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New letters telling the same story

The 90-day tariff deadline came and went with a new August 1 deadline. This one, we're assured, is the final one. Alongside the postponement, several countries received revised reciprocal tariff rates that looked quite like those announced as part of "Liberation Day" on April 2. However, [it's not a sequel without a few new twists](#), including 50% rates on both copper (for national security purposes) and Brazil (to support the previous president Jair Bolsonaro). Using equity markets as a guide, the shock value of tariffs is diminishing. Whether that's because of the postponements, the potential illegality of using IEEPA as the basis for tariffs, or complacency, the risk around tariffs is skewed to the downside if the August 1 deadline proves firm.

Although the recovery in sentiment since "Liberation Day" took the S&P 500 Index back to all-time highs, a look below the topline index reveals a significant shift towards riskier parts of the market as well. Small cap, crypto, high short interest, and more volatile stocks have all outperformed to start the second half suggesting that sentiment may be transitioning from cautious optimism towards exuberance.

That exuberance could wane if the June CPI shows signs of tariff-driven inflation. [So far, evidence of tariffs are difficult to find in consumer prices](#) as companies and exporters absorb some of the costs. That willingness of companies to absorb the cost of tariffs will be a key point of focus as Q2 earnings season kicks off later this week.

Finally, not to be outdone by the rally in riskier parts of the market, [the tech sector and the AI theme remain top of mind](#) as Nvidia became a \$4 trillion company last week. The milestone underscores the remarkable growth rates of some of the largest U.S. companies, a strong counterpoint to concerns about exuberance taking hold of the market.



Key Takeaways

1. Touch base on tariffs: a 50% tariff on copper and Brazil and an extension for some countries until August 1. We cut through the noise to get to the [investment implications](#).
2. With June Fed minutes showing a division on the implication of tariffs, expectations for inflation, [and the number of rate cuts this year](#), what can investors expect ahead of next week's CPI reading and the Fed meeting in late July?
3. [There's been a rally in high-risk assets](#). Will it last?

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Your Scenario-Based Guide to Investing

Diversification could help prepare for the best- and worst-case outcomes.



Scenario		No Bargain	Moderate Bargain	Grand Bargain
	Odds of Happening	5%	65%	30%
	Asset Class Preference	Treasuries/Gold	Equities/Credit	Equities
	Regional Preference	International	U.S.	U.S.
	Styles	Defensive	Growth	Value
	Size	Large Cap	Large Cap	Small Cap
	Sectors	Consumer Staples, Utilities	Tech, Comm Services	Consumer Discretionary, Financials

Scenarios Explained

	Real Growth	≤ 0%	1.0%	2%+
	Core Inflation	3.5%	3.5%	3%
	Avg. Effective Tariff	20%+	15%	≤10%
	Fed Rate Cuts	7	2	0

Source: Harbor Multi-Asset Solutions Team. As of June 2025.
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Your Scenario-Based Guide to Investing

While different tariff levels warrant different allocations, gold may be appropriate across environments.



				Overweight	Neutral	Underweight
Unconstrained vs. 60/40				Rationale		
	No Bargain	Moderate Bargain	Grand Bargain			
Portfolio Risk (Beta, Relative Vol)	●	●	●	No bargain significantly increases recession risks and is likely a direct assault on profit margins; risk historically responds favorably to lower tariff rates		
Portfolio Duration	●	●	●	Although rates may struggle to fall at first due to higher inflation from tariffs, ultimately they could fall in a recession and the Fed will likely cut		
Equities (ACWI)	●	●	●	We think a 10% reduction in the effective tariff rate could be worth +7-10% in stocks from current levels		
U.S. Large Cap	●	●	●	U.S. stocks have fallen the most and we believe could recover the most if tariffs are negotiated down		
US SMID Cap	●	●	●	Small caps appear less appealing in a moderate bargain scenario as growth could still slow this year and reduce EPS growth for the group		
International	●	●	●	International stocks may look better in worse tariff scenarios, particularly EAFE, as the hit to growth in the U.S. appears to be greater than Europe and Japan		
Equity Styles						
Value	●	●	●	Given the cyclical nature of value stocks, we think they would be preferred only in a grand bargain scenario		
Growth	●	●	●	Growth stocks could likely benefit from reduced tariffs and be less impacted from slowing growth in a moderate bargain scenario		
Quality	●	●	●	Moderate bargain scenarios could still lead to a growth slowdown this year which supports quality		
Low Vol	●	●	●	Low vol likely moves with recession risks; any reduction in tariffs likely results in reduced recession odds and a give-back in low vol outperformance		
Fixed Income (Barc Agg)	●	●	●	Core bonds likely benefit from slowing growth, but upside could be limited from stagflation which arrests the Fed from cutting proactively		
Treasury	●	●	●	Treasuries may once again a good hedge to equities as growth risk is front and center moving forward, even if inflation rises this year		
IG	●	●	●	Investment grade could benefit from longer duration but still has some credit risk; we would wait until the dust settles		
MBS	●	●	●	Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) seem unlikely to benefit if tariffs are negotiated down, but still benefit in worse states of the world		
Credit (Non Agg)	●	●	●	Credit spreads could tighten if tariffs come down, but duration could act as a headwind; prefer equities for more upside in good outcomes		
HY Bonds	●	●	●	Prefer U.S. HY bonds in lower tariff outcomes		
EMD	●	●	●	Many Emerging Market countries may still struggle if tariffs are lowered but remain elevated such as the moderate bargain scenario		
Loans	●	●	●	Loans may be a better play on grand bargain due to low duration		
Commodities	●	●	●	Exposure to gold and precious metals seem to support commodities in higher tariff states of the world as USD reserve diversification likely increases		
Precious Metals	●	●	●	Precious metals, and particularly gold, could work in different outcomes as the damage has been done and USD reserve diversification likely continues		
Ind Metals, Agg, Energy	●	●	●	Consumable commodities may fall in a high tariff/recessionary scenario and could work if growth expectations improve		
Cash (T-Bills)	●	●	●	Cash could be helpful during growth scares as investors may consider putting money to work and buy attractive assets that are oversold		

¹ Overall "equity styles" cannot be o/w or u/w, only individual equity styles

For hypothetical illustrative purposes only. This information should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Weekly Snapshot

Stocks came off all-time highs as U.S. equities and bonds were slightly down for the week. The U.S. dollar strengthened as trade concerns reentered the headlines.



Global Equities (USD)	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year (AR)
MSCI ACWI	-0.3%	0.6%	10.7%	13.6%	17.3%
MSCI EAFE	-0.2%	-0.2%	19.2%	13.1%	16.2%
MSCI EM	-0.2%	0.7%	16.1%	11.7%	10.6%

Country Equities	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year (AR)
US - S&P 500	-0.3%	0.9%	7.2%	13.6%	19.3%
US - NASDAQ	-0.4%	0.5%	8.9%	13.6%	25.3%
US - Russell 2000	-0.6%	2.8%	0.9%	6.6%	10.5%
Japan - Nikkei 225 JPY	-0.6%	-2.3%	0.3%	-4.4%	16.1%
EU - Stoxx 600 EUR	1.1%	1.1%	10.0%	8.2%	12.6%
UK - FTSE 100 GBP	1.3%	2.1%	11.8%	12.8%	11.6%
France - CAC 40 EUR	1.7%	2.1%	6.1%	2.7%	12.7%
Germany - DAX 30 EUR	2.0%	1.4%	21.8%	30.9%	23.6%
China - MSCI China HKD	0.9%	0.6%	19.3%	32.3%	4.4%
India - MSCI India INR	-1.3%	-1.5%	4.6%	0.2%	17.0%

Fixed Income (USD)	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year (AR)
US Agg	-0.4%	-0.8%	3.2%	3.9%	2.2%
US Treasury	-0.3%	-0.9%	2.9%	3.2%	1.2%
US Muni	0.1%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.7%	2.1%
Global Treasury ex US	-1.5%	-1.3%	9.1%	8.1%	2.7%
Global IG	-0.7%	-0.7%	6.7%	7.0%	5.3%
Global High Yield	-0.3%	0.0%	6.9%	11.7%	11.8%
EM Debt (USD)	-0.2%	0.0%	4.9%	8.1%	7.8%

Commodities (USD, % chg)	Level	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year (AR)
Bloomberg Commodity (TR)	103.8	0.5%	1.9%	7.5%	7.8%	0.9%
Oil (WTI, USD / Barrel)	68.5	2.2%	5.1%	-4.6%	-17.2%	-13.0%
Gold (USD / Troy Ounce)	3,355.6	0.6%	1.6%	27.9%	38.9%	24.6%

Foreign Exchange (vs USD %)	Level	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year
USD - DXY Index	97.9	0.7%	1.0%	-9.8%	-6.3%	-9.4%
Euro	1.2	-0.8%	-0.8%	12.9%	7.6%	16.4%
British Pound	1.3	-1.2%	-1.7%	7.8%	4.5%	13.5%
Japanese Yen	147.4	-2.0%	-2.3%	6.6%	7.7%	-6.8%

Key Rates (bps chg)	Level	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year
SOFR	4.31%	-4	-14	-18	-103	278
2Y US Treasury Rate	3.89%	0	17	-36	-63	81
10Y US Treasury Rate	4.41%	6	18	-16	20	142
10Y German Bund	2.72%	12	12	36	26	148
10Y UK Gilt	4.62%	7	13	6	55	245
10Y Japanese Bond	1.51%	8	9	43	43	128
30Y US Treasury Rate	4.95%	9	17	17	53	177
30Y US Fixed Rate Mortgage	6.74%	-1	-6	-54	-46	102

Spreads	Level	Prior Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year
Global IG Corporate	0.84%	1	-5	-5	-15	-85
Global High Yield	3.16%	5	-15	-12	-66	-336
EM Debt (USD)	2.02%	-2	-18	-18	-59	-212

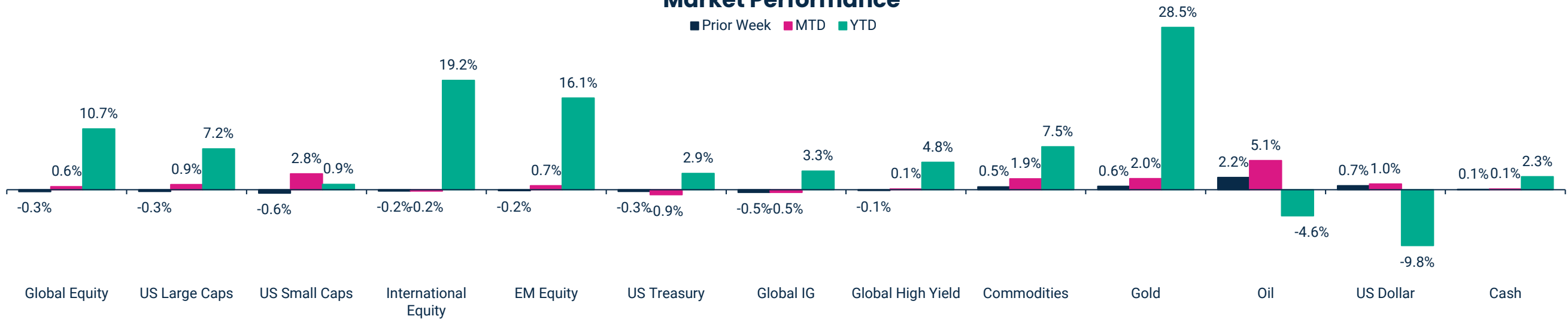
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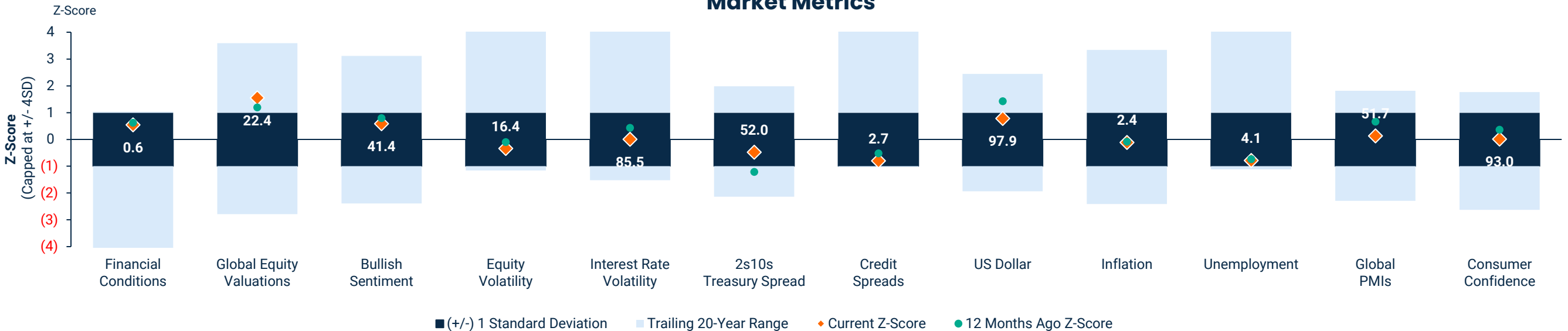
Most assets traded range bound for the week as negative trade headlines and tariff threats endangered the market’s advance. Moving forward, investors will closely be watching earnings season.

Market Performance

■ Prior Week ■ MTD ■ YTD



Market Metrics



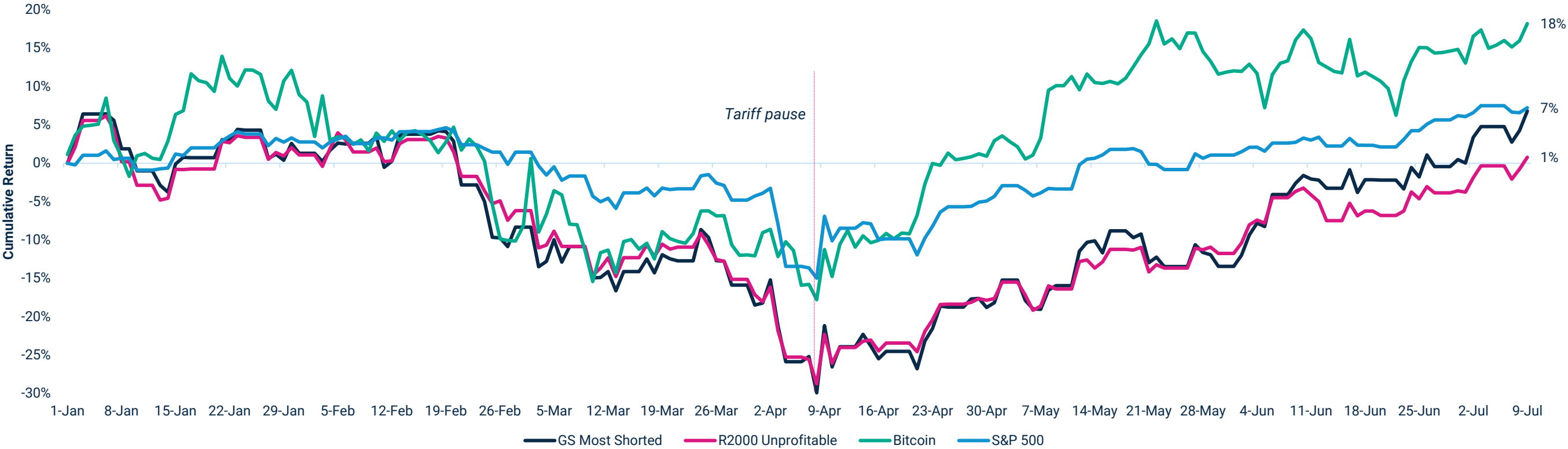
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Market Review

High-risk assets staged a material rally following the April tariff pause.



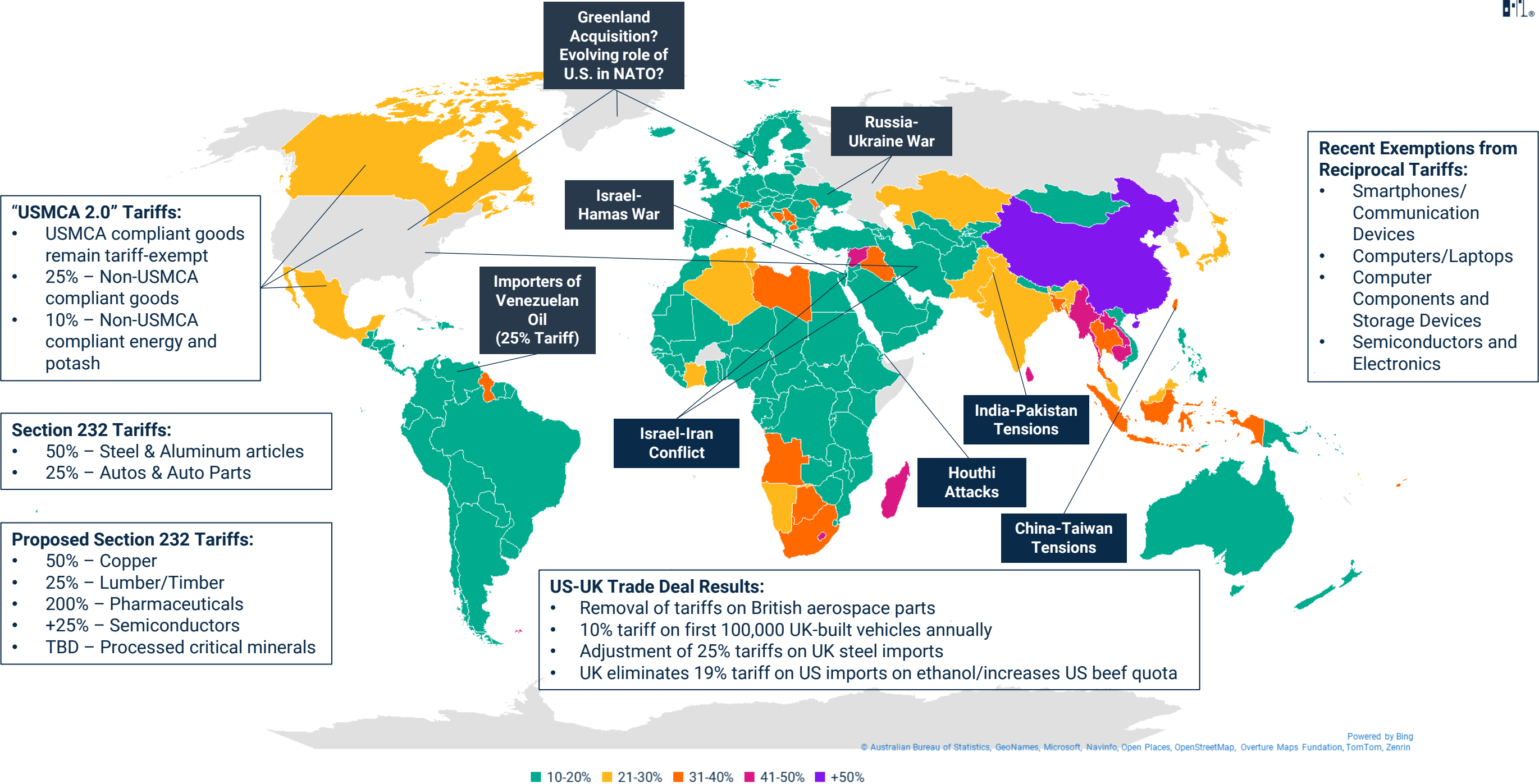
Select Higher-Risk Asset Performance vs. the Market



	1/1/25 – 4/7/25	4/8/25 - Current	YTD
GS Most Shorted Basket	-30%	52%	7%
R2000 Unprofitable	-29%	41%	1%
Bitcoin	-18%	44%	18%
S&P 500	-15%	26%	7%

Data as of 07/13/2025. Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. Bloomberg L.P. FactSet. **Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.** Goldman Sachs (GS) most-shortened basket contains the 50 highest short interest names in the Russell 3000; names have a market cap greater than \$1 billion. We define unprofitable as companies that meet the following profitability criteria: 1) median trailing 12-month operating margin over the prior 12 quarters greater than or equal to 1% and 2) aggregate operating margin over the prior 12 quarters greater than or equal to 1%. Bitcoin = Bloomberg Bitcoin Index (Total Return index).

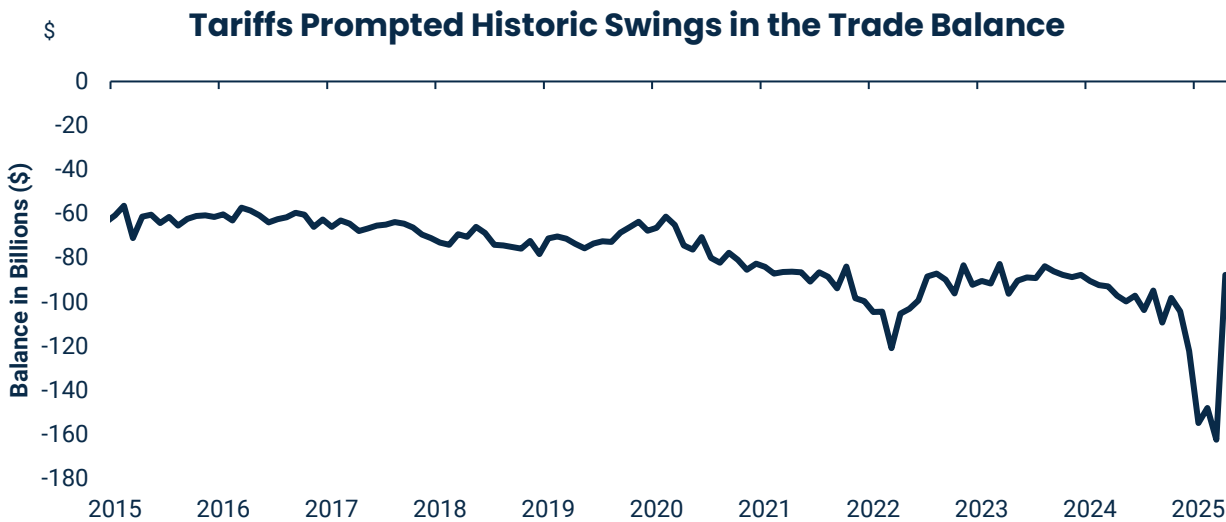
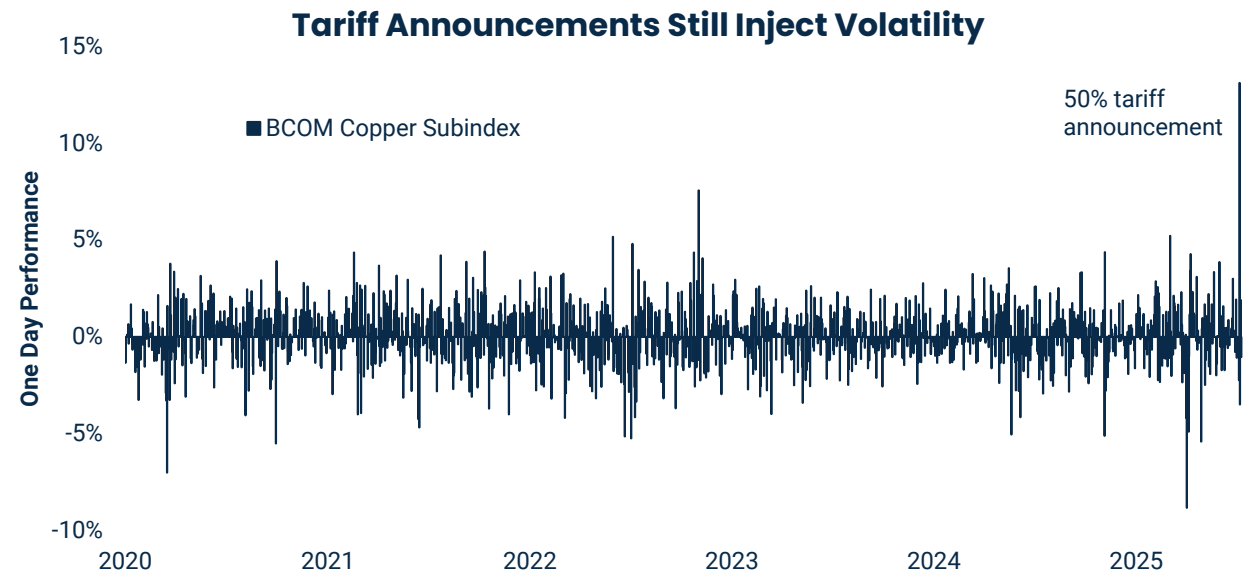
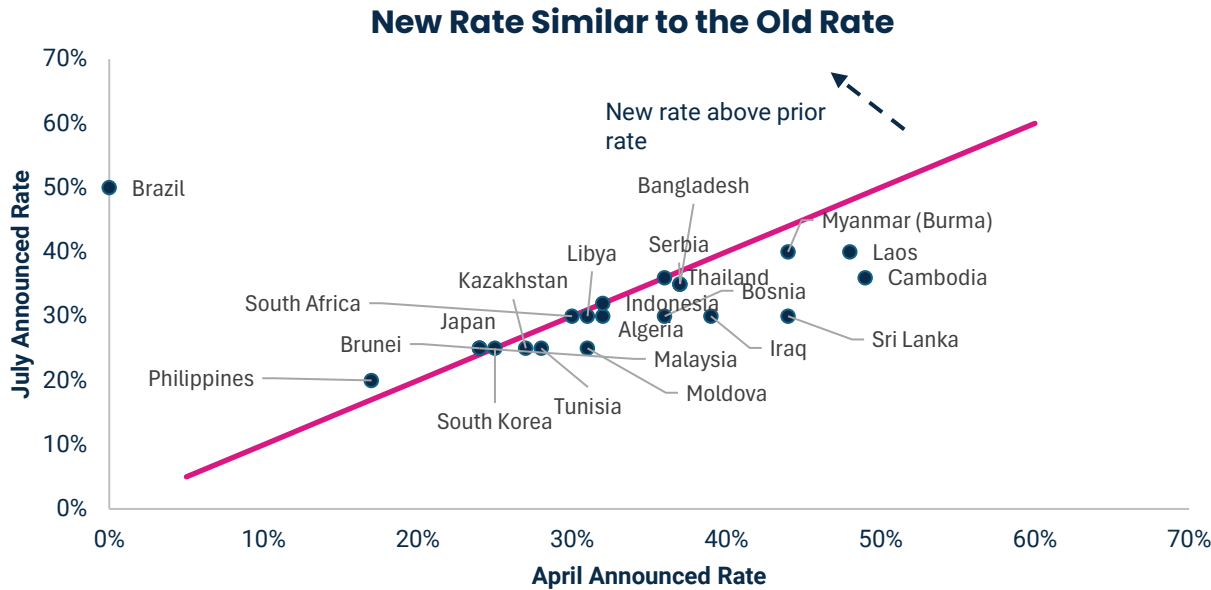
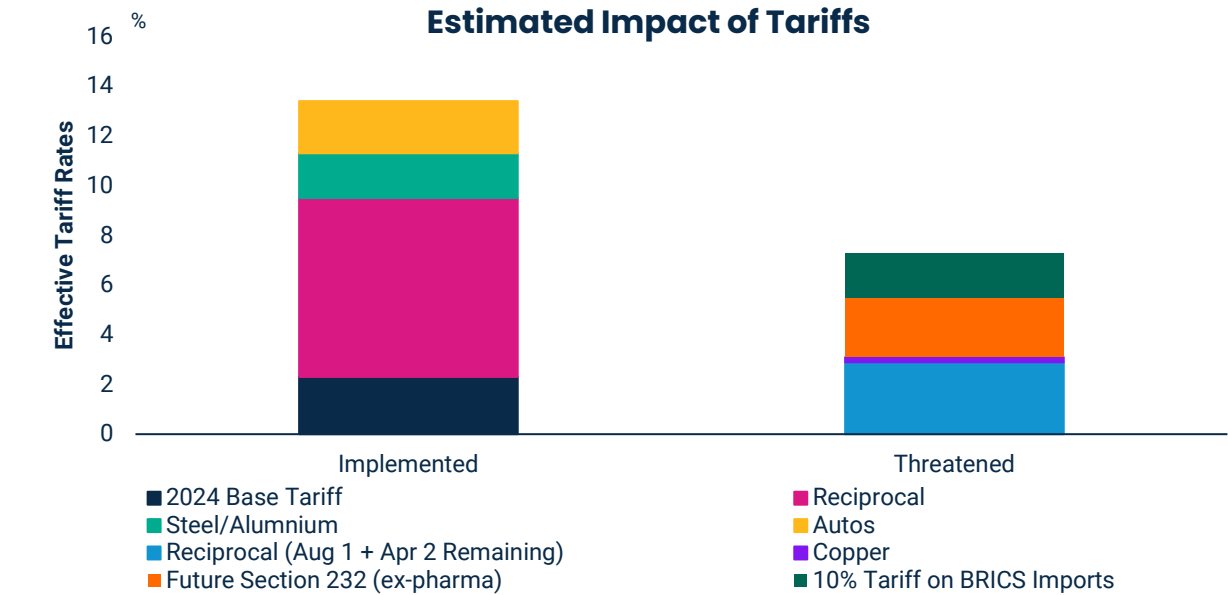
A World in Flux



With Delay Comes Higher Threat for Tariffs



The 90-day pause gave way to an August 1 deadline. While the novelty of tariffs is wearing off in the equity market, the recent copper shock shows the power of sector-specific announcements.

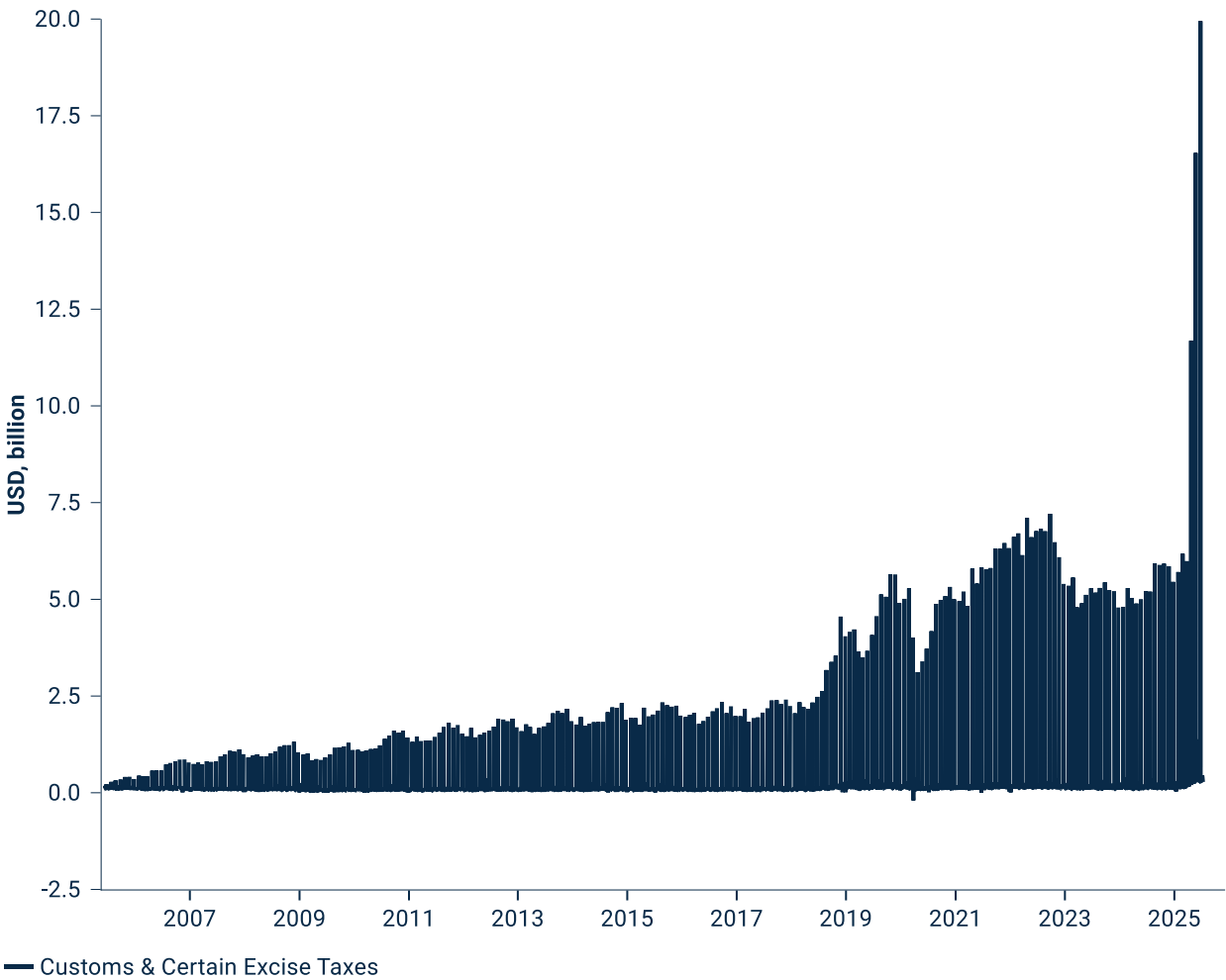


Tariff Headlines Cause Pain for U.S. Dollar



Tariff Collections

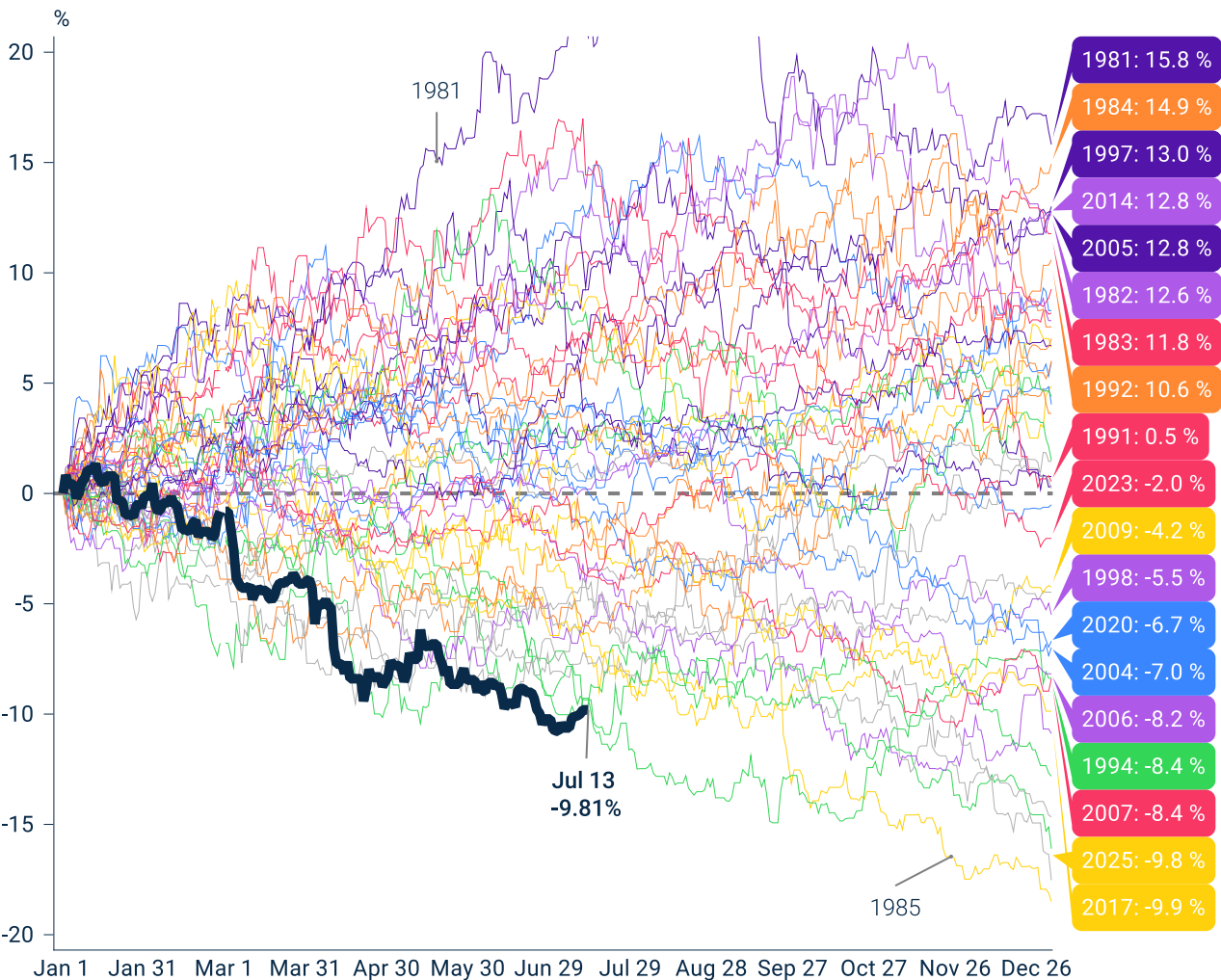
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US Dollar

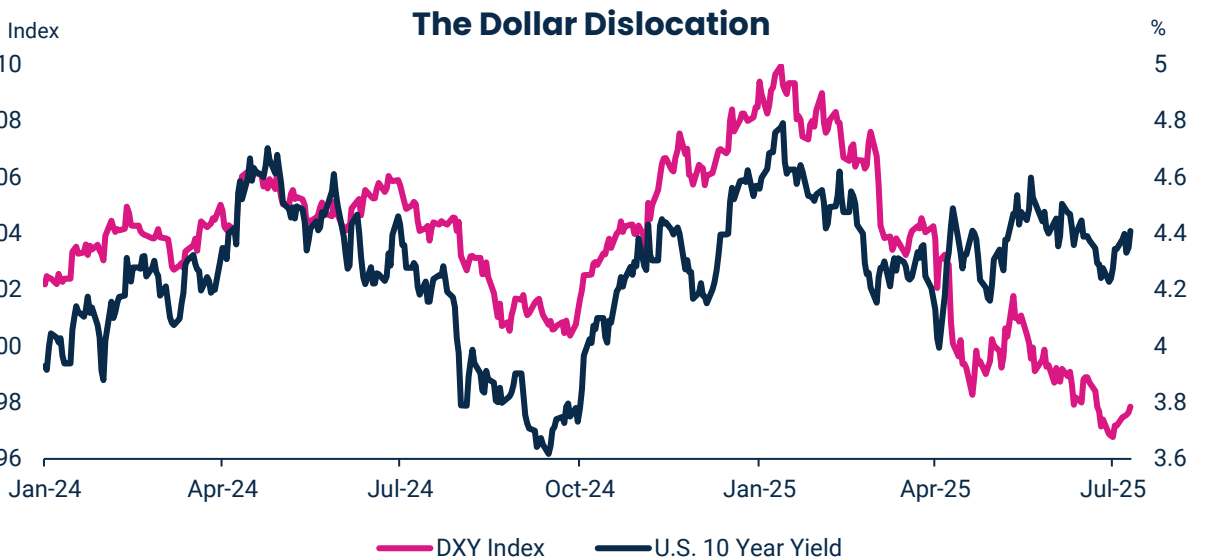
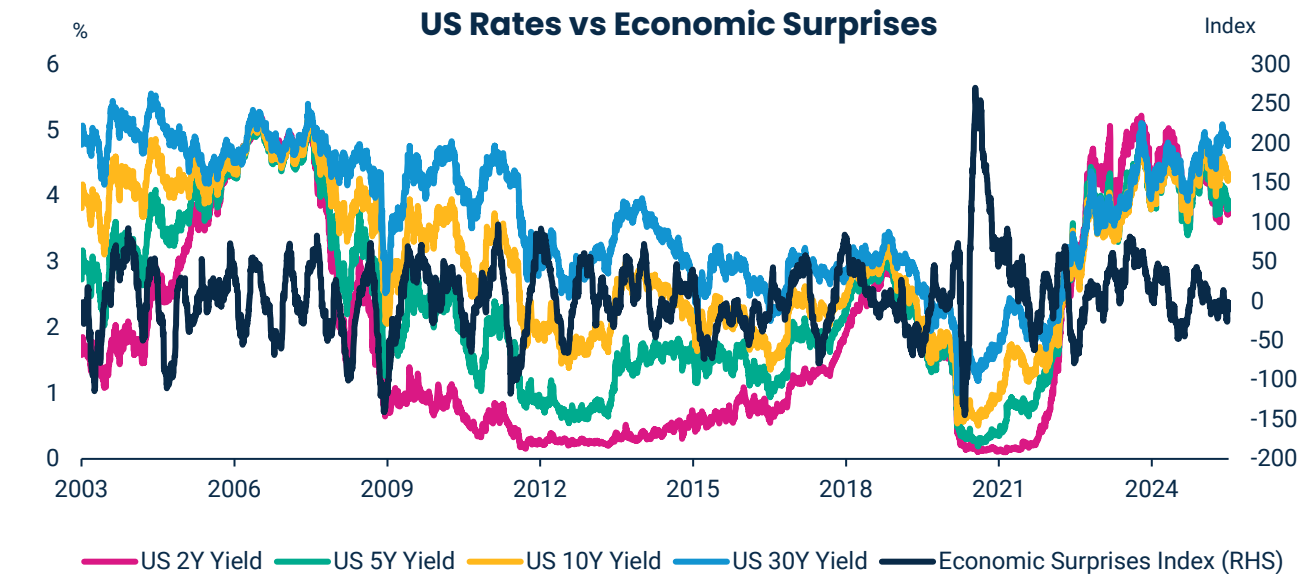
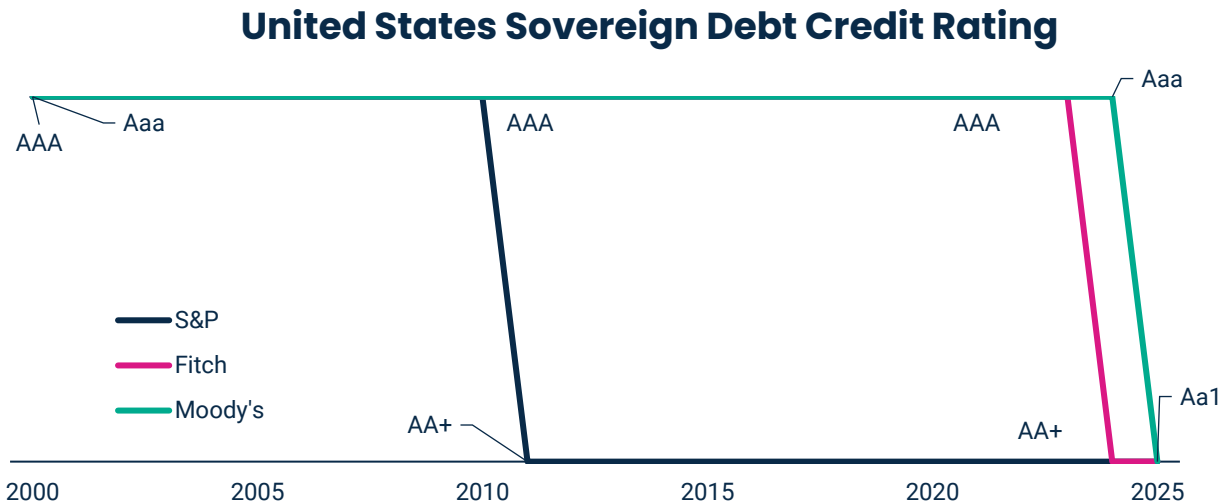
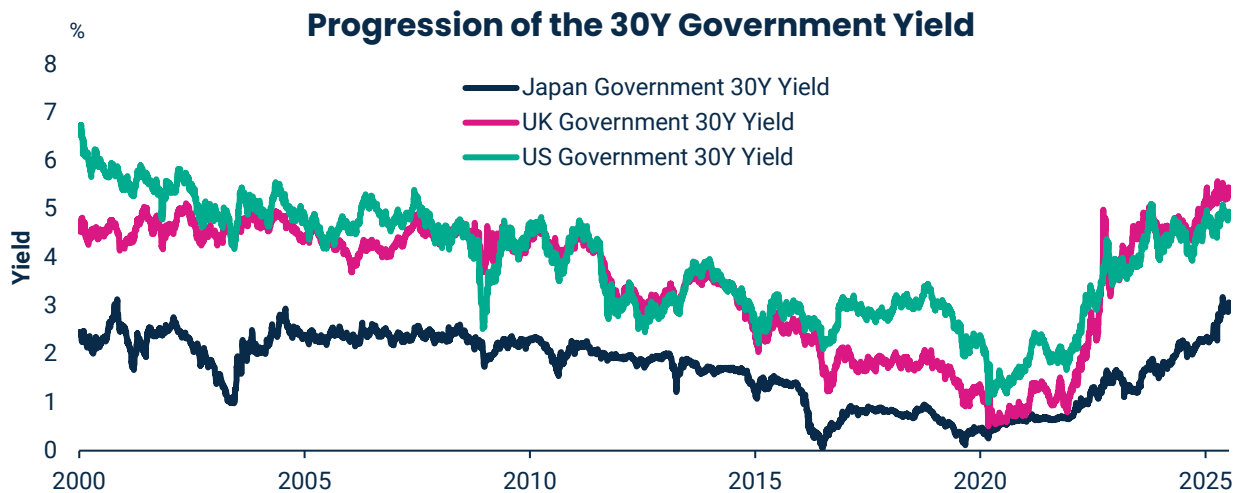
Weakest YTD trend since 1980s



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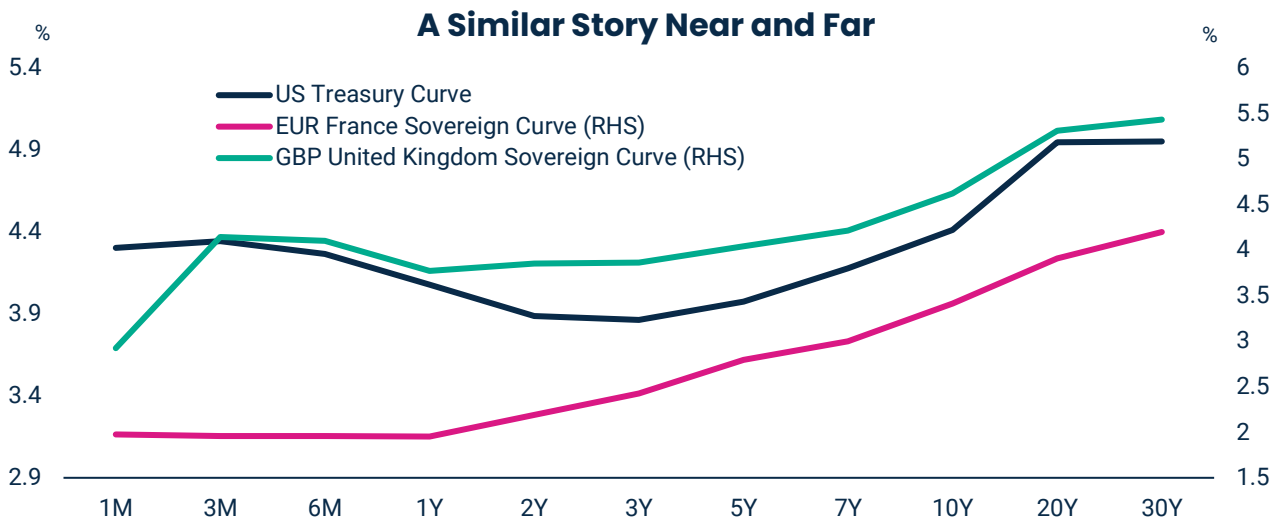
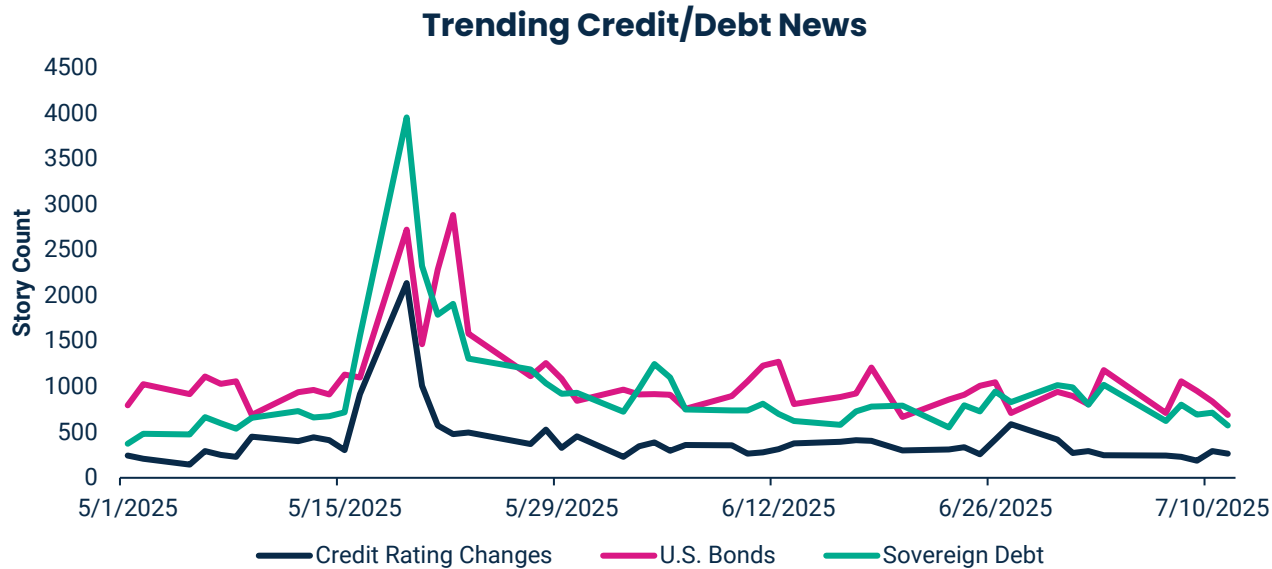
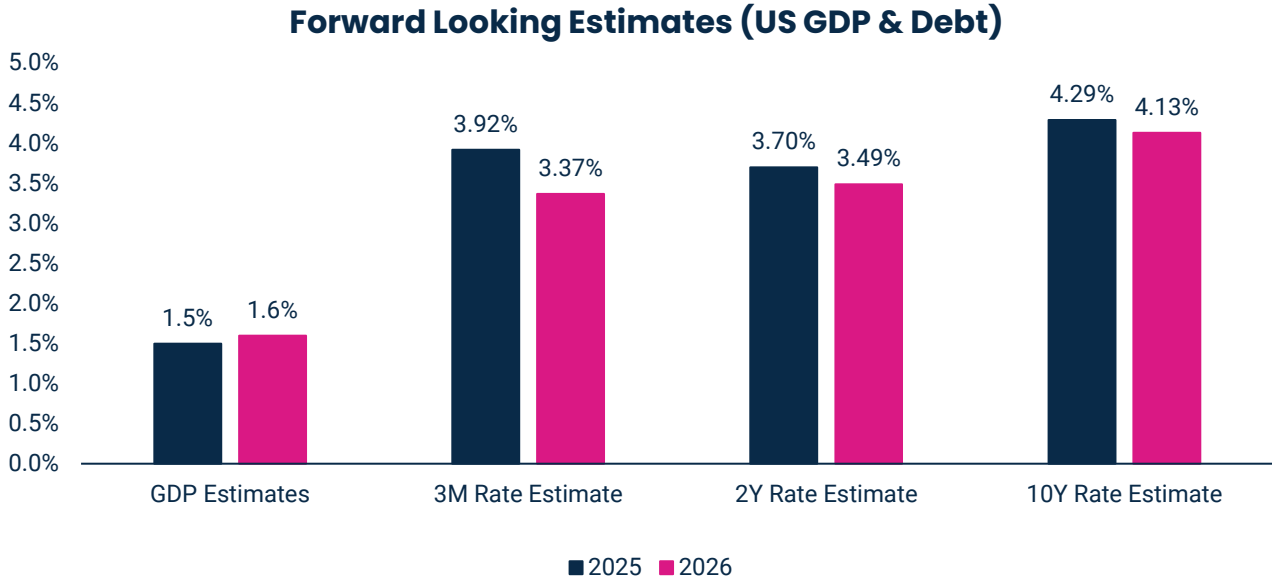
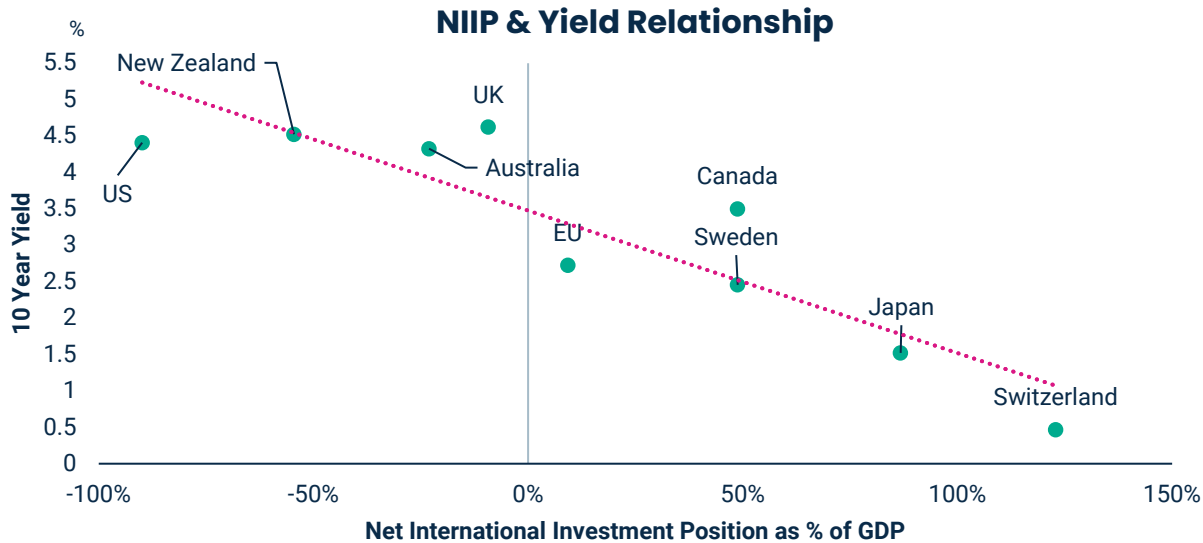
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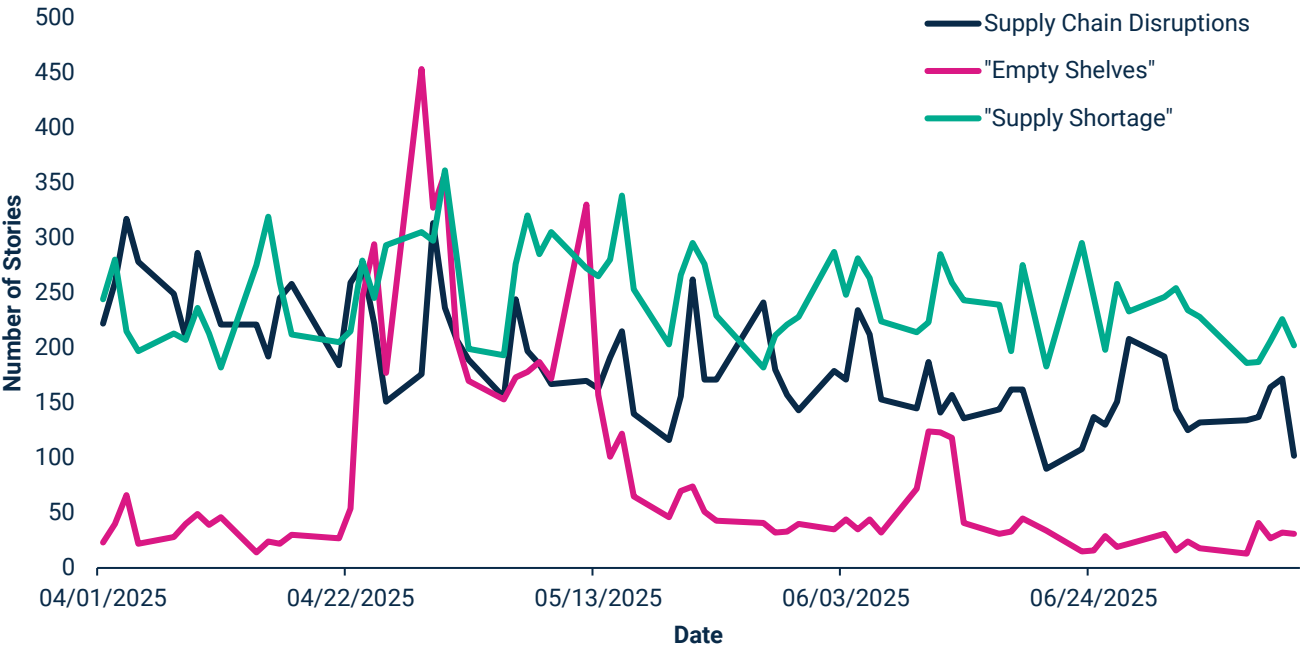
If Tariffs are Here to Stay, Where May the Effects Be Most Evident?

Import Volumes

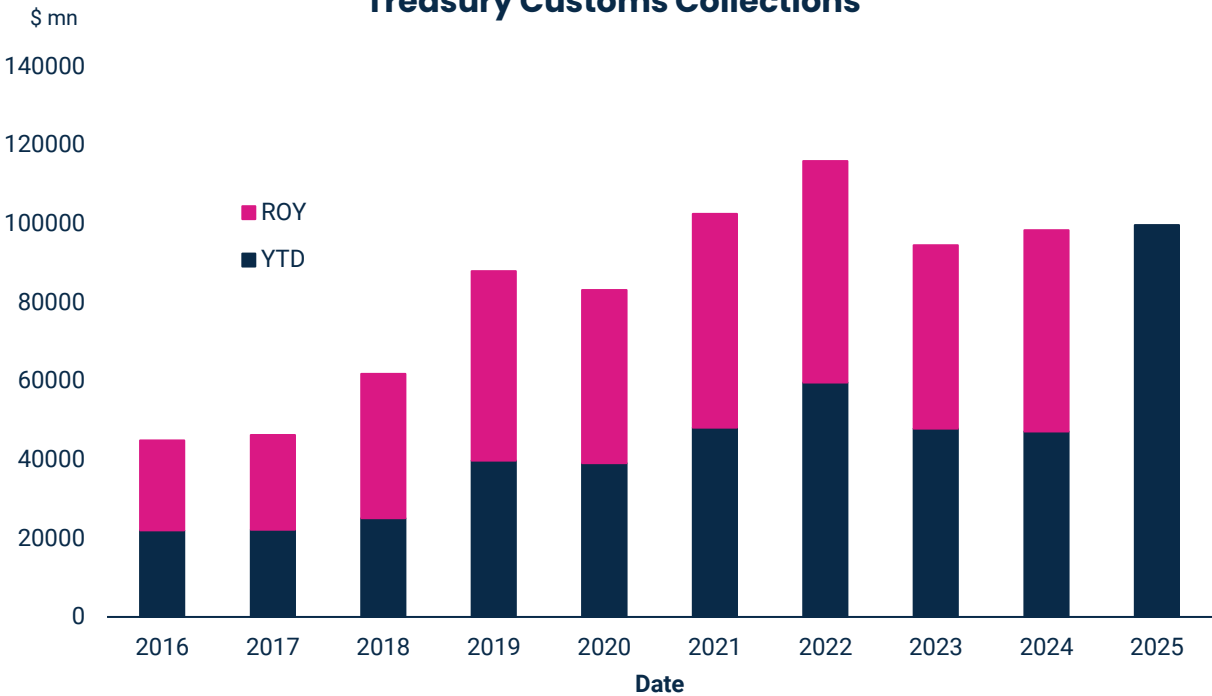


July 13 – July 19 (Week 29)			July 20 – July 26 (Week 30)			July 27 – August 2 (Week 31)		
128,720			120,072			78,025		
TEU			TEU			TEU		
Scheduled Vessels: 21			Scheduled Vessels: 23			Scheduled Vessels: 18		
Change from previous week	↑	8.68%	Change from previous week	↓	6.72%	Change from previous week	↓	35.02%
Change from previous year	↑	20.33%	Change from previous year	↑	5.62%	Change from previous year	↓	42.47%

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Treasury Customs Collections



Fiscal Stimulus is in the Eye of the Beholder



Under current law, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) vanishes – under current policy, it lives on, reshaping the bill's price tag and stimulative effects.

House Reconciliation Bill vs. Current Policy

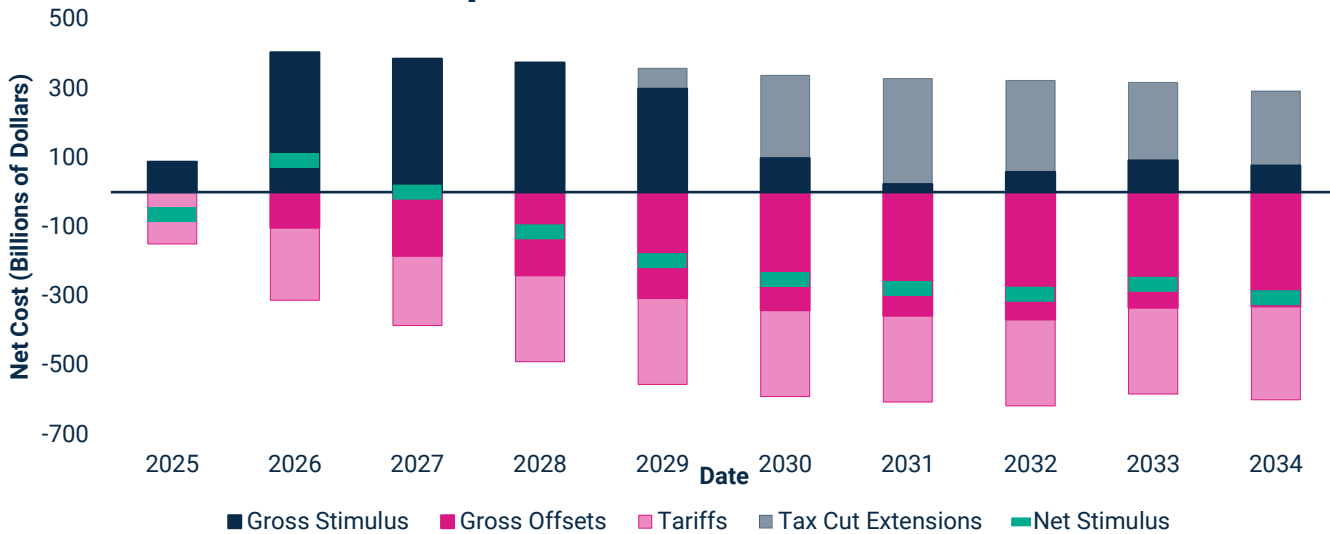
Estimates	2025	2026	2025-29	2025-34
Gross Stimulus (Tax Cuts + Incremental Spending + Tax Cut Extensions)	\$88B	\$404B	\$1.6T	\$3.2T
Gross Offsets (IRA Rollback + Other Tax Offsets + Spending Cuts)	\$(3)B	\$(104)B	\$(0.8)T	\$(2.6)T
Net Stimulus	\$85B	\$300B	\$0.8T	\$0.6T

Fully Extended One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) and Current Tariff Parameters

Tariffs	\$(150)B	\$(210)B	\$(1.1)T	\$(2.3)T
Net Stimulus*	\$(65)B	\$90B	\$(0.3)T	\$(1.7)T

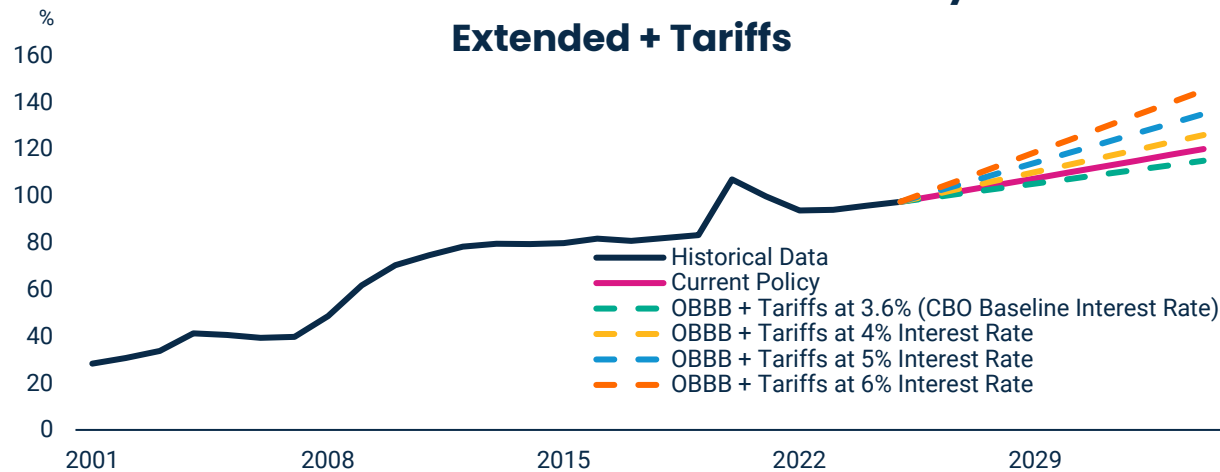
Source: Wolfe DC Policy, Yale Budget Lab

Fiscal Impulse: Extension of OBBB + Tariffs



Source: Wolfe DC Policy, Yale Budget Lab

Debt Outlook as % of GDP: OBBB Fully Extended + Tariffs



Estimated Budgetary Effects of OBBB | Congressional Budget Office

Estimates	2025	2026	2025-29	2025-34
Revenues	\$89B	\$482B	\$2.1T	\$3.7T
Outlays	\$(197)B	\$3B	\$(.4)T	\$(1.3)T
Net Deficit Increase/(Decrease)	\$(108)B	\$485B	\$1.7T	\$2.4T

Source: Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

Data as of June 2025. Source: Wolfe Research, Wolfe DC, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB), The Joint Committee on Taxation, Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Bloomberg. Gross stimulus and gross offsets are the change in government spending and revenue relative to current policy from the proposed law based on the released draft sections of the reconciliation bill under negotiation. Net stimulus is the estimated change in government spending relative to current policy. The cost, savings, and net deficit scores are based on the changes in the proposed bill relative to current law. Current policy is a reference to laws as of the end of the 2024 tax year. Current law includes changes to current policy based on the expiration of provisions. **The performance quoted represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results.**

The Week Ahead



	Monday July 14, 2025	Tuesday July 15, 2025	Wednesday July 16, 2025	Thursday July 17, 2025	Friday July 18, 2025
Economic Releases		CPI	PPI	Retail Sales	Housing Starts & Building Permits
		US Empire Manufacturing Survey	US Industrial Production	Import & Export Price Indices	University Michigan Surveys
			Fed Beige Book	Initial & Continuing Claims	
Earnings	Bank of America	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	Johnson & Johnson	Taiwan Semiconductor	American Express
	Barnes & Noble	Wells Fargo	ASML Holding	Netflix	HDFC Bank
		BlackRock	Morgan Stanley	GE Aerospace	3M Company

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Macro Investment Outlook

Key Takeaways:

- **Tariffs have had minimal inflationary impact to this point**, with Core PCE rising modestly to 2.7% so far; front-loaded imports, shipping lags, and foreign exporters absorbing some costs are delaying effects.
- **Pass-through to U.S. consumers is lower than expected**, with businesses citing that they plan to pass through around 50% of tariff costs rather than the previously assumed 75–100%, reducing the inflation spike and spreading it out over time.
- **Inflation expectations remain anchored**, with market pricing suggesting long-term PCE inflation around 2.1–2.2%, in line with the Fed's 2% target, and NY Fed surveys showing a return to pre-tariff inflation expectations.
- **A moderate rise in inflation is still expected**, with Core PCE projected to end the year near 3.0-3.3%, though this more drawn-out (less likely to disrupt inflation expectations). A lower peak makes a Fed rate-cutting cycle more likely in the second half of the year.
- **Markets are signaling a reflationary backdrop**, with cyclicals outperforming, yields rising, the yield curve steepening, and inflation swaps increasing — driven more by optimism than by tariff fears.
- **Investors are looking ahead to 2026**, pricing in a positive fiscal impulse (via the OBBB), Fed easing, pro-business policy shifts, and potential deregulation — all supporting future growth and credit creation.

Where's the inflation?

Investors have begun to rightfully question just how inflationary tariffs actually are as we are now three months past "Liberation Day" with very little sign of tariff effects on U.S. inflation. Seasonally adjusted monthly Core PCE rose just 0.14% in April and 0.18% in May, with little evidence of an alarming rise in goods prices. We will find out next week if consumer prices responded in June with the CPI release on 7/15; consensus is calling for a 0.3% rise as economists expect tariffs to begin lifting goods prices. It looks like the illusive effects of tariffs thus far may be the result of a few things: 1) It takes on average about four weeks to ship goods globally, which means the first tariffed goods following "Liberation Day" on average would have been received at U.S. ports in early May; 2) Front loading of imports ahead of Liberation Day have delayed increases in consumer prices; 3) We are seeing some price absorption from foreign exporters (e.g. China export prices to the U.S. have fallen mid-single digits in recent months, and Japan auto export prices to the U.S. have fallen north of 20% since April); and 4) Business surveys suggest an intention of passing through closer to 50% of tariff rates to end-consumers rather than the originally assumed 75%-100% by most economists earlier in the year. Therefore, it would seem that the inflation hit from tariffs will be less acute, the rise in prices will take longer to unfold, peak inflation will be less onerous, and the pass-through to end-consumers will be less punitive than original estimates. The conclusion from this is that we still expect inflation to rise somewhat this summer with the peak impulse arriving in the coming months, and YOY Core PCE inflation ending the year somewhere in the high 2's to low 3's range (much lower than earlier fears). Core PCE YOY is currently running at 2.7% and expected to slow to around 2.3% by year end absent any tariff effects. Core CPI has been running at an annualized rate of 1.8% over the last four months as underlying inflation has come down in recent months. Further, five-year breakevens are pricing in inflation of 2.5% for CPI over the next five years and five-year inflation swaps are pricing in 2.65% for CPI inflation. As CPI runs about 0.4% above PCE, that suggests markets are pricing PCE inflation of around 2.1% to 2.2% over the next five years, essentially in-line with

As of July 11, 2025. Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. Refer to Important Information section for more information on the Business Cycle Regime and indicators.



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Macro Investment Outlook

Where's the inflation? (con't)

the Fed's 2.0% target. Additionally, the NY Fed inflation expectations survey has returned to pre-tariff levels and points to anchored inflation expectations. We therefore believe it is too early to call an "all clear" on tariffs. Instead, we believe a slower and more drawn-out rise (rather than an acute shock) and a lower peak will likely keep inflation expectation anchored. If expectations remain anchored as they currently appear to be, inflation rises from 2.7% currently to closer to ~3.0% by the end of the year (give or take), and it is clear that services and rent inflation are at levels consistent with 2.0%, then it is likely the Fed can restart its cutting cycle in the second half of this year.

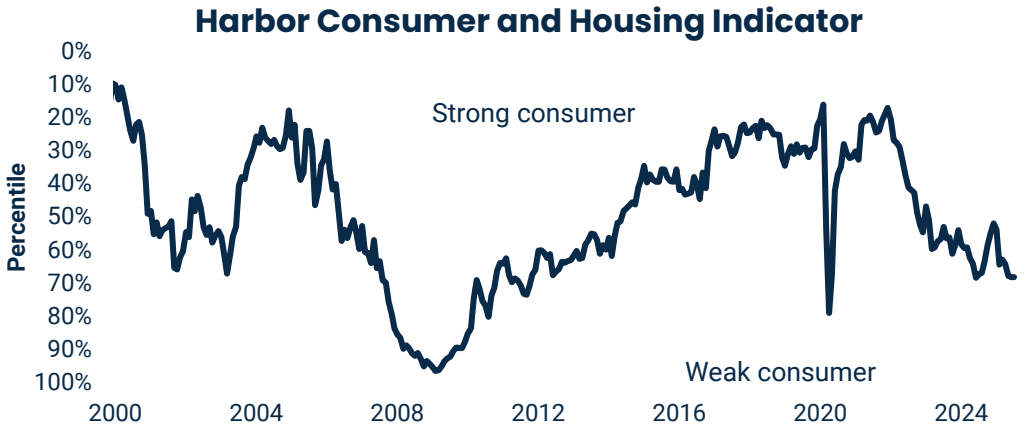
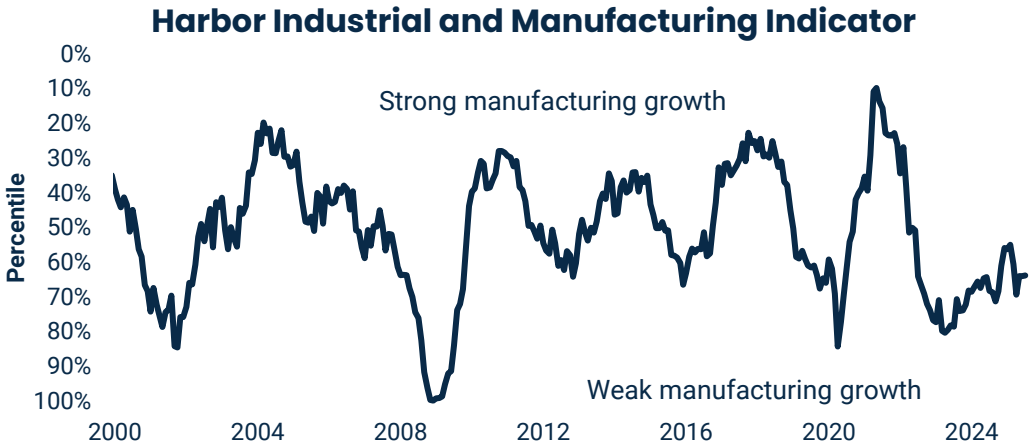
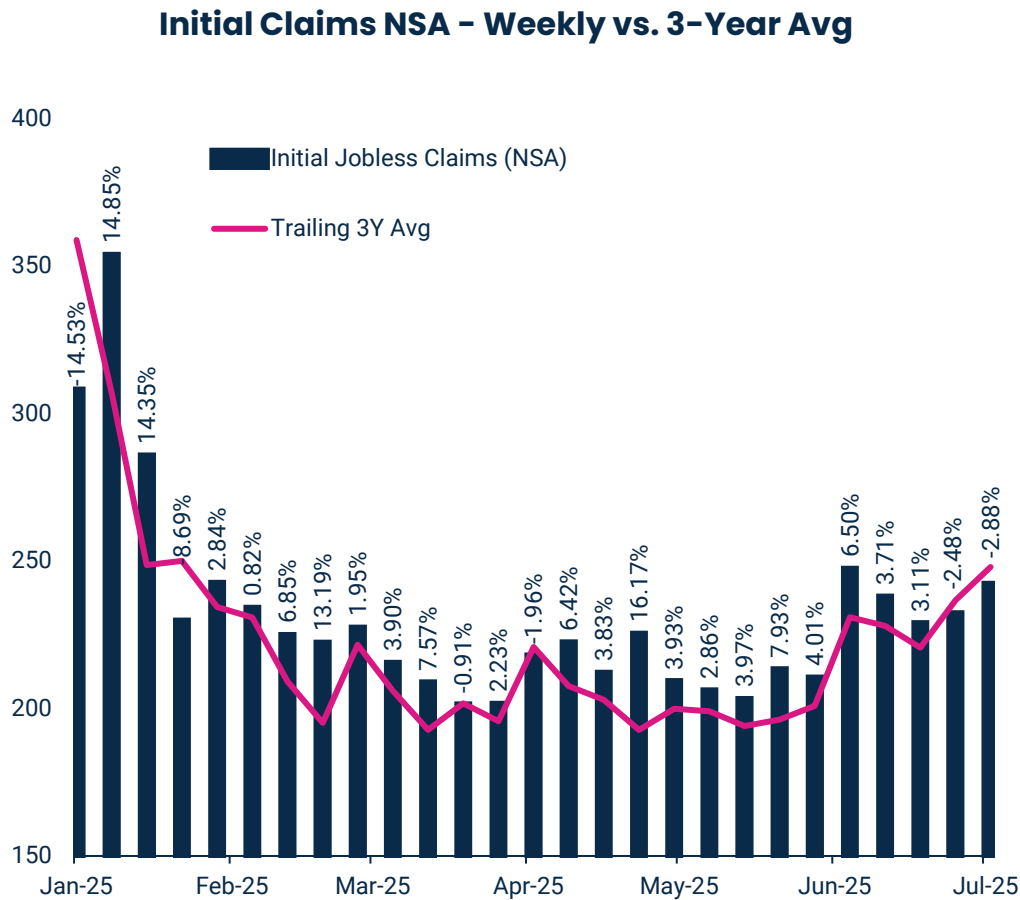
Reading the tape

We have seen a bit of a reflationary signature across markets over the last two weeks. Cyclical have led with transports (+3.7%), materials (+3.4%), banks (+3.0%) and small caps (+3.1%) rising and outpacing large caps (+0.9%), while long bonds have fallen as yields have risen (TLT -2.8%), and despite rising yields and a rising USD (DXY +1.0%), gold has still risen (+1.5%), and both stock and bond volatility has fallen (VIX down -4.2% and MOVE down -9.6%). Along with the increase in yields, the curve has bear steepened and 5-year inflation swaps have risen 15bps. Markets have been pricing an improving growth backdrop and rising inflation. Rising inflation swaps over the last two weeks are not being driven by tariffs as it is occurring alongside risk-on behavior within equities, in particular small caps have led, and the curve has steepened. These dynamics do not occur in stagflationary environments. But why has the market recently been pricing a reflationary backdrop? As we have said for several months now, we believe markets are looking through the near-term non-recessionary growth slowdown and inflationary impact from tariffs and pricing a very strong backdrop for 2026. In our view, the OBBB is going to drive a positive fiscal impulse of around 0.5% in 2026 and 2027 along with continued deficit spending north of 6.0%, the Fed is likely to begin cutting again later this year, and Chair Powell is likely to be replaced by an ultra-dove in May of next year, per President Trump's comments. We may also see the beginning of a capital expenditure cycle formulate in 2026 as the OBBB creates tax incentives for business spending such as immediate expensing of R&D and accelerated depreciation, dovish net treasury net financing as Treasury Secretary Powell has suggested a desire to decrease coupon issuance, and deregulating of the financial sector via easier bank stress tests, appointing free market-oriented individuals in positions of consequence (such as Paul Atkins at the SEC), and a likely reduction in SLR requirements for banks by year-end. All of this may lead to improved credit creation next year. Since markets are forward looking, they're pricing this very positive dynamic right now.



Business Cycle: Growth Conditions (G)

Leading indicators are stabilizing after the shock to sentiment in April from tariff announcements. Further, seasonally-adjusted claims have risen into the summer for the last few years given seasonal adjustment issues following the spike in claims into the summer in 2020. We therefore look at non-seasonally adjusted claims vs. their 3-year average which currently shows a modest rise that is not suggestive of cracks in the labor market. In our view, growth seems fine for now.



GROWTH

LIQUIDITY

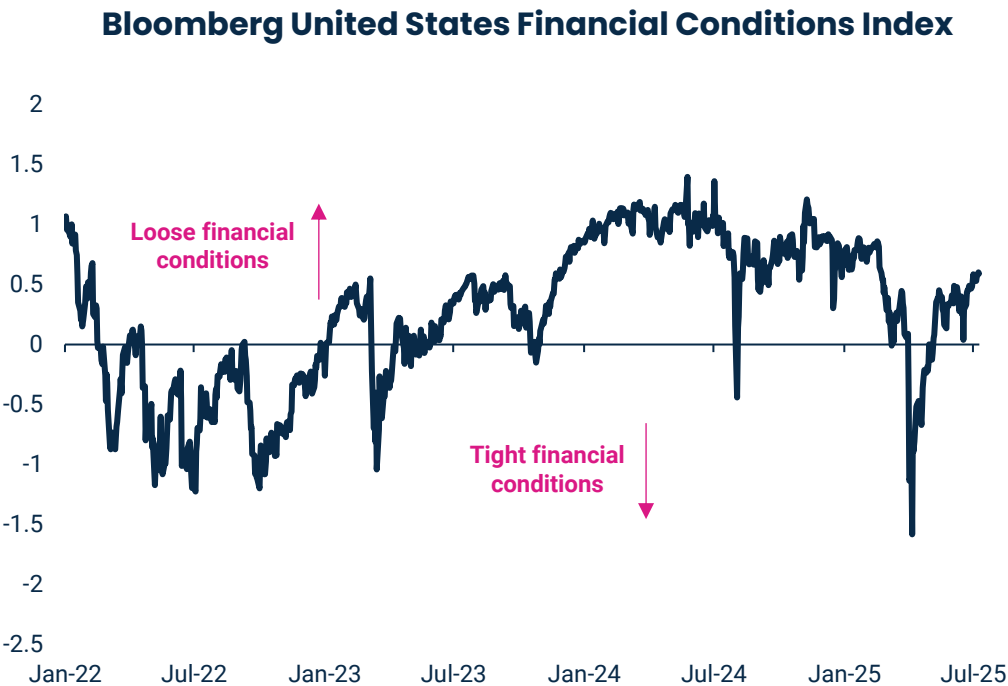
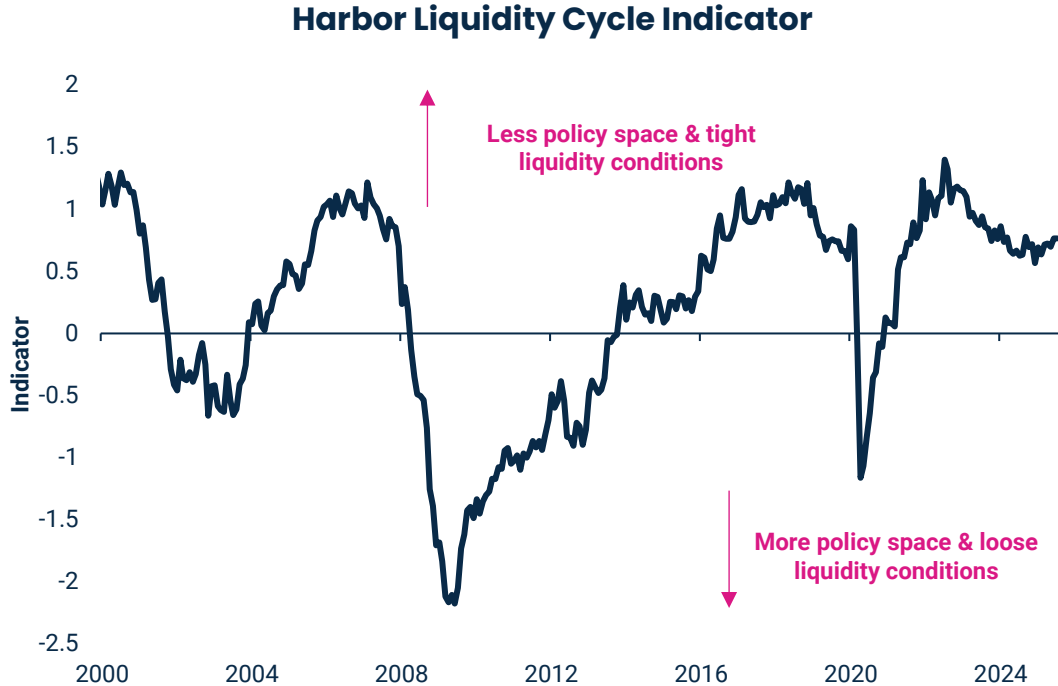
INFLATION

MARKET SENTIMENT

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Business Cycle: Liquidity Conditions (L)

The fundamental drivers of liquidity suggest some policy space for a modest cutting cycle. As long as the Fed does not hike the policy rate in response to the proposed tax bill (even if rate cuts are pushed out), we view this as market friendly.



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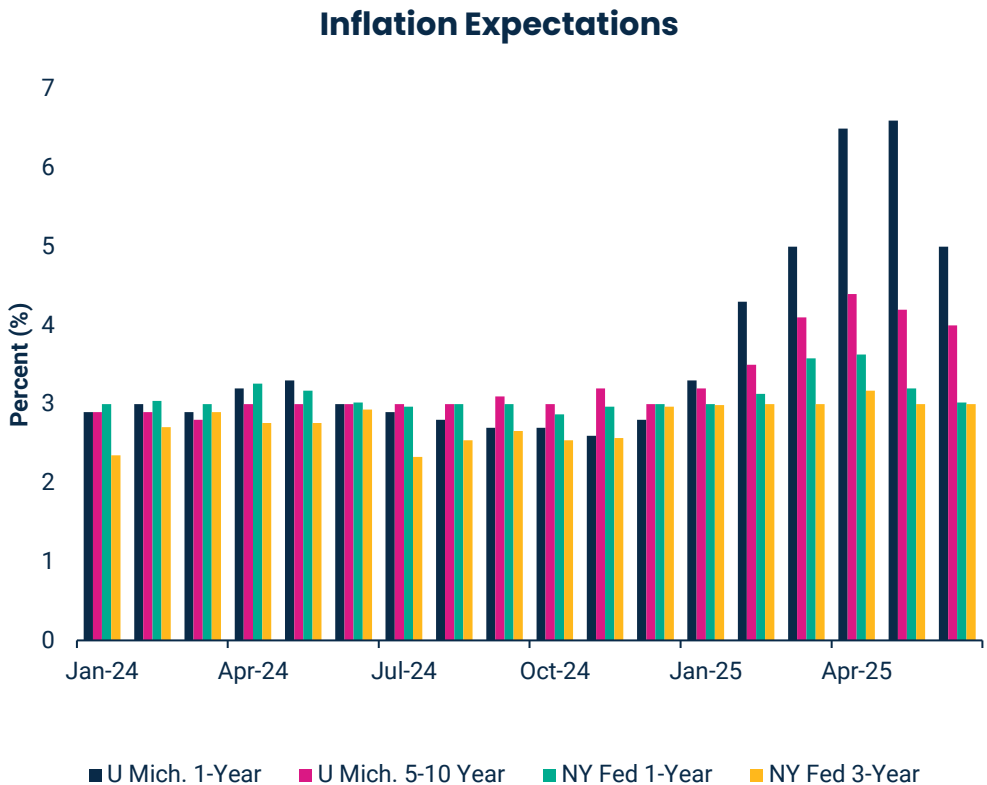
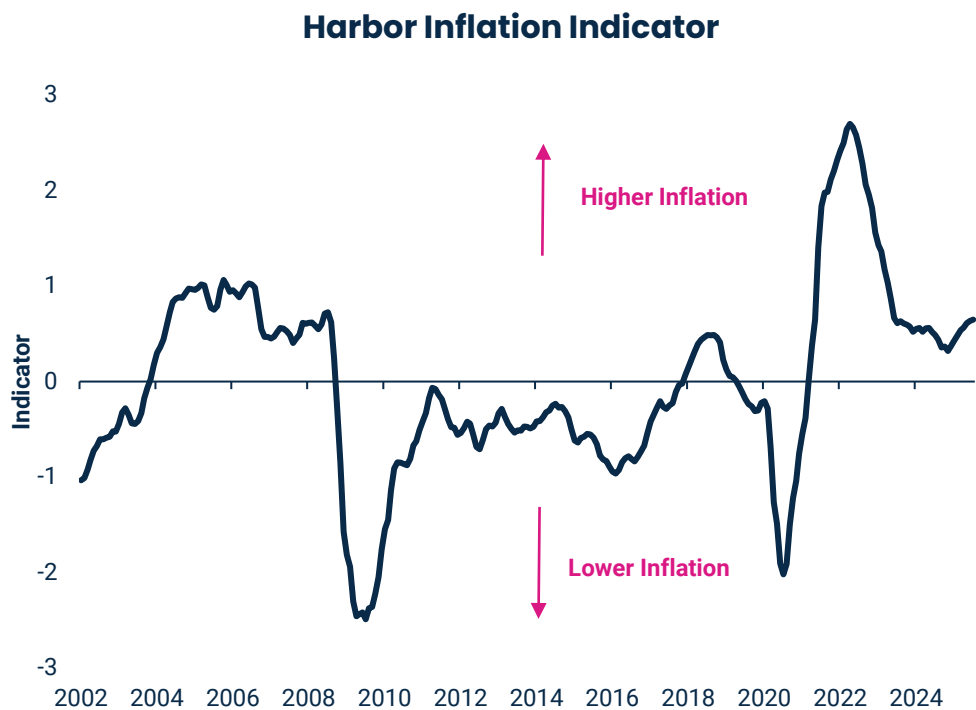
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Bloomberg United States Financial Conditions Index - tracks the overall level of financial stress in the US money, bond, and equity markets to help assess the availability and cost of credit. (Positive = accommodative ; negative = tighter).

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Business Cycle: Inflation Conditions (I)

As tariffs translate to rising prices, stable rates of inflation are making way for a risk of reacceleration. Data suggests consumer inflation expectations for the year ahead have more than doubled since the beginning of 2025.



GROWTH

LIQUIDITY

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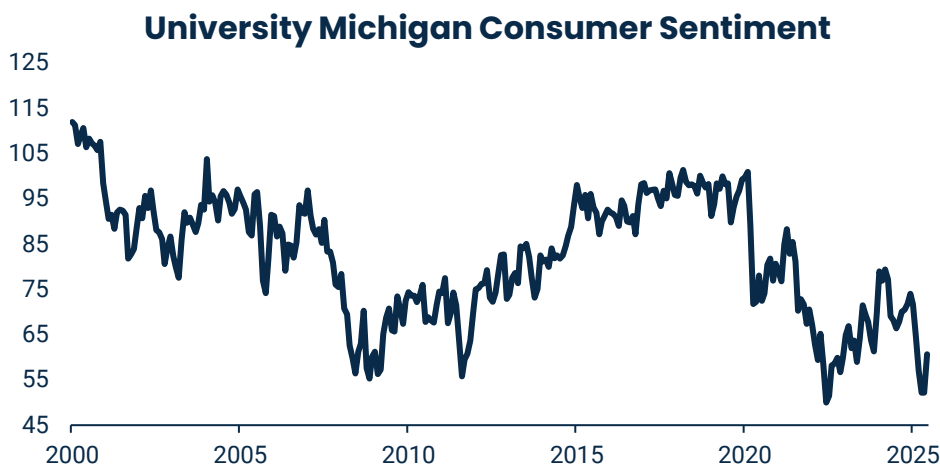
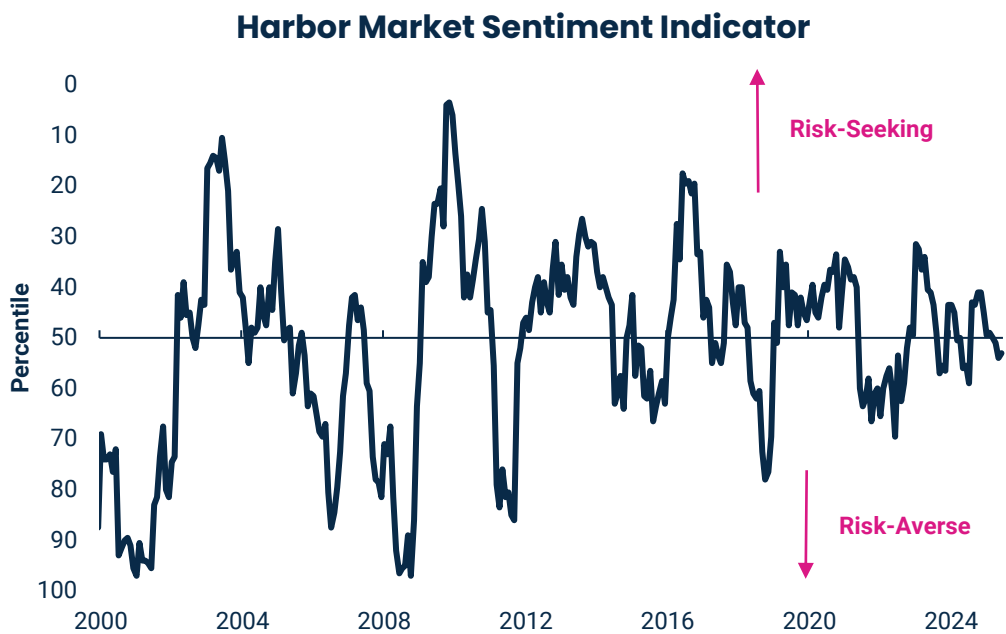
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Market Sentiment

Overall market sentiment remains mixed, with uncertainty around tariffs, inflation trends, and Federal Reserve policy. Our indicator currently leans neutral.



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Asset Class Views

- ✓ Growth momentum appears to be improving, although consumer and housing data show continued softening. Manufacturing data is showing some signs of improvement.
- ✓ We believe the probability of moving into a risk-off regime remains fairly low at around 20%.
- ✓ Our lending composite appears to be bottoming.
- ✓ Financial conditions have returned to pre-tariff levels. We believe this should support growth in the coming quarters.

Harbor Multi-Asset Solutions Asset Class Matrix						
Macro	Business Cycle Regime	Expansion	Slowdown	Late Cycle Expansion	Late Cycle Slowdown	Contraction
	Market Sentiment	Risk On		Neutral	Risk Off	
	Equities	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	Fixed Income	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	Credit	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	Tactical Equity Oversold Signal	Oversold			Neutral	
	Tactical Duration Signal	Short Duration		Neutral	Long Duration	
	Style	Small Caps vs. Large Caps	Small		Neutral	Large
Growth vs. Value		Growth		Neutral	Value	
Low Vol vs. High Beta		Low Vol		Neutral	High Beta	
Region	US Large Cap	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	EAFE	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	Emerging Markets	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
Commodities	Gold	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	
	Consumables	Underweight		Neutral	Overweight	



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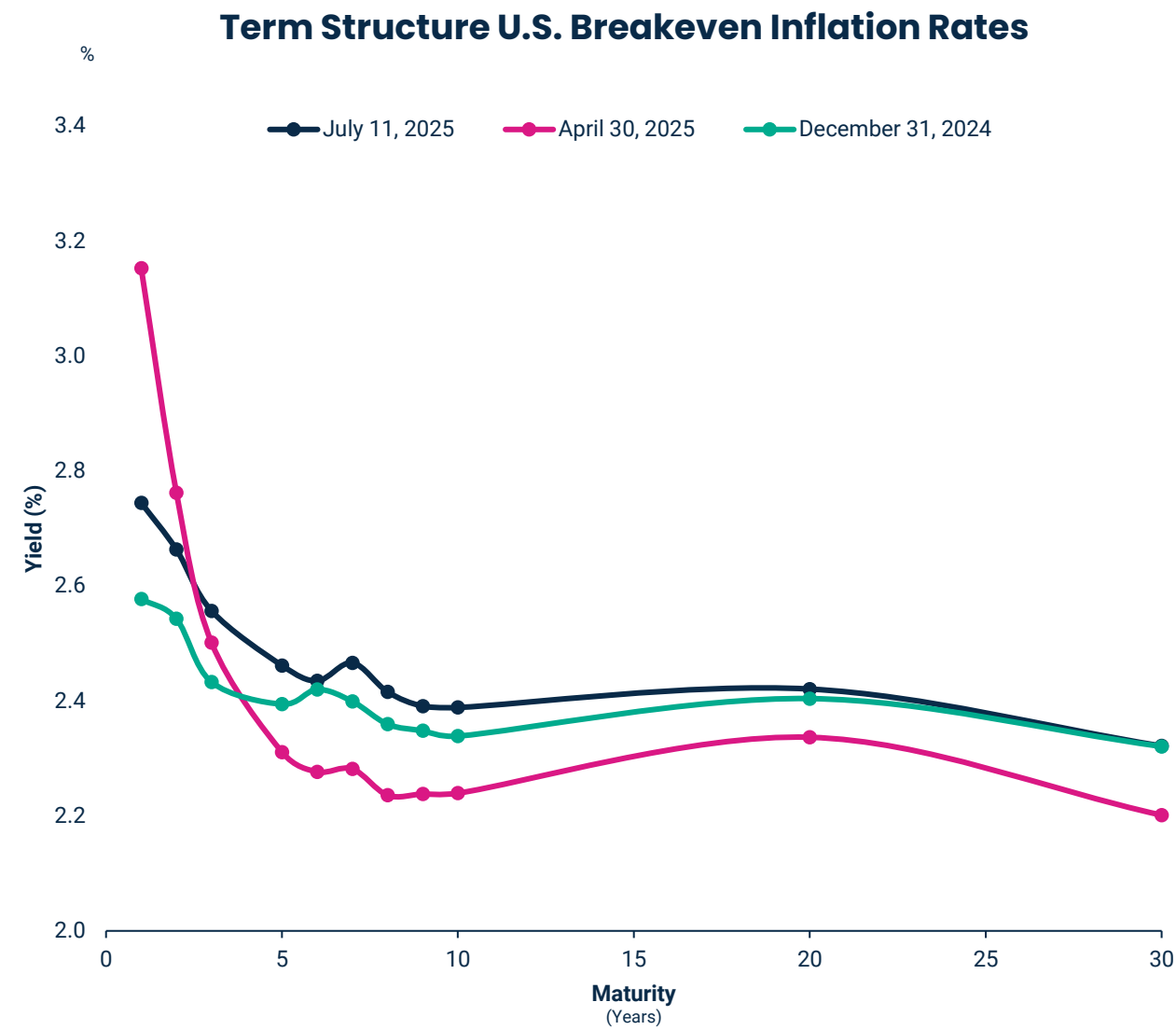
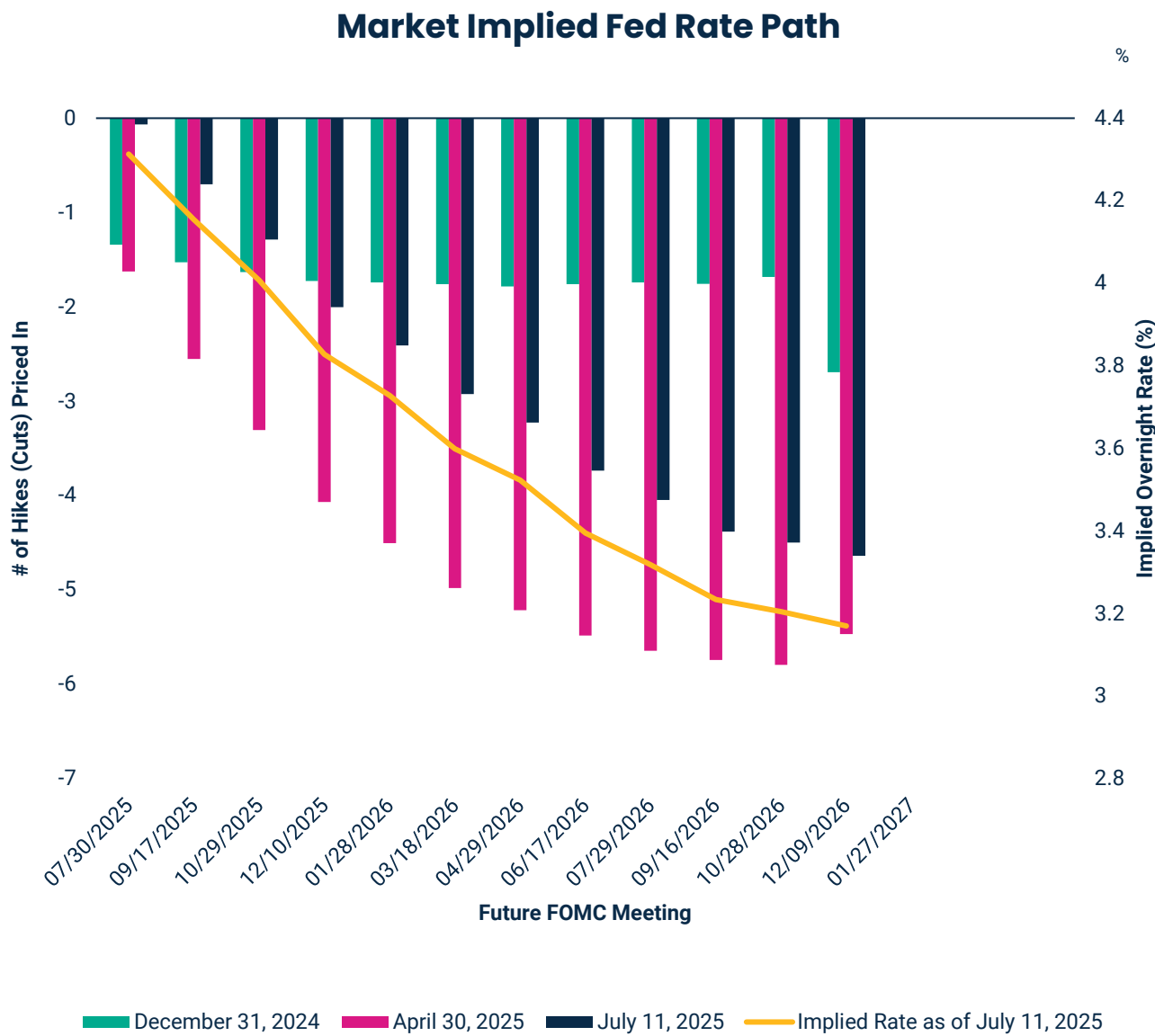
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Market Pricing



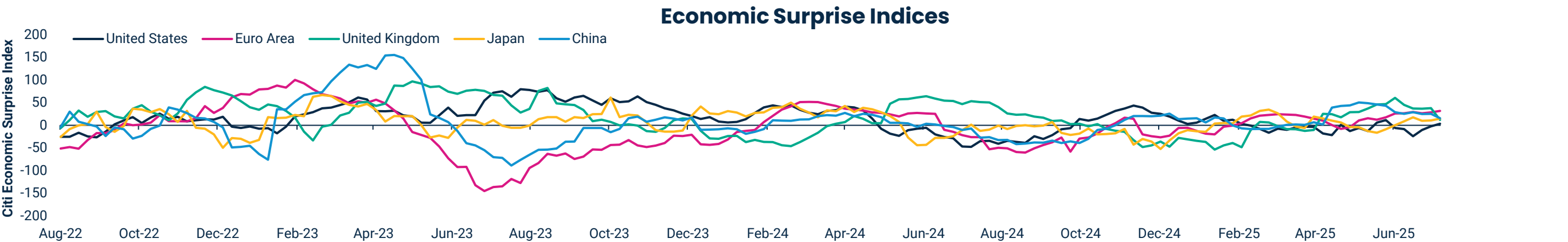
Long-term inflation expectations remain relatively stable and anchored, potentially giving clearance to the Fed to lower short-term rates.



Global Activity



Economic data remained mixed across regions as investors continue to closely monitor the state of the economy.



Global Composite PMIs

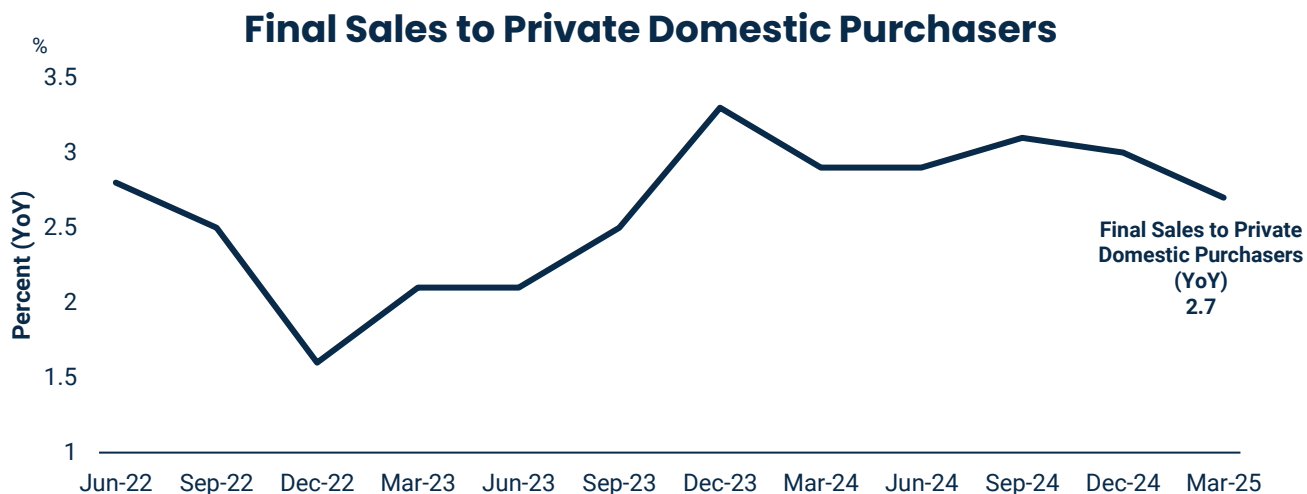
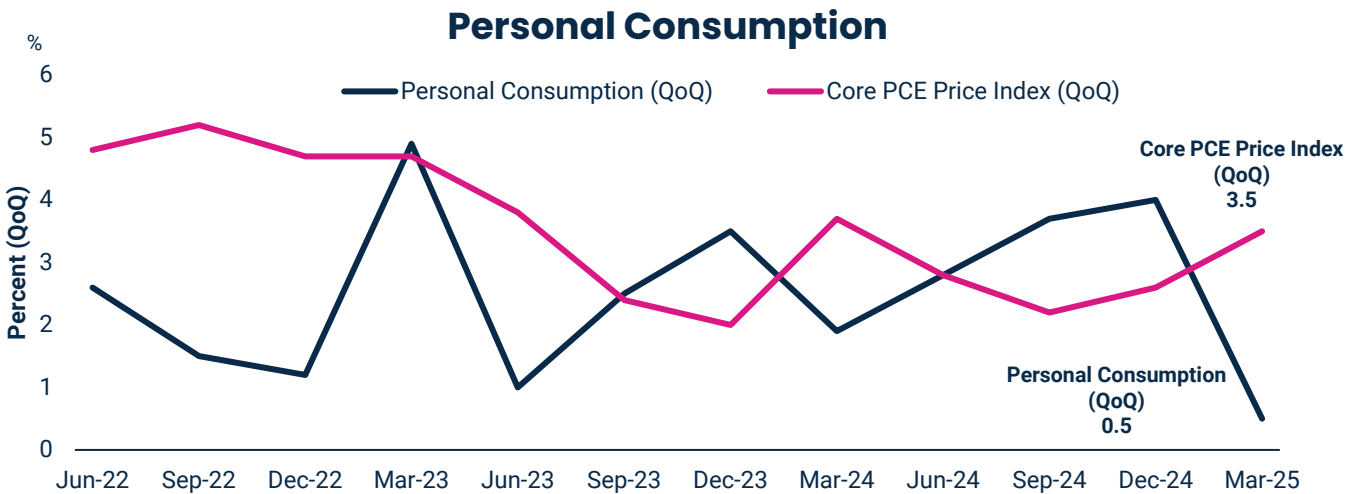
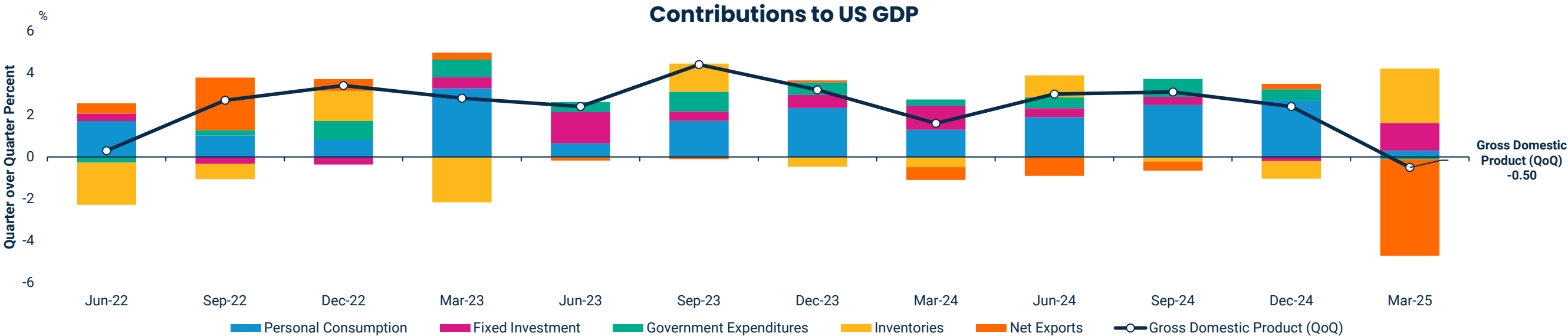
Region		Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
Americas	US	52	52.5	52.1	51.3	54.5	54.8	54.3	54.6	54	54.1	54.9	55.4	52.7	51.6	53.5	50.6	53	52.9
	Canada*	48.3	49.7	49.8	49.4	49.3	49.3	47.8	49.5	50.4	51.1	52	52.2	51.6	47.8	46.3	45.3	46.1	45.6
	Mexico*	50.2	52.3	52.2	51	51.2	51.1	49.6	48.5	47.3	48.4	49.9	49.8	49.1	47.6	46.5	44.8	46.7	46.3
	Brazil	53.2	55.1	55.1	54.8	54	54.1	56	52.9	55.2	55.9	53.5	51.5	48.2	51.2	52.6	49.4	49.1	48.7
Europe	UK	52.9	53	52.8	54.1	53	52.3	52.8	53.8	52.6	51.8	50.5	50.4	50.6	50.5	51.5	48.5	50.3	52
	Germany	47	46.3	47.7	50.6	52.4	50.4	49.1	48.4	47.5	48.6	47.2	48	50.5	50.4	51.3	50.1	48.5	50.4
	France	44.6	48.1	48.3	50.5	48.9	48.8	49.1	53.1	48.6	48.1	45.9	47.5	47.6	45.1	48	47.8	49.3	49.2
	Italy	50.7	51.1	53.5	52.6	52.3	51.3	50.3	50.8	49.7	51	47.7	49.7	49.7	51.9	50.5	52.1	52.5	51.1
	Spain	51.5	53.9	55.3	55.7	56.6	55.8	53.4	53.5	56.3	55.2	53.2	56.8	54	55.1	54	52.5	51.4	52.1
	Greece*	54.7	55.7	56.9	55.2	54.9	54	53.2	52.9	50.3	51.2	50.9	53.2	52.8	52.6	55	53.2	53.2	53.1
Asia	Poland*	47.1	47.9	48	45.9	45	45	47.3	47.8	48.6	49.2	48.9	48.2	48.8	50.6	50.7	50.2	47.1	44.8
	Japan	51.5	50.6	51.7	52.3	52.6	49.7	52.5	52.9	52	49.6	50.1	50.5	51.1	52	48.9	51.2	50.2	51.5
	China	52.5	52.5	52.7	52.8	54.1	52.8	51.2	51.2	50.3	51.9	52.3	51.4	51.1	51.5	51.8	51.1	49.6	51.3
	Australia	49	52.1	53.3	53	52.1	50.7	49.9	51.7	49.6	50.2	50.2	50.2	51.1	50.6	51.6	51	50.5	51.6
	India	61.2	60.6	61.8	61.5	60.5	60.9	60.7	60.7	58.3	59.1	58.6	59.2	57.7	58.8	59.5	59.7	59.3	61

*Manufacturing PMI in place of composite due to availability.

Gross Domestic Product



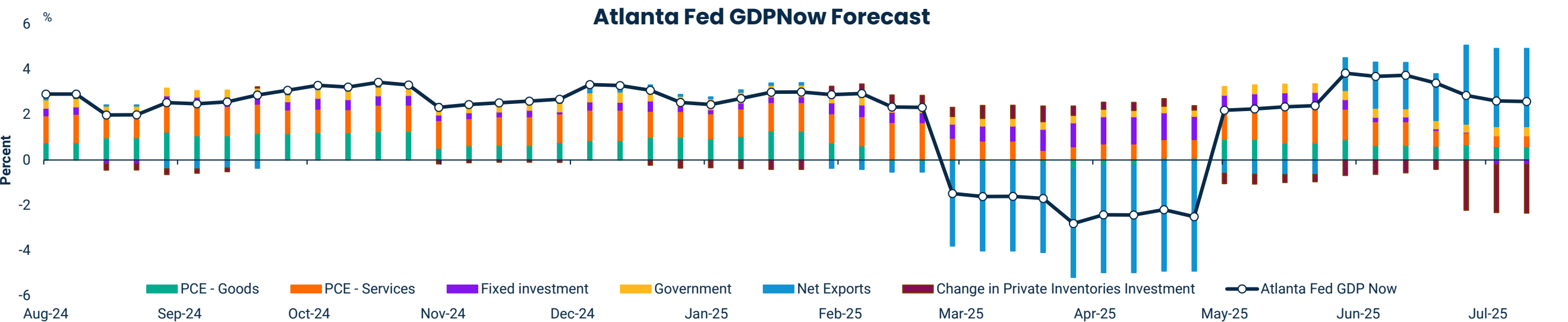
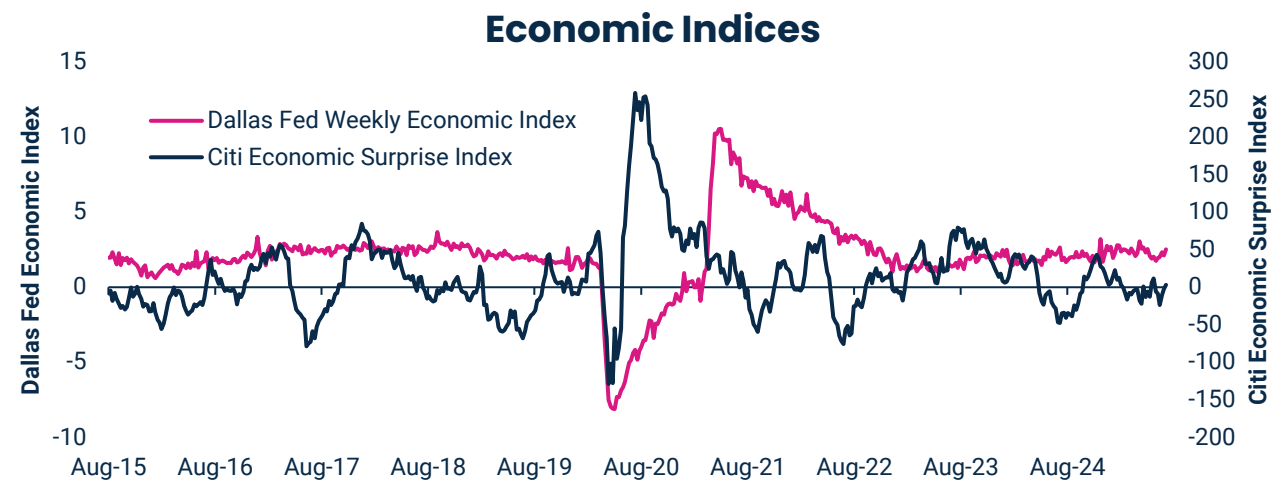
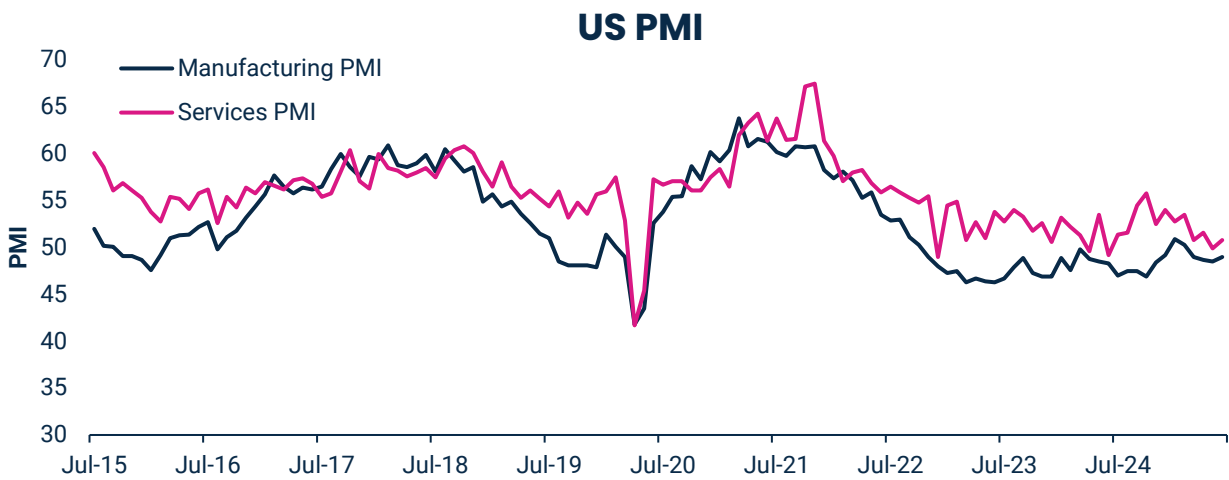
U.S. GDP declined 0.5% on an annualized basis in the first quarter, the first contraction since Q1 2022.



Economic Momentum

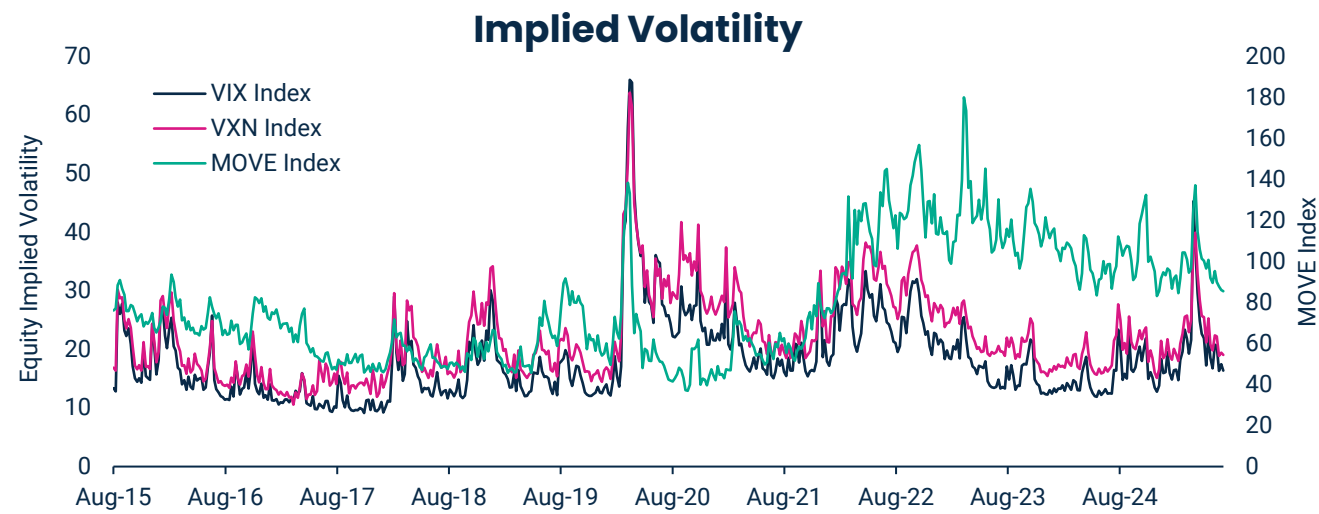


U.S. manufacturing and services PMI data for May both came in below expectations, while current estimates for GDP remain high as measured by the Atlanta Fed GDPNow Forecast.

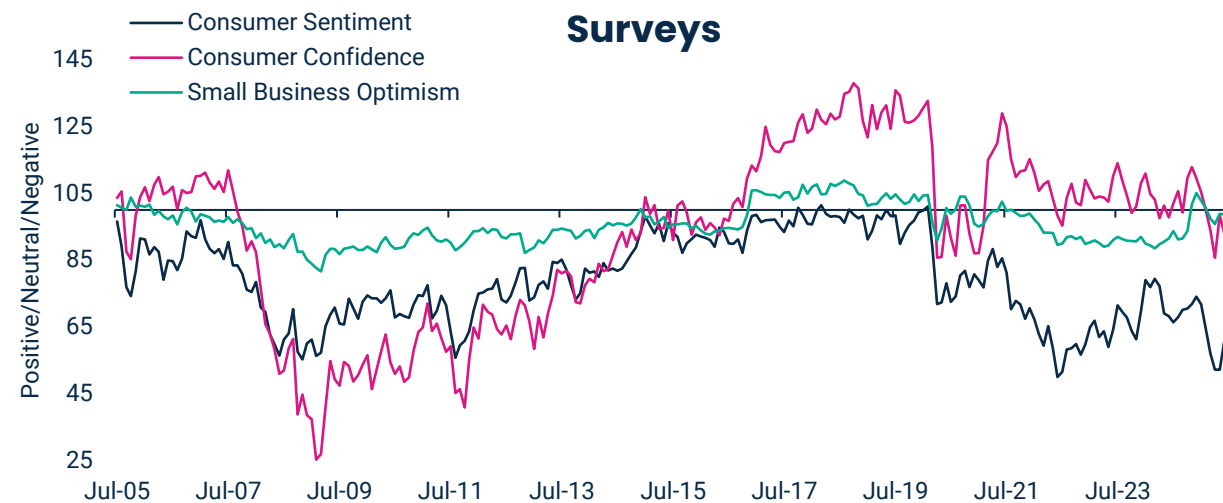
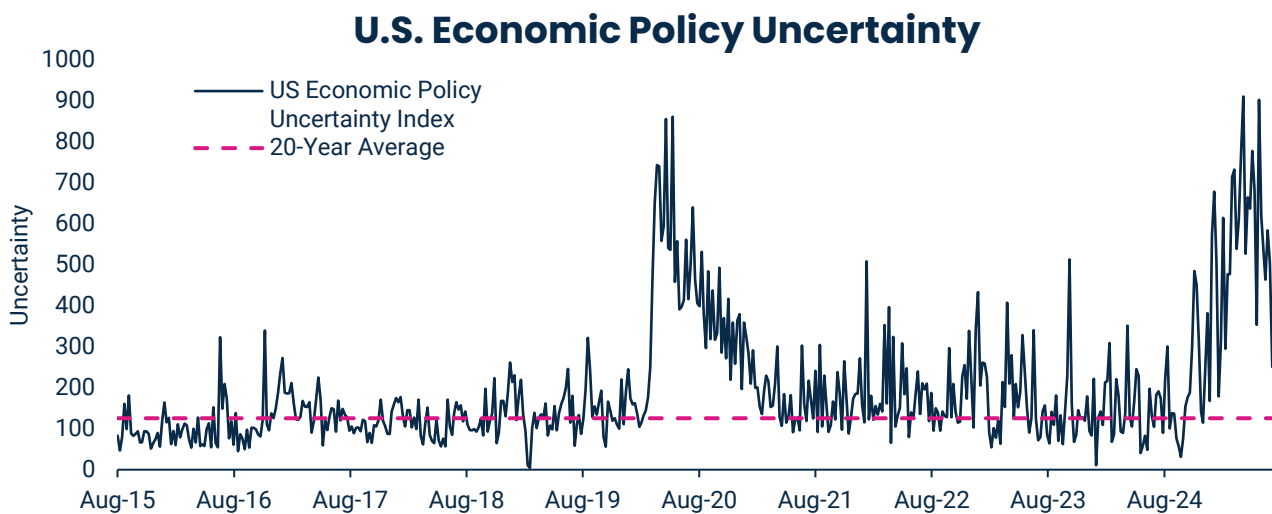
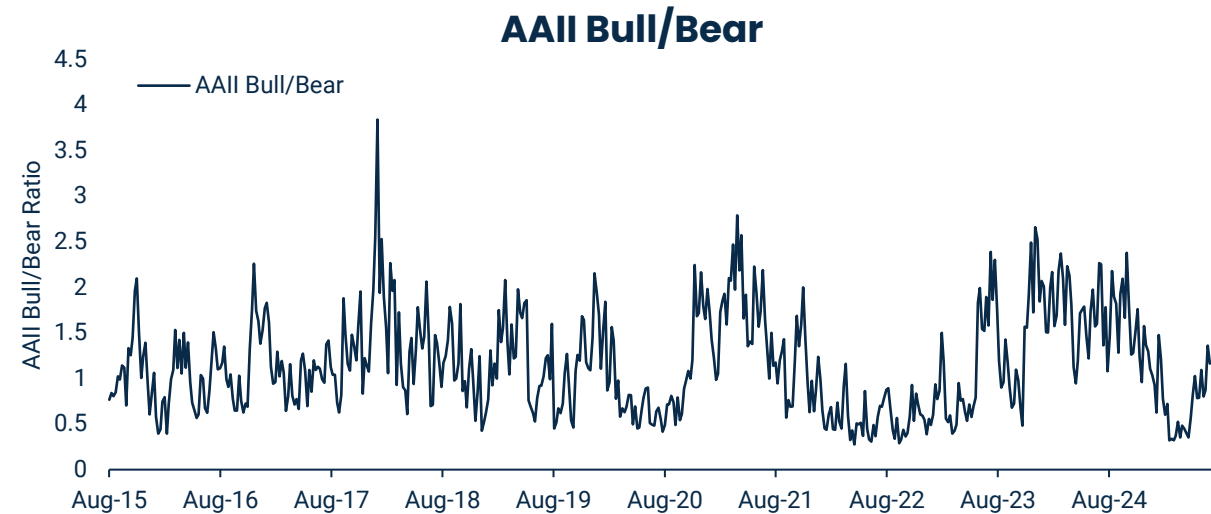


Consumer Sentiment

Fresh tariff uncertainty has kept implied volatility elevated.



Left-hand side: VIX and VXN; Right-hand side: MOVE Index



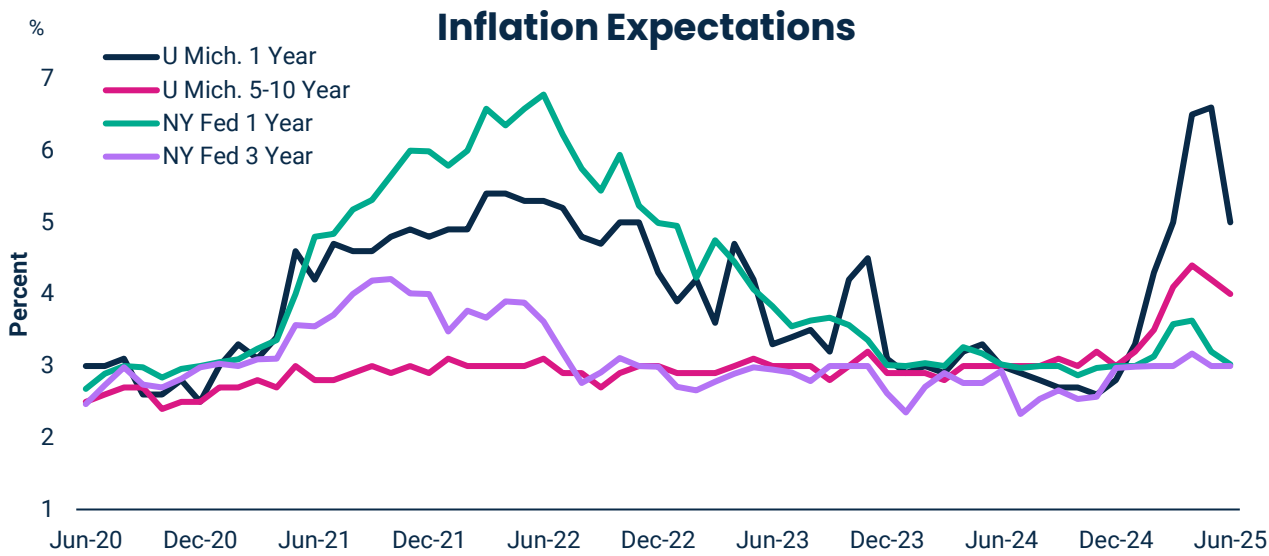
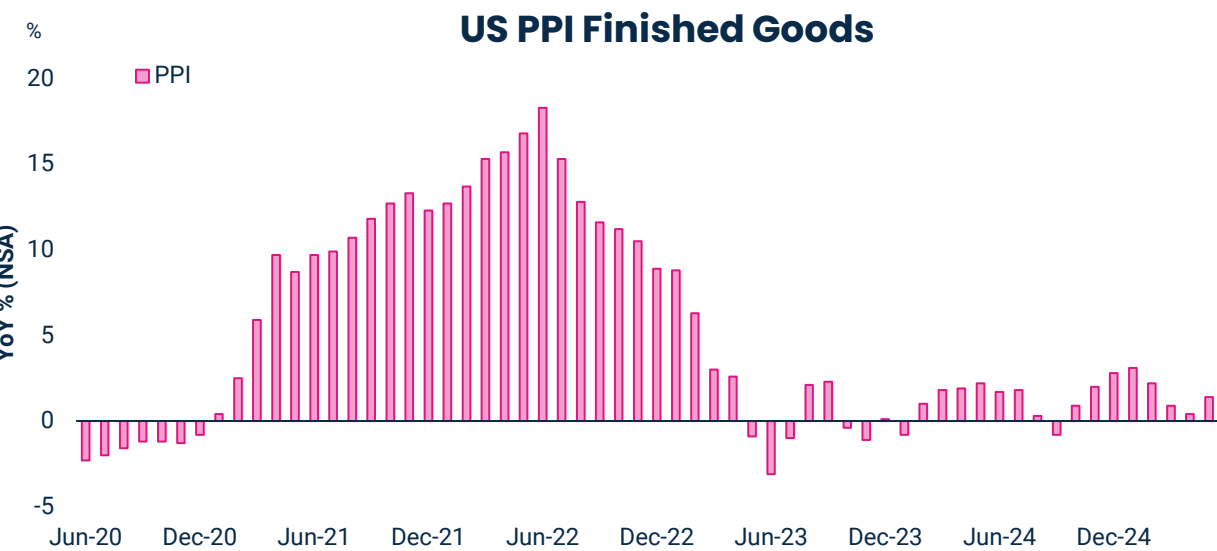
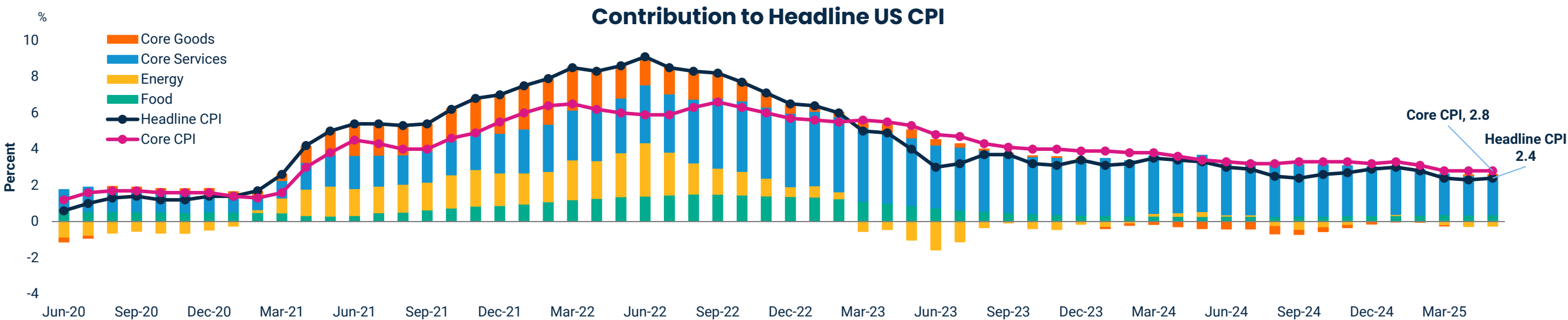
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Inflation



Inflation continues to moderate, and expectations for future price increases have come off recent highs.



Inflation Heatmap

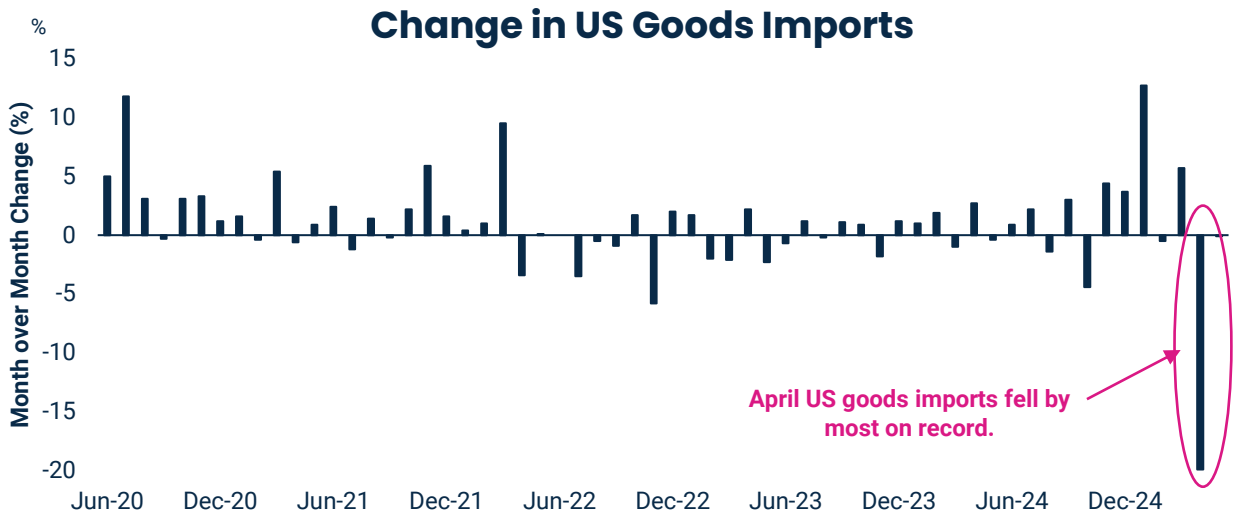
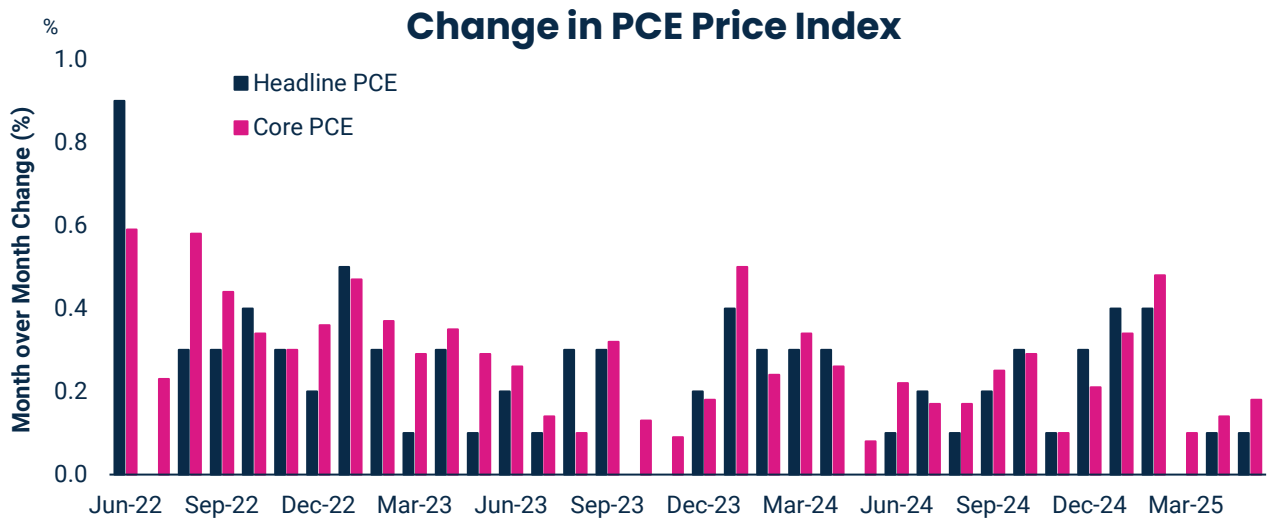
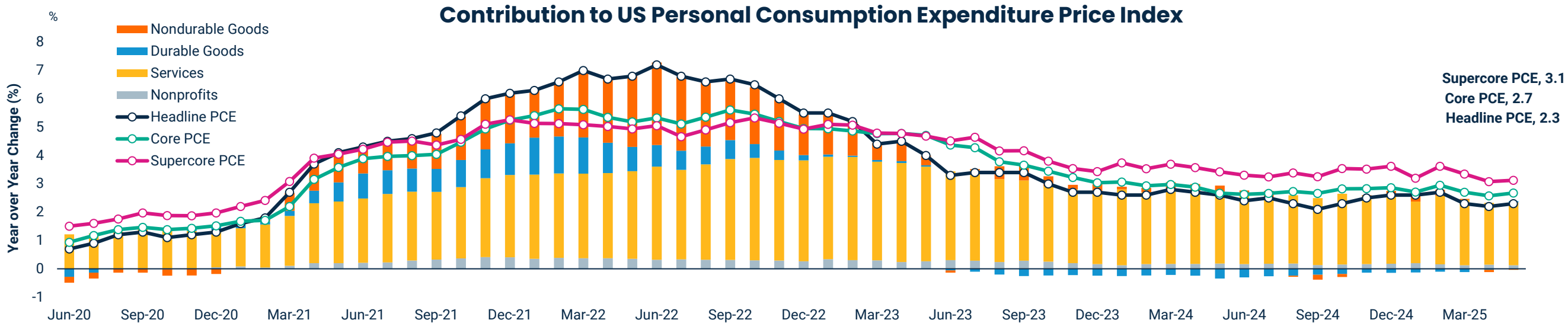
U.S. CPI Basket



Components	Weights	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Total	100.0%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%
Food	13.6%	2.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	2.9%
Cereals & Bakery Products	1.1%	2.5%	1.5%	1.7%	0.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	-0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%	1.1%	0.0%	1.0%
Meats, Poultry, Fish, & Eggs	1.6%	-0.1%	-0.8%	-0.4%	1.4%	1.1%	2.4%	2.8%	3.1%	3.2%	3.9%	2.0%	3.8%	4.0%	5.8%	7.3%	7.8%	6.8%	6.1%
Dairy & Related	0.7%	-1.3%	-1.1%	-1.8%	-1.9%	-1.3%	-1.0%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	0.8%	2.2%	1.6%	1.7%
Fruits & Vegetables	1.3%	0.3%	1.0%	0.7%	2.1%	1.9%	0.7%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%	0.2%	-0.3%	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.4%
Nonalcoholic Beverages	0.9%	2.7%	3.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.8%	2.8%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	2.4%	3.2%	3.1%
Other Food at Home	2.3%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.0%	1.6%	0.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%
Food Away from Home	5.6%	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%
Energy	6.4%	-1.9%	-4.2%	-1.8%	1.8%	2.4%	3.6%	1.0%	1.0%	-4.1%	-6.8%	-4.8%	-3.1%	-0.3%	0.8%	-0.3%	-3.2%	-3.5%	-3.1%
Energy Commodities	3.2%	-2.7%	-6.4%	-4.1%	0.5%	0.8%	2.2%	-2.2%	-2.1%	-10.3%	-15.2%	-12.4%	-8.5%	-3.6%	-0.5%	-3.2%	-9.5%	-11.5%	-11.6%
Energy Services	3.2%	-0.9%	-2.0%	0.4%	3.0%	3.5%	4.7%	4.3%	4.2%	3.1%	3.4%	4.0%	2.8%	3.3%	2.5%	3.2%	4.2%	6.3%	6.8%
Commodities ex Food & Energy	19.3%	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-1.7%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-1.2%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
Household Furnishing & Supplies	3.4%	-0.9%	-1.3%	-2.3%	-2.8%	-2.8%	-2.5%	-2.5%	-2.3%	-2.6%	-2.2%	-2.1%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.4%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
Apparel	2.5%	1.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%	0.8%	0.6%	0.1%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.9%
Transportation	7.2%	-0.1%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-2.2%	-3.8%	-4.2%	-4.2%	-3.7%	-2.7%	-2.2%	-1.9%	-1.8%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%	1.0%
Medical Care	1.5%	4.7%	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.5%	3.1%	3.1%	2.8%	2.0%	1.6%	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	2.3%	2.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.3%
Recreation	1.8%	-1.2%	-0.6%	-1.2%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.3%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-1.5%	-1.7%	-1.5%	-1.5%	-1.9%	-2.4%	-2.3%	-1.9%	-1.3%
Education & Communication	0.7%	-7.2%	-6.5%	-5.6%	-6.2%	-6.0%	-7.3%	-7.7%	-6.3%	-6.0%	-7.0%	-6.7%	-5.3%	-6.1%	-6.6%	-6.9%	-5.7%	-5.3%	-3.8%
Alcoholic Beverages	0.8%	2.5%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.5%
Other Goods	1.3%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%
Services ex Energy	60.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.2%	5.4%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
Shelter	35.4%	6.2%	6.1%	5.8%	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.1%	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%	3.9%
Water, Sewer, and Trash	1.1%	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%	5.2%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	5.2%
Medical Care	6.7%	-0.5%	0.6%	1.1%	2.1%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%
Transportation	6.3%	9.6%	9.7%	10.1%	10.7%	11.1%	10.2%	9.2%	8.8%	8.0%	8.7%	8.2%	7.1%	7.5%	8.3%	6.1%	3.1%	2.4%	2.5%
Recreation	3.5%	5.6%	5.3%	4.5%	4.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%	3.5%	2.7%	3.8%	4.3%	4.3%	3.6%	3.7%
Education & Communication	4.9%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%
Other Services	2.7%																		

U.S. Personal Consumption

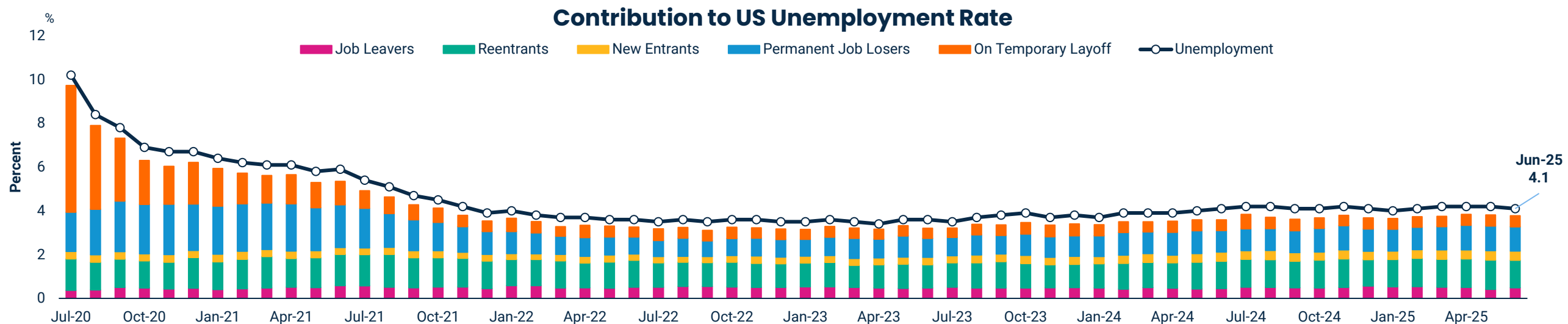
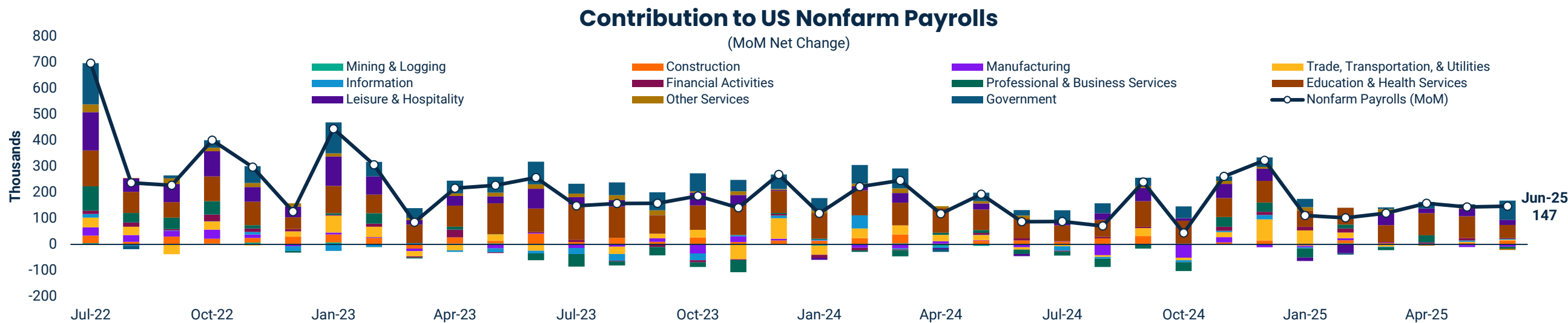
The Fed’s preferred price gauge remained tame in May.



Labor



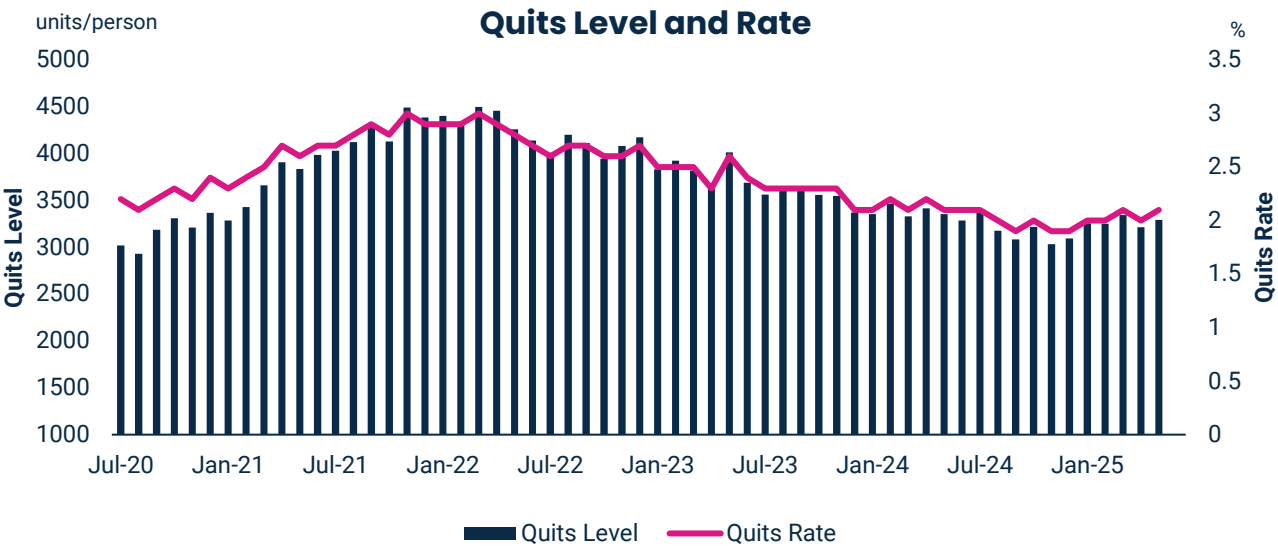
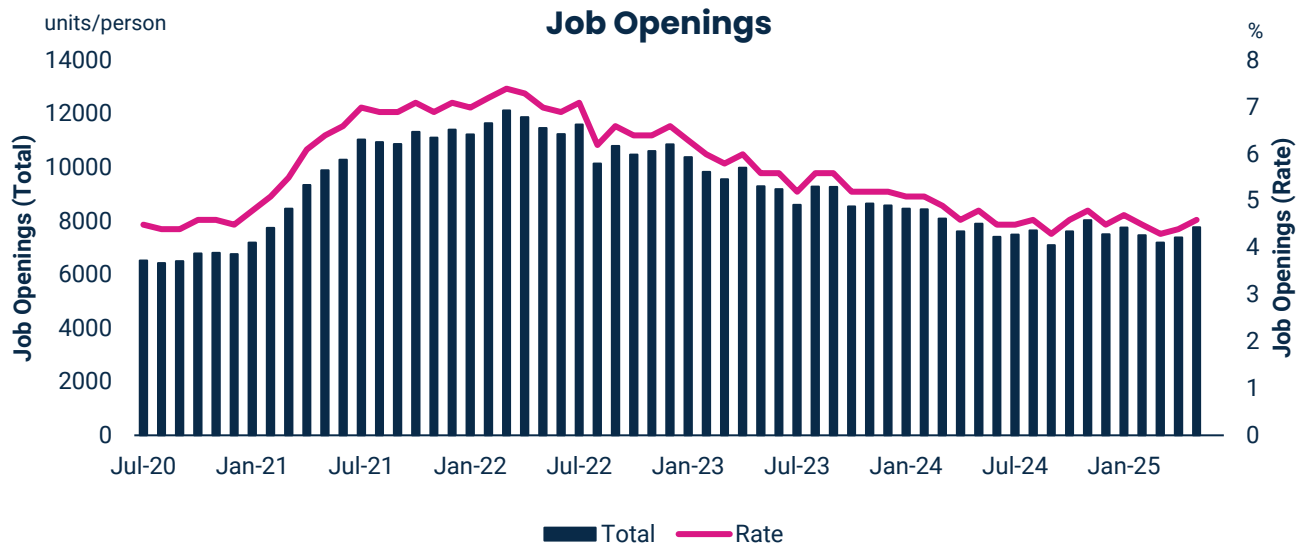
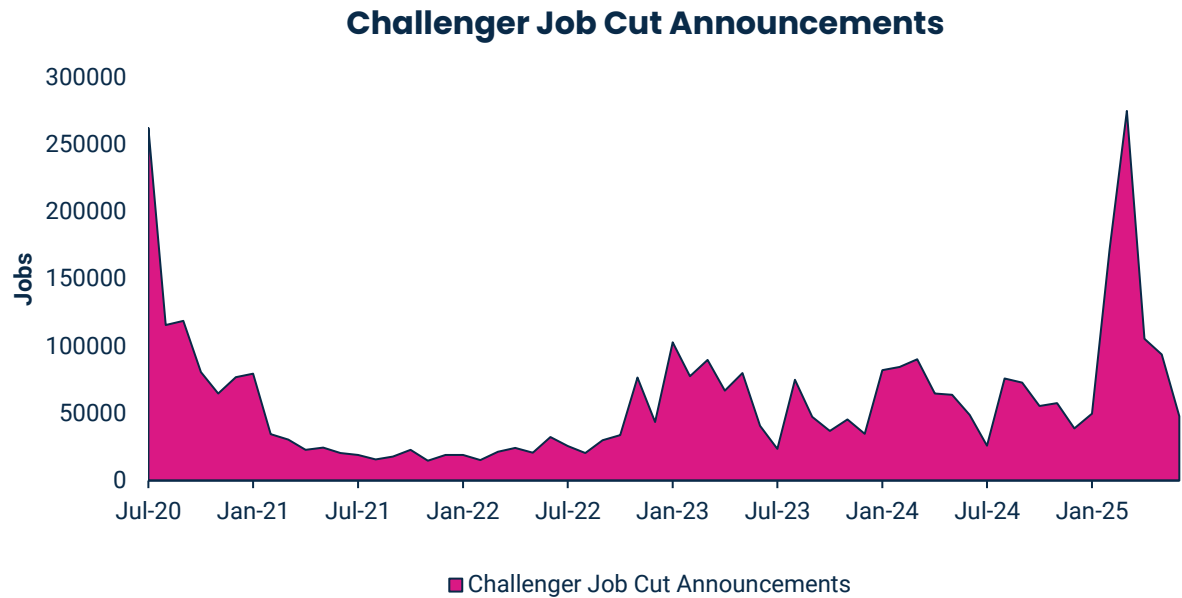
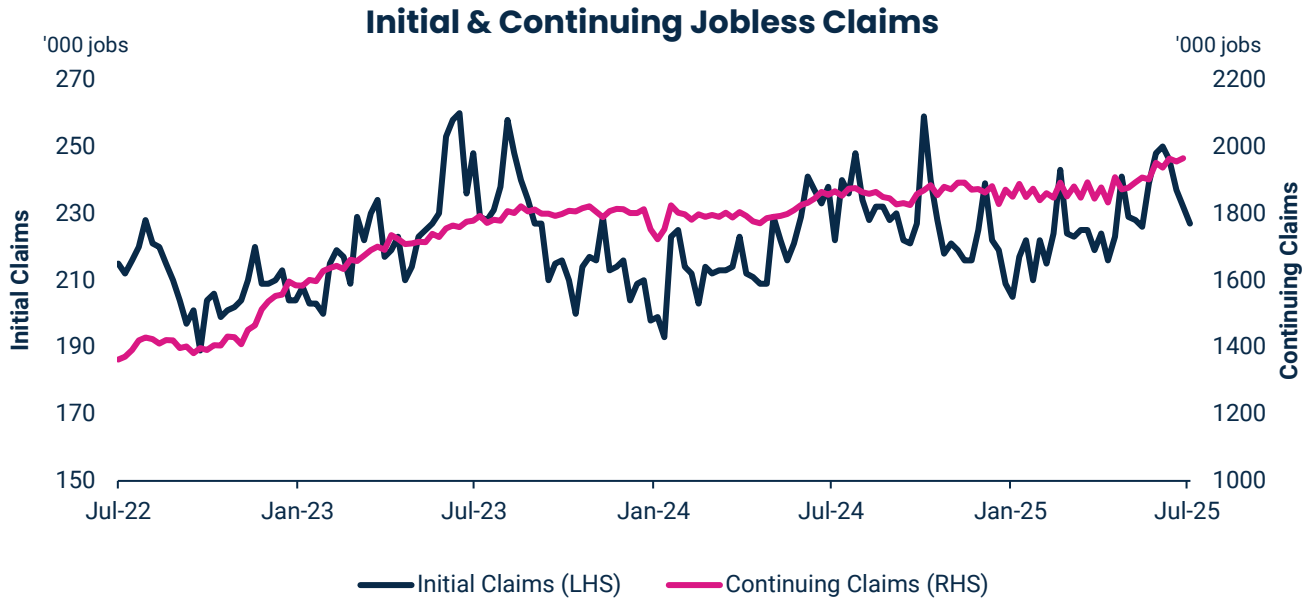
Nonfarm payrolls increased 139,000 in May, while unemployment remained steady at 4.2%. The figures helped alleviate concerns for imminent economic slowdown.



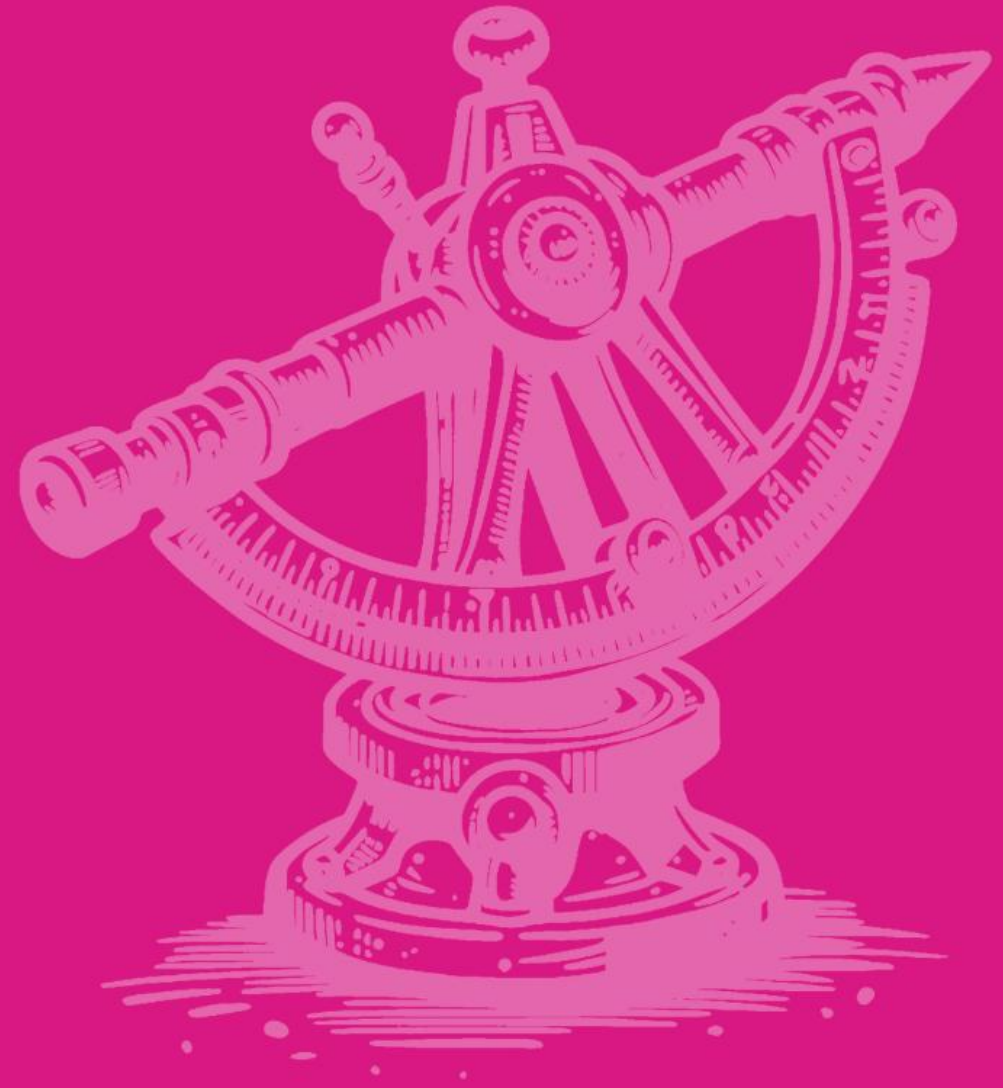
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Jobless claims have come off recent highs. However, continuing claims remain elevated, suggesting it is taking workers longer to find new jobs.



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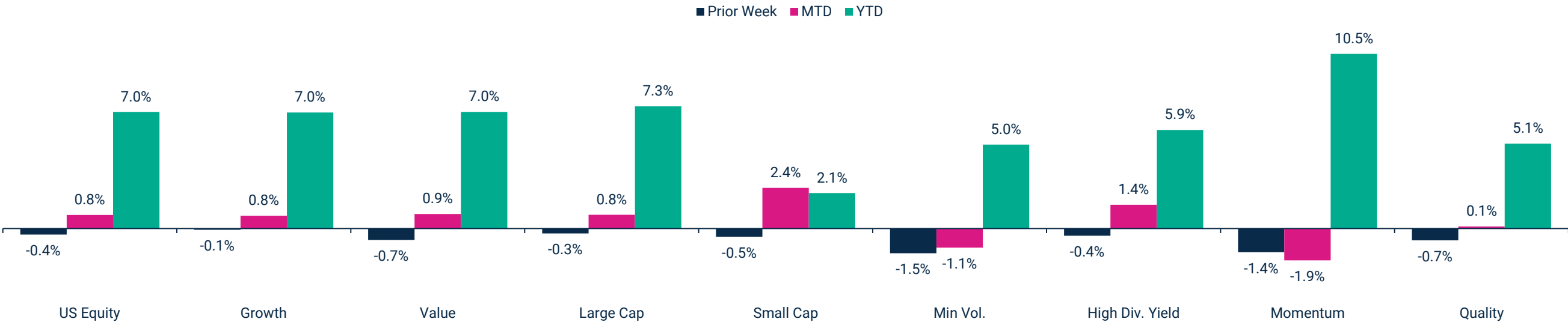


Equity Style Returns

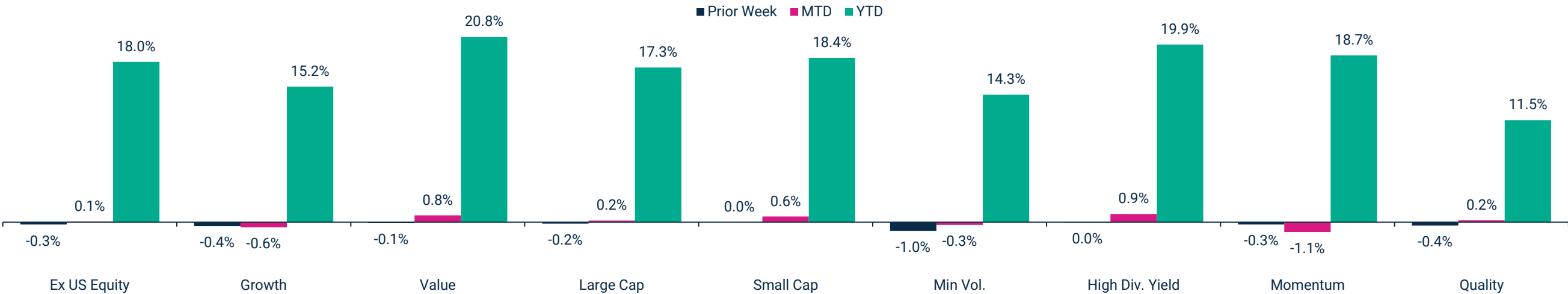
Performance was muted for the week, with International assets slightly outperforming.



MSCI U.S. Factor Indices



MSCI Ex-U.S. Factor Indices

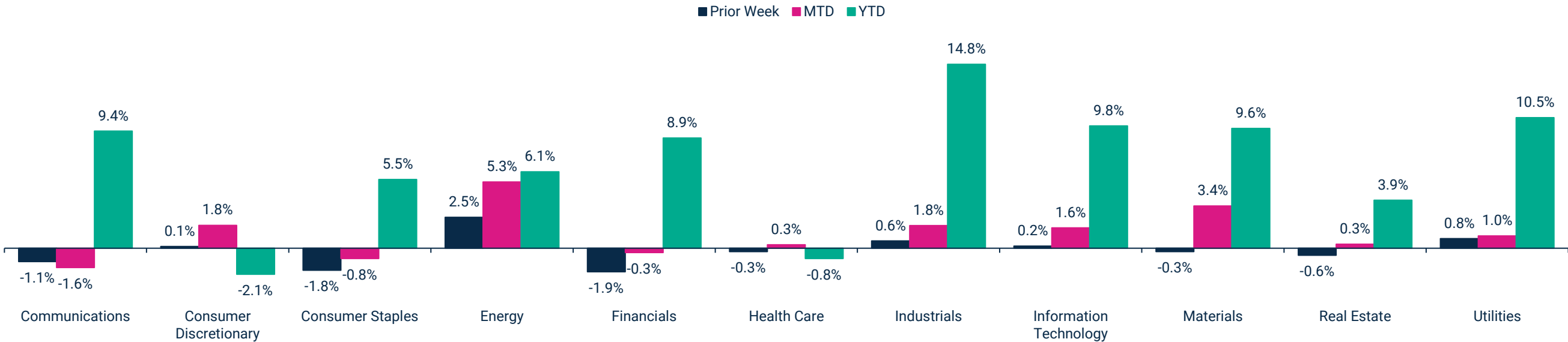


Sector Performance & Valuations



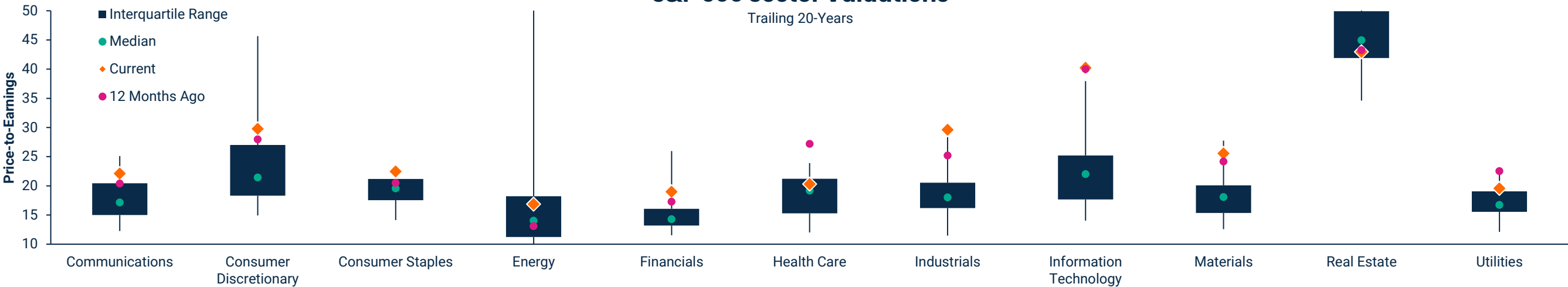
Sector returns were mixed for the week, though Energy delivered the largest positive return.

S&P 500 Sector Returns



S&P 500 Sector Valuations

Trailing 20-Years



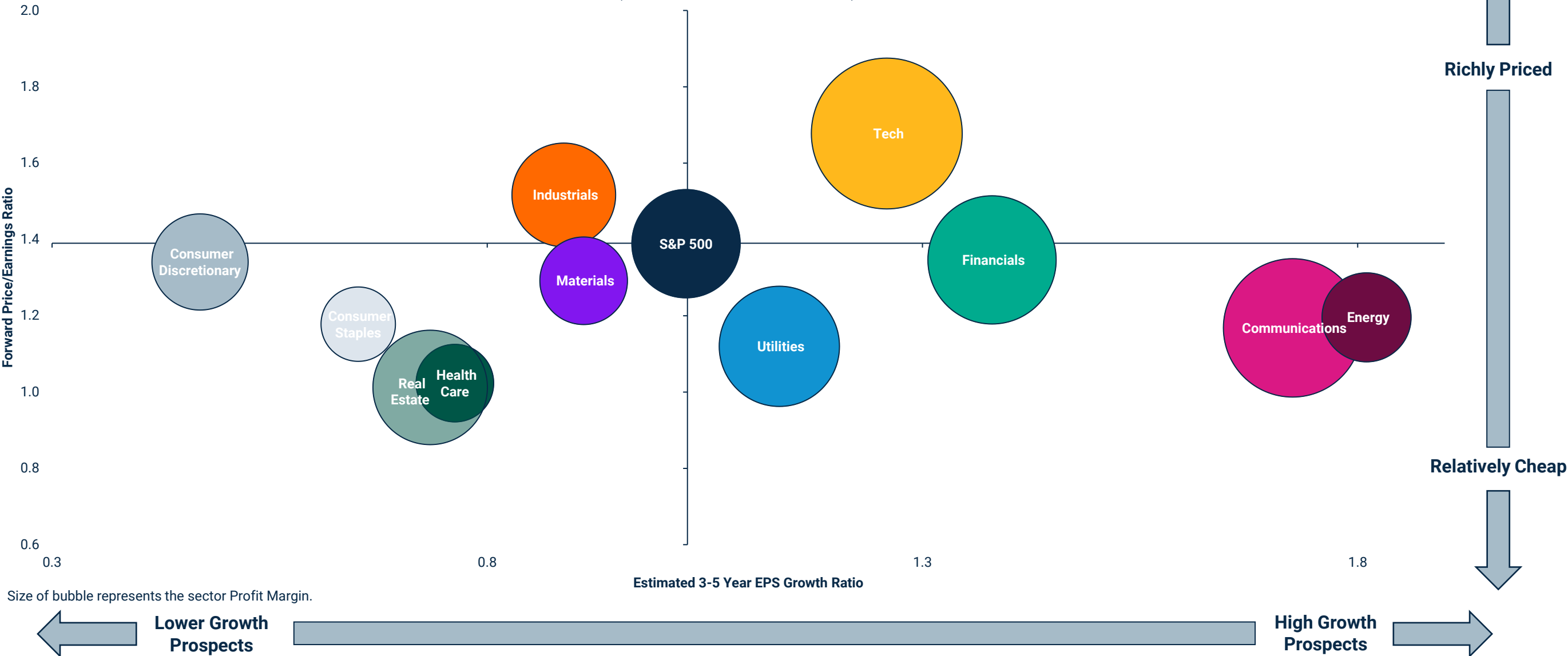
Sector Fundamentals

Sector dispersion comes in all shapes and sizes. An emphasis on earnings growth and profitability in a richly valued market is imperative.



S&P 500 Sector Valuations & Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth

(Relative to 20-Year Sector Median)

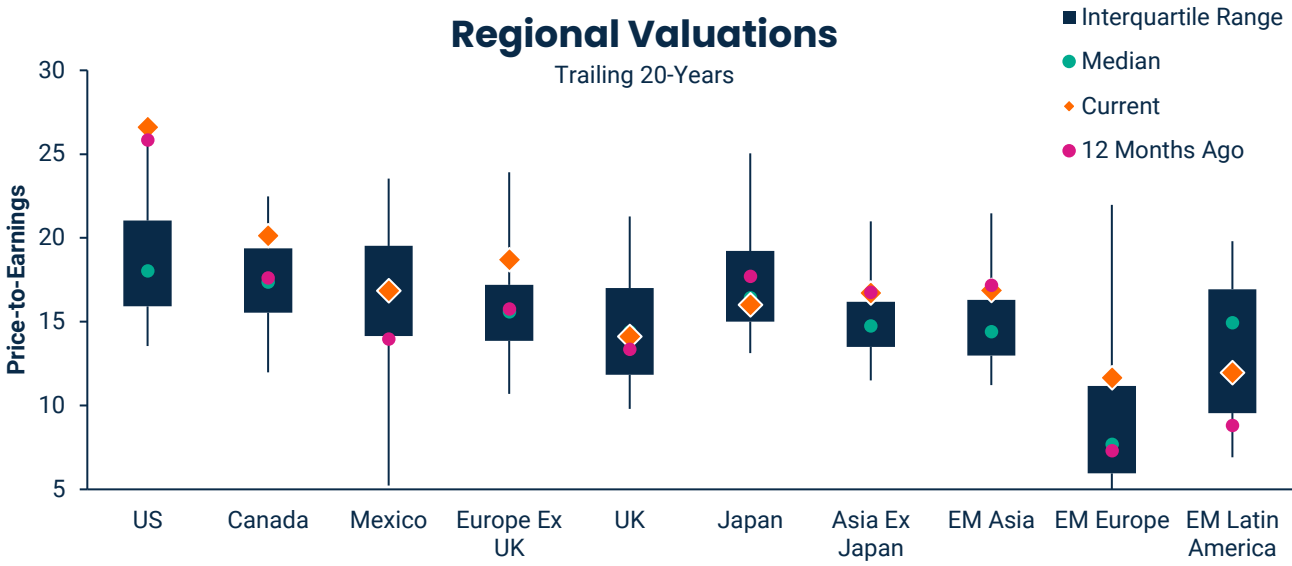
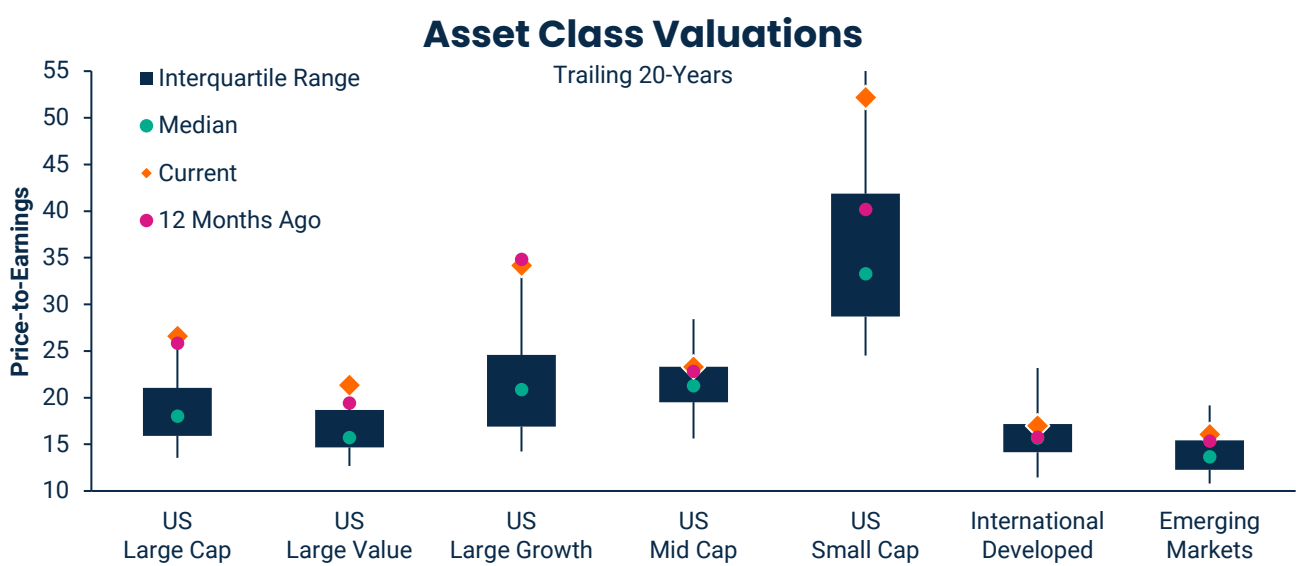
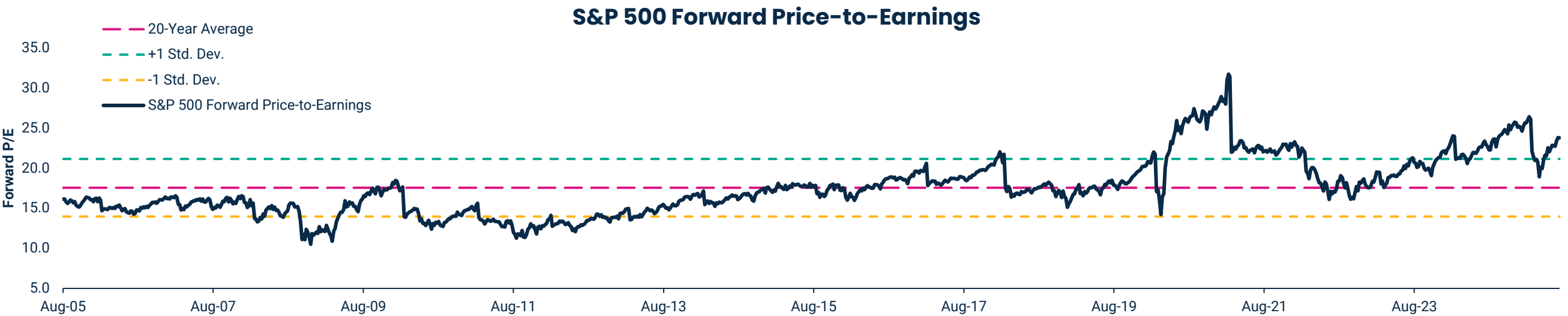


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Global Valuations



U.S. valuations remain richly priced versus non-U.S. peers, specifically U.S. small caps which have struggled to consistently produce positive earnings.

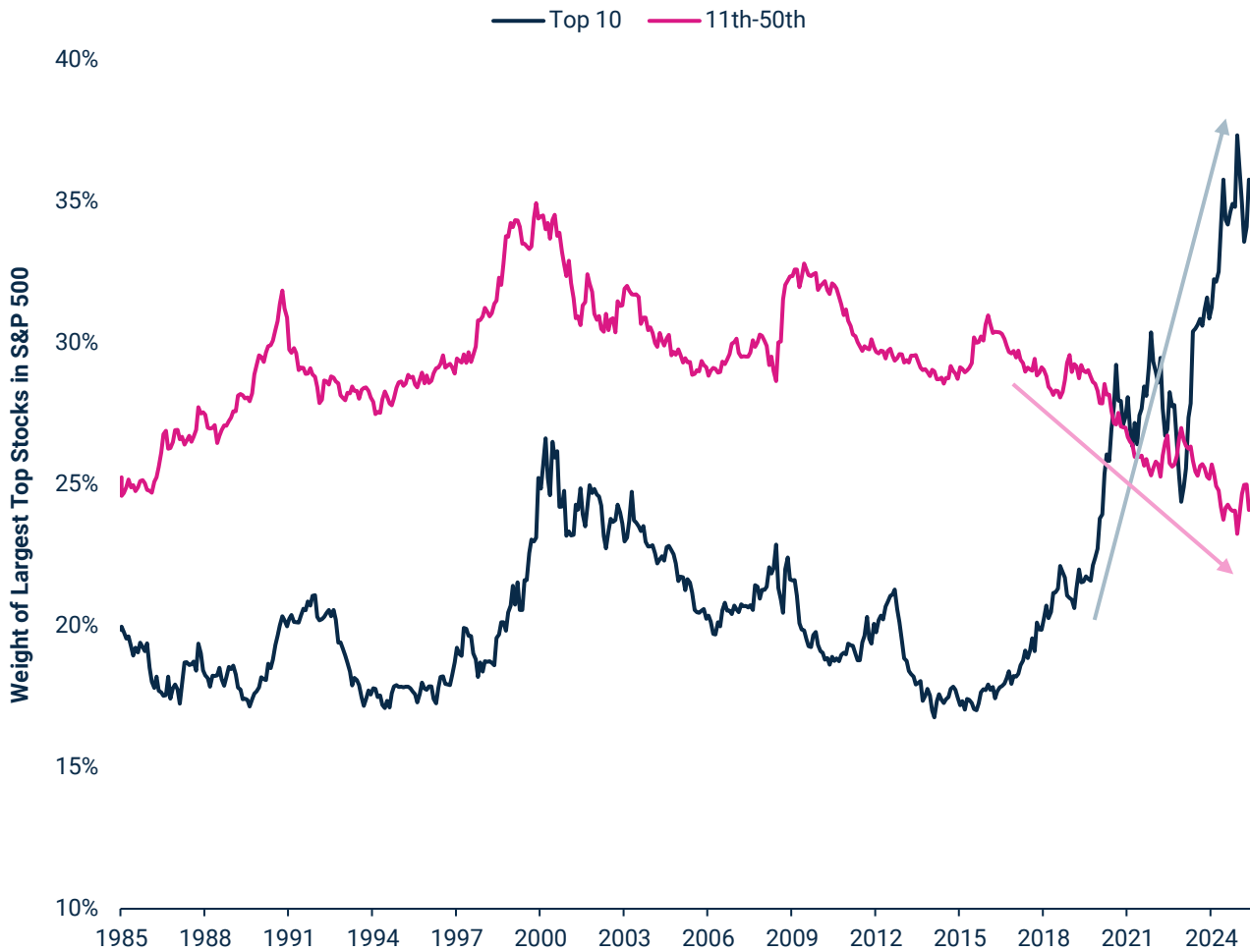


Index Concentration

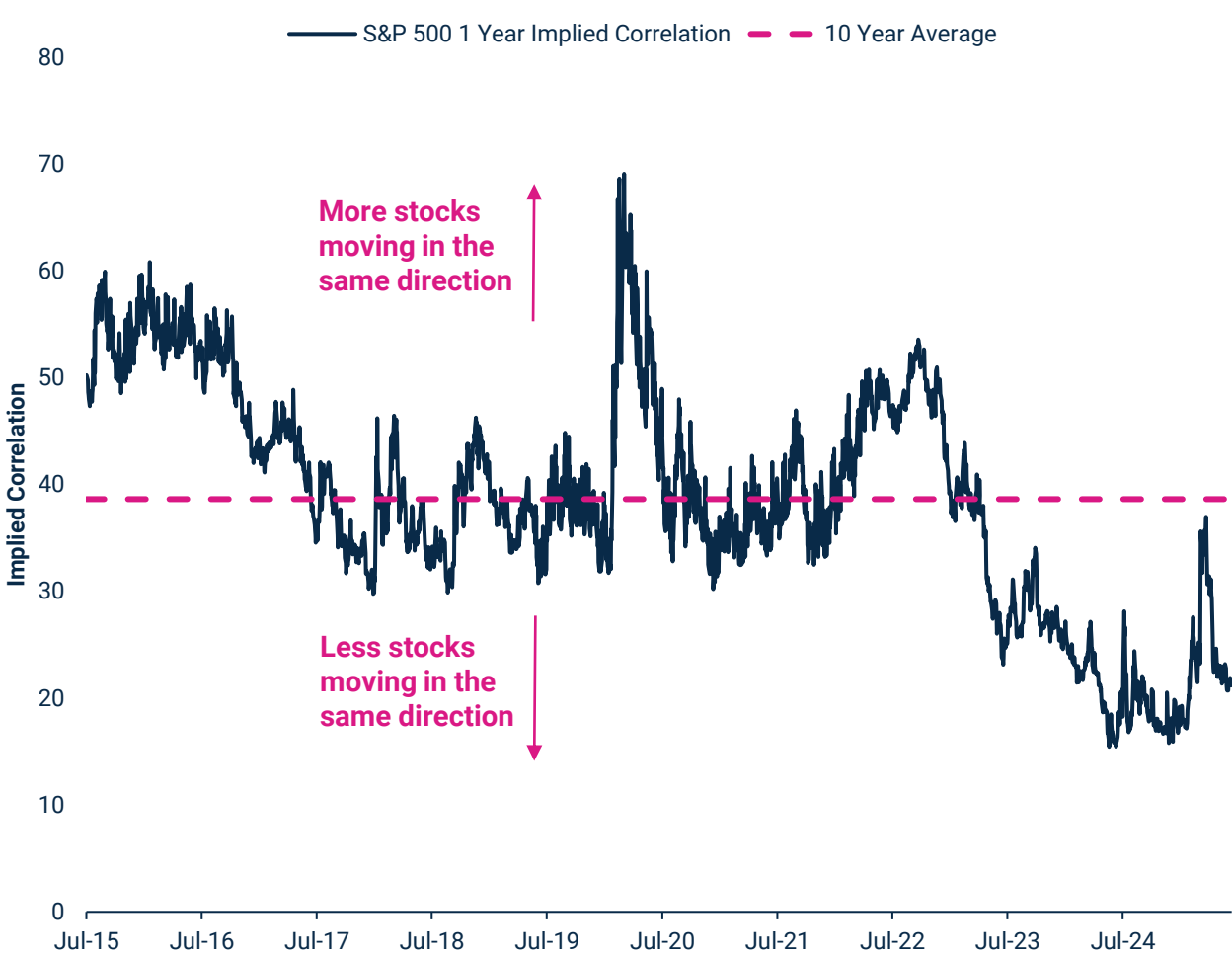
Market concentration continues to be near multi-decade highs, while implied correlations have trended in the opposite direction.



S&P 500 Market Concentration



S&P 500 1 Year Implied Correlation

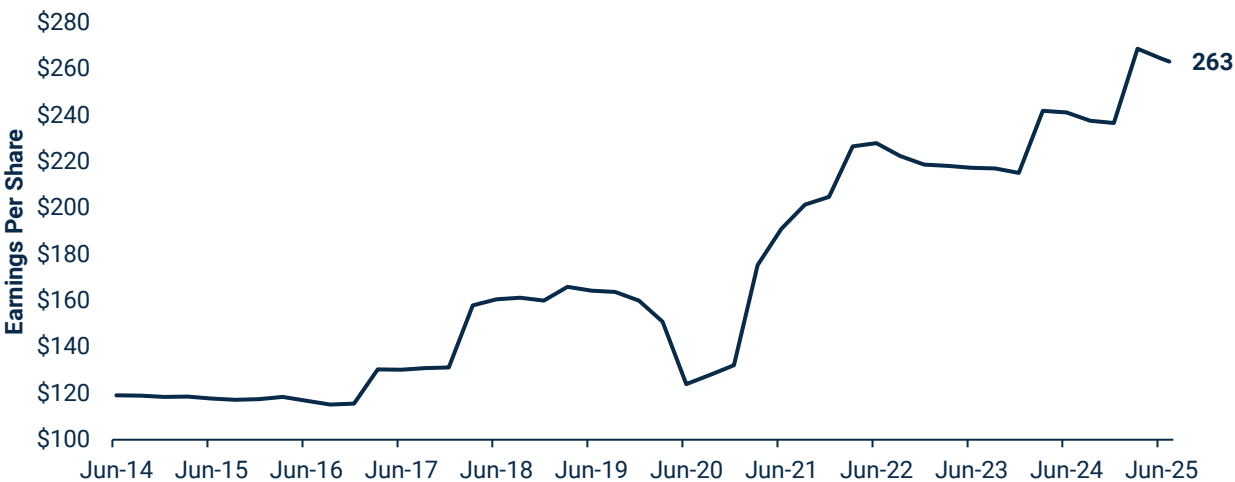




S&P 500 12-Month Forward P/E vs Forward Earnings per Share

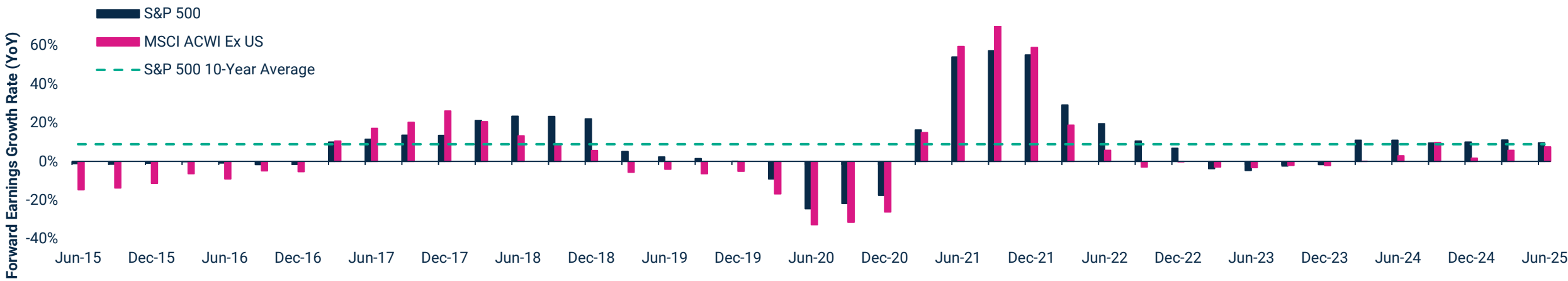
		12 M FWD EPS Estimate								
		Bearish Earnings Growth			Typical Earnings Growth			Bullish Earnings Growth		
		220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300
12 M FWD P/E	Bearish Market Multiple	14	3080	3220	3360	3500	3640	3780		
		15	3300	3450	3600	3750	3900	4050		
		16	3520	3680	3840	4000	4160	4320		
Typical Market Multiple		17	3740	3910	4080	4250	4420	4590	4760	4930
		18	3960	4140	4320	4500	4680	4860	5040	5220
		19	4180	4370	4560	4750	4940	5130	5320	5510
		20	4400	4600	4800	5000	5200	5400	5600	5800
Bull Market Multiple		21	4620	4830	5040	5250	5460	5670	5880	6090
		22				5500	5720	5940	6160	6380
		23				5750	5980	6210	6440	6670
		24				6000	6240	6480	6720	6960

S&P 500 Forward Earnings



Quarterly 12-month forward earnings per share.

Forward Earnings Growth Rate (YoY %)



Quarterly 12 month forward projected earnings growth.

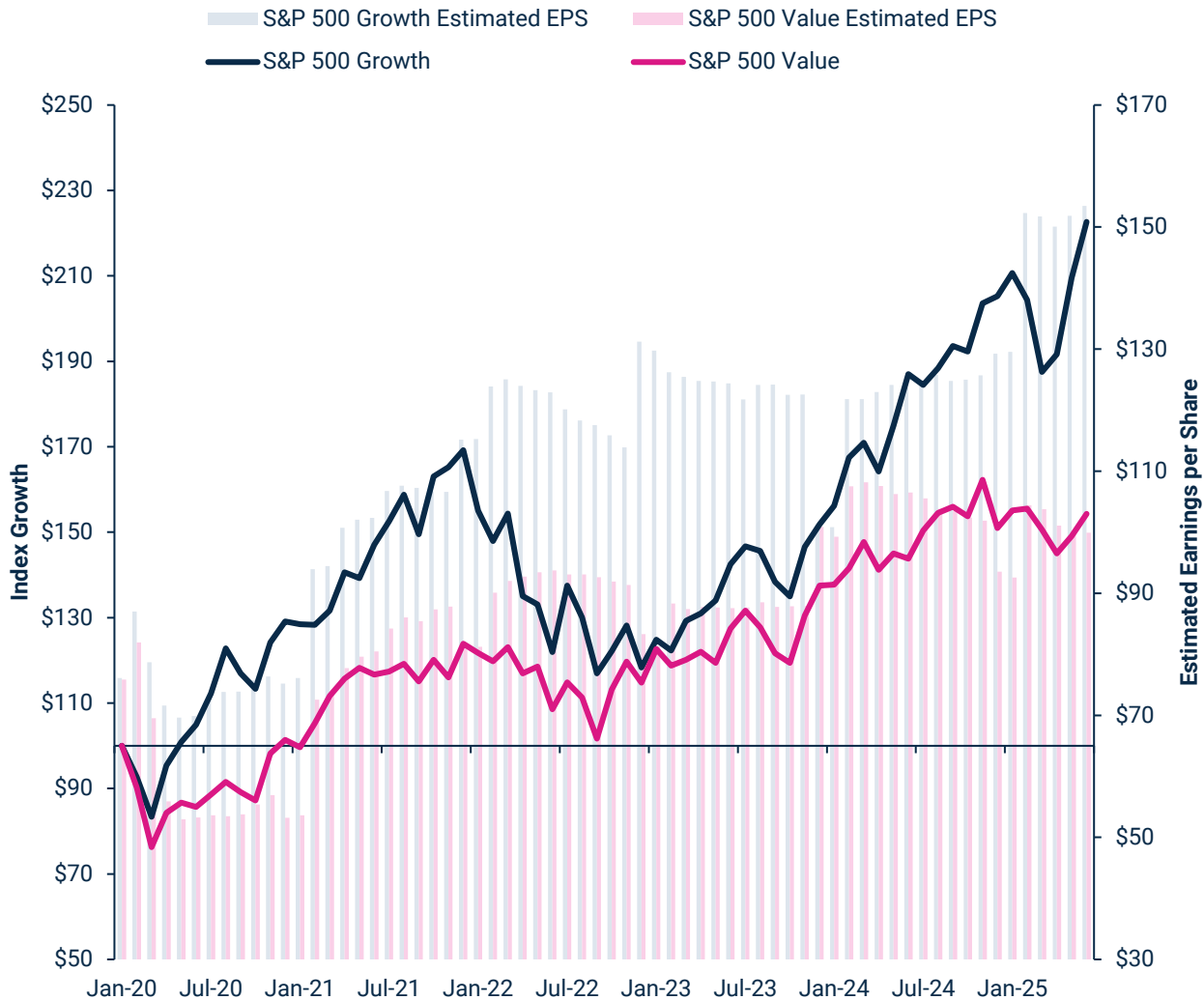
Index Growth Tracks Earnings

Over time, index performance tends to track earnings growth.



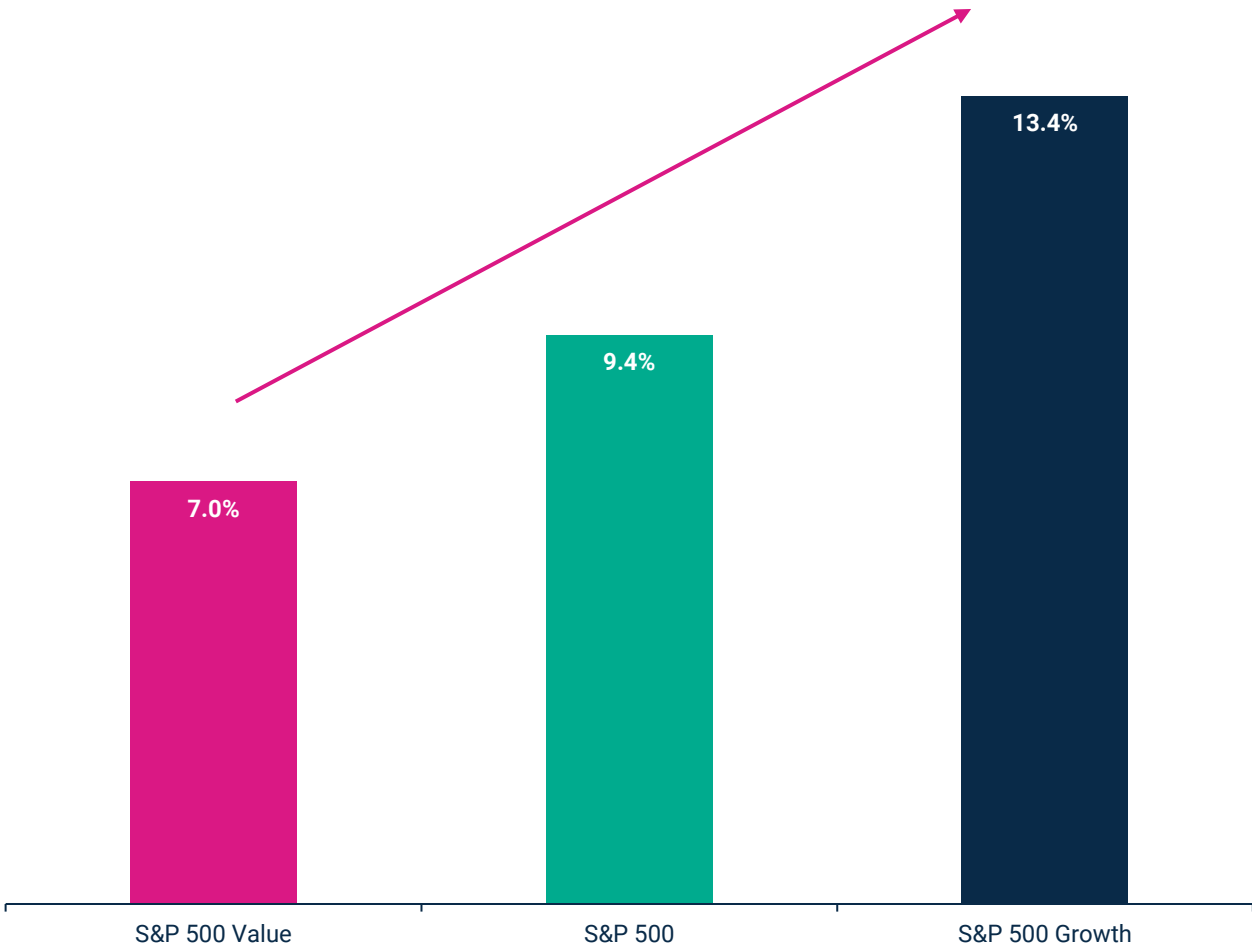
Index Growth & Estimated Earnings per Share

Since 2020



Estimated Long-Term Earnings Growth

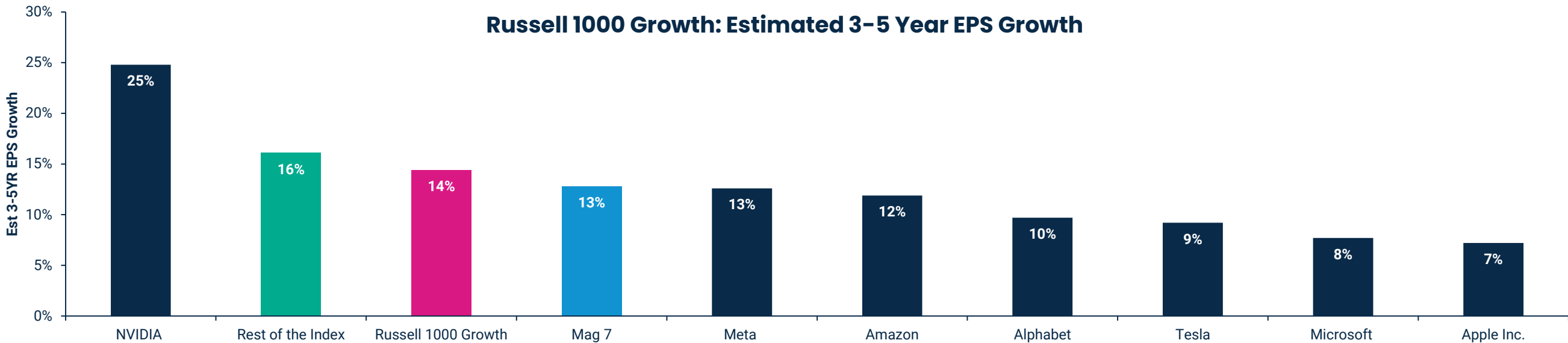
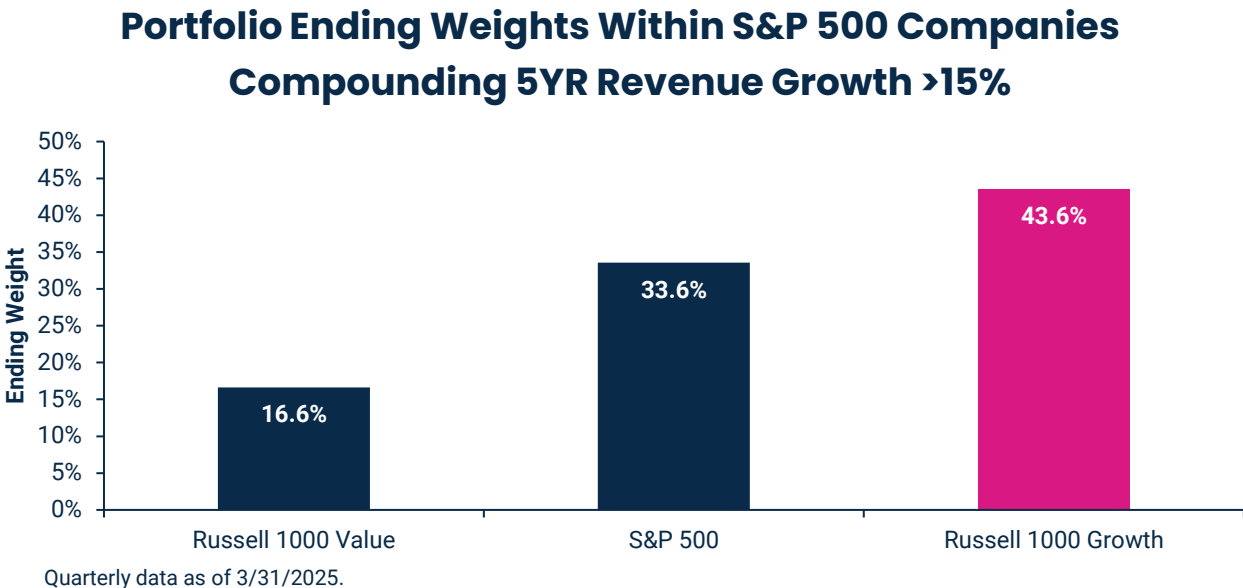
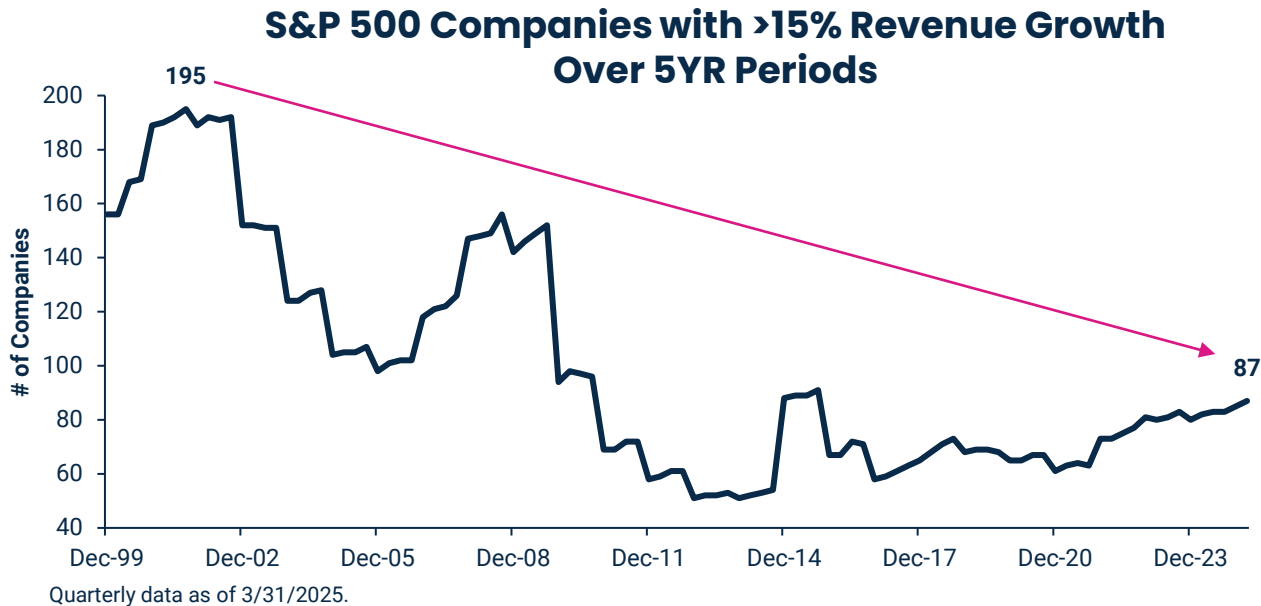
S&P 500 Value S&P 500 S&P 500 Growth



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Earnings Scarcity

Scarcity in earnings has created value for growth leaders; that leadership may be broadening out to the wider growth market.

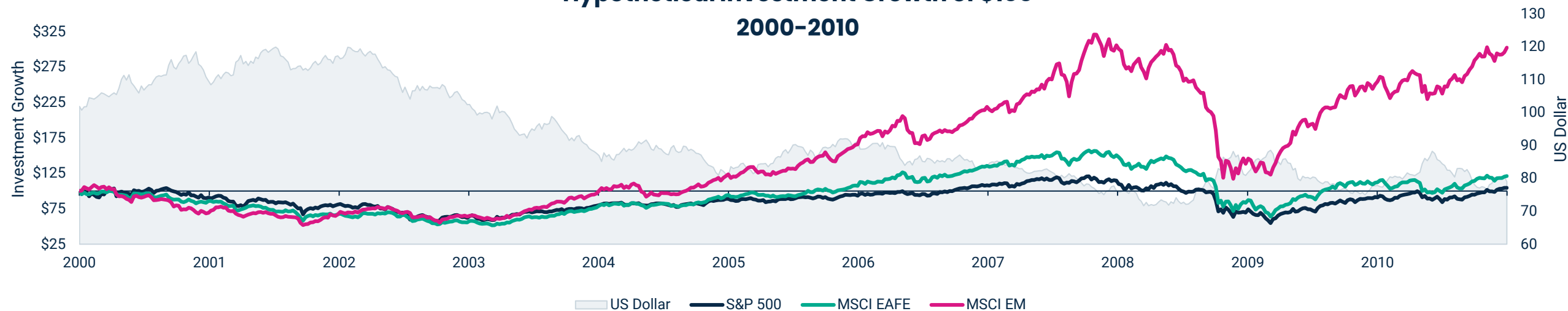


U.S. Dollar as a Catalyst

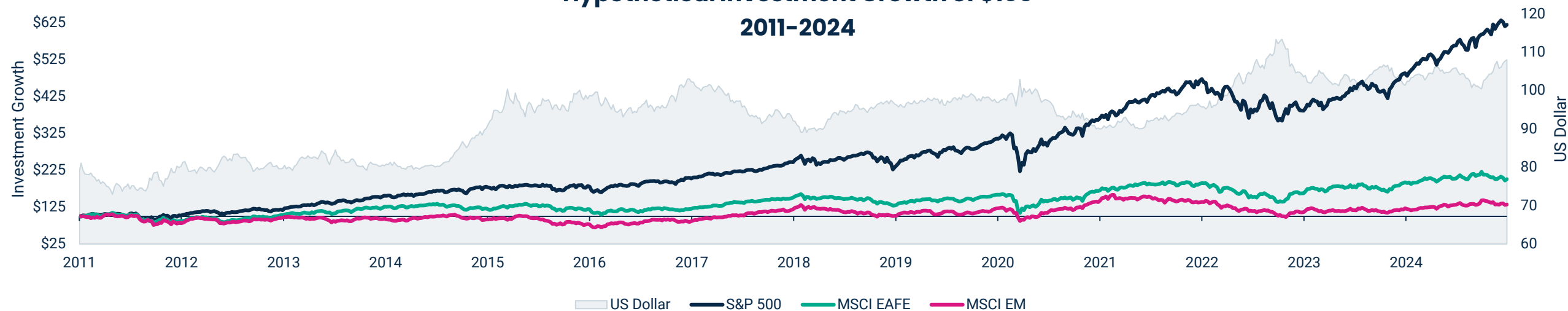
International Developed and Emerging Market equities have outperformed historically when the U.S. dollar has fallen.



Hypothetical Investment Growth of \$100
2000–2010



Hypothetical Investment Growth of \$100
2011–2024



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Key Trends – AI Infrastructure Spending

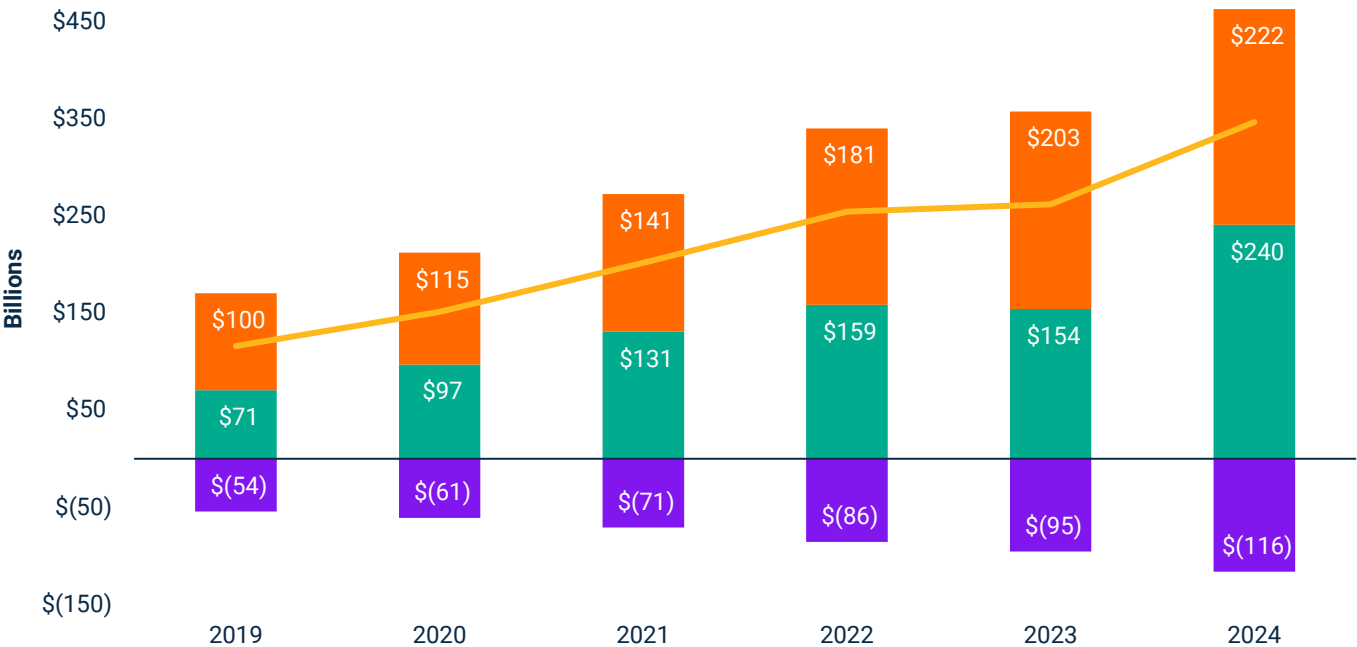


Reinvestment trends highlight significant demand for infrastructure...

- Since the public release of ChatGPT at the end of 2022, it's hard to go a day without hearing something about AI. The largest tech companies have been racing to continuously improve foundational model performance and launch AI products and services to their customers.
- This dynamic has resulted in significant demand for AI infrastructure – from networking equipment and compute to power systems and physical space.
- We highlight this demand by showing total reinvestment for a group of select companies focused on building or deploying AI technology. In 2024 alone, this group spent ~\$460bn between capital expenditures and R&D, with net reinvestment now representing nearly 25% of sales for the group.

Group Aggregate Reinvestment

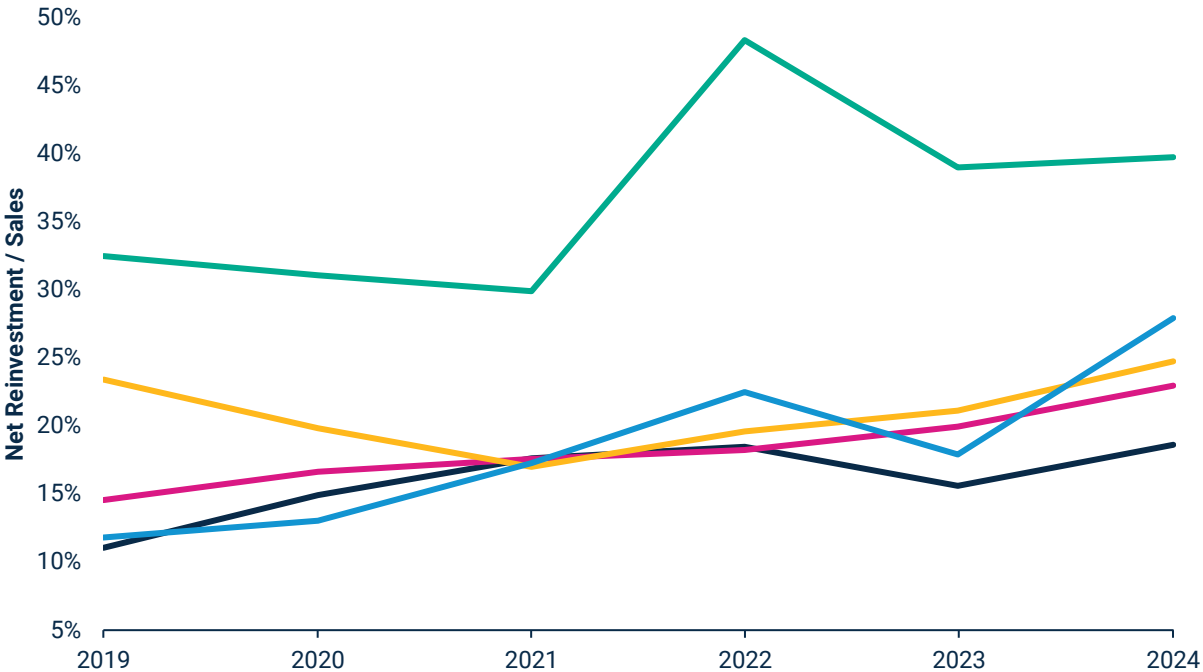
CapEx R&D D&A Reinvestment



Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. FactSet. 6/30/2025. Amazon, Microsoft, Meta, Alphabet, and Oracle are included.

Capital Intensity Across Companies

AMZN MSFT META GOOGL ORCL



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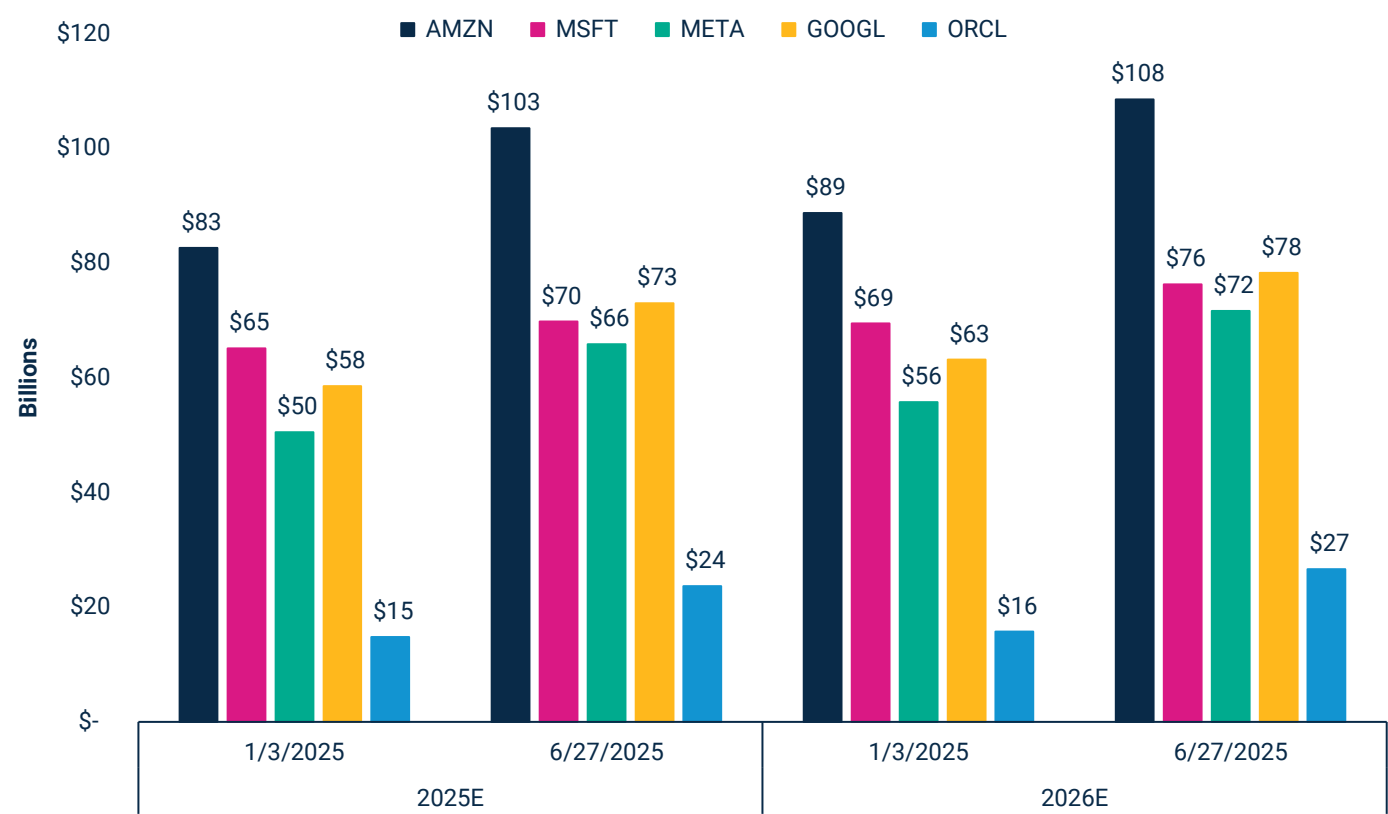
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... with no signs of slowing demand in sight.

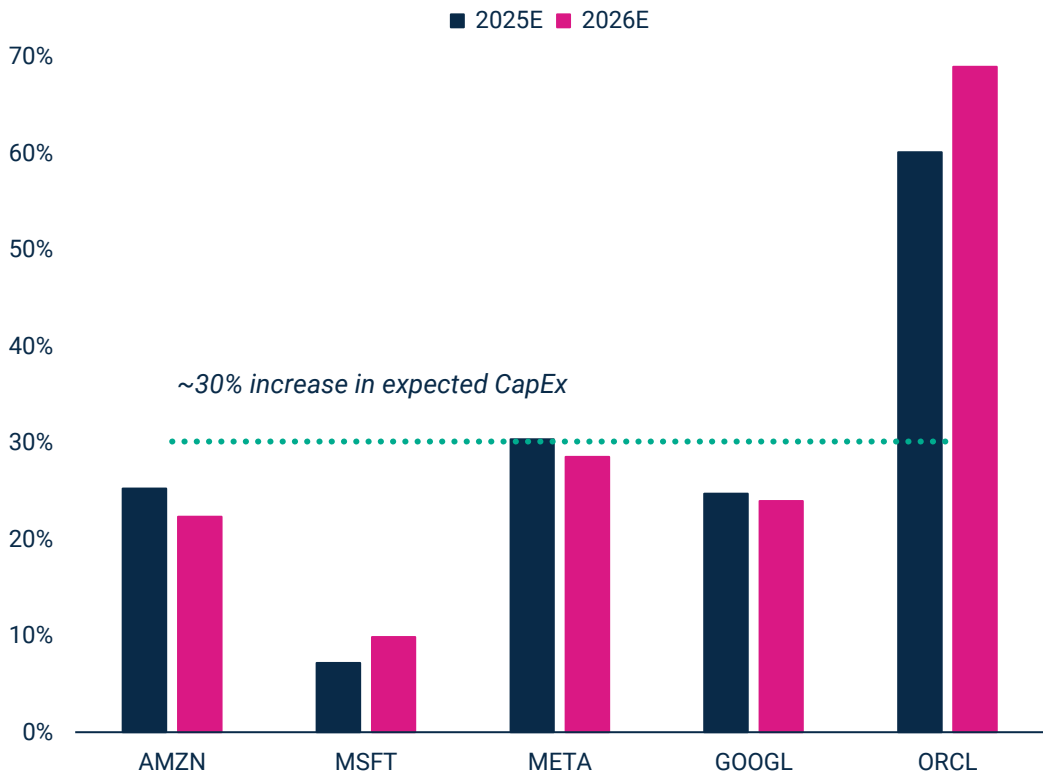
Estimates for infrastructure demand have moved higher throughout the year. At the beginning of this year, total capex was expected to be \$270bn in 2025 and \$290bn in 2026. Following first quarter results from the large tech companies, these estimates were taken up materially and now stand at approximately \$340bn and \$360bn, respectively.

Hyperscaler CapEx Estimates



Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. FactSet. Data as of 7/2/2025.

Year-to-date CapEx Estimate Revisions



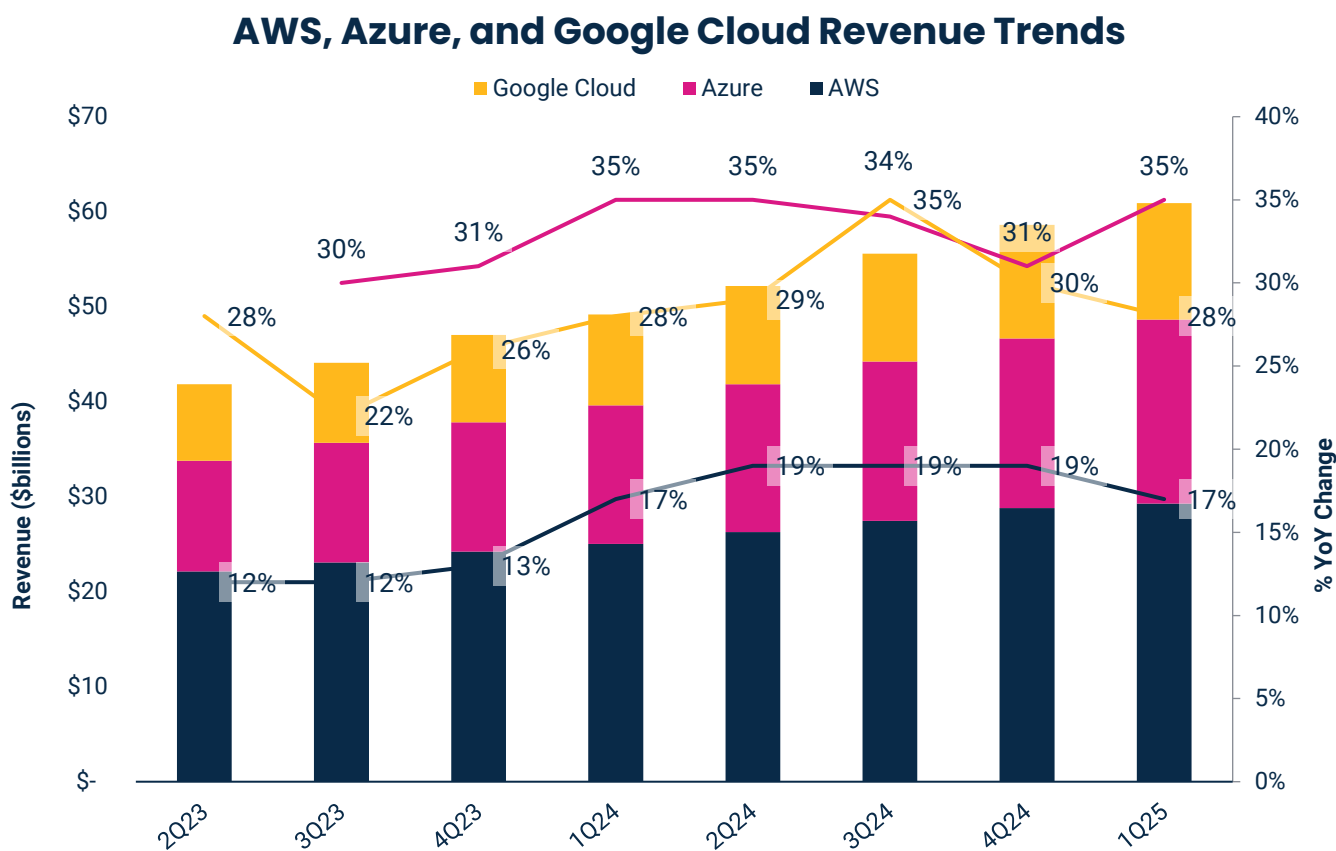
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Key Trends – AI Infrastructure Spending

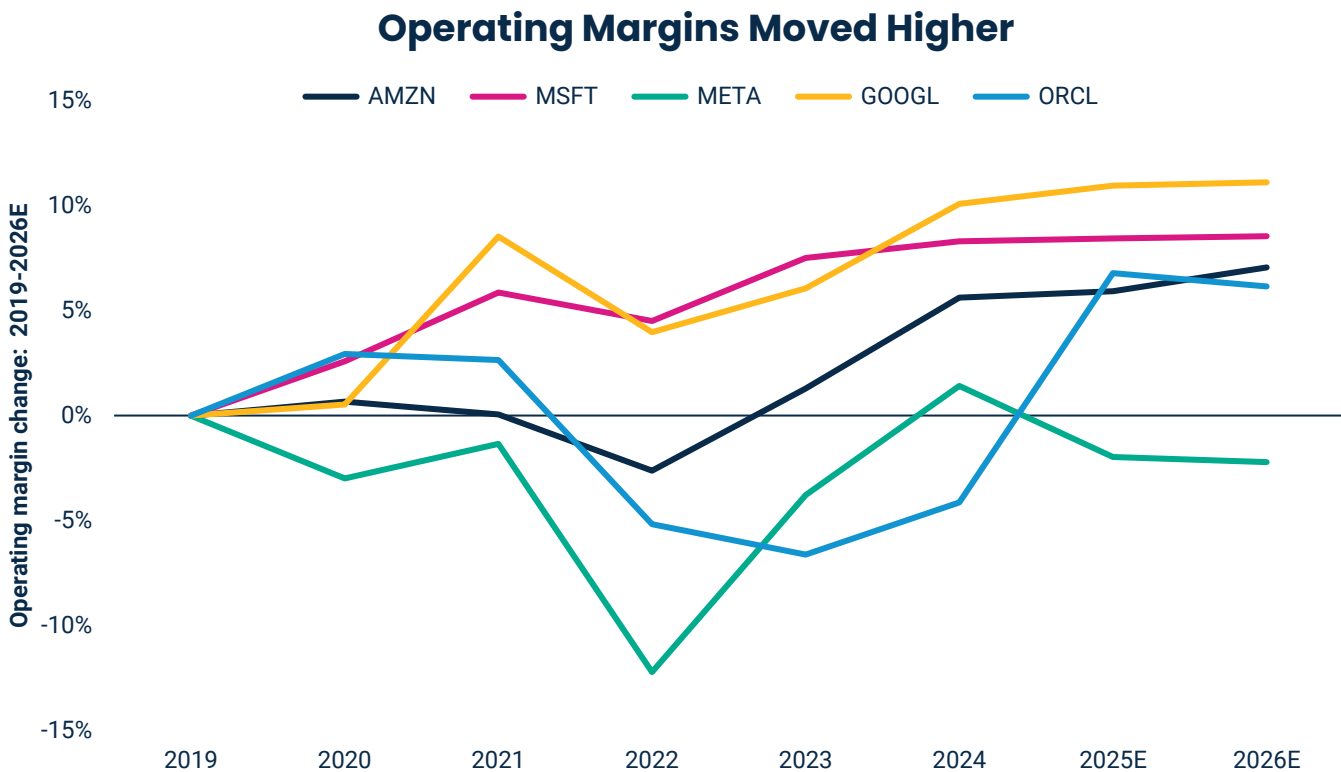


Are we seeing return on investment?

- At this point, we are multiple years into the AI infrastructure investment cycle. Investors have generally been willing to give companies a pass as it relates to quantifying returns on said fixed investment as it’s unrealistic to expect immediate payoff from AI models and products (some of which are only just being released to the public), and operating margin trends have been strong.
- We expect the question of returns on infrastructure investment to become a growing concern for investors as time progresses and spend grows. We are beginning to see *some* companies comment on this topic directly or point towards the “fungibility” of compute as means to justify spend.



Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. UBS Investment Bank. Data as of 05/04/2025.



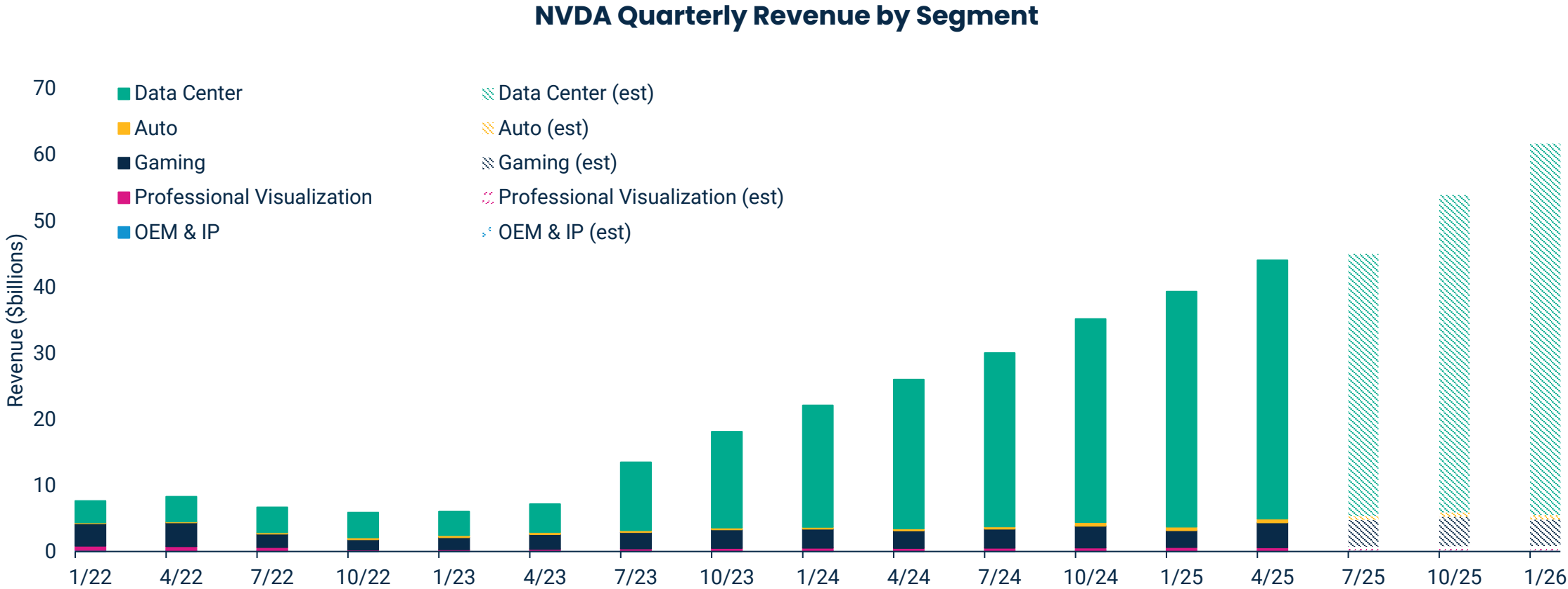
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Key Trends – AI Infrastructure Spending



Nvidia: (arguably) the largest beneficiary.

- Below we break down total revenues for Nvidia, one of the largest beneficiaries of the AI arms race. Having seen the magnitude of investment by technology firms, it is no surprise that revenue – especially within the data center segment – has seen a step-function move higher.
- Recent changes to compute export restrictions were a headwind in the April quarter and are also expected to weigh on the July quarter, disrupting a trend of mid/high double digit *sequential* revenue growth in Nvidia’s data center business.



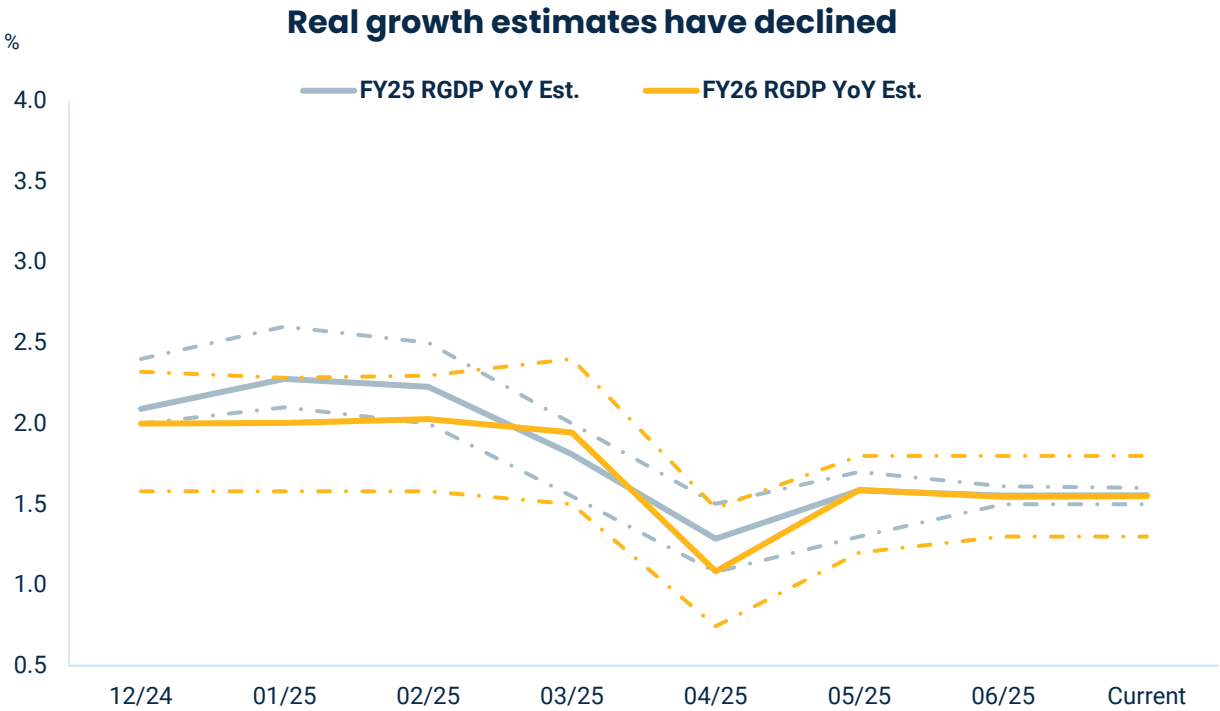
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Deep Dive: U.S. Small Cap Equities

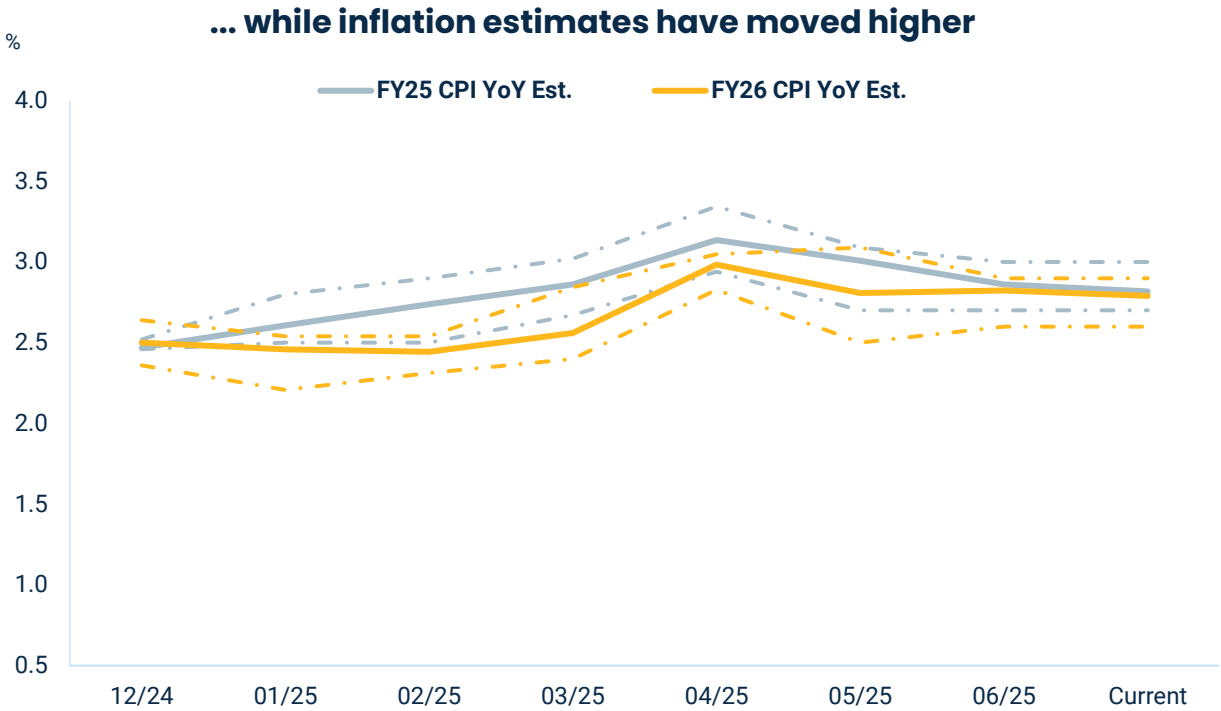


Expectations for real growth have declined, while expectations for inflation remain sticky

- Over the course of this year, economists have revised down expectations for real growth and revised up expectations for inflation.
- The macroeconomic backdrop is critical for U.S. small cap companies in our view, given they have less exposure to today's secular tailwinds relative to large-cap peers that might benefit incrementally more.



Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. Bloomberg Finance L.P. Selected estimates from the following: Bank of America, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS, Goldman, Barclays, Deutsche Bank, Jefferies, RBC, Citigroup, Wells Fargo



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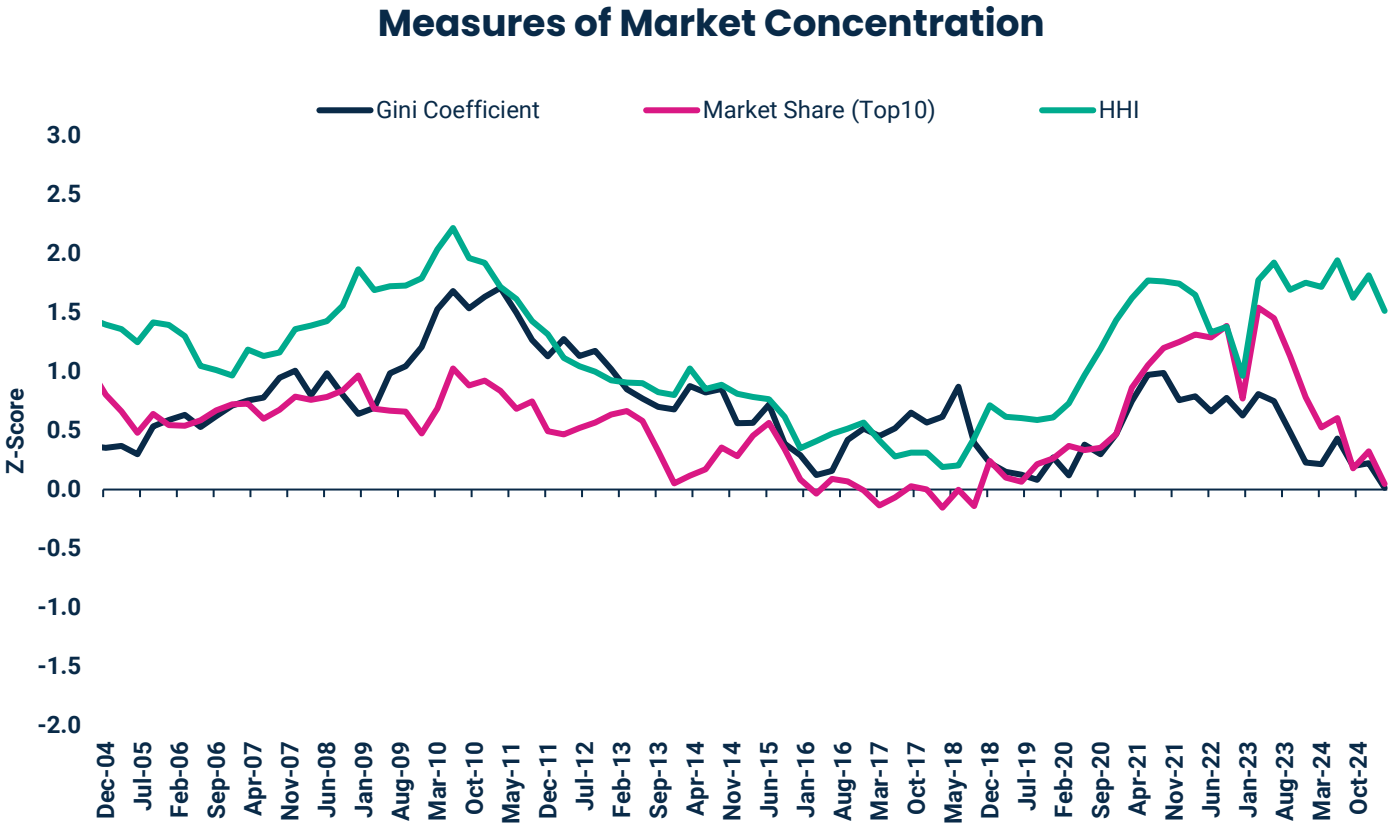
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A secular trend of industry concentration



- We believe it is important to recognize that over the past few decades we have generally seen larger firms take share from smaller firms and become an incrementally larger share of aggregate output.
- Without direct tailwinds from today’s secular themes – such as the proliferation of AI, the cloud transition, autonomous vehicles, etc. – smaller companies are more reliant on aggregate macroeconomic momentum than larger firms.

Small Business Share of Real GDP by Industry				
	2000	2005	2010	2014
Accommodation and Food Services	1%	-6%	-5%	-5%
Administrative and Support Services	-2%	-5%	-7%	-8%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	-2%	-6%	-7%	-11%
Construction	-2%	-5%	-3%	-6%
Educational Services	0%	-2%	-4%	-6%
Finance and Insurance	0%	3%	5%	-1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0%	0%	-2%	-5%
Information	-5%	-6%	-7%	-9%
Management of Businesses	-1%	7%	11%	17%
Manufacturing and Mining	0%	-2%	-2%	-2%
Other Services	0%	-2%	-2%	-1%
Professional and Scientific Services	-7%	-7%	-11%	-13%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-1%	-5%	0%	1%
Transportation and Warehousing	-1%	-2%	-5%	-5%
Utilities	1%	3%	2%	4%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	-2%	-7%	-11%	-11%
Grand Total	-1%	-2%	-4%	-4%



Source: Harbor Capital Advisors. FactSet. S&P 1500 used as market index.

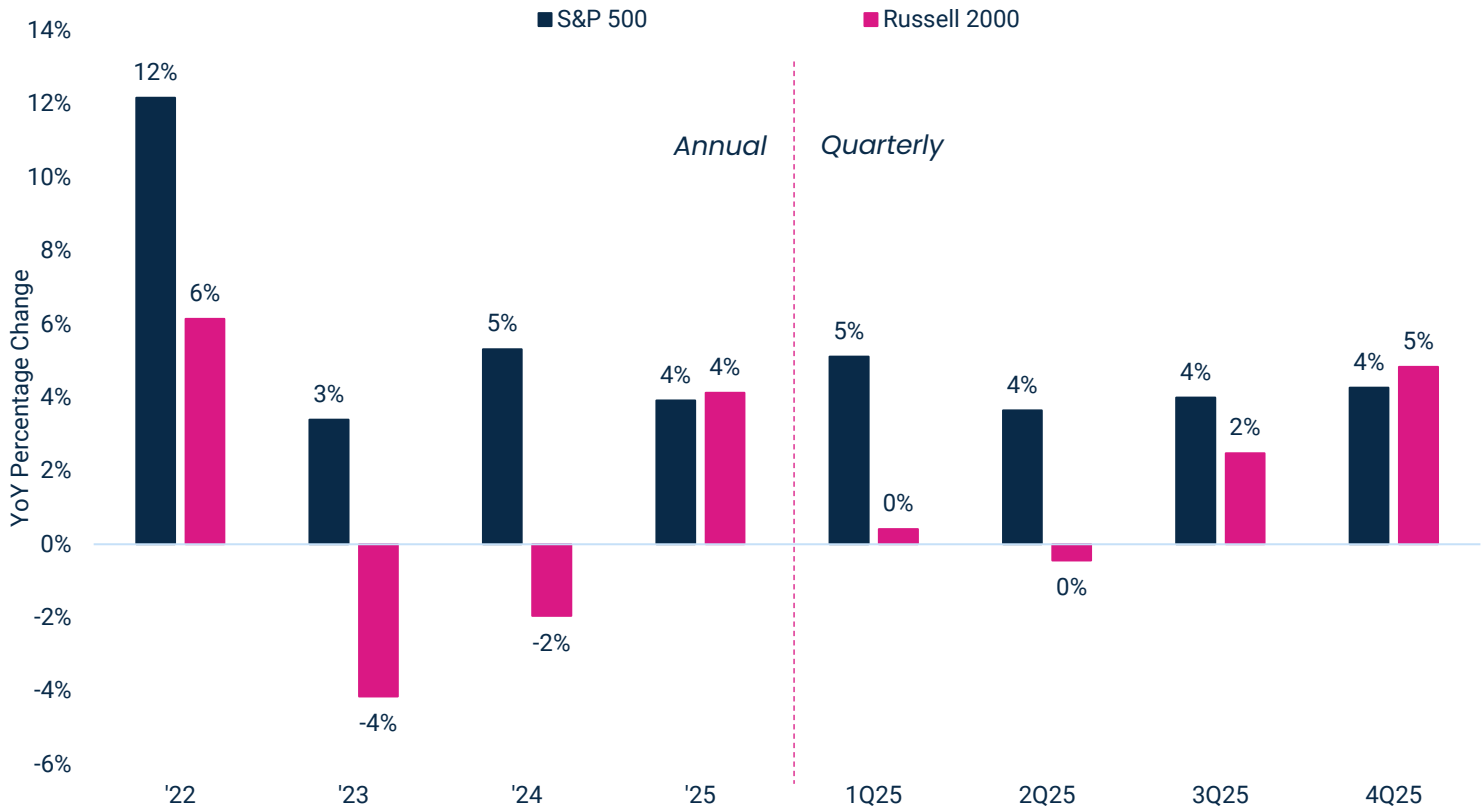
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Expected sales growth for small cap companies

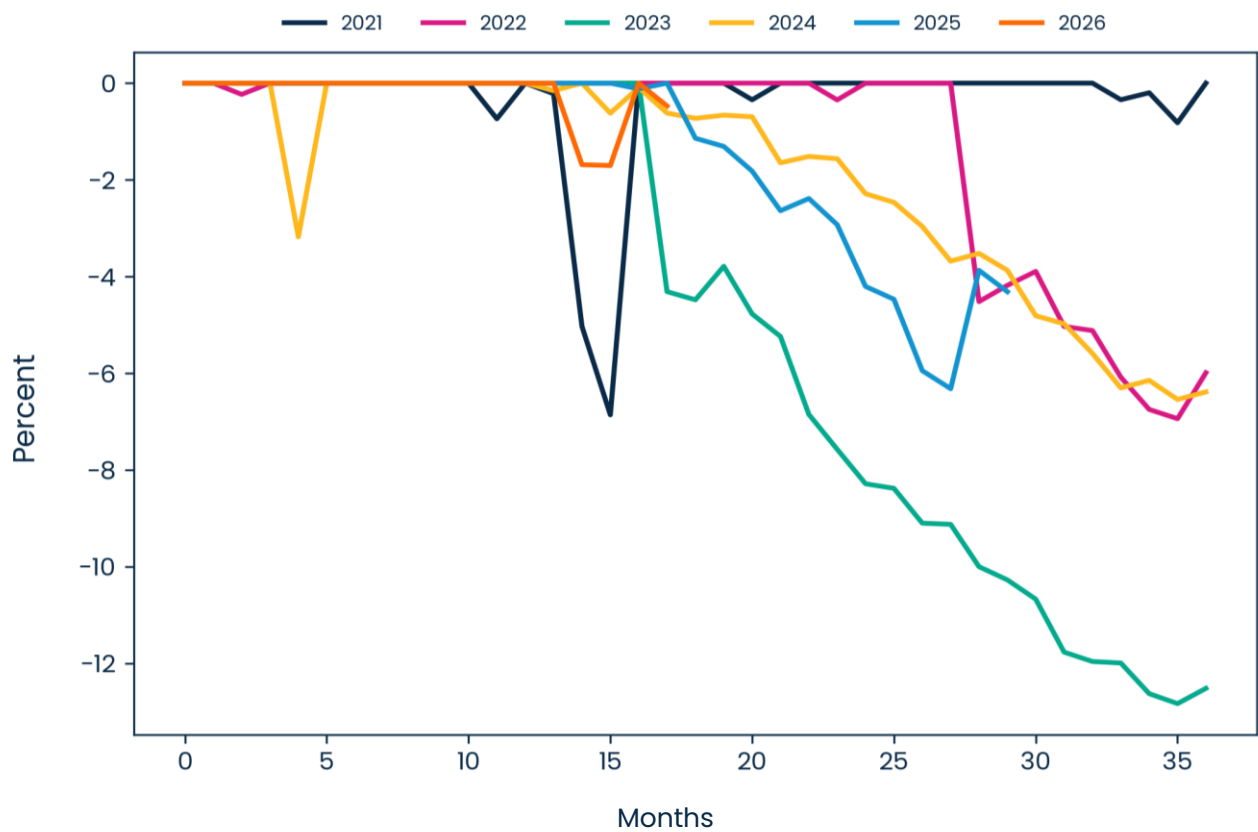


- After two consecutive years of negative year-over-year sales growth, small cap companies are expected to grow sales ~4%, in line with large cap companies.
- The combination of a lack of secular tailwinds, as well as weakening expectations for the overall economy, drove headwinds and downward revisions to top-line results for small cap companies over said period. Should economic growth surprise to the upside, we would expect small-cap revisions to follow.

Sales Growth



Russell 2000 Sales vs Trailing Maximum



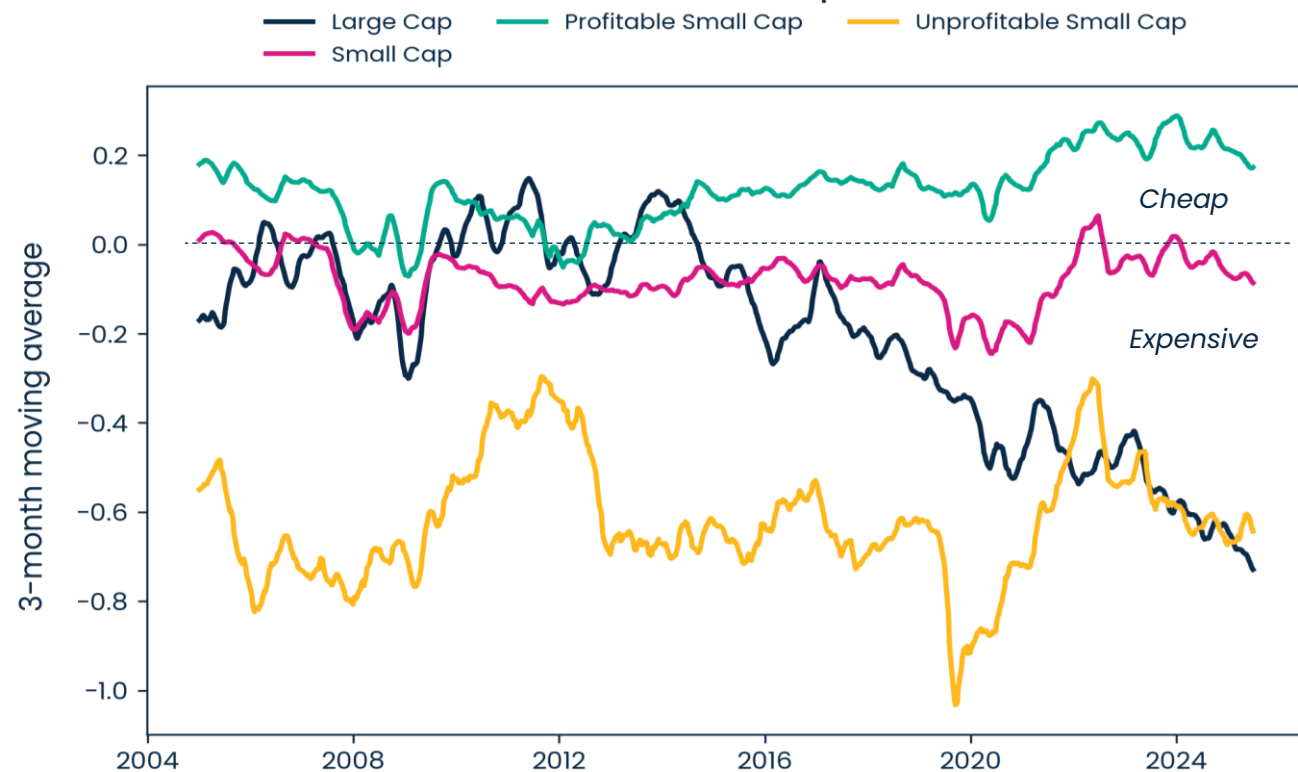
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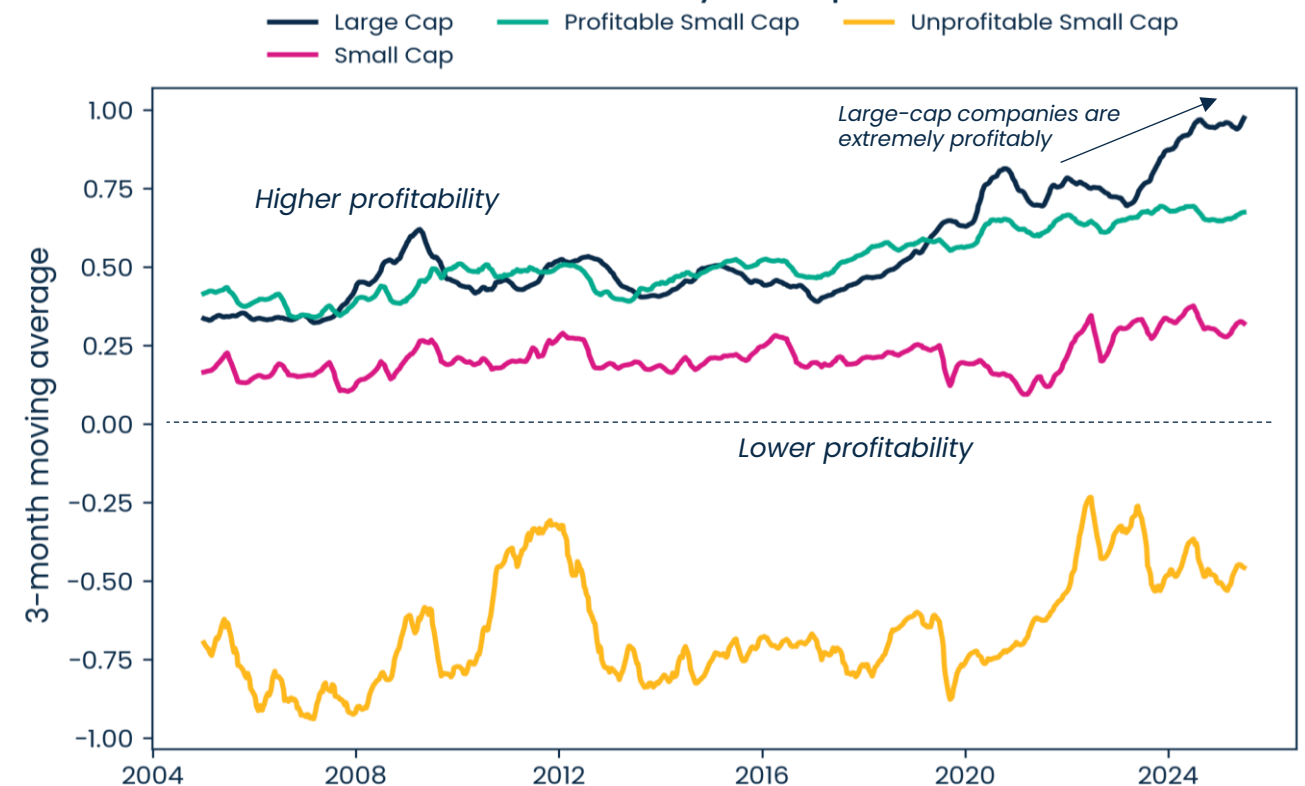
... however, an interesting case remains for higher quality small cap companies

- One way that we like to slice the U.S. universe is by segmenting small cap companies into those that are profitable and those that are unprofitable.
- The reason for this is that a significant portion of the universe is historically unprofitable – nearly 40%. Slicing out the profitable part of the universe allows for a better comparison relative to large-caps, in our view, as fundamentals are not diluted by lower quality small-cap companies.
- As you can see below, small-cap in aggregate looks attractive across our composite of valuation measures; however, the MOST attractive part of the market is those companies that are profitable.

Valuation Composite



Profitability Composite

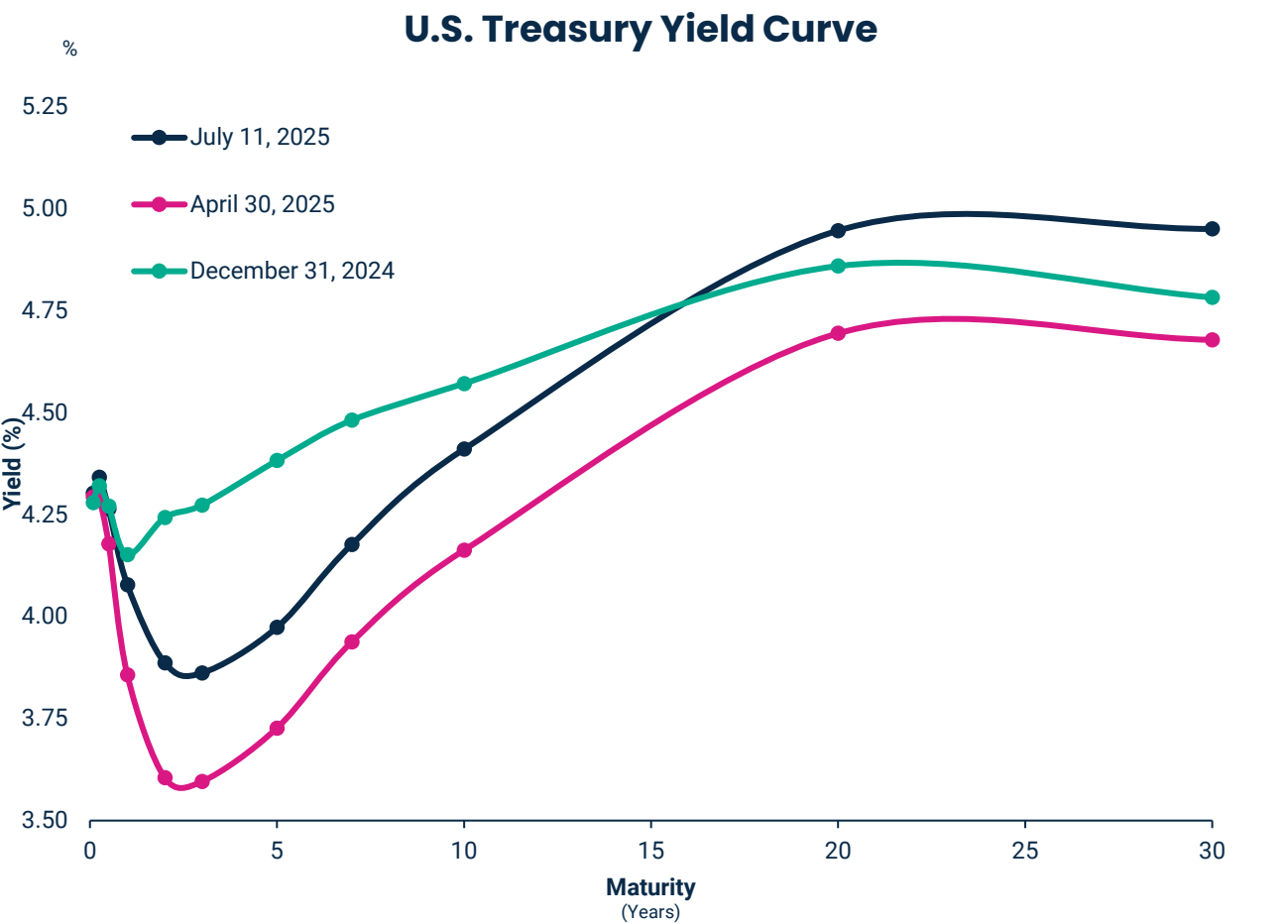


Data as of 6/30/2025. Source: Harbor Capital Advisors, FactSet. We define unprofitable as companies that meet the following profitability criteria: 1) median trailing 12-month operating margin over the prior 12 quarters greater than or equal to 1% and 2) aggregate operating margin over the prior 12 quarters greater than or equal to 1%.

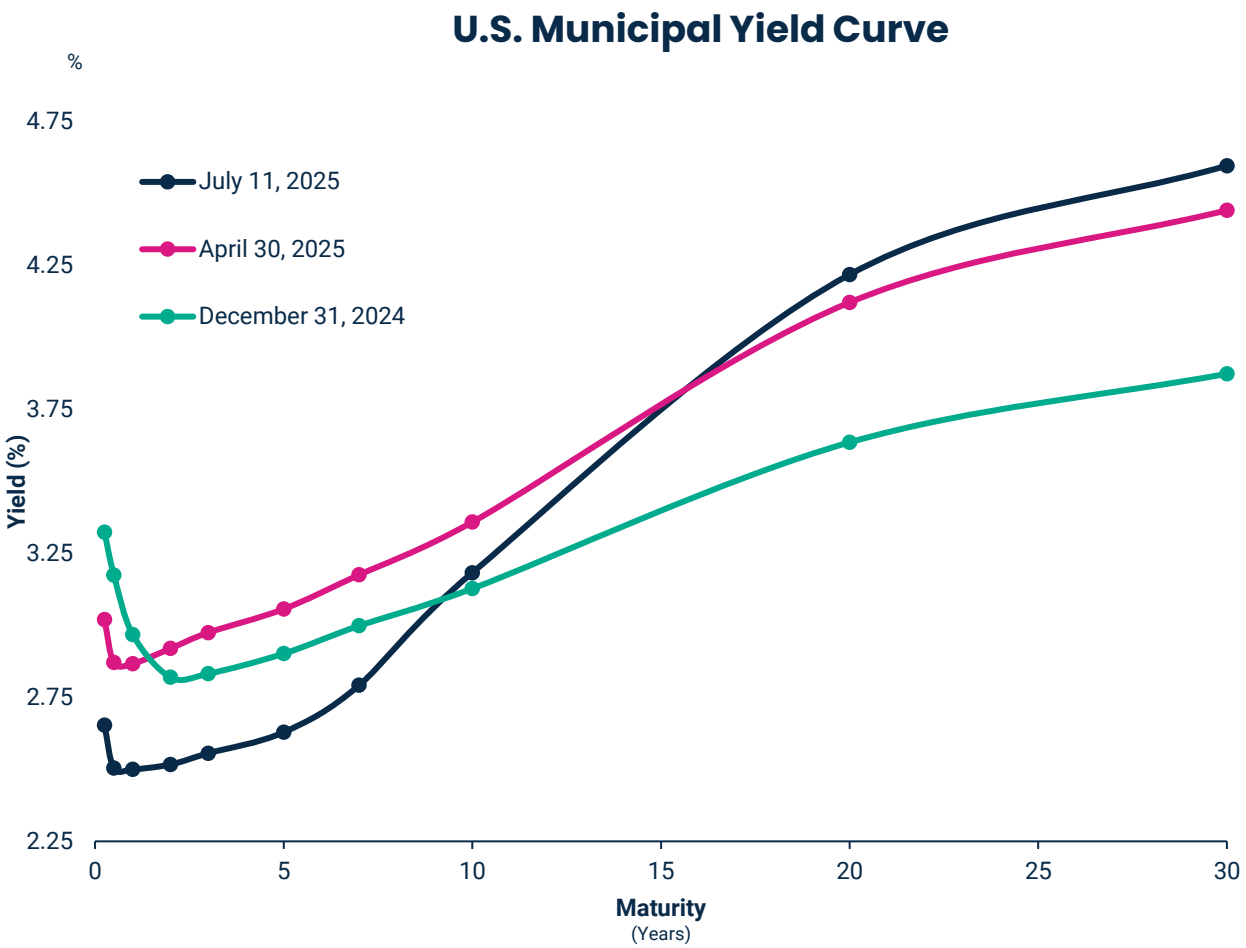
FIXED INCOME



U.S. Yield Curves



Nominal Yield	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
July 11, 2025	4.30	4.34	4.26	4.08	3.89	3.86	3.97	4.18	4.41	4.95	4.95
April 30, 2025	4.29	4.29	4.18	3.86	3.61	3.60	3.73	3.94	4.16	4.70	4.68
December 31, 2024	4.28	4.32	4.27	4.15	4.24	4.27	4.38	4.48	4.57	4.86	4.78



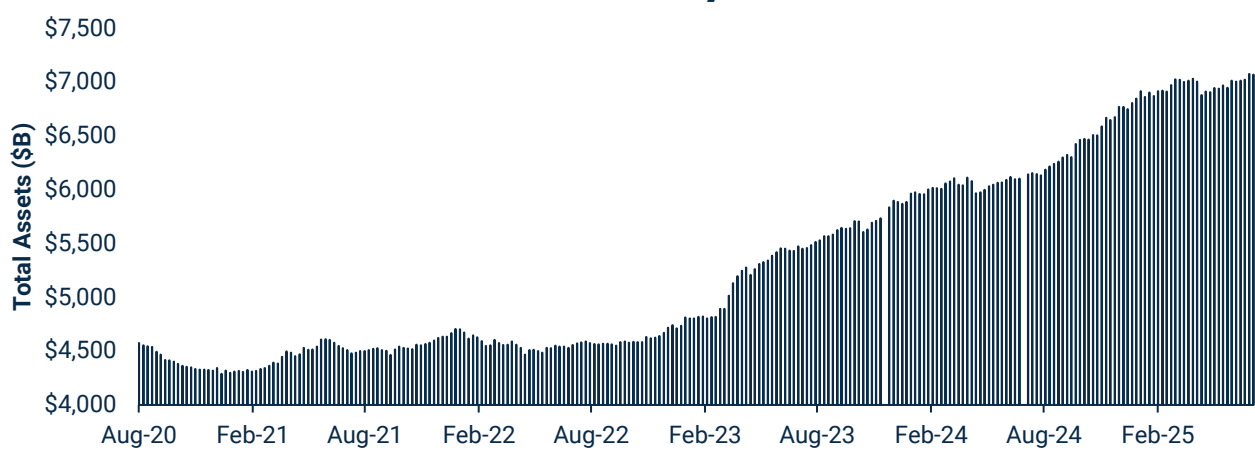
Nominal Yield	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	20 Year	30 Year
July 11, 2025	2.65	2.50	2.50	2.52	2.56	2.63	2.79	3.18	4.22	4.60
April 30, 2025	3.02	2.87	2.87	2.92	2.98	3.06	3.18	3.36	4.12	4.44
December 31, 2024	3.32	3.18	2.97	2.82	2.83	2.90	3.00	3.13	3.64	3.87

Records Amount of Cash on the Sidelines

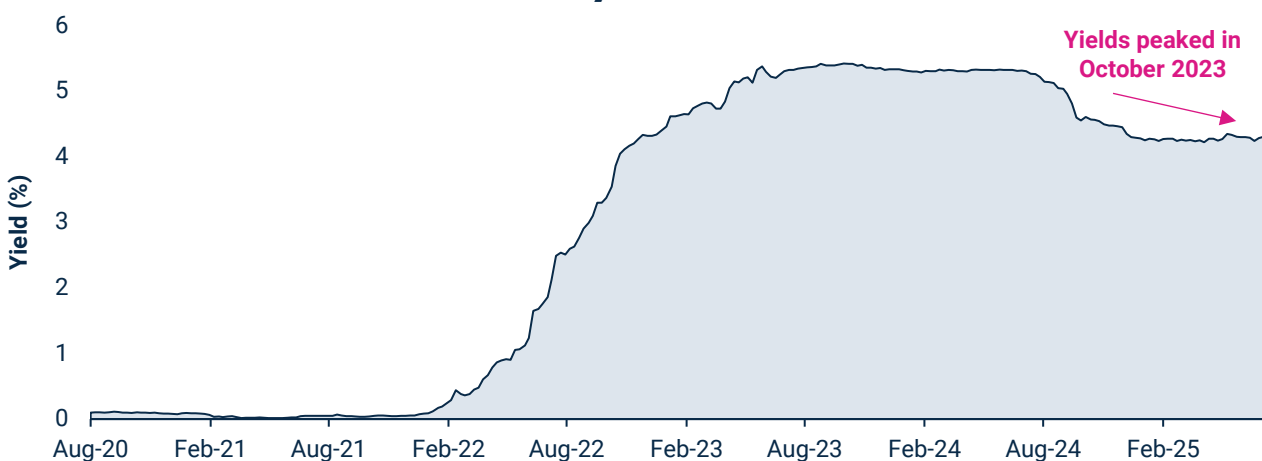
Total money market fund assets sit near \$7 trillion.



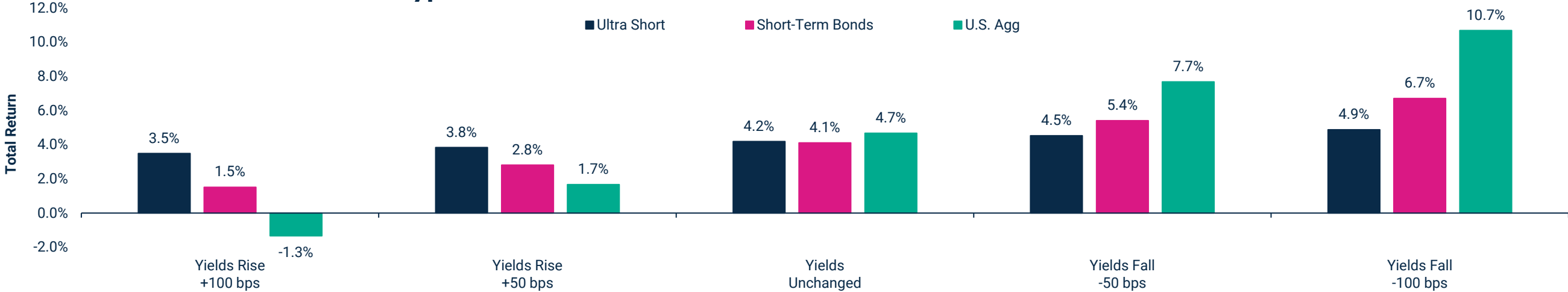
Total Assets in Money Market Funds



Money Market Yield



Hypothetical Fixed Income Returns in Different Interest Rate Scenarios

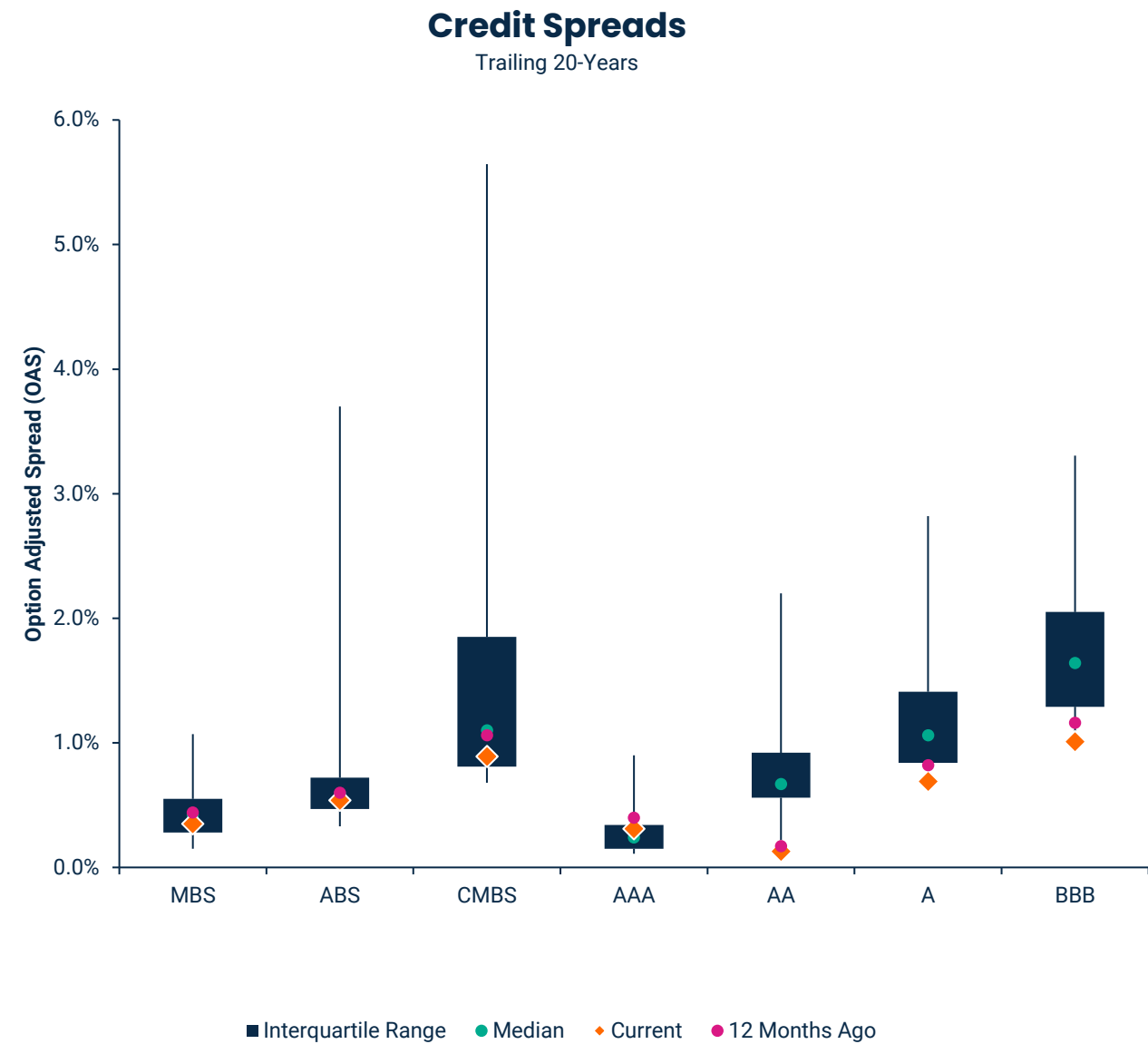
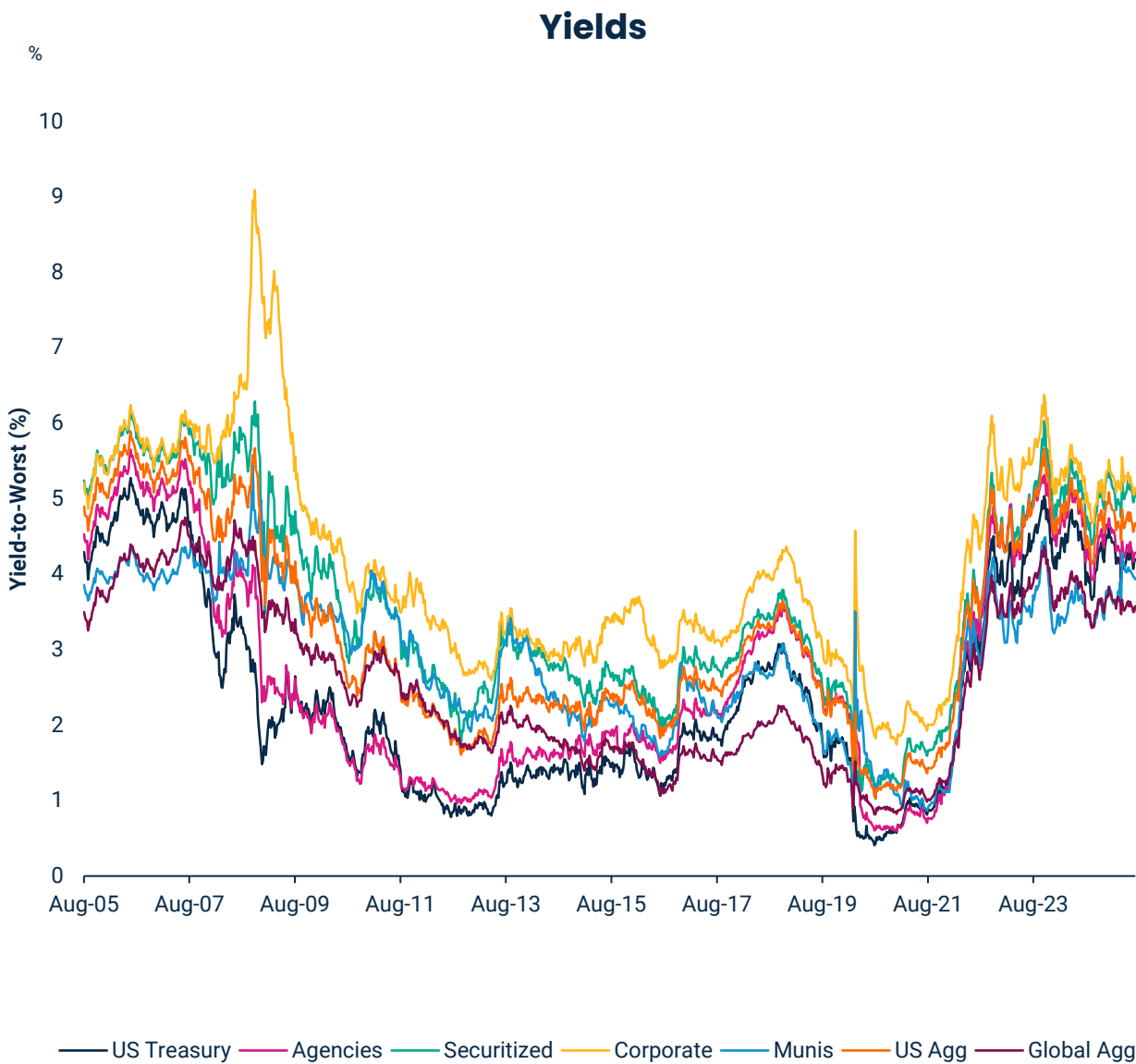


Hypothetical 12 month total returns. Assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve.

Investment Grade Bonds



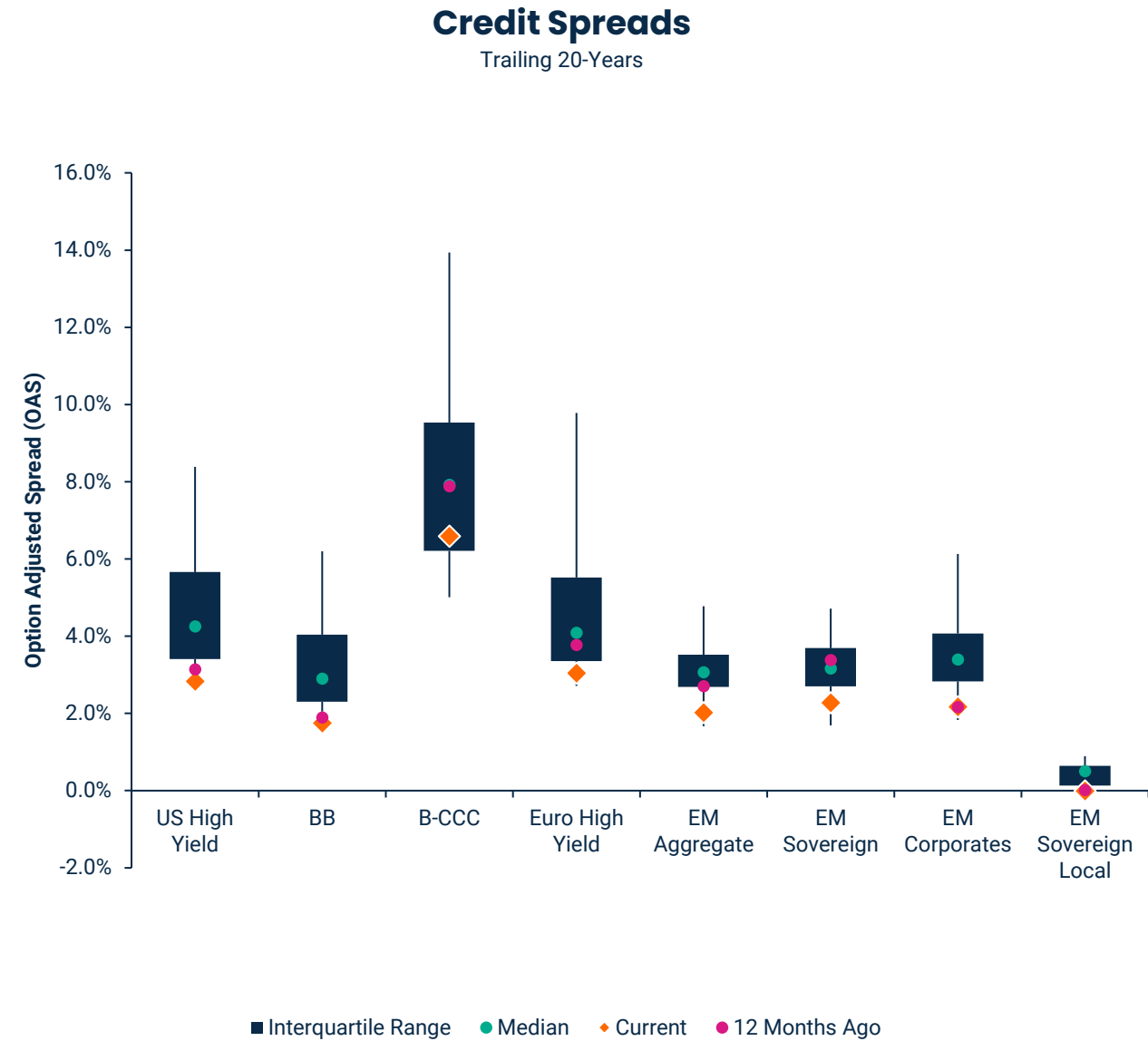
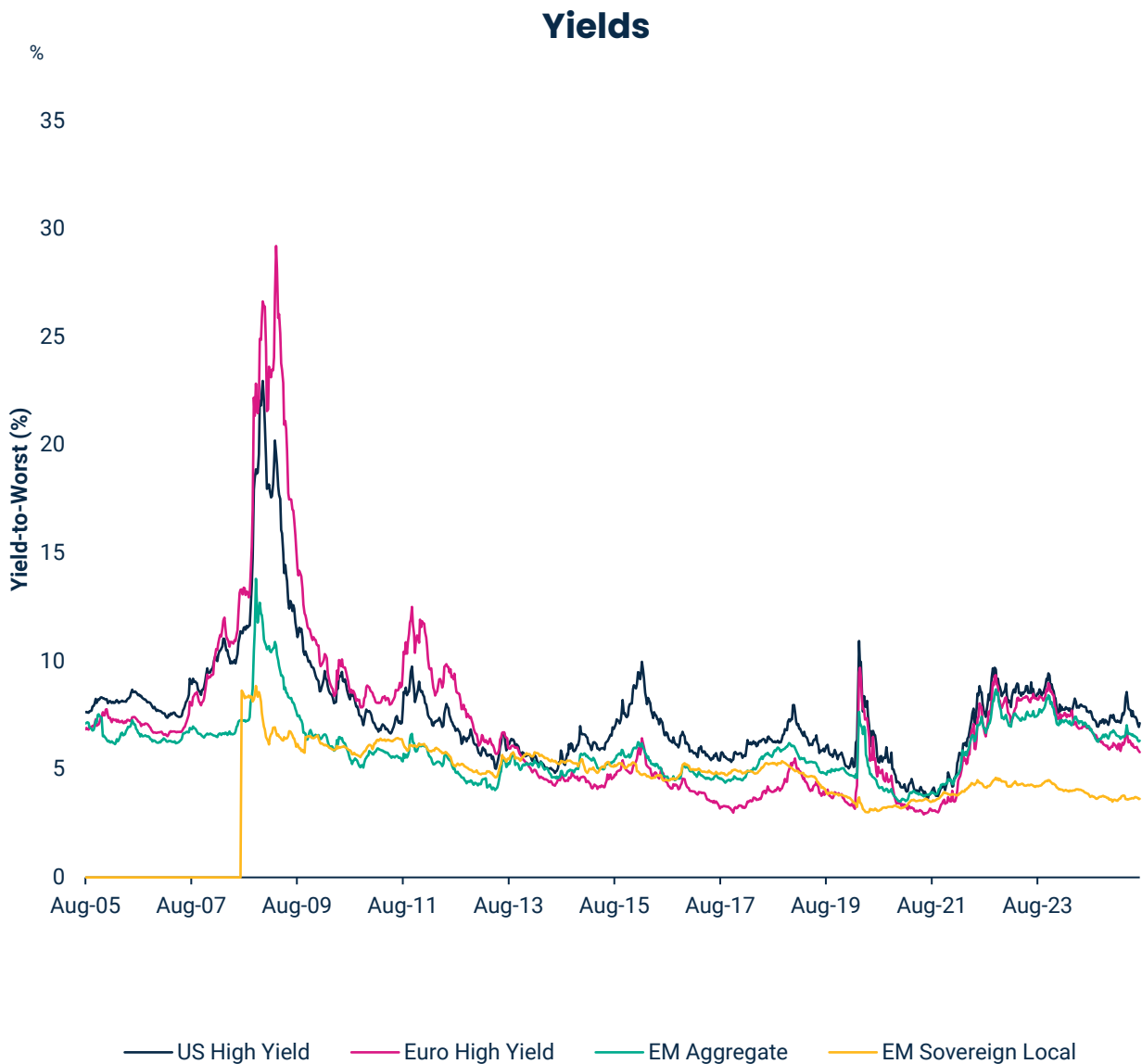
Despite significant noise in bond markets about tariff-related volatility, credit spreads have remained relatively tight across asset types and credit quality, suggesting bonds may be maintaining their safe-haven status.



High-Yield Bonds & Emerging Market Debt



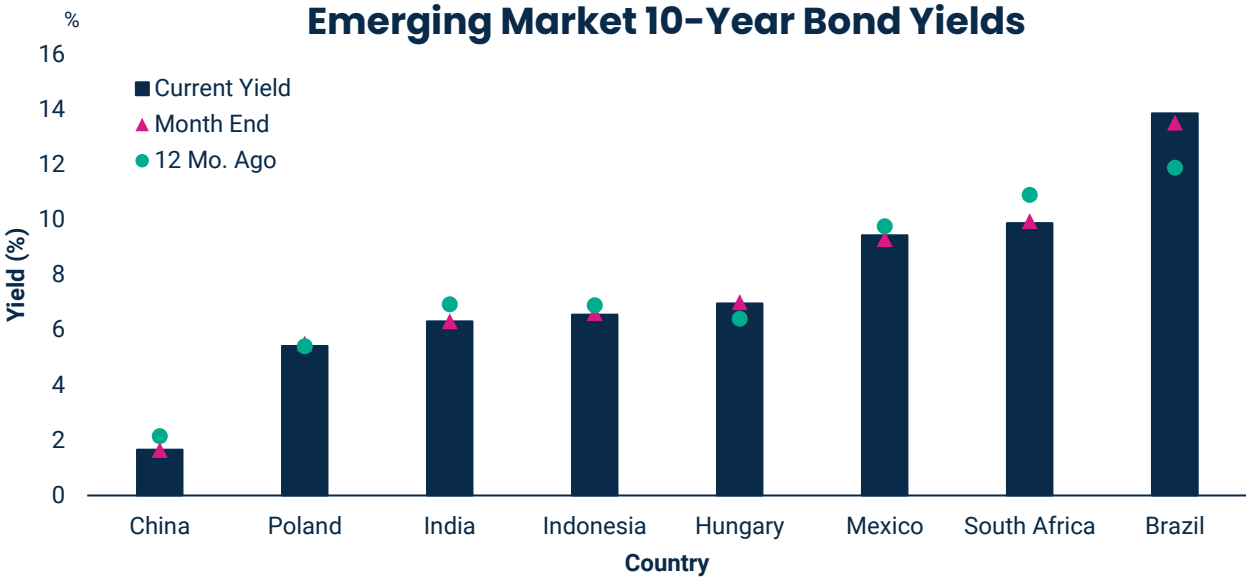
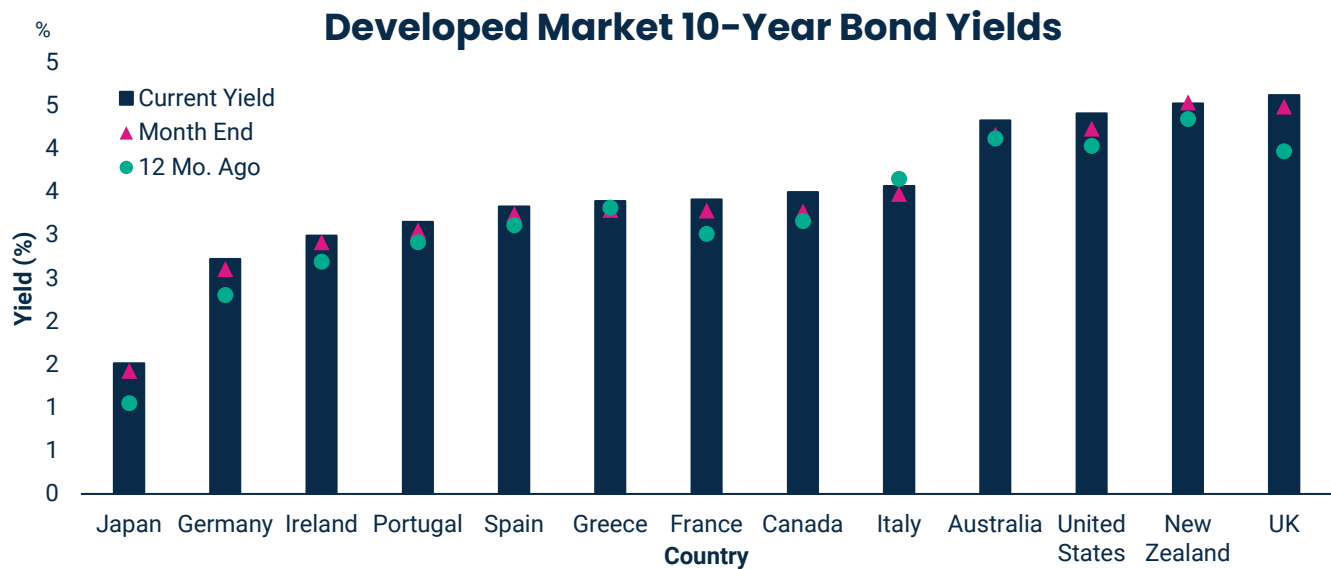
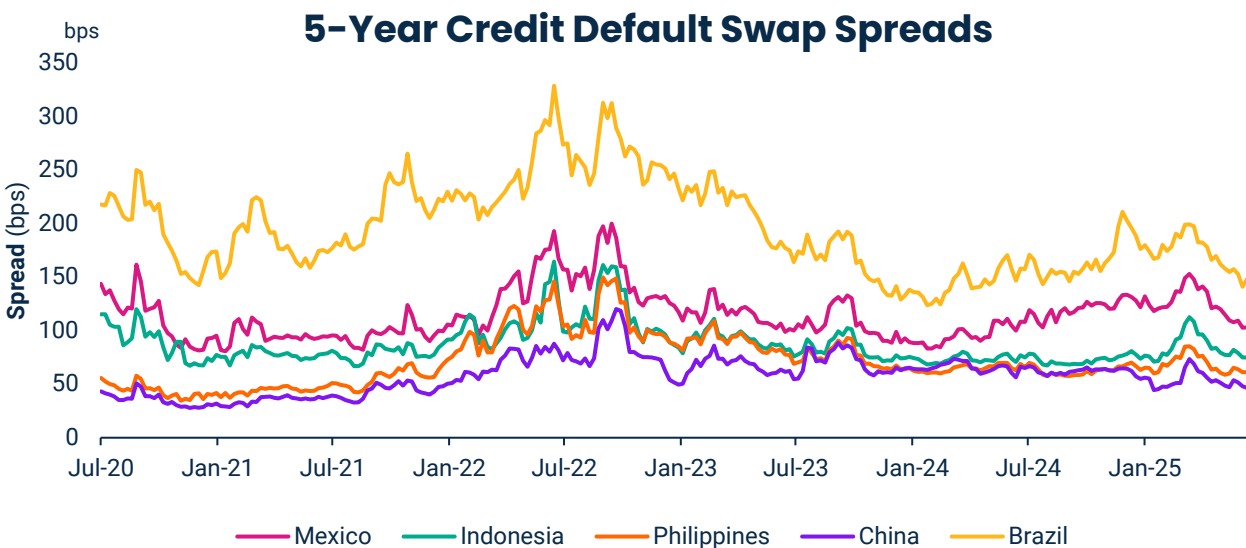
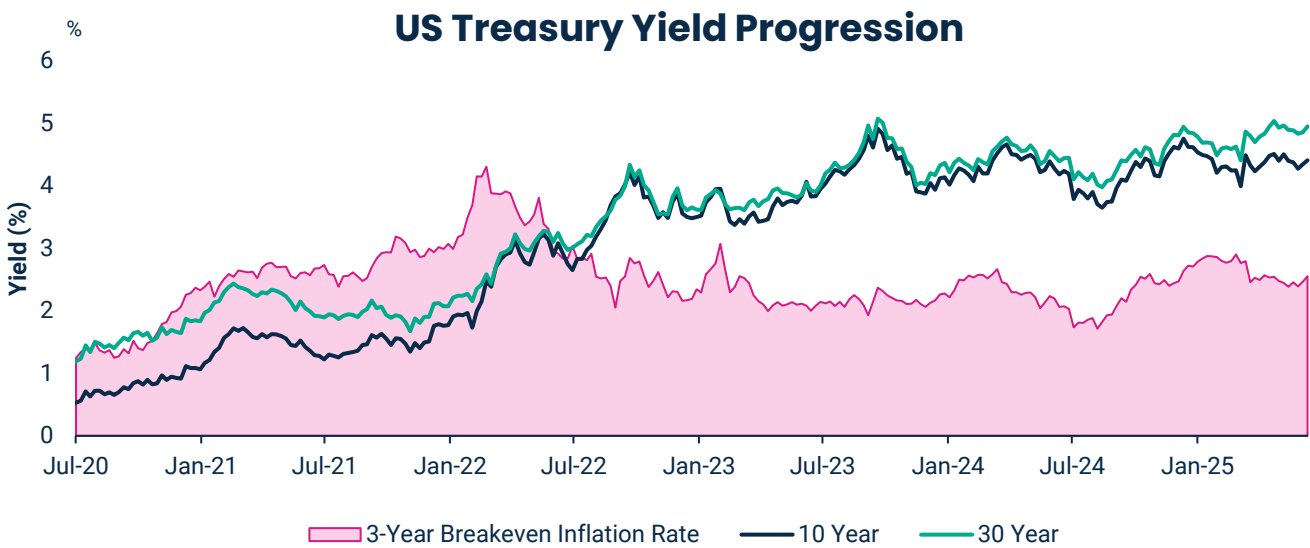
Yields have risen on many of the higher-yielding areas of the bond market, though credit spreads remain fairly range-bound and not suggestive of broad market turmoil.



Government Bond Market

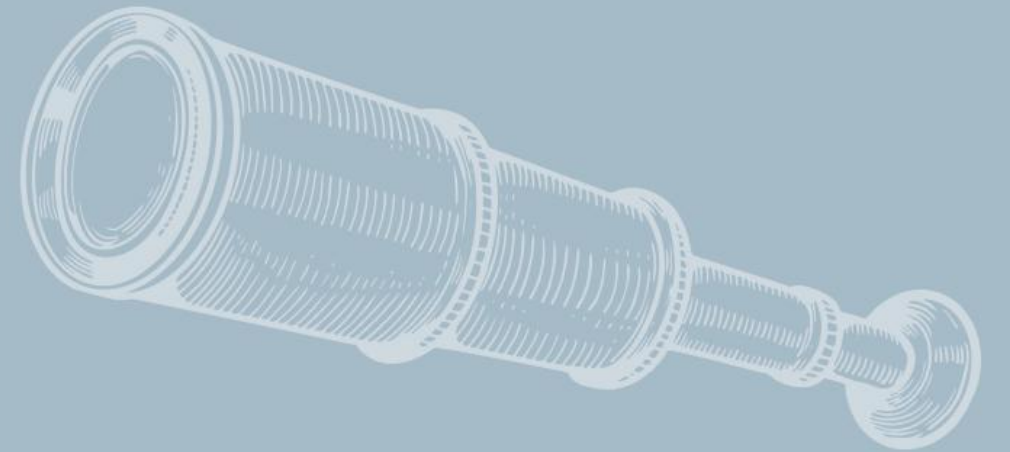


The recent rise in Treasury yields continues to be top of mind, while the CDS spread rise of impacted tariffed countries has been moderating.



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The credit default swaps are represented by each sovereign country for their respective 5YR contracts.

ALTERNATIVES

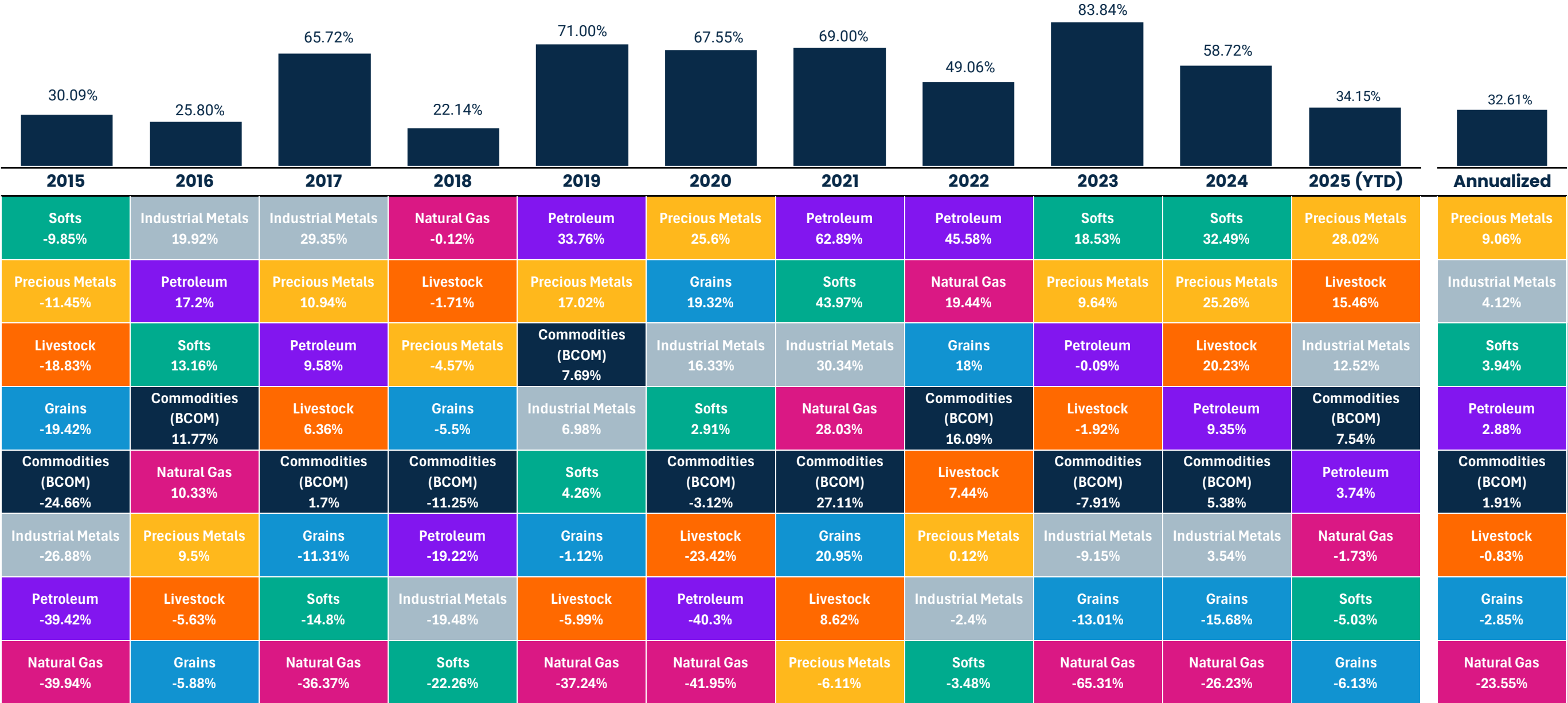


Commodity Performance Quilt

Underlying commodities exhibit high dispersion year-to-year.



Yearly Performance Dispersion



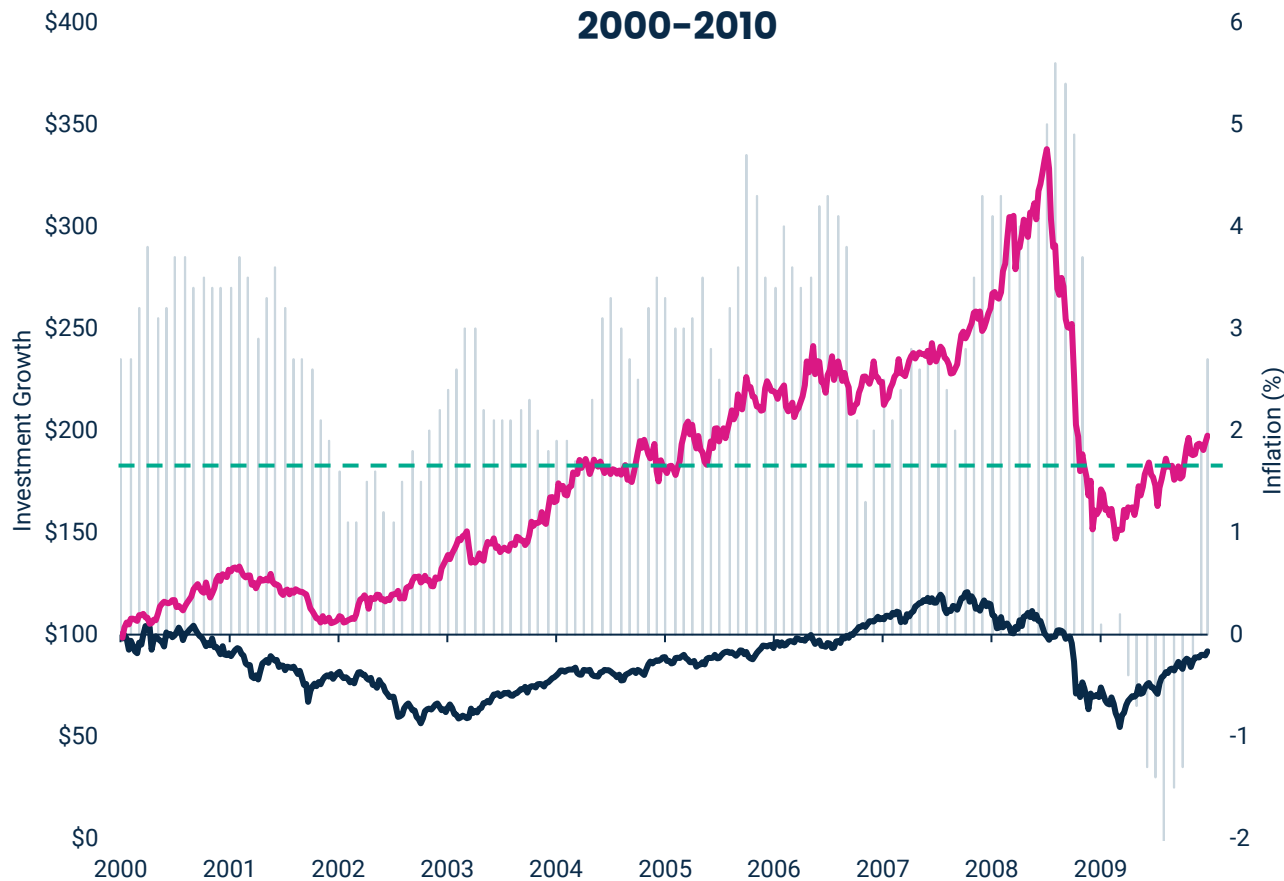
A Tale of Two Decades

High inflation has historically stoked commodity performance.



Hypothetical Investment Growth of \$100

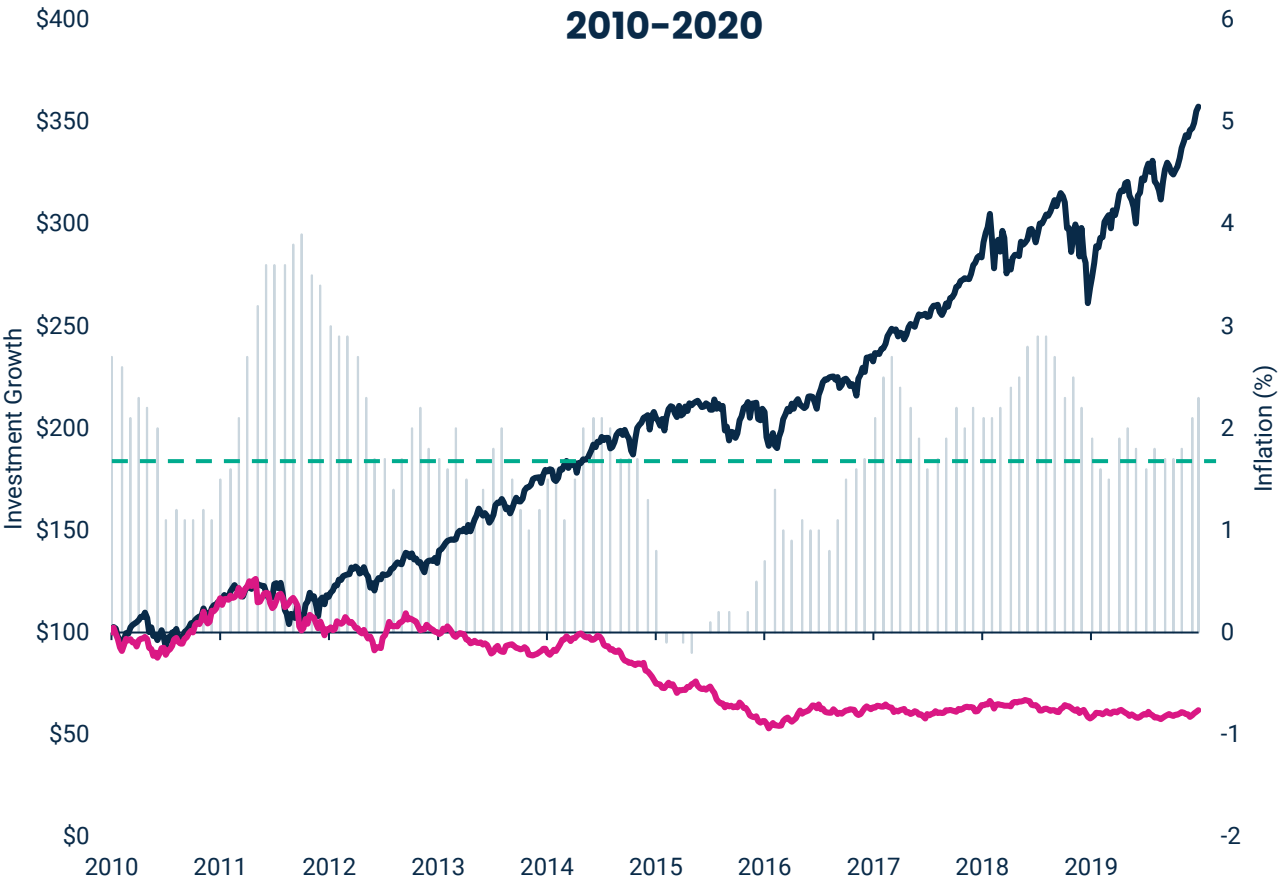
2000–2010



■ Inflation (CPI YoY) — S&P 500 — Commodities

Hypothetical Investment Growth of \$100

2010–2020



■ Inflation (CPI YoY) — S&P 500 — Commodities

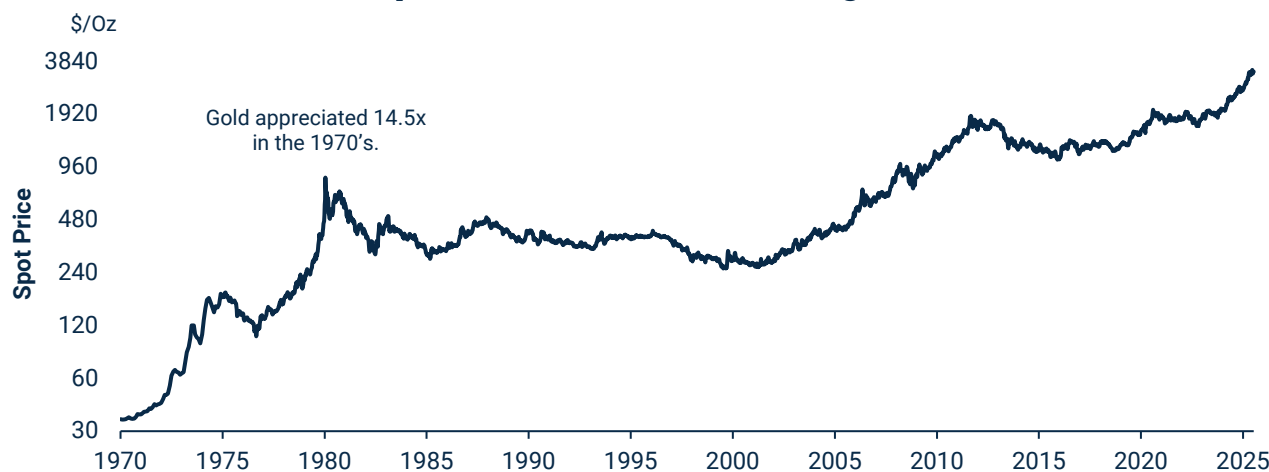
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Gold Appears to Have No Borders

Risk-free rate concerns powering gold's rise.



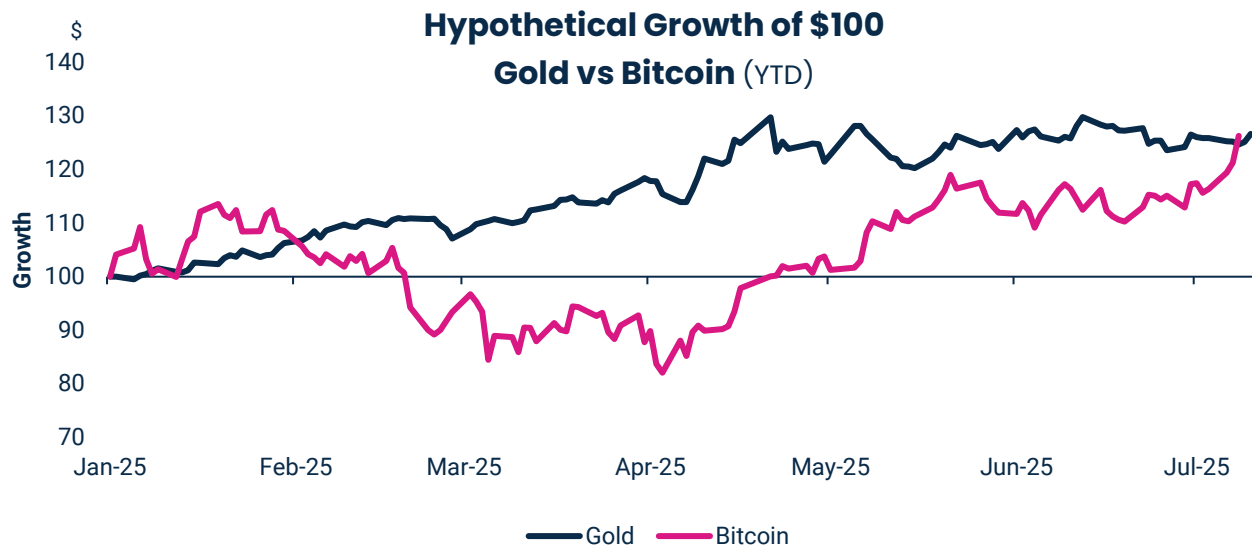
Spot Gold since 1970 – Log Scale



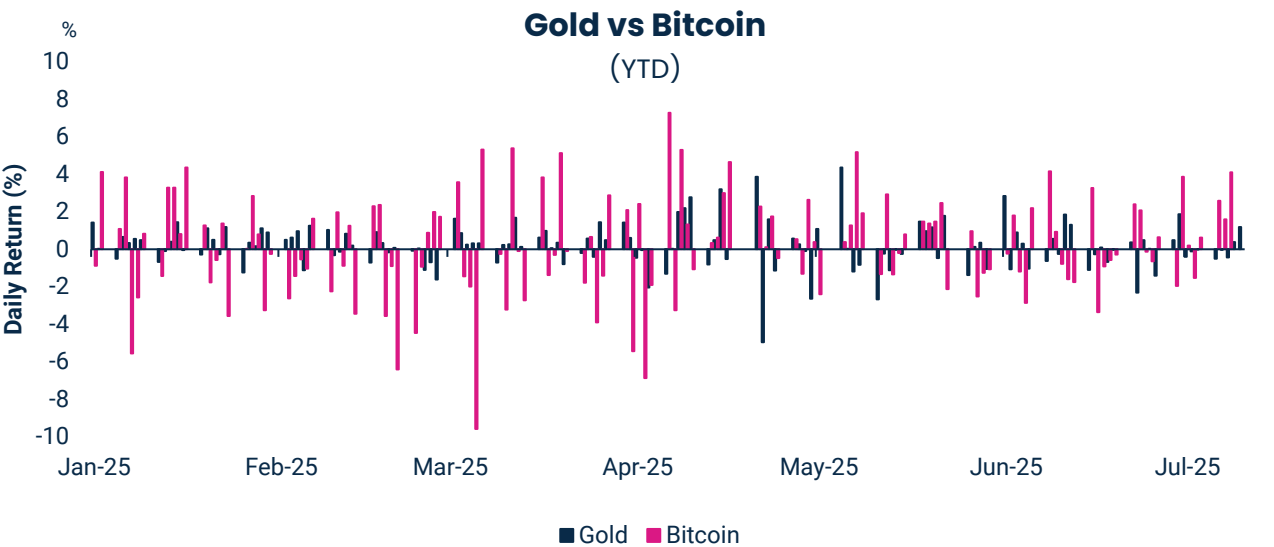
Spot Gold since 2020



Gold appears to be proving a better diversifier YTD.



Daily fluctuations – the journey matters.



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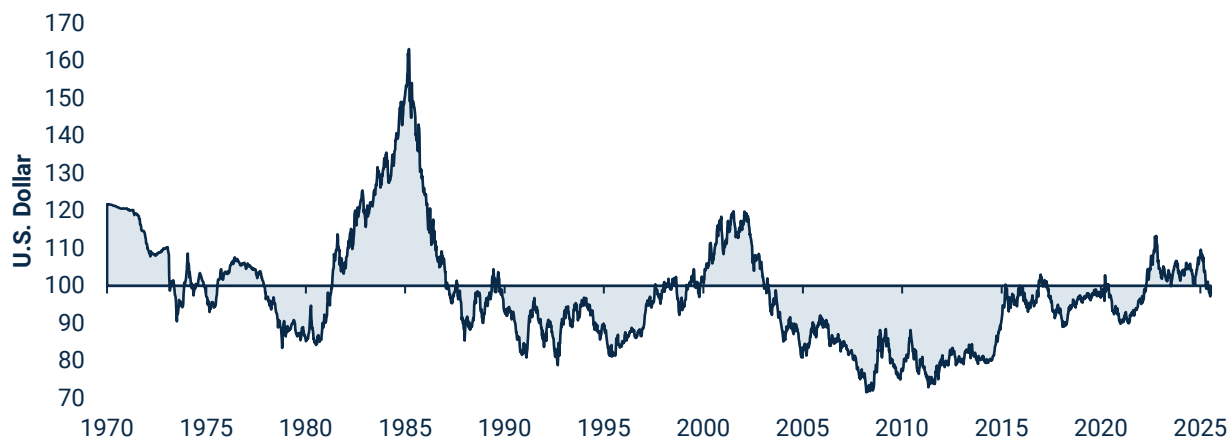
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Global Currencies

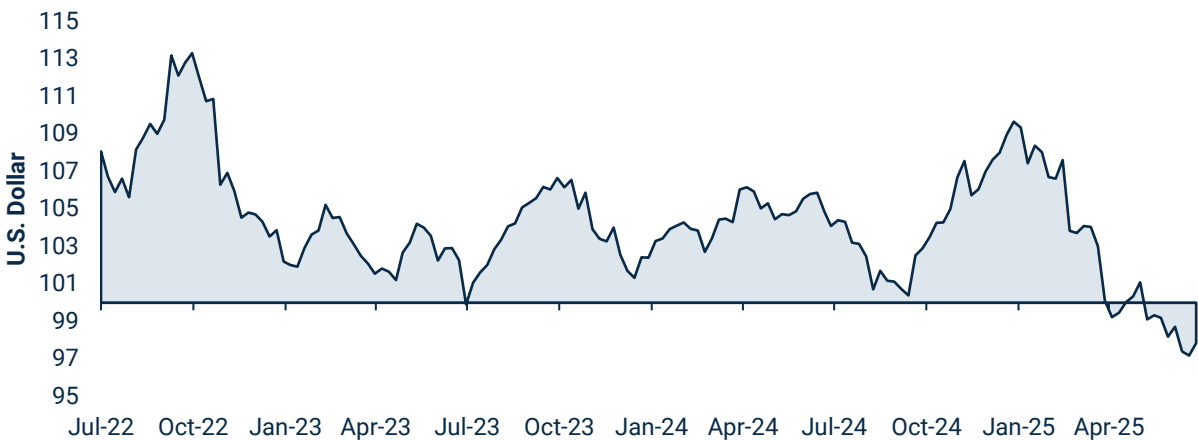
Have we passed peak dollar dominance?



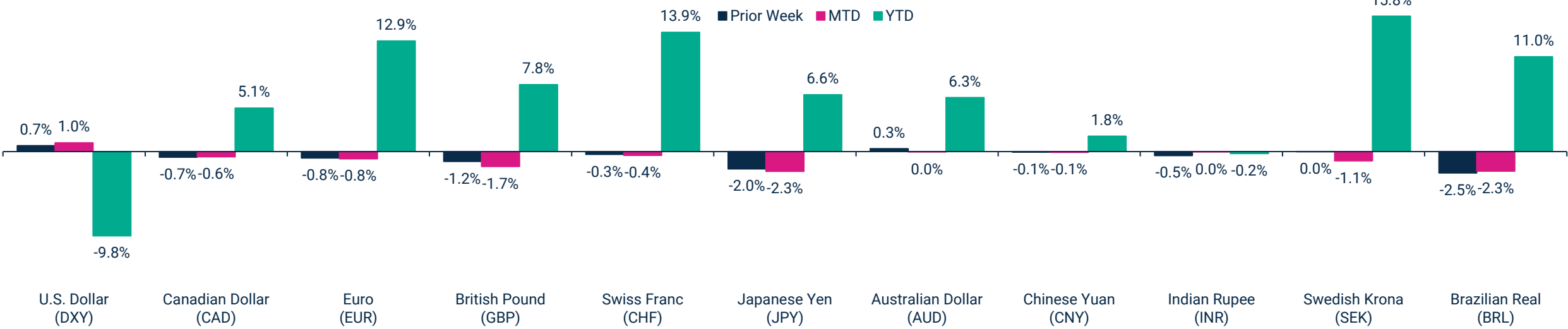
U.S. Dollar since 1970



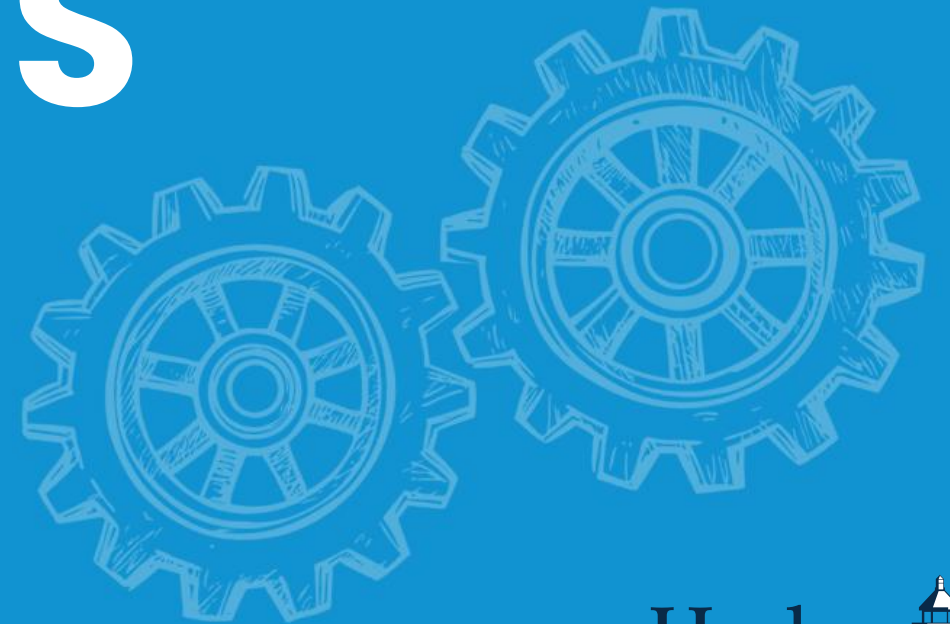
U.S. Dollar – Last 3 Years



Global Currency Returns vs U.S. Dollar

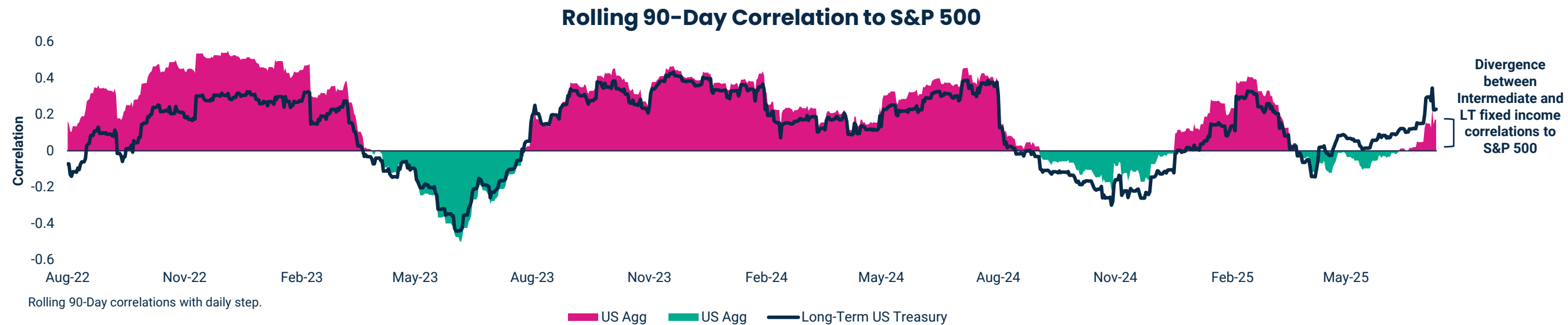
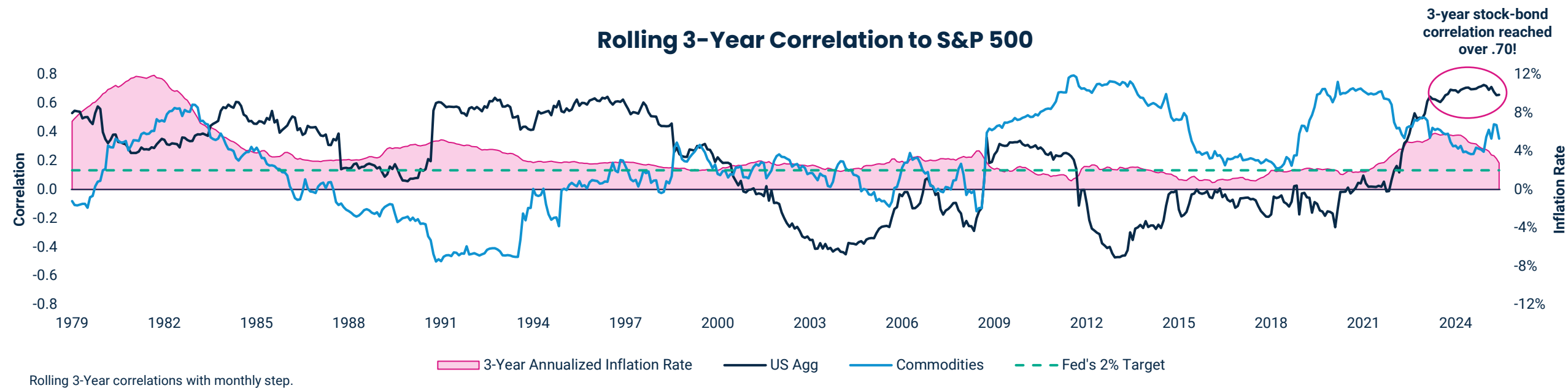


PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS



Stock-Bond Correlation

Investors may no longer be able to rely on low correlations between stocks and bonds.

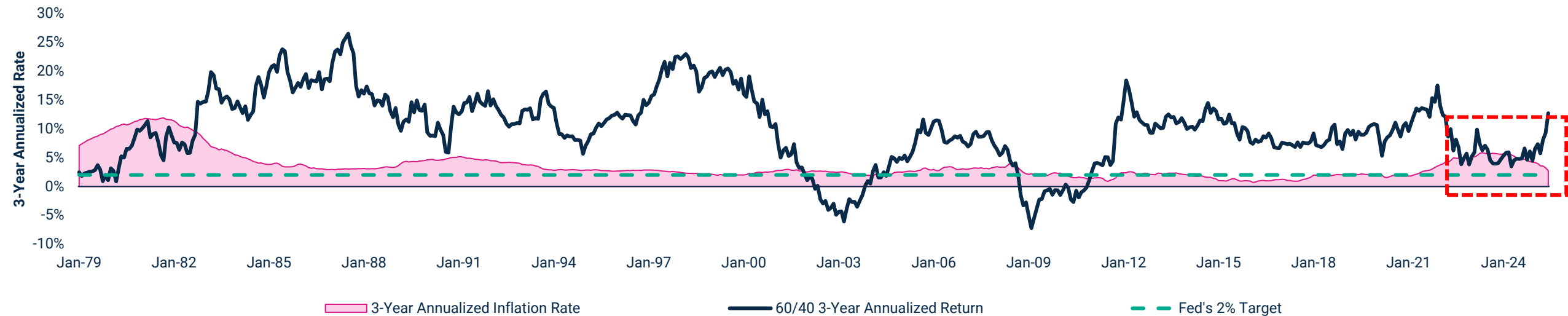


60/40 Portfolio

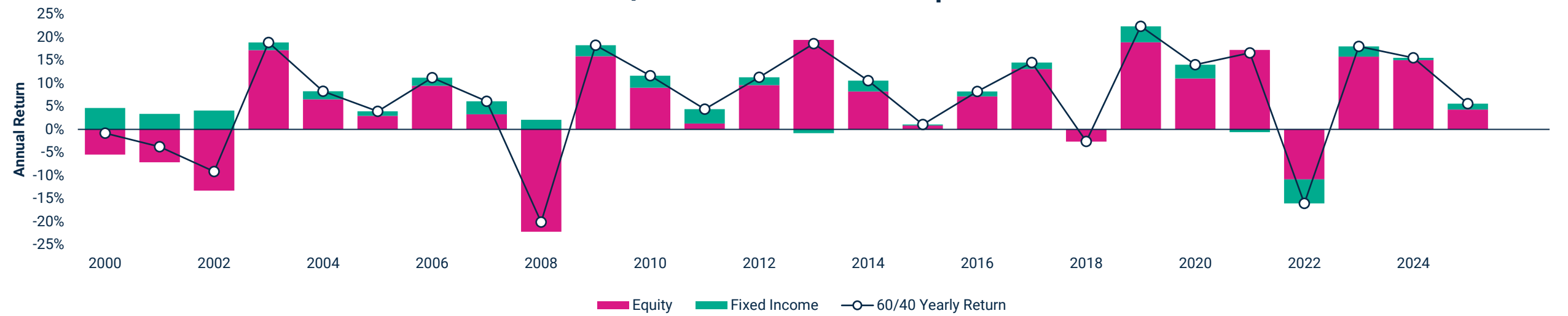
The nominal returns of a 60/40 have struggled to keep up with inflation in recent years.



3-Year Annualized Inflation & 60/40 Portfolio Return



60/40 Annual Return Decomposition

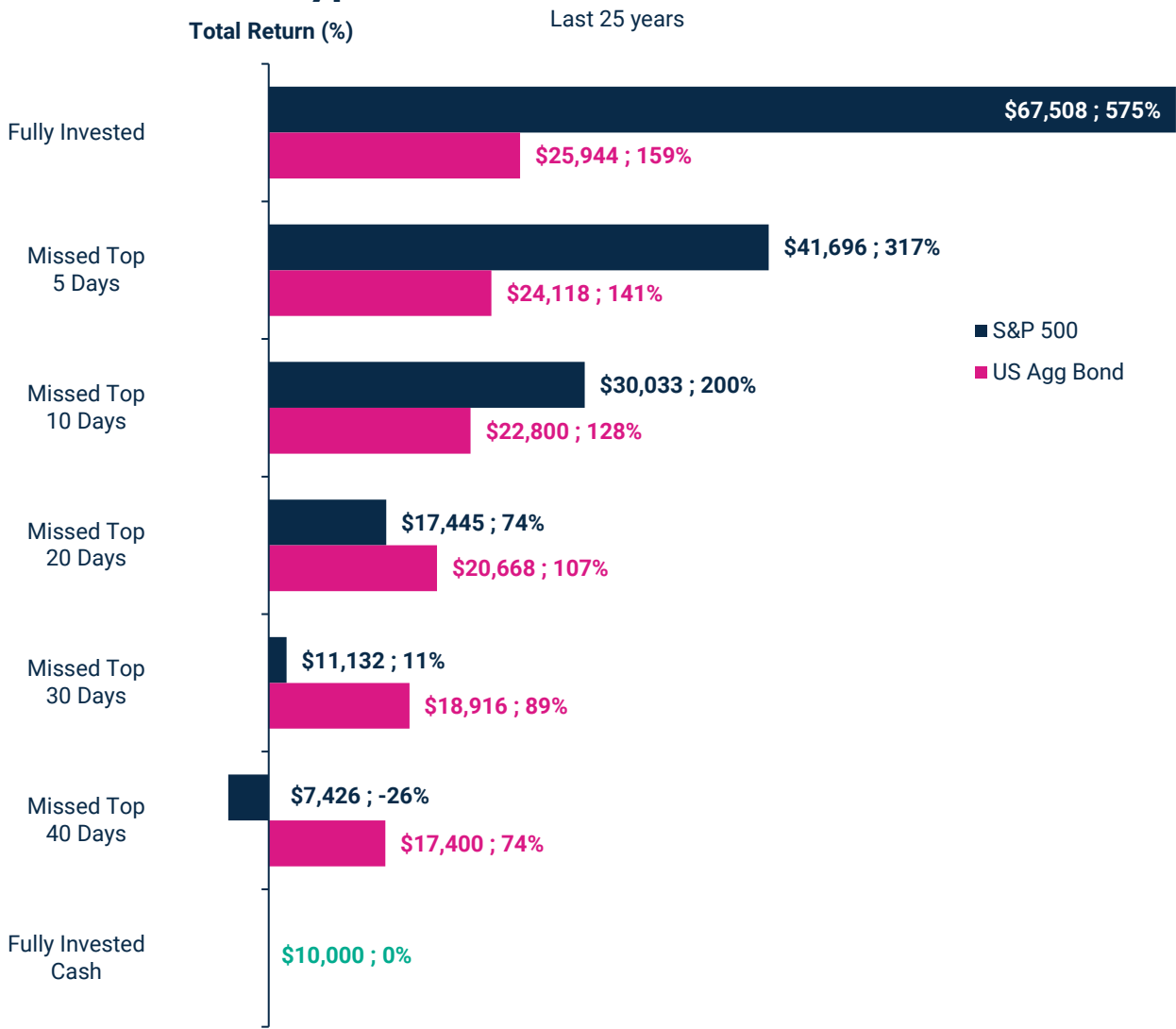


Time in the Market

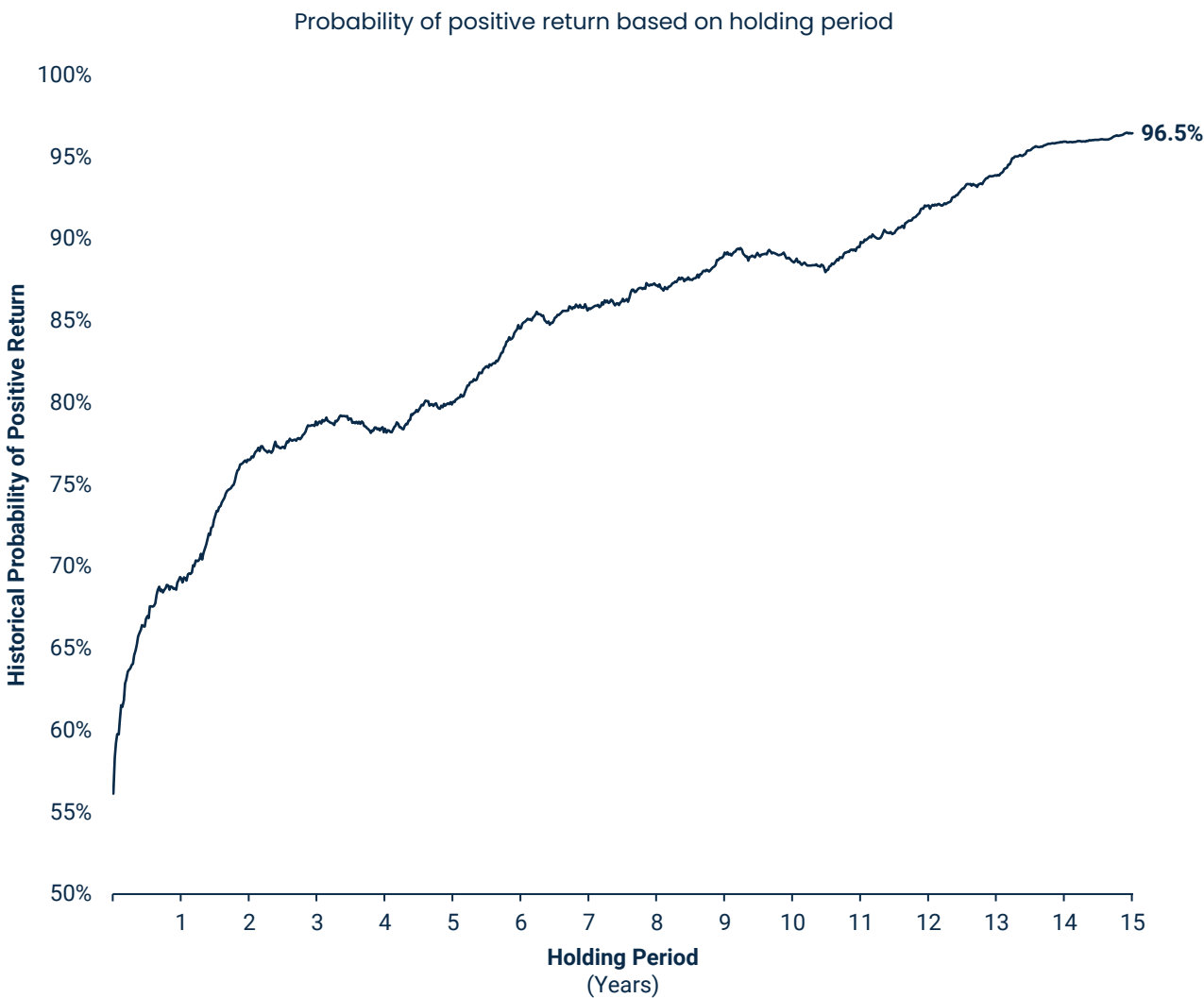
In our view, being invested in the markets is like owning the casino, being out of the markets is like betting against the house.



Hypothetical Performance of \$10,000



Probability of Positive Return from S&P 500



S&P 500 represented by the S&P 500 PR Index. Returns based on weekly returns since inception.

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President, CIO

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- Chris Tate, Morningstar, Above Average Parent Rating (June 2024)

\$58.79B

Assets Under Management

20 ETFs

50+ Years

As an industry leader in manager research

16 Mutual Funds

35+ Years

Since we launched our first fund

2 CITs

Important Information – Indices



Fixed Income Indices

US Treasury Agencies	Bloomberg US Treasury Total Return Unhedged USD Bloomberg US Agencies Total Return Unhedged USD
Securitized Corporate	Bloomberg U.S. Securitized: MBS/ABS/CMBS and Covered TR Index Value Unhedged USD Bloomberg US Corporate Total Return Value Unhedged USD
Munis (US Muni)	Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD
US Agg	Bloomberg US Agg Total Return Value Unhedged USD
Global Agg	Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD
MBS	Bloomberg US MBS Index Total Return Value Unhedged USD
ABS	Bloomberg US Agg ABS Total Return Value Unhedged USD
CMBS	Bloomberg CMBS Investment Grade Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD
AAA	Bloomberg US Agg Aaa Total Return Value Unhedged USD
AA	Bloomberg US Agg Aa Total Return Value Unhedged USD
A	Bloomberg US Agg A Total Return Value Unhedged USD
BBB	Bloomberg US Agg Baa Total Return Value Unhedged USD
Global IG (Corporate)	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index Hedged USD
Global Treasury ex US	Bloomberg Global Treasury ex-U.S. Capped TR Index Value Unhedged USD
Global High Yield	Bloomberg Global High Yield Total Return Index Value Hedged USD
Cash	Bloomberg Fed Funds Total Return Index
Long-Term US Treasury	Bloomberg Long-Term U.S. Treasury Total Return
US High Yield	Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD
BB	Bloomberg Ba US High Yield TR Index Value Unhedged USD
B-CCC	Bloomberg US Corporate B - Ca Capped Index TR Index Unhedged USD
Euro High Yield	Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD
EM Aggregate (EM Debt)	Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Total Return Index Value Unhedged
EM Sovereign	Bloomberg Emerging Markets Sovereign TR Index Value Unhedged USD
EM Corporates	Bloomberg: EM USD Aggregate: Corporate
EM Sovereign Local	Bloomberg EM Local Currency Government TR Index Unhedged USD

Equity Indices

Global Equity	MSCI ACWI Net Total Return USD Index
US Large Caps / US Equity	S&P 500 Total Return Index
US Large Value	S&P 500 Value
US Large Growth	S&P 500 Growth
US Small Caps	Russell 2000 Total Return Index
International Developed (Equity)	MSCI EAFE Net Total Return USD Index
Emerging Markets (EM Equity)	MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return USD Index
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return
Gold	LBMA Gold Price PM USD
Oil	Generic 1st Crude Oil, WTI
US Dollar	US Dollar Index Spot Rate
Canada	MSCI Canada Net Total Return USD Index
Mexico	MSCI Mexico Net Total Return USD Index
Europe Ex UK	MSCI Europe Ex UK Net Total Return USD Index
UK	MSCI UK Net Total Return USD Index
Japan	MSCI Japan Net Total Return USD Index
Asia Ex Japan	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Total Return USD Index
EM Asia	MSCI Emerging Asia Net Total Return USD Index
EM Europe	MSCI Emerging Markets Europe Net Total Return USD Index
EM Latin America	MSCI Emerging Latin America Net Total Return USD Index
Communications	S&P 500 Communication Services Sector Total Return Index
Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary Sector Total Return Index
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Information Technology	S&P 500 InfTec Sector Total Return Index
Materials	S&P 500 Materials Sector Total Return Index
Real Estate	S&P 500 Real Estate Sector GICS Level 1 Total Return Index
Utilities	S&P 500 Utility Sector Total Return Index

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MSCI Factor Indices

	<u>Index</u>
US Equity	MSCI USA Net Total Return USD Index
Growth	MSCI USA Growth Net Total Return USD Index
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Value	MSCI ACWI EX USA Value Net Total Return USD Index
Large Cap	MSCI ACWI ex USA Large Cap Net Total Return USD Index
Small Cap	MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Net Total Return USD Index
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High Div. Yield	MSCI ACWI ex USA High Dividend Yield Net Total Return USD Index
Momentum	MSCI ACWI ex USA MOMENTUM USD -US DOLLAR NETR
Quality	MSCI ACWI ex USA QUALITY Net Total Return Total Return in USD Index

Commodity Indices

Commodities (BCOM)
Grains
Softs
Livestock
Industrial Metals
Precious Metals
Petroleum
Natural Gas
Grains
Softs
Livestock

Currencies

Canadian Dollar (CAD)
Euro (EUR)
British Pound (GBP)
Swiss Franc (CHF)
Japanese Yen (JPY)
Australian Dollar (AUD)
Chinese Yuan (CNY)
Indian Rupee (INR)
Swedish Krona (SEK)
Brazilian Real (BRL)

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Business Cycle Regime & Indicators:

The **Harbor Business Cycle Regime** measurement is a proprietary model developed by Harbor to assess the current market environment. The model leverages inputs from the Harbor Business Cycle Indicator, Harbor Liquidity Cycle Indicator, a recession probability model, and various gauges of market internals. Growth can be thought of as representing underlying economic momentum, Liquidity can be thought of as representing broad financial conditions and the availability of credit, and Inflation represents the general increases in prices and services over time. This framework provides a comprehensive approach to evaluating economic and market dynamics. The **Harbor Business Cycle Regime** measurement is a proprietary model developed by Harbor to assess the current market environment. It categorizes market conditions into five distinct regimes: Regime 1: Expansion, Regime 2: Slowdown, Regime 3: Late cycle expansion, Regime 4: Late cycle – slowdown, Regime 5: Contraction. The business cycle is determined using the Harbor Business Cycle Indicator, Harbor Liquidity Cycle Indicator, a recession probability model, and various gauges of market internals. A limiting factor for our modeling approach is if these relationships change, our models may be inaccurate in terms of categorizing the investment regime.

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