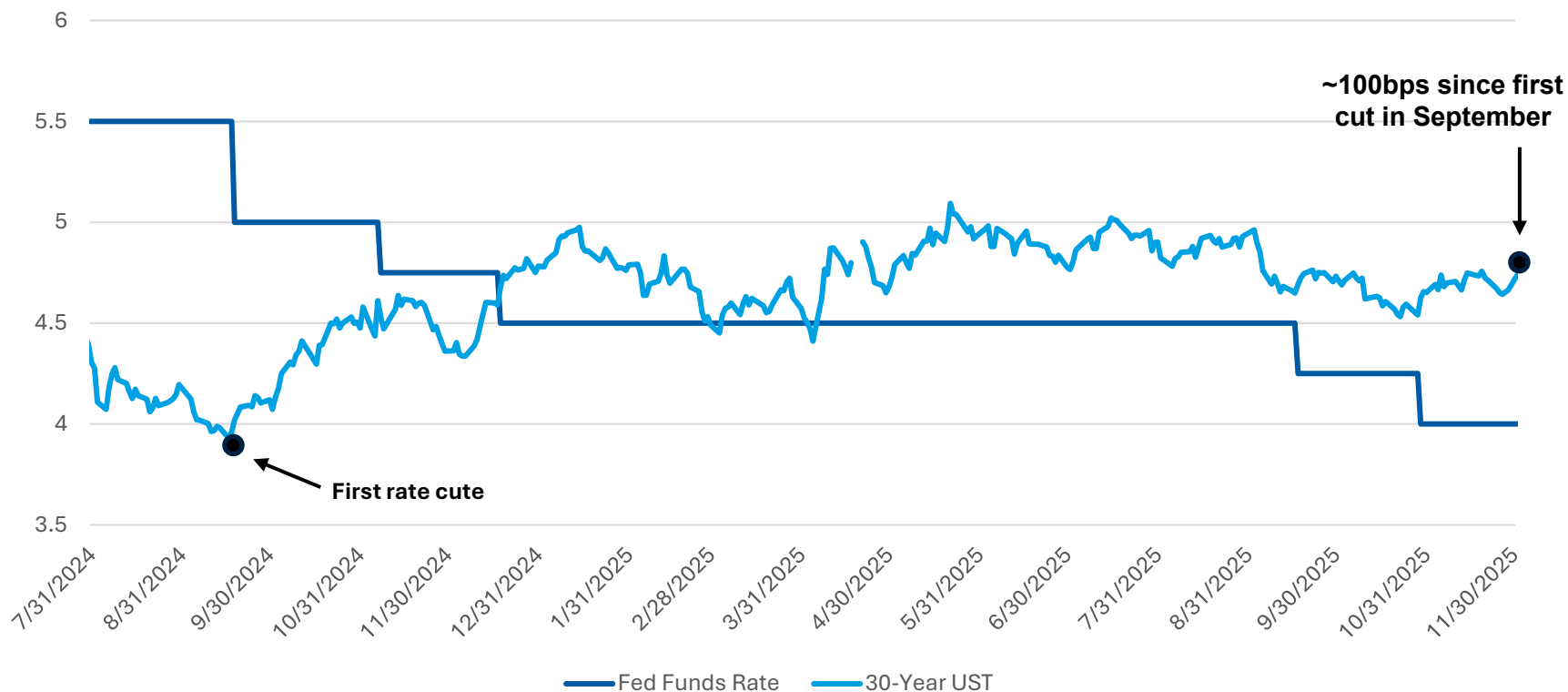


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## 30-Year Treasury Has Risen Nearly 100 Basis Points Since First Rate Cut

Term premium is coming back into the bond market.

U.S. Fed Funds Rate and 30-year U.S. Treasury

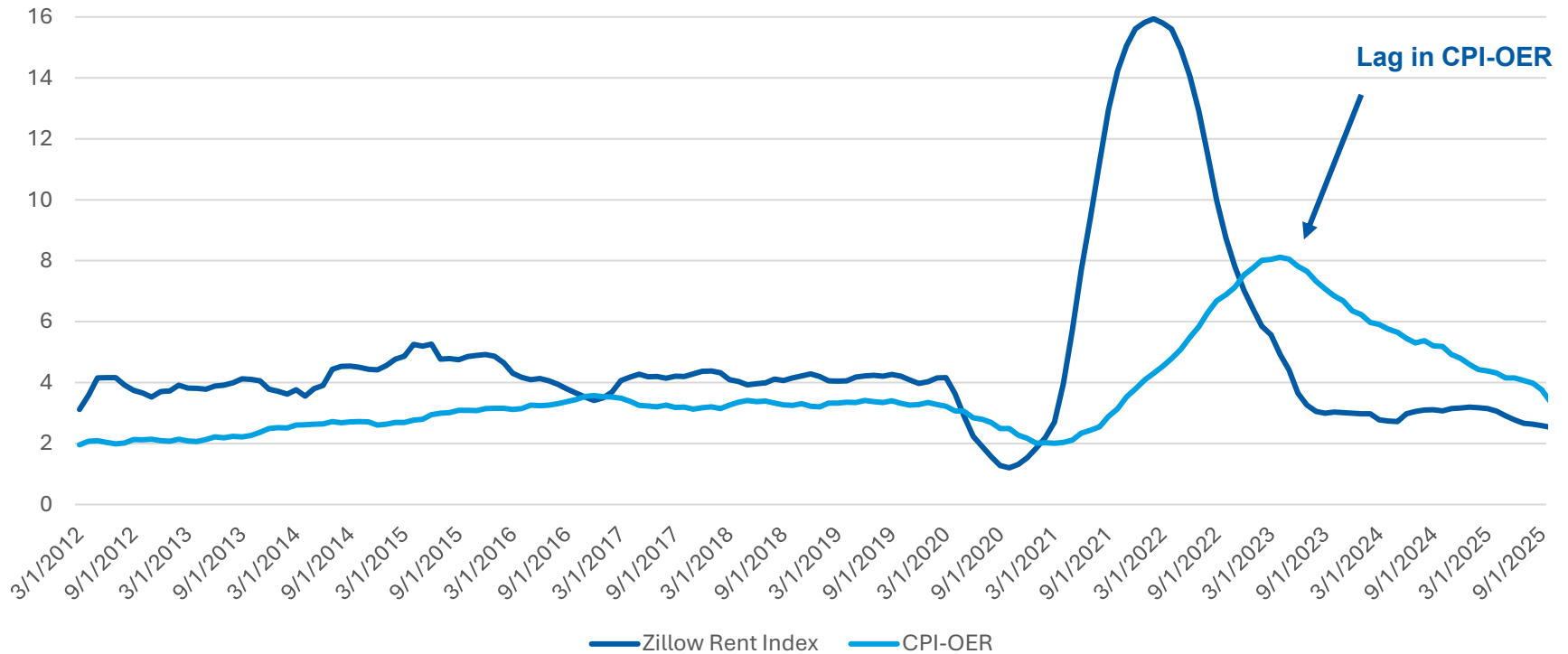


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# CPI Shelter Inflation Operates on a Lag to True Rental Inflation

Rents are poised to have a muted effect on CPI in 2026.

## Zillow Rent Index and CPI-OER

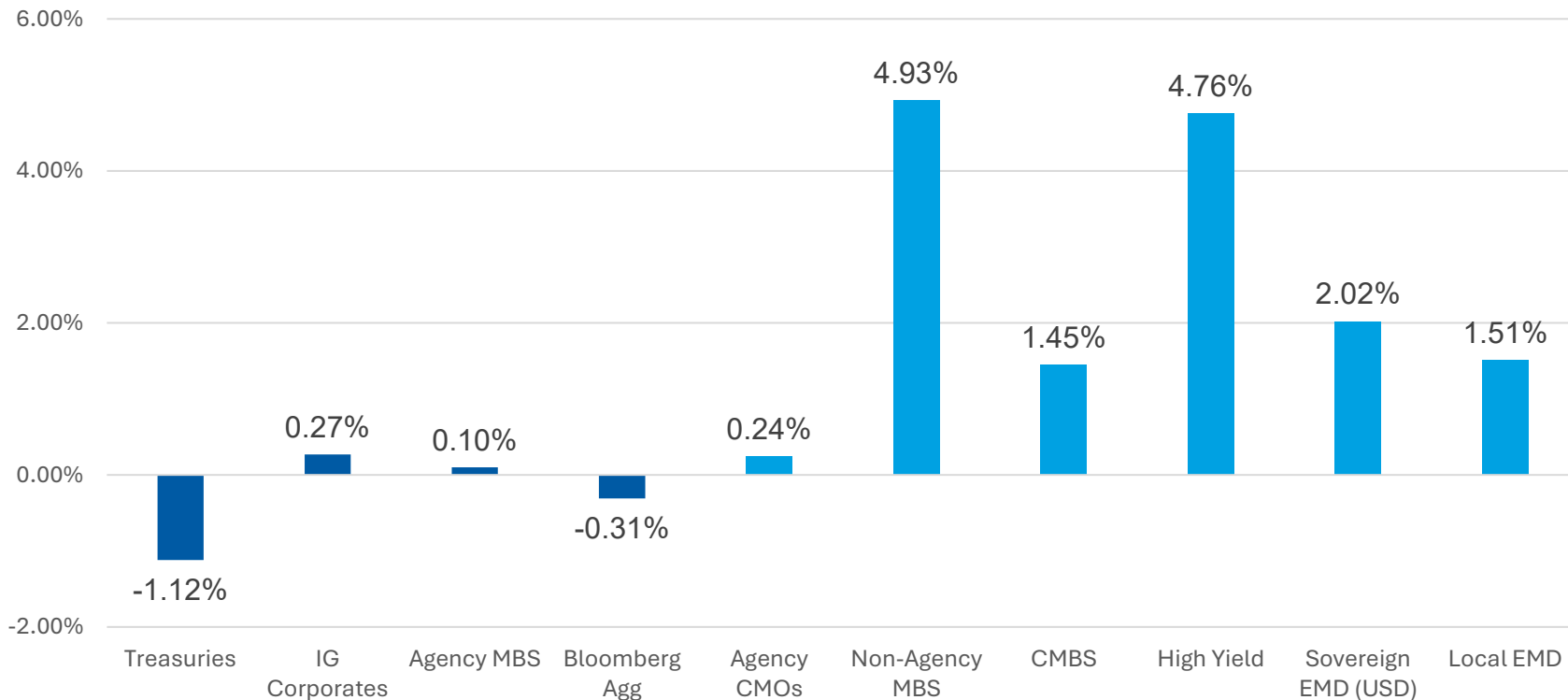


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## Benefits of “Plus-Sector” Exposure

The Bloomberg Aggregate continues to underperform the “plus” sectors of fixed income.

Fixed Income 5-year Annualized Returns (%)

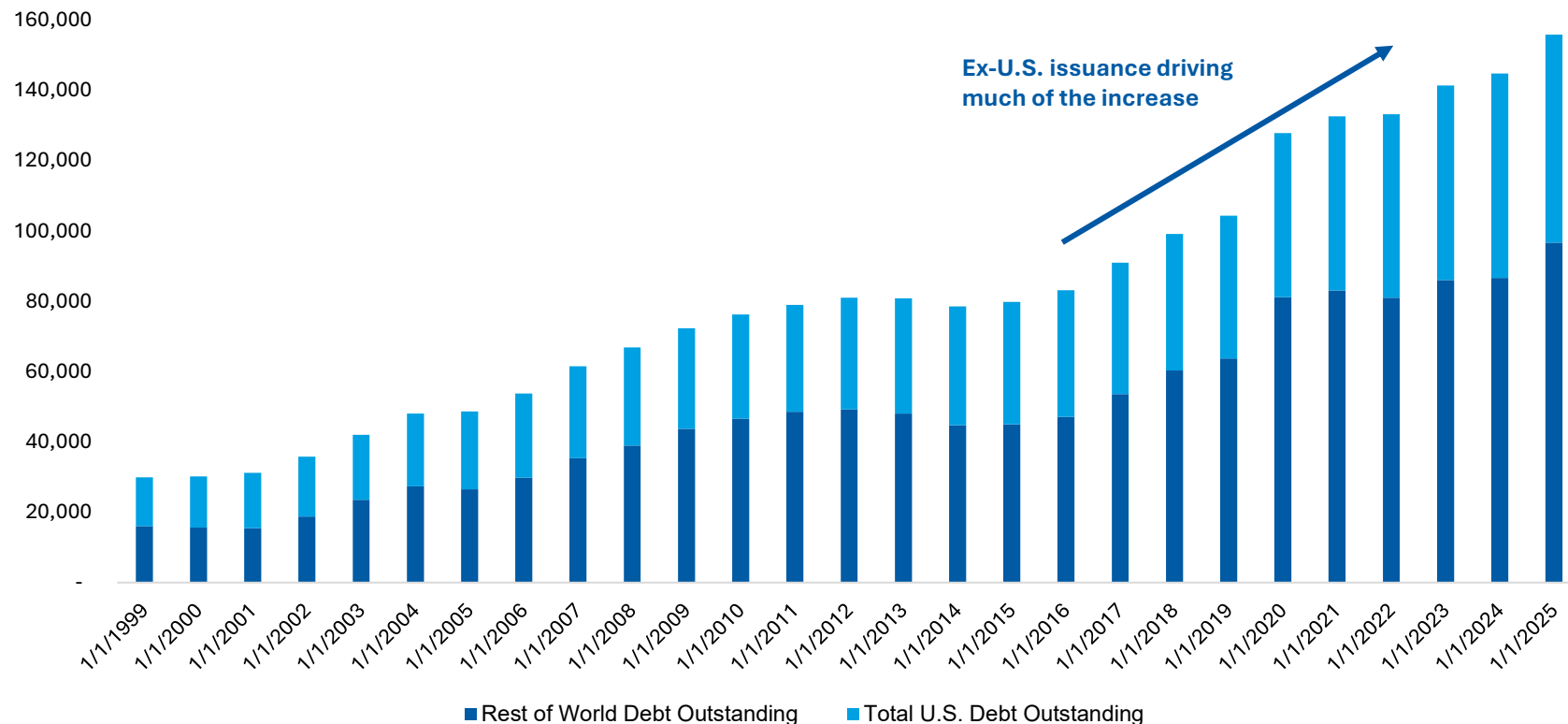


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## Source of Rising Long-Term Yields Coming From Outside the U.S.

Higher global fiscal spending is increasing term premia across the global rates complex.

Total Debt Outstanding, U.S. and World Total

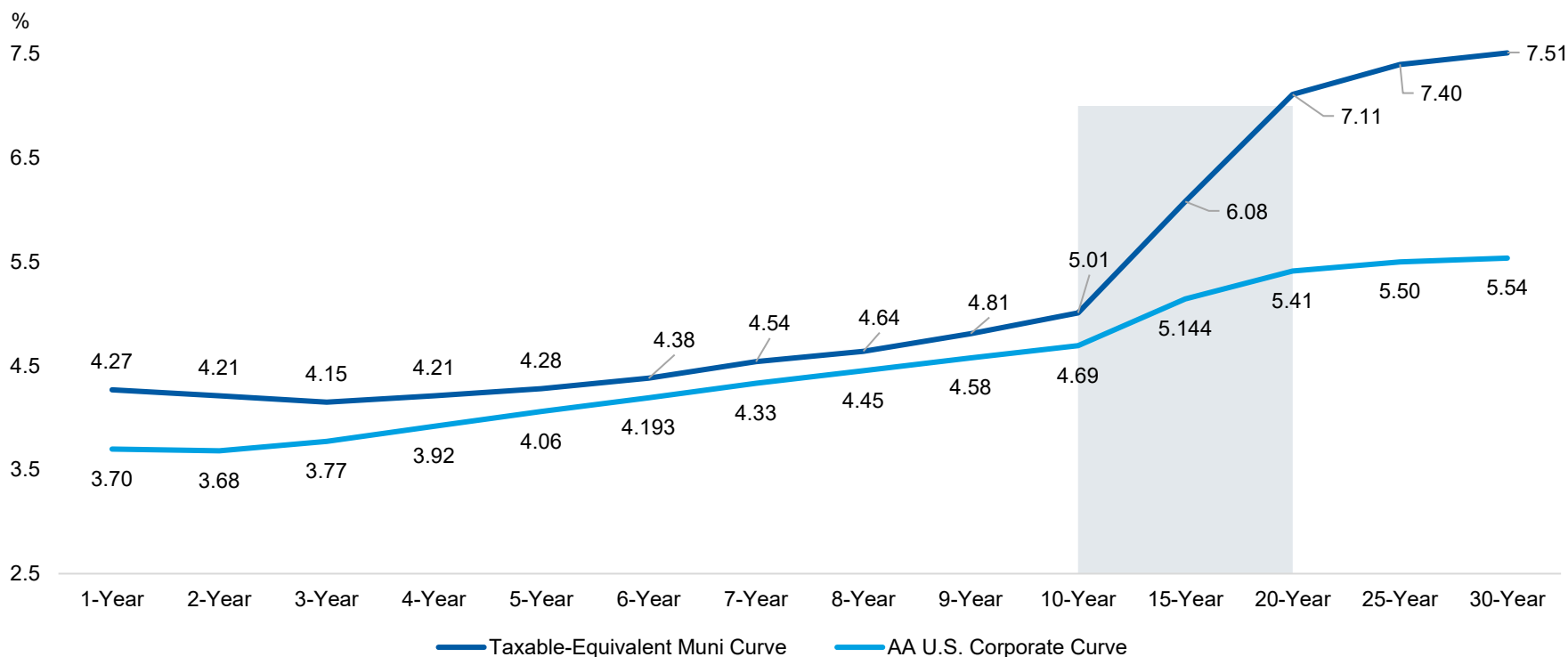


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# Municipal Bonds in 2026: Focus on the Curve and Active Management

The steepest part of the muni curve provides yield pickup and potential return from bond roll. We believe this curve discipline and an opportunistic approach will be essential for navigating the complex monetary and fiscal policy environment in 2026.

## The Municipal Curve Is Steepest From 10 To 20 Years on an Absolute and Relative Basis



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## **Equities**

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# We Maintain a Positive View on Equities in 2026

Late Cycle? Yes. End of Cycle? No!

## 1. Four Reasons 2026 Could Be Another Good Year for U.S. Equities:

1. Historical precedent
2. Monetary policy
3. Fiscal policy
4. Muted sentiment

## 2. “AI Bubble” Talk Is Keeping a Lid on Technology Valuations

Big Tech could have another good year in 2026

## 3. Will the AI Productivity Boom Ultimately Benefit the SPX 493?

We believe it will.

## 4. Opportunities in Other Equity Markets Have Emerged in 2025

1. Europe
2. Japan
3. Emerging Markets

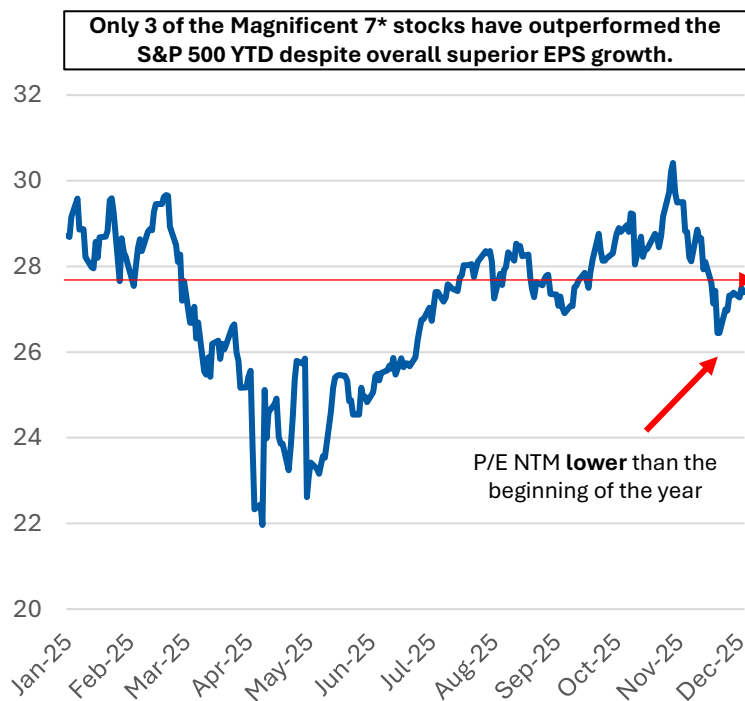
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## Good News: We Do Not Believe Technology Is in a Bubble

High levels of skepticism have constrained technology stock valuations. That's a good thing!

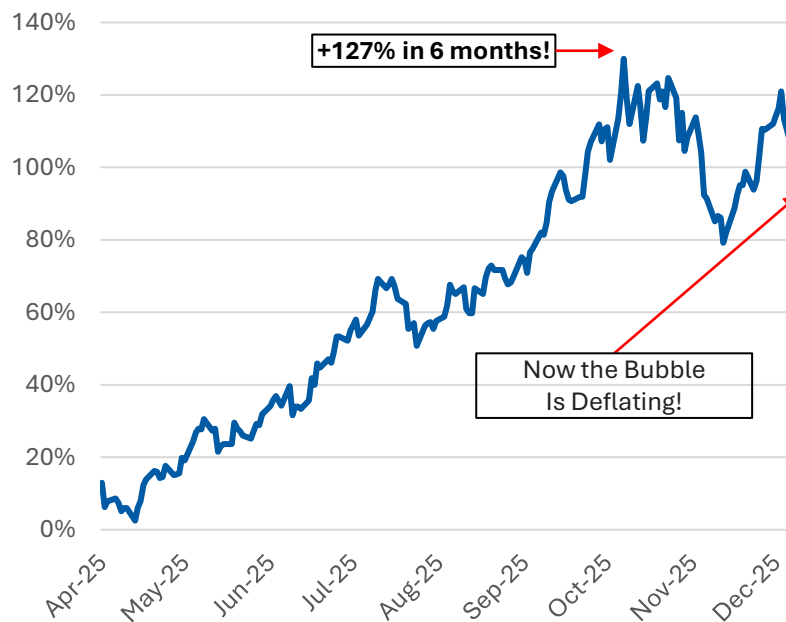
### S&P 500 Technology Next 12 Months (NTM) P/E



## The “Bubble” Was in Speculative Stocks

### Non-Profitable Technology Basket

April 9, 2025 – December 17, 2025



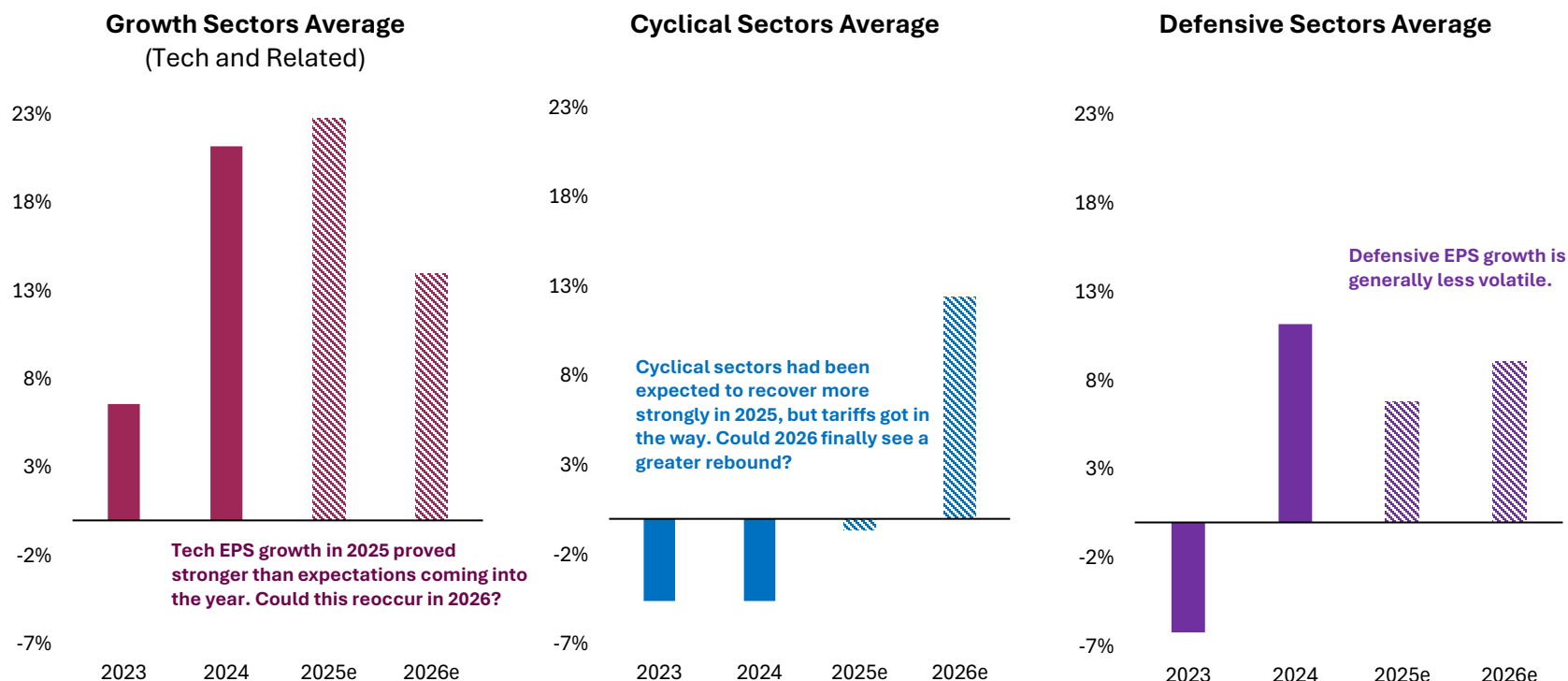
Source: Bloomberg. As of December 16, 2025. Non-profitable technology basket as defined by the GS Non-Profitable Tech Basket (GSXUNPTC). Consists of non-profitable U.S. listed companies in innovative industries.

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# What Could Drive 2026 EPS Outperformance vs. Expectations?

In 2025, Cyclical EPS disappointed expectations for reacceleration while Tech EPS outperformed expectations for deceleration. A 2026 with both Cyclical EPS recovery and Tech growth persistence presents one path to EPS upside.

U.S. Sector EPS Growth Rates, Consensus Estimates for 2025/2026



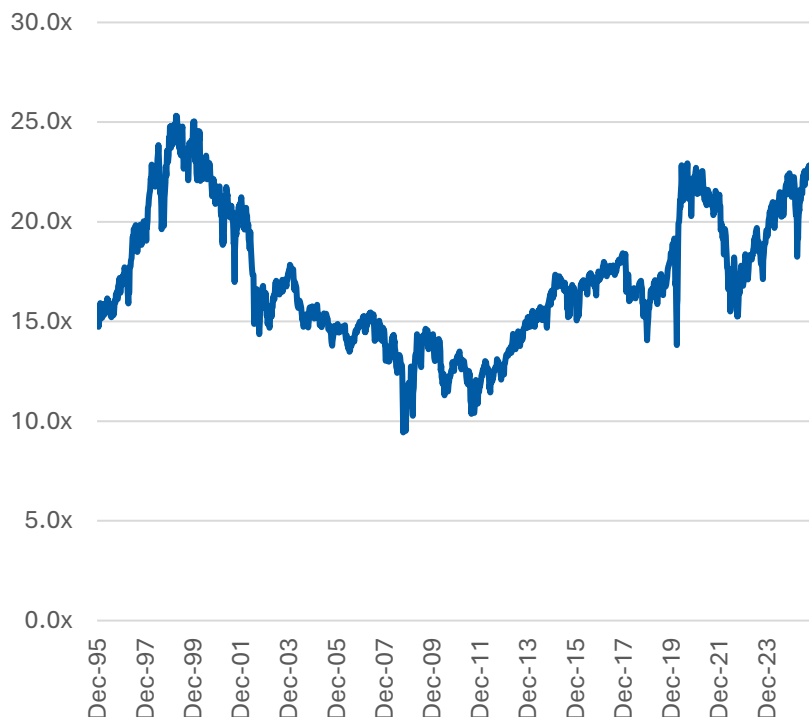
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## EPS Needs To Drive Upside in 2026, Rather Than P/E

With valuation still elevated by historical comparison, we look to EPS as the primary driver of returns. We had the same expectation last year, when 2025 returns came from EPS rather than valuation.

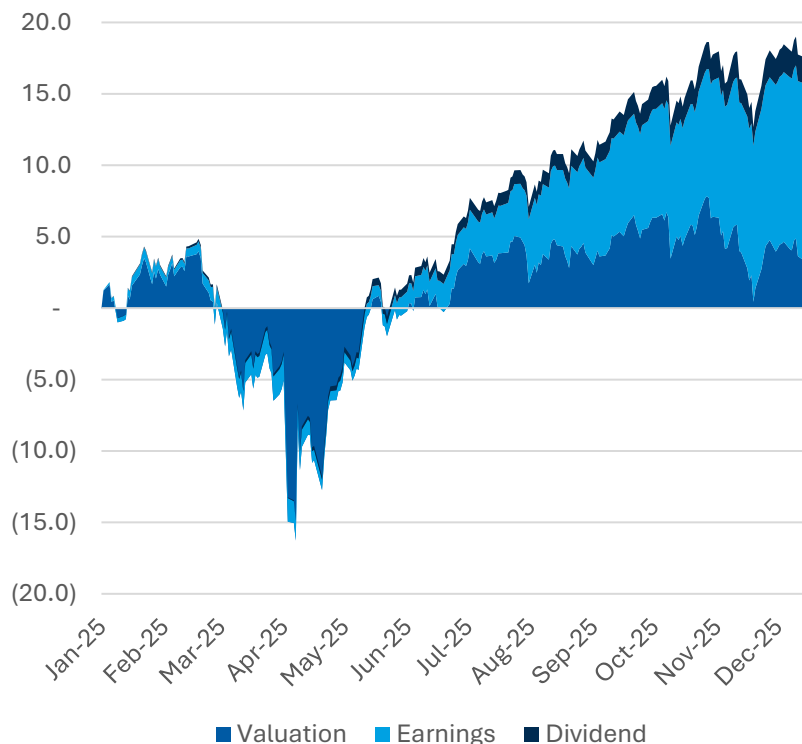
### S&P 500 P/E Remains Elevated by Historical Comparisons

Blended forward 12-month rolling P/E



### 2025 S&P 500 Returns Were Driven by Earnings, Not Valuation

% total return by P/E, EPS and dividend yield



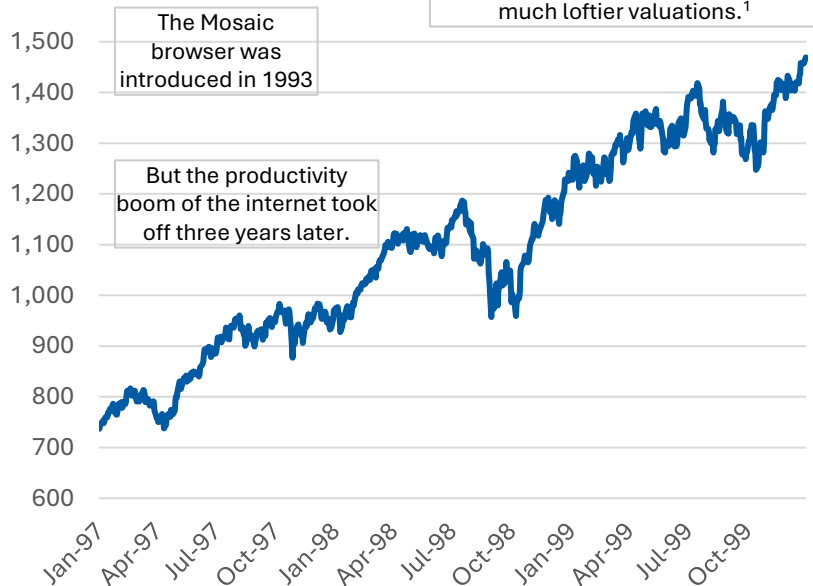
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# Late Cycle, Not End of Cycle, but Still Too Early To Buy Defensives

AI could drive final euphoria stage as the internet did in the late 1990s.

## S&P500 Performance

1997 - 1999



*AI productivity revolution may lead to better performance from the SPX 493*

## Defensives<sup>2</sup>

July 1995 – December 2025



*Valuation for defensives are high and we think they will underperform in 2026*

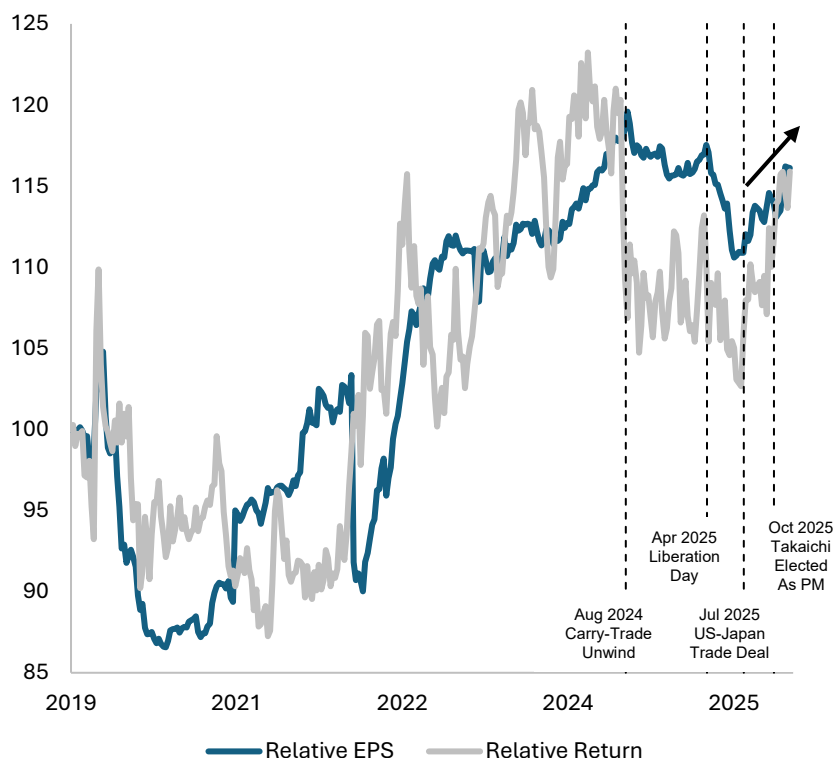
1. The S&P peaked at 28x forward P/E. 2. Defensive valuation as defined by the valuation differential between the highest earnings stable decile of the Russell 1000 versus that of the market average measured in terms of standard deviation. Source: Bloomberg, Factset. As of December 19, 2025. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The views and opinions expressed are those of the portfolio management team at the time of writing/of this presentation and are subject to change at any time due to market, economic, or other conditions, and may not necessarily come to pass. Forecasts/estimates are based on current market conditions, subject to change, and may not necessarily come to pass. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

# Japan Is Running Hot

Japanese equities are moving higher even as yields rise, all driven by stimulus.

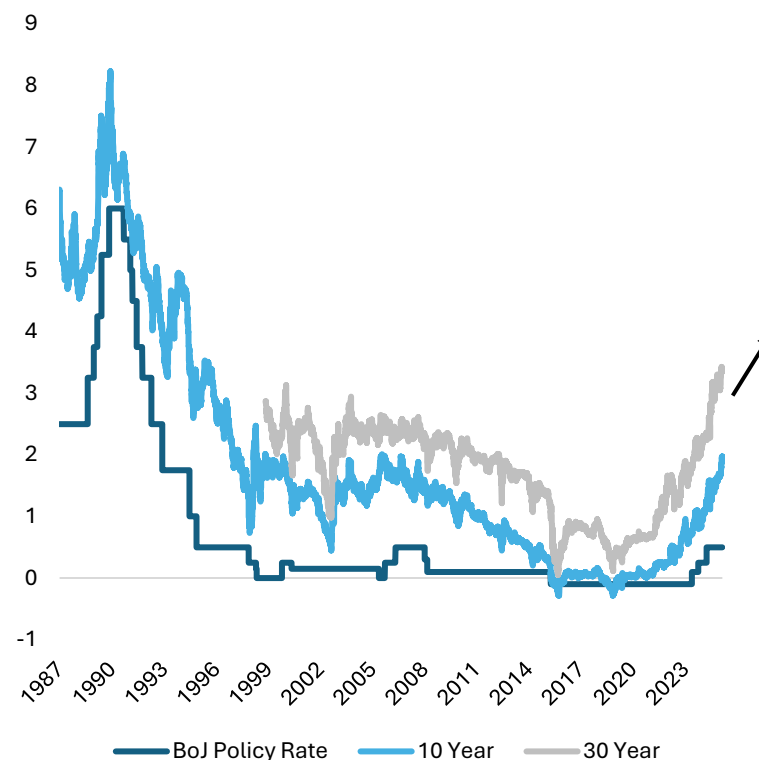
## Japan Has Resumed Earnings-Driven Outperformance vs. ACWI

Japan equities relative EPS and return vs. ACWI (rebased to 2020)



## Japan Bond Yields Are Breaking Out to Multi-decade Highs

JGB Yields (%)



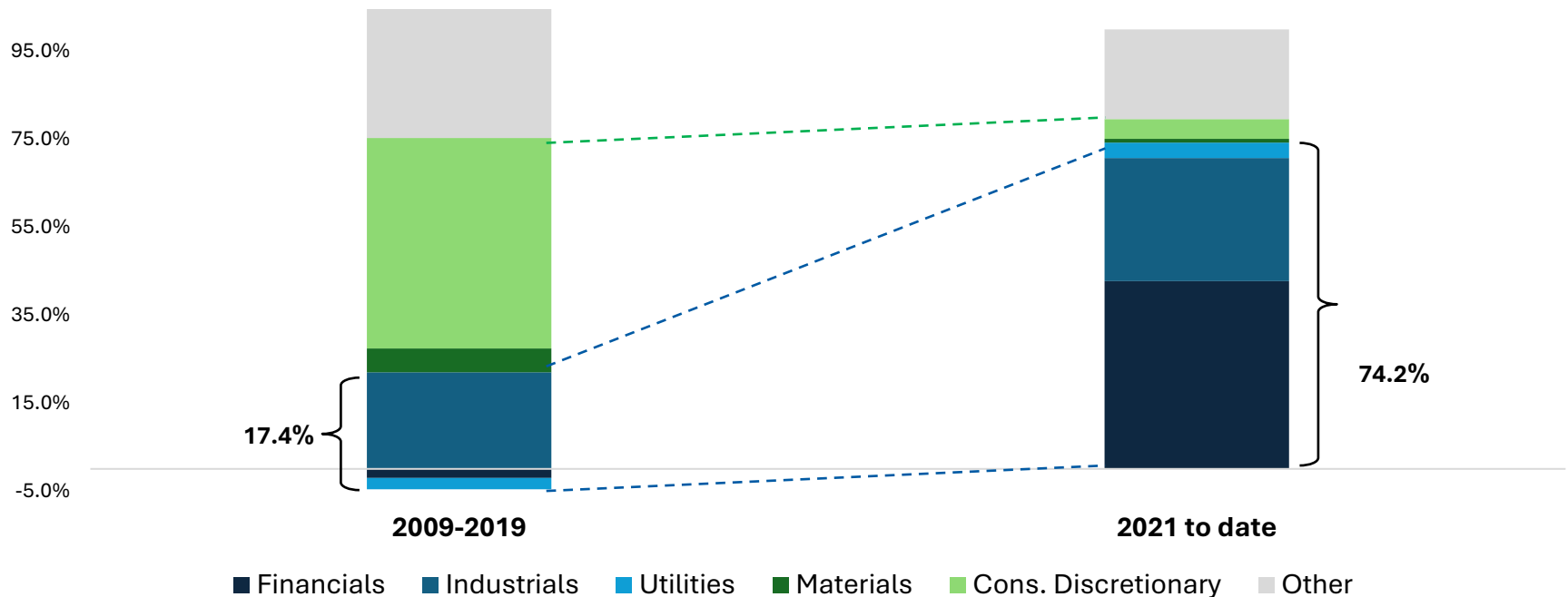
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## Changes Under the Hood for European Equities

While top-level EPS growth prospects may not have changed meaningfully post-COVID, we have seen a shift in sector leadership within European equities. We believe this change will remain a feature into 2026.

### Recent EPS Growth Has Been From Direct Beneficiaries of Fiscal Spending and Energy Independence

*Contribution to MSCI Europe EPS Growth by Sector*



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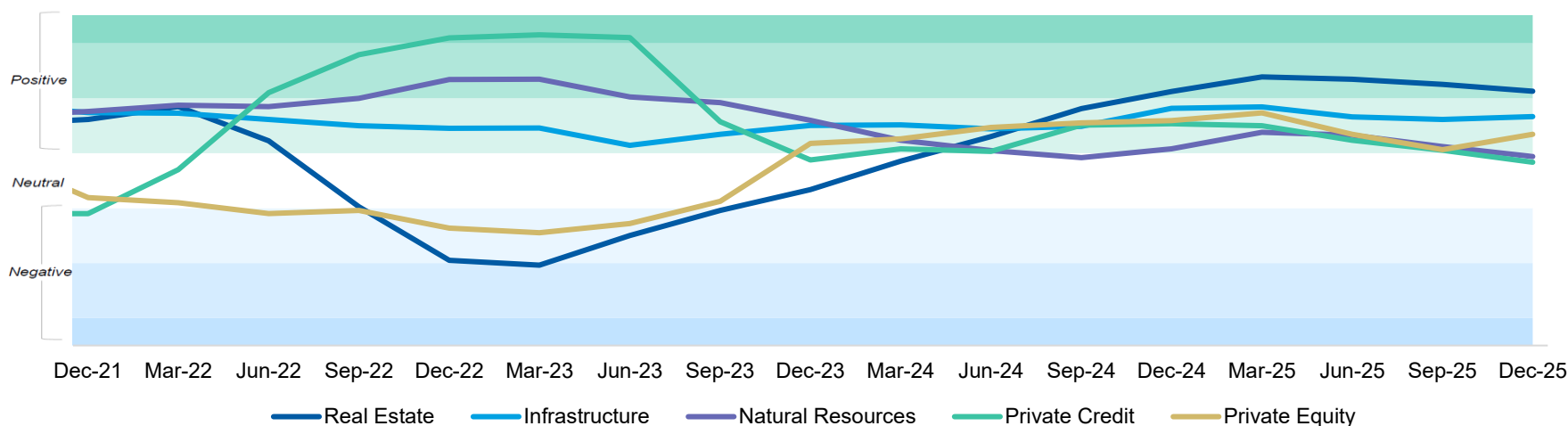


## **Alternatives**

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# Private Markets – 2026 Outlook and Commentary

Private Equity	<b>Neutral / Positive</b>	We see <b>improving distribution activity</b> , helped by rising M&A volumes, reduced tariff uncertainty and <b>more attractive relative valuations</b> versus public markets.
Private Credit	<b>Neutral</b>	We remain <b>tactically cautious on core middle-market direct lending</b> , where tight pricing persists despite some elevated credit risks. We prefer <b>capital preservation-led strategies</b> , sponsor-backed and senior secured first-lien exposure.
Infrastructure	<b>Neutral / Positive</b>	Infrastructure linked to <b>data center expansion</b> is positioned for continued strength, supported by sustained investment in power capacity and grid upgrades, particularly <b>renewables</b> .
Real Estate	<b>Positive</b>	We see attractive opportunities in <b>living and industrial</b> strategies, supported by a significantly <b>lower development pipeline</b> , motivated sellers and <b>attractive valuations</b> .
Natural Resources	<b>Neutral / Positive</b>	Agriculture and food commodities show varied conditions, with oversupply in some areas contributing to <b>pressure on operating margins</b> . Farmland <b>valuations have become more attractive</b> .



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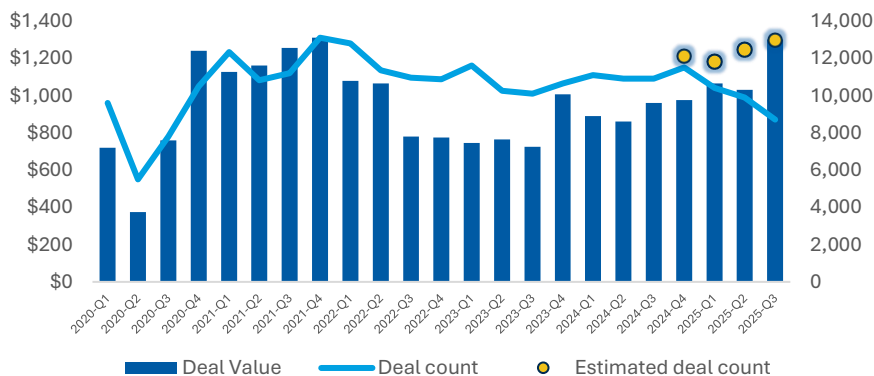
Positive on Buyouts/Growth, Neutral on Venture Capital

2026 Outlook	Negative	Neutral / Negative	Neutral	Neutral / Positive	Positive
Buyout					
Growth					
Venture Capital					

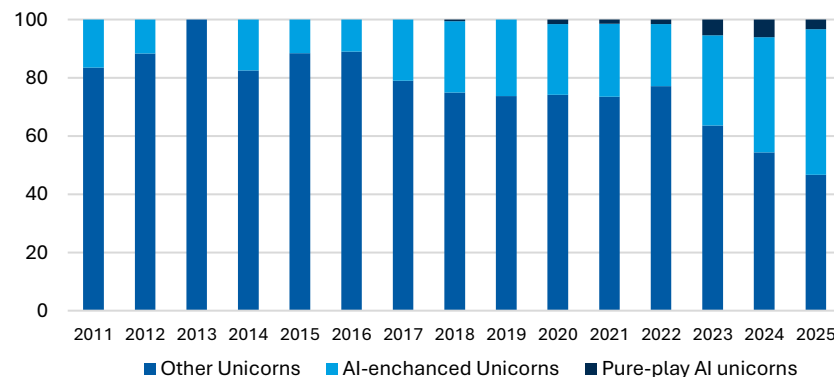
## Points of Focus

- Improved M&A activity:** While distributions in 2025 remained near record lows, there is a positive M&A momentum.
- Buyout valuations remain attractive, particularly versus public:** 10-11x vs. 14-15x in public.
- AI consolidates:** Transactions were +50% of the VC market in 1H25, but at 3-4x higher valuations than 2023.

## M&A Volumes



## Venture Capital and AI: Increasing AI Market Share



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# Private Credit

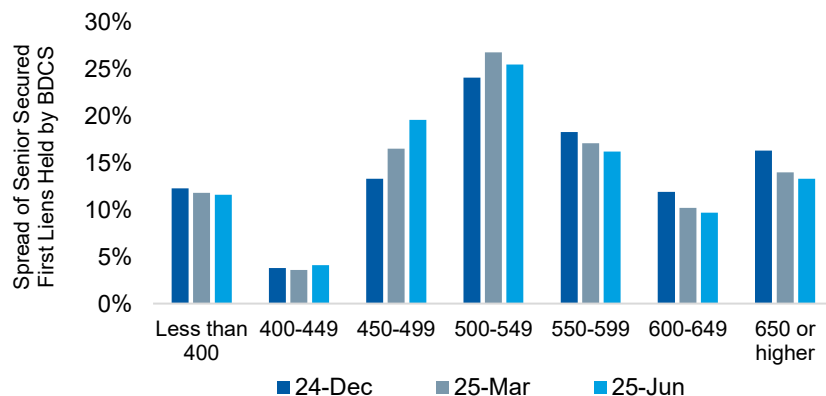
## Direct Lending Less Attractive, Special Situations Better

2026 Outlook	Negative	Neutral / Negative	Neutral	Neutral / Positive	Positive
Direct Lending					
Real Estate Debt					
Special Situations					
ABS (Asset Backed Securities)					

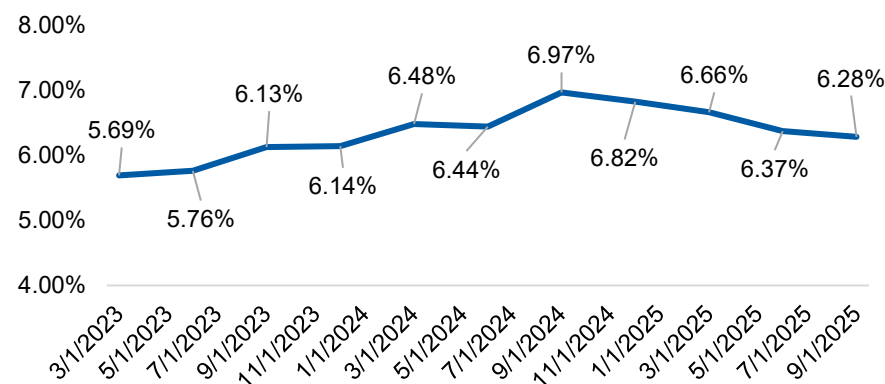
## Points of Focus

- 1 Direct Lending pricing tightens:** Focus on non-cyclical senior secured 1<sup>st</sup> lien loans in appropriately sized deals.
- 2 Stress in Direct Lending fading:** Payment-in-kind (PIK) incidence, an indicator of credit stress, is improving.
- 3 Headwinds in Direct Lending creating tailwinds elsewhere:** Special Situations lenders can capitalize.

## Pricing: New Issue Spreads Continue to Tighten



## Stress Indicators: PIK Interest Continues to Decline



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# Infrastructure

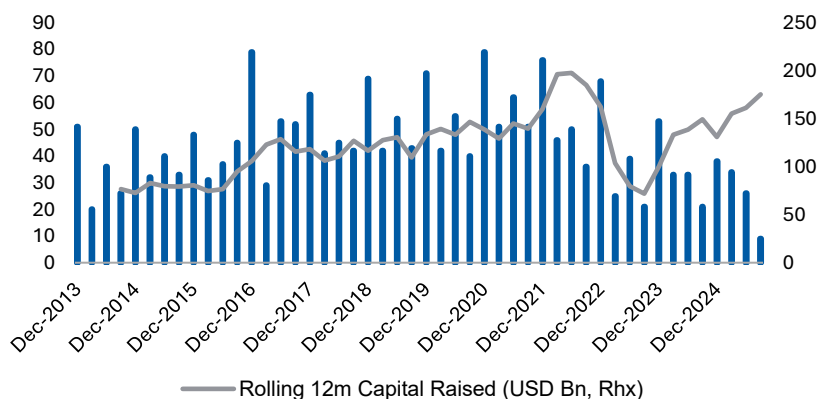
Constructive on Energy, Selective on Digital

2026 Outlook	Negative	Neutral / Negative	Neutral	Neutral / Positive	Positive
Transport					
Telecom					
Renewables					
Power (Ex Renewables)					

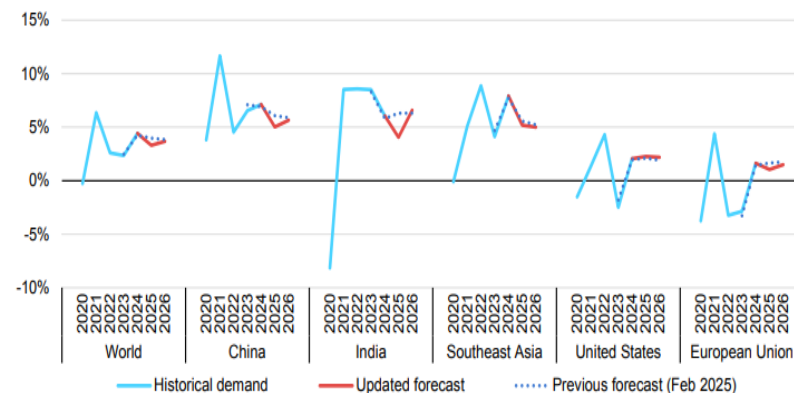
## Points of Focus

- Demand for data centers remains strong:** This results in strong demand for additional power generation.
- Extended time to market:** Expected to benefit assets with a clear and short time to market.
- Valuations can be expensive:** Data centers have seen high valuations.

## Investor Sentiment: Strong Fundraising



## Energy Demand: Turning Positive After Flat Decades



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# Real Estate

## Residential, Industrial Supported by Long-term Tailwinds

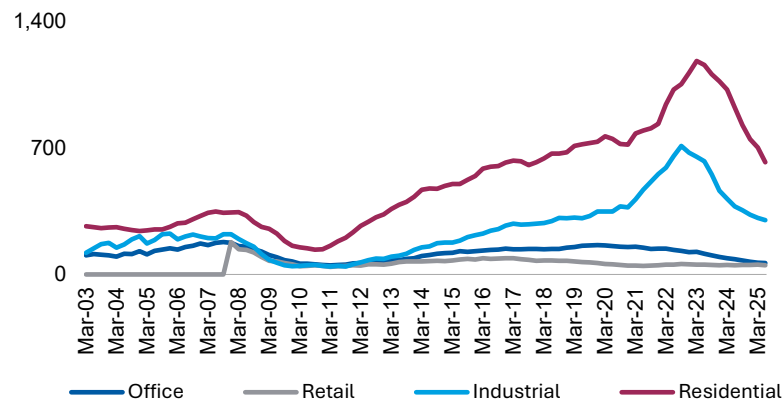
2026 Outlook	Negative	Neutral / Negative	Neutral	Neutral / Positive	Positive
Industrial					
Residential					
Office					
Retail					

## Points of Focus

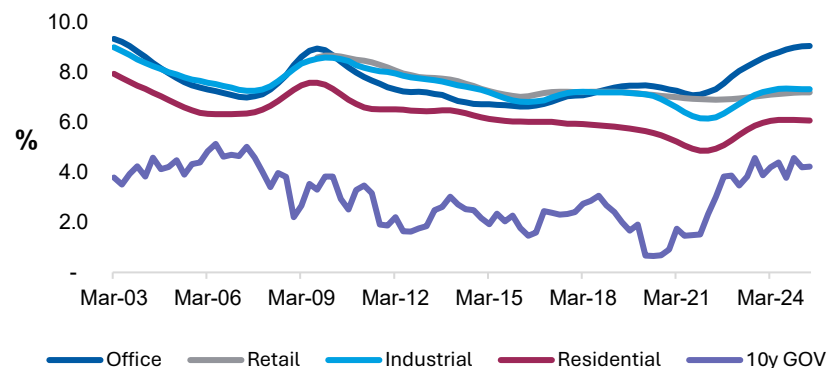
- Slowdown in new development and under construction assets:** This provides strong support for asset owners.
- Long-term tailwinds in residential:** Tenants are absorbing less space than in the past, but still at positive rates.
- Valuations extremely attractive:** Cap rates now offer best entry point since post GFC.

## New Development: Significant Reduction

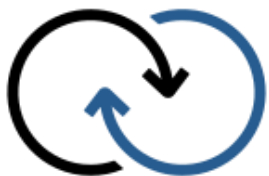
Commercial Square Footage (m) / K Units



## Valuations: Cap Rates (%) Peaked at Attractive Values



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# Transition

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## Major Asset Classes Correlation Table

	S&P 500	International	Emerging Markets	Small Cap	U.S. Aggregate	Municipal	High Yield	Bank Loan	Commodities
S&P 500	1.00	0.84	0.68	0.87	0.39	0.44	0.80	0.61	0.41
International	0.79	1.00	0.78	0.76	0.44	0.49	0.80	0.60	0.45
Emerging Markets	0.59	0.73	1.00	0.61	0.42	0.48	0.68	0.56	0.45
Small Cap	0.82	0.69	0.51	1.00	0.30	0.36	0.77	0.64	0.39
U.S. Aggregate	0.62	0.73	0.63	0.54	1.00	0.84	0.51	0.14	-0.03
Municipal	0.67	0.71	0.69	0.57	0.89	1.00	0.59	0.30	0.07
High Yield	0.83	0.83	0.59	0.77	0.75	0.73	1.00	0.80	0.48
Bank Loan	0.53	0.52	0.47	0.54	0.32	0.33	0.65	1.00	0.48
Commodities	0.23	0.28	0.28	0.17	0.03	0.01	0.26	0.29	1.00

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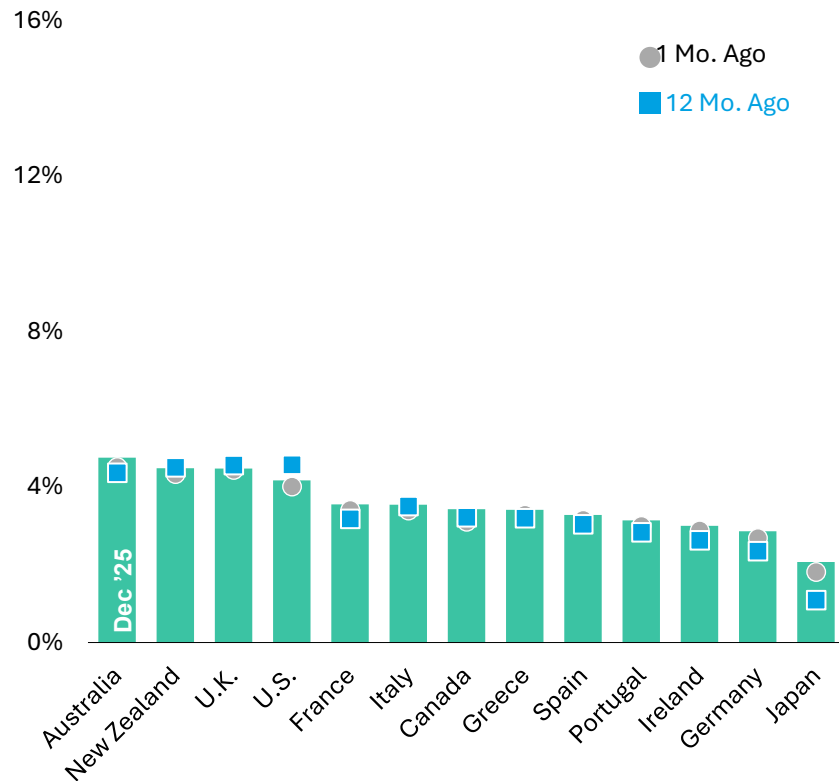
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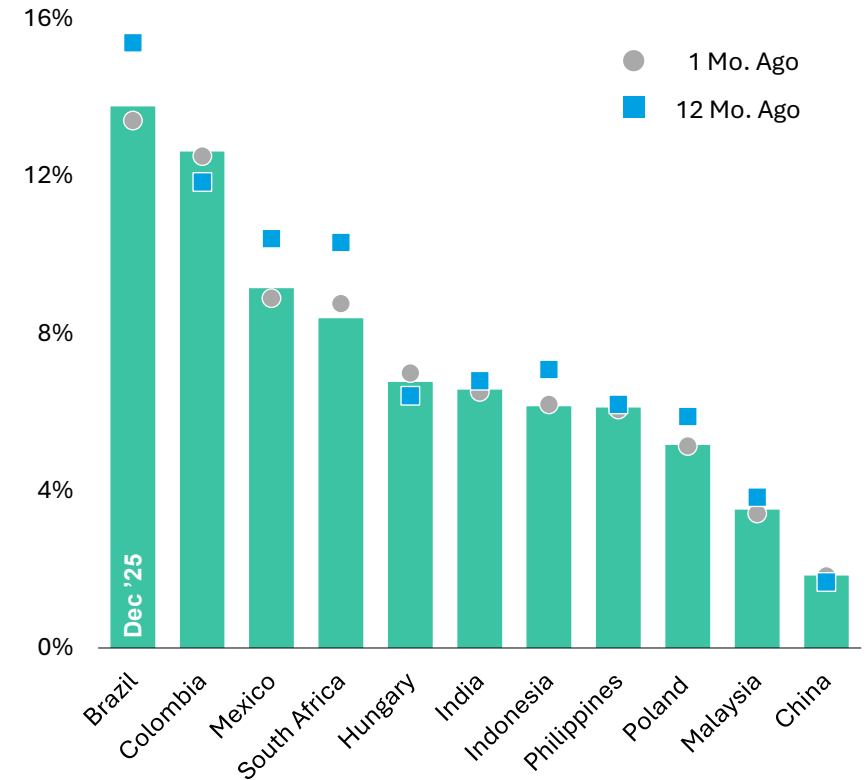
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# Sovereign Bond Yields

## Developed Markets (10 yr. Yield)



## Emerging Markets (10 yr. Yield)



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## Key Rates (%)

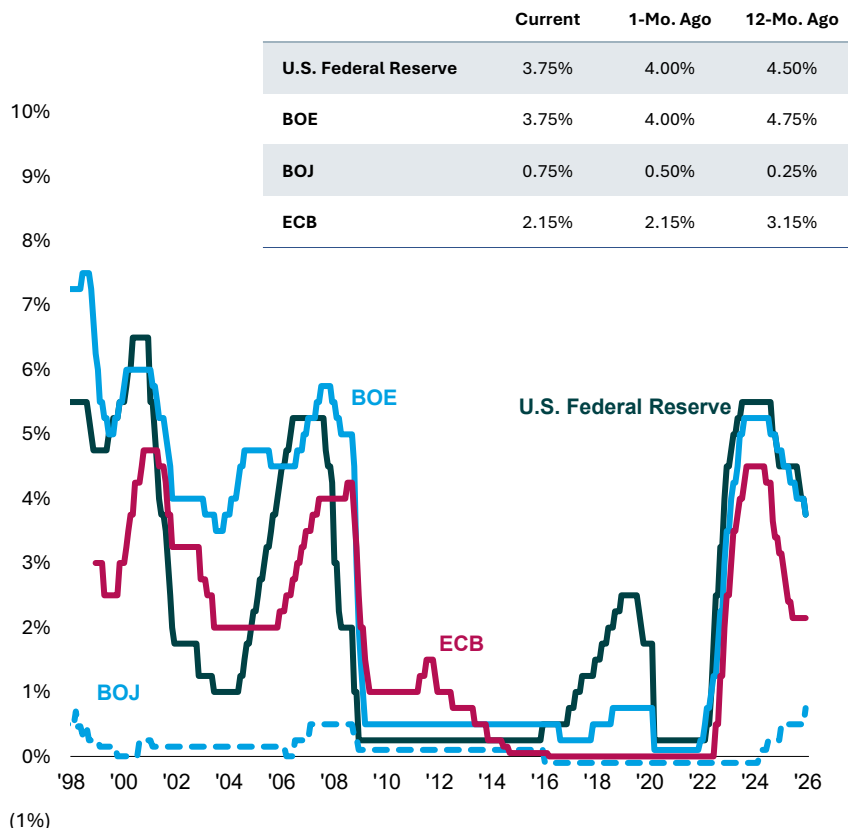
Security	Current	12-Mo. Ago	Average	Minimum	Maximum
1-Week SIFMA	2.36	2.72	2.50	1.86	3.22
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	3.87	4.49	4.24	3.66	4.51
1-Mo SOFR	3.69	4.33	4.21	3.69	4.37
3-Mo SOFR	3.65	4.31	4.15	3.65	4.33
2-Yr Treasury	3.48	4.24	3.81	3.42	4.39
5-Yr Treasury	3.73	4.38	3.92	3.55	4.61
10-Yr Treasury	4.17	4.57	4.28	3.95	4.79
30-Yr Treasury	4.84	4.78	4.78	4.43	5.08
2-Yr Japan	1.17	0.60	0.82	0.58	1.17
10-Yr Japan	2.07	1.09	1.53	1.09	2.09
2-Yr German Bund	2.13	2.08	1.98	1.66	2.31
10-Yr German Bund	2.86	2.35	2.64	2.35	2.91
2-Yr UK Gilt	3.70	4.37	3.97	3.68	4.60
10-Yr UK Gilt	4.47	4.56	4.59	4.39	4.89
Bloomberg US Agg	4.32	4.91	4.57	4.20	5.11
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.52	3.68	3.55	3.36	3.86
Bloomberg US Corporate	4.81	5.33	5.06	4.68	5.55
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.64	5.80	5.73	5.37	6.15
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.60	3.74	3.80	3.54	4.47
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.59	4.32	4.67	4.28	5.16
US High Yield	6.62	7.47	7.16	6.55	8.65
US Loans	7.86	8.55	8.39	7.86	9.14

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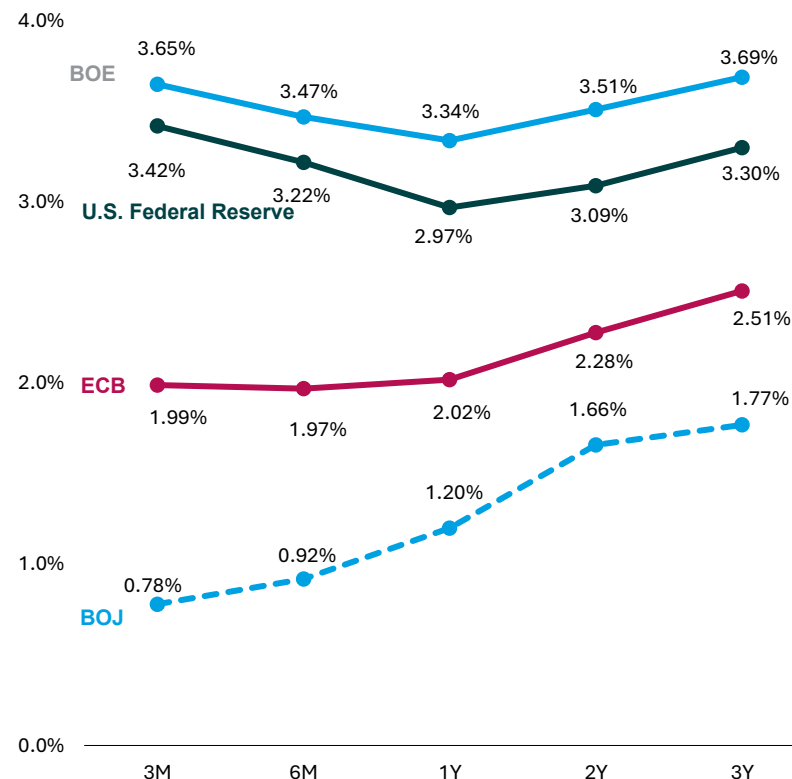
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# Monetary Policy

## Central Bank Policy Rates



## Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates

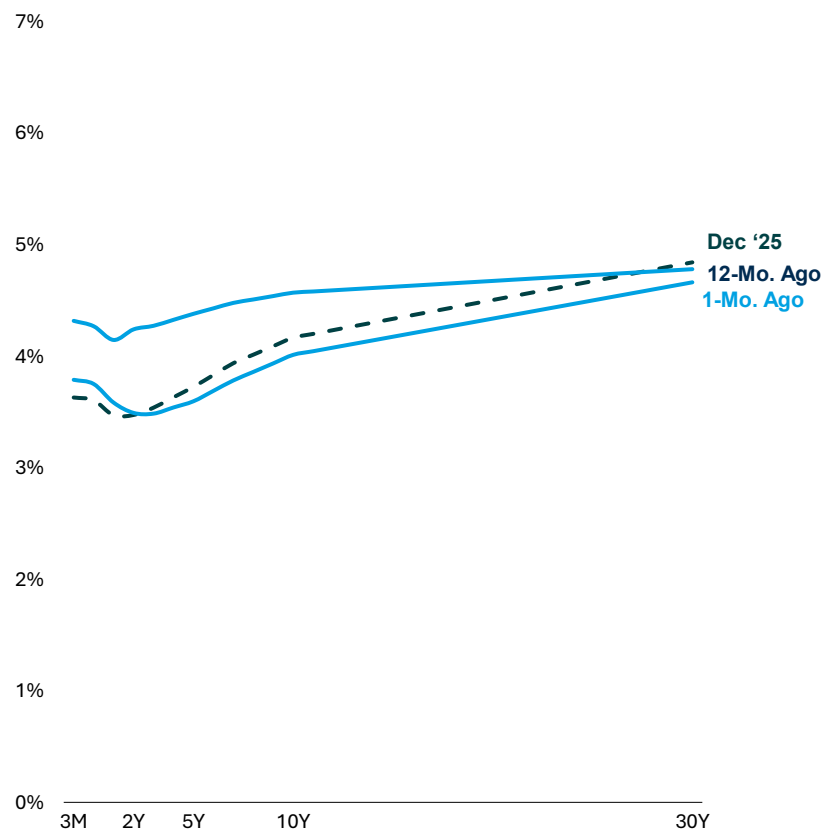


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# U.S. Treasury Yields

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curves



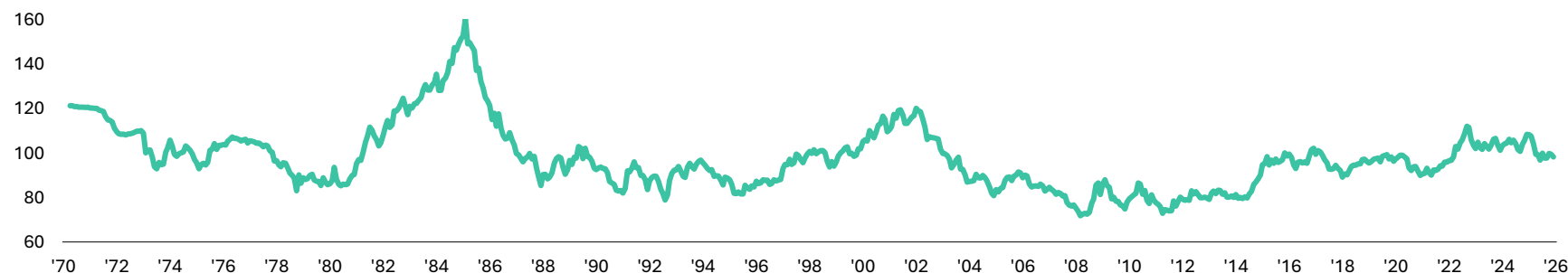
Security	Yields & Performance				
	Yield (%)			Total Return (%)	
	Current	1-Mo. Ago	12-Mo. Ago	1-Mo.	12-Mo.
3-mo. Treasury	3.63	3.79	4.32	0.35	4.18
6-mo. Treasury	3.61	3.75	4.27	0.38	4.28
2-yr. Treasury	3.48	3.49	4.24	0.32	4.85
3-yr. Treasury	3.54	3.49	4.27	0.16	5.74
5-yr. Treasury	3.73	3.60	4.38	-0.26	6.85
10-yr. Treasury	4.17	4.01	4.57	-0.95	7.82
30-yr. Treasury	4.84	4.66	4.78	-2.59	3.27

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## Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

Currency	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)					Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)
	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	-1.18	-11.83	-11.83	-3.14	0.82	3.46
Euro (EUR) *	1.20	13.42	13.42	3.24	-0.82	-	-	-	-	-	2.13
British Pound (GBP)	1.51	7.40	7.40	3.79	-0.32	0.31	-5.31	-5.31	0.53	0.50	3.71
Japanese Yen (JPY)	-0.44	0.26	0.26	-5.58	-8.01	-1.62	-11.60	-11.60	-8.54	-7.25	1.19
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.68	7.70	7.70	-0.56	-2.88	0.48	-5.04	-5.04	-3.68	-2.08	3.97
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.70	4.92	4.92	-0.39	-1.45	0.50	-7.49	-7.49	-3.51	-0.64	2.37
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	0.17	2.64	2.64	-3.12	-4.40	-1.01	-9.50	-9.50	-6.16	-3.61	2.54
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	0.25	12.60	12.60	-0.79	-3.22	-0.93	-0.73	-0.73	-3.90	-2.43	3.92
Swedish Krona (SEK)	2.31	19.86	19.86	4.17	-2.29	1.10	5.68	5.68	0.89	-1.48	1.92
Danish Krone (DKK)	1.19	13.24	13.24	3.09	-0.88	0.00	-0.16	-0.16	-0.15	-0.07	1.69
Swiss Franc (CHF)	1.35	14.39	14.39	5.31	2.21	0.15	0.86	0.86	2.00	3.06	-0.14

### U.S. Dollar Index



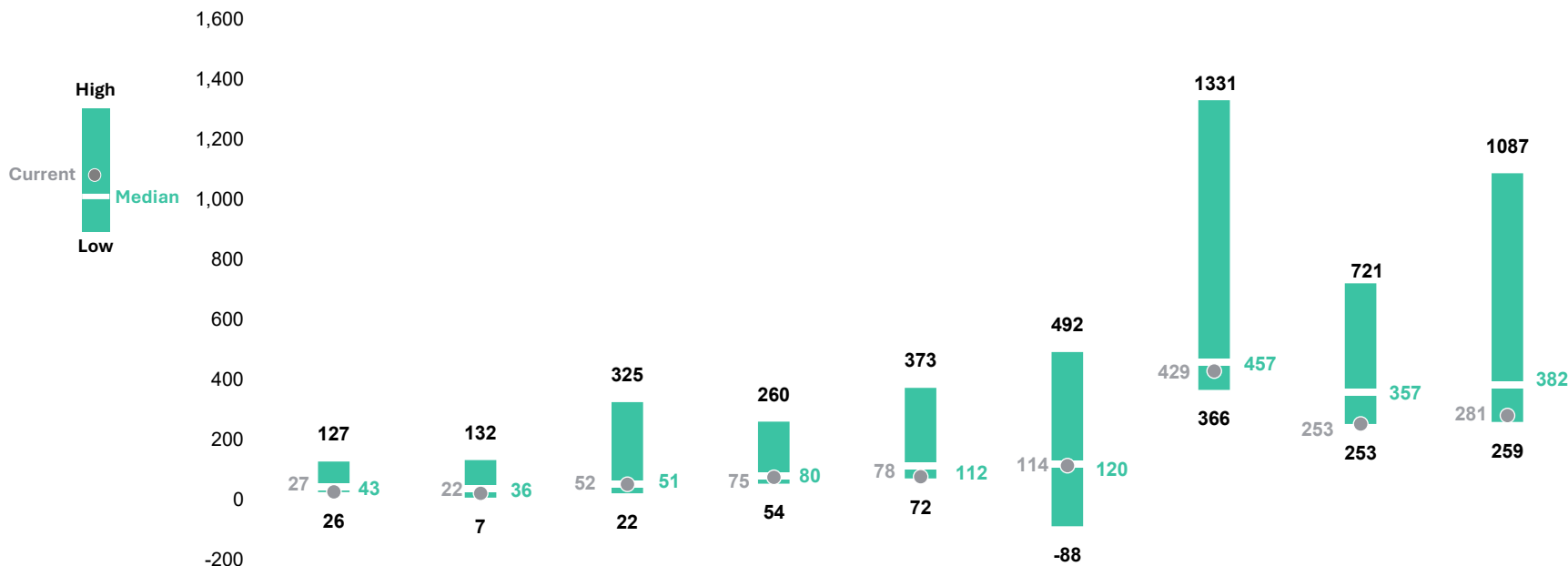
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# Characteristics and Performance Analysis

Index	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>U.S. High Grade</b>													
<b>Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index</b>	3.65	94.1	4.32	27	8.2	6.0	-0.15	1.10	7.30	7.30	4.66	-0.36	2.01
U.S. Treasury	3.26	94.1	3.89	–	7.7	5.9	-0.33	0.90	6.32	6.32	3.62	-0.99	1.36
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.52	92.2	4.63	22	7.3	5.6	0.21	1.71	8.58	8.58	4.90	0.15	1.59
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.57	100.4	4.09	52	3.9	2.8	0.30	1.25	5.93	5.93	5.49	2.29	2.58
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.55	96.6	4.43	75	4.3	3.9	0.12	1.34	7.75	7.75	5.94	0.92	2.81
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.47	95.2	4.81	78	10.4	6.8	-0.20	0.84	7.77	7.77	6.10	-0.09	3.27
<b>Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index</b>	4.66	102.5	3.60	–	13.5	6.7	0.09	1.56	4.25	4.25	3.88	0.80	2.34
<b>Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index</b>	4.46	94.1	4.81	–	14.1	7.7	-0.35	1.37	7.89	7.89	6.05	-0.29	3.26
<b>ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index</b>	1.19	94.0	1.70	–	7.4	5.0	-0.59	-0.04	6.76	6.76	4.09	0.88	3.07
<b>ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)</b>	5.59	90.4	5.98	114	–	6.8	0.47	-0.31	5.13	5.13	7.44	1.61	3.97
<b>U.S. High Yield</b>													
<b>ICE BofA US High Yield Index</b>	6.62	98.1	6.62	281	4.8	2.9	0.65	1.35	8.50	8.50	10.03	4.50	6.45
<b>Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index</b>	S+3.19	96.6	7.86	429	4.6	–	0.64	1.22	5.90	5.90	9.35	6.42	5.83
<b>Emerging Markets</b>													
<b>J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified</b>	5.60	93.1	6.80	253	–	6.6	0.72	3.29	14.30	14.30	10.60	1.78	4.40
<b>J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified</b>	5.56	98.2	5.90	188	–	4.5	0.48	1.29	8.73	8.73	8.48	2.48	4.77
<b>J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified</b>	5.68	–	5.87	–	–	5.4	1.49	3.34	19.26	19.26	9.48	1.12	3.88
<b>Global Developed Markets</b>													
<b>Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index</b>	2.40	94.9	2.84	25	8.2	6.7	0.59	-0.47	8.85	8.85	3.29	-3.59	0.56
<b>FTSE World Government Bond Index</b>	2.68	–	3.19	–	–	6.8	0.13	0.11	7.55	7.55	3.19	-3.53	0.54
<b>ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index</b>	2.24	92.9	2.94	31	8.7	7.0	0.56	0.17	14.15	14.15	6.33	-3.70	0.77
<b>ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub Fincl Index (USD Hedged)</b>	6.33	98.1	6.34	297	3.7	2.9	0.63	1.28	8.24	8.24	10.17	4.66	6.43
<b>Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporates (EUR)</b>	2.77	97.7	3.23	78	5.1	4.4	-0.19	0.27	3.03	3.03	5.30	-0.03	1.45
<b>Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Euro (EUR)</b>	5.05	98.7	5.51	265	4.0	3.3	0.35	0.57	5.24	5.24	8.49	3.37	4.19

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## Spread Analysis (bps)



	Aggregate	MBS	ABS	CMBS	Corporate	Preferred	Floating-Rate Loans	Emerging Markets (USD)	High Yield
Max Spread Date	3/20/2020	3/19/2020	3/26/2020	3/25/2020	3/23/2020	3/23/2020	3/20/2020	3/23/2020	3/23/2020
Min Spread Date	12/24/2025	4/14/2021	6/21/2021	6/21/2021	9/19/2025	12/6/2017	4/20/2018	12/15/2025	1/22/2025
Spread on 12/31/25	27	22	52	75	78	114	429	253	281
Spread on 12/31/24	34	43	44	80	80	77	424	325	292
Spread on 12/31/23	42	47	68	126	99	148	490	384	334

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# Corporate Bond Market Update

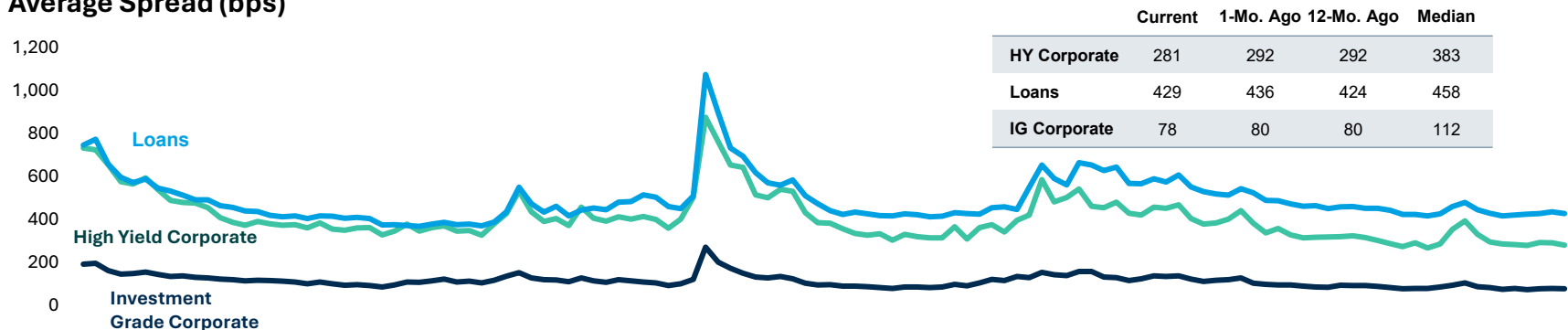
	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>U.S. High Grade</b>													
<b>Bloomberg U.S. Corp. Investment Grade Index</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>4.81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>7.77</b>	<b>7.77</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>3.27</b>
AAA Index	3.52	83.6	4.68	34	16.8	10.1	-1.06	0.09	6.38	6.38	3.57	-2.85	2.00
AA Index	3.92	91.6	4.62	48	12.8	7.9	-0.60	0.39	6.66	6.66	4.59	-1.39	1.94
A Index	4.34	95.3	4.67	64	10.1	6.8	-0.23	0.92	7.84	7.84	5.70	-0.35	2.84
BBB Index	4.72	96.0	5.00	97	10.1	6.6	-0.08	0.85	7.93	7.93	6.77	0.42	3.90
<b>U.S. High Yield</b>													
<b>ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>8.50</b>	<b>8.50</b>	<b>10.03</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>6.45</b>
BB Index	5.99	100.1	5.55	169	5.0	3.1	0.47	1.57	8.93	8.93	8.86	3.82	6.02
B Index	7.40	100.4	6.78	301	4.6	2.6	0.90	1.55	8.38	8.38	9.93	4.49	6.14
CCC Index	7.55	81.4	12.57	885	4.1	2.6	0.84	-0.52	6.49	6.49	14.84	6.95	8.55
<b>Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index</b>	<b>S+3.19</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>7.86</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>9.35</b>	<b>6.42</b>	<b>5.83</b>
BBB Index	S+1.86	100.3	5.59	176	4.9	-	0.64	1.69	6.51	6.51	7.60	5.64	4.68
BB Index	S+2.43	99.4	6.38	263	5.0	-	0.65	1.47	6.26	6.26	8.18	6.07	5.03
B Index	S+3.42	98.1	7.79	414	4.6	-	0.67	1.40	6.18	6.18	10.12	6.78	6.22
CCC Index	S+4.77	75.9	20.64	1689	3.4	-	0.22	-1.59	1.81	1.81	9.21	5.15	7.33
D Index	-	20.1	-	-	-	-	-21.37	-36.03	-43.52	-43.52	-25.12	-26.39	-18.19

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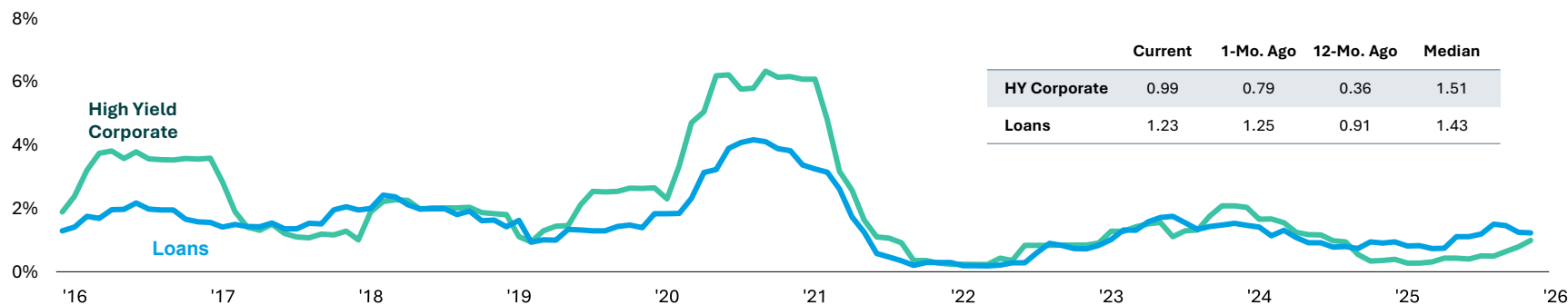
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# Corporate Bond Market Update

## Average Spread (bps)



## Annual Default Rate



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# Municipal Bond Market Update

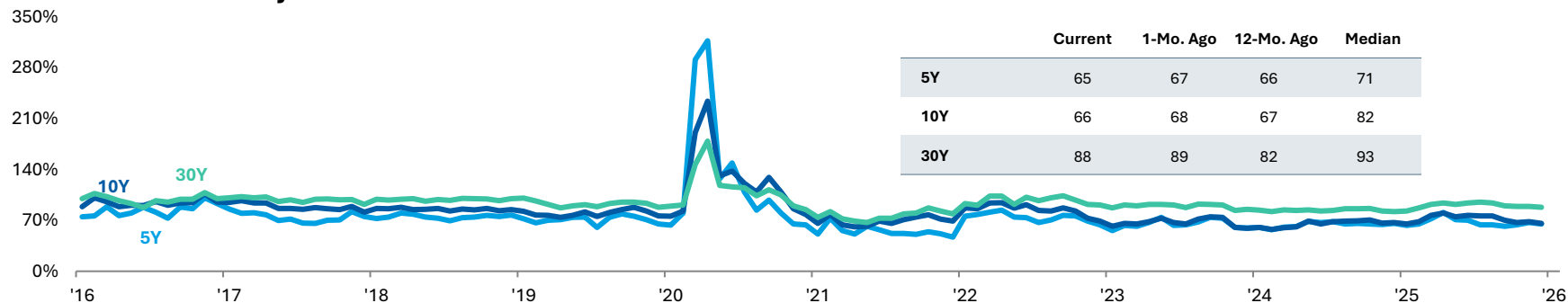
	Averages					Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>2.34</b>
AAA Index	4.61	103.7	3.42	13.2	6.9	0.11	1.57	4.25	4.25	3.43	0.47	1.96
AA Index	4.67	103.4	3.46	13.3	6.6	0.12	1.57	4.21	4.21	3.62	0.66	2.16
A Index	4.65	100.8	3.86	13.5	6.7	0.01	1.50	4.35	4.35	4.46	1.17	2.73
BBB Index	4.66	96.5	4.48	17.4	7.6	0.06	1.77	4.13	4.13	5.28	1.57	3.29
5-Year Index	4.75	107.0	2.85	5.0	3.7	0.28	0.50	5.03	5.03	3.49	1.05	1.93
10-Year Index	4.62	106.8	3.23	9.9	5.9	0.25	1.74	5.92	5.92	3.75	1.05	2.54
22+ Year Index	4.76	96.8	4.59	26.7	11.2	-0.33	1.63	1.95	1.95	4.17	-0.31	2.36
<b>Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>5.59</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>2.46</b>	<b>2.46</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>4.35</b>
Hospital	5.44	70.5	5.96	21.0	6.8	0.32	2.33	4.86	4.86	7.04	2.52	3.60
IDR/PCR	4.26	37.3	5.92	18.7	8.8	-1.74	-1.62	-2.18	-2.18	3.58	0.76	4.14
Tobacco	2.48	18.1	6.77	26.3	14.7	-1.78	-1.75	-5.66	-5.66	1.84	-0.96	4.75
Puerto Rico	3.55	54.6	4.79	17.9	8.1	0.11	1.66	2.47	2.47	7.24	2.43	6.15

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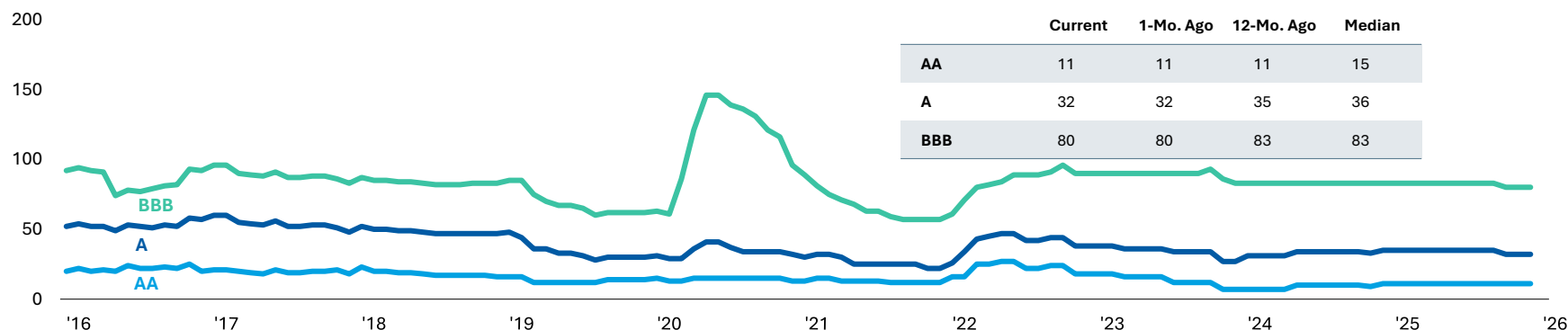
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# Municipal Bond Market Update

## AAA Muni-to-Treasury Yield Ratios



## Credit Quality Spreads vs. AAA (bps)



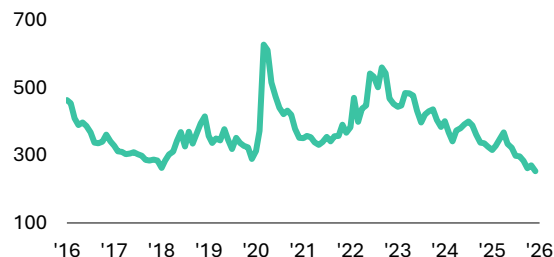
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# Emerging Markets Bond Market Update

## Sovereign EMD Spreads (USD)

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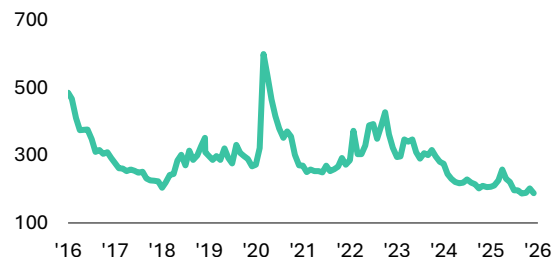


Avg. Spread (bps)

<b>Current</b>	253
<b>1-Mo. Ago</b>	270
<b>12-Mo. Ago</b>	325
<b>Median</b>	357

## Corporate EMD Spreads (USD)

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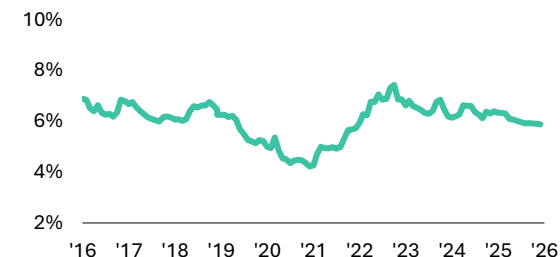


Avg. Spread (bps)

<b>Current</b>	188
<b>1-Mo. Ago</b>	202
<b>12-Mo. Ago</b>	206
<b>Median</b>	286

## Local EMD Yields (%)

Bps



Avg. Yield (%)

<b>Current</b>	5.87
<b>1-Mo. Ago</b>	5.90
<b>12-Mo. Ago</b>	6.39
<b>Median</b>	6.23

## Averages

	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Duration
<b>JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified</b>	5.60	93.1	6.80	6.6
<b>JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified</b>	5.56	98.2	5.90	4.5
<b>JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified</b>	5.68	-	5.87	5.4

## Total Returns (%)

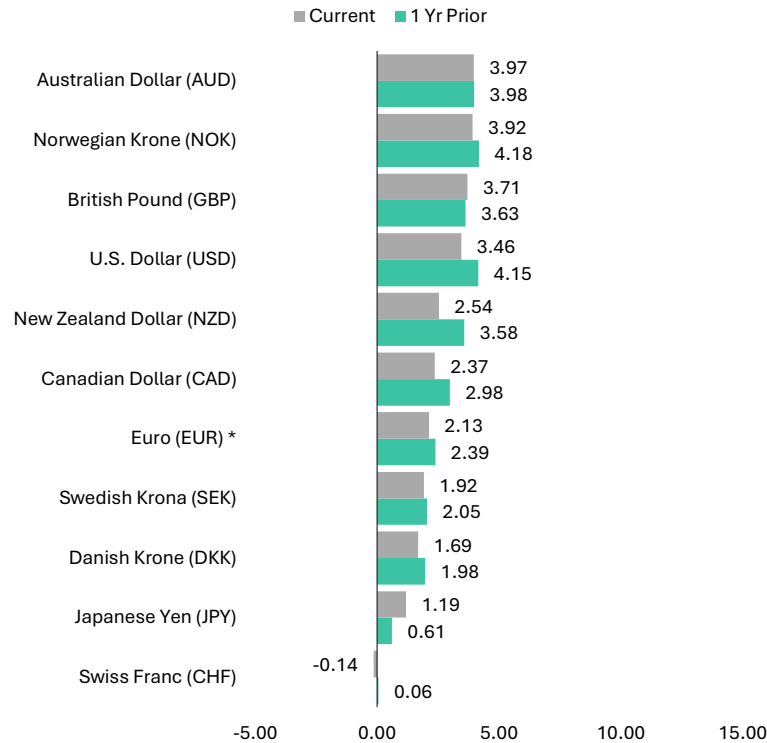
	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified</b>	0.72	3.29	14.30	14.30	10.60	1.78	4.40
<b>JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified</b>	0.48	1.29	8.73	8.73	8.48	2.48	4.77
<b>JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified</b>	1.49	3.34	19.26	19.26	9.48	1.12	3.88

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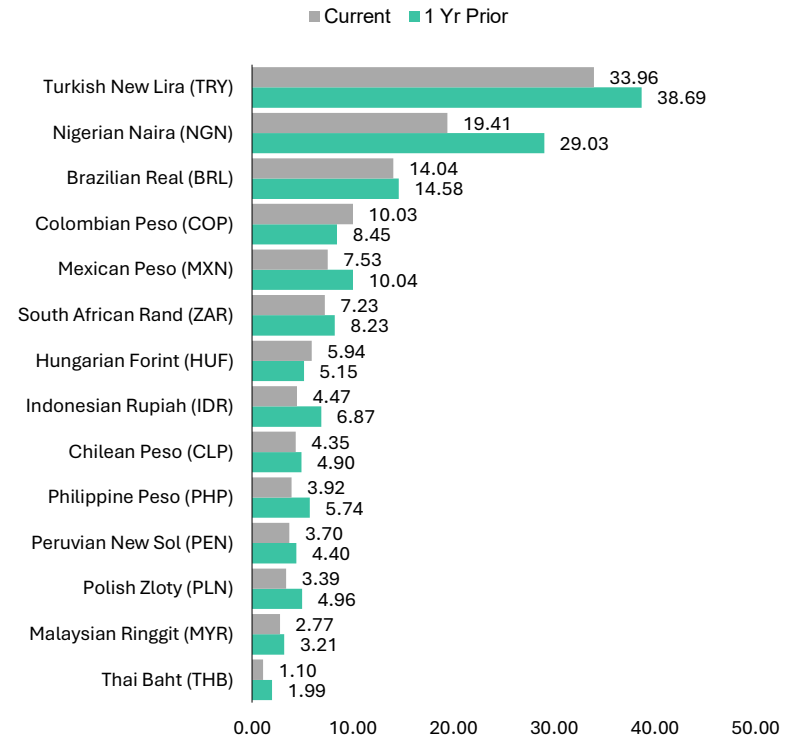
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# Local Sovereign Currency Yields

## Developed Market Local Interest Rates % (1 Year)



## Emerging Market Local Interest Rates % (1 Year)



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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Higher ↑         Lower	Municipal 3.30	High Yield 17.49	EMD (Local Currency) 15.21	Municipal 1.28	Investment Grade 14.54	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 10.11	High Yield 5.36	Bank Loan -0.77	High Yield 13.46	Bank Loan 8.95	EMD (Local Currency) 19.26
	MBS 1.51	EMD (Hard Currency) 10.19	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 10.51	MBS 0.99	EMD (Hard Currency) 14.42	Investment Grade 9.89	Bank Loan 5.20	Municipal -8.53	Bank Loan 13.32	High Yield 8.20	EMD (Hard Currency) 14.30
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 1.30	Bank Loan 10.16	EMD (Hard Currency) 9.32	Treasury 0.86	High Yield 14.41	Treasury 8.00	Municipal 1.52	High Yield -11.22	EMD (Local Currency) 12.70	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.63	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 8.85
	EMD (Hard Currency) 1.23	EMD (Local Currency) 9.94	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.96	Bank Loan 0.44	EMD (Local Currency) 13.47	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.13	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 0.91	EMD (Local Currency) -11.69	EMD (Hard Currency) 11.09	EMD (Hard Currency) 6.54	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 8.73
	Treasury 0.84	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 9.65	High Yield 7.48	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -1.65	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 13.09	High Yield 6.17	Investment Grade -1.04	MBS -11.81	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 9.08	Investment Grade 2.13	MBS 8.58
	Investment Grade -0.68	Investment Grade 6.11	Investment Grade 6.42	Global Agg Ex-U.S. -2.15	Bank Loan 8.64	EMD (Hard Currency) 5.88	MBS -1.04	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -12.26	Investment Grade 8.52	MBS 1.20	High Yield 8.50
	Bank Loan -0.69	MBS 1.67	Municipal 5.45	High Yield -2.26	Municipal 7.54	Municipal 5.21	EMD (Hard Currency) -1.51	Treasury -12.46	Municipal 6.40	Municipal 1.05	Investment Grade 7.77
	High Yield -4.64	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 1.49	Bank Loan 4.12	Investment Grade -2.51	Treasury 6.86	MBS 3.87	Treasury -2.32	Investment Grade -15.76	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 5.72	Treasury 0.58	Treasury 6.32
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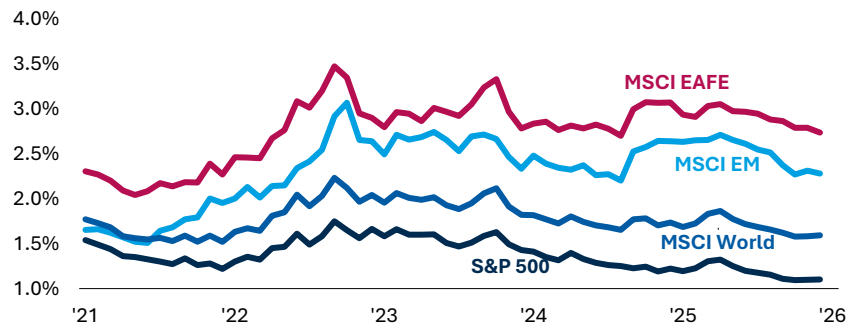
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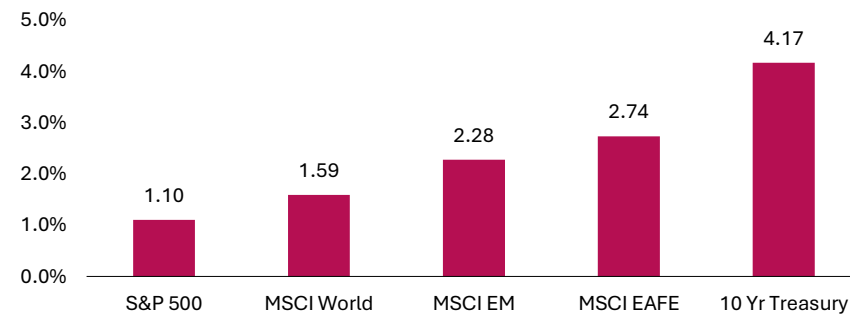


# Dividend Yields and Volatility Analysis

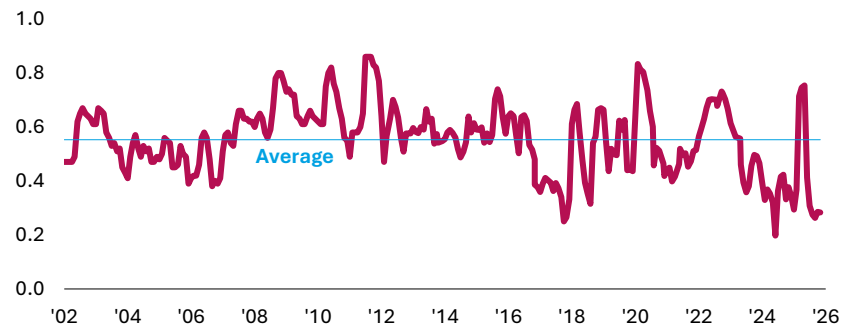
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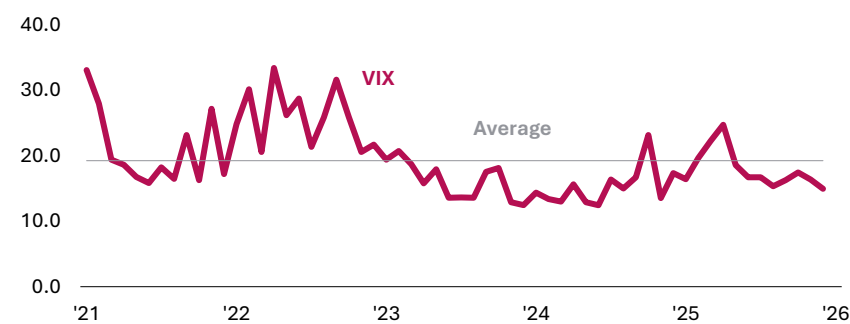
## Current Yields



## Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



## CBOE Market Volatility Index (VIX)

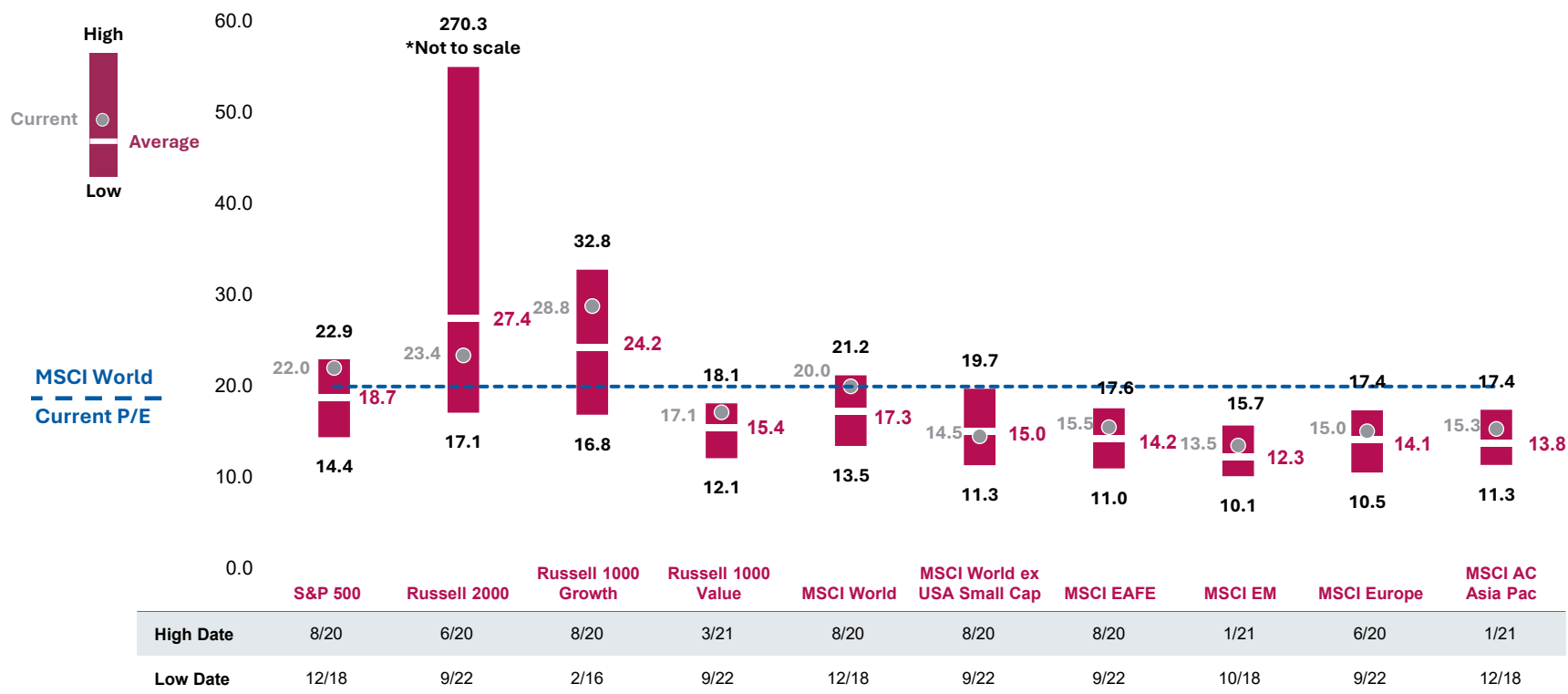


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# Valuation Analysis

Regions/Styles: Current NTM P/E vs. 10-Year High, Low, Average

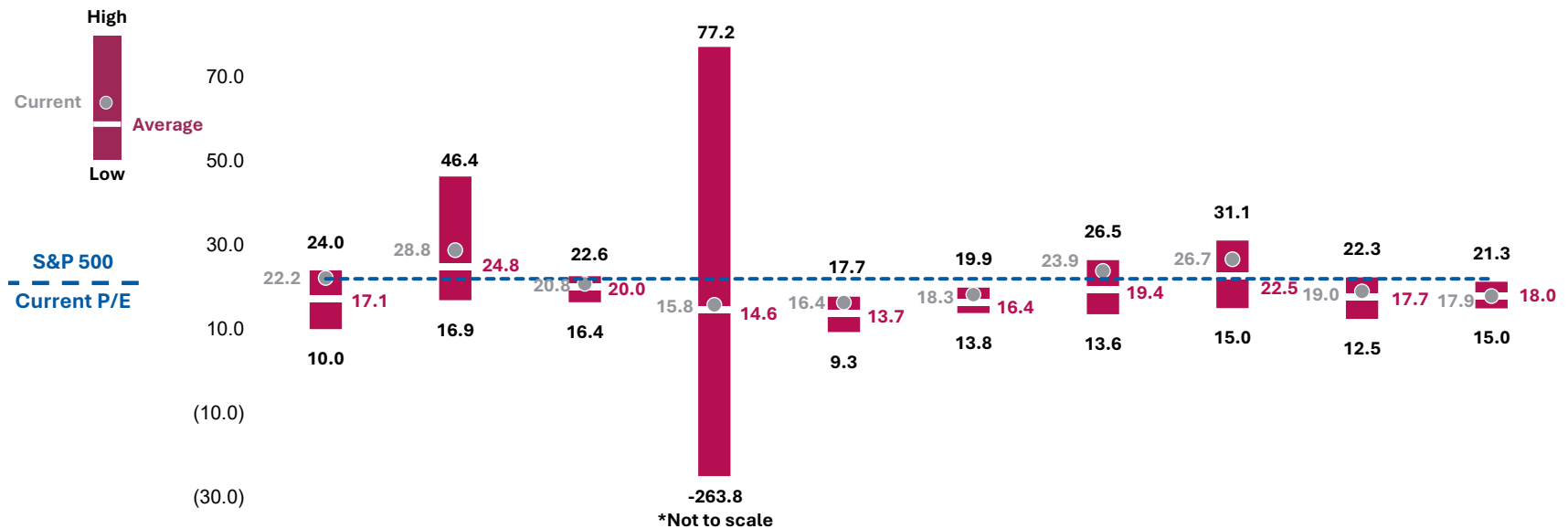


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# Valuation Analysis

## S&P 500 Sectors: Current NTM P/E vs. 10-Year High, Low, Average

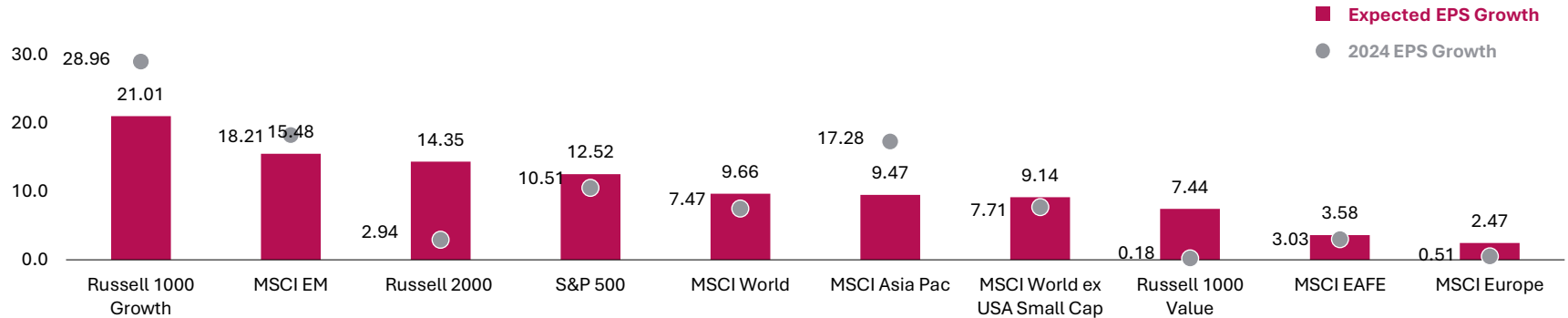


	Communication Services	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Staples	Energy	Financials	Health Care	Industrials	Information Technology	Materials	Utilities
High Date	8/20	6/20	5/25	4/16	11/24	8/24	8/20	10/25	7/20	3/22
Low Date	5/18	2/16	4/18	7/20	3/20	3/20	12/18	12/18	6/22	9/23

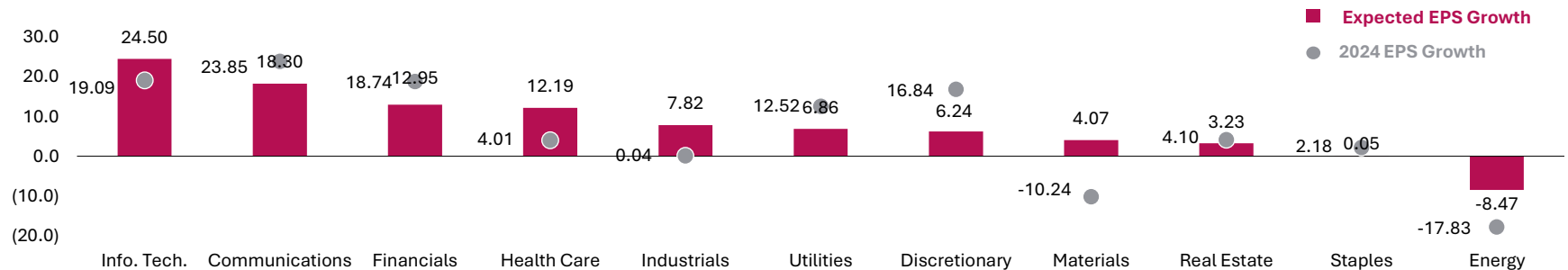
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# Corporate Earnings Growth

## Regions/Styles



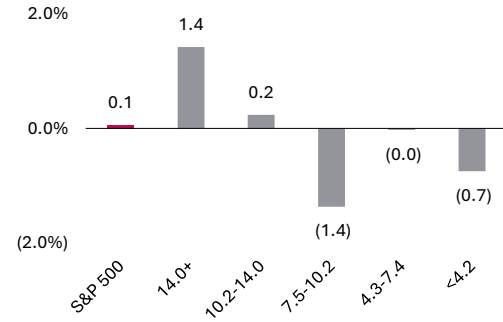
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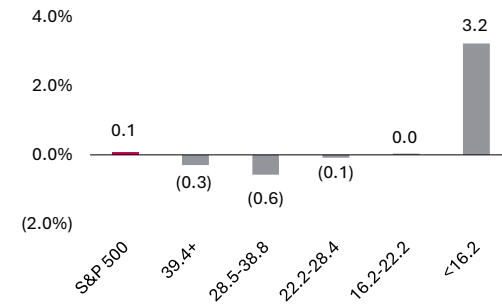
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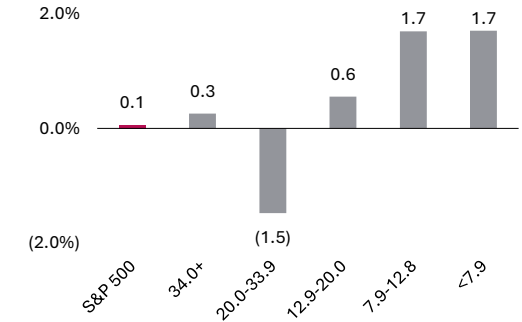
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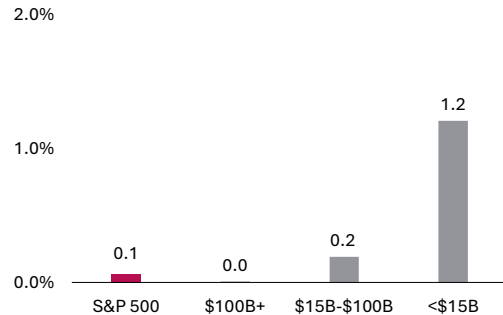
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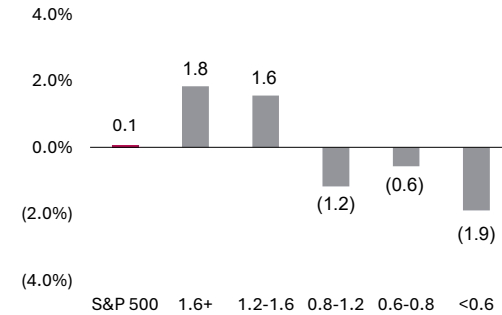
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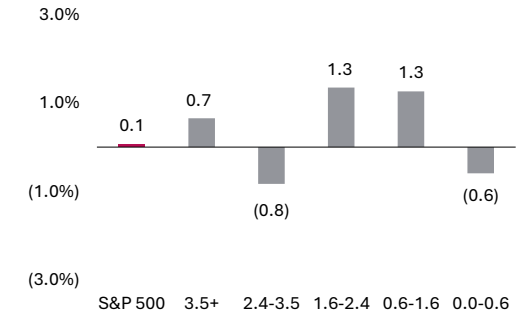
## Market Cap



## Beta



## Dividend Yield

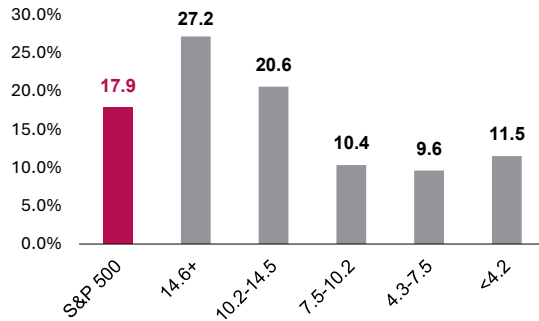


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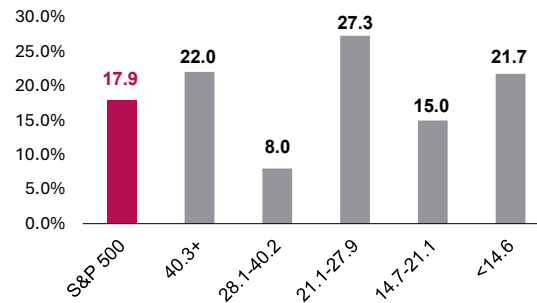
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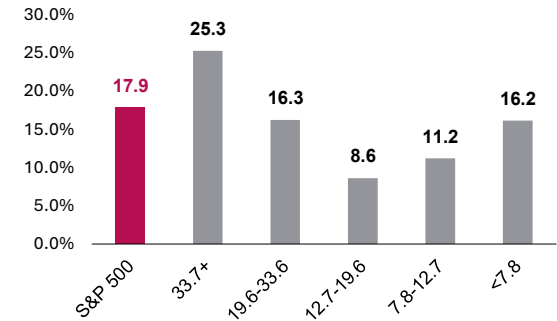
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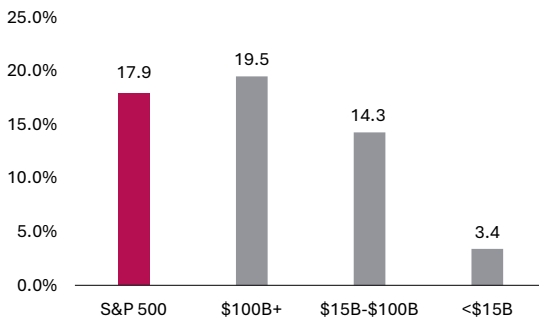
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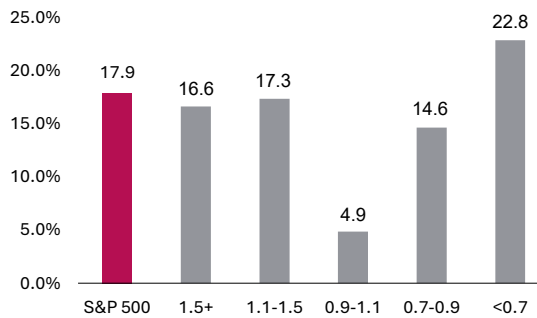
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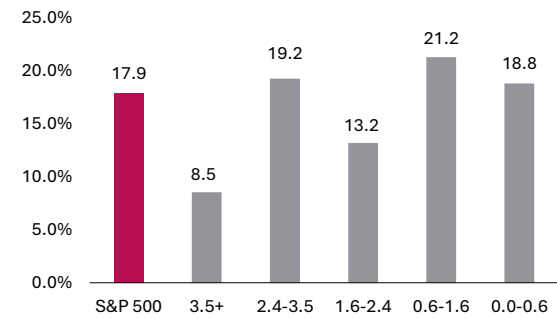
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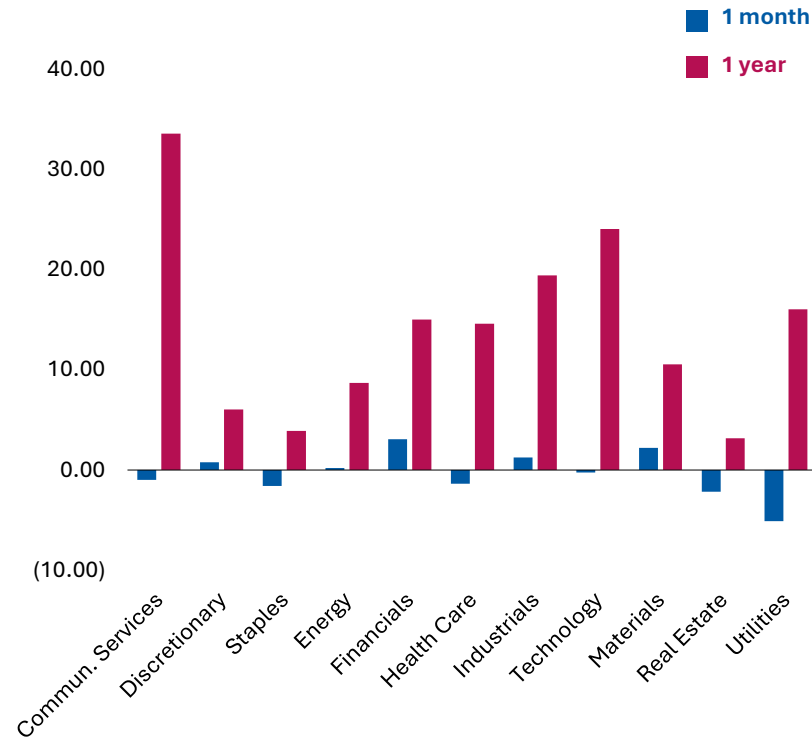
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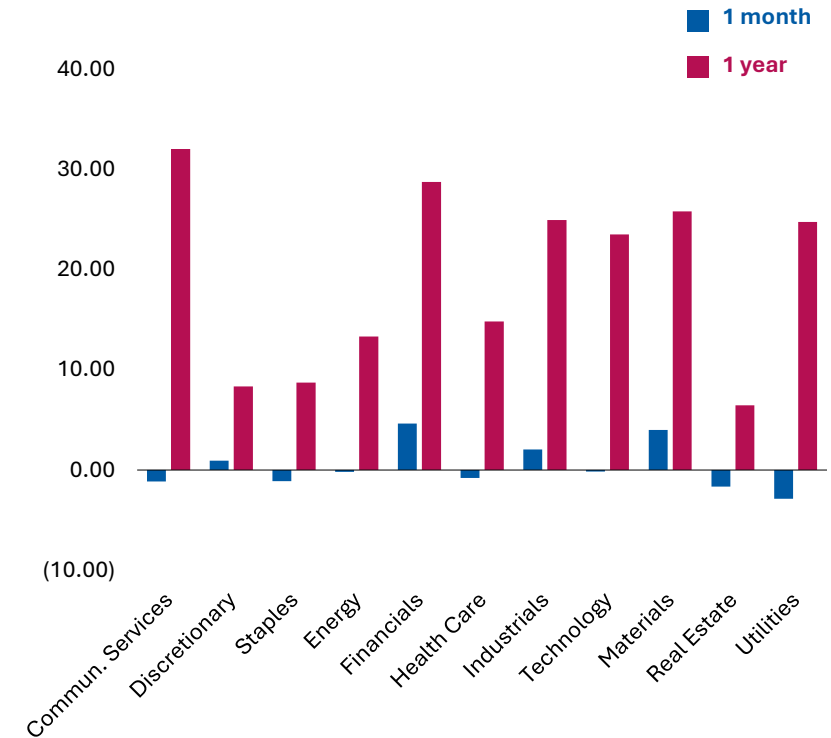
## S&P 500

Return %



## MSCI World

Return %

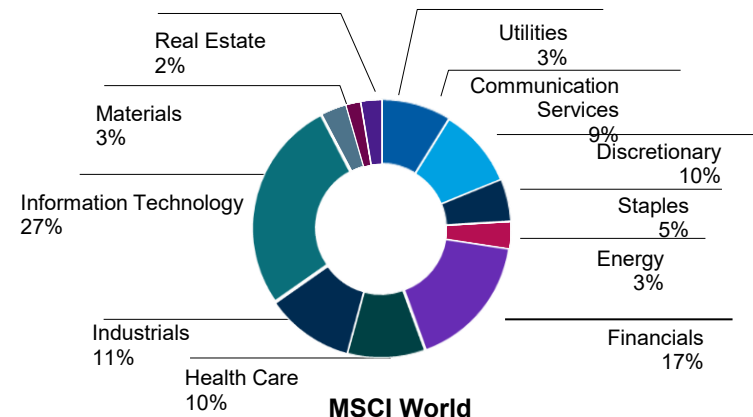
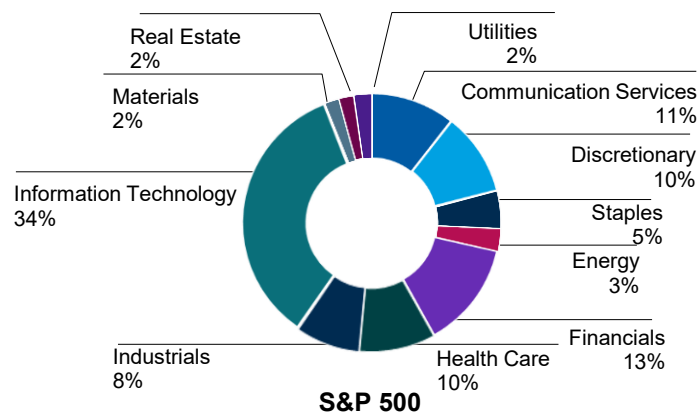


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## Current Characteristics and Sector Weights

	S&P 500	R2000	R1000G	R1000V	MSCI World	MSCI World ex USA Small Cap	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	MSCI Europe	MSCI Asia Pac
Number of Holdings	503	1956	391	870	1320	2179	693	1197	403	1241
Maximum Market Cap	\$4,531.95B	\$25.99B	\$4,531.95B	\$3,517.75B	\$4,557.22B	\$13.88B	\$419.16B	\$1,193.71B	\$419.16B	\$1,193.71B
Minimum Market Cap	\$5.82B	\$0.01B	\$1.18B	\$1.18B	\$0.49B	\$0.14B	\$2.59B	\$0.18B	\$2.59B	\$0.18B
Dividend Yield	1.10	1.19	0.48	1.80	1.59	2.69	2.74	2.28	2.89	2.11
NTM PE	22.00	23.36	28.76	17.12	19.95	14.51	15.48	13.48	15.03	15.30
Price to Book	5.36	2.21	14.43	2.95	3.93	1.59	2.26	2.22	2.49	2.10
Price to Cash Flow	18.90	15.93	29.21	13.12	15.61	9.39	10.55	10.32	10.10	11.77
Price to Sales	3.39	1.37	6.13	2.05	2.66	1.02	1.63	1.80	1.63	1.74
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	12.36	12.05	14.40	10.23	11.51	8.44	8.48	15.16	9.45	11.54
5Yr. Div Growth Rate	6.20	9.60	2.98	5.58	7.53	9.55	8.93	1.65	11.37	3.16



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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

		1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
U.S. Equities	S&P 500	0.06	2.66	17.88	17.88	23.01	14.42	14.82	17.88	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71
	Russell 1000 Defensive	-0.85	2.37	12.28	12.28	16.97	11.16	12.85	12.28	18.55	20.23	-16.43	26.93
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	0.81	2.45	22.31	22.31	28.67	15.87	16.12	22.31	30.63	33.34	-21.94	25.57
	Russell 2500	0.08	2.22	11.91	11.91	13.75	7.26	10.40	11.91	12.00	17.42	-18.37	18.18
	Russell 1000 Growth	-0.62	1.12	18.56	18.56	31.15	15.32	18.13	18.56	33.36	42.68	-29.14	27.60
	Russell 1000 Value	0.68	3.81	15.91	15.91	13.90	11.33	10.53	15.91	14.37	11.46	-7.54	25.16
	Russell Mid Cap	-0.28	0.16	10.60	10.60	14.36	8.67	11.01	10.60	15.34	17.23	-17.32	22.58
	Russell 2000	-0.58	2.19	12.81	12.81	13.73	6.09	9.62	12.81	11.54	16.93	-20.44	14.82
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite BXM	1.65	6.53	8.91	8.91	13.52	9.33	7.31	8.91	20.12	11.82	-11.37	20.47	
Global Equities	MSCI World	0.81	3.12	21.09	21.09	21.17	12.15	12.17	21.09	18.67	23.79	-18.14	21.82
	MSCI EAFE	3.00	4.86	31.22	31.22	17.22	8.92	8.18	31.22	3.82	18.24	-14.45	11.26
	MSCI EM	2.99	4.73	33.57	33.57	16.40	4.20	8.42	33.57	7.50	9.83	-20.09	-2.54
	MSCI AC Asia Pac	2.11	3.46	28.00	28.00	16.05	4.98	8.08	28.00	9.56	11.45	-17.22	-1.46
	MSCI ACWI	1.04	3.29	22.34	22.34	20.65	11.19	11.72	22.34	17.49	22.20	-18.36	18.54
	MSCI Europe	3.90	6.20	35.41	35.41	18.22	10.30	8.52	35.41	1.79	19.89	-15.06	16.30
	MSCI World Small Cap	0.93	2.83	19.88	19.88	14.49	7.14	9.42	19.88	8.15	15.76	-18.76	15.75
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	2.42	3.50	34.07	34.07	15.77	6.49	8.05	34.07	2.76	12.62	-20.59	11.14
	FTSE 100	3.81	6.77	35.13	35.13	18.53	12.69	7.84	35.13	7.73	14.38	-7.01	17.36
	FTSE All Small	3.89	4.42	23.25	23.25	14.65	7.21	7.41	23.25	8.62	12.57	-23.06	22.15
	STOXX Europe 600	4.03	6.38	35.87	35.87	18.42	10.09	8.55	35.87	1.97	19.87	-16.14	16.09
Nikkei 225 Average	-5.33	11.29	28.72	28.56	18.96	6.53	8.92	28.56	8.45	22.05	-19.49	-4.69	
Sectors	S&P 500 Comm. Services	-0.98	7.26	33.55	33.55	42.90	16.35	14.07	33.55	40.23	55.80	-39.89	21.57
	S&P 500 Cons Disc	0.79	0.71	6.04	6.04	25.26	9.02	13.19	6.04	30.14	42.41	-37.03	24.43
	S&P 500 Cons Staples	-1.59	0.01	3.90	3.90	6.26	7.18	8.16	3.90	14.87	0.52	-0.62	18.63
	S&P 500 Energy	0.20	1.53	8.68	8.68	4.27	23.78	8.32	8.68	5.72	-1.33	65.72	54.64
	S&P 500 Financials	3.07	2.02	15.02	15.02	18.98	15.27	13.18	15.02	30.56	12.15	-10.53	35.04
	S&P 500 Health Care	-1.36	11.68	14.60	14.60	6.26	8.21	9.91	14.60	2.58	2.06	-1.95	26.13
	S&P 500 Industrials	1.27	0.88	19.42	19.42	18.34	13.66	13.02	19.42	17.47	18.13	-5.48	21.12
	S&P 500 Info Tech	-0.25	1.42	24.04	24.04	38.81	20.91	24.30	24.04	36.61	57.84	-28.19	34.53
	S&P 500 Materials	2.22	1.12	10.54	10.54	7.54	6.79	9.92	10.54	-0.04	12.55	-12.27	27.28
	S&P 500 Real Estate	-2.18	-2.86	3.15	3.15	6.84	5.66	6.42	3.15	5.23	12.36	-26.13	46.19
	S&P 500 Utilities	-5.11	-1.40	16.04	16.04	10.00	9.73	10.61	16.04	23.43	-7.08	1.57	17.67

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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Higher ↑  ↓ Lower	Growth 5.67	Small-Cap 21.31	Emerging Markets 37.28	Growth -1.51	Growth 36.39	Growth 38.49	S&P 500 28.71	Value -7.54	Growth 42.68	Growth 33.36	International Small-Cap 34.07
	International Small-Cap 5.46	Value 17.34	International Small-Cap 31.04	S&P 500 -4.38	S&P 500 31.49	Small-Cap 19.96	Growth 27.60	International -14.45	S&P 500 26.29	S&P 500 25.02	Emerging Markets 33.57
	S&P 500 1.38	Mid-Cap 13.80	Growth 30.21	Value -8.27	Mid-Cap 30.54	S&P 500 18.40	Value 25.16	Mid-Cap -17.32	Global 22.20	Global 17.49	International 31.22
	International -0.81	S&P 500 11.96	International 25.03	Mid-Cap -9.06	Global 26.60	Emerging Markets 18.31	Mid-Cap 22.58	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24	Mid-Cap 15.34	Global 22.34
	Global -2.36	Emerging Markets 11.19	Global 23.97	Global -9.42	Value 26.54	Mid-Cap 17.10	Global 18.54	Global -18.36	Mid-Cap 17.23	Value 14.37	Growth 18.56
	Mid-Cap -2.44	Global 7.86	S&P 500 21.83	Small-Cap -11.01	Small-Cap 25.52	Global 16.25	Small-Cap 14.82	Emerging Markets -20.09	Small-Cap 16.93	Small-Cap 11.54	S&P 500 17.88
	Value -3.83	Growth 7.08	Mid-Cap 18.52	International -13.79	International Small-Cap 25.41	International Small-Cap 12.78	International 11.26	Small-Cap -20.44	International Small-Cap 12.62	Emerging Markets 7.50	Value 15.91
	Small-Cap -4.41	International Small-Cap 4.32	Small-Cap 14.65	Emerging Markets -14.58	International 22.01	International 7.82	International Small-Cap 11.14	International Small-Cap -20.59	Value 11.46	International 3.82	Small-Cap 12.81
	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	Value 13.66	International Small-Cap -18.07	Emerging Markets 18.42	Value 2.80	Emerging Markets -2.54	Growth -29.14	Emerging Markets 9.83	International Small-Cap 2.76	Mid-Cap 10.60

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## Commodities Return Analysis (%)

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
<b>Bloomberg Commodity Index</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>15.77</b>	<b>15.77</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>10.64</b>
<b>Bloomberg Sub Agriculture</b>	<b>-5.42</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>-2.29</b>	<b>-2.29</b>	<b>-3.56</b>	<b>5.60</b>
Coffee	-8.20	-0.12	28.18	28.18	44.26	30.88
Corn	-1.35	3.51	-9.82	-9.82	-12.87	1.81
Cotton	-0.35	-3.65	-10.29	-10.29	-8.57	0.29
Soybean	-8.50	2.91	4.71	4.71	-4.84	3.75
Soybean Oil	-7.32	-2.54	19.55	19.55	-5.48	10.49
Sugar	-0.98	-8.70	-16.81	-16.81	0.31	6.80
Wheat	-5.53	-2.09	-17.03	-17.03	-20.97	-11.33
<b>Bloomberg Sub Energy</b>	<b>-9.06</b>	<b>-6.24</b>	<b>-10.41</b>	<b>-10.41</b>	<b>-10.78</b>	<b>8.04</b>
Brent Crude	-1.48	-5.72	-6.79	-6.79	0.36	18.86
Heating Oil	-6.27	-5.35	7.83	7.83	1.49	26.39
Natural Gas	-20.08	-8.95	-23.86	-23.86	-42.03	-21.51
Unleaded Gas	-5.28	-6.33	-4.32	-4.32	3.40	22.76
WTI Crude Oil	-1.34	-5.71	-7.93	-7.93	0.88	15.70

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
<b>Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals</b>	<b>6.42</b>	<b>12.02</b>	<b>21.37</b>	<b>21.37</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>7.75</b>
Aluminum	4.17	11.85	19.72	19.72	7.66	8.05
Copper	8.14	16.49	38.67	38.67	15.29	10.97
Nickel	12.29	9.02	7.38	7.38	-18.22	0.08
Zinc	2.36	8.02	9.19	9.19	4.78	5.67
<b>Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>21.83</b>	<b>80.15</b>	<b>80.15</b>	<b>35.25</b>	<b>18.39</b>
Gold	2.37	12.22	62.46	62.46	32.40	17.14
Platinum	19.97	26.69	124.37	124.37	24.83	14.46
Silver	23.92	50.96	138.63	138.63	42.11	20.90
<b>Bloomberg Sub Livestock</b>	<b>6.28</b>	<b>-1.23</b>	<b>22.66</b>	<b>22.66</b>	<b>13.09</b>	<b>11.04</b>
Lean Hogs	5.41	-3.77	7.67	7.67	1.77	8.32
Live Cattle	6.67	-0.08	31.53	31.53	20.29	12.73

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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025
Higher	Multi-Strategy 3.84	MLP 18.31	Long/Short Equity 13.41	Fixed Income Arbitrage 1.10	Long/Short Equity 12.17	Convertible Arbitrage 10.25	MLP 40.17	MLP 30.92	MLP 26.56	MLP 24.41	Commodity 12.54
	Long/Short Equity 3.55	Commodity 11.77	Currency 11.54	Global Macro -0.11	Global Macro 10.38	Long/Short Equity 7.86	Commodity 27.11	Managed Futures 19.12	Long/Short Equity 10.93	Long/Short Equity 14.78	Currency 11.10
	Equity Market Neutral 1.69	Convertible Arbitrage 6.60	Equity Market Neutral 8.45	Multi-Strategy -1.05	Managed Futures 9.01	Event Driven 6.95	Event Driven 12.92	Commodity 16.09	Event Driven 9.30	Event Driven 13.03	Long/Short Equity 10.35
	Convertible Arbitrage 0.81	Multi-Strategy 4.41	Multi-Strategy 6.83	Convertible Arbitrage -2.26	Event Driven 8.22	Global Macro 6.53	Global Macro 9.60	Global Macro 15.89	Currency 8.44	Multi-Strategy 8.66	Equity Market Neutral 9.79
	Fixed Income Arbitrage 0.59	Fixed Income Arbitrage 4.29	Fixed Income Arbitrage 6.52	Currency -3.33	Convertible Arbitrage 8.15	Multi-Strategy 5.60	Long/Short Equity 8.35	Equity Market Neutral 1.71	Multi-Strategy 8.04	Fixed Income Arbitrage 8.49	Global Macro 8.98
	Global Macro 0.18	Global Macro 3.58	Event Driven 6.30	Event Driven -3.95	Commodity 7.69	Fixed Income Arbitrage 3.64	Managed Futures 8.19	Multi-Strategy 1.27	Fixed Income Arbitrage 7.71	Equity Market Neutral 8.05	Fixed Income Arbitrage 8.46
	Managed Futures -0.93	Currency 3.54	Convertible Arbitrage 5.01	Long/Short Equity -4.62	Multi-Strategy 7.25	Managed Futures 1.86	Multi-Strategy 6.97	Fixed Income Arbitrage -0.97	Equity Market Neutral 6.73	Convertible Arbitrage 7.35	Convertible Arbitrage 7.64
	Event Driven -6.29	Event Driven 2.68	Managed Futures 3.29	Equity Market Neutral -5.00	MLP 6.56	Currency 1.73	Convertible Arbitrage 6.33	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage 4.04	Global Macro 5.52	Event Driven 7.55
	Currency -7.61	Long/Short Equity -3.43	Global Macro 2.14	Managed Futures -6.67	Fixed Income Arbitrage 6.10	Equity Market Neutral 1.69	Equity Market Neutral 6.16	Long/Short Equity -5.77	Managed Futures -2.78	Commodity 5.38	MLP 5.03
	Commodity -24.66	Equity Market Neutral -4.58	Commodity 1.70	Commodity -11.25	Currency 5.20	Commodity -3.12	Fixed Income Arbitrage 5.22	Event Driven -6.80	Global Macro -5.19	Managed Futures 2.87	Multi-Strategy 4.93
Lower	MLP -32.59	Managed Futures -6.84	MLP -6.52	MLP -12.42	Equity Market Neutral 1.58	MLP -28.69	Currency -3.09	Currency -7.14	Commodity -7.91	Currency -1.08	Managed Futures -0.16

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## Fund and ETF Flows by Category

### Top 10 Open-End Mutual Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Multisector Bond	5,842	16,660	39,043
Intermediate Core Bond	2,498	21,368	46,759
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	1,973	7,734	7,008
Short-Term Bond	1,807	3,400	8,716
Foreign Large Blend	1,543	-2,326	-19,032
Muni National Interm	1,440	5,368	11,252
Global Bond-USD Hedged	1,370	8,278	14,476
Short-Term Inflation-Protected Bond	934	3,240	4,140
Miscellaneous Region	930	2,891	8,287
Inflation-Protected Bond	685	1,449	5,412

### Bottom 10 Open-End Mutual Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Mid-Cap Value	-2,228	-7,262	-23,811
Mid-Cap Blend	-2,280	-8,942	-24,118
Small Blend	-2,352	-8,682	-25,448
Small Growth	-2,605	-6,941	-24,671
Moderate Allocation	-3,387	-10,337	-45,062
Mid-Cap Growth	-3,935	-13,009	-39,714
Foreign Large Growth	-5,353	-11,405	-39,333
Large Value	-10,015	-28,788	-94,395
Large Blend	-16,787	-82,236	-172,354
Large Growth	-17,336	-51,792	-157,620

### Top 10 Exchange-Traded Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	35,074	108,279	353,673
Large Value	12,532	27,957	79,061
Ultrashort Bond	11,311	17,664	89,214
Foreign Large Blend	9,773	31,010	101,787
Large Growth	8,352	31,400	104,371
Diversified Emerging Mkts	7,063	14,060	31,129
Trading--Leveraged Equity	6,717	-2,593	-10,076
Small Blend	4,724	5,403	-3,167
Health	4,274	6,191	-2,649
Intermediate Core Bond	3,595	18,524	58,142

### Bottom 10 Exchange-Traded Fund Categories by Monthly Flows (\$MM)

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Mid-Cap Value	-118	-1,722	-4,552
High Yield Bond	-133	6,062	19,504
Trading--Leveraged Commodities	-190	-123	-347
Consumer Defensive	-423	-36	-159
Equity Precious Metals	-597	767	-1,842
Consumer Cyclical	-1,506	-1,169	-4,061
Trading--Inverse Equity	-1,576	1,842	8,550
Government Mortgage-Backed Bond	-2,182	-1,754	7,181
Financial	-2,234	-2,072	-1,096
Digital Assets	-3,235	8,671	49,799

Source: Morningstar as of 11/30/25. Flow data is on a one-month lag. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information.

## Major Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Higher ↑  ↓ Lower	Municipal 3.30	Small-Cap 21.31	Emerging Markets 37.28	Municipal 1.28	S&P 500 31.49	Small-Cap 19.96	S&P 500 28.71	Commodities 16.09	S&P 500 26.29	S&P 500 25.02	Emerging Markets 33.57
	S&P 500 1.38	High Yield 17.49	International 25.03	Bank Loan 0.44	Small-Cap 25.52	S&P 500 18.40	Commodities 27.11	Bank Loan -0.77	International 18.24	Small-Cap 11.54	International 31.22
	US Agg 0.55	S&P 500 11.96	S&P 500 21.83	US Agg 0.01	International 22.01	Emerging Markets 18.31	Small-Cap 14.82	Municipal -8.53	Small-Cap 16.93	Asset Allocation 9.79	S&P 500 17.88
	Bank Loan -0.69	Commodities 11.77	Small-Cap 14.65	High Yield -2.26	Asset Allocation 18.70	Asset Allocation 11.95	Asset Allocation 11.43	High Yield -11.22	Asset Allocation 14.09	Bank Loan 8.95	Commodities 15.77
	International -0.81	Emerging Markets 11.19	Asset Allocation 14.02	S&P 500 -4.38	Emerging Markets 18.42	International 7.82	International 11.26	US Agg -13.01	High Yield 13.46	High Yield 8.20	Asset Allocation 15.56
	Asset Allocation -2.03	Bank Loan 10.16	High Yield 7.48	Asset Allocation -5.40	High Yield 14.41	US Agg 7.51	High Yield 5.36	Asset Allocation -13.04	Bank Loan 13.32	Emerging Markets 7.50	Small-Cap 12.81
	Small-Cap -4.41	Asset Allocation 8.61	Municipal 5.45	Small-Cap -11.01	US Agg 8.72	High Yield 6.17	Bank Loan 5.20	International -14.45	Emerging Markets 9.83	Commodities 5.38	High Yield 8.50
	High Yield -4.64	US Agg 2.65	Bank Loan 4.12	Commodities -11.25	Bank Loan 8.64	Municipal 5.21	Municipal 1.52	S&P 500 -18.11	Municipal 6.40	International 3.82	US Agg 7.30
	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	US Agg 3.54	International -13.79	Commodities 7.69	Bank Loan 3.12	US Agg -1.54	Emerging Markets -20.09	US Agg 5.53	US Agg 1.25	Bank Loan 5.90
	Commodities -24.66	Municipal 0.25	Commodities 1.70	Emerging Markets -14.57	Municipal 7.54	Commodities -3.12	Emerging Markets -2.54	Small-Cap -20.44	Commodities -7.91	Municipal 1.05	Municipal 4.25

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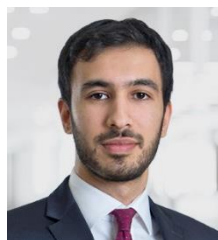
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# Index Definitions

The **Bloomberg Capital Expenditure Index** measures capital expenditure in the U.S.

**Bloomberg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified index tracking futures contracts on physical commodities.

The **Bloomberg ECO Labor Market Surprise Index** measures economic data releases on the labor market compared to market expectations.

**Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporates Index** consists of bonds issued in the euro or the legacy currencies of the 16 sovereign countries participating in the European Monetary Union (EMU)

**Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-USD Index** is a broad-based measure of global Investment Grade fixed-rate debt investments, excluding USD-denominated debt.

**Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of non-Investment Grade Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloomberg Magnificent 7 Index** is an equal-dollar weighted equity benchmark consisting of Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Meta, Nvidia and Tesla.

**Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed-rate, sub-investment-grade debt denominated in euros or other European currencies (except Swiss francs).

**Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index** is an unmanaged index of Taxable Municipal bonds traded in the U.S.

**Bloomberg U.S. Agency Index** measures agency securities issued by U.S. government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government.

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index** is an unmanaged index of domestic investment-grade bonds, including corporate, government and mortgage-backed securities.

**Bloomberg U.S. Asset Backed Securities (ABS) Index** measures ABS with the following collateral type: credit and charge card, auto, and utility loans.

**Bloomberg U.S. CMBS Index** measures the market of conduit and fusion CMBS deals with a minimum current deal size of \$300mn.

**Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment-grade corporate securities within the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index.

**Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Index** measures agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities issued by GNMA, FNMA, and FHLMC.

**Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index** measures public debt instruments issued by the U.S. Treasury.

**CBOE Volatility Index (VIX)** tracks the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 Index options.

**CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index** measures the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index.

**Citigroup Eurozone Economic Surprise Index** represents the sum of the difference between official economic results and forecasts in Europe.

**Citigroup U.S. Economic Surprise Index** represents the sum of the difference between official economic results and forecasts in the U.S.

**The DAX** consists of the 40 major German blue chip companies trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

**ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index** tracks the performance of USD denominated inflation linked sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government.

**ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index** is an unmanaged index of fixed-rate, preferred securities issued in the U.S.

**ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index** tracks the performance of sovereign debt publicly issued by countries that are members of the European Union.

**ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index** is an unmanaged index of below-investment grade U.S. corporate bonds.

**ICE BofA Developed Markets High Yield Ex-Subordinated Financial Index (Hedged)** is an unmanaged index of global developed market below investment grade corporate bonds, USD hedged.

**FTSE 100 Index** is an unmanaged market-capitalization weighted index representing the performance of the 100 largest UK listed blue chip companies, which pass screening for size and liquidity.

**FTSE All Small Index** consists of all the companies in the FTSE SmallCap and FTSE Fledgling indices.

**FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI)** measures the performance of fixed-rate, local currency, investment-grade sovereign bonds.

**J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified** is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

**J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified** is an unmanaged index of USD-denominated bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging markets governments.

**J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified** is an unmanaged index of local-currency bonds with maturities of more than one year issued by emerging market governments.

**The MDAX** lists German companies trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. It includes the 50 Prime Standard shares that rank in size immediately below the companies included in the DAX index.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets Index** is an unmanaged index of emerging markets common stocks

**MSCI EMU Index (European Economic and Monetary Union)** captures large and mid cap representation across the 10 Developed Markets countries in the EMU. With 229 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the EMU.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country Asia Pacific Index (MSCI AC Asia Pac)** is an unmanaged total return, capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of stock markets in 15 Pacific region countries, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.

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



# Index Definitions, Terms and About Risk

The **MSCI World Index** is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the global equity market performance of developed markets. The term "free float" represents the portion of shares outstanding that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by investors. The performance of the Index is listed in U.S. dollars and assumes reinvestment of net dividends.

The **MSCI USA Health Care Index** is designed to capture the large and mid cap segments of the US equity universe. All securities in the index are classified in the Health Care sector as per the Global Industry Classification Standard.

**Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index** is an unmanaged index of the institutional leveraged loan market. Prior to August 29, 2022, the index name was S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index.

**Nikkei 225 Stock Average Index** is unmanaged price-weighted index of 225 top-rated Japanese companies listed in the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

**Russell 1000 Index** is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap stocks.

**Russell 1000 Growth Index** is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap growth stocks.

**Russell 1000 Value Index** is an unmanaged index of 1,000 U.S. large-cap value stocks.

**Russell 2000 Index** is an unmanaged index of 2,000 U.S. small-cap stocks.

**Russell 2500 Index** is an unmanaged index of approximately 2,500 U.S. small- and mid-cap U.S. stocks.

**Russell Midcap Index** is an unmanaged index of U.S. mid-cap stocks.

**Standard & Poor's 400 Index** is designed to measure the performance of 400 mid-sized U.S. companies, reflecting the distinctive risk and return characteristics of this market segment.

**Standard & Poor's 493 Index** is designed to measure the performance of the S&P 500 excluding the "Mag 7" i.e. Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla.

**Standard & Poor's 500 Index** is an unmanaged index of large-cap stocks commonly used as a measure of U.S. stock market performance.

**STOXX Europe 600 Index** is a fixed component number index designed to provide a broad yet liquid representation of large, mid and small capitalization companies in Europe.

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## Terms

**Yield to Worst** is a measure which reflects the lowest potential yield earned on a bond without the issuer defaulting. The yield to worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

## About Risk

**Bank Loans** – There can be no assurance that the liquidation of collateral securing an investment will satisfy the issuer's obligation in the event of non-payment or that collateral can be readily liquidated. The ability to realize the benefits of any collateral may be delayed or limited. **Commodities** – The value of commodities investments will generally be affected by overall market movements and factors specific to a particular industry or commodity including weather, embargoes, tariffs, or health, political, international and regulatory developments. **Credit** – Investments in income securities may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the issuer and are subject to the risk of non-payment of principal and interest. The value of income securities also may decline because of real or perceived concerns about the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. **Duration** – Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. **Equity** – Equity investment values are sensitive to stock market volatility.

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**Prepayment - Bank Loan** – Bank Loans are subject to prepayment risk. **Real Estate** – Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on issuers in the real estate industry, including REITs.



## Risk Considerations

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of loss.

In general, equity securities' values also fluctuate in response to activities specific to a company. Investments in foreign markets entail special risks such as currency, political, economic, and market risks. The risks of investing in emerging market countries are greater than risks associated with investments in foreign developed countries. Fixed income securities are subject to the ability of an issuer to make timely principal and interest payments (credit risk), changes in interest rates (interest-rate risk), the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). In a rising interest-rate environment, bond prices may fall and may result in periods of volatility and increased portfolio redemptions. In a declining interest-rate environment, the portfolio may generate less income. Longer-term securities may be more sensitive to interest rate changes. Alternative investments are speculative, involve a high degree of risk, are highly illiquid, typically have higher fees than other investments, and may engage in the use of leverage, short sales, and derivatives, which may increase the risk of investment loss. These investments are designed for investors who understand and are willing to accept these risks. Performance may be volatile, and an investor could lose all or a substantial portion of its investment.

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